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Officials estimate nearly 14,000 eligible for Sept. 14 school bond election

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

County officials estimate that close to 14,000 people will be eligible to vote in the Sept. 14 school bond election.

Voter registration for the bond election ended Thursday, and a spokesperson at the county tax office said that final registration numbers would not be available until late Monday, pending receipt of last-minute registration by mail.

However, the spokesperson said she figures final totals to easily exceed the 13,420 people who had registered for

the election as of July 30.

If approved by voters, the \$12.5 million bond would be used to construct a new junior high school at the site of the old Boydston Elementary on East Sixth Street. Also, money would be used to provide central air-conditioning at seven Big Spring campuses.

Local school officials plan to move eighth-graders - currently at Runnels Junior High - and seventh-graders - currently at Goliad Middle School - to the new building. Goliad would house all the district's sixth-graders and students currently enrolled at College Heights Elementary.

School officials say that the current Runnels building will not be demolished, but will be used for storage purposes.

This will be the district's second stab at a bond election to construct a new junior high school. Voters turned down an \$11.745 million bond issue in 1991. Fewer than 4,000 persons voted in that election, which was decided by a margin of 499 votes.

Steve Fraser, who heads Action to Build for our Children - which supports the bond issue - said that the Runnels building - built in 1917 - has outlived its usefulness and is a poten-

tial fire and safety hazard to students.

"Safety is as much a factor in this election as anything else," Fraser said earlier this month. "We've had consultants inspect the building and tell us it has about five years of life left in it. The substructure of the building is in trouble."

Bond opponents dispute that claim, but say that even if it is true, there are other alternatives available short of constructing a new building.

"(The bond issue) would just raise our taxes for something that's totally unnecessary," said Leslie Lloyd, a local landlord who is spearheading efforts

against the bond. "A facility already exists that could house the eighth-graders, and that's at the high school... The students would have to be segregated, but it can be done."

A 12.5 cent increase per \$100 valuation in the school tax rate, required to retire the bond, would increase taxes on a \$40,000 home by \$3.64 a month. Owners of \$100,000 homes would see their taxes increase by \$10.41 a month.

Fraser said even if a person's holdings are worth \$1 million, their tax bill would increase by about \$3.40 a day - or comparable to the cost of a hamburger and french fries.

Police investigating State Street shooting that leaves one dead, sends three to ER

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

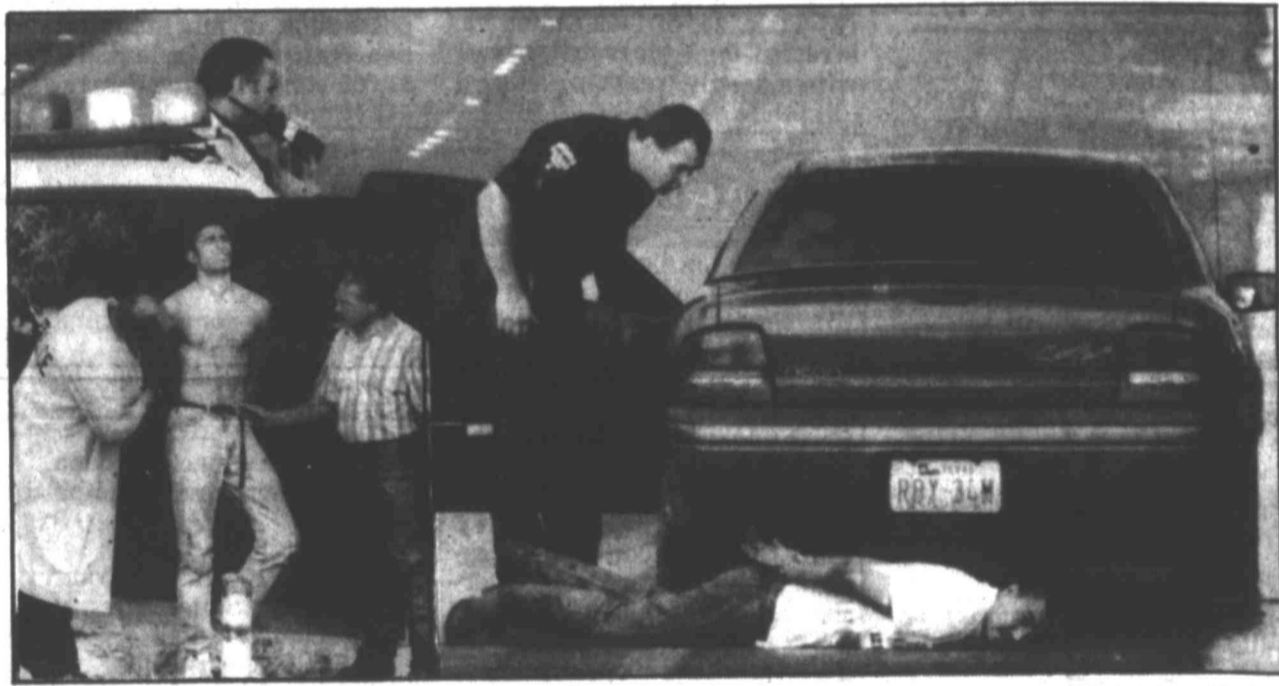
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One man is dead and three others were treated for gunshot wounds after a domestic disturbance turned deadly Saturday evening. Two men have

been charged with murder in connection with the death.

Around 5 p.m., the Big Spring Police Department and three ambulance units responded to 406 State St. in reference to multiple gunshot victims. Upon arriving at the scene, emergen-

cy personnel found three male victims suffering from gunshot wounds. A female victim, Sueann Ramirez, was already en route to Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room in a personal vehicle, reportedly with a gunshot wound to the shoulder.



Ruben Rojas Sr. (upper right photo) sits covered with blood on the front porch of his house while his wife, Pam Moore, looks on as paramedics attempt to save her ex-husband, Ramiro Ramirez Sr. Ramirez died from gunshot wounds sustained in an altercation at the residence. In the inset photo, Andrew Ramirez (middle) grimaces after being shot in the right side while officer Lance Telchik (left) and an unidentified firefighter check his wounds. Tony Torres (above) is handcuffed after his vehicle was stopped in the vicinity of the shooting by Officer Wayne Wright and Cpl. Robert Fitzgibbons (far left).



Ramiro Ramirez Sr., 48, died from gunshot wounds he sustained during the fight.

Sgt. Victor Brake said, "It was a domestic situation and it turned into shots being fired between two groups. None of the other three victims were hurt seriously. One of the victims was treated and released and has been down here giving a statement." He added there were suspects and witnesses

also being questioned about the incident at the police department.

In an exclusive interview with the Herald, Pam Moore said Ramirez was her ex-husband and "we were barbecuing, listening to music and he just walked in and started hitting me. He slapped my face and followed me into the kitchen. He kept hitting me. He had no right being there. My husband

(Ruben Rojas Sr.) was in the shower and came out of the bathroom and he (Ramirez) kept hitting him. He was pushing him over the baby bed so I reached under the bed for the gun and fired it into the ceiling three or four times to scare them."

Moore then said the fighting continued and her husband shot Ramirez once as he stood

Two-year-old case involving deaths of two women moving slowly through system

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A two-year-old case involving the deaths of two local women is slowly making its way toward a possible date with the grand jury.

Local law enforcement officials say they have a suspect in the deaths of Amelia Fuentes and her daughter, Rebecca Acosta - who both died under similar circumstances within six months of each other in 1995 - but added the case is still in the information-gathering stage. Officials concede the case is not ready to present to a grand jury.

The investigation began when Acosta died from blunt

force trauma to her head Nov. 20, 1995. She had been found unconscious at her home on Elm Street the previous day, and died within 24 hours of being admitted to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Following an autopsy, her death was ruled a homicide a week later.

Under the urging of family members, authorities exhumed the body of Acosta's mother in February of the following year.

Fuentes' death on May 27, 1995 had initially been ruled from natural causes, but a post-exhumation autopsy found that Fuentes' death was a result of blunt force trauma to the head and was ruled a

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Herald survey, series address teen pregnancy

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Statistics show 50 teenage girls living in Howard County between the ages of 13 and 17 got pregnant in 1995. Of those, 38 delivered a child and 12 received an abortion.

Information from Planned Parenthood indicates there were 1,148 females living in Howard County between the ages of 13 and 17. This means one in about 23 Howard County teens were pregnant at some point last year.

Planned Parenthood's West Texas region of 30 counties was slightly above the state average in birth rate among teens. The state average was 41.2 while the region rate was 41.4 - including 886 teen pregnancies with 732 live births, 150 abortions and six fetal deaths.

The staff of the Big Spring Herald will begin a week-long series on teen pregnancy and sex education on Sunday, Sept. 1.

Some of the topics will include the results from the survey published in today's edition; surveys conducted with students in grades six through 12 and additional statistics on teen pregnancy along with stories about residents who do and do not support having sex education in

Big Spring Herald survey on:

Sex Education and Teen Pregnancy

1. Should there be "sex education" in Big Spring Independent School District classrooms? No ___ Yes ___
2. If so, at what grade level should it begin? Sex education should begin in the ___ grade.
3. If sex education should not be in BSISD classrooms, what is your solution for combatting the high teen pregnancy rate in this area?
4. Do you feel there is a direct correlation between not having sex education in school and a high teenage pregnancy rate? No ___ Yes ___
5. What is your definition of "sex education?"
6. Should birth control be incorporated into a sex education curriculum? No ___ Yes ___
7. Should condoms be distributed on school campuses? No ___ Yes ___ If yes, at what school level? Elementary ___ Middle school ___ Junior high ___ High school ___
8. Is it realistic today to teach abstinence as part of a sex education curriculum? No ___ Yes ___
9. What do you think is the main reason contributing to such high local, state and national teenage pregnancy rates?
10. Are we doing a disservice to our teens by not fully educating them on the subject of sex and the consequences of becoming sexually active at an early age? No ___ Yes ___
11. Putting public opinion and moral issues aside, would you or do you want your teenage child exposed to a comprehensive sex education curriculum? Yes, I would ___ No, I would not ___

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TODAY'S WEATHER

95 ▲ Highs 65
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Partly cloudy today and Monday, high in mid-90s. Fair nights, lows near 65. Tuesday-Thursday, partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms.



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Rankin ISD votes to fight LULAC

RANKIN (AP) — A West Texas school district's administrators vow to fight a lawsuit filed by a Hispanic civil rights group over the election of school board members.

The Rankin Independent School District Board has seven members, but no minority representation.

However, administrators said that does not mean the district discriminates against minority students, as the League of United Latin American Citizens has contended.

"We have not discriminated against our children and have not violated the constitutional rights of our community," said Rankin ISD Board President Joe Loftin.

"We feel there are no grounds for (LULAC) to sue us," he said. "We have addressed the needs

of all our children and the specialized needs of our minority community."

In its lawsuit, LULAC contends the way Rankin elects its trustees violates the civil rights of minorities, because it "unlawfully dilutes the voting strength of minority voters."

San Antonio attorney Rolando Rios said that if seven, single-member districts were drawn in Rankin, at least one — possibly two — minority districts would be created.

A federal judge in May determined that Roscoe ISD did not discriminate against Hispanics by the way it elected at-large board members from the community, rather than have community districts each choose a candidate.

Kent said on Friday the board members decided at their Tues-

day night meeting to defend the lawsuit, one of several brought by LULAC officials.

"The decision was made by the board to defend the constitutional rights of the children, parents, patrons and taxpayers of the district," he said.

Rankin is 118 miles west of San Angelo.

District officials hired David Frishman of Katy to represent them in the lawsuit, as well as a partner attorney Bernard Brooks. Frishman recently was successful in defending the Roscoe school district in a similar suit.

Rios has been successful recently in reaching settlements with the Big Spring Independent School District as well as Howard County. He has also threatened to file a lawsuit against the Glasscock ISD.

Choke Canyon Lake closed after bomb threat

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A South Texas lake has been closed through the weekend after officials learned that someone had threatened to bomb the dam.

All boat ramps to Choke Canyon Lake were barricaded on Wednesday, cutting off vehicle traffic to the Three Rivers Dam, about 70 miles northwest of Corpus Christi.

Some day-use areas around the 26,000-acre lake, away from the dam, will remain open.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said they took the action after officials "learned of a remark made by an individual threatening to bomb the Choke Canyon dam."

The City of Corpus Christi and TPWD officials decided dur-

ing a Friday meeting to continue security precautions through the weekend.

The threat followed the Corpus Christi City Council's tentative vote Tuesday to curtail releases of water from Choke Canyon Lake to Lake Corpus Christi as a water conservation measure during the ongoing drought.

The council vote has angered some people with property on Lake Corpus Christi, Assistant City Manager Carl Crull said.

"A city staff person came to me (Wednesday) and said I got this from somebody else who got it from somebody else, but it sounded serious enough," Crull said.

Crull said the FBI was contacted about the threat.

"Our staff inspected the dam and didn't find anything. We took heightened security measures," Crull said.

The dam is being patrolled at night, he said.

Choke Canyon Lake is surrounded by the Choke Canyon State Park and a state wildlife management area.

"We're bringing various people in as consultants and advisers," said Laird Fowler, Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife Region V director. "We are going to talk to other river authorities that have dams and see what they do."

Officials will then "review the entire security operations and see if there are any holes," Fowler said.

State says school district report is a public document

NEW CHAPEL HILL (AP) — A Texas Education Agency report on the Chapel Hill school district should be open and available for public scrutiny, the state attorney general's office said.

The report does not have to be "accepted by the trustees" before being released, said Craig Leavers, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales.

The TEA reviewed the school

district's finances and administrative procedures in June, based on a complaint alleging that board members were involved in day-to-day district operations and that the district was nearing financial disaster.

The school board received the report Tuesday but declined to disclose it until the Aug. 20 school board meeting.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph challenged the district's contention that the report had

to be reviewed by the board before being made public. The newspaper based its position on the Texas Open Records Act, which guarantees public access to information in the custody of governmental agencies.

New Chapel Hill is a town of about 500 people 9 miles southeast of Tyler.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alcohol frequent factor in pedestrian deaths

AUSTIN — One in four pedestrians who die in Texas has been drinking, according to an analysis of accident data.

An Austin American-Statesman computer analysis of Texas Department of Public Safety records for 1994 and 1995 also showed that, of adults who were killed and were later tested for alcohol, more than half were drunk.

There were 889 pedestrian deaths statewide over the two-year period, according to the American-Statesman's Saturday editions.

Of those, 231 of the victims, or 26 percent, had been drinking. In the other cases, the victims had not been drinking or investigators did not know.

Of the 328 victims who were over 15 and were tested for alcohol, 180 — or 55 percent — had a blood alcohol content of 0.10 or higher. Smaller amounts of alcohol were detected in another 13, or 4 percent, of the victims.

Residents, commercial water users square off

SAN ANGELO — A water rights fight along the Concho River has pitted commercial irrigators against residents who use the flow for homes, lawns and gardens.

Residents along dry and near-dry Concho Valley waterways angrily pointed fingers at each other and at state officials Friday afternoon during a tense public meeting at the Texas A&M Research Center.

Low water levels in Concho Valley waterways were blamed by residents on lax state regulation and commercial irrigators who they say are pumping more water from area waterways than water permits allow.

Meanwhile, commercial irrigators with certified water permits and Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission officials regulatory officials have blamed water woes along Concho River Basin waterways on the drought.

The TNRCC's Kerriann Sokulsky said having a state water permit does not mean water will be available 100 percent of the time.

Robbers looting historic sites, officials say

ZAPATA — Treasure hunters are robbing 18th-century graves and prehistoric sites exposed by falling water levels in the Falcon Reservoir on the Rio Grande.

Meanwhile, the federal agency responsible for their protection isn't doing enough, the Texas Historical Commission said Friday.

Looters are helped by water levels 50 feet

below normal that have exposed sites in Zapata and Starr counties and Tamaulipas, Mexico, said Jim Bruseth, an archaeologist who is the commission's deputy historic preservation officer.

Bruseth said "grave goods" are being sold to collectors around the country and in Europe, Japan and Hong Kong.

"Without a doubt, they are looting and selling such artifacts as arrowheads, early ceramics, stone tools," he said.

Marines' families get \$80 million in damages

BEAUMONT — Attorneys for a ball bearing maker say they will appeal an \$85.7 million judgment signed in a lawsuit filed by relatives of two U.S. Marines killed in a 1992 helicopter crash.

State District Judge James Mehaffy signed the final judgment Thursday, upholding the May 31 Jefferson County jury verdict.

With interest and attorneys' fees, the judgment orders Fafnir Bearing Co., owned by New Jersey-based Ingersoll-Rand Co., to pay a total of about \$93 million, said Houston attorney Scott Townsend.

Fafnir manufactured a ball bearing in the Huey helicopter that crashed in Autaugaville, Ala., killing Cpl. Phillip Stutzman, 32, and Cpl. James Pulaski, 22, while en route from North Carolina to California. Four other Marines survived the crash.

The decision hits Ingersoll-Rand with \$35.7 million in compensatory damages and \$50 million in punitive damages. Jurors found no negligence by Bell Helicopter, maker of the Huey utility helicopter.

DPS confirms findings in mysterious deaths

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety will affirm the findings of its initial investigation into the deaths six years ago of a Texas Racing Commission official, his wife and two children, according to published reports.

The Dallas Morning News and the Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday that a DPS review of the 1990 incident came to the same conclusion as before: that David Joost killed his wife and children before killing himself.

On March 5, 1990, the bodies of Joost, 41; his wife Susan, 35; daughter Lauren, 5; and son Eric, 10, were found inside their home in a suburban subdivision outside Buda, 15 miles from Austin.

A .38-caliber revolver was found lying in a hallway near Joost's body.

The findings are expected to be made public after they are shared with family members in the next week to 10 days.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET
HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

The Howard County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1997 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 11, 1996 at 5:15 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse Annex, 315 Main St., Big Spring, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is	\$453,689
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is	\$13,688
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be	8
The number of employee compensated under the current budget is	8

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns serviced by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

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NASA puts all other wild government spenders clearly in the shade

By LEONARD LARSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Of all the wild-spending, self-perpetuating federal bureaucracies thriving on official connivance and citizen gullibility, the space agency NASA puts almost all the others in the shade.

No other agency or department or bottomless pit of government waste — not the Pentagon and its hog wallow of contracting unaccountability, not the firehose spending for entitlement programs, not even the freeloading Congress buying re-election campaigns and royal retirements with taxpayer

money — robs the federal treasury with such outrageous and unpunished ease as NASA.

From its golden glory years of hot pilot astronauts and moon landings to its contrived presentations of orbiting congressmen and celebrity space passengers, to its endless studies of how weightlessness in space might affect living things from polliwogs to married couples, NASA has been not only shameless but successful, always ready with another ace up its bureaucratic sleeve.

And now, with a drum roll and trumpets and — by no accident — President Clinton in attendance, comes NASA with an undisguised proposal

to spend more billions of dollars in the endless, trackless vastness of space, this because NASA scientists have discovered "evidence for primitive life on early Mars."

There is this piece of rock, see, that contains the "evidence" and the rock was found in 1984 in Antarctica where NASA scientists believe it landed about 13,000 years ago.

Before that landing, the rock and other Mars debris are believed by scientists to have been floating around in space for 15 million years or so. That interlude came, it's now speculated, after Mars was hit by a large asteroid that might have knocked NASA's rock off Mars,

perhaps launched it into space, eventually down to Earth and finally into the NASA collection, where the NASA scientists are now suggesting the "evidence" — if it is evidence of primitive life — was laid down quite a long time ago, in the neighborhood of 4.5 billion years.

What's described by NASA as "evidence" is several shades less enlightening than, say, the fossil of a leaf or an insect caught in Martian ooze.

This "evidence of primitive life" that NASA correctly calculated would land on front pages and TV networks across the country was — when they got down to cases — what the NASA scientists said were "carbonate globules," similar to but not the same as fossilized particles produced by bacteria on Earth.

So the "evidence" in the NASA rock proving primitive life on Mars billions of years ago is more of the same old

NASA hucksterism — another sensational pitch for public money, another NASA "first," another spacewalk for no purpose, another shuttle flight balanced for "diversity," another experiment in the weightlessness of rodents, another launch of the NASA propaganda machine, this one exquisitely timed for the Clinton re-election campaign.

President Clinton, who knows as well as any pork-barrelling member of Congress that NASA has spread its spending into scores of congressional districts throughout the nation, was there for the launch of the new NASA mission to find life on Mars.

The president enthused over the NASA "evidence" as possibly "one of the most stunning insights into our universe that science has ever uncovered" and he vowed: "I am determined that the American space program will put its full intellectual power and technological

prowess behind the search for further evidence of life on Mars."

Oddly, at a moment in American history when a Democratic president is agreeing with majority Republicans in Congress that their combined intellectual powers can't resolve the plight of poor children in America and how to help them, he pledges to spend billions more in federal money on what-if science and the irrelevancy of "primitive life" on Mars.

Pity Bob Dole, preoccupied at the time of the NASA announcement with his own nomination as the Republican presidential candidate. Now he'll have to play catch-up, probably promising to spend more on the search for life on Mars than Clinton has promised.

(Leonard E. Larsen writes commentaries twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

YOUR VIEWS

Readers oppose bond election due to Runnels sentimentality

TO THE EDITOR:

We will vote no to the school bond election because we feel we need to continue to use the Runnels building. It is beautifully located and historically significant to so many in this community.

We have been bombarded with unfair negative publicity about this building, two examples being tile falling from ceiling - replace it - fire escape door being blocked by racks - move racks to another area - since there is a lot of unused space in that building as well as almost all our school buildings in Big Spring.

This community has already lost too many valuable buildings over the years, our sandstone courthouse and jail building and our train depot to name three.

Let's not lose another one.

J.O. AND HELEN CHAPMAN
BIG SPRING

Beware: American Cancer Society not soliciting by mail

TO THE EDITOR:

A letter requesting door-to-door solicitation in the Big Spring area was reported to the Howard/Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society. The organization requesting the funds is not a part of The American Cancer Society. The letters were sent from another state from a cancer center not known to the American Cancer Society. The Texas division of the American Cancer Society sends out quarterly letters asking for donations. These letters come from Austin. Any donation made to the Texas division is credited to the Howard/Glasscock Unit.

The Howard/Glasscock chapter of the American Cancer Society is planning two fund raisers for the '96/'97 year. One will be an evening event this fall and the other is The Relay For Life scheduled for May of '97. Please be careful when making donations to any fund raising group. It is very easy to be misled.

SUSAN ZACK LEWIS
PRESIDENT
HOWARD/GLASSCOCK CHAPTER
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Comanche Triathlon chair offers thanks to volunteers

TO THE EDITOR:

The success of this year's Comanche Warrior Triathlon 10k run is a fine example of the unique spirit found in the people of Big Spring. I was asked to be the chairperson for the triathlon last November and have anxiously anticipated the arrival of the big day. However, as the day drew near, it was each of you whom made this event a reality. I have learned that there were well over 100 volunteers that helped on July 27 and 28, 1996. Since my husband, Cavan, and I were

not able to attend, it is impossible to thank each of you personally. Therefore, I would like to take this time to thank you all for your hard work, donations, and especially your time. We have been blessed not only with good people like yourselves but with a healthy, happy child. Thank you all for stepping in and making a difference.

DONNA McMAHON
CHAIR
COMANCHE WARRIOR TRIATHLON

Reader says she has had "enough" of numerous things

TO THE EDITOR:

Enough of wanting to put additional money into the Settles Hotel. A previous response heard was, "burn the darn thing down." Since previous owners have stripped the Settles my suggestion is sell the bricks for \$1 each. There should be enough people with sentiment for the Settles to buy quite a few. Enough of Moore Development's plan to send people to England trying to drum up business for Big Spring. Who do they think they are, Congress?, that they can take trips at taxpayers expense? Enough of electing Big Spring officials to make decisions and then hiring other people to make these decisions. Previously one group of outsiders hired came back until one suggestion, "change the contour of the street corners!"

Enough collection money for the renovation of Hangar 25. Yes, it's nice to remember the pilots, especially those who gave their lives for our country, but aren't we all tired of wars?

GENEVA ROGERS
BIG SPRING

Girl Scout Hut has more problems than a faulty roof

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to the letter entitled Former Girl Scout Leader, etc., on July 31, 1996. We would like to fill you in a little more. The roof needing to be replaced is not the only problem this building has. In a way this may be the minor work to be done. Where shall we start! If you can remember back far enough, you will remember this building as the original MacAlister Trucking Company - the tanks to store fuel and miscellaneous are still under-

ground and need to be removed. The two to three years after getting the hut, our numbers multiplied and made this hut too small for our use. We could no longer hold our adult meetings here, and several troops could not meet here for that reason. This building is not handicap accessible - the bathroom is too small to get a wheelchair into and there is not a ramp outside for our handicap girls and leaders. We have had some new tenants (small birds and pigeons) come and join us. They have made themselves a new home in the crawl space. We think, we all know the mess this makes which ends up being a danger to the health of everyone who meets in the hut. And last but not least there is the electrical wiring that is very old and needs to be replaced. There are windows out due to the hall storm, which needs to be replaced along with locks.

We know the seven senior girls worked very hard to remodel the inside of the hut last summer. They did a wonderful job, that we are all proud of. And we know it has to hurt them to see it close, because it hurts us. We were part of the open house and rededication ceremonies. But as leaders and concerned adults for the well being of the girls in scouting here in Big Spring, we can understand why we were asked to close the hut. And we think you can, too.

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Deadbeat dad's belongings auctioned off to pay \$640,000 back child support

COLCHESTER, Vt. (AP) — Marilyn Nichols Kane watched Saturday as crowds of strangers picked through her former husband's lavish belongings, put up for sale to pay the hundreds of thousands he owes her for child support.

"I cried yesterday," Kane said of her first look at the dinnerware, crystal, jewelry, antiques and appliances amassed by the man called America's worst deadbeat dad. "I saw the evil in this — I saw the decadence."

Her former husband, precious metals consultant Jeffrey Nichols, is in jail in New York City. He owes an estimated \$640,000 in back child support and pleaded guilty last month to a federal charge of leaving a state to avoid the obligation.

The contents of the large Vermont house he shared with his new wife, Suzan, were auctioned off to about 350 people who jammed two large tents at a moving company warehouse. "I knew there was going to be a lot of stuff," said auctioneer Ruby Huston of Shelburne.

David Lloyd said he didn't want to get involved in the issues of the case. "It's a court-ordered sale and I'm here for the bargains," he said.

Kane, a New York real estate agent, has called the auction "perfect justice."

After their 17-year marriage ended, she raised their three children. In the meantime, prosecutors said, Nichols moved from New York to Florida to Canada to Charlotte, Vt., to escape his \$10,000 monthly support obligation.

Nichols and Suzan filled their house with furniture, dishes, knick-knacks, antiques and pseudo-antiques. She died of cancer last summer. In February, a judge ordered Nichols' belongings sold to pay some of what he owes Kane.

"This was a man who valued things over people," Kane said Saturday. "I feel so appalled at what this man accumulated in five years when he was not supporting his children."

She said several women came to the auction not to bid but to meet her. "There are women here who came up and said 'I have no money, Marilyn, but you are my hero,'" Kane said. "They said, 'I will not give up because you did not give up.'"

Police: Grad student hid gun in classroom, shot profs

SAN DIEGO (AP) — San Diego State University is struggling to cope with the killings of three popular engineering professors, gunned down as they prepared to review a graduate student's thesis.

"I have no answers or explanations for this loss of human life and potential," university President Stephen Weber told about 1,000 people gathered for an impromptu memorial Friday afternoon.

Police said Frederick Martin Davidson fired at least 23 bullets into the professors as they were preparing to review his thesis Thursday, the final hurdle before a master's degree can be awarded.

Police said Davidson was mourning the death of Chen Liang, Davidson's primary adviser, and professors Constantinos Lyrantzis and D. Preston Lowrey III.

"He was upset that his thesis had been turned down previously and thought the professors were out to get him," police Lt. Jim Collins said.

Before the meeting Thursday, Davidson sneaked into the classroom and hid a semiautomatic 9 mm pistol and five spare 15-round magazines in a first-aid kit, police said. Just before he was introduced, he pulled out the weapon and started firing, police said.

Demo Convention: Trying to shed '68 image, Chicago police promotes different kind of police department, police style

CHICAGO (AP) — A downtown gallery features paintings and sculptures by a dozen little-known artists. Each is a Chicago police officer.

"These are people who will sit down and drink a glass of white wine with you," police spokesman Paul Jenkins effuses.

Plainly, the department has changed since club-swinging cops in powder-blue helmets chased anti-war demonstrators through billowing pepper gas at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Of the 12,500 officers in today's Chicago Police Department, only 6.5 percent remain who were on the force in 1968.

"We're going to kill them with kindness," police Superintendent Matt Rodriguez chortled recently.

But critics say police still use excessive force too often but are less blatant. "They're more sophisticated in their brutality," says Mary Powers, head of Citizens Alert, a community watchdog group.

Female gorilla whisks toddler to safety after 18-foot fall

BROOKFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A 150-pound female gorilla came to the rescue of a 3-year-old boy who fell into a primate exhibit at the Brookfield Zoo, cradling the toddler in her arms and bringing him to zoo keepers.

The boy fell 18 feet Friday onto concrete in an area with seven gorillas and suffered critical head injuries, authorities said.

They controlled the animal beautifully and had an emergency medical crew working on the little boy as soon as they possibly could," she said.

Pruett-Jones said Binti, who was raised by humans, "showed maternal-like behavior. I can't say that it was a typical response, but there have been other instances in which gorillas have shown maternal behavior to humans."

The boy, who was at the zoo with his family, was alert and crying when paramedics took him out of the exhibit about 2:30 p.m. His name was not released.

Binti, whose name is Swahili for "Daughter of Sunshine," is a Western Lowland gorilla. Because she was raised by humans, she had to be taught nurturing skills when she gave birth 17 months ago, the zoo said in a statement.

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Russian air crew, held in Afghanistan, escapes jail

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A seven-man Russian air crew, held by rebels in Afghanistan for a year, escaped in their own plane to the United Arab Emirates. Officials said they brought three of their former captors with them.

The crew escaped Friday under the pretense of carrying out regular maintenance work on their IL-76 cargo plane in the southern Afghan town of Kandahar.

Once on the plane, the crew overpowered three guards from Afghanistan's Taliban movement, a hard-line Islamic guerrilla group that had been holding them hostage since last August, said an official from Trans Avia, the U.A.E.-based company that had leased the cargo plane.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Russian crew had been questioned and released by police in the U.A.E., while the three Taliban guards remained in custody. The fate of the guerrillas was not immediately clear.

The Russian crew will be taken home aboard a special flight from Russia due to arrive Sunday in the emirate of Sharjah, near Dubai, Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency reported. It said Russia's deputy prime minister, Vitaly Ignatenko, and a team of medics would be aboard.

At the time of their capture, the pilots were working for

Aerostan, an airline based in the Russian republic of Tatarstan. The plane was on lease to Trans Avia.

Russian officials had conducted unsuccessful negotiations in a bid to win the release of the crew members from the Taliban, which is battling the Afghan government forces in the capital of Kabul.

The Taliban forced the plane to land, saying it was headed for Kabul and was carrying ammunition destined for Afghan government forces. The plane was chartered by the Afghan government.

The rebel movement held the seven men in the isolated town of Kandahar, a Taliban stronghold. For the first few weeks of their captivity the crew was confined to the aircraft. The Taliban later kept them in a house in Kandahar.

When U.S. Sen. Hank Brown of Colorado met last week with the Taliban they said they would keep the Russian crew until Afghans being held in Russia were released. However, the Taliban didn't identify the Afghans allegedly being detained.

Soviet troops propped up a communist government in Afghanistan from 1979 until they withdrew in 1989. The Islamic factions in Afghanistan toppled the communist government in 1992, but have since battled among themselves, destroying Kabul and leaving much of the country in ruins.

Mexican attorney general fires 700 federales, announces campaign against corrupt police

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's attorney general fired more than 700 federal police Friday, the start of what he promised would be a wholesale clean-up of the notoriously corrupt force.

The dismissal of 737 commanders and deputy commanders of the 4,400-member federal judiciary police will be followed by other measures to turn the force into "a respectable and professional institution," Antonio Lozano Gracia told a news conference.

The federal judicial police is an agency of the attorney general's office and its role is similar to the FBI. It has been under fire for decades for corruption and lack of professionalism.

Officers and agents have often been political appointees of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party. They have also been frequently accused — and con-

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Mexican attorney general

victed — of a variety of crimes, from torturing suspects to working as bodyguards for drug lords.

Lozano, the only opposition member in President Ernesto Zedillo's Cabinet, said the

administration has made cleaning up the judicial police a priority since taking office in 1994. He belongs to the conservative National Action Party, Mexico's second-biggest political force. All members of the force have

been subjected to a battery of tests for 16 months, and those who failed to meet intellectual, operative and ethical standards were fired this week, Lozano said. The dismissals amounted to about 6 percent of all officers.

"They will not be the last ones," Lozano said. Police chief Americo Villareal, a captain on leave from the navy, was replaced earlier this week by Emilio Islas Rangel, a veteran professional who worked for Interpol, the international police force.

Lozano said a committee of experts is being set up to overhaul the force, but he refused to give details.

Corruption in the judicial police "in some cases is deeply rooted," Lozano said. "A lot remains to be done, but we can now announce to Mexico the first steps."

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Neo Nazis, anti-Nazi clash with police at Rudolph Hess celebration

TROLLHATTAN, Sweden (AP) — Neo-Nazis and anti-Nazis both clashed with police Saturday in stone-throwing melees at a commemoration of the death of Adolf Hitler's deputy, Rudolph Hess.

About an hour after the clashes, the driver of a bus that had brought Danish anti-Nazis to Trollhattan found a bag containing 18 small explosive devices in the baggage compartment. Police removed the bag safely.

Hess committed suicide in 1987 in Berlin's Spandau prison, where he had been held since 1946 for war crimes. Neo-Nazis contend he was murdered, and he has become a cult figure honored in annual rallies.

Germany banned the rallies this year, but police arrested 146 right-wing extremists who marched through Worms, 40 miles south of Frankfurt, in violation of the ban. Four counter-demonstrators were also arrested.

Elsewhere in Germany, police took 100 suspected neo-Nazis into protective custody, and five cars with 24 French, Dutch and German right-wing extremists apparently headed to Worms were turned back at the border town of Ittersdorf, border police said.

Sweden, with a strong tradition of freedom of speech, permitted neo-Nazis to assemble in the square outside the small gabled train station in this industrial town, 250 miles southwest of Stockholm.

It was not known why neo-Nazis chose Trollhattan, but it has a substantial immigrant population, many of them Muslims. Police said the neo-Nazis came from Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Norway.

The rally began as orderly as a tourist outing, with about 250 neo-Nazis arriving on chartered buses, one with the slogan "It is genial to travel with us."

They walked through a corridor of police in riot gear.

A few were dressed in khaki uniforms, but most wore black jeans and sweatshirts and many masked their faces with bandannas.

Those outfits made them nearly indistinguishable from the hundreds of anti-Nazi youths who awaited them at the square, shouting "you are swine" in German.

Police kept the two groups separated and were showered by bottles and rocks from both sides. The anti-Nazis began their barrage when police tried to push them back.

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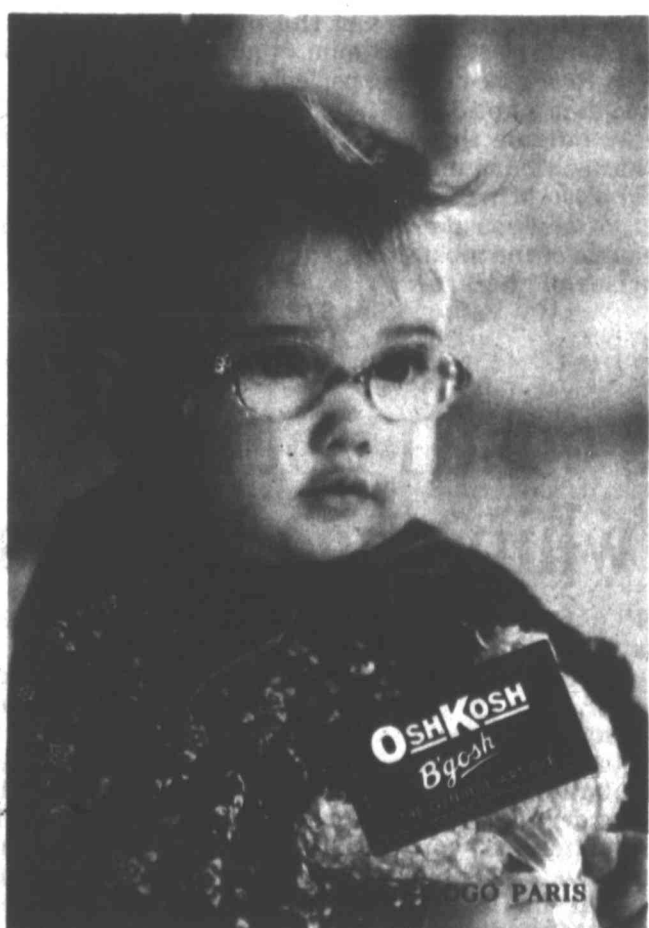


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Gonzalez comes back to haunt Astros in 12-3 win by Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago's Luis Gonzalez always searches the visiting dugout when the Houston Astros come to Wrigley Field. That's where he can still find some of his best friends in the world.

He respects them, still hangs out with them in the offseason and, when he gets the chance, loves nothing better than beating them.

"I see those guys all winter, I still live in Houston. But you do get extra satisfaction by beating those guys, particularly when you spent your whole career in that organization," Gonzalez said Saturday after leading the Chicago Cubs over the Astros 12-3.

Gonzalez, traded to the Cubs

from Houston in June 1995, hit a two-run homer in the second, had an RBI single in the third and a two-run triple in the seventh when his line drive skipped past right fielder Derek Bell.

"I miss some of those guys but that's the way the game is. You have to move on," said Gonzalez. "This feels good because it's a big game for us and a big series or us. We're still challenging in the division. We're not giving up."

Steve Trachsel (11-6) won his fourth straight decision, pitching a complete-game seven-hitter with four walks and three strikeouts.

And Jose Hernandez's bases-loaded single capped a four-run

first as the Cubs scored eight times in the first three innings to knock the Astros into a first-place tie with St. Louis in the NL Central. Chicago trails by five.

"I wasn't as sharp probably because I sat so long in the dugout," said Trachsel, who pitched his third complete game of the season, second against the Astros. "All the runs make a huge difference. You don't have to be as fine. You can be more aggressive."

The Cubs send nine batters to the plate in the first and finally drove out Darryl Kile (10-7) after 2 1/3 innings, his second-shortest outing as a starter this season. Kile gave up eight hits, eight runs and four walks.

"One of those days when their hits were falling and ours weren't," said Kile, who has given up 23 hits and 17 runs in his last three starts, which have lasted just 13 1/3 innings.

"I wasn't tired out there, it wasn't that at all. I just made some horrible pitches at the wrong time."

Brian McRae started the first with a walk and stole second, scoring on Mark Grace's double. With two outs, Ryne Sandberg singled in Grace before a walk to Leo Gomez and infield hit by Scott Servais loaded the bases.

Hernandez then grounded a 3-2 pitch from Kile between first and second for two more runs and a 4-0 lead.

McRae led off the second with a single and scored on Gonzalez's 10th homer, a long drive to right against the wind.

Trailing 6-0, the Astros got three unearned runs in the third, thanks to a throwing error by Gomez at third base.

Craig Biggio singled, Jeff Bagwell was hit by a pitch and Bell reached when Gomez fielded his grounder and threw it into right field. Billy Spier had an RBI grounder for the second run and Orlando Miller singled in another to cut the lead to 6-3.

Trachsel doubled in a run to make it 7-3 in the third and after a single by McRae, Alvin Morman relieved and was greeted by Gonzalez's RBI single.

Gomez hit a sacrifice fly in the sixth to make it 9-3. The Cub added three in the seventh. After Gonzalez's triple, he scored on Grace's single.

Notes: Grace extended his hitting streak to 11 games. ... McRae was 2-for-3 with two walks and is now 22-for-45 in his last 13 games. ... The Cubs have won 15 of their last 23. ... The Astros are only 16-18 against the NL Central. Houston plays its next 18 games against division teams. ... Sammy Sosa struck out three times. He also had his 15th assist of the season, tying him for the NL lead. ... Trachsel beat the Astros with a one-hitter at Wrigley on May 13.

Cowboys alarmed by series of problems

AUSTIN (AP) — Training camp is over for the Dallas Cowboys, but not their concerns over team personnel losses to injuries and suspensions.

The defending Super Bowl champions broke camp on Friday after a summer that was light on discussion of the upcoming season and heavy on questions about the lack of depth that, with alarming suddenness, had become a compelling concern.

"Right now, we can't worry about the 49ers or Green Bay," safety Darren Woodson said. "We just have to worry about the Cowboys."

The Cowboys have 11 starters who missed practices during training camp due to injuries, six of whom are recovering from off-season surgery.

Key backups at receiver (Orande Gadsden), tight end (Eric Bjornson), linebacker (Godfrey Myles), defensive line (Darren Benson) and safety (Charlie Williams and Roger Harper) are also injured.

But Dallas coach Barry Switzer says the questionable status of tight end Jay Novacek, who missed all of camp with chronic back problems, coupled with the five-game suspension of receiver Michael Irvin hurts the team the most.

"Michael and Jay are so much of the passing game," Switzer said. "It affects us being able to get into base formations as part of our playbook. It changes a little bit of our offensive philosophy."

Troy Aikman said a travel schedule that had the team in two countries and four cities last week for two exhibition Paso prevented the team from getting much-needed repetitions in practice.



WOODSON

"This has probably been the least amount of work that we've gotten done at training camp," Aikman said. "The travel schedule has been tough for us. Last week, we got no work done really to speak of."

Even Switzer criticized a schedule that seemed only to benefit the billfold of owner Jerry Jones.

"When you get to bed at 3 o'clock and 6 o'clock in the morning after flying in an airplane all night and play three games in one week, that's too much for a team to do," Switzer said.

The offense and defense never had a day at camp when all of the starters from each unit were able to practice together. Mostly inconsistent backups filled in the holes on a team that had 10 Pro Bowlers last year.

"We haven't had Michael. We haven't had Jay, and now we don't have Tuinei," said offensive guard Nate Newton. "People say you've got to play with what you've got. But that isn't the true picture. And if you don't ever get a chance to look at the true picture, you lose a little hope and begin to fade."

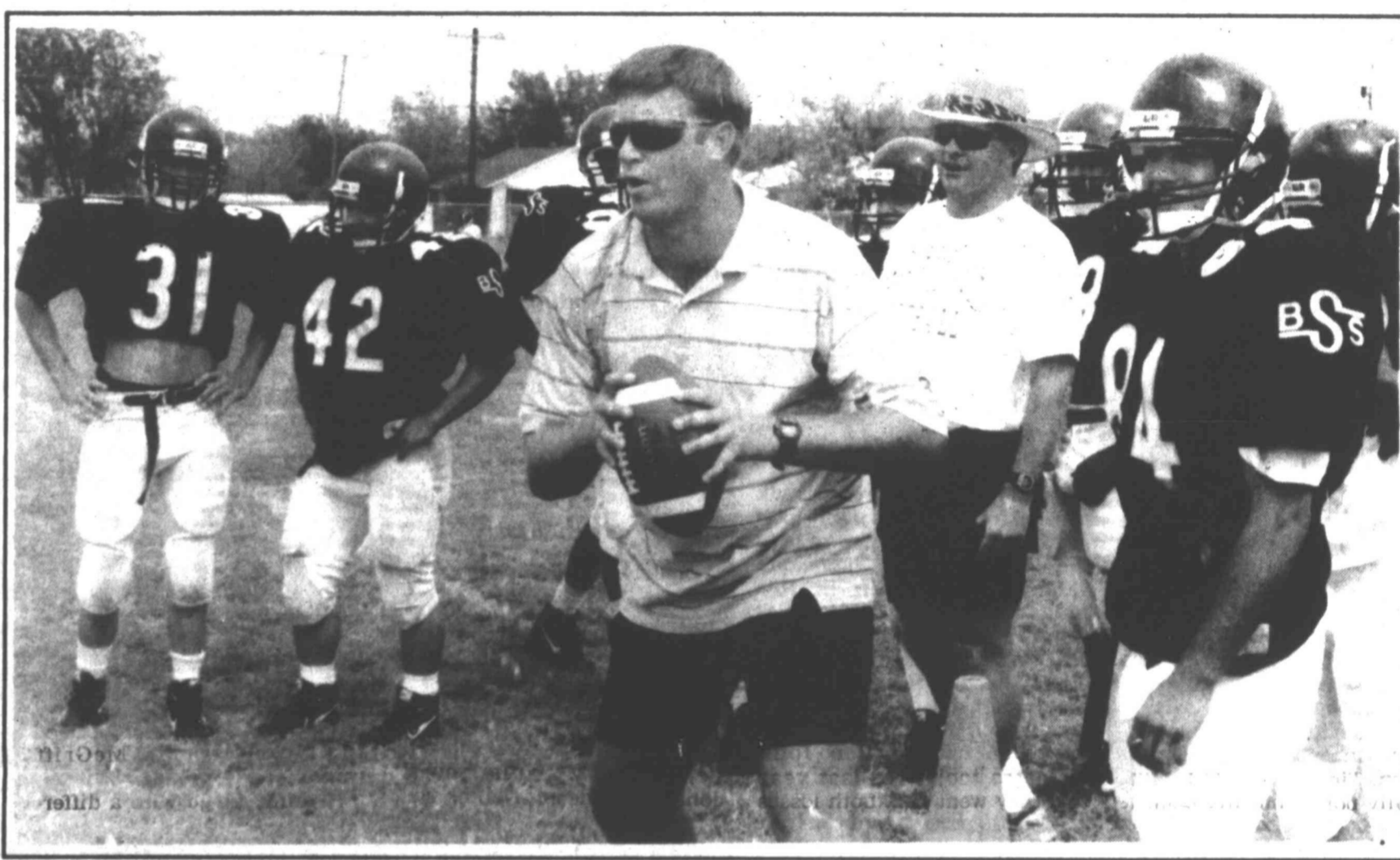
With all the injuries, Switzer struggled to find positives about the monthlong camp.

"We are not the same team right now, physically, that we were when we started camp," Switzer said. "You anticipate injuries, but not ones that keep you from performing during the season and that's what happened to us with Darren Benson, (tight end) Kendall Watkins, Novacek, Bjornson and Tuinei."

"Training camp hasn't been a waste," Switzer added. "But when you're not practicing with who is going to be playing, you can get average in a hurry."

Still, Aikman remains positive.

"Guys on this team have proven that they can come out and play at a very high level early in the season with very little work at training camp,"



Jay Kennedy, defensive coordinator for the Big Spring Steers, sees how his secondary performers react to the pass during a practice session last week. The Steers see their first outside scrimmage action on Thursday night at Lamesa.

Steers defense again looks rugged

By CLIFF NEWELL
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers defense will have a big reputation to live up to this season.

In Jay Kennedy's six years as defensive coordinator the Steers have led their district in defense four times in overall statistics, including last season.

Can they do it again?

"I feel great about our chances," said Kennedy. "The main thing is our attitude. If you don't have to worry about that, you're ahead of the game."

"If we get beat, it won't be from lack of effort. Our kids know what a great tradition we've had."

Identifying the strengths and questions about the '96 Steer

defense is easy: outstanding secondary, outstanding line-backing, questionable at the down line positions.

"We don't have a lot of size," said Kennedy. "But we probably have more experience at a lot of spots. It really helps that we're deeper in some places."

Right now, Kennedy admits, "Our down linemen are an area of concern. Our kids are untested in game situations."

At end, Jeff Denton (6-1, 185, jr.) is considered a strong prospect. Gabe Rubio currently has the inside track on the other job. Others in the picture are C.J. Ashley and Jason Brock, who was playing extremely well until he got hurt.

The tackles include Daniel

Thomas (5-8, 220, soph.), who "did a great job" on the jayvee a year ago, and Jeremy Collier and Daniel Brewster, who will also see action on offense.

Things appear much more solid at linebacker, where Kennedy says, "We have some really good ones. We're two deep at all three positions, and we haven't had that before. We can put kids out there who can play, and we don't have to be scared to death about it."

In the middle is Brock Gee (5-9, 180, jr.), the team captain. The two starting outside linebackers are Charles Rodriguez and Tyler Murphy. Murphy was hurt much of last season, but he has been one of the most pleasant surprises of the pre-season.

The secondary could be the strongest area on the team. It is led by cornerback Frankie Green (5-8, 170, sr.), an unanimous first team all-district choice last season.

Kennedy commented, "Frankie has all the physical tools. He's fast, strong, he was one of the top five athletes we tested. He understands the game."

At the other corner, Mike Simon is another talented and experienced player.

At free safety is Todd McAdams (5-10, 170, sr.), who had a great season in 1995, making 61 tackles.

In addition there is a flock of

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High School Football Preview Big changes on field, postseason mark 1996

DALLAS (AP) — Add teams to Class 4A. Let a third school per district into the playoffs and give them two titles to chase. Break postseason ties on the field instead of on paper.

It really doesn't matter. No matter what how the rules change, La Marque remains the team to beat.

The Cougars, who finally won a championship last season in their third straight Class 4A title game appearance, head into the fall ranked No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason high school football poll.

La Marque is the only defending champion opening the year atop its class. The other No. 1s are North Mesquite in 5A, Atlanta in 3A, Alto in 2A and Granger in 1A.

Get used to seeing different things. That may be the theme this fall.

The overhaul began Feb. 1

with the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment. Then, on Feb. 29, the UIL broke a five-decade-old tradition by throwing out the penetration-based tiebreaking system and adopting an overtime method used for years in other states.

This realignment was done with the intent to clean up 4A and 1A in preparation for changes in their postseasons.

Class 4A took on 26 more teams so it can launch the two-tiered playoff format 5A has used since 1990.

Class 1A was slimmed by 11 teams so it can get back down to 16 districts and a five-week postseason. For the last eight years, 1A has had 21 districts, which forced a six-week playoff filled with first-round byes.

In the playoffs, ties will no longer be decided in favor of the team that gets past the oth-

er's 20-yard line the most. Now, each team will get one possession beginning 25 yards from the end zone to see which can score more points. Some districts have voted to break in the new overtime system during their seasons. The UIL says it cannot be used in non-district games.

Coaches were polled about the tiebreaker change, and it passed 51 percent to 49 percent. They weren't asked about the 4A playoff change. If they had, the vote probably would've been just as close.

La Marque coach Alan Weddell is among those who aren't wild about crowning two 4A champions. He points out that the two-tiered system was created to level the playing field between 5A schools of vastly different sizes, a discrepancy unseen in 4A.

"I don't think enrollment

makes that much of a difference in 4A," Weddell said.

By bringing 18 teams down from 5A and expanding the playoffs to a third school, Weddell said the 4A Division I title will be virtually a "5A Division III."

"The top (4A) teams are going to be the same, they'll just be in Division II, so we still have to beat the same old rivals we had before," Weddell said.

Topping that list is No. 2 Stephenville, the only team to beat La Marque the last three seasons. Stephenville did it twice, first in the 1993 title game then again in the '94 state final.

La Marque has dominated with defense. The Cougars have six defensive starters back from last year's squad that allowed only 68 points in 16

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Lions coach not happy with whipping of Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Detroit Lions had big plays, a big victory and an unhappy coach.

The Lions had their second straight big fourth quarter with 28 points, highlighted by Glyn Milburn's 60-yard punt return and Antonio London's 33-yard fumble return for a 34-23 exhibition victory over the Houston Oilers Friday night.

But that didn't placate coach Wayne Fontes.

"We're not as good as we were a year ago at this time," Fontes said. "We've got to get our things in order or it's going to be a long year for us."

Our linebackers are struggling, we are really weak inside. People are concerned about our pass coverage."

The Lions (2-1) scored 17 fourth quarter points a week ago to beat the Washington Redskins 34-25 and they took

advantage of the Oilers (2-1) this time.

Milburn had a 96-yard kickoff return wiped out by a penalty in the second quarter but he felt he'd have another chance.

Trailing 16-6 going into the fourth quarter, the Lions pulled to 16-13 with 3:03 elapsed on a 1-yard dive by Eric Lynch and then Milburn got the break he'd been waiting for.

He fielded a punt by Reggie Roby, dropped it and then picked it up and took off.

"I fumbled it forward and when I picked it up, I had my momentum going where there was a big opening," Milburn said.

Milburn's return gave the Lions a 20-16 lead and they added a 23-yard touchdown pass from rookie Johnny Johnson to Diriki Mose and London's 33-yard return of a fumble by Steve McNair.

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Rangers sign first round pick

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Right-hander Sam Marsonek, the 24th player selected in June's amateur draft, agreed Saturday to a minor-league contract with the Texas Rangers.

Marsonek, the second of Texas' two first-round selections, will report to Port Charlotte, Fla. next week to work out with the team's Gulf Coast League rookie club but will not compete since there are only 10 days left in the season. He will pitch in the Rangers instructional league program in September.

Marsonek was 12-1 with a 0.88 ERA last season for Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla.

Marsonek was presented with uniform number 34 by former Rangers great Nolan Ryan, although Ryan's number will be retired in September.

"My ultimate goal is to be a professional player," said Marsonek, who turned 18 in July and turned down a scholarship offer from the University of Florida. "My decision changed back and forth during the summer."

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games and had 10 defensive shutouts.

"We just have to be careful not to be satisfied," said Weddell, whose team has won its last 47 regular-season games.

Complacency won't be a problem at North Mesquite.

The Stallions are ranked No. 1 for the first time, but to hold onto it they must get past No. 2 Odessa Permian in non-district plus new district rivals Plano, Plano East and Richardson Lake Highlands.

"We've really got our hands full," said coach Mark Elam, who returns all but five starters from last year's quarterfinalists.

Because North Mesquite is a relative newcomer to the spotlight, the program is somewhat unknown. Here's the skinny from Elam: "We look more like Permian than Permian does. We play a Wing-T offense that stresses ball control; we don't make many mistakes; and we draw very few penalties. And our defense is very aggressive."

Both defending 5A champions come from District 26-5A, and both are in the Top 10. Division I winner Converse Judson is third and Division II champ San Antonio Roosevelt is eighth. District 21-5A also is doubly represented by No. 4 Aldine and No. 10 Aldine Eisenhower.

In 3A, Sealy has won the last two state titles and carries a 32-game winning streak into this season. Tigers coach T.J. Mills happily points out his team is closing in on records for con-

secutive state titles and consecutive 3A wins.

Yet, Sealy begins this season ranked second behind Atlanta — the team it beat for the '94 state title.

"I was walking down the hall at coaching school and bumped into coach Mills," Atlanta coach Ben Scharnberg said. "He said, 'It must be an omen, us meeting like this. It means we're going to play for the state championship again this year.' I told him I hope so."

Celina beat Alto for last year's 2A title, capping a milestone season for coach G.A. Moore. En route to his fourth championship, he won his 300th game with his youngest son, Gary Don, as the starting quarterback.

Many thought Moore would retire on such a high note, and he admits he considered it. But he didn't have anything better to do, so he's back to chase a fifth crown.

Celina begins the season third to Alto, where coach Lucky Gamble will be relying on his son — quarterback-linebacker Brian — to help make up for the loss of an all-state star on each side of the ball.

There's a vacancy at the top of 1A that doesn't seem right to fill. How can anyone replace Thorndale, which was realigned into 2A after winning its last 32 1A games and the last two state titles?

Granger is probably the most fitting replacement. The Lions were 5-5 in '94, then John Valastro took over last year and they went 12-2. Both losses were to Thorndale.

Steers

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good backups, including Tory Mitchell, John Smith, one of the biggest surprises of the pre-season, Marcus Hyatt, and John Loudermill.

"That's a big bonus, that's a plus," said Kennedy.

The Big Spring defense should be good again in 1996. The Steers will be the smallest team in district, but don't be surprised if they lead everybody in defense again. They will get their first outside test in their opening scrimmage this week at Lamesa.

"We're excited," said Kennedy. "I can't wait for Thursday to see how we go against someone else."

STEER NOTES: The Big Spring intra-squad scrimmage on Friday at Memorial Stadium went well, according to head coach Dwight Butler.

"We were able to look at all the kids on the varsity level and see how they went against each other," Butler said.

"Offensively, we did some good things. Our knowledge is a lot farther along than it was last year, and we had no busts." As expected, the Steers

ground game looked strong, with running backs Antwoyne Edwards, Frankie Green and Toma McVae breaking off some big gains, along with quarterback Tory Mitchell. Quarterback Jarrod Helms ran the team well.

Big Spring's concept of unit blocking looked good.

"If we go one-on-one against bigger people, we aren't going to do very well," Butler said. "But if we use the quick stuff, we won't have to hold on long."

Defensively, the Steers got encouraging performances from tackles Daniel Thomas and Jesse Bravo, and outside linebacker Tyler Murphy showed that he has made an excellent recovery from a shoulder injury that plagued him last season.

Other defenders turning in fine performances were middle linebacker Brock Gee, who is greatly bulked up from a year ago, and secondary performers Frankie Green and Todd McAdams.

The Steers scrimmage at Lamesa on Thursday. The jayvee goes at 6 p.m. and the varsity follows at 7:30.

On verge of agreement, baseball stalls again

NEW YORK (AP) — Two years later, Fehr's words seem prophetic.

With players and owners on the verge of a labor deal, management appears stuck, unable to get the necessary votes to approve the collective bargaining agreement its lawyers have been trying to complete.

Last Sunday, Fehr and management negotiator Randy Levine said they were within days, perhaps hours, of finalizing a deal that would end baseball's labor war after 3 years.

Then the owners' labor committee held a telephone conference call Monday. Talks haven't resumed since.

It's uncertain when the bargainers will get back together, unclear if the agreement that expired in December 1993 will extend through yet another off-season. The owners' who don't want to credit players with service time for the 75 regular-season days wiped out by the strike have brought everything to a standstill.

Small college greats enter grid shrine

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — One year after opening the doors to its new home, the College Football Hall of Fame let in its first class of small-college players.

Fourteen former players and coaches from schools in NCAA Division I-AA, II, III and the NAIA were inducted Saturday, including Walter Payton and Terry Bradshaw.

"Nothing is complete when you exclude someone by design or by error," said Payton, who played at Jackson State and went on to become the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

"I applaud the selection committee, because now (the hall) is definitely complete. It has the best from all walks of life. Hopefully, they will keep those doors open."

The other nine players inducted were: Bradshaw, Louisiana Tech; the late Buck Buchanan, Grambling State; Vern Den Herder, Central College; Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, Widener; Neil Lomax, Portland State; Tyrone McGriff, Florida A&M; Wilbert Montgomery, Abilene Christian; Gary Reasons, Northwestern State; and Jim Youngblood, Tennessee Tech.

"We have spent a lot of time considering a lot of positions and issues, and we'll continue to do so over the weekend," acting commissioner Bud Selig said Friday night. "My-only comment on all speculation regarding votes is that I'm the one who understands where the votes are. Right now, we're talking about issues, not votes. We're staying focused on the issues, and the speculation on votes has been so incorrect that it doesn't deserve to be talked about."

In the past, when Selig hasn't been able to get a unanimous or near-unanimous consensus on an issue, he's tended to let the debate continue, sometimes for months.

If that happens, small-market clubs may lose their revenue-sharing money for 1996. The two key dates of the offseason are the day following the World Series, when free agent filing begins, and Dec. 20, when clubs must offer 1997 contracts to unsigned players on their 40-

man rosters.

Once those dates pass, the current economic system is locked in for another season, and clubs will be hard-pressed to retroactively apply a luxury tax to the five or six teams with payrolls above \$51 million.

Selig said it's a matter of explaining the situation to teams and listening to their opinions.

"It's imperative that the clubs understand the deal, and that the deal addresses the problems that confront us today," he said. "On whatever the issue — revenue sharing, interleague play, expansion — we had large support. I want this group to be part of the decision-making process. It makes for better conclusions."

Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf says he is opposed to the deal Levine is negotiating and says it couldn't even get 15 of the 21 votes necessary for approval.

Other owners and officials say Florida Marlins owner H. Wayne Huizenga is the leading

opponent of an agreement.

Meanwhile, Fehr waits until there is another side to negotiate with, much as he did from April 1995 to the middle of last November.

Union officials have always believed that Reinsdorf is the power behind Selig's throne, and don't think there will be an agreement until Reinsdorf gives his assent.

Agents who have worked with both sides expect owners to come back with a counteroffer, one that would credit players with less than full-service time. Fehr has said there won't be a deal unless it includes full service.

Meanwhile, the owners' threat to drag baseball back into court is worthless. After last weekend's bargaining, it's clear that the sides weren't at an impasse on the major economic issues. It doesn't seem possible that U.S. District Judge Sonia Sotomayor will lift the injunction she issued on March 31, 1995, which forced owners to maintain the expired contract.

Owners say they have all these marketing plans they want to put in place during the off-season. But unless they get a deal, there's always the chance of another work stoppage.

Selig must make the next move. Until then, the rest of baseball waits.



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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	70	50	.583	—
Baltimore	65	53	.557	1/2
Boston	59	63	.484	12
Toronto	54	68	.443	17
Detroit	42	80	.344	29

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	74	49	.601	—
Chicago	67	56	.549	7
Minnesota	61	60	.504	12
Kansas City	57	66	.463	17
Milwaukee	57	66	.463	17

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	70	52	.574	—
Seattle	62	58	.517	7
Oakland	60	65	.480	11
California	50	65	.433	25

Friday's Games

California 6, Boston 3
Cleveland 3, Detroit 1, 12
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Seattle 6, New York 5
Texas 6, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 5, Toronto 4, 10
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Baltimore 14, Oakland 3, 1st
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Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Cleveland 6, Detroit 3
Seattle at New York
Baltimore at Oakland
California at Boston
Chicago at Milwaukee, (n)
Toronto at Minnesota, (n)
Kansas City at Texas, (n)
Sunday's Games
Detroit (Williams 3-6) at
Cleveland (Ogas 6-4), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Mullholand 1-1) at New
York (Gooden 10-9), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago (Andujar 6-2) at
Milwaukee (Karl 10-6), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 14-7) at
Minnesota (Aguilera 6-4), 1:05
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Baltimore (Wells 9-16) at
Oakland (Wengert 6-8), 3:05 p.m.
California (Beale 11-8) at
Boston (Gordon 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appler 11-7) at
Texas (Oliver 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
California at Boston, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8:05 p.m.
Texas at Cleveland, 6:00 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7:05
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Toronto at Kansas City, 7:05
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NL Standings

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East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	75	46	.620	—
Montreal	66	54	.550	8 1/2
Florida	57	66	.463	19
New York	57	66	.463	19
Philadelphia	49	74	.398	27

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	66	56	.541	—
St. Louis	66	57	.537	1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	66	57	.533	—
San Diego	62	58	.512	21/2
Colorado	62	58	.512	21/2
San Francisco	51	68	.429	121/2

Friday's Games

Houston 8, Chicago 3
Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 4
Colorado 3, Cincinnati 4
St. Louis 6, Florida 2
San Diego 16, New York 10
San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 4
Los Angeles 8, Montreal 2
Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
St. Louis 4, Florida 3
Houston at Chicago
Colorado at Cincinnati, 2 (f-n)
San Francisco at Philadelphia,
(n)
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, (n)
New York vs. San Diego at
Monterrey, Mexico, (n)
Montreal at Los Angeles, (n)
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh (Lieber 5-4) at
Atlanta (Maddux 11-10), 12:10
p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 10-4)
at Philadelphia (Beech 1-1), 12:35
p.m.
Colorado (Ritz 13-8) at
Cincinnati (Larvis 5-5), 1:15 p.m.
Florida (A.L.Lieber 10-4) at St.
Louis (Stottmeyer 10-4), 1:15
p.m.
Houston (Drabek 6-8) at
Chicago (Nevarez 11-9), 1:20 p.m.
New York (Wilson 4-8) vs. San
Diego (Hamilton 10-7) at
Monterrey, Mexico, 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (M.Lieber 6-10) at Los
Angeles (Candioti 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
Colorado at Cincinnati, 6:35
p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 7:05
p.m.
Montreal at San Diego, 9:05
p.m.
New York at San Francisco, 9:
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Only games scheduled

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	59	59	.500	5
Chicago	59	61	.492	6
Pittsburgh	52	69	.430	13 1/2

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	66	57	.533	—
San Diego	62	58	.512	21/2
Colorado	62	58	.512	21/2
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NL Leaders

BATTING—Piazza, Los Angeles, .340; Graef, Chicago, .327; EYoung, Colorado, .326; Burke, Colorado, .326; Cujones, Atlanta, .321; Bichette, Colorado, .318; Sheffield, Florida, .313.
RUNS—Burke, Colorado, 111; Finley, San Diego, 98; Bonds, San Francisco, 94; Cujones, Atlanta, 93; Sheffield, Florida, 92; Bichette, Colorado, 91; EYoung, Colorado, 89; Bilgic, Houston, 86.
RBI—Galarraga, Colorado, 108; Bichette, Colorado, 102; Burke, Colorado, 99; Sosa, Chicago, 97; DBell, Houston, 95; Beggs, Houston, 94.
HITS—LJohnson, New York, 161; Grissom, Atlanta, 159; Burke, Colorado, 158; Bichette, Colorado, 154; Grudzielanek, Montreal, 153; Finley, San Diego, 150; Lanius, Montreal, 146.
DOUBLES—Finley, San Diego, 38; HRodriguez, Montreal, 35; DBell, Houston, 34; Lanius, Montreal, 32; Beggs, Houston, 32; Barry, Houston, 32; Bichette, Colorado, 31; Burke, Colorado, 31.
TRIPLES—LJohnson, New

AL Leaders

BATTING—Rodriguez, Seattle, .360; Alomar, Baltimore, .355; Knoblauch, Minnesota, .354; FThomas, Chicago, .353; Molitor, Minnesota, .344; Martinez, Seattle, .333; Franco, Cleveland, .333.
RUNS—Knoblauch, Minnesota, 110; Alomar, Baltimore, 108; Rodriguez, Seattle, 103; Lofton, Cleveland, 95; Belle, Cleveland, 93; Phillips, Chicago, 92; M Vaughn, Boston, 91.
RBI—Belle, Cleveland, 112; Palmeiro, Baltimore, 111; M Vaughn, Boston, 108; Burnett, Seattle, 108; JGonzalez, Texas, 105; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 100; FThomas, Chicago, 97.
HITS—Lofton, Cleveland, 168; Molitor, Minnesota, 164; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 158; Alomar, Baltimore, 158; Rodriguez, Seattle, 157; M Vaughn, Boston, 155; IRodriguez, Texas, 155.
DOUBLES—Martinez, Seattle, 44; ARodriguez, Seattle, 40; IRodriguez, Texas, 38; Cordova, Minnesota, 36; Glants, Oakland, 34; Ramirez, Cleveland, 34; Greer, Texas, 33.
TRIPLES—Knoblauch, Minnesota, 11; Vina, Milwaukee, 7; Offenberg, Kansas City, 7; Dellertine, Chicago, 7; Guillen, Chicago, 7; JValentin, Milwaukee, 6; Cora, Seattle, 6; Carter, Toronto, 6.
HOME RUNS—McGwire, Oakland, 42; Belle, Cleveland, 38; By Anderson, Baltimore, 37; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 36; JGonzalez, Texas, 35; M Vaughn, Boston, 34; Buhner, Seattle, 34; Betrow, Oakland, 34.
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San Diego 1 2 0 333 53 49
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Minnesota 1 1 0 500 35 55
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Carolina 1 1 0 500 58 52
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San Francisco 1 1 0 500 33 33
Atlanta 1 2 0 333 44 41
New Orleans 1 2 0 333 32 76
Monday's Game
New England 31, Dallas 7
Thursday's Game
Atlanta 27, Oakland 6
Friday's Games
Cincinnati 28, Washington 7
Detroit 34, Houston 23
Saturday's Games
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
Green Bay at Baltimore, 6 p.m.
Seattle at Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
New York Giants at New York Jets, 7 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Arizona at San Diego, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at New England, 12 noon (NBC)
San Francisco at Jacksonville, 7 p.m. (TNT)
Monday's Game
Minnesota at Miami, 7 p.m. (ABC)

FOOTBALL

NFL Roundup

Cardinals, Chargers seek answers

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Any questions surrounding tonight's preseason game between the Arizona Cardinals and San Diego Chargers are up in the air — and that's likely where they will remain.

In their first two exhibition games — a 26-3 loss to the Oakland Raiders and a 13-10 win over the Cincinnati Bengals — the Cardinals have given up more than 500 yards passing.

Meanwhile, the Chargers are still searching for a wide receiver. Andre Coleman and Omar Ellison, who are expected to round out the receiving corps along with seven-year veteran Tony Martin, caught just five passes between them last season.

San Diego's receivers are bothered by injuries. Ellison, who will be out tonight, has not played since spraining a knee in the Chargers' preseason opener against Pittsburgh.

Jimmy Oliver, a second-round draft pick last year who missed the entire season with a sprained shoulder, is nursing a sprained knee. Charlie Jones, a fourth-round pick who has been impressive while on the field, missed two weeks of training camp due to contract problems and a knee infection.

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Denver at Dallas, 7 p.m. (FOX)
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Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at New England, 12 noon (NBC)
San Francisco at Jacksonville, 7 p.m. (TNT)
Monday's Game
Minnesota at Miami, 7 p.m. (ABC)

Cardinals, Chargers seek answers

“That position right now is of great concern to me,” Chargers coach Bobby Ross said. “We have some players who are missing a lot of valuable time. I wish I could say it wasn't a concern, but it's a big one.”

A year ago, the Cardinals' biggest concern on defense was stopping the run. Arizona finished last in the NFL against the rush, dropping the team from a ranking of third in overall defense in 1994 to 26th last season.

But without the presence of holdout defensive tackle Eric Swann and top draft pick Simeon Rice at defensive end, opponents are averaging 250 yards passing per game against the Cardinals.

Rice, third pick overall from Illinois, ended his holdout and signed a four-year contract Friday, but is unlikely to play.

In other exhibition games today, it's Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, Green Bay at Baltimore, Seattle at Indianapolis, Buffalo at Carolina, Giants at Jets, Chicago at New Orleans, St. Louis at Kansas City, and Denver at Dallas.

On Sunday, Philadelphia visits New England, and San Francisco plays at Jacksonville. The Monday night game is Minnesota at Miami.

On Friday night, it was

Detroit 34, Houston 23; and Cincinnati 28, Washington 7.

First-round pick Tshimanga Biakabutuka arrived in Charlotte on Friday after signing a seven-year, \$12.7 million contract with the Panthers.

Biakabutuka, the eighth overall pick in the draft from Michigan, flew in from his family's home in suburban Montreal to join his new teammates, ending a holdout that lasted throughout training camp. The Panthers said the running back probably wouldn't see any extensive action in tonight's game against Buffalo.

“I'm going to work hard and try to change those boos into cheers,” Biakabutuka said. “That's all I can do right now. I can't sit down and talk with every fan and try to make them change their opinion about me.”

“All I can do is perform on the field, and that's what I'm intending to do. And hopefully they'll accept me after all this is done with.”

For Bears kickers Kevin Butler and Carlos Huerta, this game is crucial.

Coach Dave Wannstedt could decide this weekend if Butler, a 12-year veteran and the leading scorer in Bears history, will be around for another season. Butler has hit all three field goal attempts in the preseason.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer registration ongoing

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Soccer League continues through Tuesday, Aug. 20. Applications can be picked up at the Big Spring YMCA, 801 Owens St. Registration fee is \$20, and includes a jersey and socks. The league is open to children ages 4-12. For more information, contact Alan Partee at 267-4038.

Steer QB Club meets Tuesday

The Big Spring Quarterback club will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Public Library. The public is invited. For more information call Sam or Donna Flood at 263-7171.

Coahoma not selling season grid tickets

The Coahoma Independent District School will not be selling season tickets for the 1996-97 football season. Tickets for each game may be purchased at the gate prior to the game.

Little League football sign-ups begin

Crossroads Little Football League sign-ups will be held through Aug. 24 at the Big Spring Mall. Players from the third through sixth grades will need a birth certificate. Entry fee is \$30. Cheerleader entry fee is \$10. Registration will be held Monday through Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Bobby Lang at 263-7510 or Carla Crow at 263-7206.

Senior citizens to get passes

The Coahoma Independent District School will issue senior citizen passes to any person 65 years of age or older. Passes may be picked up at the Administration Building located at 600 Main Street in Coahoma.

Klein soars to big lead in Women's British Open

WOBURN, England (AP) — Emilee Klein demonstrated her ability to react favorably to a big lead, even adding a stroke Saturday with a 2-under-par 71 in the third round of the Women's British Open. The 22-year-old American, who won her first pro title last week with a comeback victory in the Ping Welch's Championship at Canton, Mass., was six shots ahead of her nearest rival with a 14-under 205 total. “I've never had this big a lead before, but I was very comfortable out there,” said Klein, who turned professional after winning the 1994 NCAA title as a sophomore at Arizona State. “I wasn't nervous at all. I feel that if I play my own game I can make birdies. I never think

about missing putts — if you do, that's when you start making mistakes.” Sweden's Maria Hjorth, playing in her fifth pro event, was second after a 70 on Woburn's tree-lined Duke's Course. Sweden's Annika Sorenstam, the two-time defending U.S. Open champion, was seven back along with Americans Amy Alcott and Tracy Kerdyk. Klein made a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 3, followed with a bogey on No. 4 and reached 13-under with a birdie on No. 6. She birdied No. 11, dropped a stroke on No. 14 and reached 14-under with a 25-foot putt on No. 16. “I had a lot of birdie opportunities, but didn't make the putts,” Klein said. “I was making the long putts and not making the shorter ones.”

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◆ Americans spend an average of several hundred dollars a year to keep their lawns short and healthy.

◆ Thomas Jefferson's nickname was the Sage of Monticello.

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The many benefits of exercising

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

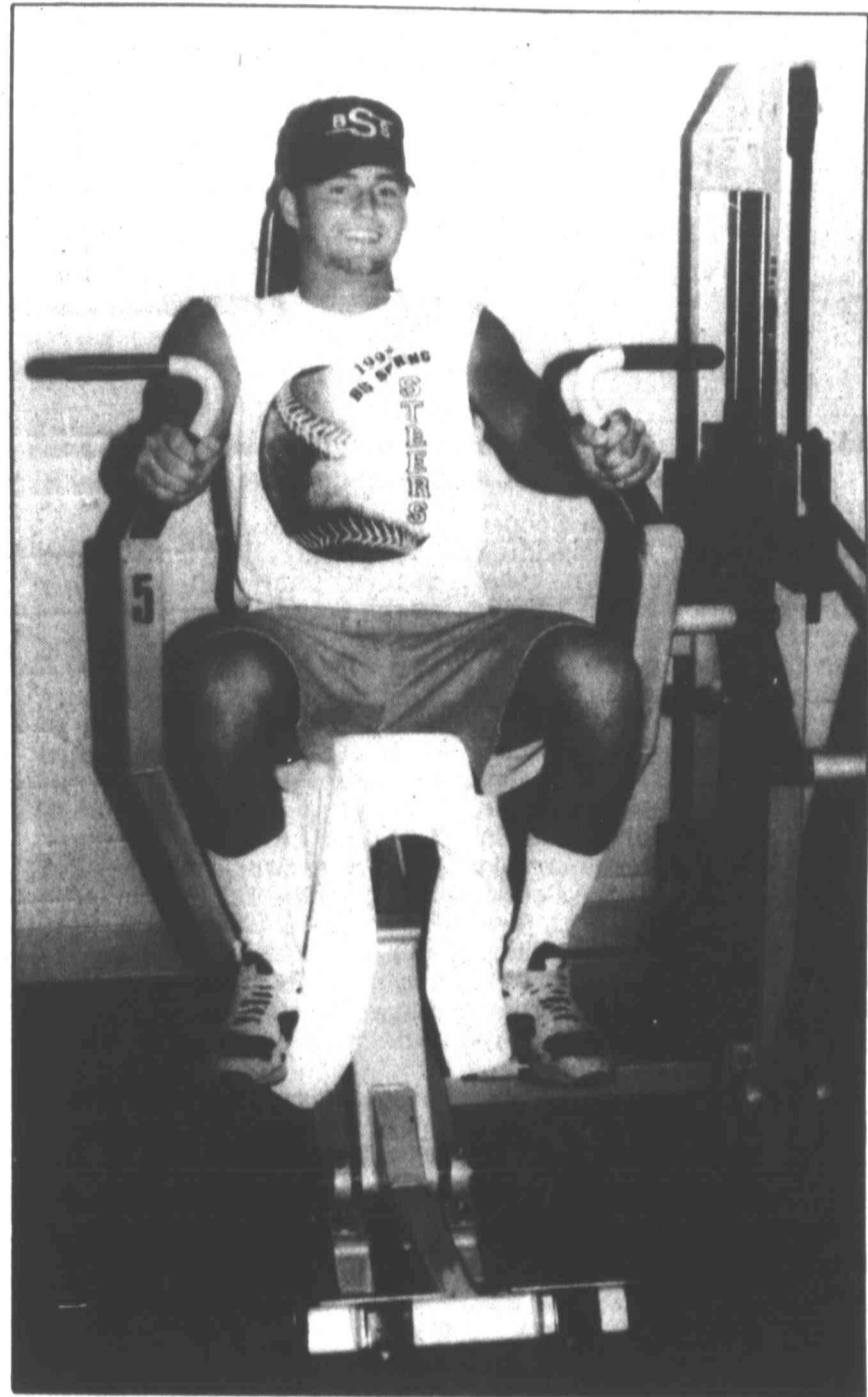
The benefits of exercising are many - from getting yourself in shape, lowering your cholesterol or high blood pressure to losing weight. Exercising doesn't have to mean sweating at a stinky gym for two hours every day in order to see and feel the benefits of working out.

Many studies have shown walking 30 minutes a day, three days a week has reduced stress, lowered cholesterol and increased people's energy and stamina. TaeKwonDo not only exercises the mind but also the body. Performing various moves gets you in shape and motivates you to keep yourself healthy.

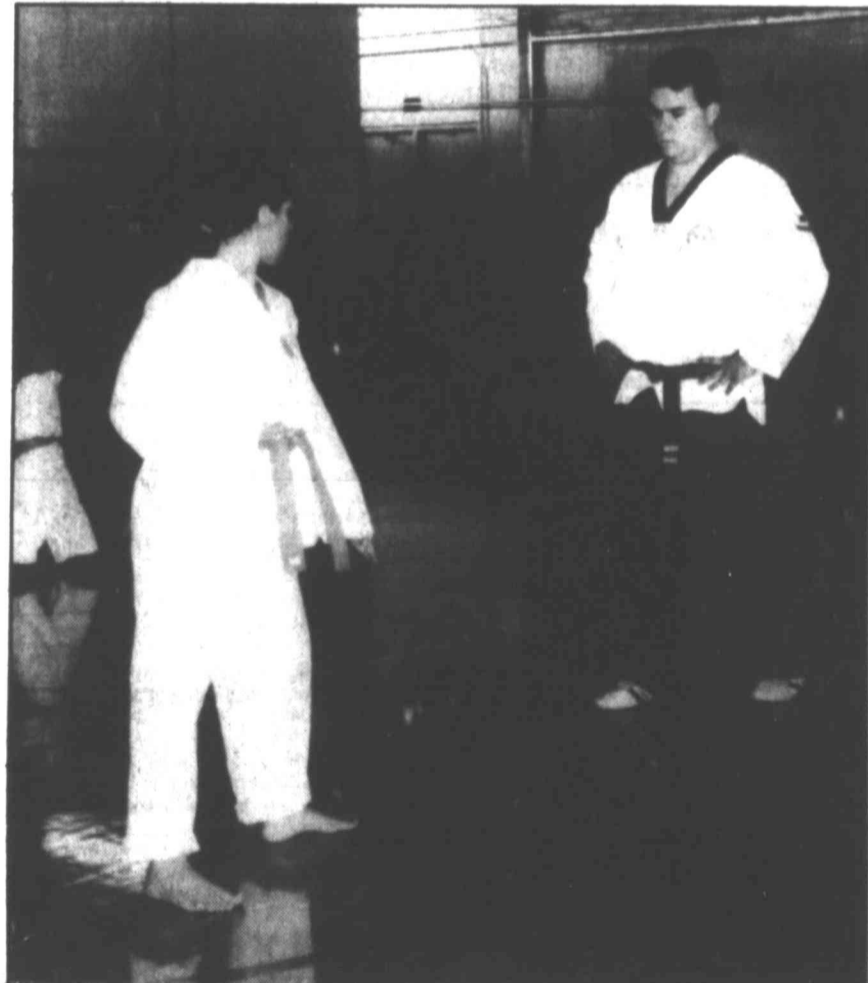
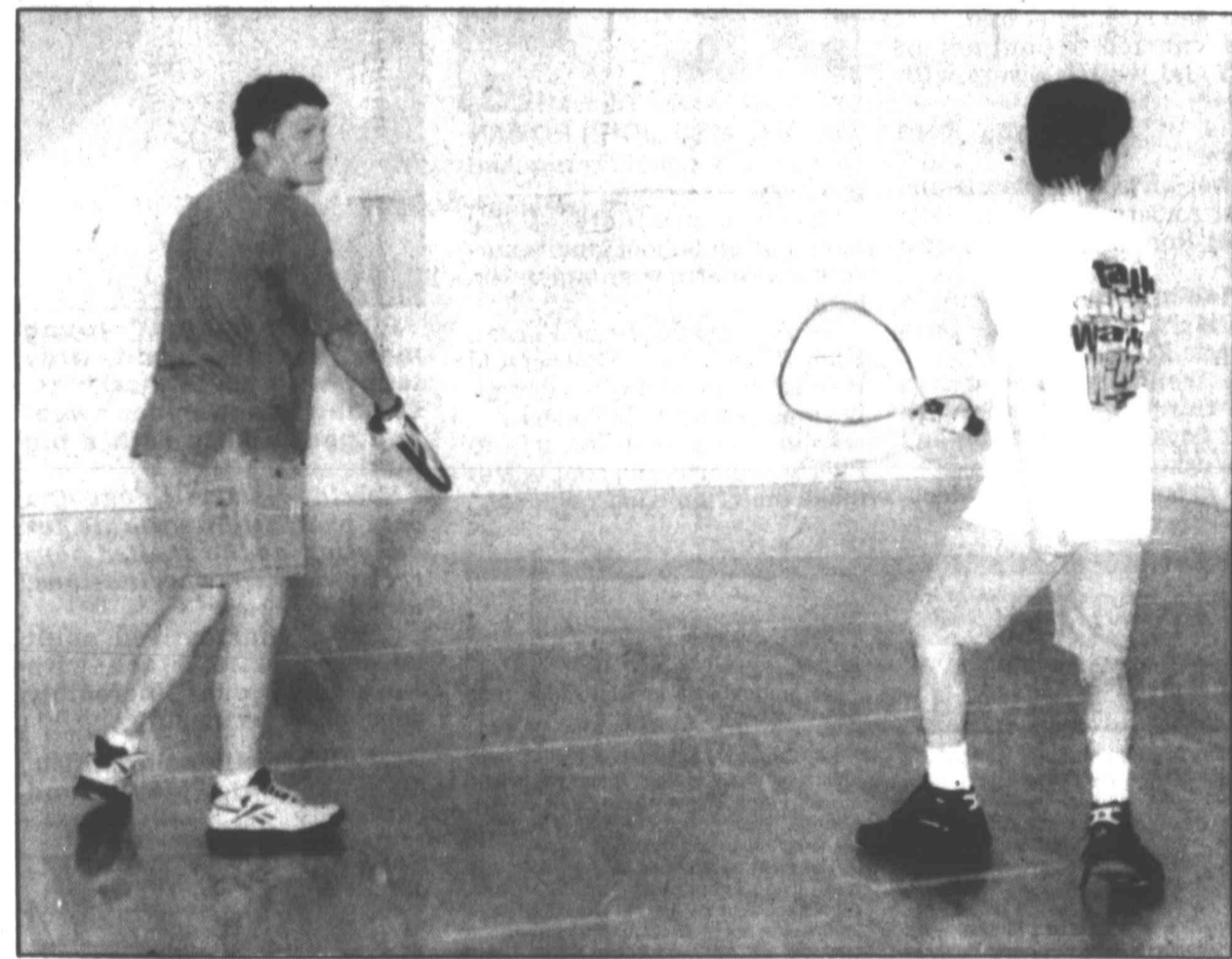
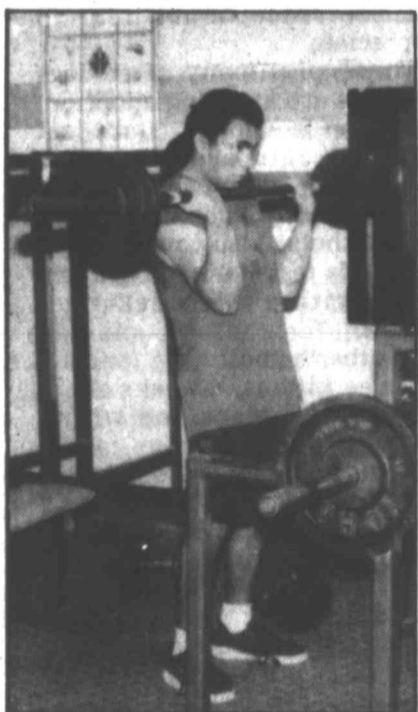
Lifting weights is by far the best way to develop muscle tone. The Harold Davis Fitness Center on the campus of Howard College and the YMCA both have weight rooms for the community to use. The fitness center also has a circuit training course where you do repetitions on a weight machine for 30 seconds then move to a new station and do some sort of aerobic workout. The aerobic portion could be running in place, riding a stationary bicycle or stepping on a step machine. There are several stations and it takes a total of about 20-30 minutes to complete.

The YMCA also has racquetball and handball courts. That's the kind of exercising that is both fun and beneficial. There is also an indoor swimming pool and basketball court.

There is always aerobics or Jazzercise classes that offer different courses in the mornings, evenings and weekends. If you want to get in shape or stay that way, then Big Spring has the answer whether it be the fitness center, YMCA, Jazzercise, Aerobic Connection or even the track at Blankenship Field where you can walk for free.



Clockwise from left: Crystal Ramirez (left) and Shane Rios practice during their TaeKwonDo class at the Harold Davis Fitness Center at Howard College. Marc Baker uses the chest press machine on the circuit training course at the Fitness Center. TaeKwonDo instructor Cliff Brott (right) watches as his student Misty Trevino practices a move. Chris Batchelor (left) and James Fite enjoy a friendly game of racquetball at the YMCA. John Valbuena takes advantage of the weight room at the YMCA to work out Thursday evening.



Surfing the Internet is an amazing 'ride' to take

Computers can be your best friend or your worst enemy.

Mine has been both. Actually, I've had two home computers in recent months. The first one was my enemy so I traded it in for a new one and it's performing well. The first one had all sorts of software problems and I couldn't get any technical support to rectify the headaches. I

finally took it back and got a different brand. In fact, I even wrote the first company a nasty gram on my new computer and told them I was using the new one and that it was working great.

I've been surfing the Internet when I have some free time in the evenings. I'm not real sure if I'm using all the capabilities it has, but it's fun finding all sorts of information. In fact, I'm going on a vacation this fall and decided to find out some tourist and hotel information. All I had to do was do a search with Yahoo! by entering the name of the town and state. Within seconds, there was a listing of different web sites I could access for restaurants,

events, motels, etc. There was even a way for me to enter an address of the church I needed to find for the wedding I'll be attending and it was able to bring up a map with a little red X marking the spot.

There's a fried chicken chain that I came to love while living in North Carolina called Bojangle's. I crossed my fingers while I did a search to see if the restaurants expanded their boundaries to Kentucky. Sure enough, they did and I printed out a map of their locations so I can stop by there between wedding events.

I thought I would share with you some of the other web sites I've visited that have been fun and interesting. The first one is

called "The Internet Chef" and it has a large library of recipes, tips and even a chat room where you can ask people for suggestions on how to cook something or if you're looking for a new recipe for chicken or whatever. I found a recipe there for no-fat oven fried chicken and I made it that night, it was so good. The web site is:

<http://www.ichef.cy.ca/index.html>

Another web site was created by employees with Redbook, Good Housekeeping, Country Living and Popular Mechanics. It has a free recipe finder, health tips, articles on relationships, gardening and home. The web site is:

<http://homearts.com/meta/mirror/meta10.htm>

The other night I decided to do a search and see what I could find out about Big Spring. I entered Big Spring, TX on the search line. Howard College, SWCID, Big Spring State Park and St. Mary's Episcopal Church were all listed as having web sites. The Howard College/SWCID site has job opportunities and a list of events. The address is:

<http://www.hc.cc.tx.us/> - the page indicated it had been visited 1,617 times since the first of June.

The park's site is:

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/bigsprin/bigsprin.htm> - it gives a history of the park, geology as well as information on facilities and park activities. You can reach St. Mary's at: <http://www.xroadstx.com/stmarys/index/htm> - you can learn about the school, church, events and what's new. I even found a web site that lists hunting guides and people who have hunting leases. I've been trying to help my dad find a deer lease for this fall and was able to get some names and phone numbers for him. By the way, if anyone does have a place to lease in this area for deer, dove and/or quail, please let me know. That web site with the listings is: <http://www.qcp.com/tejas/outdoor/hunting/hunting.htm> Happy surfing!



Kellie Jones
Features Editor

ANNIVERSARIES

Cooper



MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND COOPER

Raymond and Melva Cooper celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21, 1996, with a reception in the Trinity Baptist Church fellowship hall hosted by their daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren. He was born in Goldwithe, and she was born in Tallassee, Ala., as Melva Ballard. They met on Jan. 25, 1946, on a blind date arranged by his cousin in Kerrville. They were married on July 20, 1946, in the Center Point Baptist Church with Rev. W.S. Bunton officiating. They have one daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Wayne Dow, three grandchildren, Renee, Jeremy and Timothy, and one great-grandchild, Nathan Dow. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have lived in San Jacinto, Calif., Center Point, Kerrville, and Big Spring during their marriage.

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Daily

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Daily celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Aug. 17, 1996, with a barbecue hosted by their children. He was born in Purcell, Okla., and she was born as Ms. Kennedy in Lindale. They met on July 25, 1956, on a blind date at McCroy's in Big Spring. They were married Aug. 18, 1956, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Kennedy with Rev. Guy White officiating. They have four children, Mr. Mark Daily, Cisco, Mrs. Douglas (Rhonda) Hughes, Keman, Mr. Robert Daily, Plano, and Mrs. David (Delores) Clinkscales, Big Spring. They also have 13 grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Daily have lived in Japan, Michigan, George AFB in

GETTING ENGAGED



Dr. Katherine Timmins and Craig Vollmers, both of Houston, will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 7, 1996, at the Christ the King Lutheran Church in Houston with Rev. Dr. Robert Moore, associate pastor, officiating. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Dupuy, Big Spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Vollmers, Apple Valley, Minn.

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lifel Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon. Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

WEDDINGS

Rock-Williams

Tonya Rock and Chris Williams, both of Thornton, Colo., were united in marriage on Aug. 17, 1996, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Father Chris Coleman, pastor, officiating. She is the daughter of Wayne and Joan Rock. He is the son of Walter and Carole Williams. The couple stood before an altar of magnolias and candelabras. Kaisu Pouru played the flute, and Jamie Sotelo and Priscilla DelBosque were the vocalists. Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a silk Victorian princess style dress with Queen Ann sleeves. The bodice was heavily appliqued with imported alencon lace accented with sequins and seed pearls. The Queen Ann sleeves and cathedral length train were trimmed with alencon lace, seed pearls and sequins. She carried a cascading bouquet of stephontis and magnolia flowers. Tasha Rock, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Diana Dworin, sister of the groom, Kerry Williams, sister of the groom, Kristina Lane, and Melanie Liles, niece of the bride, were the bridesmaids. Josh Thompson, cousin of the bride, and Ryan Bouma were the ringbearers. Scott Bouma served as best man. Groomsman were Dan Dworin, John Riches and Tom Turner. Neil Henningsen and Colin Tangeman were the ushers. Following the ceremony, a



MRS. CHRIS WILLIAMS

reception was held in the fellowship hall. The bride's cake was a heart-shaped cake with covered with rolled fondant accented with white clusters of magnolia leaves and gold. The groom's cake was a chocolate octagon cake accented with chocolate tuxedo shirts on each side and a top hat. The table was covered in navy and white. The bride is a graduate of Forsan High School and the University of Houston. She is employed by Jenny Craig Weight Management Center. The groom is a graduate of the University of Houston. He is employed by Carrabos Italian Grill. Following a wedding trip to DisneyWorld, Fla., the couple will make their home in Thornton, Colo.

Milch-Roman

Barbra Tiffany Milch and John Dee Roman were united in marriage on May 25, 1996, at the home of John Paul and Lorri Anderson with Malcolm Pointer, of the Church of Christ, officiating. She is the daughter of Kathryn and Larry Milch. The couple stood before a heart shaped arch with peach and white flowers and greenery and a cascading waterfall. The bride wore a cream colored long sleeve short dress with see-through lace on arms and a high neck. She wore pearls and lace in her hair. She carried a bouquet of peach and white flowers with greenery. Maid of honor was Roni Osborn. Flower girls were Cassie and Amber Anderson. Scott Roman served as best man. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Days Inn Patio Room. The wedding cake was a three-tiered white cake with peach flowers and a bride and groom cake topper. The groom's cake was deco-



rated with peach icing and greenery. She is a graduate of Big Spring High School, and is currently a veterinarian nurse student. He is a graduate of Forsan High School, Navy College and Howard College. He is currently employed by TNT Electric. Following a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, the couple will make their home in Coahoma.

IN THE MILITARY

Aleutian Islands veterans will have a reunion in Muleshoe, Texas Aug. 24-26, 1996, and Dutch Harbor, Aleutian Islands, Alaska, Sept. 4-7, 1996. All service branches welcome. To register, send self addressed stamped envelope to A.F. King, P.O. Box 130327, Sunrise, Fla.; 33313.

Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He is the son of Mingl and stepson of Bobby Taylor, Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1993. Big Country Appreciation Day, Dyess' annual air show, is Sept. 8 and will feature the Air Force Thunderbirds flight demonstration team and more than 100 other demonstrations and displays. The main gate opens to the public at 9 a.m., flying events begin about 10 a.m. Admission and parking is free. For more information about Big Country Appreciation Day, call the 7th Wing Public Affairs Office at (915)696-2963.

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WHO'S WHO

Permian Honor Scholarship Foundation, Inc., a private foundation, has awarded three Big Spring residents with scholarships totaling \$8,000.

Joshua K. Hodges will attend Howard College for two years and then transfer to The University of Texas at the Permian Basin for his final two years. Leighanna L. Price and Amy P. Thomas will use their scholarships to attend The University of Texas at the Permian Basin. Permian Honor Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was established in 1976 to provide academic scholarships for area high school and college students in order for them to remain in the Permian Basin to continue their education. Local sponsors include Fina Oil & Chemical Co., TU Electric Service Co., and Western Container Corp.

SBC Foundation has announced Diane Johnson, a 1996 graduate of Coahoma High School, has been selected as a 1996 recipient of a Southwestern Bell Scholarship. Johnson, the daughter of Mike and Cathy Johnson, will be attending Abilene Christian University, to pursue a degree in Chemistry. The Southwestern Bell Scholarship Program provides merit scholarships of \$3,500 to students who pursue majors in chemistry, engineering, marketing, physics, computer science, mathematics, or education with plans to become classroom teachers. Scholarship recipients are children of eligible employees and retirees of SBC Communications Inc. and its family of companies.

At Coahoma High School, Johnson was the secretary of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Business Professionals of America, and an active member of the Future Homemakers of America and Student Council. Southwestern Bell Scholarships are renewable up to three years, or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever comes first. Renewal is based on a student maintaining full-time enrollment, a cumulative grade point average on 3.0 (4.0 scale) and continuing to major in subject areas associated with the scholarship program.

Coahoma native Lee Coleman has spent his summer serving in Christian ministry at Oak Cliff First Baptist Church in Dallas. Coleman is among over 100 students from Howard Payne University involved in summer ministries, including assignments on church staffs, summer camps, mission assignments, revival teams, prison chaplaincy and HPU recreation staff.

Olga McAlister RNC, PNP, recently returned from a conference in Keystone, Colo. The conference, National Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Symposium, is an annual event to allow nurse practitioners to

learn the latest information about health care and other related issues. Some of the sessions she attended were issues in rural health care, Attention Deficit Disorder, pharmacology and many others. McAlister offers child health care in association with Dr. Louise Worthy at Methodist Hall-Bennett.

Roney Latwan Wood, son of Velma Ruthe Wood of Coahoma, recently returned from Ireland and Scotland where he joined a choir ensemble of 26 people on a two-week mission trip and concert tour. The group represented the Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth. One of their 10 concerts was at the St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland and another at Royal Mile in Edinburgh, Scotland. Wood is the Andrews Middle School choir director, a member of Calvary Baptist Church and staff accompanist for Means Memorial Methodist Church.

Stephanie Mims, daughter of Alisa Kay Chaney of Big Spring, recently attended the Texas Lions Club in Kerrville. Sponsored by the Sands Spring Lions Club, Mims participated in classes designed to teach insulin-dependent children to manage and understand their diabetes. She also took part in summer camp activities such as horseback riding, swimming, field sports and a challenge course program. All children attend camp at no cost to their parents.

John Overton, son of Ricky and Cindy Overton of Coahoma, graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington, Saturday, Aug. 17, with a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sports studies. He earned his license as an athletic trainer in the state of Texas. He will attend Tarleton State University to earn a master's degree in education. While there, he will be working as a graduate assistant athletic trainer.

He is a 1990 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 1993 graduate of Howard College with an associate's degree in Science. His grandparents are Neal and Joy Ward, and Raymond and Fannie Overton, all of Coahoma.

HUMANE SOCIETY



"Bambi" gray and white fluffy female, 7-weeks-old; classic Bambi innocence and playfulness. "Gizmo" long-haired spayed female gray tabby; loves to be held and cuddled. "Glenda" pretty gray and white adult spayed female; quiet and calm. "Parfait" long-haired white with orange spayed female; very sweet disposition. "Bud" neutered gray male tabby with white feet; very unique voice, must hear to appreciate. These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. At other homes: Three kittens, 6-weeks-old, 2 black and 1 black and white, 267-2109. Four kittens, 5-weeks-old, black and white, gray and white and solid white, 267-7986. White Persian, 14 years old and in very good health, 399-4486 after 6 p.m. Two spayed female medium-sized dogs, current on all shots, 756-3890.

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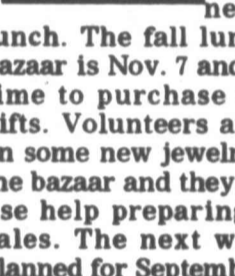
Technology is only a tool. It is a means to an end. It is not a God. We should be thankful for it, but not worship it. With technology, creative people can do things easier and faster. But they still must do things. They have to strive for effort, for impact, for impression, for emotional involvement. They must use the new technology without the technol-



Tumbleweed Smith
 Columnist

Summer was a busy time for volunteers

There are no lazy days of summer for BSSH volunteers. Aug. 13 was an arts and crafts work day and they were busy making Christmas Christmas mailing Christmas wish lists and catching up on news during lunch. The fall luncheon and bazaar is Nov. 7 and that is the time to purchase Christmas gifts. Volunteers are working on some new jewelry items for the bazaar and they can always use help preparing for these sales. The next work day is planned for September. Call the office for reservations.



Kathy Higgins
 BSSH

On Aug. 28-30, there will be a pre-Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals Organization survey. This visit is to prepare BSSH for the actual survey in March 1997. The staff is asked to prepare for this as if it were the actual survey. Employees have been asked to schedule holidays after that week. Joel Slack, director of the office of consumer relations in Montgomery, Ala., presented a workshop for all hospital employees, Aug. 6-7.

ogy using them. I've seen audio producers get so hung up on the new devices coming out they stop paying attention to the overall quality of their work and concentrate mostly on how to do it with the new equipment. Once I attended a seminar on broadcast production in San Francisco. There were 12 of us there from all over the country. Some were producing work worthy of a large audience. They concentrated on good sound quality, of course, but more than that they concentrated on good content. They were doing interesting pieces that were funny, reflected life and were well produced. Others were producing pieces

that had absolutely pristine-perfectly-pure sound quality. Every word, every sound, every note was so perfect that it almost sounded phony, manufactured, worked over. But the content was lacking. It had no soul. The end product was a piece without heart, a piece that reflected technology as the star. When that happens, the piece dies. It has no life. I had lunch with one of the leading t-shirt designers in the nation the other day. He told me he and his staff of artists start out with pencils and sketch pads, then go to the computer for refinement and enhancement. I saw a piece on television the

other night on the making of Walt Disney's new movie, The Hunchback of Notre Dame. I was glad to hear the animators wore out 7,000 pencils making the drawings. Most of the creative concept work was done first with pencil and paper. Then the technicians took over. Technology has made large strides in presentations. Small, compact projectors, either built into computers or connected to laptop computers, can dazzle an audience with sound, videos and slides. But there, too, technology can be overkill. I was in a meeting recently when a speaker used one of the new computerized projectors. He spent so much

time fiddling with his pointer, making sure it was pointed at the right item on the screen, that the pace of his speech was totally disrupted. The result was a muddled presentation. Which is more important: what is being said or where the pointer is pointing? Audio and visual aids are effective only if used by people who know how to use them. Make no mistake. I buy equipment by the truckload. I've been digital a long time. I know the technology. But I also don't let it get the best of me. I'm not a slave to it. I'm still in charge. I once saw a photographer of the Big Bend carrying a camera

bag while climbing a mountain. He was struggling so much under the weight of the bag it seemed to be holding him back. Along the way, a man carrying a much heavier video camera passed us. By contrast, his camera seemed to be a part of him. I thought to myself, the first man considers his camera a hindrance. The other man considers his camera a companion. I love the new technology. I embrace it. It makes my work easier. But I don't worship it. It is only a help. The big thing is the end product, not how it's done. Don't be overwhelmed by machines. They didn't build themselves.

Fundamentals of Caring: A Consumer's Perspective on Mental Illness was the title of the program. It was about how to understand and care for a person with mental illness, presented by a consumer. Slack presented insights into the treatment and recovery experiences he has been through. Superintendent Ed Moughon recently updated the future of BSSH in a hospital newsletter. He stated the public mental health system is facing all the same issues as health care in general. New systems of managed care, capitated care, health maintenance organizations and shrinking tax support all influence the type of work BSSH will do. Specifically, two of the BSSH market areas, El Paso and Lubbock, are opening community psychiatric facilities. I anticipate a reduction in patient referrals from both of these areas. At this point, the best guess seems to be a reduction of 20-30 patients by the end of fiscal year 1997. Addressing these changes requires constant coordination with the mental health authorities in El Paso and Lubbock. **Jok Simmons, BSSH director of operations and marketing,** is working closely with this issue and will help guide BSSH in planning for the types of referrals we will continue to receive. Moughon stated "your ideas are welcome and helpful, and please let me know of ways

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY MEETING



Members of the Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association gather for a monthly meeting to discuss an upcoming Tri-City CPA Symposium involving Big Spring, Midland and Odessa that will attract at least 300 people from all over the country Sept. 24-27. The group also got an update on the INVEST in an Officer Program where the association is raising donations to purchase bullet-proof vests for Big Spring police officers. So far, the group has raised \$7,000 with a goal of \$26,400 to purchase a total of 44 vests.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and Club News items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring Texas, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331, x112.

ON THE MENU

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY - Smothered steak; potatoes; green beans; fruited gelatin; milk/rolls; fruit.
TUESDAY - Chicken; rice; mixed vegetables; salad; milk/rolls; cobbler.
WEDNESDAY - Barbecue brisket; potato salad; green beans; slaw; milk/corn bread; fruit.
THURSDAY - Catfish; potatoes; spinach; carrot/raisin; milk/corn bread; cake.
FRIDAY - Enchiladas; spanish rice; pinto beans; coleslaw; milk/corn bread; applesauce.
WESTBROOK ISD BREAKFAST
WEDNESDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Pancakes; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
LUNCH
WEDNESDAY - Chicken nuggets; creamed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; syrup; honey; milk.
THURSDAY - Tacos; cheese; lettuce; tomato; corn-on-the-cob; cantaloupe; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburgers; lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, French fries; fruit; milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast or assorted cereals; toast; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Pop tarts; little smolies or assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon roll or assorted cereal; toast; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast taco or assorted cereal; toast; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Biscuit; sausage patty; scrambled eggs or assorted cereals; toast; fruit juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Hot dog or burrito; chili con carne; corn; apples; whole fresh; pudding; vanilla/wafer; mustard; catsup; milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak or meatloaf; mashed potatoes; gravy; country style; black-eyed peas; mixed fruit; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef taco; taco shell/2 or flour tortilla; pinto beans; lettuce and tomato salad; fruit gelatin/pears; corn bread; milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken & dumplings or pizza/bread stick; green beans; carrot/peas; peaches; corn bread; milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken patty/bun or char-broiled hamburger; French fries; ketchup; sandwich salad; pickle; dill slices; mustard; salad dressing; orange; milk.

COAHOMA BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; toast; milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuit with sausage; jelly; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes with syrup; ham; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Texas toast or cereal; juice; sausage; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal choice; graham cracker; fruit; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken strips; gravy; whole new potatoes; green beans; pull a part bread; milk.
TUESDAY - Enchiladas; red beans; fruit; Mexican corn bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Baked lemon chicken; macaroni & cheese; normandy blend; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; salad; fresh fruit; cheese bread sticks; milk.
FRIDAY - Baked ham and cheese sandwich; fruit; tater tots; milk.
ELBOW SCHOOL BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Waffles; sausage; juice/milk.
TUESDAY - Doughnuts; juice/milk.
WEDNESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice/milk.
THURSDAY - Cereal; little smolies; juice/milk.
FRIDAY - Pancake & sausage; juice/milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Tacos/sauce; cheese; buttered corn; lettuce and tomato salad; pineapple tidbits; milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti & meat sauce; broccoli and cauliflower; peas; garlic bread; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken strips; green beans; scalloped potatoes; fruit; hot roll; milk.

THURSDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; spinach; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Beef and bean burrito; tossed salad; new potatoes; jello orange salad; milk.
THURSDAY - Pizza; salad; corn; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger; fries; salad/pickle; milk.
LUNCH
FORSAN SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Muffin; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Sausage; eggs; biscuits; jelly/butter; juice/milk.
WEDNESDAY - Waffles/bacon; syrup/butter; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Texas toast; jelly/peanut butter; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Fruit rollup; juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza; corn; salad; chocolate cake; applesauce; milk.
TUESDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; spinach; corn bread; sliced pineapple; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Barbecue on a bun; onion rings; pork and beans; pickles/onions; pudding; milk.
THURSDAY - Hot dogs; chili; salad; relish/onion; chips; fruit cup; milk.
FRIDAY - Steak/gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; butter/honey; pears; milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal Choice; graham crackers; fruit juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Sausage and biscuit; chilled fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Toaster pastry; sausage patty; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Cereal choice; graham crackers; chilled fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Blueberry muffin; sausage patty; fruit juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; whipped potatoes; gravy; broccoli with cheese sauce; pears; roll; milk.
TUESDAY - Crispy chicken sandwich; potato rounds; carrot sticks; mixed fruit; ketchup; ranch dip; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Taco; salad with cheese; salsa; pinto beans; spanish rice; corn bread; apple; milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets; macaroni and cheese; green beans; peaches; roll; milk.
FRIDAY - Sloppy Joe; french fries; celery sticks; catsup; ranch dip; cookie; milk.

GARDEN CITY
MONDAY - Pizza; corn; salad; carrot cake; milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; butter; an'ots; fried okra; jello-w-fruit; Italian bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken pot pie; coleslaw; cheese stick; pineapple tidbits; crackers; milk.
THURSDAY - Green enchiladas; pinto beans; spanish rice; peanut butter bar; milk.
FRIDAY - Chili dogs; cheese; fries; carrot stick; chocolate chip cookies; milk.

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Drought leaving sorghum producers high and dry

HARLINGEN (AP) — In a drought-plagued growing season, grain sorghum was supposed to be the farmer's savior. But for many, it has proved an economic evil.
'It's been a bad year — hopefully, a once-in-a-lifetime bad year,' said Bill Kubecka, president of the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association in Abernathy.
With its tolerance to dry conditions and above-average market prices, grain sorghum, used for livestock feed, became the crop of choice this year for farmers from Texas to Kansas.
But with harvesting nearly completed in South Texas and under way elsewhere, some growers are reporting below-average yields and say they'll be lucky just to break even.
'Ve'll lose money,' said Richard Kotzur, who farmed 3,900 acres of sorghum in

McCook, 30 miles north of the Texas-Mexico border. 'The lack of rain and the wind dried everything out that was there.'
In past years, Kotzur's sorghum has produced yields between 2,500 and 4,000 pounds per acre. This year, yields plummeted to 780 pounds per acre.
'It's more drought-tolerant than other plants, but you still have to have moisture and you have to have it at the right time,' Kotzur said. 'If that doesn't happen, it doesn't matter what kind of plant you have.'
As with other crops during the devastating drought, sorghum's success varies from farm to farm.
In the Rio Grande Valley, yields are projected at 20-25 percent below normal for the region's 600,000 acres of sorghum, said Tim Lust, direc-

tor of marketing and research for the Grain Sorghum Producers Association.
In Corpus Christi and further up the coast, farmers are experiencing at least a 50-percent loss in yields, Lust said. At the same time, recent rains should help produce higher yields in the Texas Panhandle and further north to Kansas.
Production also depends on whether farmers planted on irrigated land.
Fred Schuster, a farmer on the Texas-Mexico border, planted all of his 1,400 acres of sorghum on irrigated land. His yields were above average, at 6,000 pounds per acre.
'The yields have been very good,' said Schuster, whose family decided against planting cotton for the first time in 63 years.
The drought led farmers across the country's midsection

to make similar decisions.
In Texas, the nation's second-largest sorghum producer, grain sorghum acreage increased from 2.7 million acres in 1995 to 4.4 million acres this year.
In Kansas, the nation's No. 1 sorghum producer, farmers planted 4.8 million acres, compared with 3.3 million last year, Lust said. Oklahoma also saw an increase in sorghum acreage.
Higher market prices also helped drive up acreage. In Texas, sorghum has sold for \$6.50 to \$7.50 per 100 pounds. The average price in the past five years has hovered at \$4.
But even the higher prices won't help some.
Kubecka said much of his sorghum crop was so drought-stricken that it simply didn't

'We're just not used to not getting any rain,' said Kubecka, who farmed 1,600 acres of sorghum in Palacios, 90 miles south of Houston on the Texas coast.
Palacios usually averages 47 inches of rain per year, but in the first six months of 1996, it received just 2 1/2 inches, Kubecka said. His sorghum yield was 2,800 pounds per acre, compared with about 6,000 pounds per acre in past years.
Kubecka said his saving grace is that grain isn't the only crop he planted. His rice and cotton are doing well.
'It's kind of a break-even situation,' he said. 'I just thank myself for being diversified and not having all my eggs in one basket.'
The Texas Water Development Board monitors the ongoing drought across the

state using a formula called the Palmer Drought Severity Index, which is based on rainfall, soil conditions and other factors.
Anything above zero on the Palmer scale indicates no drought, and the index ranges down to totals below -4.0, which indicate extreme drought.
Here is a sampling of cities across Texas and where their regions stood on the index as of Aug. 3, the most recent Palmer survey:
City Rating Comment
Ablene -3.60 Severe
Austin-SA -4.51 Extreme
Dallas-FW -4.30 Extreme
El Paso -2.36 Moderate
Harlingen -2.90 Moderate
Houston -3.37 Severe
Laredo -3.49 Severe
Lubbock -1.85 Mild
San Angelo -4.21 Extreme
Tyler -3.90 Severe

Drought effecting more than just cotton

AUSTIN (AP) — Production of cotton, corn, peanuts and hay in Texas are down from last year due to the ongoing drought, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said Monday.
Texas, the nation's top cotton-producing state, is estimated to produce 3.65 million bales, down 18 percent from last year and only the second time since 1990 that the Texas cotton crop would drop below 4 million bales, Perry said.
'These numbers tell us just how severe this drought has been and the toll it's taken on Texas crops,' Perry said.
'Right now, we're looking at more than 1 million acres of Upland cotton abandoned across the state because of drought-related problems.'
Perry said more than 600,000 acres were abandoned on the southern High Plains, the state's largest cotton-producing area.
Upland cotton production on the southern High Plains is estimated at 1.96 million bales, down 5 percent from last year.

A NEW WINDOW ON BANKING!



The recent construction at Security State Bank will be a thing of the past soon as new drive up windows are almost complete and should be operational sometime in September.

Mrs. Baird's seeking reorganization

FORT WORTH (AP) — Mrs Baird's Bakeries is asking some 5,000 vendors and 20,000 customers to approve its proposed reorganization plan, which would dole out some \$8.22 million to creditors.
The 88-year-old, family-owned bakery is hoping to emerge from bankruptcy in early October, about six months after filing for Chapter 11 protection from creditors.
'The reorganization plan and settlement represent an opportunity for Mrs Baird's to pay all our creditors in full,' company president and chief executive officer Larry Wheeler said in a statement released Wednesday.

Company spokesman David Margulies said 25,000 response forms and ballots on the reorganization plan were mailed to creditors last week. There's an Aug. 29 deadline for returning the ballots.
Mrs Baird's was found guilty earlier this year of price-fixing in East Texas between 1977 and 1993. It was acquitted of a similar count involving alleged price-fixing in West Texas.
On May 30, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of Dallas assessed the maximum fine of \$10 million, sentenced the company to five years' probation and ordered it to perform 2,500 hours of community service.

While continuing to deny they conspired to fix bread prices over the past two decades, Mrs Baird's and other bakers have agreed to pay \$31.75 million to settle the suit, brought by grocery stores and school districts in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.
Mrs Baird's share of the settlement is \$18 million, which would be divided between thousands of retailers, restaurants and other customers under the reorganization plan.
The state's largest bakery and the largest in the nation that's family owned, Mrs Baird's employs about 3,200 employees.

Area realtors introduce new agents

HERALD Staff Report
Janelle Britton, owner of Coldwell Banker Sun Country Realtors welcomes the recent association of Sharon Hamby to the Coldwell banker staff of professional realtors.
Hamby received her undergraduate and master's degrees from Angelo State University and Sul Ross State University, respectively, and studied real estate at Howard College.
Hamby is a native of San Angelo and has been teaching in the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts since 1972.
Home Realtors also welcomes a new broker to its staff. Doris Huijbregetse joins Home Realtors as a full-time sales associate. She is a licensed real estate broker, and has been with the Home firm on a part-time basis since 1977.
Huijbregetse recently retired from Howard College after having been a professor of business, director of the management development program and chairperson of the business division. The division duties included supervision of the real estate program for several years. Huijbregetse previously taught at Big Spring High School.
She is a native of East Texas, but has lived in Big Spring with her husband Harlan and son Kenneth since 1961. Huijbregetse has a BBA and MS degrees from Texas A&I University (now Texas Tech A&M-Kingsville).

Pickens ready to leave Mesa after 40 years

IRVING (AP) — Boone Pickens' is ready to hit the trail, leaving behind the 40-year relationship he has built with his beloved Mesa Inc.
Pickens says as he rides into the sunset of his years at the country's largest independent natural gas producer, he won't look back. There will be no regrets about his decades of drilling and discovery at the oil and gas company he founded with a \$2.500 stake and used for the hostile takeover attempts that made him famous and sometimes hated.
Pickens, known as T. Boone Pickens, known as T. Boone despite his preference for just his middle name, now is helping Mesa wrangle up a successor.
'When they get somebody, I'm ready to go,' said the 68-year-old oilman, who led his last stockholders' meeting as chief executive on Tuesday. But with a wrench he added: 'I imagine the last day will be a pretty sad day.'
That heir may find it hard to fill the boots of a corporate raider, a moniker Pickens detests, who helped change the landscape of American business.
As a raider, Pickens orchestrated some of the highest profile takeover attempts of the 1980s, targeting Gulf Oil Corp., Unocal Corp. and Phillips Petroleum.
The takeovers created hostile

feelings which surprised Pickens, 68, who has never liked that people remember the raids more than what Mesa reaped.
'If you look back over it for 40 years, the high profile years were about four years,' Pickens said. 'It's interesting you're remembered for those years rather than the other 36.'
In a karmic twist of fate, Pickens' leaving also involved a raiding party. Only this time it was against Mesa and Pickens, led by Pickens' protege David Batchelder.
The hostile takeover attempt was rebuffed when Texas financier and friend Richard Rainwater stepped in and recapitalized the company with more than \$1 billion in lower-cost financing.
Pickens said that some have said that Batchelder 'bagged' him.
'Hell, I'm 68-years-old, time bagged me, not Batchelder,' he said. 'We worked our way out of the problem, I feel good about that. The company is well.'
Mesa saw a profit in the first and second quarter for the first time in seven years.
Pickens said those people he did tick off in his takeover days haven't gloated about his own trouble with takeover threats.
'They're all gone,' he said. 'All those folks aren't around

anymore.'
Rainwater got a 32.5 percent stake in Mesa for his investment, with a possibility of garnering up to 64 percent. Also, out of seven board seats the Fort Worth investor got three.
Going to his friend for help was necessary for Pickens because of the debt that the company built. That debt was due to overly generous payments to shareholders when natural gas prices went through the floor.
'We just distributed too much to the shareholders,' he said. 'I didn't squander the money. I've just had my stock and hung onto it all the way through. I took the same hits everybody did.'
In the future, Pickens sees himself possibly picking energy futures, something he did to keep Mesa going during trying times, or he may go to work elsewhere.
'I've had opportunities already,' he said about an offer from an old friend to head to Calgary, Canada. 'But, I'll stay in the Dallas area. I've got too many grandkids here.' Pickens has 16 grandchildren primarily in the Texas-Oklahoma region.
He says he won't be retiring and he won't be writing his autobiography. That was finished up nearly 10 years ago and became a best-seller.
Whatever work he decides to do, he'll stay tied to Mesa.

Skunks creating more problems than just odors

If you haven't had the problem, it probably doesn't sound like a big deal...BUT, if you have had the problem of skunks you have a PROBLEM!! From the number of calls our office has received lately, it is apparent that a lot of you out there have a problem!

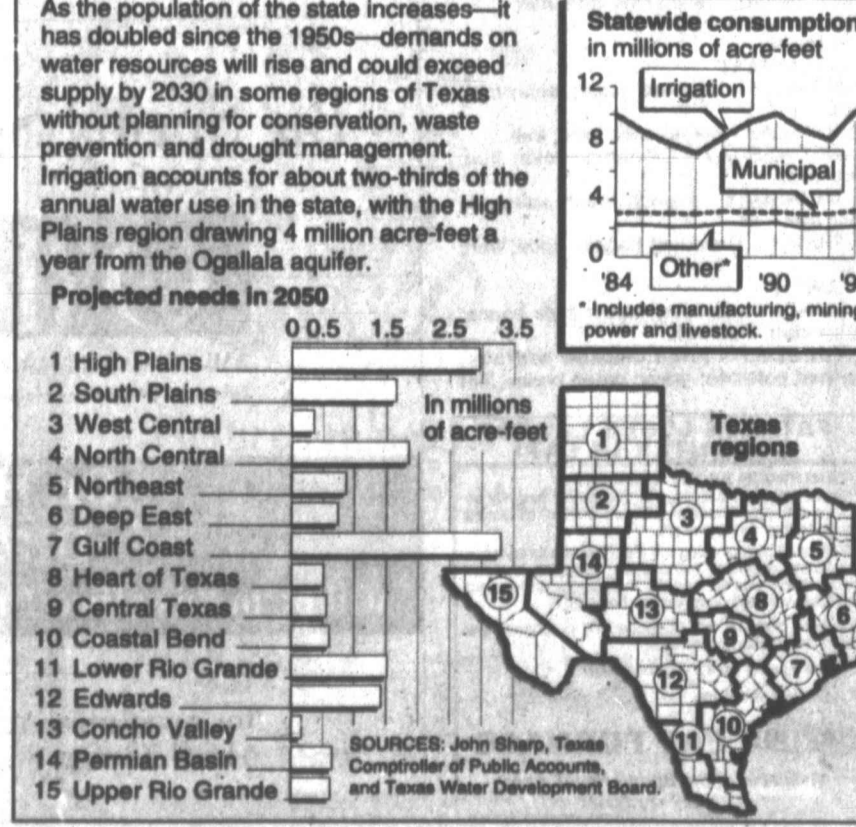


Don Richardson County Agent

The natural habitat of the skunk is usually clearings, pastures, open lands bordering brushy land, and on the prairies where it seeks cover in thickets and brush along streams. Its home is usually a den, sometimes a hollow log. It is nocturnal in habit, rather slow moving and deliberate, and has great confidence in defending itself against any or all animals (including man!).
As is well known, skunks have the ability of discharging nauseating musk from its anal glands. The animal is capable of several discharges, not just one.
Skunks become nuisances when their burrowing and feeding habits conflict with man. They may burrow under porches or buildings by entering foundation openings. They dig holes in lawns, golf courses and gardens to search for insect grubs found beneath the ground surface. Skunks have also been known to kill poultry and eat eggs. Also garbage or refuse left outdoors may be disturbed by skunks. They also like leftover food of dogs and cats!
The biggest threat to man is the fact that Skunks can be carriers of rabies. When confronted by a skunk persons are urged to not try to come in contact with them and keep pets away from them. Health skunks are mild-mannered ani-

mals which will not defend themselves unless they are cornered or harmed. Warnings are given before discharging their scent by rapidly stamping their forefeet and arching their tails over their backs. A slow moving, quiet retreat is recommended. Loud noises and quick, aggressive actions should be avoided.
The drought we have been experiencing this summer is among the reasons skunks are becoming more noticeable this year. They are seeking food and water that is no longer available in their natural sites and are coming closer to human contacts for such needs. Be sure and keep garbage and unused pet food out of areas skunks have been frequenting.
There are no registered repellents for skunks. As with other species of mammals, moth balls or moth flakes (paradichlorobenzene or naphthalene) sometimes discourages skunks from using specific areas. Ammonia soaked cloths can also serve as repellent for skunks. There are no toxicants presently registered for use in control of skunks. One type of gas cartridge is currently registered for fumigating skunk dens but no other fumigants are registered for this purpose.
Skunks can be caught in live traps set near the entrance of their den. Fish-flavored cat food is a good bait for them. A canvas should be used to cover the trap before setting it to reduce the chances of the skunk discharging its scent. A 4-inch pipe leading to a water-filled barrel can sometimes be very effective in controlling skunks. Bait is sometimes used to encourage the skunk to enter the pipe.
For additional details on skunks and dealing with them and getting rid of their odors please contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Howard County Office at 264-2236 or come by its location on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse in Big Spring.

Water supply: Half-full or half-empty?



PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace
China Long
Precinct 1, Place 1
Bad Checks/Warrants issued:
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please contact China Long's office at 264-2228.

Abalos, Ernest M., 1614 Ave. K, Lubbock.
Bailey Jenny Conline, 816 W. 7th or 1409 Aylesford, Big Spring.
Barr, Heather M., Big Spring.
Barraza, Mary, 1100 N. Nolan, Big Spring.
Elliott, Rick, 256 Future Dr., San Antonio.
Garcia, Sabrina, 1511 Bluebird, Big Spring.
Johnson, Natalia, P.O. Box 5877, Big Spring.
Johnson, Zach, HC 69, Box 40, Big Spring.
Magers, Tamara M., 1511 Tucson, Big Spring.
Ocker, Jean, 609 Johnson, Big Spring.
Perez, Angelina C., 1104 E. 11th Place, Big Spring.
Rios, Debbie, 4206 Parkway, Big Spring.
Rodriguez, William Pete, 1238 Royal Crown Dr., Eagle Pass.
Simpson, Leann, HC 61, Box 274, Big Spring.
Winbush, Ellen C., Gail Rt., Box 446 A, Big Spring.

Marriage Licenses:
Carl Anthony Davis, 31, and Francisca R. Rodriguez, 32.
Arthur Islas, Jr., 29, and Amy Lynn Jones, 18.

118th District Court:
Filings:
Accounts, notes and contracts:
Ricky Hughes vs. Cimarron Crop Ins. Services, Inc.
Industrial Training Systems vs. Industrial Fabrication.
Injuries & damages:
Ray Andrews vs. Final Oil & Chemical.
Randall Nabors vs. H&R Block Tax Services, Inc.
Woodrow B. Howell vs. The American Publishing Co., d/b/a "Big Spring Herald Co." and "Big Spring Herald".
Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Shannon Dale Bunch vs. Alton Ray Fambro.
Manuel Reyes vs. David Wayne O'Brien.
Divorce:
Barbara Cotherman vs. Scott Cotherman.
Adelaida M. Gonzales vs. Jason G. Gonzales.
Shanna Lori Sellers vs. Douglas Mark Sellers.
Larry Smith vs. Cathy Smith.
Family:
Laura Ann Villa vs. Rene Olague Villa.
Londa Nicole Copeland vs. Fred Mendoza Rubio.
Herman Rosemond vs. Helen Loretta Thralls.
Ramona Foster vs. David Henry Harvell.
Other:
Neil McMories vs. James R. Wilson
Howard County Deed Records
Warranty Deeds:
grantor: Marcia M. Coates FKA Marcia M. Macy
grantee: Charles F. Macy
property: Field note description of a 30' X 75' tract out of the northeast 1/4, north-west 1/4 of section 21, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 6, 1996
grantor: C.L. Gooch
grantee: Joseph and Silvia C. Gallegos
property: Lot 4, blk. 2, Amended Plat of the Mital Acres Addition.
filed: Aug. 8, 1996
Subject to Deeds:
grantor: Paula G. Spooner
grantee: Associates Relocation Management Co., Inc., a Colorado Corp.
property: Lot 9, blk. 11, Fifth Filing, Coronado Hills Addition.
filed: Aug. 8, 1996
Deed without warranty:
grantor: Robert D. Miller
grantee: Leslie Lloyd
property: Lot 1, blk. 9, Earles Addition.
filed: Aug. 8, 1996
Gift deed:
grantor: J.R. Piper
grantee: Amy Hodnett
property: Lots 8&9, blk. 2, John W. Furr Addition.
filed: Aug. 6, 1996
General warranty deed:
grantor: W.M. and Alyene Skiles
grantee: Kathleen Nanny
property: Lots 3&4, blk. 29, College Parks Estates.
filed: Aug. 9, 1996
grantor: Denise H. Ross D/B/A Ross Construction
grantee: Larry Ray and Mary Jean Cole
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property: Lot 4, blk. 10, Kentwood Addition.
filed: Aug. 5, 1996
grantor: Gerakline Hanson and Glen P. Dinkenson, Jr.
grantee: Christopher Wayne and Paula Johns Mackey
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filed: Aug. 7, 1996
grantor: Lucinda Ann Payne Koonce and Thad Koonce
grantee: Stacy I. Coley
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filed: Aug. 8, 1996
Warranty deed with vendor's lien:
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grantee: Kenneth R. Patsy J. Steen
property: South 50' of the northeast 1/4 of blk. 22, College Heights.
filed: Aug. 6, 1996
grantor: John and Leanne Homan
grantee: Moore Properties
property: Tract 1: all that certain parcel and piece of land out of and part of lots 5&6, blk. 13, Original Town of Big Spring. Tract 2: Lot 3, blk. 13, Original Town of Big Spring.
filed: Aug. 6, 1996
grantor: Estate of Katharine B. Lamb, Deceased
grantee: Bryan Shields York and Diana L. York
property: Lot 34, blk. 6, Highland South Addition No. 6.
filed: Aug. 6, 1996
grantor: Bill McDonald
grantee: Ben and Rosalinda Mancha
property: A 2.890 acre tract in the west part of section 25, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Aug. 9, 1996
grantor: Lila K. and Bill M. Estes
grantee: Randall G. and Penny L. Owensby
property: Lot 9, blk. 2, Central Park Addition.
filed: July 31, 1996
grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Tommy and Linda White
property: Lot 1 and 2, Subdivision C, blk. 15, Fairview Heights Addition.
filed: Aug. 1, 1996
grantor: Wade and Toni Choate
grantee: Howard County Farm Bureau
property: Lots 13-16, blk. 6, Highland Park Addition.
filed: Aug. 1, 1996
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property: A 0.348 acre tract of land, more or less, out of section 44, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
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filed: Aug. 2, 1996
grantor: Walter Everett Jr. and Brenda Fay Beal
grantee: Samuel E. Morgan, Jr.
property: Lot 12 and NW 15.0' of lot 11, blk. 18, College Park Estates.
filed: Aug. 2, 1996
General warranty deed with 1st and 2nd vendor's lien:
grantor: Charles F. and Carole Le Macy
grantee: Timothy M. and Karon Cornett
property: A 15.55 acre tract of land in the NW 1/4 of section 21, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co.
filed: July 31, 1996
Special Cash Warranty Deed:
grantor: Roger Dale and Anna Mae Brown
grantee: Pamela Wilson Gass
property: All of our undivided interest in all of lot 7, blk. H, Camostra Estates, a subdivision out of section 17, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry.Co.
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Cash Warranty Deed:
grantor: Pamela Wilson Gass and Walter Ronnie Gass
grantee: Billy Johnson
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filed: Aug. 5, 1996
Special warranty deed with vendor's lien:
grantor: Twila Kay Mayes
grantee: Jimmy Allen Mayes
property: Lot 6, blk. 15, Unit #2 Kentwood Addition.
filed: Aug. 6, 1996
grantor: Leslie Lloyd
grantee: Charlie and Evelyn Corbett
property: Lot 1, blk. 9, Earles Addition.
filed: Aug. 9, 1996

Brewpubs becoming talk of Texas towns

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas beer-makers are trying to teach the state's beer drinkers something new about their brew. Following a national trend, microbreweries and recently legalized brewpubs are popping up across the state. With them, brewers say Texans are learning there's more to beer than water, grains, hops and yeast. "Specialty beers are very hot," said Christine Cells, president of Celis Brewery. "This market is evolving very fast." The evolution of the specialty, or craft, beer market in Texas was boosted in 1993 when lawmakers legalized brewpubs: brewery-restaurants allowed to sell beer brewed on their premises. Ms. Cells, whose father founded the Austin brewery in 1992, said brewpubs and microbreweries help each other as Texans experiment with new styles of beer. She said people try different styles at a brewpub, look for different styles at liquor and grocery stores, and learn more about what's available. "On both ends, we're educating," she said. Specialty, craft brewers say they strive to offer beers with fuller tastes and more aroma, differentiating themselves from the light beers that dominate the Texas beer market. That aim has hit home with many young-adult beer drinkers, says Ken Baumann, general manager of San Antonio-based Salado Creek Brewing Co. "Everyone is drinking less. But they are drinking better," said Baumann, whose brewery introduced its first beer earlier this year. "All of these things go along with an individual, self perception: 'I am what I wear, what I drink. I don't have to drink a six-pack. I can drink two of something good.'"

Overall, beer sales in Texas and across the country have gone flat. But sales of specialty beers are growing. They represent less than 2 percent of Texas sales. Eric McQuaid, vice president of the Texas Brewers Festival, said the continued growth has lured large, national brewers. For example: — Miller Brewing Co. has a distribution agreement with Cells. Cells officials say the relationship stops there. — S&P Co. of San Francisco — the parent company of Pabst Brewing Co. which owns San Antonio-based Pearl Brewery — funded most of Salado Creek's start up. Baumann says he controls the products. — Anheuser-Busch, which makes Budweiser, is in the market with Zeigenbock brewed in Houston. For some microbrewers and beer drinkers, the issue of ownership and control is key, McQuaid said. "Making the consumers more aware of beer and how and where it is brewed may make them more likely to drink beer that is brewed locally or regional in Texas," said John Segrest, a marketer for the Brewers Festival. Chip McElroy agrees. He and partner Brian Peters are working to get their Live Oak Brewery beer from Austin onto the market this fall. McElroy said he doesn't have a problem with micro or regional breweries that grow or join with national brewers,

adding only that they should be honest about it. He blasts, however, brewers who have little to do with their beers other than marketing. "Their only excuse is 'Well, we're trying to be deceitful and if you force us to be honest, we can't cash in on the microbrewery wave,'" he said. Davis Tucker, owner of the Copper Tank brewpub in Austin and founder of Austin-based Old City Brewery which makes Pecan Street beers, said some microbrewers are behaving too restrictively when it comes to who's brewing where. Tucker began brewing Pecan Street in 1988 at the Spoetzl Brewery in Shiner, home of Shiner beers. He now brews in Minnesota after his lease with Spoetzl ended. "Our move was not one that we wanted to make," Tucker said. "We have since been working with the city of Austin trying to build a facility downtown."

Tucker says Pecan Street is an Austin beer despite being brewed in Minnesota. He and other brewers say the definition of microbrew should be changed so that it aligns more with the idea of craft beers no matter where it's made. "Your ultimate goal is to produce the best product you can," he said. Ron Christenson, marketing director for The Gambrinus Co. of San Antonio, which owns the Spoetzl Brewery, said Shiner beers don't really fall into the microbrew category. But the popular Texas beer sells alongside the specialty beers, he said. "The industry is a fun business right now. There is a lot of opportunity for people with a good product," Christenson said. Christenson added that as the specialty market grows, all craft brewers benefit. "As it has grown, it actual creates an awareness. The more (consumers) try other products, the more likely we are to have them sample ours."

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Keeping an eye on Texas

Earned Income Credit works for Texas families

Low- and moderate-income Texas families who work hard and play by the rules received a well-deserved pay raise this year—more than \$2.6 billion in federal Earned Income Tax Credits. The Austin regional office of the IRS ranked second nationwide (behind Los Angeles) for the number of families who filed and received the tax credit this year. The average refund per Texas family was just under \$1,500.

Region	Working Families	EITC Credits
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Personal 039

START DATING TONIGHT
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BUSINESS

Business Opp. 050

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Education 055

NOTICE
Trainees Needed
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*Quality Control Techs
*Commercial Pilots
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Instruction 060
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Instruction 060

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Help Wanted 085

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FOR
MONDAY THRU
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ENTERPRISES
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REFERENCES

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From Settles to Lexington
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RT. 234-W 17th & 18th Street
From Aylesford to Parkhill
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Approx profit \$90/Mo.

OPEN SEPT. 1
RT 149 - E 15TH-E 17TH
From Lincoln to Birdwell
29 Subscribers
approx. profit \$60/Mo.
RT. 143-BY COLLEGE HEIGHTS ELEM.
43 Subscribers
Approx. profit \$90/Mo.
RT. 715 - KNOTT
Approx. 4 Hrs./Day
Approx. profit \$650/Mo.
Must be 18 & have TDL & Insurance
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From Johnson To Gollad
45 Subscribers
Approx. profit \$95/Mo.
RT. 173 E 10th to E 14th
From Settles to Lincoln
65 Subscribers
approx profit \$140/MO
Apply At
Big Spring Herald
Circulation Dept.

Help Wanted 085

PART-TIME Convenience clerk needed immediately. Must be able to work shifts & weekends. Pick-up applications at Uncle's Convenience store. 1005 Moss Creek Road, between 9:00am-2:00pm.

DELIVERY DRIVERS
Now hiring part time & full-time deliver drivers. Apply in person at Pizza Inn 1702 Gregg St. Must be 18, have own transportation & valid driver's license.

"POSTAL JOBS"
Big Spring area
\$13.27/hr to start, plus benefits. Carriers, sorters, clerks, computer trainees. For an application & exam information, Call 1-800-270-8015, ext. 8032. 8am-8pm, 7 days.

POSTAL JOBS
Start \$12.68/hr. plus benefits. for application and exam info. Call 1-407-338-6100 ext. TX 212. 8am-9pm 7 days.

Help Wanted 085

PRE-KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS
Part-time position requires a bachelor's degree & teaching certificate. Early childhood &/or kindergarten endorsement desirable.
Furnish resume to Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan.

RN'S/LVN'S NURSEFINDERS
580-3535
We need your experience for short term staffing and staff relief. Med-Surg; ER, Critical Care; Oncology; Labor & Delivery; Orthopedics.
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Salesperson, wholesale hot lines. Must have positive, aggressive attitude, salary plus commission. Bring resume to Westex Auto Parts, Inc., 1511 Hwy. 350 N.

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*Current nursing licensure for state of Texas, R.N. preferred.
*Minimum of one year of health training and/or staff development experience in either acute or long term care including supervisory experience.
*Administrative and organizational ability.
Please contact Silvia Casas, Administrator, at 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, TX, or call (915) 263-4041 or fax resume to (915) 263-4067.

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