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BSISD facing budget deficit in 1994-95 year

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees met Wednesday to discuss final budget amendments, approve handbooks for the current school year, and to vote on final approval of the 1994-95 budget.

The final amended budget for the 1993-94 fiscal year shows total budgeted revenues and other resources of \$22,162,792 and budgeted expenditures and other uses to be \$23,965,656 for a deficit of \$1,802,864, but actual revenues for the 1993-94 fiscal year totaled \$21,063,397 and actual expenditures totaled \$21,961,953 for an actual deficit of \$898,556.

The approved budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year is projected to have total revenues of \$20,780,181 and total expenditures of \$21,020,192 for a projected deficit of \$240,011.

Listed in the final amended budget for 1993-94 is an excess of \$3,749,673 that was not budgeted for any type of expenditures, serving as an emergency fund. The fund can be used for actual physical emergencies (building maintenance, etc.) or budget problems such as deficit budgeting.

According to BSISD Assistant Business Manager Ron Logback, the district would like to maintain a balance of at least \$4.7 million in this fund which would allow the district to operate for about three to four months without any funds.

Logback said, "It's like having a savings account."

The \$898,556 deficit from the 1993-94 fiscal budget can be offset by taking it from the \$3.7 million fund balance and the same can be done with the 1994-95 budget which also has a projected deficit at the end of the fiscal year.

Also according to Logback, the fund balance may have reached its goal of \$4.7 million if the district did not have to spend so much money getting things ready for the upcoming school year. He said the money spent in preparation for the current school year was a one-time expenditure and the fund balance makes it a little easier because the deficits can be off set.

He said, "It gives you a little flexibility, even though you don't like to have a deficit budget."

Although the 1994-95 budget has a projected deficit, Logback said the district should be able to reverse that and have less expenditures at the end of the fiscal year and more revenues.

Capital outlay expenditures in the 1994-95 budget, which include items such as furniture, library books, overhead projectors, cabinets, bookcases, music equipment, electronic equipment and such for each school include: Goliad

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TASTES VERY GOOD



Rayford Dunnigan takes a bite of seedless watermelon after receiving the sample from Bennie McChristian at the twice-weekly Farmer's Market in the Big Spring Mall parking lot Saturday afternoon.

Herald photo by Tim Appat

Burglary probe ends in four busted for drugs

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Four people were arrested following a Big Spring Police officer's investigation into a burglary reported Wednesday night.

Roderick McPherson, 21; Theron Dwayne McVea, 23; Brenda Chadwick, 22; and Tara Joe Brooks, 21; were arrested on a variety of charges including burglary of a habitation, theft by appropriation, possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine).

Officer Ralph Rollins, while investigating a reported burglary, tracked the stolen property to an apartment in the Courtyard Apartments.

Officer from the Criminal Investigations and Narcotics Divisions were called to assist and during the investigation recovered approximately \$3,000 worth of stolen property from the apartment and from a residence on the east side of town.

Two of the people arrested for burglary and theft were also charged with drug possession.

The four subjects are awaiting arraignment and remain in custody at the city jail.

Stenholm seeking young men and women for service academy nominations

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Congressman Charles Stenholm has announced he is seeking applications for nomination to the U.S. Service Academies.

Nominations are open to young men and women who will be at least 17 years of age, but not past their 22nd birthday, upon entry into the academy in July. Nominees are selected by a competitive process and judged on scholastic aptitude, moral character, leadership ability, and community involvement.

The Service Academies offer four-year degrees in a variety of areas ranging from civil engineering and physics, to American studies and behavioral science.

While attending the academies, cadets and midshipmen will earn an annual salary from

which expenses for books, uniforms and incidentals are taken.

Tuition, room, board, medical and dental expenses are paid for by the academies and upon graduation from the academies, cadets and midshipmen will serve as officers in the service for a minimum of six years.

Applications for nomination to and any additional information about the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. may be obtained by writing to Stenholm's San Angelo office at 33 East Twohigh #318. San Angelo, Texas 76903.

Nominations will be made near the end of the year and all applications must be submitted, and files completed, no later than Dec. 1.

Renewal

Jones Valley reunion brings old friends together

By BARBARA MORRISON
Staff Writer

In the hustle and bustle of every day life, we often find ourselves a bit lost, yearning for the one thought, the one bit of yesterday which seems to make a sense of things happening today.

This weekend, for anyone near Big Spring, the place for storytelling, reminiscing and old-fashioned rat race remedies is the Second Annual Jones Valley Reunion, staged for Saturday. The event kicks off at the Golden Corral Restaurant at 11 a.m. and lasts until the last tale is told and the last bit of yesterday recalled.

And, if it's memories a person is after, no one will be disappointed.

The guest list is not selective.

Last year saw 67 former residents and friends in attendance, coming from eight Texas cities, Arizona and Missouri.

As it was in 1993, anyone who knew anyone else who was born in, might have lived near, resided in or played with anyone else in the old "West Ward" school district is asked to attend. All residents from the somewhat dubious area of town with unclear boundaries beginning somewhere near Lancaster and stretching west almost to Stanton, are heartily encouraged to come.

George Beard, 75, says he is representing only one of about five generations sure to come. "We're kin to nearly everybody somehow, some way," he laughs. "We were a terror in the 30s and 40s. I remember being shot, cut, and stealing water-

melon.

Beard says he remembers being placed in jail after getting caught stealing watermelons one time. "We told the police we stole them from the north of town and the next thing we knew, we were in jail and the firemen and policemen were eating our melons!"

One of the event organizers, Reba Fortner, proudly recalls the existence of clans from four areas of town "of which we (the Jones Valley gang) were the orneriest." Fortner was born in the Jones Valley area and says her family is several generations "thick" in the vicinity. "My great uncle was born in 1907," she adds.

"We were the biggest, too," adds Jack Haynes, a part time Big Spring resident who admittedly didn't live in the Jones

Valley area, but qualifies for attendance because he "played with the kids there."

"There was never a direct line drawn to the area," Haynes explains. "There were four or five factions in Big Spring. Some of us admitted the others were there and some areas didn't recognize the others."

"We were so very, very poor back then," adds Fortner. "But we didn't know it," adds Stella Arnold, another of the reunion developers. "It was a nice neighborhood of friends who truly cared about each other."

Both ladies smile as they warmly recall the area. "The flowers were so beautiful," they enthusiastically agree.

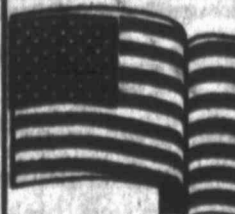
"I remember when someone died, there were no flower shops

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Saturday will, indeed, be a time for the rediscovery of an area of town many have thought to belong only to years gone by. Some of the tale-tellers promising to be in attendance are clockwise from left: Stella Arnold, Reba Fortner, George Beard and Jack Haynes.

Herald photo by Barbara Morrison



U.S. Trivia

Seminole Indians begin attacks protesting removal when?

Aug. 14, 1836

New England shoeworkers struck for high wages?

In 1880

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: An NBC stagehand was shot to death Wednesday outside the building's glass-encased "Today" show studio in busy Rockefeller Center. See page 4A.

World: Promising a possible end to 24 years of killing, the IRA today began a ceasefire, but Britain has ruled out peace talks until it's assured the violence has stopped. See page 6A.




STATE

Pleas made


Victims of domestic violence and their advocates have made poignant pleas for stiffer measures against a problem one woman called "terrorism in the home." A special legislative panel Wednesday sought West Texans' experiences with family violence and their ideas on fighting it. See page 3A.

Assault threats up

Prison officials say inmates are threatening guards, saying they'll assault them because the penal code reduces assault on a guard to a misdemeanor. See page 3A.



TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight  **99** ▲ Highs **65** ▼ Lows


Fair, low near 70

Tonight, cloudy, 40 percent chance of rain, low mid 60s, north-east winds 5 to 15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Friday: Mostly cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain, high upper 80s, east to northeast winds 5 to 15 mph; cloudy night, low mid 60s.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, chance of rain, high upper 80s; cloudy night, low mid 60s.

Tomorrow  **PARTLY CLOUDY**

OBITUARIES

Susie Mae Davis

Funeral services for Susie Mae Davis, Midland, will be 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 2, 1994, at First Baptist Church, Midland, with Rev. Charlie Elliott and Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. Davis died Wednesday, Aug. 31, in Midland.

She was born Oct. 31, 1909, in Midland. She grew up in Lamesa and Milford. She returned to Midland to raise her family. Mrs. Davis started working for the U.S. Post Office on Sept. 2, 1943, and was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Rebecca Bible Class. She was a past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Lodge #253. She received her 50-year pin and had been a member for 52 years. She was active with the Rainbow organization. Mrs. Davis was active in the Midland Senior Center. She was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and was a delegate to the organization. She was also a member of the American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include one son: Richard O. Davis, Odessa; one daughter: Lona S. Fitzgerald, Midland; one brother: Jesse P. Whitson, Abilene; two sisters: Velma Ramacher, St. Cloud, Minn., and Faye Furman, Midland; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and six nieces and five nephews. The family request that memorials be sent to the Masonic Lodge #623, Midland, Texas or the charity of one's choice.

Charles Baker Jr.

Funeral services for Charles Baker, Jr., 28, Wellington, Fla., and formerly of Coahoma, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 1994, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, and Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow in Coahoma Cemetery under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Baker died Sunday, Aug. 28, in Wellington, Fla. He was born Dec. 22, 1965, in Big Spring. He attended Coahoma schools. He was Baptist. Mr. Baker had lived in Florida for 11 years, where he owned a lawn service and steam cleaning service.

He is survived by one son: Charles Shane Baker, Wellington, Fla.; his parents: Charles and Hazel Baker, Coahoma; four sisters: Brenda Smith, Salt Lake City, Utah; Seretha Baker, Sand Springs, Lily Nine, Boynton Beach, Fla.; and Tonya Baker, Coahoma; two brothers: Ronald Baker, Big Spring, and Raymond Baker, Coahoma; his grandmother: Ilija Coates, Coahoma; three aunts; three uncles; one great-aunt; one great-uncle; and seven nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather: Ralph Coates in 1982.

The family will be at 121 South Second Street in Coahoma.

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and Rosewood Chapel
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& CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Charles S. Baker, Jr., 28, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 P.M., Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Coahoma Cemetery.

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Jones

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back then," says Arnold. "People would cut flowers from their gardens and bring the bouquets. It was so nice."

Fortner adds her splash of what sounds almost historically intrinsic in the personalities of the just plain folks who resided in Jones Valley. "I remember one Christmas when my daddy was unemployed. There was me and my two brothers."

"Momma told us there wouldn't be a Santa that year, we were too poor. But there was this knock on the door and I think it was my brother Jimmy who answered. He came back dragging what seemed like a huge pillowcase back into the house. It was filled with presents! Santa did come to Jones Valley that year."

Fortner, 50, only discovered the identity of the "man in the red suit" four short years ago.

Discovery. Perhaps, that's what the Jones Valley Reunion is all about. Or, maybe re-discovery is a better word.

Saturday will, indeed, be a time for the rediscovery of an area of town many have thought to belong only to years gone by. It will be a time for friends, family, folks and perhaps, some fables.

And, though the memories were never truly lost, the Jones Valley Reunion is certain to renew.

BSISD

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Middle School, \$15,374.00; Runnels Junior High, \$5,045; Anderson Kindergarten Center, \$5,275; Bauer Magnet Elementary School, \$2,117; College Heights Elementary School, \$2,600; Kentwood Elementary School, \$2,035; Marcy Elementary School, \$9,501; Moss Elementary School, \$6,580; and Washington Elementary School, \$9,900.

Other capital outlay expenditures include athletics, \$1,626; career and technology applications, \$771; health care services (Nurses), \$520; special education, \$3,500; pupil transportation, which includes rebuilding and improvements to the fuel pump station, buses, and a bus video camera and radios for buses, \$48,000; food service, \$30,756; technology, \$239,525; administration, \$56,956; and maintenance and custodial, \$402,615 for a grand total of \$853,759.

Also discussed during the meeting was the current enrollment level in the BSISD. It wasn't scheduled as a discussion item, but Assistant Superintendent Murry Murphy told the board he thought the figures would be of interest to them.

Murphy told the board as of Aug. 30 enrollment for the BSISD is 4,537 students, 20 more than at this time in 1993. He pointed out that during the past two years the district lost students and added that Big Spring may be on an upswing.

Most of the jump can be attributed to an increase in the number of full-day kindergarten students. The district has had to make an adjustment by moving a first grade teacher at Marcy Elementary to the kindergarten program.

The current enrollment at the kindergarten level is 388 students, up 50 from last year. According to Murphy, there is no measurable change at the secondary level which has a student enrollment of 2,166. He said, "We're very pleased with the enrollment figures this year."

Murphy said the district also has quite a few special transfers this year. BSISD Superintendent William McQueary said that since the first day of school the district has picked up 270 new students overall.

IN THE 8/28, 9/1, 9/11 SEARS ADVERTISING CIRCULARS, THERE ARE ERRORS.
The Kenmore Floor Care System #86703, does not include all the accessories shown at the \$149.99 sale price. The GE Range #65701 Art is correct, but the price and copy is for the Kenmore #73521. The \$569.99 price will be honored for the GE Range thru 9/3. The #82162 GE Refrigerator doesn't have gallon door storage. See store for details. We regret any inconvenience these errors may have caused our customers.

ON THE RUN

IN BRIEF

New category added to Fair fun

A new category has been added to the events at the Howard County Fair - oldest or most unique cookbooks.

The cookbook can be something you made for your mother or an old purchased cookbook.

Bring them to the Howard County Fair on Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or Monday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cash prizes will be given to the best of the cookbooks.

Rural health hearing Sept. 7

A rural health public hearing will be Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the East Room at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at 1:30 p.m. The hearing is sponsored by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives and will use testimony given at the hearing to develop its report on rural health care to the 74th Texas Legislature in January 1995.

Update of business directory going on

Howard College Business Development Center is currently in the process of updating The Minority, Veteran and Women-Owned Business Directory.

Any business wishing to be in this directory or change their existing information should contact Della Barraza at 264-5164.

Apply now for Police Academy

Applications are being accepted for people wanting to enroll in the Big Spring Citizens Police Academy that will begin in September. The 12-week course is designed to educate the public about the inner workings of the police department. If you are interested, you can fill out an application at the police department located at 400 East Fourth Street.

SO needs help solving burglary

The Howard County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's help in solving a residential burglary that occurred in the northwest part of the county on Leatherwood Road.

An unknown person or persons entered the home by breaking a bedroom window. They stole a Zenith 27" color TV, Fisher brand stereo and speaker, a compact disc player and several pieces of jewelry.

Anyone having information on this burglary or any other crimes in the county are urged to call the sheriff's department at 264-2244 or CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS. All callers may remain anonymous and if your tip leads to the arrest and/or indictment of the suspect, you could be paid up to \$1,000.

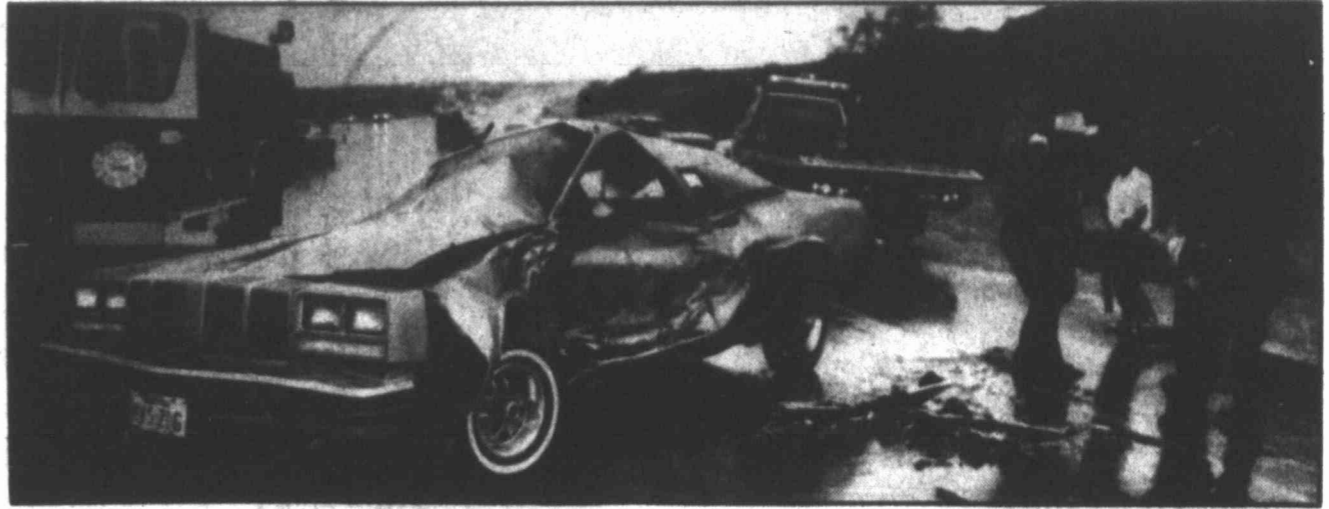
FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a 48 hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

-FUEL SPILL at the intersection of Highway 87 and north service road of FM 700. The liquid turned out to be water and firefighters returned to station.

-GRASS FIRE at 1301 Graff. Firefighters extinguished a 750 square foot of vacant lot that was on fire.

-DUMPSTER FIRE at the intersection of Elgin and Linda Lane. The blaze was quickly put out by firefighters.



Wet road conditions contributed to a two-vehicle accident in the 1000 block of E. FM 700 Wednesday afternoon. Both vehicles sustained severe damage and one man was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center in serious condition.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

-DAVID JEROME FRANKS, 18 of 1216 Ridgeroad was arrested for HINDERING A PEACE OFFICER and released on bond.

-RODERICK McPHERSON, 20 of 4000 W. 80 #H was arrested for BURGLARY OF A HABITATION AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA UNDER 2 oz.

-THERON DWAYNE McVEA, 23 of 4000 W. 80 #H was arrested for BURGLARY OF A HABITATION.

-BRENDA CHADWICK, 22 of 2106 Scurry was arrested for THEFT BY APPROPRIATION OVER \$750 and for POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (Crack Cocaine).

-TARA JOE BROOKS, 21 of 4000 W. 80 #H was arrested for THEFT BY APPROPRIATION OVER \$750.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 700 block of Andrea.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 500 block of E. 10th.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 3200 block of Hudgins.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 600 block of N. Gregg.

-BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 2400 block of Morrison.

-BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 600 block of W. I-20.

-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 4200 block of W. 80.

-THEFT in the 2300 block of Wasson.

-THEFT in the 400 block of Birdwell.

-THEFT in the 9000 block of Willa.

-THEFT in the 1600 block of Harding.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

-CLAY BUCK ATKINSON, 22 of Big Spring was arrested for BURGLARY OF A HABITATION. Bond was set at \$25,000.

-JOHN CARROLL MILLS, 31 of Humble, Tx. was arrested for POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA and on DPS WARRANTS.

RECORDS

Wednesday's temp. 86
Wednesday's low 66
Average high 91
Average low 67
Record high 107 in 1952
Record low 50 in 1955
Rainfall Wednesday 0.41
Month to date 1.01
Month's normal 2.00
Year to date 14.61
Normal for year 12.82
**Statistics not available.

DID YOU WIN?

LOTTO: 2, 8, 16, 36, 45, 46
PICK 3: 9, 1, 6

MARKETS

Dec. cotton futures 68.30 cents per pound, down 36 points; Nov. crude oil 17.73, up 16 points; cash hog steady at 41.50 cents; slaughter steers steady at 65.50; Oct. live hog futures 38.45, down 12 points; Oct. live cattle futures 71.22; up 37 points; according to Delta Commodities.

Index 3891.73	Volume 92,458,920	Name	Change
		ATT	54 1/2
		Amoco	57 1/2
		Atlantic Richfield	106 1/2 - 1
		Atmos Energy	17 nc
		Boston Chicken	20 1/2 + 1/2
		Cabot	28 1/2
		Chevron	42 1/2 nc
		Chrysler	47 1/2
		Coca-Cola	45 1/2
		De Beers	22 1/2 + 1/2
		DuPont	60 1/2 - 1/2
		Exxon	59 1/2
		Fina Inc	75 nc
		Ford Motors	29 1/2 + 1/2
		Halliburton	30 1/2 + 1/2
		IBM	67 1/2
		J.C. Penney	52 1/2
		Laser Indus LTD	5 1/2 + 1/2

Mesa Ltd. Prt	5 1/2
Mobile	84 1/2
NUV	10 1/2
Pepsi Cola	33 1/2 nc
Phillips Petroleum	32 1/2
Sears	47 1/2
Southwestern Bell	40 1/2
Sun	27 1/2
Texasco	61 1/2
Texas Instruments	77 1/2
Texas Utilities	32 1/2
Unocal Corp	28 1/2
Wal-Mart	24 1/2

Midwest quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., Big Spring, 267-2501. Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

TODAY

-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free bread for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

-Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

-Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse community re-entry group, noon, 905 N. Benton. Call 263-8920.

-Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

-Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

-Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

-Couples golf play, 5 p.m., Comanche Trail Golf Course. Call Mary Robertson, 267-7144.

-New Phoenix Hope Narcotics Anonymous Group open meetings, 901-A W. Third, noon and 8 p.m.

-Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library conference room. Enter through West entrance. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542.

-LULAC of Big Spring Chapter No. 4375, 7 p.m., Howard County Courthouse. Call Mina, 267-2740.

-Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30

p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Tony Shankles, 263-6071.

FRIDAY
-Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

-Survivors support group, 5:15 to 7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

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

-Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

-Open meetings, New Phoenix Hope Narcotics Anonymous Group, 901-A W. Third, noon and 10 p.m.

-Spring City Senior Center country/western dance, 8-11, area seniors invited.

-Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, 7 p.m., College Park Bingo conference room. Call 263-6148 or 263-8998 after 5 p.m.

-Big Spring Gospel Opry, 7:30 p.m., Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Free admission, music and comedy.

SATURDAY
-Family support group, 1 p.m., Reflections Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

-Second Annual Jones Valley Reunion, Golden Corral Restaurant, starts at 11 a.m. Contact Reba Hicks Fortner, 915-643-1335, Stella Tynes Arnold, 263-2083 or George & Nell Beard, 267-5238 to let us know how many people will be in your group/family.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Attorney claims overvup in death

AUSTIN (AP) — Louisiana authorities are attempting to cover up wrongdoing in the death of a Texas man who died last month during a traffic stop last month, a lawyer for the man's widow says.

David Bell Jr., 48, of Austin, died Aug. 4 after Louisiana state troopers stopped a rental car occupied by his family and detained them for an hour on Interstate 10 while they searched in vain for drugs.

Glenn Taylor, a Hempstead lawyer who is representing Peggy Bell said other irregularities in how the case has been handled lead him to believe that Louisiana authorities are trying "to cover their tracks."

Forest protection plan agreed on

HOUSTON (AP) — A giant forest-products company has joined forces with three federal and state agencies to rescue the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

Champion International Corp. reached an agreement Wednesday to allow the government agencies to manage 2,000 acres of the company's timberland in East Texas.

Officials said the agreement is the first of its kind in this area and one of only a few in the entire country.

The agreement comes at a time when some companies and individual landowners are waging an increasingly vocal "private property rights" campaign against regulations covering environmentally sensitive areas such as endangered species habitat and wetlands.

Dental regulatory agency left to die

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas no longer has a regulatory agency to license and discipline dentists.

The Texas State Board of Dental Examiners held the authority to issue licenses and investigate patients' complaints about dentists, but the Legislature failed to pass a sunset bill last year.

So the board is now defunct, making Texas the only state without such an agency for dentists.

Legislators are expected to remedy the situation when it reconvenes in Jan. 10, but some dentists are concerned.

Ducks return in record numbers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas hunting season kicked off this morning with doves, but it's the upcoming duck season that's causing all the fuss.

For the first time in decades, ducks are making a record comeback in Texas and across the country.

Last year there were an estimated 59 million ducks nationwide. This fall, after considerable rain and flooding, game officials are predicting 71 million.

Four years of great hatchings, attributed to more water, ample nesting cover and programs that retire certain lands for waterfowl habitats, have contributed to the increase, George said.

TSU audit finding some problems

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Southern University student athletes' transcripts were improperly altered, apparently to make them eligible for athletic events, a state audit says.

The report, which was released Wednesday, says, a review of 250 athlete transcripts revealed five that contained improper alterations.

Among other findings, the audit also said the Houston university had no plan to control hundreds of thousands of dollars in athletic operating losses, and that it hadn't fully implemented all recommendations from an earlier state probe into its "Ocean of Soul" band.

Longhorn herd to be auctioned off

AUSTIN (AP) — Longhorn cattle grazing on the range are as much a part of Texas as cowboys, oil and the Alamo.

Vidor revisited



Associated Press photo

An unidentified child stops and looks behind, as her mother and sibling continue to stroll leisurely down one of the streets in the Vidor public housing project Tuesday. The community has settled into a peaceful, racially-mixed neighborhood.

Racial turmoil seems past; complex turning peaceful

VIDOR (AP) — Donise Jackson's five children play outside their home with other kids like children in most neighborhoods.

"If one of the kids gets hurt — black or white — he gets help," says Ms. Jackson's neighbor, Ilene Pierce.

Neighborhoodly talk. Friendly talk. Ms. Jackson is black. Ms. Pierce is white.

The scene in the Vidor public housing complex was a far cry from a year ago today. That's when Bill Simpson, the only black person still living in the project, became so fed up with racial harassment that he fled to nearby Beaumont — only to be shot and killed a few hours later in a street robbery.

The changes enforced because of Simpson's plight have compelled a town whose name had become synonymous with racism to become more tolerant.

Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros seized control of the complex Sept. 14. With federal marshals providing round-the-clock protection, black families moved in before dawn on Jan. 13. Now, about one-third of the project's 74 units are inhabited by black families.

"It was a big adjustment for this town," says Ms. Pierce, 38, who is president of the residents association. "If you give people enough time, they will adjust. You don't hear much anymore."

The complex has undergone a physical facelift as well, with an attractive wrought-iron fence replacing the old chain-link one. Central air conditioning is replacing the old hang-on units, and central heat is being installed. A new community center is under construction. A van ferries residents to the grocery store

or doctor's office. The federal marshals are gone, too, replaced by security guards.

"It's the best place I could be," says Tameca Demouchot, a 20-year-old black woman who has lived here with her 4-year-old child since May. "I love it. I really like it here. I'm glad I came."

The town of 11,000 people 100 miles east of Houston has long been labeled a hotbed of Ku Klux Klan activity. But Priscilla Williams says trips to town are not fear-filled adventures and most folks have been civil.

"Some will come over and say, 'Thank God for you black people. We are not crazy people,'" says Ms. Williams, 25, who arrived in April.

Ms. Pierce, 38, is putting together a community cookbook with recipes from the complex's residents. She also hopes to hold an election later this year to give the complex — known only as Vidor public housing — a real name from suggestions made by residents.

"I've seen tremendous changes," she said. "Things have happened a lot faster than anyone could have imagined. There's a lot of good things going on."

"Vidor has such a reputation. I was a little scared at first. Everyone was scared. You can go anywhere in the world and mention Vidor, Texas, and they go 'Oh no!' But those who get into radical causes are going to be real disappointed."

Ms. Jackson, 26, who was among the first black families to arrive, agreed that resistance has ebbed.

"I feel I made the right decision," she said. "Once you get used to a place, it's home. And that's the way this is."

Loser in politics, winner in lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — A two-time loser at politics won big in the Texas lottery.

"I wish he had won the election and I'd won the lottery," Rep. Charles Wilson said Tuesday, the day his former opponent collected the first installment of his one-third share of Saturday's \$58.4 million Texas lotto jackpot.

Edgar J. "Bubba" Groce received \$701,870.36 after taxes and will collect similar payments annually for the next 19 years.

Asked whether he wishes he could trade his windfall for the congressional seat, the greenhouse manufacturer from Cleveland, Texas, didn't have to think too long.

"No sir. I'd like both," Groce said. "I'd just rather keep my money and let the people decide whether they're going to put me in Congress."

Groce got 13 percent of the Democratic primary vote when he ran against Wilson in 1992, and 32 percent this year.

Tougher measures wanted by domestic violence victims

LUBBOCK (AP) — Victims of domestic violence and their advocates have made poignant pleas for stiffer measures against a problem one woman called "terrorism in the home."

A special legislative panel Wednesday sought West Texans' experiences with family violence and their ideas on fighting it.

Speakers argued for more consistent and stringent laws against domestic abuse. They also pushed for more steps preventing the violence in the first place.

"We cannot afford to allow this attitude of indifference to persist," state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, told the audience. "We must intervene and we must intervene now."

State Sen. Mike Moncrief, chairman of the committee,

opened Wednesday's public hearing with the statistic that 156,000 domestic violence cases were reported in Texas last year.

"We refuse to sit idly by and allow the continuation of an attitude of when a man assaults another man, it's assault. When he does the same thing to his spouse, it's a family spat or a domestic problem," said Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

"Assault is assault, regardless." Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock created the senate committee in June in the wake of O.J. Simpson's arrest in the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend. The committee will report to the Legislature after gathering testimony statewide.

Sheryl Cates, executive director of Women's Protective Services Inc., testified that the

agency served 5,000 women and children in 12 counties around Lubbock last year. Ms. Cates described the frustrations of absorbing abused women and children into overcrowded shelters.

Moncrief and West — the only committee members present — also heard a taped 911 call placed by a 6-year-old girl.

"My mommy and daddy are having a fight," the girl sobbed to the operator. "He's hurting her."

One former victim who now counsels others described the shame and ignorance that perpetuates violence at home.

"I didn't know any different," she said. "I thought I deserved it. I was told I deserved it."

Child taken in car theft found alive

ARLINGTON (AP) — A 3-year-old boy was missing for nearly six hours after a car thief took off in the family's Toyota Camry, which had been left running outside a store with the boy locked inside.

Preston Michael Porter's mother had left him in the car Wednesday afternoon outside an Arlington Home Depot store. She ran inside to pick up her boyfriend for a lunch date, police said.

But when she returned at about 12:20 p.m., the boy and the car were missing.

The tan-colored 1984 Camry turned up just after 6 p.m. outside a recreation center in south Dallas. Preston was inside, and didn't appear to be harmed, police said.

About 80 officers searched Wednesday evening before the child was found crying in the car, said police spokesman Dee Anderson.

A woman who was dropping off some children heard his cries and took him into the recreation center, where the center's manager then notified Dallas police.

The boy apparently had fallen asleep in the stolen car, and began crying when he woke up and there was no one around, Anderson said.

Police have ruled out a domestic dispute over the boy, since his father is in prison in Huntsville.

READY TO HUNT



Associated Press photo

Jerry Gerleman, left, demonstrates some gun safety tips to Brandon Dujka during a hunting and fishing show Saturday in Houston. The Texas hunting season kicks off today with the opening of dove season.

Changes in laws brings more threats

ABILENE (AP) — Prison officials say inmates are threatening guards, saying they'll assault them because the penal code reduces assault on a guard to a misdemeanor.

"They're telling us, 'After Sept. 1, we get off easy and you better watch out,'" a Robertson Unit guard told the Abilene Reporter-News. "It's not that we're afraid of them, but we certainly don't like them getting lesser punishment. Who would?"

The change in the penal code, which takes effect Wednesday, apparently resulted from legislative oversight.

Assault on a guard was "aggravated" under the old penal code, meaning it was a third-degree felony punishable by two to 10 years in prison.

But the term aggravating was deleted during the revisions, making an offense simple assault — Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail. Assault would become a

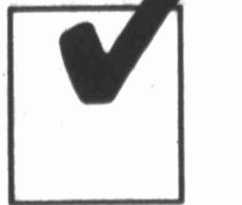
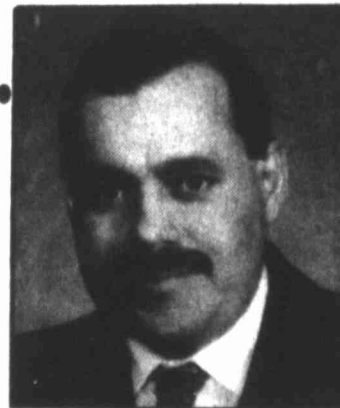
felony only if the offender uses a deadly weapon or causes "serious bodily injury."

Legislators say the bill was so large that no one caught the deletion in time.

"I know the guards are upset about it because they feel it places them in danger, and I think the inmates are having a little fun razzing them about it," said state Sen. Steve Carriker, D-Roby. "I hope that's all more or less jest. I hope nothing comes from it."

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Stagehand shot outside 'Today' show

NEW YORK (AP) — An NBC stagehand was shot to death Wednesday outside the building's glass-encased "Today" show studio in busy Rockefeller Center.

Witnesses said the gunman got out of a car with North Carolina license plates shortly before 5:30 p.m. and pulled an assault rifle from beneath his coat.

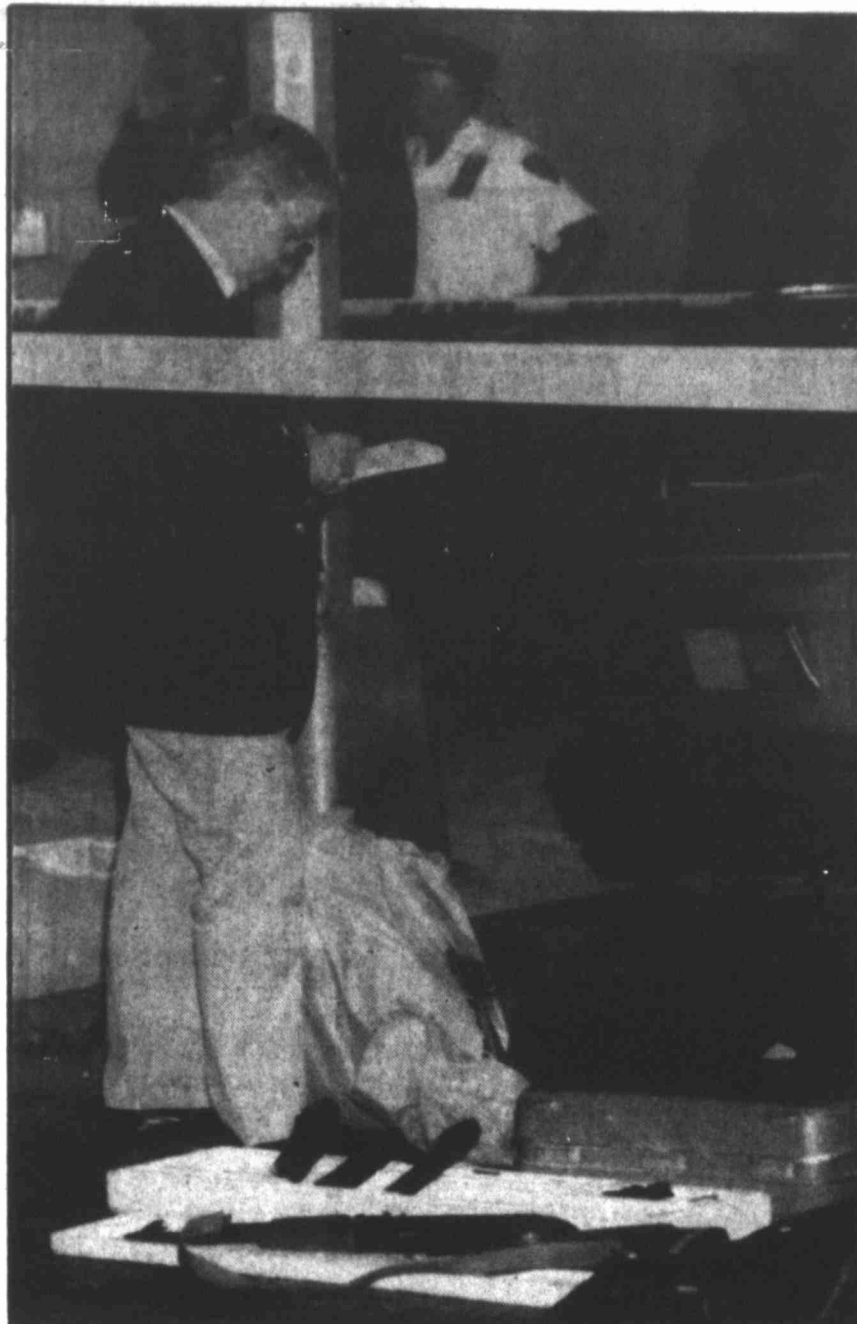
He shot Theron Montgomery, 33, in the back.

"He got back to his car so cool, calm and collected, and started backing up as if nothing had happened," said Bob Crofts, an employee of Admiral Elevator, who was leaving a meeting in Rockefeller Center.

Two police officers across the street in front of the GE building ran over. "Within two seconds, they were on top of him with guns drawn," said Dan Brennan, who works with Crofts.

Brennan and Crofts said the gunman at first refused to get out of the car, but finally surrendered.

Montgomery, of Manhattan, died later at Bellevue Medical Center, said Sgt. John Clifford, a police spokesman.



A detective takes notes as a recovered AK-47 assault weapon lies in the foreground at the scene of a shooting outside the studio of NBC's "Today" show Wednesday. A crewman was shot and in serious condition at Bellevue Medical Center.

Police identified the gunman as Manny Tager, 46, of Charlotte, N.C. Police had no motive in the shooting.

An assault weapon was recovered by police in passenger seat of the car, parked near the new glassed-in studio of the NBC-TV morning show "Today," said Sgt. Joseph Gallagher, another police spokesman. Police found a small pistol in the trunk of the car.

Rockefeller Center is one of the city's busiest tourist spots. On summer days, it's flag-rimmed plaza is surrounded by

tour buses; on summer nights, it is lined with horse-drawn carriages.

The bustling center was filled Wednesday with tourists loaded with shopping bags and workers heading home.

"It's just a sign of the times,"

said Judith Cooney, adding, "We're from Chicago, so we know about these things."

New Yorker Marcus Brown said, "Who would ever have thought — here in Rockefeller Plaza? I walk by here everyday and I never thought I'd see a shooting."

Parks says assault won't slow her down at all

DETROIT (AP) — Even before police arrested a suspect Wednesday, civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks said the assault by a robber who forced his way into her home won't slow her down.

"I'm a little bruised. I believe I can go on with what I planned to do," said Parks, who is active in the community, speaking at

youth events and advocating nonviolence.

And it was her neighbors who helped arrest the suspect on Wednesday. Recognizing the man from police sketches, shoppers held the suspect at a grocery store near Parks' home until police arrived. Police would not elaborate.

The 28-year-old man, whose name wasn't released, was wanted in connection with two similar attacks in the area, Deputy Police Chief Benny Napoleon said. Parks, 81, is known as the "mother of the civil rights movement" for her defiance on a Montgomery, Ala., bus in 1955, refusing to give up her seat to a white man.

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Rise in farm prices snap 4-month decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices for cattle, apples, oranges and wheat rose in August, bringing farmers a 1.5 percent increase from July and snapping a four-month decline.

Wednesday's report marked the first increase since March in the Agriculture Department's All Farm Products Index, a composite of crops, fruit, vegetables, livestock, dairy animals and poultry.

Compared with August 1993, prices were 6.3 percent lower because of price decreases for cattle, oranges, soybeans and hogs, which more than offset increases for cotton, wheat, rice and asparagus.

The index rose from July to August despite declines for corn, soybeans, potatoes and broilers.

Soybean prices dropped 43 cents over the month, to \$5.49 a bushel, because of favorable growing conditions in the Midwest.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Smaller pay raise than was expected

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — Millions of federal workers will get a slightly smaller pay increase than they may have expected next year.

President Clinton, while on vacation on Martha's Vineyard, directed Wednesday that the pay raise for white collar federal employees be limited to 2 percent, instead of 2.6 percent as Congress had intended.

Clinton said that he was cutting in half the workers' locality pay increase to 0.6 percent as he is legally authorized to do. He notified congressional leaders of his decision by letter, saying the action was taken to exert "budget discipline."

Had the president not acted, the wage increases automatically would have totaled 2.6 percent, including a 1.2 percent increase in locality pay, aides said.

Mayors want bill enacted quickly

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's mayors want the newly enacted anti-crime bill put into effect as quickly as possible so they can begin hiring more police officers.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors on Wednesday announced a task force to prod Congress and the Clinton administration along as money is appropriate to pay for the new anti-crime measures.

Clinton is expected to sign the authorizing legislation sometime after Labor Day. Money to pay for the \$30 billion program has yet to be approved by Congress.

Armored car employee shot

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gunman shot an armored car employee to death outside a downtown bank, sending bystanders diving for cover.

The Federal Armored Express employee, Derwin Price, 25, of Riverdale, Md., had just finished making a pickup Wednesday at the Columbia First Bank when a man shot him at least once, police said.

Price later died at George Washington University Hospital.

Witnesses said they heard one or two shots around 1:15 p.m., followed quickly by three or four more. Police said they did not think the employee or his partner, who was waiting in the armored car, returned fire.

The gunman fled on foot, possibly with bags taken from the employee. The contents of the missing bags have not been identified.

The shooting sent lunchtime workers and bystanders scurrying for cover.

Invasion could net Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras

WASHINGTON (AP) — American troops invading Haiti would arrest Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras and turn him over to the Caribbean country's lawful government, a senior U.S. official warns.

With training of hundreds of mostly Caribbean troops about to begin, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott said Wednesday "it's a dead certainty" Cedras and his cohorts would be apprehended and turned over to the elected government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

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Conference could make strides to curb growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a deep rift with the Vatican over abortion and opposition from some Islamic countries, U.S. officials are confident a world conference next week will make dramatic strides toward curbing global population growth.

When the International Conference on Population and Development gets under way in Cairo on Monday, participating countries will be in agreement on 92 percent of a draft action plan that is to serve as a blueprint for curbing world population growth, Undersecretary of State Tim Wirth says.

But U.S. officials complain that this consensus, on such goals as improving women's status and health care, integrating population and development planning and promoting environmentally sustainable economic growth, has been largely overshadowed by the controversy over abortion.

"This is not a conference about abortion," Wirth said in an interview Wednesday. "This is a conference about the urgency of population stabilization and economic development. Unless we stabilize the global population, almost every hope for economic development, political stability and maintenance of the integrity of the ecosystems will be severely threatened."

The Clinton administration has put considerable effort into shaping the draft action plan that will be discussed by some 155-plus nations in Cairo.

Emphasizing the U.S. commitment, Vice President Al Gore will lead a hefty 45-member delegation to represent the United States.

Gore's principal concern will be the Vatican, which for months has been assailing the draft action plan for its acceptance of abortion.

"We don't have a way in which we can accept a little bit of abortion," said Vatican delegate Bishop James McHugh, the bishop of Camden, N.J.

On two other areas of contention — providing family planning and services to adolescents, and defining the relation of reproductive rights — Wirth predicted compromise language being circulated will likely resolve the dispute.

He also predicted that the Cairo conference will make strides on international funding to make family planning services available to everyone who wants them by early in the next century.

That will cost about \$15 billion, compared with worldwide spending today of about \$6 billion, he said. The United States contributes \$600 million a year, the world's largest donor.

Wirth conceded that agreement on abortion is unlikely but expressed optimism the conference will produce a plan of action the United States can embrace.

The Vatican kept up its onslaught Wednesday, alleging the conference seeks to impose "brutal formulas" on the Third World.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro also dismissed Gore's conciliatory speech last week in which the vice president expressed solidarity with Rome on the importance of the family, denied that the United States seeks a worldwide right to abortion. Gore also said abortion should only be considered in line with the laws of each nation and not be used as a method of family planning.

Navarro contended the Cairo draft seeks an international right to abortion in calling for the right of people to have "fertility regulation of their choice."

The conference seeks to slow the world's rapid growth rate of 90 million people a year, an increase equal to the population of Mexico.

LEAVING IN DROVES



Associated Press photo
Cuban refugees paddle toward the USCG Confidence Wednesday, some 25 miles from the coast of Cuba. Hundreds of Cubans continue to flee their homeland in makeshift rafts and boats. In an effort to halt the flood of Cubans, U.S. officials met with a Cuban delegation to discuss the exodus and possibilities of legal migration.

Indian teens jailed in boat for their hearing

KLAWOCK, Alaska (AP) — Two Indian teen-agers who beat and robbed a pizza deliveryman spent the night under guard on a fishing boat, awaiting a hearing to determine whether they will be banished to uninhabited islands.

The hearing, which begins today, marks an unprecedented marriage of traditional Indian and modern American justice.

It has drawn international attention to this small island village, where the biggest news usually concerns a good catch of fish. Lodges normally inhabited by sport fishermen were filled with reporters Wednesday.

Up to a dozen Tlingit Indian tribal elders were to hear the case of cousins Adrian Guthrie and Simon Roberts.

The two 17-year-olds pleaded guilty to robbery in May for attacking Tim Whittlesey of Everett, Wash., with a baseball bat. Whittlesey's hearing and eyesight were permanently

damaged. Rather than sending the teens to prison, a Washington state judge agreed to send them north to face the Kuye'di Kuiu Kwaan Tribal Court. The youths could still get prison time later.

Rudy James, a tribal elder who proposed the alternative at the behest of the youths' parents, says the punishment will probably be banishment for up to two years to separate, isolated islands in Alaska's vast Alexander Archipelago.

The teens would live off the land, purify themselves and reflect on the shame they brought to their people.

The tribal court, also, will decide on restitution for Whittlesey. Tlingit culture requires the tribe to compensate the victim for a crime committed by one of its members, James said.

He said a Tlingit contractor has agreed to build a new home for the Whittleseys.

Simpson jury facing up to six months sequestered in hotel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six months in a hotel.

That's what jurors in the O.J. Simpson trial may face if the judge decides to sequester them from what is sure to be overwhelming publicity.

Prosecutors said Wednesday that they would ask for a sequestered jury. News organizations fighting a proposed gag order agreed that a hotel-bound jury might be the best way to go.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito was clearly uncomfortable with the idea.

"Will the L.A. Times foot the hotel bill for the sequestration?" he asked sharply, clearly angry that the Times had printed details of his proposed gag order, which was released this week to only four attorneys.

Ito also worried that "the

entire jury panel" could be scared off if they have to stay away from home for the six months that Ito estimated the trial could last.

With so much attention focused on the Simpson case, it was only a matter of time before lawyers tackled the sensitive subject of sequestering the jury, which is expensive and can be rough on jurors.

But Deputy District Attorney William Hodgman said that the white-hot media glare may leave no other alternative. "It's the only way we know of (for) completely protecting the sanctity of the jury," he said.

Simpson, 47, has pleaded innocent to the June 12 knife killings of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and her friend Ronald Goldman, 25.

Jury selection had been set to

Resistance leads to little toxic clean-up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department has spent \$23 billion over the past five years to clean up nuclear waste sites, but little clean-up has resulted, partly because of resistance to new technology, a government audit said Wednesday.

"New technologies are not being seriously considered or used to clean up DOE's contaminated sites," the General Accounting Office said.

"Senior headquarters environmental officials told us that new technologies have not been rigorously evaluated, much less employed," the audit said.

Resistance to the new techniques is due in part to DOE's reliance on the recommendations of on-site contractors who have investments in existing clean up practices, as well as local governments that stand to benefit from economic development tied to extended cleanup schedules, the GAO said.

In addition to health and safety threats, the problem is of concern to taxpayers because it will cost an estimated \$300 billion over 30 years to clean up the radioactive and hazardous waste at the former nuclear weapons plants across the country.

Current cleanup methods "are often ineffective, extremely expensive ... and offer only short-term solutions," the GAO said.

"Developing less costly and more effective cleanup technologies may be the only way the nation can afford to clean up the vast amounts of waste generated by the nation's nuclear weapons production complex," the audit said.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary requested the review in January 1993. DOE officials said Wednesday they already are taking steps to address the concerns.

"We basically agree there are problems with getting innovative technology implemented due to a lot of different barriers as pointed out in the report," said Gerald Boyd, acting associate deputy assistant energy secretary for technology and development.

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Quote of the Day

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George Jean Nathan, critic, 1931

Learning through discussions

There is a question being asked right now as thousands of Cubans are gathering on anything that floats and heading to the United States - why not talk?

The United States and Cuba have been at loggerheads since Fidel Castro came to power. Basically, since the U.S. has put its trade embargo on Cuba, there has been little constructive communication between the two countries.

So, why not talk, why not open a dialog with Cuba, still the closet Communist country to the United States?

Talking doesn't hurt anything. In fact, it might lead to easing of tensions between the two countries as it did between the United States and Russia.

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Charles C. Williams Publisher
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Of course, that happened when a more open-minded leader came into power there.

Talking to Cuban leaders does not mean the United States has to compromise or promise anything. Nothing has to change just because the two countries are talking.

But, discussions often airs differences, grievances and often turns up areas of similarity. A very good reason to talk.

Pride takes just a little time

"It takes as little as ten minutes with a weedeater," says John Richard Sparks.

John Richard chairs the Adopt-a-Spot committee for the new Proud Community program. He's calling on individuals, club and neighborhoods to pinpoint an eyesore and "adopt" it, committing to keeping it clean.

"Some of these spots are street medians or corners that don't seem to belong to anybody," says John Richard. "Sometimes all you have to do is pick up litter and use a weedeater."

The chairman's own company, Lawn Concepts, has put its tools where its mouth is, and has adopted five spots, including the "island" at 10th and State Street behind Big Spring High School. John Richard was delighted when he was contacted by D-Fy-It; the group's young members have volunteered to keep the historic big spring cleaned up - a daunting task for any civic minded group.

Other spots which have found a sponsor are the entrance to Highland South, adopted by the



neighborhood; and the corner of Baylor and FM 700, also adopted by the folks who live nearby. The Federal Prison signed on to tend the entrance to the industrial park.

The Adopt-A-Spot program is not new in Big Spring; it has always been one of the most popular clean-up activities. John Richard feels there may be a number of spots being regularly tended, and he asks that these sponsors contact the Chamber of Commerce and reaffirm their interest in continuing. "We want to update our list of spots and sponsors," says John Richard.

Mowing, edging, weedeating and litter pick-up are the most

basic tasks for caretakers. You can be more creative, if you have the time and talent; the Highland South group has sown their spot with wildflowers in the past.

"Our immediate goal is to get volunteers," says John Richard. "In the future we hope to prepare signs for each spot, to give credit to sponsors. We also have plans to pipe water to some spots or landscape them the lava rock or other low maintenance items".

Here are the ways to participate: locate a spot and agree to adopt it; volunteer to work at a spot where needed. Volunteers should have access to basic yard tools.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

The Adopt-A-Spot program is part of the Proud Community Program of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce which is working to make a difference in our community.

This column is prepared by Proud Citizens Committee members. The local program is affiliated with the Keep Texas Beautiful Program.

Misguided mail just a symptom

The Midwestern husband and wife - they are 64 and 56 - live in Gurnee, Ill., and use the Illinois Tollway often.



Bob Greene Columnist

Back in May, when they were at the Deerfield, Ill., Toll Plaza, they were given a questionnaire in card form. The card (it was handed to them by someone

they assumed was a tollway employee) asked for motorists' comments about the tollway, and about how they used it.

The card was pre-addressed to Wilbur Smith Associates, consulting engineers for the tollway. Not only did the woman fill it out and send it - she also mailed a separate, well-thought-out letter to Wilbur Smith Associates, in care of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority post office box that had been provided on the card.

In her letter, she made some suggestions that she thought might help save travelers time on the tollway, especially during construction. The tone of her letter was polite. She ended it: "Your consideration of this matter would be appreciated. I will look forward to hearing from you and then I will know that my plea did not fall on deaf ears. Yours truly ..."

She got a letter back, all right. It was her own letter - upon which had been scrawled some messages for her and her husband:

"Look Lady. We don't care about your husband's inconvenience because he should be man enough to complain his damn self and not let you do the bitchin'."

"Where did you leave the other side of your brain. Tell your husband to (a) get a job at (the) Great America (amusement park), or (b) go (obscenity) a fat rat."

"No offense. We're just sick and tired of getting unsolicited comments. But unluckily, your time was wasted because no one in authority sees the incoming mail. Only me! Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha."

It was signed: "A Wilbur Smith Associates Employee."

The woman said that she was both upset and angered about the letter. "The questionnaire card asked what I assumed were serious questions about traffic patterns - where the motorist was going, how many people were in the car, how long did the trip take. So I took the time to answer the questions, and to write a longer letter.

"And then to get that kind of thing back. It was a little frightening, because I had signed only my own name - but the envelope they sent me was addressed to my husband and me. So they had taken the time to look up our name in the phone book."

Wilbur Smith Associates, as you might imagine, says it, too, is angry about what happened. Edward Regan III, the engineering firm's senior vice president, called the woman to apologize, then wrote to her explaining that the "rude and uncalled for" letter "in no way reflects the feelings of our firm or any of our bonafide employees."

Regan said that he believed the letter was probably written by "a disgruntled temporary person" the company was using to compile survey data.

So who's to blame here? Not the woman who sent the letter

to the tollway engineers, obviously. And, to be fair, not the executives of Wilbur Smith Associates, or of the tollway authority itself, who would have to be crazy to approve of such a thing.

What's to blame is probably some permutation of the ever-creeping idiocy in our society, a slack-jawed sloppiness that permits people to figure they can say whatever they want to whomever they want, even if they're speaking for someone else. Even if the someone else is paying them to do a job.

Another example from the Midwest: A woman in Lake Forest, Ill., mailed a postcard to her adult daughter in Schaumburg, Ill. On the front of the card was a pre-printed message, somewhat feminist in tone. It read:

"Women constitute half the world's population, perform nearly two-thirds of its work hours, receive one-tenth of the world's income and own less than one-hundredth of the world's property."

When the Lake Forest mother's card arrived in her daughter's mailbox, a handwritten addition, in blue pen, had been scrawled at the bottom of the card:

"And are bitches 99.9 percent of the time!"

"It had to have been done by someone in the postal system," the Lake Forest woman said. "Between the time I mailed it and the time my daughter received it, that had been added. Have we come to this point - when people feel they can just write their own prejudices on someone else's mail?"

Apparently we have. The reason for this? We'll try to address at least one possibility in our next column.

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WORLD

Finally peace in N. Ireland?

Cease-fire begins today; England wants permanent assurances

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) - Promising a possible end to 24 years of killing, the Irish Republican Army today began a cease-fire, but Britain has ruled out peace talks until it's assured the violence has stopped for good.

In Belfast, minority Roman Catholics reacted with joy to the IRA announcement. Members of the Protestant majority expressed disbelief and suspicion.

Several hundred Catholics banged garbage can lids and cheered outside police stations and army barracks as clocks struck midnight, signaling the start of the cease-fire. Youths climbed poles of police surveillance cameras, decorating them with Irish flags. Others blocked traffic and jumped atop army vehicles as soldiers looked on.

"Midnight tonight was the first step towards lasting peace," said John Hume, the moderate Catholic leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party.

British Prime Minister John Major said the IRA's Wednesday pledge to stop attacks on Protestants and British troops in Northern Ireland was "very welcome" but called for an "unambiguous" statement that violence is over.

However, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the British Cabinet official responsible for Northern Ireland, today said Britain would settle for less.

He said the IRA could, for example, simply say that Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds was correct in his assessment that the cease-fire is complete



A crowd of women and children celebrate the IRA cease-fire announcement by banging metal dustbin lids and trays on the walls of the Springfield Road Police Station in Catholic West Belfast.

and "that there can be no going back."

IRA units carried out three reported gun attacks in the two hours before the cease-fire deadline, but no one was hurt, police said.

Leaders of Protestant groups - known as "unionists" for their desire to keep Northern Ireland part of Great Britain - immediately called the cease-fire inadequate, saying the IRA needed to make it permanent and hand over its weapons before its political wing, Sinn Fein, could join talks.

"Unionist parties will not be sitting down with Sinn Fein before Christmas. That is just complete nonsense," said Chris McGimpsey, a key strategist for the Ulster Unionists, the largest pro-British party.

"We can get caught up in the euphoria if we want, and in six months' time we'll be brought down to earth with a bump. The reality is that the communities have been torn asunder principally by the IRA," said Gregory Campbell, a leading member of the extremist Democratic Unionist Party.

Curriculum changed as Palestinian students head into the classroom

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) - When Ala Wawi looks back on his school days, he remembers learning about how to organize strikes, demonstrations and attacks on Israeli soldiers, but not much else.

That should change when the school year starts today, with education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in Palestinian hands for the first time after 27 years of Israeli occupation.

It is the first branch of government Palestinians will run outside Gaza and Jericho, where self-rule started in May.

Students, teachers and administrators say they face a daunting task in overcoming jammed classrooms, crumbling buildings, outdated textbooks and a student body that has been unable to concentrate through the seven-year uprising against occupation.

"We are a lost generation. Many of the students cannot even read," said Wawi, 19, who is returning to school after two years in Israeli jails.

Officials hope the Palestinian flag raised over schools will

inspire new efforts to restore education.

"PLO chairman Yasser Arafat will tell all students that the time has come to study, to forget about the past. He will urge them to respect their teachers and their schools," said Yasser Amr, education minister in the Palestinian self-rule government.

Money for schools, like the other aspects of autonomy, is a key problem.

Amr said Israel had allotted about \$150 million annually for the Palestinian school system of 600,000 students and 15,000 teachers.

Israel will cover the first month's costs, but then money is to come from taxes and foreign donations. The Palestinians have yet to collect taxes, and donors worldwide have been reluctant to send funds until an accounting system is in place.

Teachers lament not only aged buildings and the lack of modern learning aids such as computers, but an outdated curriculum. Some of the textbooks are 30 years old.



A Palestinian school girl takes her younger sister to her new class on her first day of school in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron Thursday, the first scholastic year under the Palestinian authority opened Thursday throughout the occupied West Bank.

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SPORTS

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Big Spring JV at Stanton JV, 5:30 p.m.
Monahans at Big Spring 9th (A), 7 p.m.
Midland Lee JV at Stanton, 8 p.m.

Borger at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
C-City at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Garden City, 8 p.m.
Ballinger at Greenwood, 8 p.m.

Grandfalls at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
Grady at Ropes, 7:30 p.m.
Dawson at Borden Co., 7:30 p.m.
Klondike at Loraine, 7:30 p.m.
Blackwell at Westbrook, 7:30 p.m.

Got an item?

Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Dave Hargrave, 263-7331, Ext 116.

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Coahoma, C-City set for I-20 showdown

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

COAHOMA — It might not be quite as famous as, say, Dallas-Washington or Florida-Florida State, but the rivalry between Coahoma and Colorado City is no less intense.

These two schools, separated by 20 miles of interstate, renew their longstanding rivalry Friday when the Bulldogs host C-City at 8 p.m. in Bulldog Stadium.

There will be a few new wrinkles this year, though.

Coahoma High School ex Eddie McHugh makes his regular season debut as the Bulldogs' coach, and this will be the first real test on how well his team has adapted to the new T-Bone offense and 4-3 defense.

Both teams are coming off less-than-successful years in 1993. Colorado City won its first game last season, then stumbled to a 1-9 record. Coahoma, meanwhile, finished 4-6, which helped lead to the departure of former head coach Steve Park.

So when the coaches tell you a win is important in this first game, believe

them.

"I wouldn't say it's the most important game we'll play this year, but it's right in there among them," McHugh said.

"If you're going to have a perfect season, you've got to win that first one. It's also important as a confidence-builder — to get the kids believing in what we're trying to do."

Colorado City coach Mark Howeth said the entire pre-district portion of the schedule is important if his team is going to improve its showing.

"For us, the most important thing is that somewhere in the first two or

three weeks, something good needs to happen to us," Howeth said. "I feel that something good has to happen to us if we're going to improve ... They're all important right now."

The biggest key to Friday's game, from the coaches' standpoint, will be Coahoma's defense against Colorado City's offense.

"I think we have to have some offensive production," Howeth said. "We've got to be able to move the ball. We had one scrimmage where we moved the ball real well, then we had one where we didn't move it that well."

"(C-City's) got some big old line-men," McHugh said. "And they can throw the football well ... We've got to check our defense as to what they do."

Given the shared history between these two teams, motivation has been no problem.

"It's one of those Midland Lee-Odessa Permian situations," McHugh said.

"I really think it's a good rivalry," Howeth said. "I'm kind of new to the area, so I had to learn a little bit about it the past two years, but I pretty much understand it now: It's two communities where the kids really get after it."



Big Spring coach Dwight Butler offers pointers to his players at practice Wednesday.

Steers tackle new tasks in '94 opener

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

Last season, the Big Spring Steers opened the football season at home. This season, they open at home.

There it is - the one similarity between the '93 opener and this season's opener, which kicks off Friday, 7:30 p.m., at Memorial Stadium.

The differences? Last season, Steer quarterback Dustin Waters was a fill-in, an emergency starter. This season, he's the starting quarterback. Steer fans have been looking forward to all year.

Last season, the Steers had many experienced players. This season, the Steers have eight new starters on each side of the ball.

Get the picture? Even the time is different - this season, the Steers are starting their home games a half-hour earlier than last season.

The Steers' opponent, Borger, had a 6-4 record last season and has plenty to throw at the Steers. For starters, the Bulldogs have junior running back Cornell Jones, a 6-foot, 175-pounder who gained 1,506 yards last season while scoring 17 touchdowns. Jones is one of three all-district players

More on the Steers... ...in Friday's Herald

returning for the Bulldogs - the others are wide receiver Tim Baker (6-4, 170, jr.) and offensive guard Eric Bass (5-10, 235, sr.).

Baker leads the pass-catching crew, while Jones leads the running game, and behind it all is junior quarterback Toby Guest (5-10, 155). Guest completed 80 of 171 passes last season for 1,201 yards.

"The skill positions are our highlight right now, this early in the season," said Borger coach Marty McClintock. "We try to be a balanced team. A good ground game will win a lot of football games, but the old saying that you have to establish the running game to throw the ball, well, we don't necessarily subscribe to that. We're going to throw the ball as well as run it."

Big Spring coach Dwight Butler has Borger's balanced offense to contend with, plus a

lot of other things.

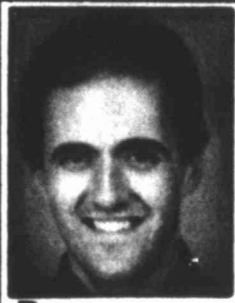
Ben Inman and Richie Neefe joined the Steers last week and are fighting for the punting job. Add Frankie Flores, last year's JV punter, to the equation - Flores joined the team this week. Bucky Crenshaw, who would have punted in the scrimmage against Midland had a snap not sailed over his head, is not in the punting derby.

Butler said: "If none pan out, we could use Bucky, but I'd rather not. His punts have distance but no height. It's not that Bucky can't do it, but what we want to try and get is somebody who can get the ball in the air."

"We probably won't make a decision until Friday morning."

Then there's the situation at tailback for the Steers. This much is certain - sophomore Toma McVae will start. After that, the backup could be Quentin Dickson (if he is cleared to play at a visit with a doctor today), Jose Pesina or junior varsity tailback Chad Warren.

Pesina injured his ankle Friday in the Midland scrimmage, and Butler said he will use Pesina only in an emergency.



Friday Football Forecast

Dave Hargrave
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BORGER AT BIG SPRING

Remember what Dustin Waters did in last year's season opener? The Steer QB can - and will - do it again. Steers win - by a nose.
Big Spring 26, Borger 24

Yes, the Steers have questions, but Borger has a 300-mile bus trip in the late West Texas summer.
Big Spring 24, Borger 13

COLORADO CITY AT COAHOMA

Coahoma must learn the T-Bone offense; C-City must learn how to win. The Wolves of C-City have the tougher chore.
Coahoma 31, C-City 6

Everybody loves rivalries, and this is one of the area's best. Give Coahoma the edge because of size, experience.
Coahoma 19, C-City 7

FORSAN AT GARDEN CITY

Forsan's seniors will put their first pleasant memory of senior year on their mantle - at the expense of the Bearcats.
Forsan 24, Garden City 10

Speaking of rivalries ... It's not often that Forsan is favored over anybody, but there's good reason this time.
Forsan 22, Garden City 14

MIDLAND LEE JV AT STANTON (TONIGHT)

Stanton's in an everything-to-lose, nothing-to-gain situation here. This one could be closer than you think.
Stanton 24, Lee 14

See Jerele run. See Todd run. See J.J. pass. See the scoreboard break.
Stanton 46, Lee 6

BALLINGER AT GREENWOOD

Greenwood's defense has squashed foes in scrimmages, but Ballinger has nine offensive and six defensive starters returning from a 9-2 playoff team.
Ballinger 21, Greenwood 18

The Greenwood Rangers have had all winter, spring and summer to think about missing the playoffs in the last minute.
Lucky Ballinger.
Greenwood 35, Ballinger 14

GRANDFALLS AT SANDS

Sands has six starters coming off a brief suspension for disciplinary reasons. Those six guys are probably mad. REALLY mad.
Sands 56, Grandfalls 16

Sands is one of the best six-man teams in the state. Grandfalls is ... not that good.
Sands 64, Grandfalls 6

OTHER GAMES

Ropes 35, Grady 10
Dawson 37, Borden Co. 33
Loraine 56, Klondike 36
Blackwell 56, Westbrook 18

Ropes 45, Grady 24
Borden Co. 24, Dawson 22
Loraine 44, Klondike 32
Blackwell 32, Westbrook 24

Herald sports writers declare war

It's time we did this right.

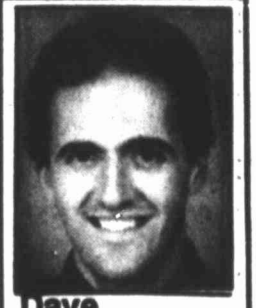
No hiding behind the collective "Herald Sports Staff" tag anymore. Steve Reagan and I are going it alone on the Friday Football Forecast. He picks his way, I pick mine. When one of us picks the Big Spring Steers' opponent (sorry, folks, but do you truly think the Steers are going undefeated this season?), Big Spring fans, cheerleaders, business people and any part-time mail bombers can send their complaints to a name, a face - not just "to the Herald."

We're giving you dart board material. Can't speak for Steve, but for me this is the only opportunity to compete, to face pressure and conquer it. I have the athletic prowess of a dead frog, so picking football games is the one sports-related competition I could possibly excel at. Well, that and maybe a baseball trivia contest, but who would read "Dave's Trivia Bit of the Week?"

"Friday Football Forecast" works much better. The urge to compete, to go toe-to-toe, forced us to ignore the old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Last season, Steve and I teamed to correctly pick the winners in 66 out of 83 games - a healthy 80 percent clip (though that's only a 'B' in the classroom).

Steve gets much of the credit for last year's success. I was new to West Texas, and it was mid-October before I felt comfortable picking games on my own. For that I thank Steve.

In my gratitude, I plan to clean Steve's clock in the Friday Football Forecast. Sorry, Steve. It's war.



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

SHOT OF THE DAY

Golfing for laughs
Comedian Bill Murray yells at the ball as he participates in the Greater Milwaukee Open's Birdies for Charities event Wednesday.

TEXAS SPORTS

Cotton Bowl wants New Year's

DALLAS (AP) — Cotton Bowl officials say they'd rather host a New Year's Day bowl than have a Big 12 Conference championship if they can't do both.

Wife wins fight, hubby doesn't

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The wife of banned Texas A&M booster Warren Gilbert on Wednesday won her fight to sit at Kyle Field, but she was warned not to bring her husband, whose actions landed Texas A&M in trouble when he paid nine players for work they didn't do.

AROUND THE WORLD

Winfield traded to Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians decided to improve their postseason chances by acquiring Dave Winfield just before the midnight trading deadline.

Strike could last into '95

NEW YORK (AP) — As the chance of completing the 1994 season dwindles, the likelihood of the baseball strike extending into 1995 rises.

ON THE AIR

Tennis

U.S. Open
6:30 p.m.
USA (ch. 38)

Football

Arizona at Georgia Tech,
7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Texas A&I at SW Texas St.,
6 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).

Sands not looking past Cowboys

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

Look at Friday's matchup between Sands and Grandfalls, and you'd think the only thing Sands would have to guard against is over-confidence.

Think again. Sure, the Mustangs are heavy favorites. Sure, they're ranked fifth in the state. Sure, the Cowboys don't pose much of a threat - at least on paper - to Sands.

Even with all that, complacency is out of the question for the Mustangs.

Sands opens the regular season at home Friday against Grandfalls (game time 7:30 p.m.), and it's a good bet that there will be at least six players out to make a good showing.

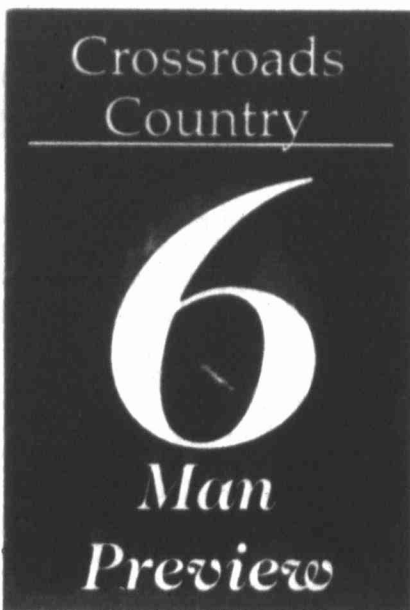
Those six players were withheld from Sands' final scrimmage last week for disciplinary reasons. They've since been reinstated, and coach Billy Barnett is looking for maximum effort from his team Friday.

"With all the events that have transpired, we need to go out and play a good game," Barnett said. "And we are not going to look past anybody."

The temptation to overlook Grandfalls would be understandable. The Cowboys are in their first year of six-man football after posting a 5-3-1 record last year as an 11-man team.

But that, Barnett warns, means nothing.

"Granted, they don't have



that great winning tradition, but they've got six kids they're going to put on the field," he said. "And when you're talking about teenagers, you don't know what's going to happen."

Injury-wise, the Mustangs are in good shape, with the exception of Jerrod Bell, a freshman coach had planned to call up to the varsity to perform, a backup role at center. He is out two to four weeks with a knee injury, Barnett said.

Klondike at Loraine

As Klondike coach Ed Wilson said, the Cougars are going to find out in a hurry what their chances of success are for this season.

Klondike opens the season Friday at 7:30 p.m. against Loraine in a rematch of last year's bidistrict playoff game

that Loraine won, 52-42. "We'll see quite a lot about our team this week," Wilson said. "(Loraine) has got a quarterback (Cory Wooddell) who's got a pretty quick release, and who's pretty effective with play action ... This game will tell us a lot about where we're at."

The Cougars might be without the services of several key players Friday. Running backs Chris and Erik Arismendez are questionable with leg injuries, while sophomore end Kevin Smithson is out with a twisted knee.

Still, Wilson is looking for positive results Friday. "We're not that bad," he said. "Our offense is still hibernating - we're waiting for it to wake up for feeding season, but our defense will be all right."

Blackwell at Westbrook

Westbrook hosts Blackwell at 7:30 p.m. Friday with several starting slots still not settled. In addition, the lone senior on the squad, center Heath Morris, will miss at least one more week with a shoulder separation.

But, optimum circumstances or no, it's time to start playing. Westbrook coach Jim Hill says a big key is for the Wildcats to cut down on turnovers. In last week's scrimmage against Paint Rock, the Cats fumbled the ball 10 times, losing seven.

"We're still not where I want us to be, but we have to line up and play Friday," coach Jim Hill said. "Blackwell is pretty physical, and they've got some

speed ... I think we can play with them if we can eliminate our mistakes."

Grady at Ropes

If you're looking for the area six-man team with the tallest order Friday night, look no further than Grady. The Wildcats open the season at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Ropes, ranked second in the state.

"We're going to start off with the big dog," Grady coach Roger Smith said. "They're good, and they've got two of the best running backs in the state. (Michael) Salas gained almost 2,400 yards last year, and (Fabian) Lopez gained 735 yards in four playoff games."

Dawson at Borden Co.

When Borden County coach Bobby Avery looks across the field at his opponents Friday night, he might feel a twinge of déjà vu.

The Dawson Dragons, much like Avery's Coyotes last year, are a very young team, with only two seniors and two juniors returning from last season's 6-4 team.

Borden hosts the Dragons Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Avery praises the Dragons as good - albeit young - team, and says execution will be the key to a Borden victory.

"I feel pretty good about the team," Avery said. "We have a game plan we feel will work against Dawson ... and we just have to go out and execute it."

Emmitt not making any promises vs. Steelers in opener

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith's quest for a fourth straight rushing title starts this Sunday, but he's not expecting to break any records against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"It's going to be a tough game for me because Pittsburgh uses an eight-man front a lot," Smith said. "I don't expect nothing big against the Steelers. There won't be a lot of long runs."

Smith held out for the first two games last season, both losses for the Dallas Cowboys. Owner Jerry Jones quickly gave in to Smith's contract demands and Smith won his third rushing title with 1,486 yards.

Now Smith has a chance to join Jim Brown as the only player to win four straight titles, but he says it doesn't really matter.

"I don't care if I get out-rushed all year long and we

get to Miami, (for the Super Bowl) then I'm happy," he said. "I'm just glad to get all that preseason hoopla over with. It's time to get focused and load the wagons."

Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher said a day of watching film of Smith gives a team a jolt.

"His balance and vision is unmatched in the league," Cowher said. "This guy sees holes we couldn't even see on television. He has great cut-back ability. A defensive player can get hurt if he sticks his nose where he's not supposed to be. Smith will exploit you. Then you think you have him down and he pops out of a pile. You've got to get him surrounded."

One of Smith's top rivals for the rushing crown, Pittsburgh's Barry Foster, said he was impressed by Smith's toughness.

"I was impressed that he did a great job when he was hurt," said Foster, who has been criticized at times for not playing hurt. "He's a class back."

Smith's durability for the 1994 season has been questioned. He suffered a shoulder injury that required off-season surgery.



Sixth-seeded Michael Chang stretches for a forehand to Malival Washington in the second round of the U.S. Open Wednesday.

Chang, Sampras move to Open's third round

NEW YORK (AP) — They play different styles, Michael Chang using speed, Pete Sampras using power. Both work.

Chang moved into the third round and Sampras into the second in the U.S. Open on Wednesday. Sampras had what for him was the perfect opponent, but Chang faced a familiar and dangerous combatant.

"We're not players who can really serve you off the court or blow you off the court," Chang said of opponent MaliVal Washington. "It's more or less a chess match. I tried not to take it into the fifth set because I knew he was not going to get tired."

Chang, seeded sixth, beat Washington 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) to get into the third round. Earlier in the day, Sampras, top-seeded and the defending champion, overpowered South African qualifier Kevin Ullyett 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 in a first-round match.

Defending women's champion Steffi Graf and fourth-seeded Mary Pierce, considered one of her strongest challengers, highlighted today's matches. Also seeking berths in the third

round were sixth-seeded Lindsay Davenport and No. 10 Zina Garrison Jackson.

In other first-round action involving seeded players Wednesday, No. 8 Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine defeated Austrian Gilbert Schaller 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; No. 14 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia stopped Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands 7-6 (7-4), 7-5, 6-3, and South African Marcos Ondruska eliminated No. 10 Alberto Berasategui of Spain 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Two seeded women's players were eliminated. Lella Meskhi of Georgia ousted No. 14 Anke Huber of Germany 6-2, 6-2 and Natalia Medvedeva, Medvedev's sister, beat No. 16 Amy Frazier 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4.

In other matches involving seeded women, No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the French Open champion, downed Natalia Tauziat of France 6-2, 7-6 (7-5); No. 3 Conchita Martinez, the Wimbledon winner, stopped Nicole Arendt 6-3, 6-3; No. 5 Kimiko Date downed Yone Kamo 6-0, 6-2 in a match of Japanese players; No. 8 Gabriela Sabatini, the 1990 U.S. Open champion, stopped

Meredith McGrath 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, and No. 9 Mary Joe Fernandez outlasted Patty Fendick 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4).

After losing the first set and down a service break in the second at 0-2, Chang cut down on his errors and watched Washington make plenty of his own to win six straight games.

Washington seemed beaten when he was broken to 5-3 in the third set. But the former Michigan All-American bore down to push the fourth set to a tiebreaker.

Chang survived the 3-hour match with a few big serves and Washington's errors.

In one of the shortest men's matches so far - 85 minutes - Sampras, playing his first match since being sidelined with tendinitis in his left ankle, easily brushed aside Ulyett.

Sampras, seeking his third U.S. Open crown and his third Grand Slam title of 1994, served as hard as ever - up to 125 mph. And he was magnificent, yielding only one point on serve in the first set.

But he didn't attack the net as he has done in the past, and didn't chase every ball. He didn't have to.

FISHING

The late summer report at Lake O.H. Ivie was much the same with black bass in the 12-16-inch range taking lures around pond weed and algae patches.

There were a few small-mouth bass mixed in with these, but the keepers for large-mouth were hanging in deep water off points.

Top water and crank baits were most effective on black bass, especially when fish were feeding. Plastic worms worked best on larger fish in 30-40 feet of water, but fishermen were warned to bring these up slowly or risk the fish dying.

Channel catfishing was fair to good over baited holes, but best bet was on trotlines in brushy flats late evenings.

Crappie fishing remained poor, but a few were caught along banks of deep river channels in 30 feet or more, early or late, and especially under lights.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

fighting
Curtis Osburn - second fighting

Ryan Beall, Ryan Miracle and Garrett Honea also participated.

Fast-pitch softball
tournament starts tonight

The Odessa D&R fast-pitch softball team will be the host team for the Class C National Tournament, starting tonight and going through Monday at Midland's Hogan Park's new complex.

D&R has quite a Big Spring flavor to the team. One of the favorites to win the championship, D&R is sponsored by Don Miller of Odessa and will play the first game of the tournament tonight at 7:30. The team includes former Big Spring players Gary Martin (now of Corpus Christi), Brian Mayfield (Lubbock) and Johnny Mize (Amarillo).

Miller coaches the team, and he is assisted by local longtime softball coach Cotton Mize.

SPORTSEXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with Russ Johnson, shortstop.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Named Ace Bailey director of pro scouting.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Joe Ghona director of special events.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Named Dave Cowens, Paul Presney and Hank Egan assistant coaches.

FOOTBALL
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed James Burton, cornerback. Released Dwight Joseph, cornerback. Signed Ervin Collier, defensive tackle, to the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed Ronald Edwards, offensive tackle. Signed Jeff Hill, wide receiver; Kevin Johnson, linebacker-snapper; Jerry Reynolds, offensive lineman; and Ramon Stallings, defensive end, to the practice squad.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed Greg Manuaki, linebacker. Waived Ernie Thompson, running back.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed Eric Green, tight end, to a one-year contract. Signed Kevin Brown, offensive lineman, to the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed Alfonso Browning and Larry Wilson, wide receivers; Bryan Dumetz, tight end; and Justin Kilow and Shaumie Wright-Fab, running backs, to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Re-signed A.J. Johnson, cornerback, and Cedric Smith, linebacker. Waived Hamilton, linebacker. Signed William Bell and Tyrone Rush, running backs; Anthony Abrattin, defensive tackle; Damon Wright, wide receiver; and

BASEBALL

Strike glance

Wednesday, Aug. 31
Day 20

Games lost: 14.
Total games lost: 280.
Games remaining: 408.

Money lost to date by New York Mets third baseman Bobby Bonilla, who has the highest salary this season at \$5.7 million: \$22,501.

Money lost to date by player at the major league minimum of \$108,000: \$11,913.

Total income lost by players: \$88.3 million.

Estimated revenue lost by owners: \$170 million.

Negotiating session held Wednesday: No.

Next negotiating session: None scheduled.

Key development: Federal mediators met separately with each side but didn't call for another bargaining session.

Key quote: "He's a pioneer of his own market." —upon head Donald Fehr on management negotiator Richard Ravitch.

FISHING

Fishing report

WEST
ARROWHEAD: Water murky, 84 degrees, 3 feet below normal level; black bass fair on plastic worms; sand bass fair on shad; crappie slow; strips slow; catfish good to 3.5 pounds on nightcrawlers and shrimp.

BAYLOR: Water clear, 86 degrees, 13 feet below normal level; everything is slow because of the heat.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky, 85 degrees, 6.5 feet below normal level; black bass fair to 7 pounds on cranks; everything else is slow.

FRYER: Water cloudy, 83 degrees, 3 feet below normal level; crappie fair; everything else is slow.

GRANSBURY: Water clear, 83 degrees, 6 inches below normal level; black bass fair to 4 pounds on plastic worms; strips slow; crappie good on small minnows 20 feet deep; sand bass slow; catfish good 20 feet deep on cheese ball.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 78 degrees, 9 feet below normal level; largemouth bass fair to 6.5 pounds on minnows and artificial 15-18 foot deep; smallmouth bass slow; walleye slow; sand bass fair trolling early and late; crappie slow; catfish good to 6.5 pounds on minnows and water dogs.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water murky, 5 feet below normal level; black bass slow; crappie fair on minnows 12 feet deep under the bridge; sand bass slow; strips slow; catfish good on trotlines using perch.

KEMP: Water clear, 8.5 feet below normal level; everything is slow because of a lack of anglers and the gates being open.

MCKENZIE: Water clear, 81 degrees; catfish good on a variety of

baits on trotline and rod and reel; everything else is slow.

FISHING

Western Division

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Rio Grande 23 18 .500 2
Amarillo 16 22 .421 8 1/2
San Antonio 14 24 .368 10 1/2

x-Cincinnati First Half Division
Wednesday's Games
San Antonio at Amarillo, postponed

MEREDITH: Water clear, 82 degrees, normal level; largemouth bass slow; smallmouth bass fair early and late on crawfish-type bait in shallow water; walleye slow, some on white and chrome slugs 9-25 feet deep; sand bass good, some limits on slugs; crappie fair at night under the lights on minnows and shad 30-40 feet deep; catfish good to 2.5 pounds on nightcrawlers and stink bait on bottom.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 84 degrees, 6.5 feet below normal level; black bass fair to 9.75 pounds on plastic worms; crappie fair at night on minnows 6-10 feet deep; sand bass slow; catfish good on chicken liver and shrimp.

O.H.I.V.E.: Water clear, 82 degrees; largemouth bass good on topwaters and cranks around pondweed and algae, keeper slow in same areas but deeper and using plastic worms; smallmouth bass fair mixed with largemouth on same bait; crappie slow; white bass fair in schools on cranks, spoon, jigs and spinners; walleye slow; catfish fair over baited holes or on trotlines on brushy lake beds.

POBSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 84 degrees, 3 feet below normal level; black bass slow, some shallow fish early and late; strips good to 5 pounds in schools on chrome and other topwaters; white bass good, schooling all over lake, on topwaters; crappie slow, some near glass 18-20 feet deep; catfish slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky, 1 foot below normal level; black bass fair to 4.5 pounds on plastic worms and cranks; crappie fair on minnows 10 feet deep; hybrid strips fair on shad; catfish good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: Water clear, 83 degrees, 30 feet below normal level; black bass good on Rat-L-Trap; strips fair on live bait; crappie good on minnows; white bass fair on the surface; catfish slow.

STAMFORD: Water stained, 10 feet below normal level; not many people fishing — too hot and upcoming hunting season — too hot catfish caught.

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Big Spring Herald

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Thursday, September 1, 1994

Best buys for college

By BRENDAN SCHURR

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Trenton State College, the Everyman's school of the Garden State, rates as one of the nation's best buys in higher education — a far better value than nearby Princeton University, Money Magazine says.

The personal finance monthly ranked Trenton State No. 3 in its fifth annual evaluation, saying it has an "upper crust feel, but it comes at a commoner's price." It has been in the magazine's Top 10 each year.

Trenton State junior Bill Tortoriello calls his school a value that "you can't beat."

Princeton University, eight miles away, ranked 94th — but made the magazine's "costly but worth it" list. Princeton sophomore Eric

Paras, who gives prospective students tours of the campus, thinks his school is really worth the money. "The facilities are really tremendous, there's a really great staff here and a lot of really caring professors," Paras said.

The survey, appearing in the issue that hits newsstands Sept. 6, used 16 factors relating to cost and academic quality in ranking America's 100 best college buys.

New College of the University of South Florida, in Sarasota, topped the list for the second year in a row. Rice University in Houston was No. 2 for the second straight year.

Trenton State charges \$4,012 per year in tuition and fees for New Jersey residents, who make up 91 percent of the student body, and \$6,287 for out-of-staters. Room and board cost \$5,400.



Big Spring Police and DARE officer Terry Hudson talks to a group of fifth graders at Moss Elementary about the dangers of using drugs.

DARE: Just say no!

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The importance of saying no to drugs and alcohol is the cornerstone of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program making its way into the classrooms in Big Spring.

The Big Spring Police Department and school district are working together to bring DARE to all fifth graders within the city.

The 17 week program is being taught by Officer Terry Hudson and Sgt. Stan Parker. The two officers will teach the program at Kentwood, Marcy and Moss elementary schools this semester and at Bauer, Washington and College Heights in the spring.

Officer Hudson began the DARE program at Moss Elementary Tuesday morning by going over the rules and giving a brief overview of what the students can expect throughout the semester.

"One of the rules is to raise your hand if you have a question or answer. And when we talk about different situations, I don't want you to tell me the name of the person you are talking about. Instead, say someone I know uses drugs or

wanted me to try them." "I'll be teaching you eight ways to say no to drugs and we will also be doing some role playing," Hudson explained.

Hudson also did an exercise to help break the ice and build the students self-confidence. She showed the children the right way to introduce themselves to others.

"When you walk up to someone, give them a firm handshake, look them in the eye, tell the person your name, ask them how they are doing and tell them you are glad to meet them," Hudson continued.

When that was complete, Hudson passed out workbooks, name tags and pencils. As she was doing this, she went around the room introducing herself and having each student shake her hand and saying their name as well.

The workbook contains a permission slip for parents to sign and the students to bring back, allowing their child to participate in the program.

Next week, students will learn the harmful effects of drugs if they are misused when they watch a film entitled "Drugs and Your Amazing Mind."

Photo by Kellie Jones



Courtesy photo

Billy Brown, left, Mandy Hodnett and Nicole Schwartz recently entered the Howard County Farm Bureau's Annual Queen and Talent Find Contest. Brown was the talent find winner, Hodnett was first runner-up in the queen contest and Schwartz was named Miss Howard County Farm Bureau 1994.

Big Spring student crowned queen

Special to the Herald

The Howard County Farm Bureau annual Queen and Talent Find Contest was July 16 at the Cactus Room at Howard College, Big Spring.

The contest is sponsored each year by the Howard County Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.

Nicole Schwartz, 16 from Big Lake, was crowned Miss Howard County Farm Bureau and awarded a \$250 scholarship to Howard College. Nicole is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz and will be a senior at Garden City High School in the fall. She also represented Howard County at the district competition on Aug. 10 in Wall.

Also entered in this year contest were Mandy Hodnett, 17, daughter of Freddie and Sandra Hodnett of Ackerly; Kirstie Moates, 16, daughter of Mike and Sheree Moates of Big Spring; Kimberly Webb, 15, daughter of Debra Hardgrave of Knott; Becky Walker, 18, daughter of Ryan and Pam Walker of Big Spring; Sheree Webb, 16, daughter of Jerry and Lawana Webb of Ackerly; and Amy Nichols, 17, daughter of Keith and Gwen Nichols of Ackerly. Mandy Hodnett of Ackerly was named first runner-up.

The 1994 Talent Find Winner was Billy Brown, from Ackerly. Billy was awarded a \$125 scholarship to Howard College and represented Howard County at the District VI contest in Wall on August 10. Billy is the son of Terry and Janette Brown of Ackerly. Sheree Webb, daughter of Jerry and Lawana Webb of Ackerly and Nicole Schwartz, daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of Big Lake, were also in the talent contest.

Winners at the district contest will receive a \$600 scholarship and will compete at the state level on November 27 and 28 at the Texas Farm Bureau state convention in Dallas. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to the new Miss Texas Farm Bureau and to the 1994 Talent Find Winner.

LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN



Associated Press photo

Tarantella dancer Charla Malaponte, 4, right, wasn't pleased with her partner Michael Jones, 4, during their performance at the Kansas City Italian Festival. The festival was a fund raiser for the Dream Factory, a charity working to fulfill the wishes of terminally ill children.

BSHS leaders ready for school year

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School student council officers attended a workshop during the summer to learn more about their roles as leaders.

The 1994-95 officers attended the Texas Association of Student Councils Summer Leadership Workshop at Angelo State University July 16-22.

During the six day workshop, the officers were trained in various leadership activities and was attended by 265 students and advisors from 45 schools throughout the state.

The seminar consultant was Mrs. Lu Polcheski-Baldauf, assistant principal of Clark High School in San Antonio.

The officers recently began making preparations for a variety of activities for the new school year. The first required event for all student council members was a lock-in held Friday, Aug. 12.

The representatives also assisted in registration at the high school and planned the Howdy Dance held Aug. 27.

Officers who attended the workshop were Drexell Owusu, president; Sarah Bristow, first vice president; Carlos Garza, second vice president; Molly Smith, recording secretary; Anna Castaneda, correspondin-

secretary; Trey Terrazas, parliamentarian and Kate Rainwater, historian. They were accompanied by their advisor, Sharon Richardson.

Meanwhile, Smith attended the National Student Safety Program Conference in Tacoma, Washington.

Smith was joined with 36 other delegates from Texas at the five day national conference.

The student council was selected to send a representative by receiving an outstanding rating with high points on the local Safety Project Report Form which was submitted to the Texas Association of Student Councils and the Texas Youth Safety Program, which is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Department of Transportation.

Keynote speakers at the conference included JeVon Thompson, who spoke on the effects of drug abuse and Harriet Mauney, the Youth Programs Coordinator for the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety.

Molly is a junior at Big Spring High School and will serve as the student council safety co-chairman this year. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Smith.



Courtesy photo

Officers of the 1994-95 Big Spring High School student council recently attended a workshop in San Angelo to learn leadership skills. Pictured in front are Drexell Owusu, left, and Kate Rainwater. Back row, from left, are Anna Castaneda, Carlos Garza, Sarah Bristow, Trey Terrazas and Molly Smith.



Courtesy photo

Allan Fuchs, left, Kirstie Moates and Justin Woods recently attended the 32nd Annual Texas Farm Bureau's Citizenship Seminar. The three Howard County students were among 400 participants at the seminar held in San Angelo.

Local students attend seminar

Special to the Herald

Three students from Howard County joined more than 400 others from across the state at Texas Farm Bureau's 32nd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo June 13-17.

Sponsored by the Howard County Farm Bureau were Allan Fuchs, St. Lawrence; Kirstie Moates, Big Spring; and Justin Wood, Coahoma. The seminar is designed to provide students with a better understanding of their heritage and

the capitalistic free enterprise system.

Each participant at the seminar has the chance to enter the Free Enterprise Speech Contest, winning up to \$5,000 in scholarship money and a trip to Washington D.C.

Genesis hits homerun with Hard Ball '94

BRITT and BRIAN WARNER
Thomson News Service

GAME: Hard Ball '94
COMPANY: Accolade
SYSTEM: Sega Genesis
DIFFICULTY: Moderate
PLOT SUMMARY: It's that time of year again. The smell of peanuts and Frosty Malts wafts throughout the crowd, and the vendors bark their wares. That's right, it's baseball season! After the singing of the national anthem, it's time to play ball. The crack of the bat brings the crowd to its feet: It's going, going, GONE! The roar and applause of the fans lets you know that America's favorite pastime is definitely here to stay (at least in the video game).

Now the fun and excitement of video game baseball has achieved an all-new level of realism with Accolade's Hard Ball '94 for the Sega Genesis. This is good news since right now, that's all we've got.

STRUCTURE: Hard Ball '94 puts you right in the middle of all the action and excitement of real baseball. As either a player or the manager, it's your job to lead your team to victory. You can try to beat another team in an exhibition game or play in the league and try to make it to the World Series to win it all. However you want to play, Hard Ball '94 has everything you want out of a baseball video game. It features all 700 major league players and their full, up-to-date statistics. It even includes a full-color, life-like picture of every player. Even with all of this, the player's actions are the most realistic part of the game. The player's motions in this game are so fluid that you think you're watching television. The players also make the small extra motions that you see in a real ball game but you never saw before in a video game. For instance, the batters tap the plate with the bat when they step into the batter's box and the catcher gives his signals to the pitcher.

Aside from those new features, Hard Ball '94 is almost exactly like any other video baseball game. It features exhibition games, league play, and even a home run contest. The batting is usually viewed from the catcher's point of view (but can be changed to a behind-the-pitcher angle).

BRIAN'S COMMENTS: Hard Ball '94 is the most realistic baseball game I have ever played. I was pleasantly surprised. I really like some of the extra options like customizing teams, logos, and jerseys. In general, this is just an average game, but it's a great baseball game. If you are heavily into sports games, I would definitely recommend this one.

BRITT'S COMMENTS: Since you can't go out to see a live baseball game because of the strike, you might as well stay home and play this one on your Sega Genesis because this is as close to real baseball as it gets. With baseball games this realistic, why would anyone want live baseball to come back? Well, maybe because live ball games are a lot more exciting than this one. With all the realism packed into this game, there just isn't any room left for fun. I can only get to the third inning before becoming totally bored. While the new effects are pretty spectacular, their novelty wears off in a hurry. This game is best suited for people who are looking for a serious, no-nonsense ball game.

Ratings: Brian - Britt
Graphics: 4 - 4
Sound & Music: 4 - 2
Fun Factor: 4 - 2
Game Play: 4 - 4
Length: 5 - 5
Overall: 4 - 3

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The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

How It Started

Labor Day



Today

For most of us, Labor Day is the last big splash of summer.



Kids and families enjoy the long Labor Day weekend before school really gets under way. There are picnics and trips to the beach. There are parades and fireworks and band concerts.

Today, most workers play on the special day set aside to honor them — Labor Day.

The first Labor Day



A newspaper's picture of the first Labor Day, held on Sept. 5, 1882.

Labor Day was started more than 100 years ago. It was started by workers who were struggling for many of the rights that our workers enjoy today.

The workers wanted to call attention to some of their problems. They also wanted to honor the hard work they did.

The first Labor Day celebration took place in 1882 in New York City. About 10,000 workers took part in a Labor Day parade. Many were members of labor unions. Unions are groups that work for better pay and working conditions.

Later there was a huge picnic and concert and speeches.

The father of Labor Day

There is some question as to who first came up with the idea for Labor Day. Two men are given credit. Both were active in the labor movement at that time.



Was it a carpenter?
Some say it was Peter J. McGuire. He became the founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.



Was it a machinist?
Some say it was another Irishman by the name of Matthew Maguire.

President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September a national holiday in 1894.

The Mini Page Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school.
For use with issue: Labor Day

Main idea: This issue is about Labor Day. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty. Ask the children to do the following:

1. Draw a picture of yourself working at a job you would like to have when you are grown.
2. Get another copy of this issue. Cut apart the different job squares. Mix them up, then find the matching squares in the other issue.
3. Look through the ads in your newspaper for pictures of things people might use in their jobs. (Some examples are a hammer, a pen or a stove.)
4. Look through your newspaper for pictures of people working. How many different types of jobs do you see pictured?
5. Find out on what days Labor Day falls for the next 10 years.
6. Discuss the following: Why is it important to honor people for the work they do? Do your parents work? If so, what do they do? What job would you like to have when you are grown? What skills and education will be necessary to have that job?

The Mini Page Dictionaries From A to Z Poster-Plus is ideal for classrooms or kids' bedrooms at 21 1/4" by 35" with information on both sides. To order, send check or money order only for \$2.50 plus the postage and handling fee copy to: Dictionaries From A to Z Poster-Plus, P.O. Box 618942, Kansas City, Mo. 64112. Make checks payable to Andrews and McMeel.

Go dot to dot and color.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHAT'S THE BEST TOOL TO USE WHEN BUILDING A PLAYGROUND?
A: A SERRANI!

WHAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY?
Q: Why did Batman buy so much birdseed?
A: To feed Robin!

Q: What did the duck say when he saw the ball coming?
A: "Duck!"

(All jokes sent in by Bobby, Andy and Jean Sorenson)

TRY 'N FIND OCCUPATIONS

Names of occupations are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: BANKER, AUTHOR, SECRETARY, ENGINEER, FIREMAN, ATHLETE, DOCTOR, REALTOR, SALESMAN, CLERK, NURSE, DENTIST, LIBRARIAN, CONDUCTOR, PILOT.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are in a Labor Day parade. See if you can find:

- bird
- hairbrush
- carrot
- lipstick
- comb
- number 2
- bucket
- kite
- word MINI
- letter C
- paintbrush
- exclamation mark
- lips

Help Wanted: Job Detectives!

What do you want to be when you grow up? You have years to decide, but it's a good idea to look around today.

Ask questions. Watch what workers do. Read about careers. Work hard to build your skills in school.

We group jobs that are alike into "clusters." Here is a guide to the different career clusters, and to some of the jobs in that group.

We have given you some questions to ask yourself to see if you might be interested in that field.

Become a job detective. Circle the jobs that interest you.

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YOU CAN MAKE IT!

Dear Jax,
Why do some puddles look like rainbows?
Meghan Banks
Oakville, Ontario

Dear Meghan,
What you're looking at is light bouncing off a thin layer of oil. I guess that means it's a polluted puddle.

The reason why is one of those *lightwaves* things. Light can behave like a wave, a rippled line. When it bounces off the top and the bottom of the oil layer, some waves cancel other waves out. What's left is different colors. They're called interference colors (in-tur-*FEAR*-ants).

The same thing happens with bubbles and with a special painting You Can make at home today.

SO WHAT:
The new size lightwaves bouncing off the puddle make new colors. The thickness of the oil film changes, and that changes the kind of interference, which changes the size of the new lightwaves. This means we get new and different colors all the time.

Lightwave bouncing off top of oil
Lightwave bouncing off bottom of oil
Top of oil film
Bottom of oil film

paint a rainbow picture

WHAT YOU NEED: Black construction paper - sink full of water - help from a grown-up - clear fingernail polish - patience

WHAT TO DO: Push the paper down 1 inch underwater. Let the water get nice and calm. Have your grown-up helper drip 2 or 3 drops of nail polish on top of the water. Lift the paper very, very slowly to the surface of the water.

Do NOT tilt the paper. Keep it flat. Lay this drippy mess down in the sunshine. When it's completely dry, you'll see a beautiful rainbow on the paper - but only when you look at it in the sunshine or a bright light. In dim light, it'll look like - well - a piece of black paper.

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Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels (KMBD, KPEL, KERA, etc.) and rows representing different time slots (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) with program titles and descriptions.

B.C. comic strip panels showing characters talking about age and appearance.

HI AND LOIS comic strip panels showing characters talking about a boy named Ryan Embree.

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GASOLINE ALLEY comic strip panels showing a character talking about mending fences.

WIZARD OF ID comic strip panels showing a character talking about a picture posted in a clock shop.

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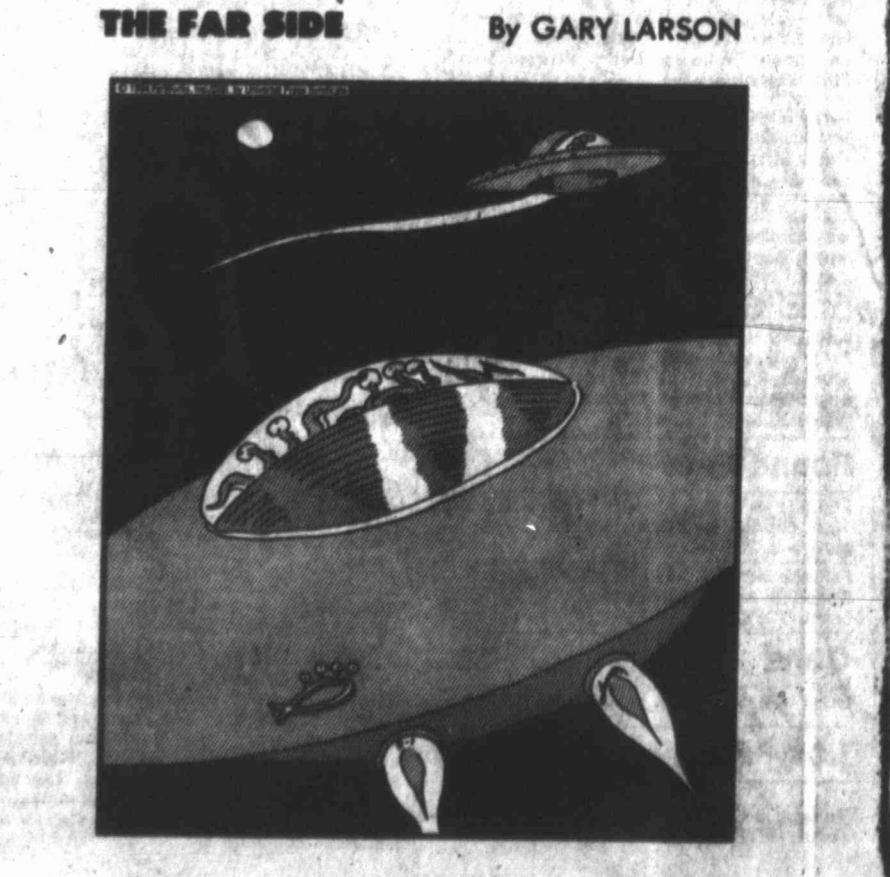
Today is Thursday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 1994. There are 121 days left in the year. Today's highlight in history: On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland...

In 1894, 100 years ago, a raging forest fire destroyed Hinckley, Minn., and about a dozen other towns, killing more than 400 people. In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada...

Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony had taken place. In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty...

Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace. Ten years ago: The astronauts aboard the shuttle Discovery launched their third commercial satellite in three days, sending Telstar Three into space...

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