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## Employees say farewell to Robert von Rosenberg

By MARY McATEER  
Staff Writer

Good-bye and good luck was the theme at Big Spring State Hospital's reception for retiring superintendent Robert von Rosenberg.

In honor of the occasion, Mayor Tim Blackshear proclaimed Monday to be Robert

von Rosenberg Day.

The Volunteer Services Council presented a portrait to be hung in the hospital, and von Rosenberg was given a plaque recognizing his years of service with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation by MHMR Commissioner Don Gilbert.

"I'm looking forward with

some apprehension, but I'm looking forward to it," von Rosenberg commented about his Aug. 31 retirement.

Von Rosenberg came to Big Spring State Hospital in 1963 as the hospital's vocational-rehabilitation counselor, after receiving his master's degree in psychology from the University of Texas.

In 1967, he became head of the alcohol and substance abuse program, a position he held until 1981, when he was appointed assistant superintendent.

Von Rosenberg served as acting superintendent upon A.K. Smith's retirement in January 1987 until he was appointed as superintendent in August 1987.

In October 1994, von Rosen-

berg received two Psycho-social Rehabilitation Superstar awards.

Von Rosenberg's wife, Sue, has worked in the quality oversight department of BSSH for 24 years and plans to retire in 1996. They have three grown children and one grandson. Von Rosenberg's retirement plans include

fishing, pursuing his lifelong hobby of painting watercolors and spending time with his grandson.

Officials at BSSH have been developing a pool of applicants for the superintendent's position, but have not hired a replacement for von Rosenberg yet.

## Howard Co. may escape armyworm

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Monday more than 125 area cotton producers gathered at the Howard County Fairgrounds to hear how to combat the beet armyworm.

The beet armyworm is already creating havoc in some areas of Texas and is responsible for the destruction of thousands of acres of cotton in Runnels, Tom Green, and Concho Counties and in other areas south of Howard County.

According to Dr. Charles Allen, extension entomologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the beet armyworm is positioning itself to become a real threat to the Texas cotton crop. Howard County, though, may not be hit the way areas around San Angelo have been simply because of how they spray for pests.

Allen said, "I think your chances are pretty good for escaping the beet armyworm. A key factor in attracting this pest is area-wide spraying, which is not done in Howard County."

If Howard County does see a beet armyworm problem, Allen said it would probably be within the next 10 days.

Another key factor is migration, which depends on wind patterns.

Howard County and its surrounding areas have approximately 3.5 million acres of cotton. The devastated areas in and around San Angelo total approximately 200,000 acres. This means the Howard County area, if attacked by the pest, has more of an area to spread the pest out, avoiding the same devastation.

Allen said, "If Howard County does experience a beet armyworm problem, I don't think it will be anywhere near what San Angelo has experienced."

According to Allen, dry weather and mild winters such as those West Texas has experienced have set up favorable conditions for beet armyworm population explosions. And, frequent early season insecticide applications may contribute to

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Howard Co. cotton is looking good this year but a new pest is threatening - the beet armyworm. The beet armyworm has laid waste to acres of cotton in San Angelo but spraying techniques in Howard County could prevent the pest from becoming bothersome here.

## Potent pesticide soon may be available to Concho Valley cotton farmers

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Cotton producers in the Concho Valley will soon be taking some heavy artillery into their battle against the beet armyworm.

Pirate, a potent pesticide that's believed to be the best weapon available for such a fight, likely will be available for farmers by Thursday or Friday, a Texas A&M University ento-

mologist said Monday.

"The company was making the product this weekend," said Rick Minzenmeyer of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center. "And they are making it as we speak."

About 60 West Texas cotton producers met Monday with officials at the center north of San Angelo to learn what they

can do to beat the beet armyworm.

The worm appeared in the Concho Valley cotton patch earlier this month and it proceeded to consume it at such an alarming rate, producers may not be able to save it, even with Pirate.

The pesticide will be used on acres not yet severely damaged by the pests.

Runnels, Tom Green, Concho and McCulloch counties are eligible to use Pirate, Minzenmeyer said.

But only enough chemical for 30,000 acres has been allowed by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

"I don't know if we will be

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## Weekend fight leaves man recovering from a stab wound

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring resident is recovering from a stab wound he suffered during a fight over the weekend.

Michael Vanderbilt, 20, was reportedly stabbed in the back by Jason Threats, 17, at Northcrest Apartments around 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

Police reports indicate the two men were fighting and Threats allegedly pulled a

knife and stabbed Vanderbilt once, puncturing his lung.

Hospital officials say Vanderbilt was discharged from Scenic Mountain Medical Center sometime Monday. Threats has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and is out on a \$7,000 bond.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon is a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

## Forsan considering co-op for alternative school rule

By MARY McATEER  
Staff Writer

FORSAN - The Senate Bill One mandated alternative education program was on the minds and agenda of Forsan school board members Aug. 14.

Under SB1, local school districts are required to have an alternative education program for disruptive students. Forsan School Superintendent George White said students are automatically placed in alternative education programs for committing a felony on school property, possessing or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs on school property, assault, lewd conduct or repeated severely disruptive behavior in the classroom.

Forsan ISD has an agreement with Big Spring Independent School District to place students in Big Spring's alternative education program, but space is limited. Officials have been

developing a cooperative agreement among Forsan, Coahoma, Grady, Stanton, Glasscock County, and Greenwood school districts for an alternative education program to be located in Stanton.

The board also set criteria for membership on SB1-mandated site-based decision-making committees.

Campus committees will consist of one principal; four teachers, to be selected by a vote of the teachers; two parents, to be selected at parent-teacher organization meetings; one community leader, who must be an individual living in the community who does not have children attending school in the community; and one business person, who must be the owner or chief executive officer of a local business.

At the elementary campus, one parent will be the president of the parent-teacher organiza-

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## Two sexual assaults investigated

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

Big Spring police detectives are investigating two separate incidents of aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child.

Public Information Officer Sgt. Victor Brake says the aggravated sexual assault was reported to police Monday afternoon and involves a male victim who is now 17 years of age.

Brake explained, "This has reportedly been taking place

over the past 12 years and began when the victim was five. The suspect is known to him and is a female between the ages of 25 and 30."

These incidents occurred on the east side of Big Spring as well as in Sweetwater.

Indecency with a child was also reported Monday afternoon on the east side of town. Brake says the suspect is a 17-year-old male and the two victims are 12. No further information on this case was immediately available.

**Texas Trivia**

Maintaining the heritage of early Texas music, what event is held each spring in Llano?

Llano Old Time Fiddlers Festival

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**WORLD/NATION**

**Nation:** A survivor of a fiery commuter plane crash says he owes his life to the pilot, who was killed after maneuvering over houses, trees and power lines to the relative safety of a hayfield. See page 5.

**STATE**

**All aboard**

The Army turned to commercial airlines today to airlift about 1,300 soldiers from Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry Division to military exercises in the Middle East as a deterrent to Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein. See page 3.

**Survival chances slim**

The medical staff seeking to surgically separate twin baby girls joined at the head said survival chances were slim for one if not both of the infants. See page 3.

**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**Tonight**

95 **▲** Highs **68**  
Lows **▼**

**Partly cloudy**

Tonight, partly cloudy early becoming mostly clear by mid-night, low upper 60s, east winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Wednesday**

**Panhandle Basin Forecast**

Wednesday: Sunny becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon, high mid 80s, east winds 5 to 15 mph; partly cloudy night, low upper 60s.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high mid 80s, east winds; fair night, low upper 60s.





WORLD

EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"If we would guide by the light of reason, we must let our minds be bold."

Louise D. Brandeis, Supreme Court Justice, 1932

Humane Society can always use donations of time, money

Lisa Davis, who left a nursing job with Best Home Care to head the shelter, has many good ideas that will build upon the fine work of Bettie...

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tions of time - more volunteers to help clean the shelter, feed and water the animals, and handle other various tasks.



Negotiations to continue

Bus bomb kills five, injures 100

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli leaders pledged to press on in peace talks with Palestinians after a pause to bury the victims of the latest suicide bombing. "Even without the peace process, there would be suicide attackers and acts of terrorism," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Israel Television on Monday.



Associated Press photo

An Israeli police forensic expert searches for clues inside the twisted wreckage of a Jerusalem bus Monday.

Among the dead were a man and woman whose mutilated bodies were still unidentified today. Police Chief Ariel Amit said the condition of the woman's body suggested she could have been holding the TNT bomb.

Joan Davenny, a Hebrew school teacher from Woodbridge, Conn., Rivka Cohen, a 26-year-old Israeli, and Noam Eizenman, an Israeli policeman.

government will pay for the war declared against Islam and Muslims."

Hamas, which opposes the peace talks, has demanded a complete Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including all settlements, and a bigger role for itself in representing Palestinians.

Rwandan refugees marched out of Zaire

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — Soldiers marched an estimated 11,000 Rwandans toward their homeland today as Zaire ignored international protests and stepped up the forced repatriation of refugees camped out along its eastern border. As many as 60,000 other refugees have fled the camps into surrounding hills to avoid being sent home.

In a leaflet issued in Syria, Hamas said: "The Israeli government will pay for the war declared against Islam and Muslims."

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Volcano blows its top; island residents evacuated

PLYMOUTH, Montserrat (AP) — The government ordered the evacuation of Plymouth, the capital, and more than half of this Caribbean island's residents Monday after the biggest volcanic eruption in a month of tremors. Frank Savage, governor of this British colony, ordered the evacuation of residents in the south, southwest and east in a late-afternoon radio broadcast.

OVERHAULING TAXES

Easy to say but much harder to get done

WALTER R. MEARS Special Correspondent

AP NEWS ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jimmy Carter used to heft volumes of the federal tax laws as he campaigned for a rewrite of a system he felt was a disgrace to the nation's race. That was two decades ago, and it hasn't happened yet. Now there's another push on, with powerful backing in the Republican Congress, this time to a flat tax to replace the current income tax system.

tem would bring economic growth, lower interest rates, and savings that would offset any negative impact. The American Enterprise, a journal published by the institute that that name, tracks the income tax system back to Abraham Lincoln and a Civil War levy of 3 percent on incomes over \$600 a year that continued, with variations, until 1872.

the House and the Senate to increase the rate, change the income level above which it would apply, or restore the kind of tax breaks written into the current system. Under that proposal, a couple would pay the 17 percent tax on earnings or pensions above \$22,700 a year, the threshold increased by \$5,300 for each child in the family. For a single person, the tax would apply above \$11,350 a year.

Bosnia, U.N. spatting about pledges as Gorazde evacuated

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The Bosnian government and the United Nations are clashing over U.N. pledges to protect Gorazde even as it withdraws peacekeepers from the "safe area." Angered by a Serb shell that killed three children in the Muslim enclave on Sunday, Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey on Monday accused the United Nations and NATO of "a further betrayal of your commitments."

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under way, to be followed by the withdrawal of British U.N. troops. U.N. officials in Sarajevo said Monday they would likely be replaced by 50 unarmed military monitors. The move seems designed in part to reduce the numbers of U.N. personnel the Serbs could seize if they again feel threatened by NATO — they detained hundreds of peacekeepers in May after airstrikes.

Big Spring Tuesday

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# JUST STANDING BY

## Onlookers watch as woman beaten, forced off bridge



Emergency and law enforcement officials examine the Atlantic Southwest Airlines flight 529 after it had engine trouble and crashed Monday in Carrollton, Ga. The commuter plane, en route from Atlanta to Gulfport, Miss., crashed into a hay field, broke into two burning pieces, killing two and injuring 27, some of whom fled with their clothes ablaze.

DETROIT (AP) — Dortha Word condemns the people who watched as her daughter was attacked and then plunged off a bridge to her death as being "guilty as the ones that did it." Dozens of onlookers gathered, and some cheered, as three men pulled Deletha Word from her car, ripped off her clothes and chased her until she either jumped from or was forced off the Belle Isle bridge.

None of the 40 or so passersby tried to help the 33-year-old woman during the confrontation, said Sgt. John Morel. Three suspects have been arrested.

"I can just feel it," Dortha Word said Monday, crying into her hands, pictures of her family filling the walls of her home. "My baby was down there all by herself. I know she was scared to death."

Belle Isle, a popular island park in the Detroit River between Michigan and Canada, was packed with people early Saturday morning.

Trouble started around 3 a.m., Morel said, when Word was involved in two minor traffic accidents. A car with three men inside chased her onto the

bridge connecting the island to Detroit and rammed her car, forcing her to stop.

One of the men smashed her car with a crowbar and pulled her from the car, ripping off some of her clothes, said Cmdr. Gerald Stewart. The man pushed her against the car and beat her, he said.

When Word tried to run, police said the man with the crowbar chased her. What happened after that is unclear.

Mrs. Word was sure her daughter was forced into the river.

"They ... made her leap over that bridge and beat her hands. She was holding onto the bridge, and beat her hands away from that banister," she sobbed, citing an account she said police gave her.

Word's cousin Carol Neely said Word would have never jumped because she did not know how to swim.

Lawrence Walker, 21, was in the bumper-to-bumper traffic that had formed on the bridge when he noticed a crowd running to the edge. He got out of his car and followed, and when Word went over the railing, he jumped into the river after her.

Word moved away from him in the water and he quickly lost sight of her. He said afterward that she may have thought he was one of the attackers.

"It seemed like people didn't care," Walker said, noting that when he ran up, some of the onlookers were laughing about the attack.

Word's body, missing one leg, was found miles downstream late Saturday morning. It had been spotted by two boaters.

Police arrested two 20-year-olds and a 19-year-old on Sunday with help from witness tips, said Lt. Billy Jackson. Charges against the men were expected today.

Friends and relatives described Word, who had a 13-year-old daughter and worked at a grocery store while earning a bachelor's degree in marketing, as ambitious, quiet and popular. Mostly, they said, she loved to help others.

"If she had been on that bridge, and somebody was beating somebody, she wouldn't have stood and watched," Dortha Word said. "She would have helped them. She might have got hurt trying but she would have helped."

# Survivor commends dead pilot for bringing plane down in field

CARROLLTON, Ga. (AP) — A survivor of a fiery commuter plane crash says he owes his life to the pilot, who was killed after maneuvering over houses, trees and power lines to the relative safety of a hayfield.

Pilot Ed Gannaway and four other people died after the Atlantic Southeast Airlines turboprop apparently blew an engine Monday, then plowed across the small green field and broke into three large pieces. But the 24 other people aboard the plane survived.

"The pilot seemed to do an outstanding job of bringing that plane down as best he could and I think that's what saved most of us," said passenger Chuck Pfisterer.

"He missed the wires and landing on the houses, and found an opening," said Frances Boone, who lives near the crash site. He "had to be a marvelous pilot."

The plane left a scarred path in the hayfield, indicating it barely cleared trees before hitting the ground. Some of the passengers fled the wreckage with their clothes ablaze.

There were 26 passengers on the flight from Atlanta to Gulfport, Miss. One was dead at the scene, a married couple died later at separate hospitals, and a fourth passenger died today. At

least eight people were in critical condition today at burn centers.

Passenger Kevin Bubler of Waterboro, Maine, said he found himself hanging upside down after the crash.

"My clothes caught fire. It must have been the fuel because my one pants leg was burning and I couldn't put it out. I was trying to take off my shoes and my pants."

"There were other people who were worse. They were totally engulfed (in flames)," said Bubler, 37.

Polona Jeter, who lives nearby, said she saw the front of the plane "rolling and tumbling and on fire" as the aircraft came apart.

"I could see about 10 people getting out," she said. "Some were burning. They were running. People were trying to get them down and get it out."

One injured man arrived on her front porch and used the phone to leave a message for his wife in Maine. "His clothes were burned off. His undershorts were all that was left," she said. "The skin just rolled off his body."

The Brazilian-made Embraer 120 two-engine turboprop was about 15 minutes into its 362-mile flight when the pilot radioed he was having engine

problems, said Christy Williams, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman.

The pilot may have been trying to land at West Georgia Regional Airport, six to eight miles from the crash site about five miles from Carrollton, Williams said. The weather was cloudy and rainy.

The cause of the crash was under investigation. The National Transportation Safety Board assembled a team to investigate; team members met this morning at a Carrollton motel in preparation for a trip to the crash site.

Passenger John Tweedy of Gaithersburg, Md., said he heard a loud bang, then "looked out the window and there was no propeller there. The whole engine just sort of came apart."

Tweedy, who suffered only a bruised forehead and cut hand, said passengers were told the plane could fly with only one engine and would return to Atlanta.

"I could see the ground, they got us into the (crash) position, and I thought, 'I don't think we're in Atlanta yet,'" Tweedy said from his bed at a Carrollton hospital.

The Atlanta-based airline passed an extensive FAA inspection in May, said President John Beiser.

# 'O.J.' on child support check seen as threat to mother

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A state appeals court has upheld a five-day jail sentence for a man who scribbled a reference to O.J. Simpson on child-support checks to his estranged wife.

Superior Court Judge Helen Hoens concluded last year that the letters "O.J." on the memo line of two child-support checks were written by Glenn Ettman and were sufficient to be seen as a threat to his wife, Frances

Ettman.

Hoens concluded that the initials violated a court order for Ettman to refrain from threatening his wife, and sentenced him to five days in jail, one year on probation and a \$250 fine.

In a decision issued Monday, the appeals court said it found no glaring flaws in Hoens' judgment.

"Based on the history of a particular couple, that simple nota-

tion may have been all that was necessary to communicate a threat to kill or cause physical harm," the two-judge panel wrote.

# Judge swift in signing Microsoft antitrust agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson carried a pen into court with Microsoft Corp. and the Justice Department — it took him just 17 minutes to use it.

At the end of a swift hearing Monday, the judge approved an agreement the software company made with antitrust regulators in July 1994 to eliminate sales incentives that were anti-competitive.

His order ended a review pro-

cess made tumultuous by another federal judge who rejected the deal and an appeals court that overturned that ruling.

Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, as he did when the agreement was first made, said Monday it would have little effect on the company's operations.

"We said we were happy when we signed the settlement with the Department of Justice," Gates said on CNN's "Larry

King Live." "It's just kind of unusual that it took about a year before it was officially entered."

But the software company remains under government scrutiny for its decision to include a way to access its new on-line service in Windows 95, the new version of its top product, Windows, with the operating system that runs basic functions of a personal computer.

# U.S. continues peace efforts in Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a show of resolve after the deaths of three American diplomats, U.S. negotiators are going back to Europe for a quick resumption of the effort to set up peace talks for Bosnia.

Strategy and selection of replacements are on the agenda for a White House meeting today of President Clinton's senior foreign policy advisers. Officials said Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke and a revised team could be back by the end of the week.

They would either go directly to the Balkans to resume separate talks with Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian leaders, or stop first in Western Europe for new consultations with allied governments, including Britain and France.

"The effort to bring peace to Bosnia will continue," Secretary of State Warren Christopher pledged Monday on the steaming tarmac of Andrews Air Force Base as he eulogized chief U.S. negotiator Robert Frasure, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Joseph Kruzel and Samuel Nelson Drew, an Air Force colonel.

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Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman looks for a receiver during the first quarter of the Cowboys' exhibition game in Denver Monday night.

## Dallas' defense porous in 20-17 loss to Denver

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos' new offense is a lot like the old one — possessing plenty of firepower. Last year's porous defense, however, has yet to prove it has improved.

In their fourth preseason game — the first in which they worked from a game plan — the Broncos generated 455 yards, a preseason high in the NFL this season, and beat the Dallas Cowboys 20-17 Monday night.

Denver (3-1) had 233 yards at the half against the Cowboys' defense, No. 1 in the NFL last year.

Denver's first-string defense, on the other hand, yielded 237 yards in the first half, and Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin hooked up almost at will. Irvin, finding gaping holes in the sec-

ondary, hauled in six passes for 135 yards and two touchdowns in the half, then sat out the second half, as did Aikman.

The Aikman-to-Irvin combination helped stake Dallas (1-3) to a 17-10 halftime lead.

Denver reserve quarterback Bill Musgrave outdueled his counterpart, Wade Wilson, in the second half.

Musgrave, battling Hugh Miller for the No. 2 spot behind John Elway, completed 14 of 23 passes for 155 yards, including a third-quarter touchdown pass to tight end Jerry Evans.

Rookie Terrell Davis helped the Broncos maintain ball control, carrying 10 times for 73 yards, including a 38-yard romp in the fourth quarter.

"This kind of game makes our job very difficult," Denver

coach Mike Shanahan said, referring to today's mandatory NFL cutdown to 60 players. "We've got 80 guys who have really been committed. It's the best group I've been around. It appears there are some players who made the team tonight based on what we saw."

"One game is not the final test, but Bill didn't hurt himself. We have two excellent backup quarterbacks."

Musgrave's 1-yard TD throw to Evans produced a 17-17 tie, and Jason Elam's 27-yard field goal with 9:37 left accounted for the difference.

Aikman and Elway, who both played only the first half with the other starters, had identical 12-for-17 passing statistics, with Aikman throwing for 194 yards and Elway for 165.

## Oilers owner not a Bud to Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Maybe Bud Adams would find more friends in Nashville, Tenn. A new poll shows the Houston Oilers owner has had little luck in his team's hometown.

Seventy-five percent of Harris County residents say they have an unfavorable opinion of Adams, according to a poll published Monday in the Houston Chronicle.

The poll of 428 adults interviewed by telephone Thursday and Friday found 18 percent with a neutral opinion and 7 percent who have a favorable opinion of Adams. The margin of error was 5 percent.

An image problem is nothing new for Adams, who founded the Oilers 36 years ago as one of two original American Football League franchises.

But public opinion for the oilman has spiraled downward since his most recent push for a new \$235 million downtown dome funded mostly by taxpayers. Adams has said he will take the franchise elsewhere if



Houston Oilers' fans hold a sign expressing their view on team owner Bud Adams. Adams has threatened to move the team if Houston doesn't build a new domed stadium.

his demand is not met and has negotiated to move the Oilers to Nashville.

Oilers spokesman Dave Pearson said Monday that neither Adams nor the team had any comment on the unflattering study.

The poll, conducted by Mason-Dixon Political/Media Research Inc. for the Chronicle and television station KPRC, found that 58 percent of area

residents oppose spending public money to keep the Oilers, even if that did not involve a tax hike.

Thirty percent said they would support the spending of public money, while 12 percent were undecided.

When asked whether they'd support spending public money to attract another NFL franchise if the Oilers leave for Nashville, 41 percent said they would. Another 41 percent said

they would oppose that, while 18 percent were undecided.

According to the poll, Adams might be his own worst enemy. Sixty-eight percent of those polled said Adams was the Oilers' biggest liability.

"It's obvious that the Oilers could make a stronger case for a new stadium if Adams was not the owner," said pollster Brad Coker. "The key is animosity toward Adams."

## Lady Steers open season against Greenwood today

By DARRELL ERICSON  
Sports writer

With only three days of two-a-days and two days of regular practice the Lady Steers' volleyball team feels ready to improve on last year's performance.

"They'll get their chance soon enough. The Lady Steers open the 1988 season today at Greenwood. Big Spring's first home game is next Tuesday at 5 p.m. against Denver City."

Despite the shortage of practice time, the team shows a great deal of potential, Assistant Coach Cheryl Tannehill said.

She noted how the intensity level of the girls appears improved from last year. Coach Tannehill added that, with the shortage of practice time, it is important for the Lady Steers to get off to a good start.

The varsity team is made up of 12 players: six seniors, three juniors, and three sophomores. Tannehill said the variety of the players is going to allow for a more versatile team that is able to perform all duties.

Tannehill stated the girls started out positive and are excited about playing.

With returning players, Mandy Morrow, Natalie Newsom, Molly Smith, and Tasha Wilbert the Lady Steers should have plenty of leadership. The team is showing a tremendous effort in order to achieve their main goal, which is to improve every day, Head Coach Traci Pierce said.

"We are ready to learn and ready to play," Pierce said. "We are going to surprise some peo-

ple this year."

Third-year returning senior Molly Smith said the team is coming together very well. "We used the shortage of time wisely and we started out seriously. We want to win and we are all giving a 110 percent."

Smith said the team did good at the scrimmage against Greenwood Saturday. "We came out as a team and played really well, with everybody hustling after the ball."

Coach Pierce said the team will rely heavily on its senior leadership.

The girls have worked really hard and have shown a lot of enthusiasm, Pierce said. "The potential is there, we just have to learn to unleash it."

Pierce said that the team's main goal is to improve every day — and it is meeting that goal, she added.

The lack of practice time may work toward the Lady Steers' advantage.

"It allows the girls to become more focused and makes them aware of the little amount of time there is to get prepared," coach Pierce said.

Pierce said the team's main concern "is to get ready for district and to show that the Lady Steers are capable of competing." The team is going to use the pre-district games as a learning period; to learn how to adapt and play as a team.

Pierce, who has missed time with the team because of the recent birth of her daughter, said team unity and intensity is way above normal, considering the circumstances, and she looks forward to returning to the courts to see the work the team has done.

The Lady Steers open district play Sept. 16 in Fort Stockton. With three pre-district tournaments and three pre-district games ahead of them, the Ladies have three weeks to come together as a team and learn how to adapt.



SMITH

## California, Taiwan team again look tough

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — With 21 of the last 34 Little League World Series championships between them, teams from California and Taiwan are often cast as favorites, and it's no different this year.

Yorba Linda, Calif., displayed an explosive offense in a 17-5 victory over Arden Hills, Minn., Monday night, while Taiwan used a flawless defense and a hard-throwing pitcher to defeat the Dominican Republic 5-1.

In other games, Saudi Arabia beat Canada 5-4 and Spring, Texas, downed Toms River, N.J., 11-10.

Yorba Linda scored five runs in the first inning and had an

### LITTLE LEAGUE

8-0 lead before Arden Hills got its first hit in the fourth inning.

Manager Ray Watson then put in five subs, and Arden Hills closed to 8-5.

"I wanted to make sure all our kids got a shot at playing some innings," Watson said. "Maybe I subbed a few too many players at once."

Yorba Linda destroyed Arden Hills' comeback hopes with a six-run fifth inning that included a two-run homer by Roger Nesbitt. Nash Robertson led Yorba Linda with four RBIs.

Taiwan's Chia Ming Cheng,

his fastball clocked at 78 mph, pitched a seven-hitter and struck out 11. Taiwan played an errorless game, rare for 11- and 12-year-olds.

Last year, an uncharacteristically sloppy team from Taiwan lost to eventual champion Venezuela.

"Last year's team did not play as well defensively as we expect from a Taipei team," manager Tzyy-Tsan Wang said. "This team is better in the field."

Wang said the Dominican Republic is the toughest team his squad will face.

In the U.S. bracket, Spring came back to win in its final at-bat after giving up a three-run

lead on a sixth-inning grand slam.

"We hoped the game would already be over, but these guys never doubted," manager Don Turley said after his team came back and scored the winning run on a wild pitch in the bottom of the sixth.

Toms River trailed Spring 9-6 in the top of the sixth with the bases loaded when Chris Cerullo hit a line drive over the left-field fence to make it 10-9.

Before giving up the grand slam, reliever Kyle Foster, a 4-foot-9, 87-pounder who emulates Will Clark, knocked in five runs, including a three-run homer.

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### SHOT OF THE DAY



Happy days  
Wardell Starling III of Spring, Texas leaps in the air as he crosses home plate with the winning run at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. Spring defeated Toms River N.J., 11-10.

### TEXAS SPORTS

#### UT to name new coach

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian track coach Bubba Thornton will be named to the same post at the University of Texas, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

Although neither Thornton nor the UT official leading the search could immediately be reached for comment, the newspaper said several sources at both schools expected the hiring.

A Texas sports information official said the school has tentatively scheduled a news conference for 7:30 p.m. in Austin to announce the new coach.

The position cannot officially be offered until the end of the business day, because the job posting period must remain open until 5 p.m. today.

Thornton, who has been at TCU for 13 years, would replace Stan Hunterman.

### NATION/WORLD

#### Fregosi to return

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jim Fregosi will return as Philadelphia Phillies manager next season.

Fregosi's future was in question after the Phillies plummeted from a 37-18 record and five-game lead in the NL East on June 25 to their present 55-53 record, 13 games behind Atlanta.

#### Mesa honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Cleveland closer Jose Mesa, who broke the major league record for consecutive saves in a season, was chosen AL player of the week.

By preserving the Indians' 8-5 victory Sunday, Mesa registered his 37th straight save, breaking the previous record set by Dennis Eckersley in 1992.

### ON THE AIR

#### Golf

Fred Meyer Challenge, 3:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

#### Baseball

Major League  
Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).  
Minnesota at Texas, 7 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).









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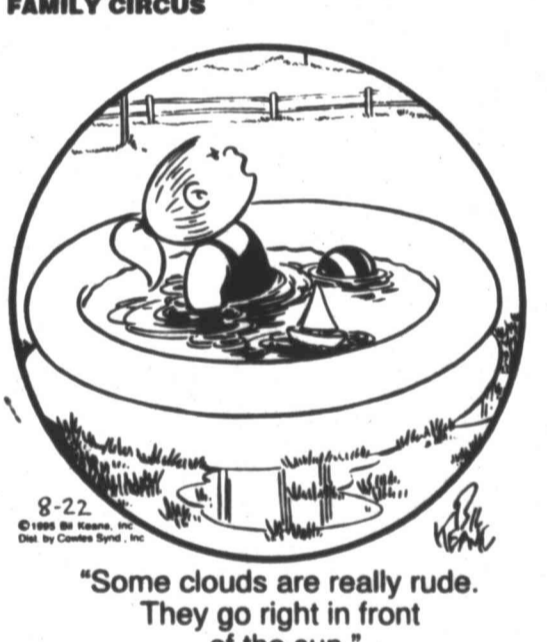


RITZ advertisement listing movie times and prices for various films like 'Clueless' and 'Mortal Combat'.

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THE Daily Crossword by William Canine

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 1995. There are 131 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 22, 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses.

annexed New Mexico. In 1851, the schooner Aurora off the English coast to win a trophy that became known as the America's Cup. In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. chief executive to ride in an automobile, in Hartford, Conn.

In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.) Ten years ago: Fifty-five people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airways charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.

One year ago: Ernesto Zedillo, candidate of the party that has ruled Mexico for 65 years, declared victory a day after presidential elections that his leading opponents charged were unfair. Today's Birthdays: Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping is 91. Author Ray Bradbury is 75.

Big Spring Herald advertisement including contact information, office hours, and a list of staff members like Charles C. Williams and Don Turner.

