Less than 10 days remain before 64th Big Spring Rodeo opens

Managing Editor

The final countdown is on for the 64th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, set for a June 18 start at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl, located just off FM 700 at the Howard County

Fairgrounds. "Things are going great," said Quail Dobbs, one of the members of the rodeo's board of directors. "Everything's coming together real well.'

A number of changes in the

rodeo's format have directors hopeful of even greater attendance this year and an overall increase in community awareness that the rodeo is going on.

Tops among the changes is a switch in the dates the rodeo is normally held, from the last week in June to the new June 18-21 schedule

"We changed the dates to keep from competing with the Reno Rodeo," explained board member Johnny Middleton. "There was just no way we could compete with them money-wise, and that's what draws the top com-

will be winding up. Additionally, local

rodeo officials have

come up with a number of ways to increase youth participation adults as well while growing

their own following for rodeos to come. Each night a group of youngsters between the ages of 5 and

528 entrants and a melease must be signed

and the youngster accompanied to the rodeo by a parent or guardian. Additionally,

thus hoping to attract more entrants cannot weigh more than 60 pounds and must wear a mandatory safety vest and protective headgear provided by **Justin Boots.**

While each competitor will

petitors."

So now, while Reno is bustin'," where they try just getting started on June 21, Big Spring is limited to a total of will be winding up.

8 will compete in "mutton bustin' belt buckle, two pairs of Justin boots will be given away each night — one for the best ride and the other for the hard luck

For more information on mutton bustin', contact Diane Hofacket at 267-6251 or 270-8017.

Youngsters will also have the chance to participate in a Mid's rodeo following the parade on Saturday, June 21.

Registration for all events will be taken between 11 a.m. and noon on the day of the event Scheduled events are bull rid- See RODEO, Page 2

ing, flag racing, milking contest, goat hair pulling, barrel racing and a clowns contest (clowns need to arrive dressed and ready to perform). The winners for the clown contest will be the clowns for the bull riding event. All events will be divided into three age groups and each contestant may enter two events.

Another new activity at the rodeo this year will be Tijuana poker on Wednesday and Thursday night.

New athletic facility

More than 300 persons defy weather for dedication of complex

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Facility wise, Big Spring Independent School District's athletic program just went from the dungeon to the penthouse.

Aft decades watching the athletic prodeal gram with cramped quarters at the high school, school district officials officially unveiled the new \$1.3



McEWEN

million Athletic Training Center during dedication ceremonies Sunday afternoon.

The facility, which will serve all the district's 750 studentathletes, drew rave reviews from district officials, coaches, students and the general popu-

All of the district's athletic programs will make good use of the facility's services, which include a spacious weight room, a video conference room, expanded athletic training quarters and a huge "turf room," a gargantuan space covered with artificial turf that athletes can use in case of bad weather.

The facility also has space for laundry, equipment storage, and expanded dressing

Plans call for an indoor batting cage and golfing tunnel to be installed in the near future. **BSISD** Athletic Director Dwight Butler said.

Main financing for the project came from a \$900,000 grant from the Dora Roberts Foundation, with the rest coming from the school district.

Spring ISD William Superintendent McQueary, who hosted



Local residents tour the new weight room in the Big Spring Independent School District's state-ofthe-art athletic training facility. The new facility was officially dedicated Sunday afternoon.

Sunday's ceremony, said the headed the committee that saw new facility marked a figurative end to a decades-long erosion of the district's infrastruc-

"This is the first positive thing that happened for this district, facility wise, since been here," said McQueary, who just completed his 17th year with BSISD. "We've been downsizing ever since Webb Air Force Base closed (in the late 1970s). We've been kind of like the rest of the community — we've just been

holding on." The new facility, McQueary said, is a dream come true.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "My kids graduated from Big Spring High School, and they participated in athletics. I look back on that and think, 'Gosh, wouldn't it have been great for them to have something like this?"

Also participating the dedication was Russ McEwen, who the project to fruition.

"The completed product is better than anything we could have envisioned," McEwen said. "There were so many stops and starts in trying to get a facility like this. It's been at least a decade since something like this was first conceived."

Although the facility is adjacent to the football practice field north of the high school, all the district's programs will make use of the building.

Volleyball coach Traci Pierce, for one, can't wait to get her girls into the building.

"The new weight room is of greater benefit to the girls than the straight weight's we've been using are," Pierce said. "And we can use the turf room for running conditioning and jumping conditioning, we can use it for drills ... The only thing that can limit use of this room is the coach's imagination.

Head Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin also will make good use of his new quarters.

"In the old room ... it was tight some times," Rankin said. "We'd have 30 kids come in to get taped, and we'd only have room for 20, so 10 of them would have to wait out in the hall. Now we can handle all of them at once. And now, when we're rehabbing kids in the weight room, instead of running across the parking lot to check on them, now I can just walk across the hall.'

Officials stressed that the main purpose the facility was to give the students a state-ofthe-art athletic facility, and one of those students — senior basketball player Kara Hughes was appreciative of their efforts.

'This is nice — and it's huge," she said. "I think more people will come and lift in the weight room. "And we know it's for us.

Slow-moving system dumps amounts exceeding 3.5 inches; Lake J.B. Thomas up 1.85 feet while Spence increases .8 feet

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Heavy rains dumped more than three inches of precipitation on parts of Howard County Sunday, but no major accidents, injuries or utility problems were reported.

A wave of thunderstorms which formed over New Mexico rolled through the Permian Basin Sunday, dumping 1.75 inches of rain at the National Weather Service office in Midland and causing flash flood and tornado warnings to be posted throughout West Texas, a NWS spokesman said this morning.

Numerous roads Glasscock, Borden and Scurry counties were reported closed throughout the day — especially those in low-lying areas.

Rainfall totals varied widely throughout Howard County. The heaviest amount reported was 3.75 inches of rain in the Lomax area midway between Big Spring and Stanton.

Boyce Hale, who resides just south of Big Spring, reported 1.54 inches of precipitation at his home. That total, combined with heavy rain Friday afternoon, bring's Hale's month-todate total to 4.81 inches; more than 15 inches of rain have been reported at Hale's home this year.

The rain brought smiles to faces of Colorado Municipal Water District officials. More than four inches of rain fell at the Snyder intake at Lake J.B. Thomas, raising the lake 1.85 feet. That is thought to be the largest increase at Lake Thomas since the Memorial Day weekend in 1992, when an

11-feet increase was reported. At Lake Spence near Robert Lee, CRMWD officials reported an .8 of a foot increase in the

lake's level.

The Department Agriculture Research station north of Big Spring reported 2.8 inches of rain over the weekend. Unofficial totals exceed 11 inches of rain so far in 1997, a station spokesperson

The storm caused several minor power outages, mostly from lightning strikes and fallen trees, said Jim Clements of the local TU Electric office. No major outages were reported, however, and TU workers were expected to repair the last of the damage by this morning.

There were no major traffic accidents reported Sunday, but the Big Spring Police Department reported that rainswollen streets contributed to at least seven incidents of officers being called out to assist stranded motorists.

NWS forecasts call for a 30 percent chance of scattered thunderstorms this afternoon. Overcast skies, however, were clearing off by mid-morning.

While spot amounts of rainfall could have been too much and may have been a particular problem foir those who just finished planting, area farmers had said they needed at least one or two inches of rainfall at this time to keep conditions at their peak.

Reports indicate that the local cotton crop is about 75 percent planted and while some acreage has been replanted, the prospects for this year's crop being a good one are excellent.

Some 650 students attending first of two summer school sessions on local campuses

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

News Editor

Approximately 650 students have begun the first of two three-week summer school sessions being offered by the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD). According to Murray

Murphy, BSISD's assistant superintendent for personnel and instruction, some 350 students in the first through sixth grades began the first summer session at Moss Elementary School Monday, while another

300 in grades 7-12 began attending classes at Big Spring High

Additionally, another 100 high school students were enrolled in driver's education

"Our summer school has been very effective since we began expanding it in 1991," Murphy said. "We're adequately staffed with dedicated teachers that are there to help students that need remediation, as well as those at the high school level that are trying to get ahead on their credit load.'

They'll be working on subject matter in an effort to bring them up to minimum standards in the reading, mathematics and writing areas tested in the TAAS.

> -MURRAY MURPHY **BSISD**

Murphy explained that first through sixth graders attending summer school have either had trouble with their course work or have failed one or more por- in the reading, mathematics.

of Academic Skills.

"They'll be working on subject matter in an effort to bring them up to minimum standards tions of the Texas Assessment and writing areas tested in the

TAAS," Murphy noted. Seventh and eighth graders

attending summer school have failed their course work and must show remediation to be eligible to advance to the next grade level with their class.

However, those attending tuition-based high school courses may be students who failed a course the previous school year or are simply attempting to get ahead. "It's about a 50-50 situation ...

half are doing remediation work, while the others are there to get extra credits

earned," Murphy explained, noting that tuition for each three-week session is set at \$70 for students living inside the BSISD and \$80 for those from outside the district.

Among the high school courses available those attending summer school are English 1, 2, 3 and 4, as well as health, math. government and economics classes. The current summer session

will continue through June 20. The second session will begin on June 23 and continue through July 11.











Thurs:

Tonight, a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 60-65. Tuesday, possible morning fog, otherwise partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Wednesday and Thursday, partly cloudy.

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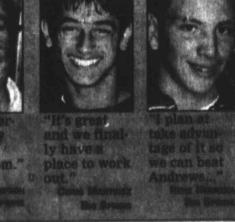
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OBITUARIES

Willie Marie Anderson

Service for Willie Marie Anderson, 88, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle

Welch Rosewood Chapel with Richard Cunningham, minister of the 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Olive



ANDERSON Memorial Park.

Mrs. Anderson died Friday, June 6, 1997, in a local nursing

She was born on Aug. 31, 1908, in Jack County. She married Clovis R. Anderson on Oct. 21, 1936, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on July 11, 1992. Mrs. Anderson was a lifetime resident of this area. She was a homemaker but also worked as a waitress and in a beauty shop. She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include: one sister, Lillie Brown, Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Armittie Cook

Service for Armittie Cook, 75, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 1997, at

Nalley-Pickle Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating, and assisted by Rev. Monroe Teeters, interim COOK



pastor of East

Fourth Street Baptist Church, and Dr. David Kimberly, director of Missions for the Big Spring Area. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Cook died Sunday, June 8, in a Lubbock hospital.

She was born on Dec. 21, 1921, in Haskell County, and married Eldon Cook on April 20, 1942, in Abilene. Mrs. Cook grew up in Haskell County and attended school in Sagerton and Rule. She came to Big Spring in 1953 from Lubbock and had worked for Piggly Wiggly and Hull & Phillips Grocery Stores for 15 years. She had served as a pastor's wife for many years and helped in her husband's ministry. They had also lived in Germany and Italy for four and a half years and had served in a pastorate in Italy. She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Eldon Cook, Big Spring;

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



and Crematory 906 Gřegg St. (915) 267-6331

Joyce Marie Lawson, 87, died Sunday. Services will be 1:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Armittie Cook, 75, died Sunday. Services will be 3:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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ciation and West Texas Press. POSTMASTER: Send changes of es to: Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box Big Spring, Texas. 79720. three daughters, Carolyn LaPota, Coffeyville, Kan. Sharon Hess, San Angelo, and Leisa Cook, Canyon City, Colo.; her mother, Mrs. M.Y. Benton, Sagerton: one brother, Yeter Benton, Weatherford; one sister, Dorothy Clark, Sagerton; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to The Sojourn House; 3102 Fourth Street; Lubbock, Texas; 79415.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Joyce Marie Lawson

Service for Joyce Marie Lawson, 87, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, June 8, 1997, in a local nursing home.

RODEO

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According to a rodeo press release, this event could make bull riding look tame.

In Tijuana poker, four men from Rick Chapman's bull fighting school sit around a card table in the middle of the arena while a bull is let out of the holding chutes and into the

The last man sitting at the card table is the winner.

For the second year, the rodeo will feature a Cowboy Golf Tournament on Thursday to benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

Featuring a four-man scramble format, three local golfers will be paired with a professional cowboy or cowgirl. Entry fee is \$30 per player and includes a fish fry by Mel's Catfish.

For more information on the golf tournament, call Shorty Barr at 965-3382, O.L. Cooper at 267-1651 or Jack Birdwell at 264-2366

The rodeo parade is scheduled for a 10 a.m. start Saturday from State National Bank. In addition to regular participants, such as the Vernon Riding Club Hardin-Simmons

University's Six White Horses Drill Team, a number of groups have entered floats in the Entrants thus far include

State National Bank, Franklin & Son Tire, Howard County Fair Board, Suez Motor Brigade, Howard County Youth Horseman Club and the Big Spring Herald.

For more information on entering a float in the parade, call Elizabeth Flores at the Herald at 263-7331. Entry forms are available at the front desk. And of course, after all the

extra activities, there's the reason everybody comes to town the rodeo itself.

Performances begin nightly at 8:30 with the grand finale set for Saturday night.

For ticket information, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-

BRIEFS

AN AUCTION TO BENEFIT women who want to continue their education, sponsored by American Business Women's Association, is set for 7 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall. Among items to be auctioned are gift certificates, gasoline, oil changes and hair care prod-

THE CAUBLE SCHOOL REUNION will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Elbow School Cafeteria. All ex-students are invited to attend, and bring a covered dish for the luncheon to begin at noon.

The day will be dedicated to Bonnie Tredaway, former president who is now deceased. Gifts and door prizes will be awarded. Call 267-6023 for more infor-

BSHS CLASS OF 1967 is planning its 30th reunion for June 21 at the Dora Roberts Center. Community Registration begins at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Group



picture will be taken at 10 a.m. n the amphitheater. Lunch will be catered at noon, with visiting, a catered supper and dance to follow.

If anyone knows the address es of any of the following "lost classmates," please contact Deanna Foresyth at 267-5420. Maiden names of females are in parentheses.

Missing classmates include: David Beard, Tommy Bell, Larry Bentley, Sandra Biffle, Linda Gay Blackwell, William Boyett, Dennis Brewer. Kristine Britain, Rene Ann Burson, Linda Burnett, Charles Byrd, Frank Chavez, John Cockerham, Lonnie (Fullbright) Cox, Janice Elaine Craig. Jimmy Cunningham, Allen Daniels, Adele Deming, Gregg Devlin, Benny Dixon, Ronald Dooley, Florentino Doporto, Sara (Holloway) Dubose, Frank Fierro, Judy (Aleman) Fierro, Larry Foster, Pam (Faulkner) Franklin, Kevin Fryer, Susie Garcia, Concha Garza, Russell Gary Hamm, Judy Hart, Janie Hartman, Thomas Heaton, Joe Rosemary Hernandez, (Arguello) Hernandez. Felix Hilario, Danny Hooten, T.C. Hudgins, Debbie Jones, Mary Juarez, Lucy Keene, Wayne Kennedy, Donna (Smith) Krenek, Glynda (Kilgore) Lang, Ruben Lopez, Myra (Harris) Mann, Hughlon Marberry, Toni Mayberry, Burma McCarta, Georgia McDonald, Sally Miller, Wanda (Williamson) Moss, Ricky Olsen, Bill Owens, Barry Olen Parker, Brian Peay, Cooper Proctor, Barbara (Crenshaw) Richmond, Eddie Rogers, Mike Shafer, Mickey Shannon, Linda (Teague) Shaw, John Howard Smith, Diane Lynn Smith, Glenda Smith. Grover Smith, David Sowell. Linda Steagald, Pamela Sue Sutton, Larry Allen Tatum, Cindi (Bool) Taylor, Diane Todd, Janet (James) Tucker, Rayfield Turner, Sally (Wade) Warrick, Albert Weinkave, Carolyn West, Glenda (Cass) Wheeler, Donna White, Donna Whitten, Becky Williams, James Worthan, and Marcy (Dement) Wright.

WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNI-TIES, INC. will distribute commodities at the commodity distribution center, 1607 East Third, on Thursday from 8:15 To 2 p.m. All recipients m that were certified thru June 11, may pick up their food. Please bring someone with you to carry your commodities; you will be receiving about 17 pounds of food. For more information contact West Texas Opportunities at 1000 11th Place or call 267-9536.

HOWARD COUNTY MEN-TAL HEALTH Center resumes the monthly schedule of the Family Education & Support Meeting beginning Tuesday. The meeting place has changed from The Corral to the Howard County Mental Health Center, 319 Runnels, and the meeting time is 5:15 p.m.

Future monthly Family Education & Support meeting will be the second Tuesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at the Howard County Mental Heath

For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

NEWCOMERS TO BIG SPRING are invited to join a welcoming coffee at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Dora Roberts Center in Comanche Trail

Park. The event is sponsored by a new organization, the Big Spring Newcomer's Club, formed by seven women who have recently moved to Big Spring. For information or to indicate attendance at the coffee, call Karen Brewer, 268-9944, Pat Mireles, 267-8741, or Pam Brewer, 267-7683.

THE CITY OF BIG Spring will help local residents clean

WEATHER

Sunday's high ** Sunday's low ** Average high 93 Average low 67 Record high 107 in 1988 Record low 49 in 1949 Precip. Sunday 2.80 Month to date 2.80 Month's normal 0.43 Year to date 11.14 Normal for the year 7.11 **Statistics not available



BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

up their property during June. Large item pickup and towing of "junk" cars will be available each weekend. Residents must call code enforcement at 264-2505 to arrange the free service.

THE HERITAGE MUSEUM WILL have a special walkthrough of its latest exhibit on Wednesday 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. For more information, call 267-8255.

THE STATE PARK WILL have Nature Walk and Sunset Tales with nature walks starting at 8 p.m. and storytelling at 9 p.m. every Saturday in June. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is \$2 (park admission for adults 13 years and older).

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT 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.

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.

•Big Spring Commandery No. 31, meeting 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple[le, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

•Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of the Beauceant meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner. •Howard County NAACP, 7

p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Stephanie Horton at 264-0306. ·Alzheimer's support group,

6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041. American Business Women's Association fundraiser auction,

7 p.m., Garrett Hall in the First United Methodist Church. TUESDAY Most Excellent Way, a chem-

ical 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

 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. •MS group, 6:30

Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

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

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. Group Support 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. American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

 Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

·West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club. •Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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. Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call

lunch.

267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

 Alzheimer's support group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th. •Nature walks 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. storytelling at the Big Spring State Park. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is admission to the park.

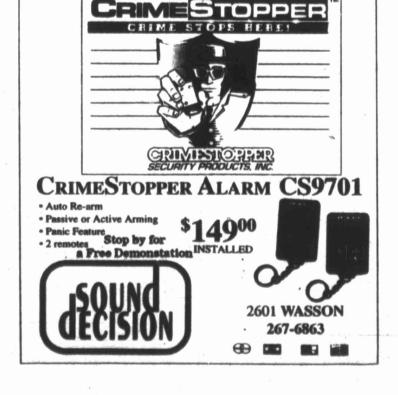
SUNDAY •Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARKETS

July cotton 72.10 cents a pound, down 27 points; June crude oil 18.72, down 7 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 57.50; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 63; June lean hog futures 81.10, down 2 points; June live cattle futures 63.72, down 2 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:



TONY CASTELLANO, 23, 1102 Lamar, was arrested on **Ector County warrants.**

· LORITA SALAZAR, 27, 301 E. 19th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

 GILBERT MONTENEZ. 18, San Antonio, was arrested on local warrants.

 HECTOR MARTINEZ, 25, Ackerly, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. JOAQUIN AGUIRRE DUENES, 25, Coahoma, was

arrested on a charge of public intoxication. • NOEL ORTEGA, 19, 704 Lorilla, was arrested on local

warrants. RENEA WHITTON NIX-SON, 34, 503 Douglas, was arrested on a charge of public

intoxication. JOE WILLIAM PETTY, 33. no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving

while intoxicated. LEHEBRON FARR, 41. 1000 W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of no driver's

license. JOHN **MARTINEZ** RAMIREZ, 30, no address given, was arrested on local

warrants. • LEE SPURGIN, 19, Rt. 1 Box 401, was arrested on war-

rants charging theft. DISTUR- DOMESTIC BANCES were reported on the 500 block of Westover, the 500 block of Owens, the 1700 block of Johnson and the 1000 block of North Main.

 THEFT was reported on the 400 block of Johnson, the 1700 block of Marcy, the 700 block of East 13th and the 900 block of Willia. ASSAULT was reported on

the 1100 block of Gregg, the 1800 block of Johnson and the 700 block of East 13th. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

was reported on the 500 block of Westover, the 4200 block of Birch and the 600 block of

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

DALE KENNETH FOWLER, 27, no address given, was arrested on theft warrants from Taylor and Tom Green counties.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported twice in Coahoma.

 DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCES were reported in Coahoma and on the Old Colorado City Highway.

CALLING ALL HOME MAKERS

Brought To You By ALLAN JOHNSON **HAVE YOU CONSIDERED FURNITURE IN** DIFFERENT SHAPES?

Take a look at the average living room. Very often much of the furniture in the room has the same shape, and while you don't want a reckless hodge podge of furniture, it's still gen-

JOHNSON erally a good idea to have some furniture in different shapes to increase the interest in a room For instance, the pieces in a given

room may be either mostly rectangular or mostly curved. In that case, why not consider, for example, something like a curved table in front of a rectangular sofa or a rectangular table in front of a curved sofa - or a chair in a different shape, or some piece of furniture somewhere in the room that offers a good contrast if your room has too much of the same A new mirror or picture that's in a

different shape and proportion than the furniture in a room may bring some new excitement, and that goes for any accessory that can give you needed shapes that your rooms don't now have.

The best bet is to come in and browse around with an eye towards how the shape of a piece can really help one of your rooms.

Whether you are looking for the usual or the unusual, you'll always

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Defense mounts final plea for Timothy McVeigh's life

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The witnesses will paint a starkly different picture of McVeigh than the prosecution's portrait of an angry bomber with a twisted sense of patriotism. To the defense witnesses, he was a model soldier who earned distinction in the Gulf War, a friendly neighbor and a hard worker. He was shy around women, even socially awkward, but politically devout.

The sentencing phase in the trial was expected to end this week, after the defense calls dozens of witnesses to try to humanize a convicted mass murderer and provide some explanation for the horror of the

The final decis on - whether McVe gh shou'd e sentenced to die or to life in prison without parole — will go to the same jury that convicted him a week ago on murder and conspiracy charges in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people.

Test mony was to resume

the detense intends to call Nevergh's father William McVeigh, to discuss now his son always considered himself an Branch Davidian compound. underachiever. He reportedly McVeigh blamed the deadly cat-

tape depicting his son's childhood in Lockport, N.Y., a Buffalo suburb.

Other witnesses were expected to include three of McVeigh's former teachers from New York, experts on the government siege of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, and white supremacists, defense attorney Richard Burr has said.

Defense witnesses have already described McVeigh as a perfect soldier who quickly rose to sergeant and excelled as a gunner. A former neighbor, Jan McDermott, recalled a young McVeigh has a hungry little boy before telling jurors in a choked voice: "I can't imagine him doing anything like this. I can't.'

To help them understand more about McVeigh, the defense has promised to put jurors in his boots, to read to them from the pages of his favorite magazine, Soldier of Fortune and show them videotapes that validated his fear that something terrible happened near Waco.

The jury will be brought into the home of James Nichols, a friend of McVeigh's and brother of McVeigh's accused conspirator, Terry Nichols, on the day the fires raced through the

will narrate a 15-minute video- astrophe on the federal government.

Army buddies will be called to describe McVeigh as more than just an excellent soldier, but a good friend who would pick up pals at bars because they had too much to drink. He didn't drink.

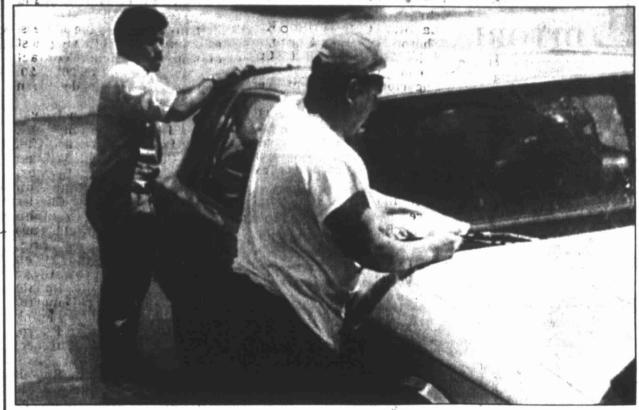
The defense is seeking to counter 2) days of emotional testimony by bombing survivors, rescuers and victims' relatives for the prosecution. Some jurors wept as the witnesses spoke of their lost loved ones and of their lingering pain.

"The defense will clearly focus on McVeigh's absence of criminal history and his military record and they'll hope that his family can speak as eloquently as the many victims of the blast," said Denver defense lawyer Scott Robinson. "But one doubts that."

The jurors are mostly white and middle-class, ranging from young adults to retired. Several are religious, and some have military backgrounds.

All jurors acknowledged during their selection that they could impose the death penalty, but several said they would consider a lesser sentence if the offender showed remorse.

They also may recommend that U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch impose a lesser sen-



Ricardo Rodriguez and Edward Garza wash a vehicle during a benefit car wash Saturday at Taco Villa. Monies raised from the project will help fund a trip to Six Flags Over Texas for members of La Fe Baptist Church.

Minister says former klansman confessed to 1981 murder of teen

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Two days before his execution, a former Ku Klux Klansman broke down and allegedly confessed to the lynching of a black teenager, a crime he had denied for

The Rev. Bob Smith mentioned the confession at Henry Francis Hays' funeral on Saturday, shocking friends and relatives. Hays, 42, was executed in Alabama's electric chair early Friday for the 1981 slay-

"He told me he was guilty," the Rev. Bob Smith said in an interview that appeared in Sunday editions of The Mobile Register. "He said, 'You're the only one who knows this."

Relatives and friends of Hays were shocked by Smith's statement, and some did not believe him, the newspaper said.

A friend of Hays', Chuck

about the confession but hat the 1981 killing of a black per-Hays would not confirm he had said it.

"He did say he has confessed what he has to confess to man and he confessed what he had to confess to God," Blanton said. Hays' sister, Gail Cox, said

Smith should not have gone public with the alleged confession, but Smith said Hays did not ask him to keep it private. Smith, president of the

Mobile chapter of the NAACP, said he met with Hays at Holman Prison near Atmore on Wednesday and told him to "take a bath in confession." Hays, who had been on death

row since 1984, reached over, grabbed Smith's arms and began a tearful, detailed, 40minute account of the victim's death, Smith said.

Alahama Ku Klux Klan ordered pay off the judgment.

son in retaliation for the slaying of a white Birmingham policeman.

Hays said he and fellow Klansman James "Tiger" Knowles got Michael Donald, 19, in their car by asking him to show them the way to a club, then beat him, slit his throat and left him hanging from a tree, Smith said.

"It was their job to let the ' blacks know you couldn't get away with that," Smith said. Knowles pleaded guilty and

testified against Hays. He is

serving a life sentence. The slaying ended up financially destroying the United Klans of America in 1987.

It was hit with a \$7 million wrongful-death verdict in a lawsuit brought by Donald's mother and had to sign over its He said Hays told him the Tuscaloosa building to her to

Two Turks hijack Air Malta jet landed. None of the passengers but the standoff ended before

was a fake.

A., 24.

Police initially said the men had demanded freedom for Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turk who is serving a life sentence in Italy for shooting the pope in 1981. Police officer Ulrich Granitzka later told reporters that the hijackers had only

doned."

any interview was arranged.

In a note to the ANSA news agency, Agca declared he had no connection to the hijacking and said he never would have accepted freedom with the "mediation of terrorists," the agency said.

Cologne police spokesman Theo Reinke said an arrest warrant was pending in Germany,

for one of the hijackers. The Air Malta jet had left Malta with six crew and 74 passengers: 17 Turks, including the two hijackers, 32 Libvans, 22 Maltese, a Russian, an

The passengers were taken to a lounge at the airport.

ations with just one of the hijackers.

Group says El Paso leads nation NAFTA-related job losses

a garment-industry stronghold, has lost more jobs than any other U.S. city since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect in 1994, U.S. Department of Labor statistics show.

In El Paso, 5.623 jobs have gen fost. Coming in second is

Ramirez said the losses show the city needs to give selected industries strong incentives to come to the city and stay.

"Our economic development to be in jobs where or only we have a reconomic advantage but also where we have an economic multiplier, such as international trade, light manufacturing and hightech." Ramirez said.

No figures are kept on jobs created by NAFTA in El Paso. But Ramirez said that from anuary 1994 to January 1997, I Paso's total number of jobs rew by 13,200 to 236,500.

NAFTA lowered trade tariffs among the United States, Canada and Mexico beginning 1994. The Labor Department's numbers cover job losses attributed to trade

January 1994 until April 30, Nationwide, the

Labor Department counts 124,616 NAFTA-related job losses, 45 percent of them from work moving to Mexico. Most of El Paso's NAFTA-related layoffs occurred when companies tions to Marian tions to Mexico.

The majority of NAFTA lay-Et Paso mayor-elect Carlos offs; 77 percent, were in the garment industry. Some analysts said the industry was moving production out of the country before NAFTA any-

"El Paso concentrates on men's blue jeans, men's shorts, basically men's clothing, which is very standard. And that is the easiest thing to move offshore," said Raul Hinojosa, director of the North American Integration and Development Center at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Unlike the garment industry, the trucking industry has benefited from NAFTA. More than 500 trucking jobs have been created in El Paso in the past year alone.

When the Labor Department certifies jobs as lost because of NAFTA, the displaced workers

with Canada and Mexico from become eligible for government-paid retraining.

Armida Arriaga, 56, worked in the El Paso garment industry for 18 years. In May 1996, she lost her job as a seamstress at Tex-Mex Sportswear when the company moved work to Mexico. "I've used the NAFTA bene-

fits, I'm studying English like Blanton, said Smith told him others. But I'd prefer to have a job," she said. Arriaga's benefits, which

have included unemployment pay and paid retraining, come to an end in August and she's worried she will not have learned enough by then. "I'll have to find work, and in

sewing there aren't many jobs any more," she said. "That was my profession. I have little hope they'll take me.' Some efforts are under way to

extend NAFTA benefits for displaced workers: a worker's advocacy group,

La Mujer Obrera, is pushing for bilingual training pro-• U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-

El Paso, is proposing \$12 million for NAFTA's Transitional Adjustment Assistance program. Budget disputes in Congress have so far kept the proposal off the next budget.

COLOGNE, Germany (AP) —

Two Turkish men hijacked an Istanbul-bound jet today to show their support for the Turk who shot Pope John Paul II, then surrendered at Cologne's airport and freed the 78 people on board.

The two men gave up their weapons and left the Boeing 737 at 7:40 a.m., nearly three hours after the plane landed in Cologne after being diverted on a flight from Malta, an airport spokesman said.

"The two kidnappers came out of the airplane with their hands up and surrendered to police," spokesman Wolfgang Klapdor said.

Five passengers, including an elderly woman with heart trouble, were released about an hour after the Air Malta plane

or crew members were hurt.

One hijacker had claimed to have a bomb, but police said it Police identified the suspects

only as Ismail B., 25, and Nosret

wished to make "a statement of solidarity" so that Agca would know "he has not been aban-

Police spokesman Werner Schmidt said they had demanded to speak to reporters to publicize their support for Agca,

American and a German.

Police had carried out negoti-

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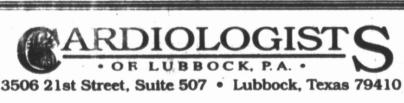
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Quote of the Day

"They also serve who only stand and wait."

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OUR VIEWS

Coahoma's Bulldogs left good memories

Tes, we admit that we would have preferred Coahoma's baseball Bulldogs bring home a state Class 2A baseball championship, but that just

Still, when the dust finally settled on the 1997 baseball season, Coahoma was one of only four Class 2A teams in the state that played competitive baseball on the final weekend of the season.

One of four — out of more than 200 Class 2A teams that began play back when the chill in the air was cold enough to sting your hands if you didn't get the bat off the ball just right.

We salute the Bulldogs on their successful season, which was underscored by the fact eight members of the team made the District 8-2A first team, including MVP Mike McMillan, first baseman Rodney Gressett, catcher Shawn Rye, second baseman Freddy Olivas, shortstop Vincent Garcia, third baseman Marshall Wright, centerfielder Scott Goodblanket and designated hitter Michael Cobb.

Additionally, junior outfielders Jerry Mann and T.J. Green were named all-district honorable mention.

With four all-district players returning, next year's edition of Bulldogs baseball should prove just as excit-

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barrage aimed at reducing access to info discuss personnel matters of AUSTIN (AP) — State laws requiring most government

meetings and records to be open to the public survived a battery of legislative proposals aimed at reducing or restricting Texans' access to such information, according to open government advocates

During the 1997 legislative session, which wrapped up its 140-day stint last week, more bills that would have limited or cut off public access to government records and meetings were filed than in previous legislative sessions, according to M.J. Nicchio, a spokesman for the Texas Daily Newspaper Association.

Among them were proposals

 Expunge from insurance companies' records violations of state rules or laws if they did not violate other rules or laws for six years.

 Allow a governmental body to conduct a closed meeting to members of advisory boards.

Public's right to know survives legislative

 Create permanent personnel files and private personnel files for police and firefighters. Information from private files would not be public. · Make information devel-

oped in nursing home investigations confidential Exempt from the Public

Information Act some information about prison inmates. While those bills died,

Nicchio said open recordsopen meetings advocates will have to work hard before the 1999 Legislature to prevent another onslaught of negative

"The Public Information Act. and the Open Meetings Act are the only way the public has any accountability as to what a governmental body does," Nicchio said. "Without those two tools, anything can be done behind closed doors and you have no right to know

Paul Watler, president of the Texas Freedom of Information Foundation, called the session disappointing. "There was some modest

progress made and some real disappointments," he said. Watler and Nicchio cited the

what it is that's going on.'

reopening of information in some closed criminal cases as a small gain for open government proponents. Under a 1996 Texas Supreme

Court decision, the public was denied access to criminal cases in which court action had been completed. Open records advocates

backed a bill to fully reopen those files, but won only a half-victory.

Rather than returning full public access, the Legislature now will allow public access only on cases where there has been either a conviction or deferred adjudication," Watler said. "It's scant progress."

Watler said while most people think of open government laws as news media concerns, all citizens should support

"Whether the public believes it or not, the media is the arm of the public that informs them," Nicchio added. "The Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act aren't for the media, they are for the public."

Both men said a major defeat for open records law was the passage of a bill to close all information from traffic wrecks to people who did not know the name of at least one person involved and either the location or date of the

"Ultimately what passed we feel pretty good about," Nicchio said. "The problem is there were more bills filed this session for the explicit reason of limiting public information."

OPEN RECORDS SUMMARY:

AUSTIN (AP) — Here's what happened to some open-records and open-meetings bills introduced in the 1997 Legislature, as analyzed by the Texas Daily Newspaper **Association and Texas Press**

HB531, by Rep. John Shields, R-San Antonio: If an insurance company has been cited for a violation, then keeps a clean record for six years, the record is expunged and the company could deny the incident ever happened. Approved by the House Insurance Committee but never debated in the full House. (Same as SB1062 by Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, which died in a Senate committee).

HB764, by Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin: Would have broadened open meetings law to include governing bodies of entities providing a service formerly provided by the state or an agency of the state. Died in House committee.

HB951, by Rep. Sylvester

Turner, D-Houston: Makes revisions and corrections in the Public Information Act; allows requests for public information to be made via fax and e-mail; and allows government agencies to respond to requests within 10 working days, rather than 10 calendar days. Awaiting Gov. George W. Bush's signature.

HB1002, by Rep. Harold Dutton, **D-Houston:** Would restore public access to information in closed criminal cases. Rejected by House,

HB1108, by Rep. Mary Denny, R-Aubrey: Would allow a governmental body to conduct a closed meeting to discuss personnel matters of members of advisory boards. Died in a House commit-

HB1419, by Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock: Would give any person access to Texas Department of Public Safety criminal history records and deferred adjudications. Died in House committee. HB1550, by Turner: Would

require juvenile hearings be closed unless a judge determines the interests of the child or the public would be better served by opening the proceedings. Awaiting Gov. George W. Bush's signature. HB1861, by Rep. Keith Oakley,

D-Terrell: Regards confidential personnel files of police officers and firefighters. Would allow creation of a permanent personnel file and a private personnel file, which may be released only to the employee or as required by law. Died in House committee.

HB2409, by Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston: Would make information developed in nursing home investigations confidential. Would make requests relating to deaths "mostly confidential." Approved by a House committee but never debated by the full

HB2605, by Rep. Tom Ramsay,

D-Mount Vernon: Would exempt from the Public Information Act some information about prison inmates. Died in House committee.

HB3108, by Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland: Would make audit information compiled for the lease of university lands confidential. Died in House committee. (Same as SB1354 by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, which died in a House committee) SB308, by Sen. Jeff Wentworth,

R-San Antonio: Would open staff briefings of governmental bodies of four or more. Passed Senate, died in a House committee SB439, by Harris: Would exempt

from open records act audit working papers or draft audit working papers of state auditor or other state body. Introduced in Senate. (Similar to SB498 by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, which died in a Senate committee, and HB1148 by Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, which died in House.

Your views

TO THE EDITOR: Governor George W. Bush

pushed for property tax reform. to have the Texas Senate effectively kill the bill by deciding there was no immediate emergency. So a band aid was applied to school funding, property taxes reduced slightly, we should be happy.

Property values in 10 oil producing counties in West Texas declined almost \$11 billion from 1991 through 1995. Comptroller Sharp reports a decline in mineral values of more than \$11.5 billion statewide from 1993 through 1996; also a slight rise in nonmineral values, but not enough to offset mineral losses Schools depend heavily on mineral values for operation, sup-

owners/businesses On or about May 28, Capital Appraisal Group faxed a report on our local appraisal office concerning Revenue Impact of Floor Amendment No 4 to House Substitute to SB 841. This amendment was introduced by a Representative, the

plemented by home

father of a lobbyist for Texas Oil and Gas Association of Austin. If passed, it would have further reduced state mineral property values up to 53 percent of current market value. Howard County's mineral values would have declined from almost \$288 million down to only \$95 million. Coahoma and Forsan ISD

depend heavily on mineral values. These losses could have been made up only two ways: increasing the value of nonmineral property (your home) and the assessed tax rate proportional to the decline. OR: the state would be required to make up the difference. Other high taxes would then be necessary.

Both county and city operations would have been seriously curtailed by this decline, and gigantic tax increases would be forthcoming.

The responsibility for these actions must be shared by Texas voters, or rather non-voters. You say your vote don't count. So then special interest tells our officials what they

want, and they get it. What we should demand is their representation of our special interest, the future leaders of Texas, our students. Until voter interest increases, Texans will get leftovers, while special interest groups live high on the hog with our tax money. When will we have courage enough to say enough is enough! ROY SIMMONS

Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

To "The Good Old Boys" politicians of Big Spring; congratulations! You've done it again! You had someone who was willing to improve the Palmer House and you decided not to go with him. Was it because he's local and lives in our town? Do we only sell to outsiders? Look around, they've not done the city much good so far. They're motto seems to be "Buy Cheap, Strip Clean and

Disappear." Well, the Settles is still there, so's the Palmer House and numerous boarded up buildings. All these old buildings have owners or the city has taken them over for back taxes; why not offer small businesses six month or one year free rent or lease for repairs on these buildings? The buildings aren't making money for anyone like they are. We could always utilize the prisoners to clean them up — if they

ever get done with the courthouse square!

First things first - the pear trees are nice, how soon before someone slips on the falling rotten fruit and sues the city?

Last, but not least, I really think our "city government and powers that be" need some drastic changes - like total replacement! Elections will roll around again!

MRS. T.S. WEBB **Big Spring**





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Jazz evened Finals through back door; Can Bulls answer?

The Chicago Bulls learned the hard way what complacency has in common with Stockton-to-Malone. Drop your guard for the tiniest moment and — BAM! — both will go back-door against you.

That was exactly what happened Sunday night with 44 seconds left in Game 4 of the **NBA Finals** in Salt Lake City. Michael Jordan took a jumper and missed. His backcourt mate at the time, Steve Kerr, slid underneath the basket instead of rotating back on defense. John Stockton rebounded the ball, spotted soulmate Karl Malone running the floor and let fly with a long, arching pass.

Jim Litke

AP Sports

Columnist It went over Scottie Pippen, past Toni Kukoc'and just beyond the reach of Jordan, desperately racing back to

cover Malone. "I know it will play over and over in my mind, like I could have got that pass," Jordan said. "But I was off-stride. I didn't have the momentum to go up and get it."

Malone did. After rushing out to try and block Jordan's jumper, he put his head down and simply kept on running. The small act of faith was rewarded when Stockton's pass reached him in full stride. Malone converted the layup and put Utah ahead for good, 74-73.

The ball wasn't in the air for more than a second or two. But it was long enough to become the signature play for two men who have executed it unselfishly a few thousand times in the dozen years they've been together.

The amazing thing is not that it worked. And the reason for that (Generation Xers pay attention) is that Stockton and Malone have never tired of trying to perfect their combination. There are any number of variations to the pass - sometimes Malone comes off screens to get the ball, sometimes he picks and then rolls. Usually they run it over shorter distances, and in tighter quarters. But never on a bigger occa-

"I'll remember it forever," Malone said. "It had to be the perfect pass.'

Stockton admitted afterward it was pretty much a reaction play on his part. Good thing, that. Once he had time to think about it, he wondered how coach Jerry Sloan would have reacted if the Jazz hadn't been able to pull it off.

"If you could have suspended time while the ball was in the air," Stockton said, "Jerry would have strangled me.

He was right. "At first," Sloan admitted, "I hollered, 'Oh,

No!' But it was a great pass.' Leaving home up two games to none, the Bulls said all the right things for public consumption. They insisted anybody who thought they were going to Utah expecting a coronation should

have their head examined. 'We realized this was not over when we left Chicago," Pippen said. "We know how good they play at home.

Whether they believed it then, the series is tied 2-2 and everybody on the Chicago side of the ball now understands they are actually playing against someone else — that it is not only the

Bulls that can beat the Bulls. We came here to win one game, and if we play like we did tonight, we will win the next

game," Chicago coach Phil Jackson said. That remains to be seen. Last year in the final round, the Bulls dropped two games in Seattle, but the losses turned out to be nothing more than a lapse on Chicago's part. Once they got the fragile, self-centered SuperSonics back in Chicago, all doubts were quickly erased.

Utah, on the other hand, looks poised, opportunistic and more confident the longer it is allowed to share the stage.

Naturally, everybody is looking to Jordan to bail Chicago out — no matter that such thinking is probably to blame for nearly every one of the Bulls' losses. He nearly did it one more time Sunday night, but Jordan's attempt at a gametying 3-pointer bounced out.

Afterward, he talked about being mortal, about not being able to score 60 points or hit the big shot night in and night out. His biggest assignment come Wednesday might be convincing his teammates not to wait to see him proved mortal

"I anticipate this team," he said, "will realize it's crunch time."

They better. Before someone starts knocking at the back door again.

leave voice mail Howard's Clements, teammate finish fourth

From staff and wire reports

While only one Howard College contestant finished in the top standings following the final goround of the College National Finals Rodeo in Rapid City, S.D., Sunday, UNLV's Preston Williams won the men's all-around title, combining with Scottsdale's Cody Willson to take the team roping crown.

It was in the team roping competition where Howard College's Ben Clements and partner Dane Driver of Tarleton State finished fourth with a total time of 41.9 seconds.

Williams and Willson took the team roping prize with a time of 27.1 seconds after four rounds.

Williams finished with 182.5 individual points, 17.5 more than runner-up Rusty Allen of Weber State. Weber State's Kelli Fowers, the goat tying champion, took the women's all-around title with 375 points.

Panhandle State took the men's team title with 703.33 points, followed by Southwestern Oklahoma State at 622.5 and Dickinson State at 565. Weber State topped the women's standings with 747.5, followed by Montana with 490.

Brian Duggar of Odessa College was the only rider to score Sunday in bull riding, recording a 77 for a four-ride total of 289 points.

In other events, National College's Erick Blanton took the bareback title. Western Texas College's Jeff Decker won the saddle bronc championship, Murray State's Jerome Schneeberger took the calf roping competition, Southeastern Oklahoma State's Caryn Snyder and West Hills' Toni Arave tied in breakaway roping, McNeese State's Gus Ledoux took the steer wrestling title, and Montana's Rachael Myllymaki topped the barrel racing competition.

Malone gets redemption

with return to foul line

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Karl Malone has

Given a chance to relive his nightmare at the

foul line in Game 1, Malone made two free

throws with 18 seconds to play to help the Jazz

to a 78-73 victory Sunday night, squaring the

Stockton did the rest - shooting, stealing and,

Utah can move within one win of its first NBA

title with a victory Wednesday night in the Delta

Center, where the Jazz are 48-3 this season -

with 23 straight wins — and 10-0 in the playoffs.

The Bulls haven't been 2-2 in the finals since

1992, when Michael Jordan went on to lead

Chicago past Portland for the second of his four

"It's stunning for us," Chicago's Luc Longley

With 18 seconds remaining and Utah leading

75-73, Malone was fouled. Everyone flashed back

to Game 1 in Chicago, when Malone missed two

free throws in the final seconds, allowing Jordan

Malone admitted he was nervous as he walked

'Normally, I think about faraway places,"

Malone said. "But this time, I thought about 650

The first free throw needed a couple of friendly

bounces on the rim before falling through. Then,

after a Utah timeout, Malone's second free throw

"As a player, when things don't go well, you

wish sometimes you'd have another opportunity

in a similar situation," Malone said. "Sometimes

At Boston, the most productive inning by the

Red Sox in nearly three years — a nine-run

fourth — overcame Cleveland's base-stealing

The Indians built a 5-0 lead after three innings

But Boston ripped Chad Ogea (5-5) and took the

lead in the fourth on seven hits, two walks and

an error. It was the biggest inning by the Red

Sox since they scored 10 against Toronto on

Cleveland's Jim Thome homered, giving him

Mark McGwire hit his 24th home run and

with the help of six steals, including three by

The rest of Utah's surge was Stockton's.

to win the game with a jumper at the buzzer.

million people watching — again.'

you never get it. And I was able to."

Red Sox 12, Indians 6

Matt Williams

six in six games.

Athletics 7, Blue Jays 5

said, "and all that means is that we will come

out in the next game and do it again. It's a three-

of course, passing Utah to a 9-0 run over the last

redemption. John Stockton has Utah even with

the mighty Chicago Bulls in the NBA Finals.

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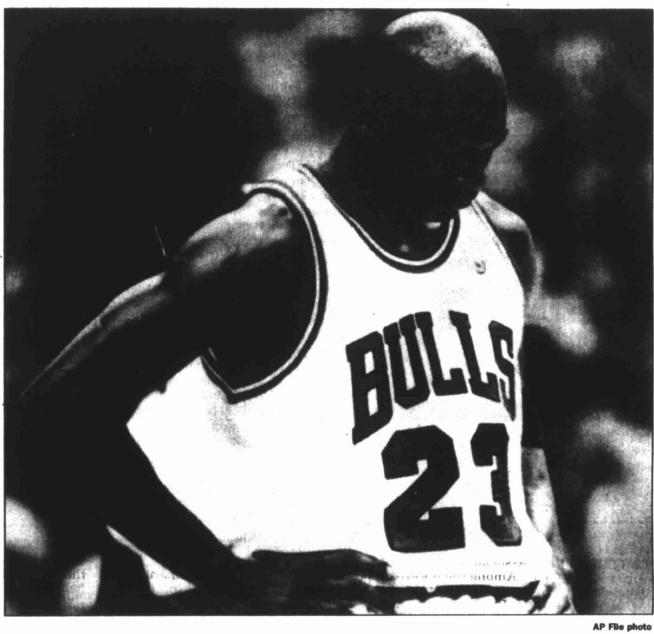
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Utah evens NBA Finals with 78-73 win



Michael Jordan exhibited much the same emotion as shown in this file photo after missing a threepoint shot that would have forced an overtime period in Sunday night's Game 4 of the NBA Finals. Utah went on to take a 78-73 win, evening the series.

Royals finish sweep, knocking Rangers out of first

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Beating Texas MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL three in a row and knocking the Rangers out of first place took more than good pitching by Kansas City.

A little bad hitting on the Rangers' part also aided the Royals' cause.

Juan Gonzalez, who went 1-for-3 Sunday in the Royals' 4-2 victory, is just 3-for-28 in his last seven games, although he did hit a two-run homer Saturday

Even colder was first baseman Will Clark. He came to town with hits in seven consecutive atbats and a league-leading .392 average. But he went 1-for-16 in the four-game series and is now

batting .361. "When you pitch well against any team, that's usually what happens. You control the big guys," said Tim Belcher (7-6), who went six innings

Sunday for his second straight victory. Elsewhere in the American League, it was Seattle 2, Detroit 0; Boston 12, Cleveland 6; Oakland 7, Toronto 5; New York 3, Milwaukee 1; Anaheim 8, Minnesota 6; and Baltimore 2, Chicago 1.

The only Rangers able to break through on Sunday were Ivan Rodriguez, who doubled twice, and Rusty Greer, who went 3-for-4 and drove in Rodriguez for both Texas runs

"We're not swinging the bats so well right now," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "I'm not going to take anything away from the way Kansas City pitched us. But we're not swinging

Three straight losses matched the Rangers' longest skid of the year and dropped them one game below Seattle in the AL West

"Overall, I think if we were swinging the bats

well, it would have been different results," Oates said. "But that doesn't matter. They threw strikes. They threw breaking balls when they got behind and we couldn't lay off of them.'

Mariners 2, Tigers 0

In less than a week, an unlucky National League team — probably Colorado — will see first-hand what the AL already has: Randy Johnson is almost unhittable again.

Johnson took a no-hitter into the eighth inning and struck out 15 Sunday to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 2-0 win over the Detroit Tigers.

It was the third straight dominating performance by Johnson, who underwent offseason back surgery and has not allowed a run in 30 consecutive innings

The 6-foot-10 left-hander, who pitched a two-hit shutout in his last start and had a 15-strikeout outing in the previous one, was seeking his second career no-hitter when Phil Nevin singled to left on Johnson's first pitch in the eighth.

Johnson, pulled after eight innings and 125 pitches, struck out 10 or more for the 74th time, moving him into a tie with Sam McDowell for fourth place on the career list.

"It was just a good game," Johnson said. "We won 2-0 and I went out and did the best I could. I couldn't afford to make any mistakes.'

Johnson struck out the side in both the third and sixth innings.

Paul Sorrento hit an RBI groundout and Russ Davis had an RBI single for Seattle.

Geronimo Berroa had a three-run shot for Oakland. McGwire hit a two-run homer in the third off

Luis Andujar (0-2) that caromed off the thirdlevel windows in SkyDome. McGwire has homered in five of his last seven games and 12 of 23. Don Wengert (3-3) didn't allow the Blue Jays a

hit until the sixth inning.

Trailing 7-0 in the fourth, the Blue Jays closed to 7-5 in the ninth before Billy Taylor struck out Alex Gonzalez with the bases loaded.

Yankees 3, Brewers 1

Paul O'Neill hit a two-run homer and Tino Martinez had a solo shot leading David Cone (7-3) and New York to a three-game sweep.

The Brewers have lost four straight and seven in a row at Yankee Stadium.

Sports Briefs

From staff and wire reports

Summer youth league report

Only two teams — the American League Colts and the National League Cardinals — remain undefeated in this year's Major League City Tournament following Saturday night's games.

The Colts advanced with a 4-2 win over Coahoma's Reds, while the Cardinals sent Coahoma's Angels to the elimination bracket with an 8-6 victory

The Colts and Cardinals will square off Tuesday at 7:30 at the American League field.

Tonight, the International Indians host the Coahoma Ponies in one elimination bracket game, while the Coahoma Rangers play host to the National League Yankees. Both games are slated for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Country club hosts tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will be the site

for a two-man 6-6-6 golf tournament Saturday and Sunday.

Format for the tournament will be six holes of scramble play, six holes of low-ball and six holes of modified alternate shot. The event will begin

with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. each day. Fee for the event is \$60 per person and cart, and a meal will be served at the end of play

Saturday For more information, contact the country club pro shop at 267-5354.

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. 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-

Pizza Inn supporting softball team

Big Spring's first 10 and under ASA competitive fastpitch softball team will receive 20 percent of the proceeds made by Pizza Inn on Monday nights during the month of June.

Supporters of the team are being encouraged to patronize the restaurant each Monday night during the month.

Southwest Junior Classic set for July 7-10

The United States Junior Classic Golf tour will hold the Southwest Junior Classic at the Riverchase Golf Course in Coppell July 7-10.

The three-day stroke play competition with one practice round is one of 10 nationwide tour events. The tour will end with a championship event in Florida.

The tournament field will have a field of 144 golfers divided into 3 age divisions for boys and two for girls. College coaches from throughout the region will attend, scouting for potential

players.

The tour has its national headquarters in Fairfield, Conn. Applications for tour membership and the Classic are available by calling toll free: 888-862-2054 or 888-319-1440.

Bass tournament slated for June 14

The sixth annual Fisherman Appreciation Black Bass Tournament sponsored by the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce will be held at Lake Colorado City State Park and Lake Champion on Saturday, June 14.

Contestants will be competing for more than \$4,200 in cash prizes. First place is a guaranteed \$2,000 cash and the next 19 places will be paid according to the number of entries registered.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Use that spark of creativity. You might have blinders on; see where your thinking is locking you into negativity and problems. Solutions are a byproduct of this mental clearing. A misunderstanding proves positive in the long run. Tonight: Brainstorm with a buddy.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You don't understand the financial limitations imposed by another. Actually, this is a clear indication that you might need to accept more responsibility. Adopt a more mature

attitude. Don't get into a disagreement; just go your own way. Tonight: Be your happygo-lucky self.*** **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Your determination chal-

lenges another, who is accustomed to having things his way. A struggle looms on the horizon. Be smart; claim your power. Don't let another upset you. Excellent communications surround you. Express views clearly. Tonight: Tell it as it

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Expenses are high; this is the time to revamp your budget. How you view a co-worker could change, when you recognize his impact on your work. Consider becoming more independent. Excessive demands from others must be met with a respunding "no!" Tonight: Pay

LEO (July 23, Aug. 22) You are in a strong position, but someone challenges how grounded you are. Establish boundaries and needs. Do not back off; keep communications going. You get what you want because of intelligence and persistence. Tonight: Boldly ask

for what you want.**** **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are under unusual pressure and stress. As a result, much is distorted, and you might have trouble clearly seeing the complete picture. A

trusted partner and friend

gives you feedback. You have much energy; charge it into constructive areas. Tonight: Do what's best for you.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Emphasize long-term needs over the immediate. Talks could become difficult for you. Evaluate the situation, and consider what you want. Don't complicate communications. Be willing to spread news, reach out for another and have a discussion. Tonight: Be with friends.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ake the lead at work. You find it hard to solve a problem or move a project. Another resists what is obvious. You can't force your point of view on another. Discussions about money do have an impact, especially in the work arena. Still. people are difficult. Tonight: Work late.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Det.

Find other ways of solving a problem. A friend provides alternatives or a different point of view. Options are many, though you might need to reach out for them. Your first reaction to a suggestion is to decline, but it may be worth looking at. Tonight: Do what you normally don't.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

You can help a family member who is a bit down. Perhaps you identify with him. A coworker challenges your feedback. Don't take it personally, though that may be hard to do. Finances are stressed to the max; you need to stick to a budget. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Emphasize friendship, and let another know that you don't necessarily concur. Your determination makes what you want happen. Still, question the value of having to coerce another into agreeing with you. Let him figure out what he wants. Tonight: Adapt plans to needs.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Others have their limits, and so do you. Be willing to state the obvious, and give yourself some leeway. Finances play a strong role in making a decision about work. You might need to put in some extra time. Establish boundaries. Tonight: Put your feet up.***

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'Penniless for the Prom'': I am a junior in high school and am on the prom commission. Our school budgets for this kind of problem. "Penniless" should talk to the prom adviser (usually one of the teachers) because a reduced ticket price is available for

Abigail Van Buren Columnist

like a tux. Also, get y o u r group to go to someone's house and prepare dinner instead of eating out, and car-pool instead of using expensive transportation. - READY FOR THE PROM, SANTA ANA, CALIF.

DEAR READY FOR THE PROM: I'm sure that 'Penniless' will appreciate your helpful hints - as will other high school students in the same boat. Many other generous readers took the time to send their suggestions. Read on for more:

DEAR ABBY: I thought you'd enjoy knowing how we spent prom night at our home:

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That morning a friend taught us how to make corsages and they turned out beautifully. We took the extra flowers and made three beautiful floral arrangements for the dining table. Other mothers helped in different ways to make the evening special. A close friend who's a college senior served as the waiter for the evening. We made a wonderful Italian meal, and tried to stay out of the kids' way.

It was a fantastic night for everyone. They are already planning to do the same thing next year. What great memories we have, and no one went broke in the process! - JUDY AND ALAN PANNELL, FERN-LEY, NEV.

DEAR ABBY: If a high school boy wants to take a girl to the prom and needs money, please tell him to earn it. He could knock on neighbors' doors and offer to do yard work, clean windows, wash cars, walk or groom dogs, etc. I did this with a friend in 1974, and I earned enough in one weekend. -GARY NAJARIAN, SCITUATE, MASS.

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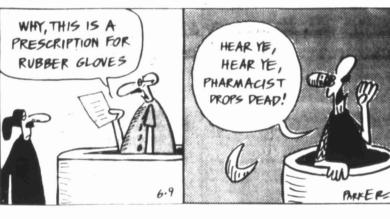






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THE Daily Crossword

160th day of 1997. There are 205 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 9, 1954, Army counsel Joseph N. Welch confronted Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy during the Senate-Army Hearings over McCarthy's attack on a Frederick G. Fisher, Said

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Emperor Nero committed suicide. In 1870, author Charles member of Welch's law firm, Dickens died in Godshill,

England In 1940, Norway surrendered

to the Nazis during World War In 1953, about 100 people died

when a tornado struck Worcester, Mass. In 1969, the U.S. Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the

new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren. In 1973, Secretariat became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years by winning the Belmont Stakes.

In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints struck down a 148-yearold policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.

In 1980, comedian Richard Pryor suffered almost fatal burns at his San Fernando Valley, Calif., home when a mixture of "free-base" cocaine exploded.

In 1985, American educator Thomas Sutherland was kidnapped in Lebanon — he was released in November 1991 along with fellow hostage Terry Waite.

Ten years ago: In a second day of testimony before the Iran-Contra congressional committees, secretary Fawn Hall said she had spirited secret documents from the White House because she feared they would fall into the wrong hands. Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Five years ago: Secretary of State James A. Baker III concluded two days of arms talks with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev without an agreement on deep cuts in longrange missiles. One year ago: White House

Chief of Staff Leon Panetta, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said it was wrong for an investigator to have obtained secret FBI files on 341 people, including prominent Republicans, and President Clinton agreed with Panetta that an apology was called for. Today's Birthdays: Guitarist

Les Paul is 82. Former World Bank president and former defense secretary Robert S. McNamara is 81. Broadcast journalist Marvin Kalb is 67. Comedian Jackie Mason is 63. **Author Letty Cottin Pogrebin is** 58. Rock musician Jon Lord (Whitesnake; Deep Purple) is 56. Baseball player Dave Parker is 46. Actor Michael J. Fox is 36. Actor Johnny Depp is 34.

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