

Coahoma reaches state tourney for second time in three years

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

LUBBOCK — When the deal was finally done, when Delvin White squeezed his glove around the final out of the Region 1-2A baseball title game, the Coahoma Bulldogs finally decided to start acting like a bunch of teenagers.

Throughout this year's playoffs, the Bulldogs had shown an almost inhuman calm in dispatching their opponents by a combined score of 16-2. But



OLIVAS

accompanied by enough whoops and hollers to do a hoedown justice, let the world know that for the second time in three years, the Big 'Dogs were going

after White took Marshall Wright's throw to put the caper on a tense, nail-biting 5-4 victory over Memphis Saturday at O'Banion Field, the Bulldogs' collective emotions finally showed through.

A dogpile on the pitcher's mound,

to the Big Dance.

The victory puts Coahoma in the UIL State Baseball Tournament for the second time since 1995, when the Bulldogs rode the lightning right arm of pitcher Brandon McGuire to their first-ever berth in the state's Final Four.

Although many of the players from that team pepper the lineup of this year's squad, it is a different brand of Bulldogs who will take the field next Thursday at the Burger Center in Austin against an opponent to be named later.

Those veterans from the 1995 team — including Wright, Mike McMillan, Scott Goodblanket, Freddy Olivas,

Michael Cobb and Rodney Gressett — are now seniors, more appreciative of what they accomplished Saturday. And, minus an obvious superstar like McGuire, everyone had a role to play in the team's success.

Nobody embodied that better than Olivas, the team's second baseman who has been mired in a hitless slump throughout the playoffs. But with a trip to the state tournament on the line, the senior came up extremely big, driving in three runs, including the game-winner in the sixth inning.

"This is way sweeter, way better than the last time," Olivas said. That sentiment was echoed by all the

seniors.

"Being a senior, and this being my last chance at athletics in high school, makes this just great," designated hitter Cobb said.

"It's a little bit sweeter for me this time around," Wright said. "We've got quite a few leaders on this team."

"Personally, this means a little more to me," said pitcher McMillan, who improved his record to 16-1. "This is more of a team than in 1995. I think everyone knows that team was Brandon's team. This year, it's been a total team effort all year. It's taken all of the guys on the team, plus the coaches, to get the job done."



Settles Hotel: A matter of survival

Walking through the Settles Hotel, it's impossible to recall its earlier glory.

The Settles, Big Spring's most notable downtown landmark, once attracted travelers from across the country. People would congregate in the coffee shop during the lunch hour, young folks would flock to the second-story ballroom for dances and the place was a regular site for hosting conventions.

Now all it attracts is dust, graffiti and looks of resignation.

The hotel's rich mahogany wall panels are gone, as are the ornate light fixtures and almost every other object of value. The main staircase, which captured everyone's attention when they walked through the front door, has been stripped to bare metal.

The more you look, the worse things get. Instead of visitors, the main lobby is crowded with trash. Graffiti decorates the walls. Windows are either shattered or missing altogether.

er. Carpeting, where it exists, is filthy, torn and spotted. Electricity, heating and water are non-existent.

Now, instead of being a landmark the city can take pride in, the Settles has become of a symbol of the deterioration that plagues the downtown area.

The Settles, to put it bluntly, is in dire need of a facelift.

But that's not exactly news, at least as far as area residents are concerned. Since the hotel was closed about 20 years ago, it has changed ownership numerous times. Each new landlord, it seemed, promised to restore the building to its former grandeur.

It never happened. Instead, time and vandalism have reduced the Settles to a dark, foreboding hulk, and numerous residents — weary of its continued deterioration — would just as soon see the old landmark torn down.

But there are others who believe the great lady can shine again, and they have begun a grass-roots effort to breathe life back into the old

ghost.

The group, which includes local businessmen Wade Choate and Mel Prather along with Herald Managing Editor John H. Walker, see the Settles as the key to downtown restoration — restore the Settles, and the downtown area will eventually follow suit; do nothing, and consign downtown to the wrecking ball.

But to understand what they want to do, perhaps a look at what they face is in order.

The task

When H.G. Settles built the hotel back in the late 1920s, he built it big, and he built it to last. That has worked for and against the building.

Since it closed, every salvageable bit of material, including wall paneling and electrical wiring, has been removed, leaving an empty shell that has been easy prey for vandals and the elements.

The end result is that it is going to cost a lot of money to restore the Settles. To seal off

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Windows project is taking a first step toward returning to once-grand status

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Drive by the Settles Hotel, and you'll see a once-grand building slowly sliding into decay.

Look closer, however, and you'll see some small, shiny signs of renewal.

The Settles, which has suffered greatly from years of vandalism, is in the first stages of a much-needed facelift thanks to a local insurance salesman, the owners of a local glass shop and many generous Big Spring residents.

The Windows for the Settles program is the first step toward refurbishing the hotel, according to local insurance salesman Tommy Churchwell.

To date, 63 windows have been placed in the structure, with a goal of 320. Local residents can purchase the windows for \$150 each.

Churchwell said just looking at the dilapidated structure convinced him to do something.

"To do nothing was not an option," he said. "At the very least, we had to stop the deterioration."



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The first step, in Churchwell's view, was to replace the building's windows, which are either shattered by vandals or missing altogether, to close the building off from the elements. To that end, he enlisted the aid of Quality Glass and Mirror owners Bill and Darlene Hipp, who agreed to install the windows at little profit to themselves.

Darlene Hipp recalled that her mother ran the Settles' elevator years ago, so she was more than happy to help restore the old building.

"(The Settles) has a lot of memories for me," she said. "We feel really great about the whole thing."

Bill Hipp, who has handled most of the actual installation, said it is a worthwhile project.

"The old building is still in pretty good condition," he said. "It still needs a lot of work, but I was amazed it's in as good of a condition as it is, considering the circumstances."

Public interest in the project was slow at first, but increasing, Bill Hipp said.

"(Interest) was kind of slow to begin with, but we're beginning to get a lot more favorable input from people as it goes along," he said.

WEATHER

Today:	Mon:	Tues:	Wed:

Today, partly cloudy. High in the lower 90s. Tonight, fair. Low from the mid 50s to the lower 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. High in the lower 90s. Low around 60. Tuesday through Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows from the upper 50s to the mid 60s. Highs in the 90s.

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Garcia defeats DeAnda in District 2 council runoff

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Voting was slow most of Saturday morning and into the afternoon in the runoff election between incumbent two-term Councilwoman Pat DeAnda and Oscar Garcia for the District 2 city council seat, but after all of the votes were counted Garcia walked away with 162 votes to DeAnda's 66.

After hearing the totals, Garcia, with his wife Mary at his side, said, "We're very excited and we thank the Lord who



GARCIA

A total of 118 votes were needed then to avoid Saturday's runoff, but Garcia, who received more votes than

has been with us."

Garcia came within a handful of votes of defeating DeAnda and Bob Taylor for the seat outright during the May 3 election.

DeAnda or Taylor, was 11 votes short of the total needed.

During the two-week early voting period for the runoff, 137 voters cast ballots either in person or by mail, but as votes were counted Saturday, that figure was adjusted to 114 because of several mailed out ballots not being returned. The 114 early votes matches the number of voters who turned out to cast ballots Saturday.

As for Saturday's margin of victory, Garcia said I think I was expecting it and I think the district needed it.

"The district needed to speak and I think the voters did," Garcia said. "District 2 will be a hard district to work for, but I look forward to getting the people involved just as I am looking forward to working together with the entire council."

DeAnda was not available for comment on the outcome of the election.

Garcia took the first part of his oath in City Secretary Tom Ferguson's office immediately after Assistant City Secretary Shanna Young announced the results.

OBITUARIES

Marty Glendening

STANTON — Funeral service for Marty Glendening, 31, of Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Mr. Glendening died Thursday, May 29, 1997, in San Diego, Calif.

Mona Blaine

Graveside service for Mona Blaine, 60, of Sand Springs, will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 2, 1997, at Mount Olive Memorial Park, with the Rev. Tim Winn of New Deal officiating.

Mrs. Blaine died Thursday, May 29, 1997, at her residence following a long illness.

She was born on June 16, 1936, in El Paso and married Joe Blaine in 1951.

He preceded her in death on March 10, 1994. Mrs. Blaine moved to Howard County in 1987 after residing in Imperial many years. She was a homemaker and a member of a Baptist church.

Survivors include two sons, Joe G. Blaine Jr. of Big Spring and John Blaine of Sand Springs; one sister, Mary Averette of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and several cousins, aunts and uncles.

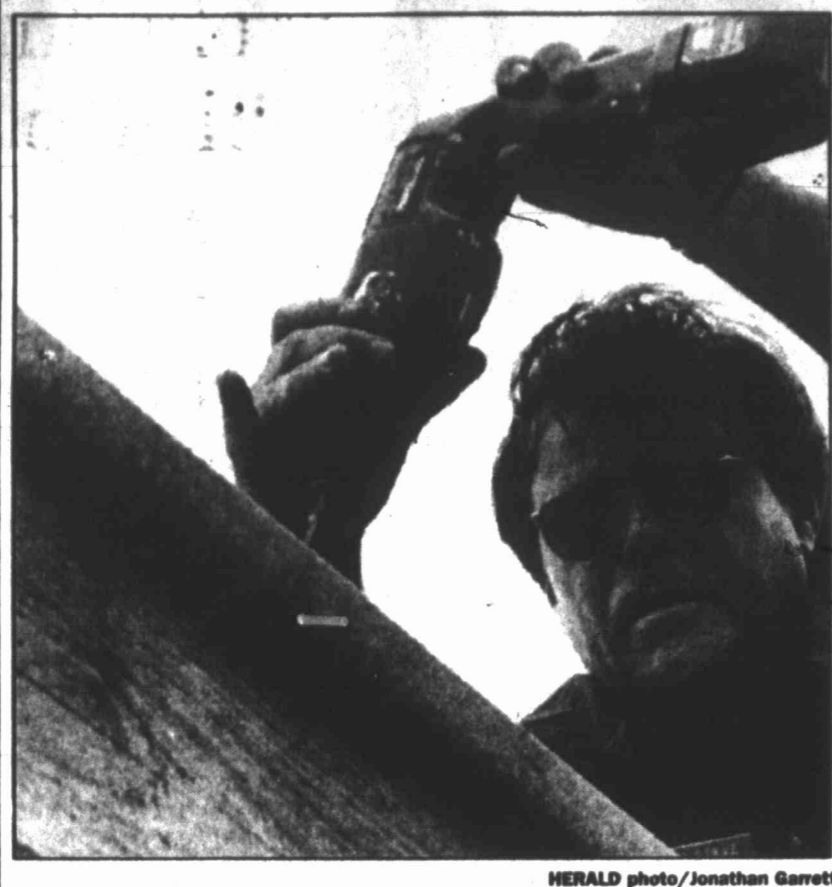
The family will be at 2303 Carl Street.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.



BLAINE

KIDS' ZONE WORK



Steve Herren puts up the long awaited last swing at Kids' Zone during the repair day held Saturday. The swing did not arrive in time to be put up during initial construction.

Counts maintains lawmakers wanted property tax cut, too

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Despite the defeat of Gov. George W. Bush's plan to overhaul the state's property tax laws and public school funding method, Friday the Texas House passed House Bill 4 (HB4) — a plan that provides property tax cuts to Texas homeowners.

The move came just a few days before Monday's final day of the legislative session.

District 70 State Rep. David Counts was disappointed that Gov. Bush's proposal could not be agreed upon, saying legislators do understand the urgent need for property tax relief for many Texas homeowners, which is what HB4 does.

According to Counts representative James Beauchamp, Counts voted in favor of the plan, which would raise the state's homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000, and would pump more than \$1 billion in additional state funding into public schools.

In addition, the bill contains a hold-harmless provision to ensure school districts would receive the same revenue as normal, despite any offsets due to the increase in the homestead exemption.

In announcing passage of the bill, Counts said, "This plan will bring the state's overall share of public school funding up to 50 percent. I feel like we need to do more, but this is a good start."

Counts, who has never been a supporter of the state lottery,

added the bill also includes provisions which will dedicate all of the profits from the lottery to public education.

Beauchamp said senior citizens who currently have their taxes frozen would also benefit from the House plan because the bill, as approved, would leave their tax rate frozen but provide them the additional savings of the \$10,000 increase in their homestead exemption.

HB4 would also allow seniors to transfer their tax freeze in the event they buy another home. Also, HB4 provides the funds to raise the basic education allotment to provide for teacher pay raises passed in Senate Bill 1, meaning there would be an increase in the minimum teacher salary of more than 5 percent in 1998 and an additional 1 percent in 1999.

HB4 gives Texas voters the final say because a constitutional amendment is required to increase the homestead exemption.

Counts' office did express some disappointment because the legislature is not passing a bill that addresses the long-term problem of school finance facing public schools.

"What this plan does is take the governor's plan without the specified tax reduction," Beauchamp said.

HB4 is different from the Gov. Bush's original plan in that it proposes to increase the homestead exemption by only \$10,000 instead of \$20,000, and the proposed 20 cent property reduction is gone, as is the proposed business activity tax.

Big Spring
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SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.
•Humane Society open house, 3 to 6 p.m. Humane Society is located at I-20, west of KC Steakhouse.

MONDAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland, and Colorado City.

•Westside Community Center will have registration from noon to 5 p.m., 1311 W. Fourth. For more information call 263-7841.

•Big Spring Outreach Aglow, 7 p.m., Victoria's Market Street, 406 East FM 700. Guest speaker is Sylvia Baker of Chandler, Ariz.

TUESDAY
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.
•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice at 268-5077.
•Westside Community Center will have registration from noon to 5 p.m., 1311 W. Fourth. For more information call 263-7841.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Howard College room A-10.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15, Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

FRIDAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

•NONATO RAMON HOLGUIN, 60, of 1002 N. Gregg, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•ANTHONY VALENTINE, 38, of 1224 1/2 E. 16th, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

•DARYL MAURICE WASHINGTON, 31, of 3800 Connally, was arrested for resisting arrest, and was released on a \$3,000 bond.

BRIEFS

THE HERITAGE MUSEUM WILL have a special walk-through of its latest exhibit on June 11 at 6:30 p.m. It includes over 100 pieces of memorabilia primarily from World Wars I and II.

At the special walk-through, guest curators Jake Glickman and Wofford Hardy will be available for questions. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 267-8255.

AN OPEN HOUSE IS scheduled from 3 to 6 p.m. today at the Big Spring Humane Society. This is to showcase to the public all of the recent renovations done to the building including new paint and tile. The Humane Society is located on the north service road of Interstate 20 across from McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.

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Mona Blaine, 60, died Thursday. Graveside services 11:00 AM Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
"Jody" Jose Hernandez, 29, of Arlington and formerly of Big Spring died Friday in Ft. Worth in an automobile accident. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

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BRIEFS

HOWARD COLLEGE HAS PROGRAMS planned during the summer, including "Kids College" as well as children's dance and art classes for all ages.

Children's dance classes will be in two sessions, beginning June 9. Ballet, jazz, and pre-ballet for beginners are among the offerings.

Art classes include cartooning, watercolor, drawing and commercial art/design. Several one-week sessions begin June 2. Kid's College starts June 9 with a variety of courses for those age 6-12.

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COAHOMA — The Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in special session at 7 p.m. Monday in the board room of the CISD Administration Building at 600 Main St. to discuss and take possible action on the following:
• The district's summer carpet project.
• Select a superintendent search committee.
The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for June 16.

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the building from the weather, it will cost money to buy and install windows. It will cost money to paint over the graffiti. It will cost money just to haul out the trash, and it will cost money to bring heat, light and water back to the Settles.

How much money?
Community Development and Utilities Director Todd Darden estimated it will cost between \$2.5 million and \$3 million just to renovate the first two floors of the 16-story structure. The majority of that cost, he added, would go to bringing the building into compliance with fire and safety codes and repairing the wiring and plumbing.

If that sounds like a lot of money, consider that it would cost about as much just to tear the building down. Darden said the building is so sturdily built, with so many support columns, that it cannot be imploded. Also to be considered is asbestos in the building that must be removed, adding more dollars to the estimate.

But Prather said doing anything beats the alternative. "We've either got to fix it or tear it down," he said. "We can't just let it sit like it is now."

Not surprisingly, Prather and the others in his group vote for fixing the Settles.

The solution

"It's still an attractive building," Prather said. "It's just been abused ... but that's past tense now. We've just got to go on from here."

To restore the building, everyone agrees on two things: A new use must be found for the Settles; and the restoration must be undertaken a bit at a time.

While the thought of the Settles once again becoming the grand hotel it once was is attractive, the reality of the situation is that hotels like the Settles — especially in smaller towns like Big Spring — are as dead as penny postcards.

Other uses must be found for

the building, and the restoration group has warned to an ideal espoused by local resident Boosie Weaver in a recent letter to the Herald.

In the letter, Weaver suggested that the city — the current owner — use much of the first two floors for governmental offices. Once the first two floors are renovated and occupied, the rest of the Settles could be reclaimed a floor at a time, possibly for use as low-cost housing for senior citizens.

Weaver's idea was soundly backed by local insurance agent Tommy Churchwell.

"Would you rather spend (money) to build a parking lot, or would you rather spend the same amount to renovate the first couple of floors?" Churchwell asked. "We don't need a parking lot. Would you rather have a million dollars in improvement to the Settles, or would you rather have a million dollars worth of dirt?"

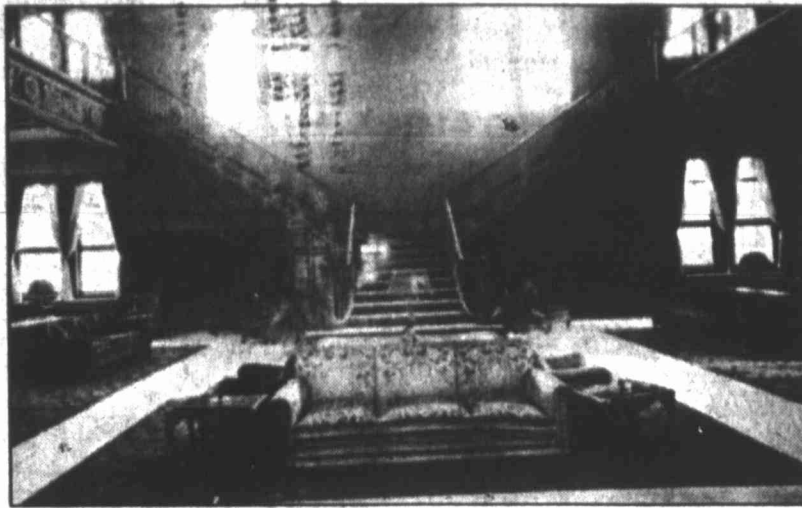
Walker's idea is to get the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and other organizations to occupy the ground floor.

"It's clear that private citizens and local businesses are going to have to do this if it gets done," Walker said. "We spent \$100,000 on a city master plan that identifies downtown as a major area that needs help ... we had hoped that the city might be willing to look at relocating some of their offices in a renovated Settles, but so far all they've done is take other buildings off the tax rolls."

Choate, Prather and Walker envision what they call a "Concert in the Rubble" to draw attention to what is needed and to get the fund-raising effort under way.

"People thought there were those in this community who were crazy back in 1992 when they decided the renovate the Dora Roberts Community Center, but look at it now," Walker said. "It is something we believe the people of this community can — and will —

THEN ...



AND NOW ...



The same view of the staircases to the Settles Hotel ballrooms taken 69 years apart. All that remains of the split staircase is a metal frame while the lobby floor is piled with rubble.

do." Churchwell got the renovation ball rolling by spearheading a community effort to purchase windows for the Settles. As of mid-May, 63 windows had been purchased and placed in the building.

It is an admittedly modest first step, but Churchwell said it is the first order of business needed to restore the building. After the windows are in place, then grant money is available to offset restoration costs for the first two floors. Restore the first two floors, then reclaim the upper stories one at a time.

Finally, if the Settles can be restored, the larger goal of downtown restoration is possible.

Churchwell said. "After all," he said, "people get their ideas about Big Spring from how we take care of our buildings."

The Settles has long been a symbol of Big Spring. For years, it was an elegant magnet for visitors. Then, as time wore on, it became a symbol of the blight that has afflicted many downtown buildings.

Now, backers of the restoration effort say that the issue has become brutally simple: Either restore the Settles, or watch it and the downtown area continue to rot.

It is, they say, a matter of survival.

— STEVE REAGAN

Settles' restoration vital to downtown plan

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A few years ago, the city of Big Spring underwent a \$100,000 study, called the Master Plan, aimed at developing a long-range plan for the community.

One of the areas studied in the Master Plan was downtown renovation, a subject that necessarily includes the Settles Hotel.

And officials charged with turning the Master Plan into reality say they support private efforts of restoring the old hotel, which have recently begun to pick up steam.

City Planning Coordinator Tara Kersh said restoration of the Settles is an important, if not absolutely vital, key to revitalizing downtown.

"I don't think the whole effort hinges on it," she said. "The key is people taking pride in downtown. If they get enough support behind an effort like (restoring the Settles), that would be great, but it all hinges on community support."

Other projects, such as recent work to spruce up the downtown square area, compete for Kersh's time and attention.

"I think it's moving along wonderfully," she said of current downtown efforts.



KERSH
CORSON

Of course, the major factor in any renovation project is money, and indications are that most of the finances for the Settles project will have to come from the private sector.

Governmental money to support the Settles restoration is

extremely limited, Kersh said, and grant money may not be much more readily available. City grant writer Leigh Corson said that whoever applies for grant money better have their financial ducks in a row.

"The main thing about grants," Corson said, "is that you have to have a specific plan as to what you're going to use the money for ... There's really very little money for pure historical restoration, and even that money has very strict guidelines."

Kersh said her office will give any support it can to the Settles project.

"I think the Settles would be a

wonderful asset if it's restored," she said. "I would be supportive of any effort to restore it ... but it's not a one-man game. A huge amount of money and effort will have to go into that."

City offering residents free pickup of big items as incentive to clean up

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

All this month, the city is telling property owners, "Clean up!"

But city workers are also giving a little help for the effort. There will be free curbside pickup of large trash items and free towing of junk cars. For these services, call 264-2505 and give your name and phone number.

Code enforcement officer Kristie West said all during the month of June, she plans to recognize those who keep their property in top shape as well as "most improved" spots.

The goal, she said, is giving property owners one more chance — with assistance — before officers begin cracking down on violators.

Many people don't realize, West said, that an inoperable car or one that has no current registration will be considered in violation of city codes.

In addition, grass and weeds allowed to grow more than 12 inches violate state law, as does accumulation of garbage and

junk. So city residents are encouraged to get out their mowers, buy some extra trash bags and get to work.

West said the reason behind this effort is a common excuse she hears from property owners.

"There's a big problem with people saying they can't clean up their property because they don't have a way to haul off the junk," she said. "We figured this was a way we could help."

June is an incentive, West said. "We're giving you a designated time. We really want people to pay attention to this."

Among the recognition planned is awarding of gift certificates from H-E-B, Wal-Mart and Lawrence IGA for the property that has been most improved during the month.

Residents who notice weeds or junk cars in their neighborhood should call the code enforcement office to report the problem.

After June ends, West said the enforcement office will start issuing tickets for violators.

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"Animals are such agreeable friends — they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."

-George Elliot

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OUR VIEWS

Humane Society proves essential

It's not a job for everyone. It is difficult, sometimes dirty work. And at times it can be heartbreaking. But the work of the volunteers and staff at the Big Spring Humane Society is essential to our community.

The group's efforts to house, feed and care for unwanted animals is something we simply cannot do without. They vaccinate, spay and neuter all of the animals at the shelter, preventing the spread of dangerous disease and slowing the growth of the unwanted animal population. Through education they try to get the message out that, as responsible pet owners, we must all do our part.

And they do it all without our tax dollars.

The shelter on the West I-20 service road is kept clean and needed repairs are completed quickly. Even "problem" animals are treated with love and concern.

But it seems we in the community still don't get it.

We still don't care enough for our animals and for our community to follow the Big Spring Humane Society's lead. We still abandon our animals when they are no longer wanted, or subject them to a cruel death at our own hands.

We want our dog or our cat to have a litter of puppies or kittens, confident we can find them homes despite the hundreds already unwanted.

We put off vaccinating our pets, making excuses, until the next rabies epidemic comes along.

Well, today we have a chance to thank those who've done this job few others could. The Big Spring Humane Society is conducting an open house from 3-6 p.m. today at the shelter.

With community support, the group has made some improvements to the living quarters of its charges. They've even planned music, refreshments and a raffle for prizes.

So take a few minutes to meet the people who do this difficult work in our community. See the animals nobody else wants to claim.

And take a good look around, because among the furry faces behind cages and fences, you might find a new friend.

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

On Friday, May 23, 1997, after I attended the graduation for my grandson, Zachary, from Headstart, I went by Morgan Park. I was so touched with the cooperation from everyone and the way things looked. The park is an asset, a great success, to the city and especially for the Northside. I saw and visited with many, many of my friends and one particular person, Mrs. Earnest Morgan. She showed me some pictures of Dr. Morgan. It brought back so many memories. As we know, we've lost a great man with high values, integrity, kindness to all human beings, but all those memories are still vivid.

I'm sure a lot of people agree with me that we owe all this to Big Spring City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton. We value the work she has done with the park and other benefits. She has shown and strived so much that there are not enough words to thank her. She's a

person with determination, which is one of her high, good qualities, which we know she has many more.

It feels good to see progress and I'm sure there will a lot more to do, but we can depend on Stephanie Horton to be there. She has helped the city and community a lot. Good teamwork!

May I add, Stephanie Horton, keep up the fantastic work; we're behind you 100 percent, and may God bless the help we got from the prison inmates.

May God bless Stephanie Horton.

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To the Editor:

Seeking information regarding Izora Colley, past known address 1700 Lancaster St., Big Spring.

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Deciding if organization is all that good

I had been hanging around the house a few days, nursing a cold, when I chanced to read about two women who spend their 30-minute lunch studying organizers, plump calendars brimming with appointments. They pick at salads and plan their week.

Their story was part of a bigger one about the disappearing American lunch hour, which now averages 29 to 36 minutes. The women told the reporter their goal was to use every minute of the day constructively.

I gnawed a Fig Newton and muted Jerry Springer with my big toe, the better to think about that.

If you determine to spend every minute of the day constructively, it lets out most of

what I love to do. I'm not convinced that organization is all it's cracked up to be. At the least, it's not for everyone.

To start my day I soak in a bathtub. It's my best thinking time. A shower would be more efficient.

But how can anyone think while standing to be pelted with water? Mozart no doubt soaked his digits prune before conceiving "The Magic Flute." I just know it.

Wolfgang's father, Leopold, nagged the son incessantly about his languid ways. Leopold even warned Wolfgang to stay away from musicians. "Wolfgang, pushed by a musical genius that demanded a certain kind of evolution, could not be the sober, industrious, thrifty bourgeois his father so earnestly desired him to be," scholar Harold C. Schonberg writes.

Mozart drank and played hard and blew his money. He never once took his organizer to lunch. No doubt about it: He was a soaker.

There are other habits to break if I follow this latest

trend toward efficiency and organization. I always take the long way to town, for instance, past the Carrollton mansion that my 9-year-old niece wisely dismissed: "We'd never be able to find happiness in that big house," she declared. And past a crude board shack that's empty now but once housed a soul who loved flowers.

Sometimes I pull over and stare for a long moment at the untended but lovely yard, its flowering hedges a crinoline of color. I squander time.

What good is organization without observation, deadlines without detours? Or, in other words, what if William Shakespeare had been just like his father?

John Shakespeare was a successful merchant, a glover, a pillar of Stratford. His third son, William, was married at 18 to a pregnant Anne Hathaway. He may have left Stratford for London because he was caught poaching a deer. Maybe he became a model of decorum and careful planning

later, but I doubt it.

Not all who fritter away time are geniuses. If John Shakespeare had been less organized, maybe his eight children would have starved, depriving the world of a lot of mittens and William's work.

Yet true accomplishment is rarely scheduled, inked in for a certain day or hour. Lives that seem in a constant state of disarray sometimes coalesce into a meaningful or beautiful pattern. A man on a mission is far different from a drone with a deadline.

For some, calendars are a working blueprint, a map to get where they want to go. For others, calendars are necessary evils with pretty pictures at the top.

Then again, maybe I'm simply wasting more time rationalizing about a weekend spent doing absolutely nothing but reading and listening to music.

Pass the Fig Newtons.

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Can district judges now protect presidents?

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is surely right in saying that a U.S. president is not a monarch, and that Paula Jones has "a right to an orderly disposition of her claims" that President Clinton harassed her sexually and violated her civil rights.

But the high tribunal is wrong in its assumption that lawsuits for behavior prior to assumption of the presidency will never "engulf" an occupant of the Oval Office. Bill Clinton is already "engulfed" in charges of criminal or sleazy behavior to a point where no man alive could function at full capacity. There cannot be a day or night when he does not think of the Whitewater probe, the talk of his wife being indicted the scandal over Democratic fundraising, the role of his former aide Webster Hubbell, and his astronomical legal bills. So we have a woefully distracted

president. The possibility of facing Paula Jones' lawyers, whether in White House depositions or in court, will surely further divert the president's attention from the nation's business.

Bill Clinton can never be oblivious to the fact that Jones' lawyers, Gilbert Davis and Joseph Cammarata, already are talking publicly about forcing the president to drop his drawers so they can take photographs to prove Jones' charge that she saw some distinguishing characteristics on Clinton's genitals when he allegedly propositioned her in a Little Rock hotel in May 1991.

In voting unanimously that the Jones case can go forward, the justices used some language that they may think will spare Mr. Clinton this kind of humiliation. "There is no reason to assume that the district courts will be either unable to accommodate the President's needs or unfaithful to the tradition ... of giving 'the utmost deference to Presidential responsibilities,'" they said.

Will a federal district judge construe that to mean that in deference to his office judges must never force a president to have his private parts photographed as pop star Michael

Jackson was forced to do in the celebrated child abuse case? A legal struggle over this issue alone could seriously demean and diminish the presidency.

Cammarata and Davis have also indicated that they will seek testimony that while governor of Arkansas Clinton routinely used state troopers to pimp for him. This trial tactic, too, will surely weaken Mr. Clinton as a leader, at home and abroad.

Will a lurid trial pose a threat to "the institution of the Presidency"? The Supreme Court thinks not. But I find it hard to believe a season has not been opened on this and every succeeding president, and that those who hate a chief executive for political or other reasons will not try to stage a courtroom coup.

It is noteworthy that Paula Jones leveled no charges against Clinton while he was governor. She waited three years, until after Clinton had been president for two years, before making her sensational charges at a news conference that smelled of political partisanship. The stated political ambitions of one of her lawyers, Davis, have raised questions about the motivations behind the lawsuit.

Jones' lawyers have suggested that Paula is motivated almost entirely by pride — that she feels Clinton and those around him stole her good name when the president called her a liar; when former Clinton aide James Carville "dissed" her as white trash; and when a former Clinton bodyguard (state trooper Danny Ferguson) claimed that she had said she would be available sexually for Clinton "at any time."

Jones just wants an apology that would restore her good name, her lawyers say.

All this sordid stuff goes to the merits of Jones' case, something the Supreme Court did not consider. With its ruling that the case can go forward, the high tribunal may have provided the impetus for an out-of-court settlement of this ugly, messy dispute.

For the institution of the presidency, and for the good of the nation, we should hope that this case never goes to trial — and that no future president ever makes himself as vulnerable to this kind of courtroom assault as Clinton has.

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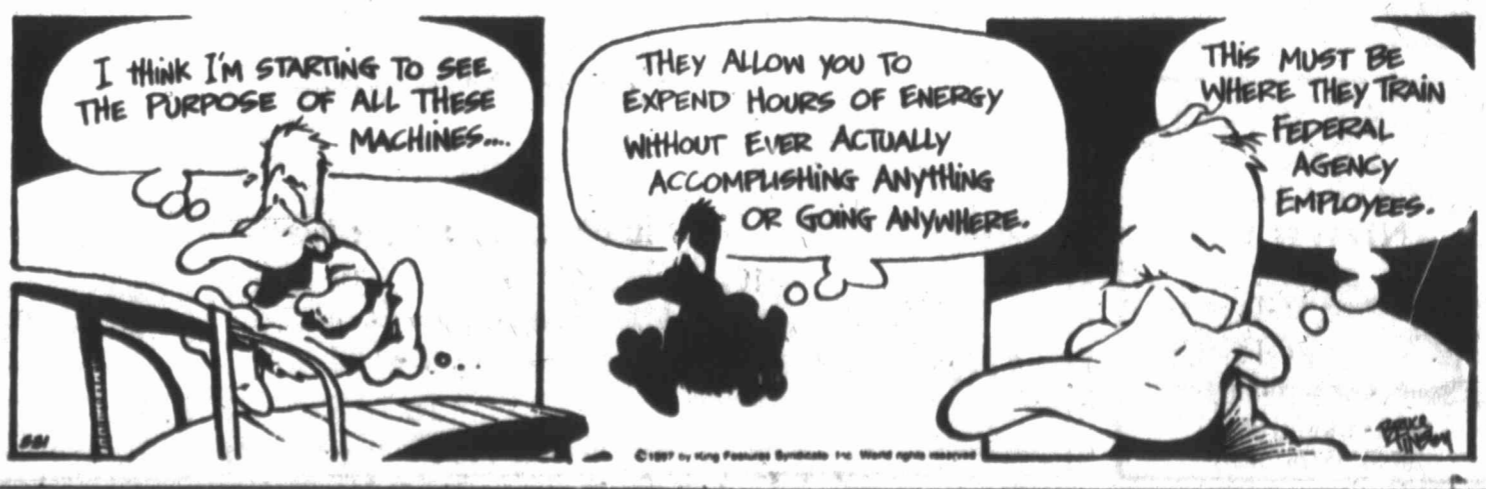
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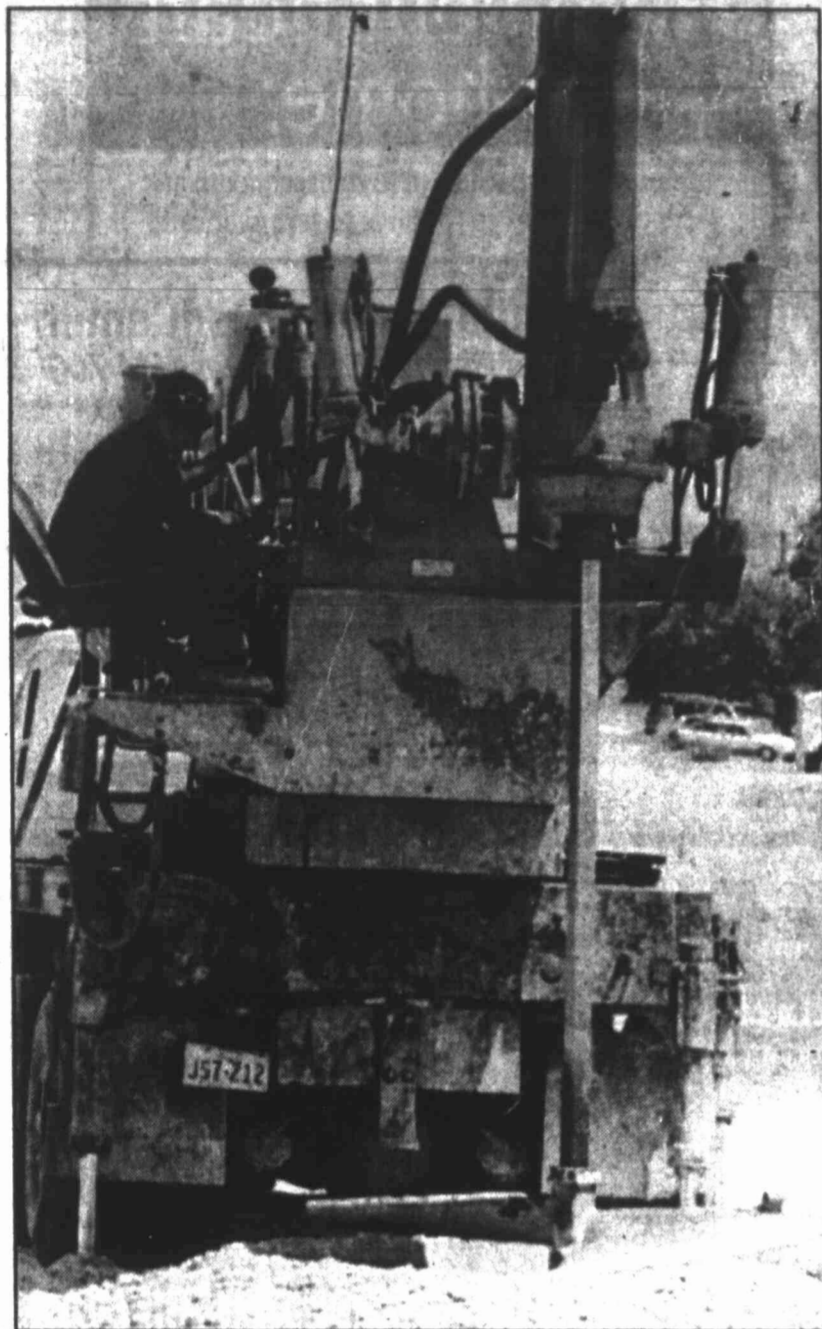
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Johnny Molina of Lubbock-based Precision Drilling begins drilling the seven-foot deep holes for the concrete pilings which will help hold the foundation of the new junior high.

Bush signs boll weevil eradication bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The state effort to stamp out the boll weevil appears to be back in business.

Gov. George W. Bush signed legislation Friday to resume the war against the biggest enemy to the state's important cotton production.

The Boll Weevil Eradication Program bill, which both the House and Senate approved unanimously, provides for a referendum in the South Plains on Aug. 1 to activate the program.

The Texas Supreme Court struck down the state's existing program earlier this year, responding to a lawsuit by 130 cotton farmers in South Texas and West Texas who challenged the way fees were assessed for the pesticide spraying program.

"Our top priority with this legislation was to develop a statewide program that will eliminate the boll weevil. Texas needs to have policy in place to fight this major threat to our economy," said the bill's author, Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock.

He headed a delegation of legislators who attended the signing.

The suing farmers argued that the Legislature delegated broad governmental authority improperly to a private foundation administering the program.

The new law gives Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry more direct control of the

program, including approval of its budget.

"We went through the bill and made the changes that were necessary to address the concerns of the court. We also resolved the issues that have been ongoing in these eradication zones to gain the confidence of cotton growers," Duncan said.

Texas is the nation's leading cotton producer. The boll weevil has caused an estimated \$20 million a year in crop losses, officials said. The boll weevil destroys cotton by puncturing and laying its eggs in the squares and bolls of the plant.

"We really approached this from a grower-friendly approach," Duncan said. "We realize it's a growers' program. It's for growers, and we want to make sure that the growers have input, and that it works."

Duncan said the program is valuable and that to not revive it would have led to massive crop losses.

He said the program will be monitored closely to see whether changes should be made when the Legislature next meets in regular session in 1999.

Proponents said the legislation will:

— Provide for the agriculture commissioner to establish an interim advisory committee in each eradication zone, including at least one grower in each county.

— Require public hearings in the zones.

— Eliminate the power to destroy the cotton crop of farmers who fail to pay assessments.

— Require the commissioner to appoint a new board of directors for the foundation.

— Require elections for the continuation of the program and for directors every four years.

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Houston has one more week of seven-digit dialing

HOUSTON — The days of dialing only seven digits are almost over in Houston when dialing someone who — because of recent boundary changes — no longer lives in the same area code.

Beginning at 12:01 a.m. next Saturday, making a call between the 713 and 281 area codes will require dialing all 10 digits — the area code and the phone number.

Since November, callers in the Houston area have had a choice of dialing seven or 10 digits when dialing between the new 281 and the old 713 area codes.

But try that after Saturday, and in most cases you'll get a recording saying you've reached a number that's not working, and you'll be told to redial with the correct area code, officials say.

Parents of rape suspect say his flight is killing them

BRYAN — The parents of a fugitive rape suspect have appealed to their son to surrender, saying that his flight was killing them.

It also has led to a jail sentence for the father of Don Davis Jr., wanted for trial in 1995 attacks on two women on the Texas A&M University campus.

The appeal by Don Davis Sr. and Linda Davis, of Houston, was the first public statement they've made since their son, a former Texas A&M University student, was indicted last year.

Davis' father said the flight of their 24-year-old son has depleted their bank account, stolen their peace of mind, placed both under psychiatric care and forced them to take prescribed depression medication.

Rice belt farmers experimenting with new cash crop

BEAUMONT — For years, farmers in the rice belt have been experimenting with a new crop — kenaf, which grows as high as 14 feet in a single season and sometimes resembles marijuana.

This year may be the year they become convinced it can serve as a profitable second crop to grow along with rice. If it does, it would be the first new crop of any size for the region since the advent of soybeans.

The upper Texas coast is joining Mississippi, Georgia, Delaware, Louisiana, and the Lower Rio Grande Valley, where kenaf has moved into the "infancy commercial" stage.

The production from a total of approximately 8,000 acres nationwide has found commercial uses ranging from kitty litter to potting mixes and drilling mud.

AT&T announces it's raising some pay phone rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T is increasing by 35 cents its charges for some pay phone calls starting Sunday.

The per-call increase applies to pay phone calls made with credit cards or AT&T's calling card and to operated-assisted and collect calls.

The increases result from a change in Federal Communications Commission rules last year requiring AT&T and other telephone companies to pay owners of pay phones millions of dollars more for such calls.

AT&T, MCI, Sprint and others are challenging the rules in court. If they win, AT&T has pledged to roll back its rates.

MCI spokeswoman Kelley Gannon said the company has not decided whether it would increase pay phone charges.

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Economy's growth too fast to last

WASHINGTON (AP) — Economic growth skyrocketed during the first three months of the year at the most rapid rate in a decade. But it was too fast to last and analysts already see abundant signs the economy is coming back to earth.

The gross domestic product — the total of all goods and services produced in the United States — expanded at a 5.8 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate in the first quarter, even higher than an earlier estimate of 5.6 percent, the Commerce Department said Friday.

"The good news just won't quit," Vice President Al Gore declared in the White House press room, citing previous reports showing low unemployment, high consumer confidence and growing incomes.

"These facts and figures tell a

story of an historic success in turning around the American economy and moving it in the right direction," he said.

This year's first quarter marked the fastest growth since the fourth quarter of 1987. But, as with most good things, it must come to an end, economists said.

Continued growth at such a sizzling speed would quickly use up the economy's scant excess capacity, sending both inflation and interest rates climbing.

"I don't think anyone would argue the economy could continue to expand at that pace for very long without generating inflationary pressures," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

Already for April, the govern-

ment has said retail sales and factory production fell. And in a separate report Friday, the Commerce Department said sales of new single-family homes fell 7.7 percent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 772,000. That marked the sharpest decline in six months and was down from an 11-year high of 836,000 in March.

Even the phenomenally strong GDP report offered a sign of the moderation to come. Much of the upward revision in GDP growth came because businesses built their inventories at a faster rate than first calculated. That, along with an improvement in export growth, more than made up for downward revision in consumer spending.

Without the inventory accumulation, the economy would

have grown at a 3.8 percent rate in the first quarter — a less stratospheric though still robust pace.

And because shelves and backlogs are full, factory production probably will need to increase only modestly in the current quarter to meet demand.

"We could very well see inventories being a drag on economic growth. Factories have been humming, producing a lot of goods, while retail sales seem to be softening," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis.

Analysts look for growth to slow to about a 2 percent pace in the current quarter. They're divided over the economy's course after that, with some seeing the modest pace continuing into next year and others predicting a rebound.

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Olivas powers Coahoma to state baseball tourney

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

LUBBOCK — Mike McMillan has fulfilled many roles for this year's Coahoma baseball squad — star pitcher, team leader and spokesman, to name a few. Add team prophet to the list. On the bus ride up to Lubbock Saturday before the Bulldogs' Region I-2A championship game against Memphis, McMillan predicted that second baseman Freddy Olivas, who had been mired in a horrible post-season hitting slump, would have a big game for

Coahoma. Big game doesn't begin to describe what Olivas did. Although he hadn't collected a hit during the playoffs, Olivas came through in a major league way in the Bulldogs' biggest game of the year, driving in three runs — including the game-winner in the bottom of the sixth inning — to propel Coahoma past Memphis 5-4 Saturday at O'Banion Field.

The victory puts the Bulldogs into the UIL state baseball tournament for the second time in the past three years. Coahoma will begin play in the Class 2A

portion of the tournament Thursday at Burger Center in Austin. Their opponent will be named later today.

Unlike their three previous playoff games this season, the Bulldogs were forced to sweat out their showdown with Memphis. The Cyclone (12-5) combined the pitching of David Jurado and a patient offense to grab a 3-2 lead in the third inning and tie the game at 4-4 in the sixth.

But every time Memphis pushed Coahoma, the Bulldogs — and Olivas — pushed right back.

Coahoma collected only five hits off Jurado, but three of them were monstrous in proportion. The first — a two-run home by catcher Shawn Rye in the first inning — staked the Bulldogs to a 2-0 lead.

The other two were provided by Olivas.

With his team trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the third, Olivas laced a two-out double to right-center to score Michael Cobb and Vincent Garcia, who had walked to open the inning.

But that hit was nothing compared to Olivas' sixth-inning blast.

The Cyclones had tied the game at 4-4 on Monty Rowland's RBI groundout when the Bulldogs came to bat in the bottom of the sixth.

Cobb walked, but was picked off base, and Garcia followed with a strikeout. But T.J. Green rifled a single off the glove of second baseman Rafael Chacon, and Jerry Mann walked, bringing Olivas to the plate.

"I looked toward third base, and I saw them playing off the line," Olivas said. "I told myself that if I could hit it down the line, it would score

some runs." His shot down the third-base line brought home pinch-runner Mario Garcia with the go-ahead run, but Memphis made the Bulldogs sweat just a little bit more before succumbing.

Jurado led off the Cyclones' final at-bat with a single, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch from McMillan.

But McMillan responded by forcing Jason Fowler to pop up to second, then struck out Erminio Yannis to strike out to clinch the state berth for the Bulldogs (See related story, page 1A).

TOURNEY TIME AGAIN



Members of the Coahoma Reds celebrate winning the 1996 title of the Big Spring Little League City Tournament. The Reds will get a chance to defend their crown when the 1997 tournament begins with a 7:30 p.m. game Monday at the International League park.

Jarrell football players mourn loss of teammates

By DAVID BARRON
Houston Chronicle

Jarrell's Cougars will open the 1997 football season in September against Bruceville-Eddy. No one has suggested canceling the game; high school football, after all, is what transfuses young Texans each September, even when part of the town they represent doesn't exist anymore.

Fifty boys, about one-third of the kids in high school and probably 70 percent to 80 percent of the boys, planned to don pads and helmets this fall for coach Tracy Burke.

Now, the number will be 44. John Ruiz, a junior, would have lined up at wide receiver and started in the secondary for the Cougars. His little brother, freshman Michael Ruiz, would have filled the same role on the Jarrell junior varsity. Erik Moehring would have joined the older Ruiz in the varsity secondary. Older brother Ryan Moehring had a chance to play, too.

As the Central Texas sky faded to black on Tuesday, the Ruiz brothers gave up shooting baskets at the school gym and went home to ride out the storm. As the weather worsened, the brothers did the smart thing: They left the family's trailer and went to stay with the Moehrings, where they thought they would be safe.

The Moehring house was destroyed by the tornado that killed 27 people in Jarrell, including the Ruiz and Moehring brothers.

"I went out there with another coach and a couple of kids a couple of hours later, trying to find the Moehring house. We wanted to see if there was any way they could have made it," Burke said. "When we got there, the foundation was the only thing left."

The Ruiz trailer home, Burke said, was undamaged.

Tracy Burke moved two years ago to Jarrell, the smallest school in Class 2A with a mere 150 students, from North Mesquite, a school of 2,100 that for a time last season boasted the No. 1-ranked Class 5A football team in Texas and was ranked in the Top 25 nationally.

It was an adjustment. North Mesquite lost three times in 14 games last fall. Jarrell won three times, losing seven.

"It's a little more country. A little less activity. You know everybody a little better. There's a lot less crime, a lot fewer problems than in some areas," Burke said.

Despite the struggles of 1996, the Cougars were excited about this season. Eight starters would return on offense and eight on defense. One of them, running back Matt Kitchens, will achieve one of the ultimate compliments for a high school football player in Texas: His picture was selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of Texas Football magazine.

"We were real excited about next year," Burke said. "We were supposed to compete against some good 2A teams and be in the hunt in every game. There was no team we were going to line up against and think that we didn't have a chance. We have a chance to play with or beat anybody we play."

It could still happen. But the team first must cope with the loss of the Ruiz brothers; the Moehring brothers; John Igo, another receiver; his twin brother, Paul, who had given up football but planned to play basketball and run track for the Cougars; and Michael Carmona, who would have been a sophomore offensive and defensive lineman.

Of the 27 killed in Jarrell, 13 or so were schoolchildren.

Jordan: Bulls can't ignore latest challenger

CHICAGO (AP) — If the Chicago Bulls show up for the NBA Finals expecting to win just because they've been there before and the Utah Jazz haven't, they will be in trouble.

Michael Jordan says the Bulls must be smart enough to ignore conventional wisdom, which would suggest that the Jazz are satisfied to merely reach the finals after years of near misses.

Not one Utah player ever has gotten this far. Neither has coach Jerry Sloan.

The Bulls? Jordan, Scottie Pippen and coach Phil Jackson are going for their fifth title in seven years. Dennis Rodman and Robert Parish have won three championships each.

In fact, backup center Brian Williams will be the only Chicago player making his first finals appearance when the

NBA FINALS

best-of-7 series begins Sunday night at the United Center.

"I don't think you want to put too much emphasis on that because when we won in '91, that was the same scenario," Jordan said Friday. "We had never won. We had never been into the finals. We played against a team that was very experienced, the Lakers, and yet we won in five."

"It's not always an advantage just because you've been to the finals before."

The Jazz have every reason to believe in themselves.

No, they don't have Jordan, the ultimate big-game player. But they do have Karl Malone, who edged out Jordan for league MVP honors, All-Star

guard John Stockton and a talented supporting cast.

The Bulls' 69-13 record matched the second-best in NBA history, trailing only their 72-10 of last season. But even though the Jazz won "only" 64 regular-season games, they actually have a better record than Chicago since the All-Star break — 42-7 to 38-9, including playoff games.

And while Chicago is coming off an ugly, unimpressive victory over hard-working, but talent-shy Miami in the Eastern Conference finals, Utah enters the finals on the heels of a sensational triumph over a superb Houston club that many expected to reach the championship series.

The Jazz are healthy and, oh, are they ever happy.

"What we did as a team, it's totally awesome," Malone said.

"I'm so proud. What's most important is to not be satisfied just being there."

Said Antoine Carr, Utah's backup center: "We worked long and hard for it and finally got that chance. All I can say is: 'Let's get ready to rumble.'"

The Bulls, of course, never back down from a rumble.

That's why they are the defending champions.

"But it's getting harder and harder to defend being king of the hill because everybody's shooting at you," said Jordan, who shot 39 percent against Miami.

"I anticipate this series to be tough because of the hunger of Utah and the possibility of complacency for us. The hunger not being the same as Utah, that's human nature, but somehow we have to motivate ourselves to match Utah's energy."

Life among the cinder piles

On June 14, a reunion will be held at Thurber, Texas which is located on I-20 about 16 miles east of Ranger. This annual reunion is for anyone, born, has lived or has some interest or connection to Thurber.

Since I was born there, I like to tell tales of that era. I told this story in my column that was published in the Herald June 20, 1987.



Boyce Hale
Outdoors

During the 1920s, I lived in the coal mining town of Thurber. And near our house, the hot cinders from the power plant were dumped.

As they cooled, they would hydrate and form piles of eric formations that attracted my cousins and me for many hours of "Hide and Seek," which was our favorite game. But for variety, we'd occasionally have a rubber gun fight.

One day I fell and landed on

my hands and knees. The sharp edges of the cinders produced some severe scratches and I ran crying to my mother.

Then I got a spanking. With my tears flowing, Mother lectured to me about the dangers of playing on the cinder piles. Then, as tender as a mother can be, she applied "monkey blood" to my wounds and blew on the areas to keep them from burning.

Although faced with the threat of another spanking, I would return again and again to play on the cinders.

Recently I walked in the place when the cinders had been piled. In spite of the traffic on nearby I-20, I could hear voices of the past: "One two three, and you're out."

Recently, Colorado Outdoor Magazine reported that the wildlife has launched the most comprehensive review in its 100-year history of the way big game hunting licenses are allocated.

More than 250 people mostly avid hunters concerned about big game herds met last month to participate in the review led by DOW Wildlife managers and

a professional facilitators, the group chose 25 people from those who attended to serve as stake holders ink process that is expected to continue through most of 1997. The stake holders will be asked to consider a variety of viewpoints and geographic areas, not just the views of particular interest groups.

The goal is to listen to public concerns and develop policy recommendations on allocating big game hunting licenses. The recommendations will be presented to the Wildlife Commission for consideration.

Key issue include licenses preferences for some groups and people, possibly limiting nonresidents licenses and special licenses for quality areas. The Commission has set basic policy guidelines for the stake holders to use in reviewing the licensing system. They include:

1. Wildlife is owned by all Coloradans.
2. Private property owners have the right to determine who may use their land.
3. Any decisions must ensure that adequate license revenues

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Youth sports results

The Mariners took a 12-10 victory over the Wolverines in recent 13-year-old baseball action.

Leading the way for the Mariners were Jon McKinnon, who had two hits and scored three runs, Clayton Kelso, who had three hits and Zac Phinney, who had a triple.

Landon Adkins was the winning pitcher, with Kelso getting the save.

Josh Torres had a triple and Daniel Mata a double for the Wolverines.

In UGSA Division IV softball action, Da Brats picked up a pair of wins over Dream Team in action this week.

The team recorded a 19-7 win in the first game, then followed that with a 13-8 victory.

In the first game, Juanita Valdez and Jessica Canales combined for the win. Valdez also helped her cause with a single, double and three RBI. Brenda Austin added three RBI on a pair of triples and a single.

In the second game, Sarah Fannin pitched two innings of relief and recorded seven strikeouts to pick up the win. Offensively, she was helped by Cecily Paredes, who had three RBI, and Canales and Stephany Nix, who drove in a pair of runs apiece.

Losing pitcher Heather James had a pair of hits for Dream Team.

Girls' hoops league starting

The Crossroads Girl's Basketball Summer League will hold its 1997 season from June 2-

July 31.

There will be two leagues — varsity and sub-varsity — and all games will be played at Garrett Coliseum.

Cost of the league is \$45. For more information, contact Terry Robertson at 267-1817 or 264-5165 or Matt Corkery at 264-5043.

Hawks plan hoops camp

Registration is being accepted for the annual Howard College Boys Basketball Camp, which begins June 2 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp, hosted by Howard College basketball coach and athletic director Tommy Collins, will be held in two sessions — a day camp open to all ages June 2-5; and an overnight camp for players in grades 10-12 only June 16-19.

Cost for the day camp is \$95, which covers tuition, equipment, noon meals and a T-shirt. The overnight camp, which will be limited to the first 32 applicants, costs \$190.

For more information, contact the Howard College athletic department at 264-5040.

Girls' camp June 9

The annual Howard College Girls' Basketball Camp will be held June 9-13 at the college.

Cost of the camp is \$95, with a \$25 deposit due upon registration. There will be a \$10 discount for anyone who sends in an application and deposit by Friday.

The camp will be conducted by head coach Matt Corkery and a staff consisting of Howard assistants and players and high school coaches.

For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5043.

Rockets regret missed chances

HOUSTON (AP) — When Rudy Tomjanovich is retired and remembering his career as coach of the Houston Rockets, he'll recall his 1996-97 club as one that could have won a third NBA title.

But it won't be a pleasant memory.

"When I'm an old man sitting on the porch, I'll say that this was a great team," Tomjanovich said. "It will be a disappointment because I really thought we had the team to win it. We've won championships with less."

The Rockets came close to getting another chance at the NBA Finals, but a devastating last-second shot by Utah's John Stockton eliminated them from the Western Conference finals Thursday night.

The Rockets were accused of being old this season, and they'll be a year older next season when they try to hold back the clock for another shot at the title with aging stars Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde Drexler and Charles Barkley, who hasn't announced if he'll return.

They'll try to add youth to the roster, but they don't plan any major changes.

"I think we'd get better even if we didn't make changes," Carroll Dawson, Houston's executive vice president, said Friday. "Look at how long teams have to be together to win. You have to consider that."

The blockbuster trade that brought Barkley to the Rockets last August was supposed to get the Rockets back to the NBA Finals.

But adding Barkley got the Rockets only one step closer than a year ago, when they were swept by the Seattle SuperSonics in the second round of the playoffs.

The Rockets beat the Sonics in a rugged seven-game semifinal series, only to run into the Jazz, who had the best record in the Western Conference.

And when Stockton went up for his game winner, Tomjanovich couldn't bear to watch the end.

"As soon as I saw John Stockton get the ball, I turned away and didn't look," Tomjanovich said. "He makes that shot all the time."

Although the stars — Olajuwon, Barkley and Drexler — along with Kevin Willis and key free-agent signees Sedale Threatt and Eddie Johnson are well into their 30s, Tomjanovich wants to keep that mix working.

"We're not going to change that much," Tomjanovich said. "We have some older players here and we need more energy. We need more young players. We had them early, but they got hurt."

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4. The Wildlife Commission will consider changes in landowner incentive programs and landowners who participate must cooperate in habitat protection and provide reasonable access for hinders to their land.

5. Any program that grants privileges to outfitters and their clients also must provide public wildlife benefits.

The stake holders were divided into five categories: (a)sportsmen/hunting; (b)branchers/landowners; (c)economics/tourism; (d)general public/environmentalists; and (e)government/policy makers.

The stake holders will meet over the next nine months and open houses will be held across the state to provide the public opportunities to comment on the review.

People (including non-residents) may express their views to the Division of Wildlife; 606 Broadway, Denver, Colo.; 80216; Attn.: Big Game Licensing Allocation.

Source: Colorado Outdoor Magazine, May-June 1997 issue.

BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

All Times CDT FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5)

Thursday, April 24
New York 109, Charlotte 99
Miami 99, Orlando 64
Houston 112, Minnesota 95
Utah 108, L.A. Clippers 86

Friday, April 25
Atlanta 89, Detroit 75
Chicago 96, Washington 86
Phoenix 106, Seattle 101
L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 77

Saturday, April 26
Houston 96, Minnesota 84
New York 100, Charlotte 93
Utah 105, L.A. Clippers 99

Sunday, April 27
Miami 104, Orlando 87
L.A. Lakers 107, Portland 93
Chicago 109, Washington 104

Monday, April 28
New York 104, Charlotte 95
New York wins series 3-0
Utah 104, L.A. Clippers 92
Utah wins series 3-0

Tuesday, April 29
Orlando 88, Miami 75
Detroit 99, Atlanta 91
Houston 125, Minnesota 120
Houston wins series 3-0
Phoenix 110, Seattle 103

Wednesday, April 30
Chicago 96, Washington 95
Chicago wins series 3-0
Portland 98, L.A. Lakers 90

Thursday, May 1
Orlando 99, Miami 91
Seattle 122, Phoenix 115

Friday, May 2
Atlanta 94, Detroit 82
L.A. Lakers 95, Portland 91
L.A. Lakers win series 3-1

Saturday, May 3
Seattle 116, Phoenix 92
Seattle wins series 3-2

Sunday, May 4
Miami 91, Orlando 83; Miami wins series 3-2
Atlanta 84, Detroit 79
Atlanta wins series 3-2

SECOND ROUND (Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 4
Utah 93, L.A. Lakers 77

Monday, May 5
Houston 112, Seattle 102

Tuesday, May 6
Chicago 100, Atlanta 97
Utah 103, L.A. Lakers 101

Wednesday, May 7
New York 88, Miami 79
Seattle 106, Houston 101

Thursday, May 8
Atlanta 103; Chicago 95
L.A. Lakers 104, Utah 84

Friday, May 9
Miami 88, New York 84
Houston 97, Seattle 93

Saturday, May 10
Chicago 100, Atlanta 80
Utah 110, L.A. Lakers 95

Sunday, May 11
New York 77, Miami 73
Houston 110, Seattle 106.

OT

Chicago 89, Atlanta 80
Monday, May 12
New York 88, Miami 76
Utah 98, L.A. Lakers 93, OT
Utah wins series 4-1

Tuesday, May 13
Seattle 100, Houston 94
Chicago 107, Atlanta 92
Chicago wins series 4-1

Wednesday, May 14
Miami 96, New York 81
Thursday, May 15
Seattle 99, Houston 96

Friday, May 16
Miami 95, New York 90
Saturday, May 17
Houston wins series 4-3

Sunday, May 18
Miami 101, New York 90
Miami wins series 4-3

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

Monday, May 19
Utah 101, Houston 86
Tuesday, May 20
Chicago 84, Miami 77

Wednesday, May 21
Utah 104, Houston 92
Thursday, May 22
Chicago 75, Miami 68

Friday, May 23
Houston 118, Utah 100
Saturday, May 24
Chicago 98, Miami 74

Sunday, May 25
Houston 95, Utah 92
Monday, May 26
Miami 87, Chicago 80

Tuesday, May 27
Utah 96, Houston 91
Wednesday, May 28
Chicago 100, Miami 87

Thursday, May 29
Utah 103, Houston 100
Utah wins series 4-2

NBA FINALS (Best-of-7)

Sunday, June 1
Utah at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4
Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 6
Chicago at Utah, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 8
Chicago at Utah, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11
Chicago at Utah, 8 p.m., if necessary

Friday, June 13
Utah at Chicago, 8 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, June 15
Utah at Chicago, 6:30 p.m., if necessary

HOCKEY

NHL playoffs

All Times CDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)
Friday, May 2
New Jersey 2, N.Y. Rangers 0

Detroit 2, Anaheim 1, OT
Colorado 5, Edmonton 1
Saturday, May 3

Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 3
Sunday, May 4
N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 0

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2, 3OT
Colorado 4, Edmonton 1
Monday, May 5
Philadelphia 2, Buffalo 1

Tuesday, May 6
N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 2

Detroit 5, Anaheim 3
Wednesday, May 7
Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 1

Thursday, May 8
Colorado 3, Edmonton 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 0

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2, 2OT
Detroit wins series 4-0

Friday, May 9
Buffalo 5, Philadelphia 4, OT
Colorado 3, Edmonton 2, OT

Saturday, May 10
Philadelphia 6, Buffalo 3
Philadelphia wins series 4-1

N.Y. Rangers 2, New Jersey 1, OT
N.Y. Rangers wins series 4-1

Colorado 4, Edmonton 3
Colorado wins series 4-1

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7)

Thursday, May 15
Colorado 2, Detroit 1

Friday, May 16
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Rangers 1

Saturday, May 17
Detroit 4, Colorado 2

Sunday, May 18
N.Y. Rangers 5, Philadelphia 4

Monday, May 19
Detroit 2, Colorado 1

Tuesday, May 20
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Rangers 3

Wednesday, May 21
No games scheduled

Thursday, May 22
Detroit 6, Colorado 0

Friday, May 23
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Rangers 2

Saturday, May 24
Colorado 6, Detroit 0

Sunday, May 25
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Philadelphia wins series 4-1

Monday, May 26
Detroit 3, Colorado 1, Detroit wins series 4-2

STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 31
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 3
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 5
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 7
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 10
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, June 12
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend

BASEBALL

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed Of Marc Newfield on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled INF Antone Williamson from Tucson of the PCL.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Designated RHP Julian Vasquez for assignment. Optioned RHP Hideki Irabu to Tampa of the Florida State League and INF Homer Bush to Columbus of the International League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
FLORIDA MARLINS—Activated CF Devon White from the 15-day disabled list. Designated INF OF John Wehner for assignment.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed OT Joe Wolf to a one-year contract.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR KR Qadry Ismail to a one-year contract. Named Ted Thompson director of player personnel and Reggie McKenzie pro personnel director.

Announced the resignation of John Schneider, pro personnel assistant, to become director of pro personnel for the Kansas City Chiefs.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed T Tony Bertl to a three-year contract.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Signed D Marc Moro to a three-year entry level contract.

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Traded the rights to G Brent Johnson to St. Louis for the Blues' third-round pick in the 1997 entry draft and a conditional third-round pick in the 2000 entry draft.

MONTREAL CANADIENS—Fired Yvan Cournoyer, Steve Shutt and Jacques Laperriere, assistant coaches.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Named Ken Dryden president.

OLYMPICS
USOC—Announced the resignation of Jim Fox, director of broadcast marketing and business efforts.

COLLEGE
METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Named Rev. Vincent M. Cooke president, Rev. Harold E. Ridley vice president, Eugene P. Doris chairman of the committee on athletic administration and Joyce Legere vice chairman of the committee on athletic administration.

HUNTER—Named Mike Brown men's basketball coach.

Irabu to start in minors

NEW YORK (AP) — George Steinbrenner admits he's never seen Hideki Irabu throw a single pitch, in person or otherwise. Starting in a few days, the New York Yankees owner will get his chance.

Irabu, already baseball's most celebrated rookie since Michael Jordan, will make his American pro debut next Friday night for Class A Tampa and could be pitching for the Yankees before the All-Star break.

"I don't know how I'll do. I'll just do my best to try to contribute," Irabu said through a translator Friday at Yankee Stadium.

Called the Nolan Ryan of Japan, the 28-year-old right-hander agreed to terms Thursday, receiving the richest deal ever given a major league rookie, a \$12.8 million, four-year contract.

Irabu has not pitched in a game in eight months, caught in limbo while the San Diego Padres worked out a trade with the Yankees, but he has been throwing on the side recently.

He led the Japanese Pacific League in ERA the last two years, and has struck out 1,111 in 1,102 2-3 innings lifetime.

"I haven't seen him pitch, haven't seen him on videotape," Steinbrenner said. "But I listened to various people who told me what he could do. This young man will be fine."

The Yankees plan to have Irabu pitch in a simulated game Monday at Tampa, Fla., where they have their minor league and spring training complex. Irabu's first start is set for Friday night for the Tampa Yankees in a Florida State League home game against Clearwater, a Philadelphia affiliate.

Irabu will make two or three starts in the Florida State League to get in condition, said Billy Connors, the pitching coordinator.

Irabu would then move to Triple-A Columbus for one or two starts. Connors said the Yankees would skip sending him to Double-A Norwich because that club would be on the road at time.

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◆ The coldest permanently inhabited place in the world is the Siberian village of Oymyakon, pop. 4,000 where temperatures reached -90 degrees F. in 1933.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

Big Spring Herald

Sunday, June 1, 1997

Treasure hunt

Patty Ditto and Brenda Davis go hunting nearly every Saturday morning. Their prey: bargains. Their turf: the garage sale jungle.

"We hit them all," Ditto said. "We try to go every Saturday, and we can't always make it. But when we do, we don't want to miss one."

They check out every sale, Ditto said, because they never know where the real bargains are hiding.

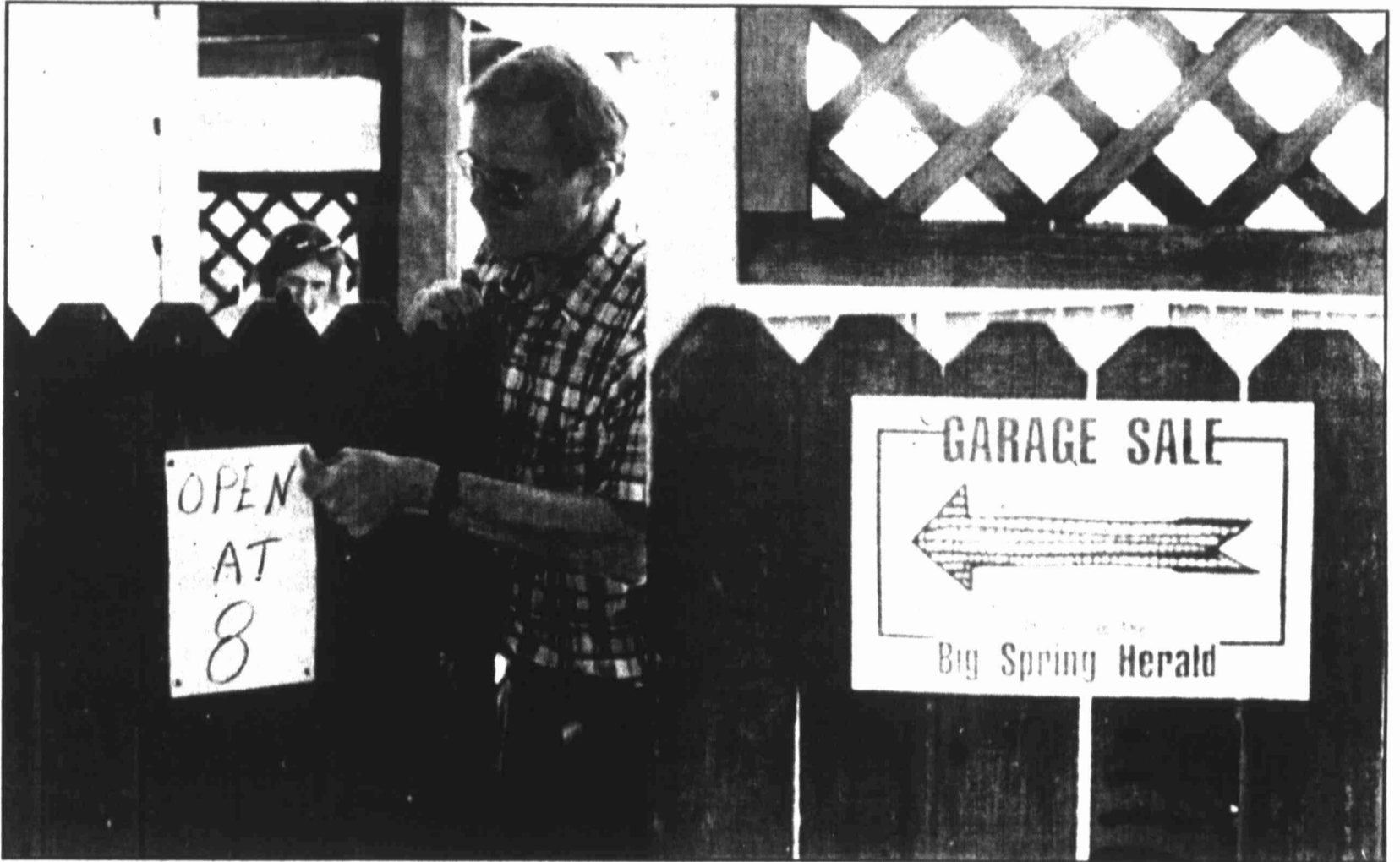
Even the bargain hunter's staple, the classified ads, don't always do the sale justice. Many advertisers try to use as few words as possible, relying on the buyers' curiosity to bring them in.

"You can't take anyone else's word for whether a garage sale is any good, either," said Ditto. "It may not be good to someone else, but it may be just what you want."

Another rule of garage sales: To each his or her own.

Locally, there are many chances to find that one-of-a-kind item at garage sales every weekend. Although the warm weather of late spring, early summer is the season for the most garage sales, they are popular all year in our pleasant climate.

Since the beginning of the year, more than 300 garage sale ads have been placed in the paper.



Davis, who recently helped coordinate a garage sale for her church, said it was a great success.

"One reason it was so good was we had a bunch of different families," she said. "It wasn't just one family's junk. It was from a lot of different tastes."

Many different people's "treasures" also came together during Coahoma Lions Club's giant city-wide garage sale May 3. It was advertised as "sell the town," and they nearly did, said organizer Irene LeMarr.

"The town was just full of people," she said. "We had 29 booths and we were extremely happy with the results."

One thing Davis learned from her experience was, "if you don't sell it, you're stuck with it," she said.

"Keep your prices right so you'll get rid of the stuff," she said. "You just don't want to have a lot left over that you have to find something to do with."

She advises fundraisers to sell burritos, soft drinks and coffee along with the garage sale.

"When you're an avid garage saler, you just don't want to stop for something to eat," Davis said. "We had burritos, and we sold out every time."

Ditto, who had a booth at the citywide garage sale, said she knows why people love to hunt bargains.

"It's just the idea that you'd find something in perfect condition for a lot less than new," she said.

At the city-wide Coahoma garage sale, for example, Ditto said she was approached by a couple eyeing her Dearborn heater.

"They told me they had just bought one new ... for much more than I wanted for mine, and it was in great shape. They really missed a good deal."

LeMarr, not even a garage-sale fanatic herself, agrees that the hunt for a deal is what keeps people shopping the sales.

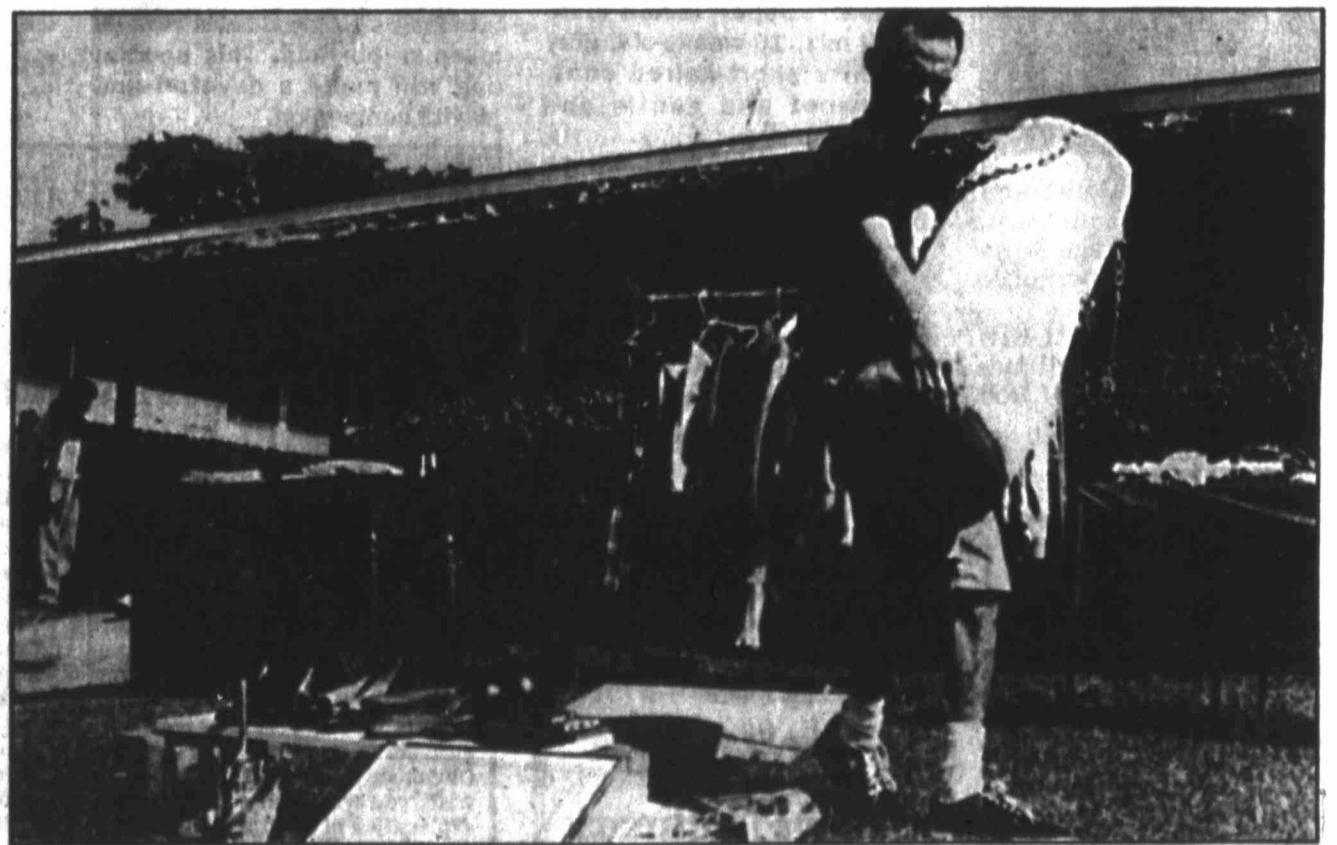
"It's the idea that you'll find that certain something for nearly nothing," she said. "Then you can tell everyone about the great bargain you found."

**Story by
Debbie L. Jensen**

**Photos by
Tim Appel and
Jonathon Garrett**



In the photos, clockwise from top right: Lloyd Claxton sets up his garage sale before shoppers begin to arrive. Next, Frances Rosenfeldt sorts items laid out on tables at another local sale. Jonathan Lindsey, in the next photo, moves a punching bag to a better spot near a group of items spread out for view on the front yard. Below, taking advantage of a garage sale in the background, Jonathan Tindol set up a money-making venture that beat any lemonade stand — pay 25 cents to pet his rabbit. Layla Constancio and Matthew Paredes took him up on it recently. Above, Barbara King and Kayla King, age 4, check out "miscellaneous" items at one of many weekend garage sales.



GETTING ENGAGED



Kim Roman and Chris Evans will exchange wedding vows on June 28, 1997, at the Coahoma Baptist Church with Brother Elwin Collom officiating. She is the daughter of Mike and Linda Roman. He is the son of Randy Evans and Galynn Gamble.



Ginger Kay Brewer and Jeremy Clark Stallings, both of Gainesville, Fla., will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 16, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Lamesa with Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist in Stanton, officiating.

She is the daughter of David and Beverly Brewer, Lamesa. He is the son of Steve and Kathy Stallings, Stanton.



Me Linda Richards-Miller, Lamesa, and Larry Miles, Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on July 5, 1997, at Second Baptist Church in Lamesa.

Rev. Walter Hodges, of Miracle Revival Center, Big Spring will officiate.

She is the daughter of Max and Rita Richards, Klondike.

He is the son of Debra Dancer, Big Spring.



Jan Turner, Levelland, and John Tom Smith, Benjamin, will exchange marriage vows on June 28, 1997, at Moorhouse Ranch in Benjamin.

She is the daughter of Bill and Joyce Turner, Levelland, and the granddaughter of Bob and Mamie Lee, Ackerly.

He is the son of Jim and Janet Smith, Panhandle.

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WEDDINGS

NELSON-HOLGUIN

Brandi Denise Nelson and Ruben Patrick Holguin were united in marriage on May 3, 1997, at Cedar Ridge Church of Christ, Big Spring, with Jay Combs, San Angelo, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jim and Betty Nelson, Big Spring. He is the son of Ramon and Sue Holguin, Forsan.

The couple stood before an altar of English ivy, Kimberly Queen ferns, two spiral candelabras with white candles and decorated with white, peach and navy roses.

Vocalist was Jennifer Antu, Lubbock.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight Italian satin gown with long, pointed sleeves; a v-neck, heavily beaded fitted bodice with a basque waistline and bustled skirt. A cathedral length train was accented with lace and pearls.

She carried an over-the-arm bouquet of assorted white roses, lilies, Swedish ivy, ribbons and pearls.

Matron of honor was Debbie Wylie, sister of the bride, Fort Worth, and Carl Johnson, San Angelo, was the maid of honor.

Jennifer Antu, Lubbock, and Kim Dixon, cousin of the bride, Big Spring, were the bridesmaids.

Robert Gerstenburger, San Angelo, was the best man.

Jake Wylie, brother-in-law of bride, Fort Worth, Freddy Holguin, cousin of the groom, Midland, and Dane Mosher, Big Spring, served as groomsmen.

Jake Wylie and Freddy Holguin also served as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Dora Roberts Civic Center.

The bride's table was covered



MR. AND MRS. RUBEN HOLGUIN

in a peach lace tablecloth and featured a three-tiered white cake accented with white roses and an Austin bride and groom sculpture. A crystal punch bowl and silver candlesticks with peach candles completed the table.

The groom's table was also covered in a peach lace tablecloth. It had a silver coffee service and featured a Kahlua chocolate fantasy cheesecake decorated with hand-dipped chocolate strawberries.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Forsan High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in interior design. She is currently employed by Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Forsan High School and attended Texas A&M University. He is currently employed by Cain Electric.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

CLARK-PRESTON

Traci Denise Clark and Arron Wade Preston, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage on May 10, 1997, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Big Spring with Rev. Paul Baskin, pastor, Rev. James Willborn, pastor of Denver City First United Methodist Church, and Rev. Steve Nethery, of Chesapeake, Va., officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, Big Spring. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ron Preston, Wichita Falls.

The couple stood before two spiral and arched candelabra flanked with bouquets of roses, lilies and lilies in shades of pink and burgundy and a bouquet of white roses and lilies with unity candle inset in the bouquet atop the altar.

Mrs. Betty Lee was the instrumentalist, and Mrs. Jennifer Antu was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Mor Le' original gown with beaded lace on the fitted bodice and a full white satin skirt. The gown featured petal point sleeves, cut-out back and a v-neckline. She wore a finger tip veil of tulle.

She carried a trailing bouquet of white roses, orchids, stephanotis, English ivy and the groom's baby bonnet that was worn at birth.

Maid of honor was Debby Denard, and matron of honor was Terry Moncada Townsend.

Michelle Smithen and Virginia Ann Oliver, bride's cousin, were the bridesmaids.

Kristina Antu was the flower girl.

Best man was Ellis Fletcher. Chris Robeson, Randy Lewis and Dan Murray served as groomsmen.

Jason Bankhead and David Smithen were the ushers, and Sandra Oliver and Susan Oliver, both cousins of the bride, served as candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a



MRS. ARRON PRESTON

reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The entrance to the hall was decorated with tulle and live white doves in ornate cage.

The bride's table featured a four tiered basket-weave cake separated by crystal columns and topped with fresh lilies, roses and greenery.

The table was decorated with tulle and set within a gazebo with a silver fountain.

The groom's cake, designed by the groom, had a golf theme. The table was decorated with fresh flowers, silver service and golf tees.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1995 graduate of Howard Payne University with a Bachelor of Science. She is currently completing a Master of Science in Clinical Exercise Physiology at Texas Tech University.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Henrietta High School and a 1995 graduate of Howard Payne University with a Bachelor of Science.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

BSSH honors employees, volunteers, friends

By KATHY HIGGINS
Big Spring State Hospital

In recognition of Mental Health Month, BSSH has honored special employees, volunteers and a long-time special friend of TXMHMR, Dr. David Wade, former commissioner. Dr. Wade visited Big Spring and spoke to employees about his career in psychiatry, beginning in 1939. He recalled the beginning of Big Spring State Hospital, and his affiliation with Dr. Harrison, as well as many facts concerning the advancement of drugs and therapy in the treatment of mental illness. He also referred to the book "Big Spring," written by local pharmacist, Shine Phillips, and noted that all Big Springers should read it to know and understand why our town exists and what it is all about.

Awards presented to employees include: 1997 Psychiatric

Aide of the Year, Joan Gent. Joan has been employed at BSSH since 1991 and works on the Medical Unit. She has received five awards for excellent attendance, is the Safety Officer, and is considered by her co-workers to be a "team player" that will go an extra mile to help others.

Psychiatric LVN of the Year went to two employees. Yvonne Foster, who works on the Medical Unit, was described by her co-workers as a nurse that can get many patients to respond when no one else is able to do so. She is the HIV counselor, and the Associate Infection Control nurse for her unit.

Co-LVN of the Year was awarded to Janet Heading, who works on the South Psychiatric Unit. Janet serves as the Associate Infection Control Nurse and is very active on many campus-wide committees. She is recognized for her ability

to perform well under pressure.

Psychiatric RN of the Year was awarded to Lucy Griffith, Nurse Manager on South West Psychiatric Unit. Lucy is known for her compassion, kindness, and professionalism, and is always willing to stop anything she is doing to help a patient in need. One co-worker described her as the person who characterizes the BSSH tradition of "People Helping People."

Volunteers were honored for their hard work and dedication to BSSH, at the annual Awards Luncheon, May 22 in the Allred Building. The coveted Jack Y. Smith Award was presented to Council Chairman, Lixeen Weaver, who has been a TXMHMR volunteer since 1972 and shows 5,503 hours at Big Spring since 1977, which does not include thousands of hours before coming to Big Spring. Service hour pins were given

and state volunteer awards were announced.

Superintendent Ed Moughon and Therapist Cory Marr presented the Animal-Assisted Therapy program and unveiled plans for a building to house the project. The Volunteer Board will meet June 9 in the Community Relations office to discuss and finalize plans for assisting with the project. Patient Fun Day will follow in June 10. Volunteers will be passing out t-shirts, caps and sunglasses to all BSSH patients. Funds for this event are from the recent Demin and Diamonds Fundraiser held at Bob and Carol Scott's home.

Don't forget the new location of The Chalet, 1007 11th Place. Hours are Tuesday-Friday 1 to 4 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clean out your closets and your garage, get a tax donation receipt and help BSSH volunteers to help patients.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

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"Smiley" good-looking female German Shepherd/Collie mix, brown eyes and perky ears, excellent temperament.

"Roy" large male Irish Wolfhound mix, shy personality but responds well to attention.

"Gus" brown and tan male Beagle/German Shepherd mix, will make an excellent watchdog.

"Lucy" red and white spayed female Collie mix, about 3-years-old, good temperament.

"Shaggy" small 1-year-old

male Terrier mix, great with kids.

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Women's Care Update
By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology
ASSESSING HYSTERECTOMY'S EFFECTIVENESS
The largest study ever to follow women after hysterectomy, the Maine Women's Health Study, has found a high level of satisfaction among women who underwent the procedure in comparison with women who were treated nonsurgically. This conclusion is based on a survey of 418 women who had hysterectomies for such non-cancerous problems as fibroids, heavy bleeding and pelvic pain. One year following the surgery, only 3% of the women reported pelvic pain "very often," compared with 56% who had the problem before surgery. The study also looked at 380 women who had chosen nonsurgical treatments (such as hormonal therapy and anti-inflammatory drugs) over hysterectomy. About 1/4 of these women whose original symptom was pelvic pain and about 1/2 whose main problem was bleeding still had a "medium" or "big" problem a year after treatment. Nearly 1/4 of the women in the nonsurgical group went on to have hysterectomies due to persistent symptoms. Obviously, before you decide on (or against) any treatment, surgical or otherwise, you will want a thorough examination, a diagnosis, and a complete explanation of your problem. Though hysterectomy is a valid and often warranted procedure, it is not the best or only option in many cases. For an evaluation of your symptoms, arrange for consultation with a Board-Certified OB/GYN. To reach my office call (915) 225-2222. We're located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, every Tuesday, here in Big Spring.

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Ryan Chance Milby, boy, May 7, 1997, six pounds three ounces; parents are Angela Marie and Bumper Milby, Greensburg, Ky.

Grandparents are Tracy and Troy Osburn, Big Spring, Rupert A. Brown, Jr., Campbellsville, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Milby, Greensburg, Ky.

Great-grandparents are Sally Dudgeon, Campbellsville, Ky., Jerry D. Perkins, Louisville, Ky., and Betty Tucker, Greensburg, Ky.

Paid announcement

Demis Robert Torres, boy, May 20, 1997, 12:26 p.m., nine pounds three ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Ildifonso and Angeline Torres.

Grandparents are Roberto and Olga Carza, Lasara Heredia, both of Big Spring, and Valentin Torres, San Antonio.

Tommy Chavarria, Jr., boy, May 18, 1997, 8:54 p.m., eight pounds five ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Tommy and Belinda Chavarria.

Grandparents are Manuel and Farla Chavarria and Tony and Maria Garcia, all of Big Spring.

Dani Daniel Ortega, girl, May 19, 1997, 7:59 a.m., seven pounds four ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Monica Eve Rubio and Paul Ortega.

Grandparents are Martha and Gilbert Rubio, Big Spring, and Linda and Herman Ortega, Abilene.

Maria Elena Mohn, girl, May 20, 1997, 11:09 a.m., eight pounds 12 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Richard and Cindy Mohn.

Grandparents are David and Beverly Mohn, Big Spring, Marsha Bodily, Houston, and Bruce McKee, League City.

Alyssa Nicole Haug, girl, May 17, 1997, 11:19 a.m., seven pounds 12 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Jeffrey and Lisa Haug, Coahoma.

Grandparents are Jeffrey A. and Sharon R. Haug, Coahoma.

Emily Louise Harris, girl, May 21, 1997, 5:34, eight pounds five and one half ounces, and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Dale and Lisa Harris, Snyder.

Grandparents are Gill and Darlene Robbins, Buck and Louise Woolever, all of Snyder, and Tom and Dianne Harris, Missouri.

Brandi Nicole Flores, girl, May 21, 1997, 11:06 p.m., seven pounds 11 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Tony and Lazminda Flores.

Grandparents are Linda and Joe Villarreal, Odessa, and James and Blaine Blumling.

Paul Anthony Cortez, boy, May 23, 1997, 2:26 p.m., five pounds 13 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Baldomar and Gloria Cortez, Coahoma.

Grandparents are David and Linda Ruiz, Coahoma, and Alfonso and Belen Cortez III, Big Spring.

Marianna Isabelle Carnero, girl, May 23, 1997, 6:31 a.m., six pounds eight ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Marisol Carnero and Johnny Leos.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Carnero and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leos, Sr., all of Big Spring.

Joe Lee Luna, boy, May 20, 1997, 7:54 p.m., 10 pounds 10 1/2 ounces and 22 inches long; parents are Maria Soto and Joe Luna.

Grandparents are Mario Soto and Paubla Savala, Mexico, Creconcio Luna and Gloria Martinez.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mitchell

Joe G. and Lola M. Mitchell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the fellowship hall of the Concho Baptist Church, 10th and Concho, Coleman, Sunday, June 1, 1997, at 2 p.m., hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Valera, and she was born in Arlington as Lola Smith. They met while he was attending college, when he visited the cafe where she worked. They were married on June 1, 1947, in Arlington Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have one son, David Glen Mitchell, Pasadena, Texas, and two grandchildren. They have lived in Arlington, Big Spring for 44 years and in Coleman for five years.

They are retired. Previously, Joe worked for Texas Electric Service Co., now TU, for 36 years. They are affiliated with Concho Baptist in Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were members of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. She enjoys crocheting and crafts,



MR. AND MRS. JOE MITCHELL

and he enjoys making arrowheads, which he makes into pictures. They both deliver Meals on Wheels for the senior citizen center.

This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage, "These have been happy years for the most part; it takes both working together. We have always had a church home and had the Lord in our lives."

Edens



MR. AND MRS. JEWELL EDENS, THEN AND NOW

Jewell and Mary Lou Edens celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on May 31, 1997, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the First Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall hosted by their children.

They were both born and raised in Howard County. She was born as Mary Lou Weaver. They were married on May 31, 1947, in Howard County. Mr. and Mrs. Edens have three children: Beverly and her husband, Randy Thompson of Coahoma, Rhonda and her husband, Ricky Robertson of Big

Spring, and Dandy Edens and his wife, Laura, of Big Spring. They also have eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and two on the way.

Jewell was a building contractor and a carpenter for 50 years; he also worked for CRMWD and retired in 1985. She had worked for Gamco for 16 years and is currently employed by Wal-Mart.

They both enjoy hunting, fishing, camping and visiting with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available at the Herald office.

Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

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Moms say job is tough, cite pressures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sandra Watson is a successful professional who has raised a well-adjusted 19-year-old son.

Still, she is often racked by guilt because she's not there for him when he returns from school to ask how his day was; go over his homework with him and eat dinner with him.

"We really have a lot of juggling to do and unfortunately... our children suffer somewhat because of what we have to do... to maintain a living," said Watson, 42, an accounting manager. "We're doing a worse job than our mothers did."

Watson is not alone in thinking that way. According to a study released Thursday, ahead of Mother's Day weekend, 56 percent of the women surveyed think their mothers were better parents than they are.

But on a more cheerful note, most mothers said they were mostly or very satisfied with the job they're doing raising their children.

The study by the Pew Research Center questioned

1,101 women, 74 percent of them mothers. Of the total sample, 42 percent were employed full time, 15 percent part time, 21 percent retired and 22 percent not employed outside the home. The study has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The researchers found that the problems and challenges faced by 1990s moms are related to changes in the lives of women and the evolution of the American family.

Watson agrees. "I think that parenting has somewhat taken a back seat to our lives and that should not be," said Watson. "A lot of kids are somewhat having to raise themselves."

According to the survey, a large proportion of the women favored more-traditional family settings.

Only 17 percent said most divorced couples who split custody of their children can do a good job of parenting and fewer than 30 percent said most single mothers, stepmothers and

couples in which both parents work full time can do a good job.

The study also found that more than half the mothers who worked full time were burdened with time pressures and trying to balance motherhood with other aspects of their lives compared with 18 percent of mothers who work part time or not at all.

Some of the pressures cited by mothers include trying to be in three places at once, making sure they get everything done without being stressed out and having enough time for themselves.

But the survey found that disciplining children is a problem all mothers face whether or not they work outside the house. One in five named this as the most difficult part of being a mother.

Despite the guilt, the self-recrimination and the worry, Watson says, being a mother "is definitely worth it."

LOCAL BRIEFS

Church honors Kohl

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry St., will honor the Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Kohl for 25 years of service to the congregation during worship services today at 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. A pot-luck lunch will immediately follow the second service.

The Rev. Donald V. Hafemann will officiate at both services.

The Kohls were also treated to a surprise ice cream and cookie social last night in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall.

Reunion planned

The Caudle School reunion will be June 14, at 10 a.m. in the Elbow School Cafeteria. All ex-students are invited to attend, and bring a covered dish for the luncheon to begin at noon.

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WHO'S WHO

Larry B. Reese graduated with a Doctor of Juris Prudence Degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston on May 18.

Amy E. Reese graduated with a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio on May 24.

Their parents are Howard College professor Larry Reese and associate professor Wanda Reese, Big Spring.

Paula Marie Carpenter, Big



AMY REESE

Spring, graduated with a Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor on May 24.

Big Spring resident Tammi Garcia was among graduates of South Plains College May 9 in Texan Dome. She was awarded an associate of applied science degree in law enforcement.

Charles Daniel Clark recently attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Texas Panhandle Leadership Seminar. Charles joined more than 100 other young leaders representing as many high schools from throughout Texas April 26 in Amarillo.

Representing the Coahoma High School, Charles is the son of Barbara Clark. The Big Spring Herald was the local HOBY sponsor.

May 24 graduates from Sul Ross State University included Big Spring residents: Phillip Gibson, master of education,

administration; Wayland Pierce, master of education, administration; and Forsan resident Gary Rotan, master of education, administration.

Former Big Spring resident, Brian E. Rosson, was named as principal of Odessa Permian High School by the ECISD Board of Trustees on May 20.

Mr. Rosson graduated from Big Spring High School in 1978. He received an associate's degree from Howard College, a B.S. in Education from Texas Christian University, and a M.Ed. from Sul Ross University.

He has been employed by ECISD as a teacher and administrator for 15 years.

Bethany Graves, daughter of



ROSSON

Walter and Mary Lee of Coahoma, was recently elected secretary/treasurer of the Schreiner College Student Senate for the 1997-98 academic year.

Graves, a graduate of Coahoma High School, is currently a history/legal studies major at Schreiner.

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Jacob Calvio from Knott has been named a United States National Award Winner in football and Spanish.

Calvio, who attends Sands High School, was nominated for this national award by Felipe Castro, a teacher/coach at the school. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook which is published nationally.

Calvio is the son of Sammy and Marlene Calvio, Knott. He is the grandson of Lupe Calvio, Big Spring, and Cantarino and Dominga Barraza, Lamesa.

Corey Mason, son of Jimmy Don and Andi Mason of Stanton, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches. He is a senior student serving an internship at Lake Sam Rayburn this summer. He is a forestry major with a minor in biology.

A 1993 graduate of Coahoma High School, he has been elected to serve as the vice-president of the Stephen F. Austin Wildlife Society for the 97-98 school year.

Sul Ross State University named two Big Spring students to its spring semester Dean's List, the honor roll of students maintaining a 3.3 or greater grade point average.

They are: Zachary Zane Leslie, pre-physical therapy, 3.769; and Cadet Dean Bryant, English-general, 3.75.

ON THE MENU

SPRING CITY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

LUNCH

MONDAY - Steak; potatoes; broccoli; pea salad; rolls/milk; fruit.

TUESDAY - Meatloaf; noodles; turnip greens; cucumber & tomato salad; rolls/milk; pudding.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken; rice; mixed vegetables; spinach salad; rolls/milk; fruit.

THURSDAY - Beef stew; cauliflower & peas; tossed salad; cornbread; milk; pie.

FRIDAY - Beef brisket; potato salad; beans; sliced tomatoes; milk/cornbread; fruit.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

MONDAY - Corn dog; potato rounds; green beans; mixed fruit; milk.

TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak; mashed potato; English peas; sliced peaches; rolls; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken sandwich; vegetable stick; salad; lettuce; tomato; pickles; apple; milk.

THURSDAY - Burrito; tossed salad; pinto beans; fresh fruitcup; milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger; French fries; salad-lettuce; tomato; pickles; frozen fruit bar; milk.

'Deadline' delivers excitement

"Deadline." John Dunning. February, 1997. Pocket Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, Inc., New York, N.Y. 253 pages. \$5.99.

Dalton Walker, a New York reporter, was used to sights and stories in the extreme, but he didn't expect the death of an unidentified child to lead him into examining his personal beliefs, to open himself in accepting a new friend, or to find himself racing across several states to outrun strangers whose only goal seemed to be to end his life.

It seemed to be a routine fire call as a young girl was carried out of a burning circus tent. The emergency crew could not save her, but the most surprising aspect of her death was when no one claimed her body. The sad story of such an unclaimed child haunted Dalton, and when the police closed their file on the search for the girl's identity, Dalton continued working on the story despite the lack of new information.

During this time, Dalton was assigned to write a human interest story of an Amish girl who had left her family and faith and was now dancing as

one of the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. While Dalton struggled against invading the privacy of someone who would



Pat Williams
Paperback
Book Reviewer

leave such a conservative lifestyle, he also found himself admiring her stand. It was with his empathetic curiosity that the two became

friends. In writing "Deadline," John Dunning allows the reader to follow the probing and insightful self-examination of Dalton as he analyzes his personal and professional goals. The nameless and unclaimed body of the little girl buried in the Potter's Field area of the cemetery seems to consume his thoughts, driving him to find some resolution to the mystery.

At the same time Dalton is calling in markers from his friends in the local police department and the FBI, he

also is solidifying his relationship with Diana, the young Amish girl. Diana's own dilemma of rigid religious upbringing versus her desire to be an independent and modern young woman affect Dalton deeply.

Dalton's search becomes more intense, and as others become involved in the case, Dalton, Diana, and the mother of the young girl find their lives threatened. For the reader, the suspense becomes palpable as each situation seeks resolution; yet, whenever there seems to be relief, Dunning delivers a new twist, and the excitement continues.

First published in 1981, *Deadline* has been reprinted in paperback form this year. The written personality studies are timeless, and Dunning has made any needed changes to keep the writing correct in technological detail.

Dunning's characters are true to their positions in life, and it is easy for the reader to become involved in each individual's life. The ending does not give complete answers, just endless possibilities.

Rating: *** (3 out of 4) Good for discussion at a party

Have you seen Readers Corner?

Readers Corner is published the fourth Wednesday of each month in the life! section.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be no longer than a page and a half in length.

Photos should be in focus and not too light or dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo. Please type or print all written submissions.

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NEWCOMERS

Newcomers welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Billie Key, Colorado City. He co-owns and operates Blackberry Fields.

Doyt W. and Irene Price,

Dallas. He is retired. Sandy Nanny, Collinsville. She does medical work.

Jose and Barbara Uvalde and sons Gabriel and Leo, Odessa. He is employed by Fiberglass Systems.

Millie Price and son Caleb, Lamesa. She is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Jewell Strickland and son Daniel, Hornbeck, La. She works for Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

James and Amalia Campbell, San Angelo. They are both employed by Rayco Construction Co. Inc.

Ron and Betty Burton, Sr. and son Ron Jr. and grandson Ryan, Alamogordo, N.M. He is self employed.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication.

Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

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Local managers learn food handling techniques

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

One of the programs Howard County Family and Consumer Science Agent Dana Tarter has worked on recently — food protection management — was presented to Howard County Commissioners last week as Tarter updated commissioners on some of the programs her department has worked on in the last three months.

Tarter addressed commissioners on the Food Protection Management Training Program — ServSafe — which is a collaborative effort between the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the National Restaurant Association (NRA), Texas Department of Health

(TDH) and the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association.

One of the main features of the program is to prevent food-borne diseases from spreading by implementing a tool that detects unsafe practices among employees.

Tarter also told commissioners about a program being tested nationally that is being cheered by some and jeered by others — an infrared detection system that alerts employers whenever workers leave the rest room without washing up is being in several locations across the country.

The device was recently on display at a restaurant trade show in Chicago, and works like this: Employees wear a badge that triggers an infrared

sensor whenever they enter the rest room. A second sensor at the soap dispenser activates if they remain at the sink for at least 15 seconds. An electronic record is kept each time any employee uses the rest room, noting whether each worker stopped at the sink. Hand-washing scofflaws also bear a blinking badge if they skip the soap.

"Today lots of people are getting sick, lots of people are dying," said Glenn Cohen, president of Net/Tech, the Red Bank, N.J., company that makes the Hygiene Guard system. "Hand-washing is the most important thing you can do to control infectious disease."

The company hasn't installed a single system yet, but Cohen

says since he started displaying it at the recent NRA conference, several "household name" fast-food chains have expressed an interest.

Restaurateurs may like getting the dirt on workers, but some union officials are concerned about employers recording intimate worker activities.

Dirty hands have become a national health threat, according to the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention, which calls hand-washing the single most important procedure for preventing hospital-acquired infections.

More than 40 million Americans get sick and about 80,000 die each year from hand-borne bacteria, such as hepatitis. The agency puts the cost of

treating infected patients at \$4.5 billion each year.

As for the local ServSafe program locally, Tarter began the six-week training program in March for interested residents and food service managers of local food service establishments with Howard College providing classroom space and county agents in neighboring counties as well as TDH representatives assisted with classroom instruction.

Fourteen food service managers representing five local establishments enrolled in the course with 12 completing the course and final exam.

The program included an introduction on providing food safety and sections entitled: food safety hazards; the safe

food handler; storing food safely; keeping food safe during preparation; purchasing and receiving safe food; sanitary facilities; cleaning and sanitizing; developing an integrated pest management program; and regulatory agencies and inspections.

Participants in the program evaluated its overall content and identified the following points as the most beneficial parts of the program: learning about danger of bacteria; importance of personal hygiene and proper storage; dangers of contamination; safety in food preparation; importance of handwashing; importance of maintaining proper temperatures; and causes of food-borne illness.

TPWD seeking fields

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is seeking to enroll suitable areas into the Public Dove Hunting Program.

According to Nolan County Wildlife Biologist Bill Del Monte, there are currently 155 tracts in Texas, most of them around Interstate 35 in the Dallas and Houston areas, but the TPWD would like to expand these tracts into other areas.

TPWD enters short-term lease agreements with landowners to allow dove hunting during the open season in September and October. These areas are not available to all licensed hunters.

The areas can be hunted only by those who hold Annual Public Hunting Permits sold by TPWD.

TPWD is able to pay up to twice the ad valorem taxes on fields for the two month period and the landowner is released from liability during the lease agreement period.

According to Del Monte, availability of early fall food sources is the number one factor when considering a field for the program. Early fall food sources for dove in this area include native sunflower, croton (dove weed), pigweed, ragweed, Sudan, milo and other small grains.

Parking areas and no-hunting areas are also marked off with signs.

Interested producers or residents with fields, that normally attract doves, or other areas they think may be suitable for dove hunting may contact Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.

According to Del Monte, contracts have to be complete by July 1.

SOMETHING NEW



HERALD photos/Jonathan Garrett
The month of May was a good one for Elrod's Furniture, which celebrated its move from Third Street to its new 70,000 square foot building at 2309 Scurry St. Pictured (top) cutting the ribbon at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new store are Leslie, Lynda, Dee and Laura Elrod. May also saw the opening of Simpler Pleasures at 1305 S. Gregg St. Simpler Pleasures offers dozens of home decorating and gift items to its customers. Pictured (left center) are employee Jerrie Stocks and cutting the ribbon is Kay Bancroft, with husband Ben Bancroft behind her. As is customary for new or expanding businesses in Big Spring, both businesses are welcomed to the business community by the Ambassadors group.

Hatco looking for additional growth

GARLAND (AP) — Dallas Western-wear salesman Chris Williamson — looking sharp and starched in long-sleeved shirt, laundered jeans and anteater-skin boots — already has his eye on his next cowboy hat: a \$480 Resistol "Black Gold" model for fall and winter.

Who needs a hat? "If you're at the bars, you need a hat," says Williamson, 21, stating the obvious to the obviously clueless.

And if you need a hat — not a baseball cap, but a crease-crowned, roll-brimmed beauty that adds inches heightwise and impresses would-be dance partners — chances are good your choice will say Resistol or Stetson inside the crown.

Together, those brands made by Hatco of Garland dominate the U.S. cowboy hat market, thanks to Resistol's irresistibility to working cowboys and the legendary cachet of the 132-year-old Stetson name.

The question for Hatco and the rest of the Western wear industry — beneficiaries of the "Urban Cowboy" 1980s and country-line-dancing early 90s — is where growth will come from until the next boost from the cyclical pop-culture machine.

"They're not a Nike, a fast-growth industry," observes Manhattan-based Alan Millstein, editor and publisher of a newsletter for retail clients.

Hatco's answer to the industry blahs is expansion into the margins of traditional markets. Move over, country crooners George Strait and Alan Jackson; make room for bull riding great Tuff Hedeman, female country singer Terri Clark and Dallas Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders.

The Stetson label recently inked a sponsorship deal with Bull Riders Only, a company that capitalizes on the glamour of bull riding by producing competitions without the six

other traditional rodeo events (e.g., calf-roping and barrel racing).

In bull riding, judges evaluate the form and flair of riders who stay on the back of an enraged animal at least eight seconds while holding on with just one hand. The difference with the increasingly popular standalone contests is the broader audience, says Albert Dickson, a spokesman for the Riders Only of England, Colo.

"They're not regular rodeo fans. They're NASCAR fans and sports fans in general," Dickson says. "They like bull riding because it's very macho, it's very dangerous and it's very intense."

In linking Stetson with bull riding, Hatco hopes to put the heads of some of the fans who wouldn't attend traditional rodeos, says Albert Dickson, vice president of manufacturing.

Luiz oversees Hatco's World War II-era plant near Dallas where dozens of workers produce some 350 dozen hats per day out of "hat bodies," coils of floppy wool-and-fur felt made by Hatco plants in Longview and Newark, N.J. Straw hat bodies come from outside vendors in Latin America.

Amid the roar of iron Sanders and sewing machines, the hat bodies are sized, dried, shaped, creased, trimmed and packaged to retailers' orders. Their leather sweat bands stamped with the store name. The hats leave the plant in boxes marked with Resistol's brown-and-white cowhide pattern or Stetson's elegant black motif befitting models like top-of-the-line \$1,500 beaver-and-cashmere El Presidente.

Dallas investment firm Hicks Muse, Tate & Furst Inc. bought Hat Brands in 1992. The company said its revenues doubled from \$100 million to \$200 million in 1994. John Muse did not return calls from The Associated Press.

Brush control method simple and economical

Brush Busters! Sounds like a radical group of big stout machinery crashing through the back country thickets.

Actually this is the newest, simplest and economical way for brush control. This program was developed and refined by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in recent years.

Mesquite, redberry cedar and prickly pear are plants which continually cause ranchers and landowners problems from year to year. On this same scale, control methods become very costly when hav-

ing to repeatedly treat these four nuisance species year after year.

The main focus of Brush Busters was to control mesquite, cedar and prickly pear in the most economical way. The best results (most cost-effective) were from spraying individual plants by hand rather than a broadcast method.

Other factors are considered when using the hand spray method such as: 1) reduced costs; 2) improved control; 3) limited damage to desirable plants; 4) sculpture of the landscape for wildlife habitat or aesthetics; 5) the life of control is extended farther than typical expensive broadcast treatments; and 6) it is rather easy to use for individuals with no experience in brush control.

The first studies on the Brush Busters approach were started by Extension Range Specialist Dr. Allan McGinty and Range Research Scientist Dr. Darrell Ueckert, both of San Angelo, in 1995. Mesquite across five counties

in Texas, all with different densities of mesquite per acre, were subjected to both leaf and stem treatment with backpack sprayers and spray rigs hooked up on the back of four-wheel drive all-terrain vehicles.

A mixture of 0.5 percent Reclaim herbicide plus 0.5 percent Remedy herbicide were combined with 0.25 percent surfactant and mixed with water for a leaf spray treatment. This leaf spray treatment has been found to be the most effective when mesquite foliage is mature (dark green color) and soil temperature is 75 degrees Fahrenheit to a depth of 12 inches.

These conditions usually occur in early to mid-June. All foliage cover is sprayed until the plant glistens with the solution but stopped before the solution begins to drip off of the leaves. For the stem spray treatment, a mixture of 25 percent Remedy herbicide with 75 percent diesel fuel has been shown to be the most effective. The mixture should be

applied from ground line to 12 inches up the trunk by lightly wetting all around the trunk. Be sure not to spray until the chemical mixture puddles on the soil surface, this is a waste of chemical and increases the total cost per acre.

Although rough bark mesquite will be affected, smooth bark mesquite had the best control. As for cedar, both redberry and blueberry (Ashe) juniper were subjected to a mix of 1 percent Tordon 22K, 0.25 percent surfactant and water.

This is only a leaf spray treatment and plants should be completely covered with the solution but only to a point where the plants glisten and are not dripping. The best time to treat these juniper species is spring through early-summer. The same solution used for juniper works best for prickly-pear.

Pricklypear can be treated at anytime of the year. To assist with reduction of costs, a small amount of dye is also recom-

mended with each mixture.

This helps in determining which plants you have treated, especially when large densities are treated. This program would not be cost effective if spraying was continually repeated on each plant.

Mortality from the initial studies conducted for the Brush Busters program showed leaf spray treatment to average 83 percent mortality after one year, a cost of \$16 per acre and the ability to spray 203 mesquite plants per man hour.

In the five county study, one county had 461 mesquite per acre and cost \$32 per acre to treat while another county had 25 mesquite per acre and cost \$4 an acre. Stem spray treatments of mesquite were similar on costs.

Cedar mortality will be determined this summer, however the cost was averaged at \$21 an acre for control. It is estimated that once a site has more than 200 mesquite plants per acre, a broadcast method may be more cost-effective than individual

plant treatments.

In 1996, two residents in Howard County agreed to try this program. Sites were selected and a leaf spray solution of 0.5 percent Remedy, 0.5 percent Reclaim, 0.25 surfactant, along with a blue dye were mixed in a water carrier to treat mesquite. Plants were treated in June of 1996 and will be evaluated this summer for total mortality. It is estimated that an 80 percent kill or better will have occurred.

Remember you must have an applicators license before applying any of these chemicals.

Also safety protection should be worn when using any chemical product, especially ones which may be deemed hazardous to your health. Please be sure to read all label instructions for recommended mixtures and precautionary statements.

For additional information concerning effective ways of brush or plant control please contact the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236.

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 264-2226.

Bush, Cynthia, 2511 Dow, Big Spring
Coates, Tara L., 1505 Arlon, Big Spring
Daniels, Shan L., Rt. 1, box 402, Big Spring
Gamble, Rodney Joe, 1811 State Street
Gliniski, Melanie Kaye, 801 W. Marcy No. 23, Big Spring
Grenier, Sherry, 909 N. Bentwood Apt. B, Midland
Hester, Cristle Elizabeth, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring
Hill, Dianna, 1207 26th St., Snyder
Huitt, Charles C., HC 76, Box 94, Big Spring
Miller, Meredith C., 538 Westover No. 257, Big Spring
Mills, Richard, 1311 Mt. Vernon, Big Spring
Murphy, Pat, HC 69, Box 182 A, Big Spring
Padron, Pedro T., Box 495, Coahom
Sides, Jackie, 1405 Lincoln, Big Spring
Sotelo, Jose D., 222 Redbud, Lubbock
Trammell, Donna, 216 Tracey Lee Ct., Burleson
Trevino, Freddie, 1311 N. Third, Lamesa
Trevino, Mary Lou, 1812 No. 12th, Lamesa
Vela, Belinda, 1005 E. 16th or 710 Douglas, Big Spring
Wells, Maldee, HC 72, Box 19, Stanton
Wells, Michele D., P.O. Box 96, Westbrook

County Clerk's office:
Marriage Licenses:
Martin Peter Keiler, 26, and Donna Renee McGee, 30.
Christopher Lee Fuqua, 26, and Windy Erin Wentz, 24.
Buck Cansino, 22, and Margaret Nava, 16.
Ronald Gene Letcher, Jr., 24, and Brandy Irene Willis, 22.
Jerry Scott Hughes, 37, and Jeannette Kay Butler, 33.
Lonnie Ray Greene, 38, and Connie Mae Alfred, 50.
John Emel Jerry, 30, and Cindy Lou Pope, 38.

County Court Records:
Deeds:
Warranty Deeds:
grantor: Nancy D. Herrin
grantee: Margaret R. Savage
property: A 10.0 acre tract of land out of the northeast 1/4 of section 30, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 19, 1997

grantor: Malvin King a/k/a W.M. King
grantee: Charles F. Reidel
property: Lot 14, blk. 1, Highland park Addition.
filed: May 20, 1997

grantor: A.N. Standard
grantee: Thomas A. Welch, Jr.
property: An 0.15 acre tract of land out of and part of the east 1/2 of section 2, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: May 20, 1997

grantor: Jade Development, LLC

grantor: Troy Hunt Homes, Inc.
property: Lot 7, blk. 2, Jordan Park Estates No. 1 Addition.
filed: May 21, 1997

grantor: The estate of Mary Thomas
grantee: Eulalia R. Viera
property: A 0.18 acre tract of land out of the southeast 1/4 of tract 23, William B. Currie Subdivision of the southeast 1/4 of section 42, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 21, 1997

grantor: Norwest Bank Texas
grantee: Odilia O. Granados
property: tract 1 - the surface estate only of a tract of land out of and part of the southeast 1/4 of section 43, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. and tract 2 - a 0.871 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the southwest 1/4 of section 43, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 22, 1997

grantor: Bessie Juanita Hamlin
grantee: Raymon Hershell and Nora B. Matthews
property: a tract of land described as the north 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of section 6, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 22, 1997

grantor: Roy Roberson
grantee: Jacquie Marie Waters
property: Lots 5-6, blk. 6, Wrights Airport Addition
filed: May 23, 1997

Quit Claim Deed:
Warranty Deed with vendor's lean:
grantor: Andrew Smith
grantee: Tom Cruz and Anna M. Cruz
property: Lot 11, blk. 11, Washington Place Addition
filed: May 22, 1997

grantor: Andrew Smith
grantee: John F. and Christi L. Wilhelm
property: Lot 13, blk. 11, Washington Place Addition.
filed: May 22, 1997

grantor: Ronald J. and Karen A. Tarter
grantee: Thomas Haden
property: All of lot 36, blk. 16, Kentwood (Unit No. 2) Addition.
filed: May 19, 1997

grantor: Steven J. and Sandra J. Waggoner
grantee: Kenneth and Paula Cole
property: Lot 17, blk. 1, Amended Highland South Addition.
filed: May 19, 1997

grantor: Kenneth and Paula Cole
grantee: Thomas J. and Angela K. Adornetto
property: The surface estate only of a 2.975 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the northwest 1/4 of section 12, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 19, 1997

grantor: William H. Cox
grantee: Coleman Machine and Supply, Inc.
property: Lot 9, blk. 1, College Park Estates
filed: May 20, 1997

grantor: Chuck Rossenbaum
grantee: Pette Rosenbaum
property: All of lot 9, blk. 3, Amended Piner Heights Addition
filed: May 21, 1997

grantor: Juanita Brookshier, acting by Jane Blalack
grantee: Ricky Robertson, dba Rob & Son Sheet Metal
property: A part of lot 8, blk. 55, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: May 21, 1997

Secondhand smoke increases risks

Exposure doubles risk of heart disease

DALLAS (AP) — Regular exposure to secondhand smoke appears to almost double the risk of heart disease in women who don't smoke, a study of 32,000 nurses finds.

For women like college student Carrie Carter, a nonsmoker who spends 25 hours a week waiting tables in a Dallas restaurant smoky enough to make her throat swell, the findings were not surprising.

"My doctor's like, 'You don't smoke, right? You work in a sports bar, that's almost as bad,'" Ms. Carter said.

The near-doubling of risk is higher than previous studies have found. At least one expert said the study represents some of the strongest evidence yet of a link between heart disease and other people's cigarette smoke.

"They're startling in terms of the strength of the association," said Ichiro Kawachi,

assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and the study's lead author.

In a major study published last August, nonsmoking spouses of smokers had about a 20 percent higher rate of heart disease deaths than nonsmokers whose spouses did not smoke.

The latest study — published Tuesday in the American Heart Association journal *Circulation* — looked at total exposure to secondhand smoke at home and at work.

Kawachi said he and his colleagues had expected to find a 30 percent to 50 percent higher risk of heart disease among nonsmoking nurses exposed to smoke at work or home compared with nonsmoking nurses who were not exposed.

Instead, the increased risk was 91 percent for nurses reporting regular exposure and

58 percent for those reporting occasional exposure.

Michael Eriksen, director of the Office on Smoking and Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the study is one of the strongest to find such a link.

Researchers at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital studied 32,046 female participants in the Nurses' Health Study ages 36 to 61 who had never smoked and were free of diagnosed heart disease, stroke and cancer in 1982.

During 10 years of follow-up, they recorded 152 cases of heart disease, including 127 nonfatal heart attacks.

Kawachi said his study took into account other factors that might explain an association between secondhand smoke and heart attack, including

diet, exercise, obesity, high cholesterol and use of the pill.

The researchers did not differentiate between smoke exposure at work and home. Also, they left it up to participants to decide what constitutes "regular" or "occasional" exposure — or none at all.

Kawachi said that is one possible weakness of the study, along with the fact that the women were asked about exposure only once, at the beginning of the 10-year study period.

Still, he said, those circumstances would probably result in the women underestimating, not overestimating, the amount of smoke they were exposed to.

During the study period, smoking was phased out in most U.S. hospitals but was still allowed in staff lounges, waiting rooms, cafeterias and other areas.

New trade agreements looming

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that the White House has signaled its intent to ask Congress for the authority to negotiate new trade agreements, NAFTA's impact on the U.S. economy is in for a heightened round of scrutiny.

Before the Clinton administration can begin negotiations to expand NAFTA to Latin America — or start talks on other trade alliances — it requires permission from Congress.

Restless lawmakers from both political parties had been assailing the White House in recent weeks for failing to ask Congress for the so-called "fast-track" authority.

Under fast track, lawmakers agree not to rewrite trade agreements, limiting themselves to an up-or-down vote. Without fast track, the administration essentially is powerless to engage in talks with other countries because any commitment made at the bargaining table could be undone by Congress.

After months of inaction, the White House announced last week that it would submit fast-track legislation to Congress in September.

The congressional battle promises to be a reprise of the bruising fight in 1993 to ratify NAFTA. The alliance of labor unions, environmental groups and liberal Democrats that fought NAFTA's passage already is gearing up to block fast track.

"It's going to be a really ugly debate," said Lori Wallach, head of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, which worked vigorously to derail NAFTA and opposes its expansion.

That in mind, administration officials are seeking to distance fast track from NAFTA. "I believe that fast track and NAFTA ought to be de-linked because fast track is about considerably more," Ira Shapiro, senior counsel for the U.S. Trade Representative's office, told the Congressional Border Caucus last week.

"The question of our global

trade policy goes beyond Mexico," he said.

But NAFTA's first 40 months loom over the debate of expanded trade, with both sides claiming widely divergent results.

Boosters say NAFTA has prompted major increases in U.S. exports to Canada and Mexico, stimulated domestic industrial production, and helped cushion the blow of Mexico's 1995 economic collapse.

Critics contend NAFTA has caused huge U.S. trade deficits with Mexico and Canada, hundreds of thousands of lost American jobs, depressed wages, and a flight of industry and investment capital to Mexico.

The difficulty in assessing NAFTA is that countless economic indicators can be used to measure its impact.

Opponents note that the United States went from a \$1.7 billion surplus with Mexico in 1993 to a record \$16.2 billion deficit last year. At the same time, the imbalance with

Canada hit \$22.8 billion last year, the worst showing since 1986.

But supporters point out that despite the deficits, U.S. exports to Mexico and Canada hit record highs last year, rising by 37 percent and 33 percent respectively above 1993 levels.

"We're going to be debating our relationship with Mexico for years," Shapiro acknowledged.

Selling NAFTA as a winner for American workers and industry, the administration now is pushing fast track as vital to U.S. interests around the world.

Without fast track, the United States cannot move toward a Free Trade Area of the Americas, expand free trade into Latin America and the Caribbean or contemplate other pacts, Shapiro said.

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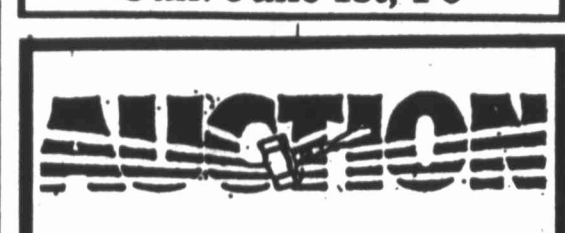
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