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## Highland South Kids' Parade to kick off full day of activities set for July 4

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Big Spring will show its old-fashioned side at an all-day Fourth of July celebration that includes a parade, park festival, and historical pageant.

Games, sports tournaments, arts and crafts booths and music are planned all



KERSH

day at Comanche Trail Park. Event coordinator Tara Kersh said "4th Fest" will be a family event with something for everyone.

"It's our way of providing an old-fashioned celebration on the fourth of July," Kersh said.

Scheduled from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. are a softball tournament, fishing contest for kids, beach volleyball, swimming and kite flying among other family-oriented events.

Vendor booths are still available for



### JULY 4TH ACTIVITIES

- HIGHLAND SOUTH KID'S PARADE, 10 A.M.
- 4TH FEST, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.
- CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT, 3 P.M.
- LET FREEDOM RING PAGEANT, 8 P.M.

arts and crafts, antiques and "flea market" wares. Call Kersh at 264-2402 for information about free booth space.

Meanwhile, the annual holiday parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Highland Drive. This parade has tradi-

tionally included such entries as decorated baby strollers, kids on roller skates and costumed pets.

Beginning at 3 p.m. at Big Spring State Park, Sons of Confederate Veterans will reenact battle scenes in costume. Planned as part of the pre-cel-

entation is the firing of a vintage canon.

At 8 p.m., a historical pageant begins at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Community groups, churches, friends and neighbors will all be part of "Let

Freedom Ring," directed and coordinated by Mamie Lee Dodds.

The story includes narration and music depicting parts of the country's ethnic origins, including American Indians, mission schools, the Pilgrim landing, slavery and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Local residents in costume will act out parts while a narrator gives the historical context.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a bell to be rung in unison. Before the show begins, everyone will be asked to sing "Happy Birthday" to our country and cake will be served.

# A vision for our future ...



Lake O.H. Ivie, near Ballinger  
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There's no doubt as to the worth of water to mankind, but here on the northeastern edge of the Chihuahuan Desert, its value is even greater.

In West Texas, for example, where the average rainfall ranges from eight to 16 inches, conservation is a key management tool.

But when we go through periods like those of 1994-1996 when there was no appreciable rainfall, conservation by even the most practiced individual becomes difficult at best.

After all, how can you conserve what's not falling from the sky?

The answer to that decades old question began being formulated in 1946, when a group of West Texas community leaders met at the Settles Hotel to discuss long-range planning for water resources.

Who among the group, called together by the late J.B. Thomas, then president of Texas Utilities, could have ever fathomed the impact that initial gathering would have on all of West Texas?

Fifty years after the fact, it seems that the group were seers. At their meeting when the Colorado River Municipal Association was formed, they talked of conservation and preservation of resources.

Admittedly, Thomas' reason for calling the meeting didn't center on water supplies alone. In fact, his was as much an ulterior motive as anything else — he was looking for ways to attract industry to the region. Industry that would buy electricity from his company.

Thomas reasoned that if there was adequate water, business and industry could be attracted to the region and it would grow and prosper.

By early 1949, the group had garnered enough support that the 51st Texas Legislature, just prior to adjourning, passed a law creating what we now know as the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Nearly 50 years later, the district, through its three reservoirs and numerous well fields, has provided water to member cities Big Spring, Snyder and Odessa as well as to a number of contract customers, such as Midland and San Angelo.

In all, more than 400,000 West Texans are served by the CRMWD and many thousands more from all over the Southwest enjoy the use of its recreational facilities.

It was because of its reservoirs that CRMWD wound up being the catalyst behind much of the water-related recreational areas in the region. Its lakes J.B. Thomas, E.V. Spence and O.H. Ivie have a combined capacity of more than 1.26 billion acre-feet — or some 410 billion gallons — of water.

While the primary source of the lakes is to supply a source of water for residential and commercial use, they are also well known for fishing, boating, water skiing and swimming.

And maybe that, as much as Thomas' original goal, broadens the region's attraction. After all, available water for home and industry and water for recre-

ation is certainly a marketable commodity.

The vision of Thomas and those men who gathered at the Settles 51 years ago was to create a long-term water supply where there was none.

In the 45 years since Lake Thomas was completed, CRMWD has never once asked its customers to curtail water usage because of a supply shortage.

While others around the state, in places where the average rainfall was three and four times that of West Texas, were being asked to restrict their usage, those of us served by CRMWD continued to have ample water for consumption, for recreation and for business.

To supply water throughout its vast region, the district maintains well fields at Monahans and Stanton in addition to its three supply reservoirs.

Its 157-mile long pipeline from Lake O.H. Ivie to its 100 million gallon Terminal Storage Reservoir makes Ivie waters available to San Angelo, Midland and Odessa.

Last summer, in the midst of a drought that reminded many of the 1950s, the pipeline also provided water that was backflowed (using the natural gravitational pull) to both Big Spring and Snyder to ensure an uninterrupted supply of water.

That unrestricted availability is a tribute to the men whose vision became the CRMWD and to those men and women who have worked to ensure the realization of that vision this past half-century.

— JOHN H. WALKER

## CRMWD's fight over snake opened door for Lake Ivie

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Few people in West Texas really understand the battles fought by The Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) to provide water to the region.

Fifty-one years ago, when the group that would become the CRMWD gathered in Big Spring's Settles Hotel, the opportunity to join was made available to one and all.

Big Spring and Snyder signed on from the start. Odessa joined later, but Colorado City signed on but then signed out before an unsuccessful effort to rejoin the group.

Midland wanted no part of the association but, before all was said and done, the officials of the "Tall City" were back and were trying to become a member city.

But the time for signing on had passed.

It was time to get to the business at-hand ... developing a reliable, long-term water supply for the region.

After much work and survey-

ing, the site for the district's first lake — to be named after J.B. Thomas of Texas Utilities — was chosen.

Years later, then-CRMWD General Manager O.H. Ivie would say the location, in the far southeastern corner of Borden County and the far southwestern corner of Scurry County, would possibly not have been chosen if more sophisticated techniques were available.

In fact, the folks in Colorado City wanted the lake on the river, but much closer to their community.

But the decision was made and in 1952 the district started impounding water. Only on a few rare instances has water spilled from the lake and, more times than not it has been far nearer to empty than full.

Partly because of the dearth of water in the lake, the district pursued a second lake and in 1969 the lake was completed — four years after the death of its namesake, Col. E.V. Spence, the district's first general manager.

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### WEATHER

Today:	Mon:	Tue:	Wed:

Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 80s. Monday, sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Extended forecast, Monday night, fair. Lows 70-75. Tuesday through Thursday, sunny days and fair nights. Lows 70-75. Highs 100-105.

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## Less than year after drought, will the rains end?

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

It almost approaches the absurd — less than a year after drought conditions left area residents desperate for water, many of those same people are beginning to wonder if the rain is ever going to end.

One of the wettest springs on record has spilled over into summer and has shown no sign of slackening off. While rain is certainly good news, that last few months have brought almost too good of a thing to Howard County.

Through last Thursday, more than 13 inches of rain have fallen on Big Spring, five inches more than average. That figure

doesn't include more than two inches that fell on the northeast part of the county throughout the day Friday.

A "non-organized" storm front moved through the area Friday, bringing National Weather Service rainfall totals up to almost twice of what was recording in all of 1996, a NWS spokesman said. The rain also caused the NWS to issue a flash flood warning for Howard County Friday, although no major incidents were reported.

It was hard for area cotton farmers to bemoan the rain, but they are in the portion of the growing season where they really need things to dry up for awhile.

"The ground is probably as saturated as it ever gets," said Bill Fryrear of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture research station north of Big Spring. "We need some good cotton growing weather ... Normally, cotton likes a lot of sunshine, and a lot of water. We've got the water, now we need the sunshine. Two or three weeks of good 90-degree-plus weather would be really good for the cotton crop."

The sandstorm that passed through this area two weeks ago forced many farmers to replant at least a portion of their crops, and those infant plants are now highly susceptible to too much water or soil erosion caused by excess rain.

And if the rains continue at their current pace, those new crops could be in jeopardy, Fryrear said.

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## Weather modification just another way to 'make' rain

Since 1971, the Colorado River Municipal Water District has been permitted to operate a weather modification project in a 16-county area.

That makes the district's cloud-seeding project the oldest continually permitted project in the nation.

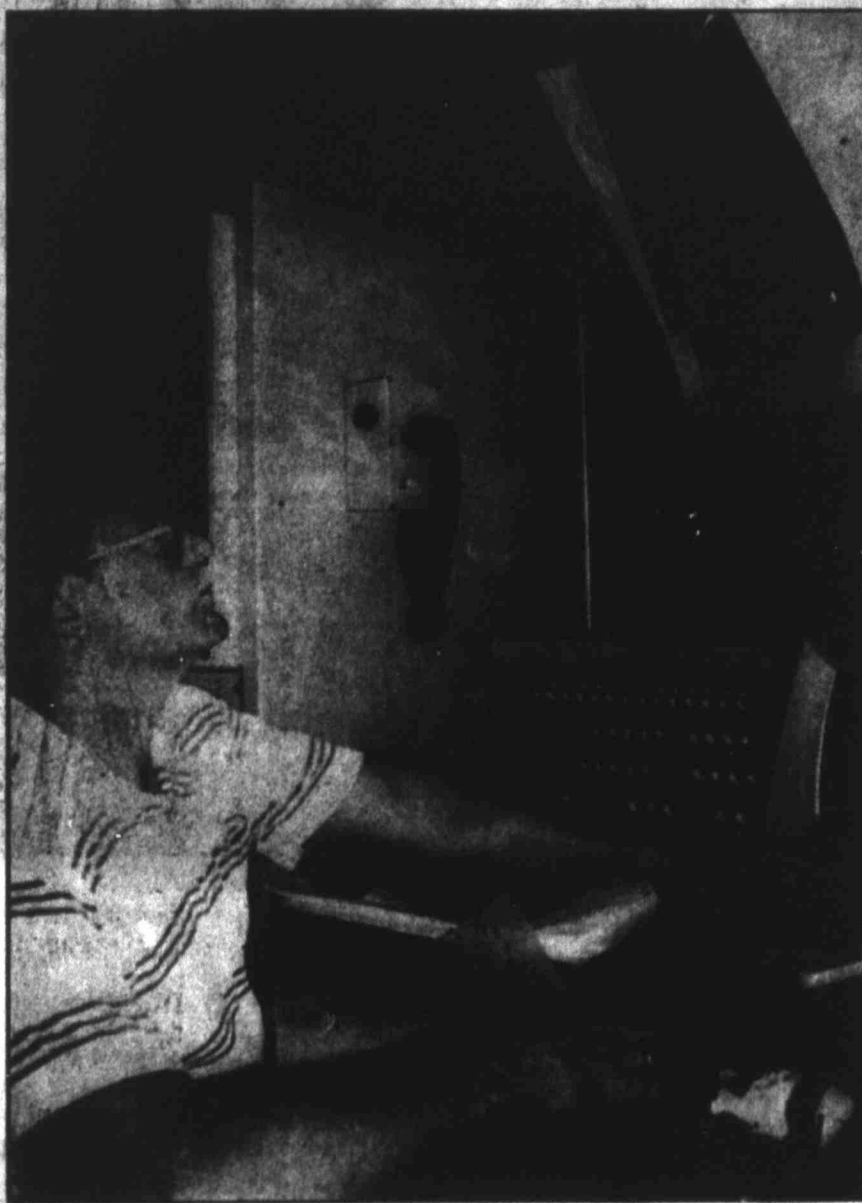
Ray Jones, the district's meteorologist, supervises the project and has maintained detailed records since he joined the district.

Jones can point out increased

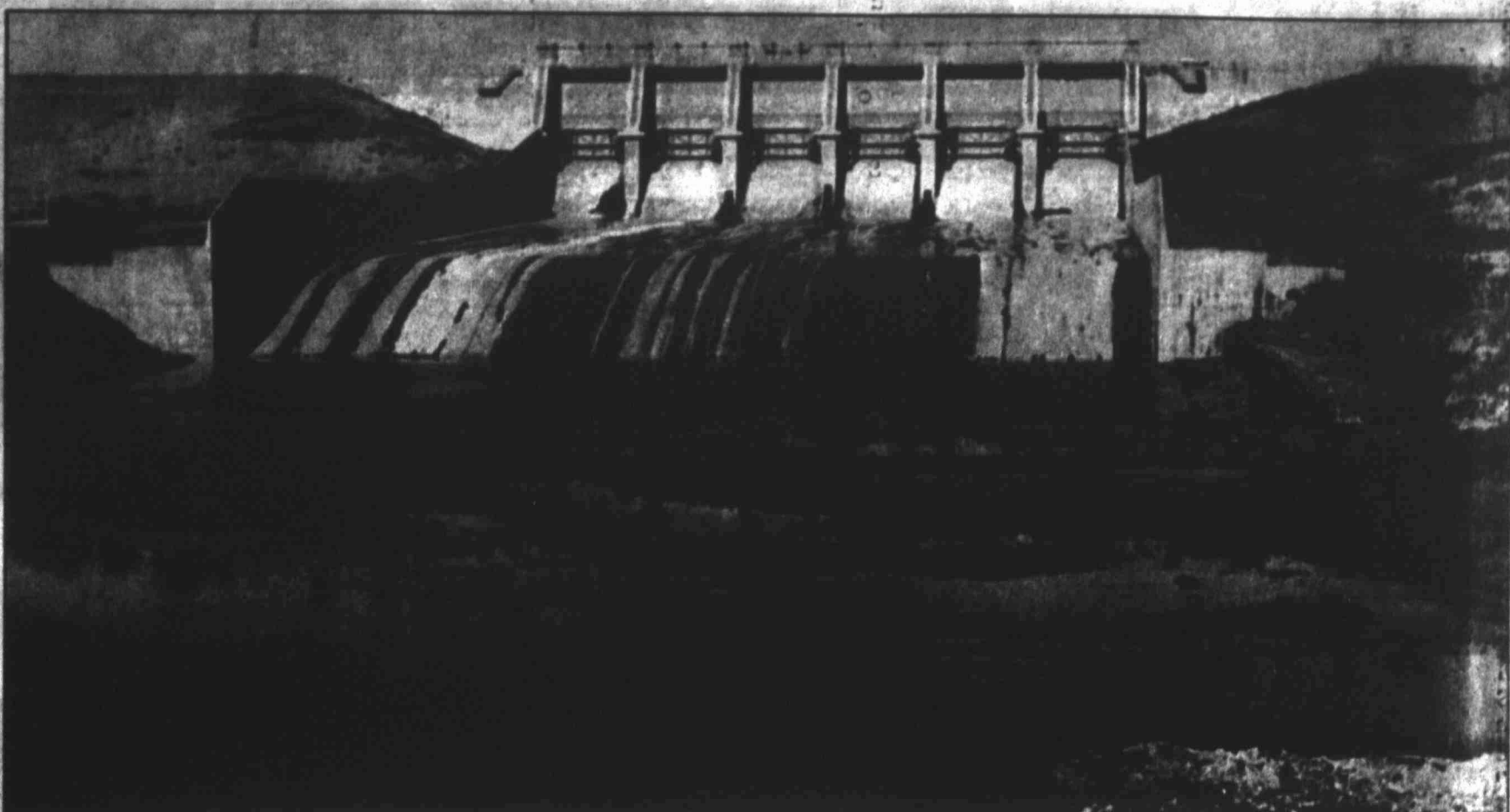
crop production in areas that coincide with the seeding project, compared to lower yields in counties upwind.

The seeding process involves injecting silver iodide particles into the updrafts of stormclouds. The silver iodide causes water molecules to freeze at lower elevations. As a result, the ice becomes heavier than the air and falls to earth as rain.

Jones said the project's goal is to create more rainfall.



HERALD file photo  
CRMWD meteorologist Ray Jones checks the radar in the district's weather station, located at the old Howard County Airport. The radar facility is part of the nation's longest-running weather modification project, which is operated by CRMWD.



HERALD photo/John H. Walker  
The spillway on the Freeze Dam, which impounds Lake O.H. Ivie at the point where the Concho and Colorado rivers come together, about 25 miles southeast of Ballinger. This 1992 file photo shows water coming down the spillway after the lake had filled following heavy rains over its watershed.

## CRMWD

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Again, rare has been the occasion when the lake was more full than empty.

The district, still looking for that long-term, reliable source for water, began pursuing what was known throughout the region as Stacy Reservoir. It would be more than 14 years before water would be captured in the lake.

More than that, a years long battle with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over the Concho Water Snake almost nixed the project.

"We filed a permit Oct. 11, 1977 with what is now called the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to build a 540,340 acre-foot reservoir to augment Lake Thomas, Lake Spence and the well fields," Ivie said in an October 1995 interview in the Herald.

"Obtaining the permit was

horrendous. We had to contend with the Concho Water Snake and those living below the Stacy Dam ..."

Ivie estimates that by the time everything is said and done, the legal fees and restrictions placed on the district will have cost consumers as much as \$11 million.

But despite having to jump through federal hoop after hoop, the district finally gained permission from the federal government to proceed with the project.

Ivie credits his longtime friend and 12-year CRMWD board president, the late John L. Taylor, with winning the battle.

"He never stopped ... he never gave up," Ivie said in a 1995 interview at the lake that had been named after him. "It was because of John Taylor that this lake is here."

The lake filled up quickly. Instead of taking the estimated four to six years to reach capacity, the lake was full in

less than two.

In fact, CRMWD officials were contemplating opening the floodgates after heavy rains along Spring Creek, west of San Angelo, the Concho River, Elm Creek at Ballinger and the Colorado River took the lake's waters to near the top of the floodgates.

Part of the project, which everyone continued to call Stacy, was a 157-mile pipeline to deliver water to San Angelo, Midland and Odessa.

That pipeline was the biggest single pipeline undertaking ever in the state of Texas and only the Los Angeles municipal pipeline system is longer.

As the district grew, from west of Monahans to Abilene on the east and from Snyder on the north to Lake Ivie and San Angelo on the south, so did the need for better system management.

As a result, the district constructed what is now known as the John L. Taylor Central Control Station.

Located on 24th Street, directly across from district headquarters, the main control room allows an operator to "view" the entire system from a computer workstation and a massive display board.

At the execution of a key-stroke, an operator can increase, decrease or shut-off any valve anywhere in the system. The high-tech system, developed by CRMWD personnel, allows for an instant viewing of any part of the system at any time.

CRMWD has used the control system to pump water to its 100-million gallon Terminal Reservoir, then allow the water to gravity flow to Big Spring and Snyder.

In late 1996 and early 1997, when supplies in Lake Thomas continued to drop, the district was able to pump water from Lake Ivie and Lake Spence into Lake Thomas — again ensuring an uninterrupted water supply for its customers through West Texas.



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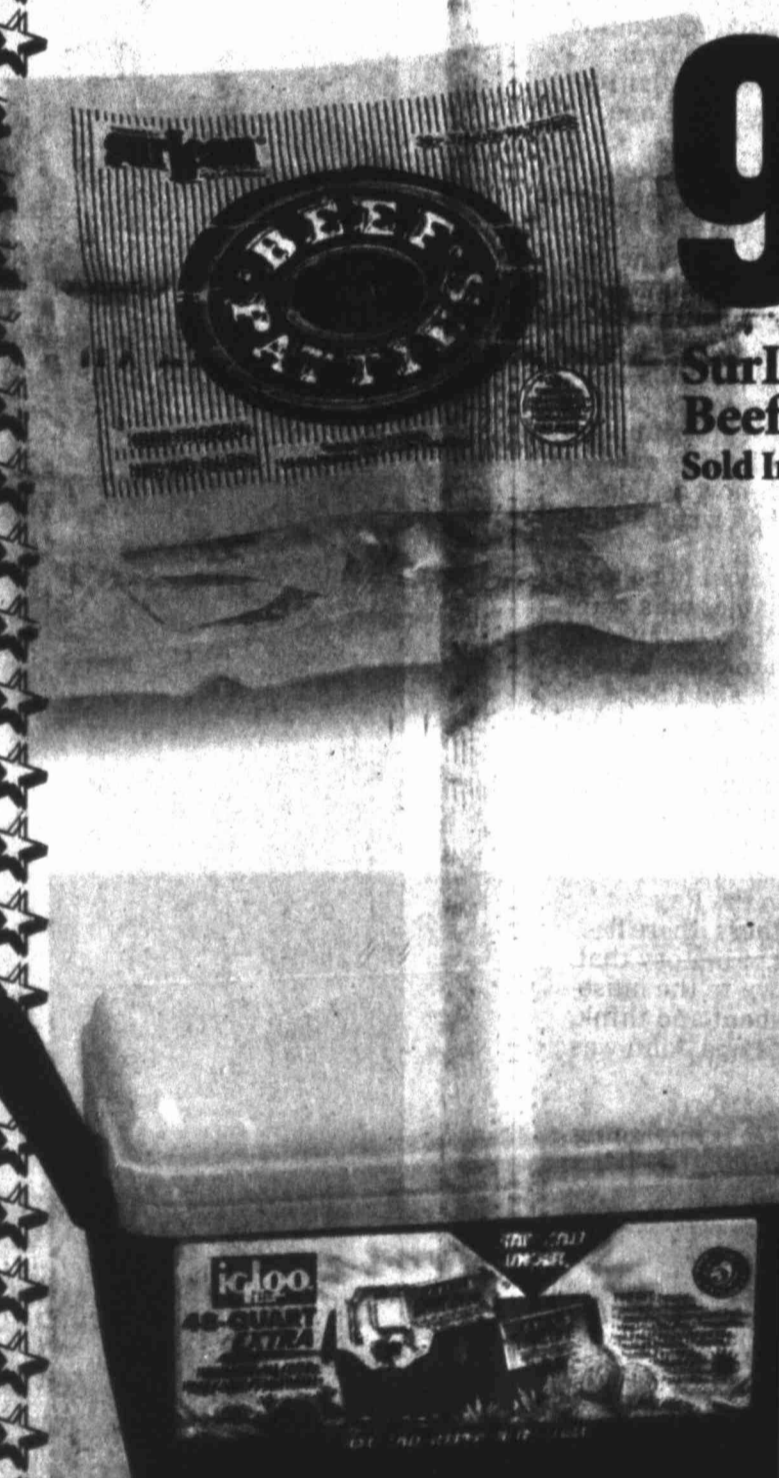
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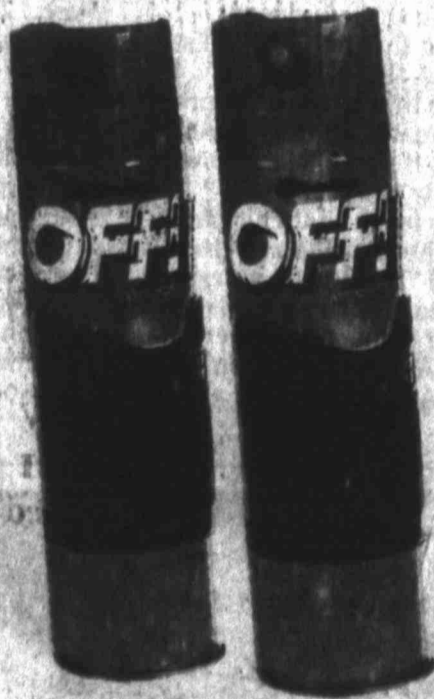
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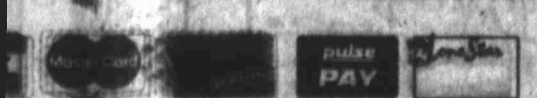
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OUR VIEWS

Despite best efforts, we suffer setbacks

Sometimes, as a poet once wrote, the best laid plans of men go astray.

Our own Howard County Commissioners find themselves in a similar predicament in regards to the county's insurance coverage. Two years ago, commissioners spent a great deal of time poring over data so as to be able to make an informed decision regarding the county's insurance carrier.

When commissioners first selected Utah-based GEM Insurance Co. as its carrier two years ago, it was because the county could save approximately \$100,000 a year despite the cost of prescriptions for county employees increasing.

What was pitched back then as a matter of what was good for the county overall has taken a turn for the worse. According to Commissioner Sonny Choate, it's now a matter of the county getting a cheap product without the much-ballyhooed high quality service that was promised.

That's because a problem that has plagued commissioners since January — slow payment of insurance claims filed by county employees — has not been eliminated.

The concern centers around GEM's recent trouble in paying insurance claims in a timely manner, taking up to 90 days in some cases.

Local insurance agent Jerry Gaylor told commissioners that GEM's parent company, Foundation HMO, is still involved in a merger with another company, which has added to the delays.

According to County Judge Ben Lockhart, County Treasurer Bonnie Franklin has a drawer full of unpaid claims in her office and the situation has led commissioners to begin shopping around for a new company to insure the approximately 790 employees and dependents on the county's policy.

Commissioners switched from Blue Cross/Blue Shield because of a valid concern over a price increase the insurer had planned for the county.

The move to GEM was not made without a great deal of study and discussion.

The fact commissioners are willing to try to work with GEM while beginning the process of looking for a new carrier simply underscores the fact they are trying to do the best for the county's employees as well as protecting both the taxpayers' and employees' pocketbooks.

The fact there's a problem with the carrier also reminds us that sometimes, no matter how hard we try, we just can't avoid that occasional whirlpool in the sea of life.

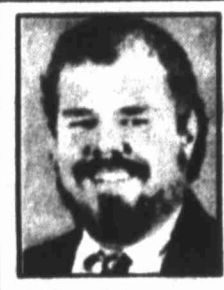
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Part of T&P freight station saved for Heritage

The Texas and Pacific Railroad was already gone by the time I arrived in Texas some 24 years ago. No longer would you see its locomotives heading in and out of the Big Spring Yard, although you'd still see an occasional boxcar with the T&P diamond.



John H. Walker  
Managing Editor

That diamond carried the names of the railroad's terminus cities — Shreveport, Texarkana, New Orleans and El Paso — and was beautiful in its simple red and black colors.

This week, the last standing piece of T&P history disappeared from the community when a demolition crew tore down the freight station at the foot of Main Street.

I was down there as the tractor operator raised the bucket high in the air before slamming it in to the sign that told everyone the building was the freight station.

As he hammered into the sign, the first of the three pieces that were hung together fell to the ground. You could hear the metal as it hit the ground and then you could hear the rattle of the bricks and debris as they piled on the first piece and then, as they fell to the ground, the other

two pieces. At that time, the east end of the building was virtually intact ... including the concrete T&P diamond set in the bricks and centered near the top of the building.

I wondered what would happen with the diamond and actually figured that it would become just one more part of the rubble ... after all, the men and women who run railroads aren't as sentimental as those of us who watch railroads.

But leave it to Ray Savage, who heads up the Union Pacific's operations here in Big Spring and also happens to be a railroad detective for what became the Southern Railway when he was killed in Louisiana.

Ray made arrangements for the diamond to be removed before the east wall was taken down and it will go to the Heritage Museum for safekeeping.

Some people had a hard time with UP's having the building torn down, but those people were thinking emotionally and UP was thinking about things like liability.

I don't know if there are any freight stations being used any more. After all, the term freight has changed dramatically since the days when the building was constructed and today.

Back then, freight was LCL — less-than-carload — and it was anything else. The trains would rumble into the yard and cars carrying merchandise — freight — would find themselves lined up on the siding that ran alongside the ware-

house doors. Delivery trucks would back up to the doors for the freight to be loaded on for delivery. Now, more times than not, freight is a full carload of something headed for a distribution center. Once it gets there, it's loaded on trucks and shipped out as needed.

Both my granddaddy's worked for the railroad. Grandpa Walker was a logging engineer and also worked as an engineer for the Gulf & Ship Island Railroad in Mississippi. Grandpa Hester was a former sheriff who was working as a railway detective for what became the Southern Railway when he was killed in Louisiana.

Because my daddy was a railroad buff, I became one as well. We'd drive to Yazoo City and head out Mississippi Highway 3 towards Sartoria and pace the big, black Illinois Central locomotives as they belched black smoke from their smokestacks.

We'd go to Greenville and watch the Illinois Central's "King Cotton" back into the station since there were no turning facilities there. Twenty minutes and two bleeps of the horn later and the brown and orange diesel-electric locomotives were purring out of Greenville ... headed east to Leland and back on the "Main Line of Mid-America."

I guess I've tried to do my part to pass along a love for trains to my great-nephew, Adam, and my two grandbabies — 6-year-old Miranda and 11/2-year-old Andrew.

I don't get to see Miranda and Andrew as much as I'd like these days, but when I do, there's always time for trains.

Miranda likes to ride down in the railyards with me and look at the locomotives. She recognizes Union Pacific's yellow-and-gray paint scheme but when she sees a maroon engine from the Wisconsin Central, there'll be that ever-inquisitive question — "What's that one, Papa John?"

Andrew's not that far along, although he made his first trip into the yards at age six months. Last Christmas, he got his very first train ... thanks to Clyde, Jr. — and I do for him what my daddy did for me when I cup my two hands together and blow my fists to create a train whistle sound.

I can picture his little eyes lighting up even now as I do nothing more than write about it.

One of these days I hope to take my grandbabies on a train ride ... not together, because I want them both to experience it individually ... and I hope that they'll be lucky enough to always be able to hear that rumbling, gurgling sound as those big locomotives start on their journey down those ribbons of steel.

And thanks to the Ray Savage's and others, there'll always be a bit of history that they can go down to the museum and learn about and think, "So that's what Papa John was talking about."

John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

It was with repulsion and regret reading the front page article and your editorial in Tuesday 24 June Herald concerning the willful destruction of the helicopter at the Memorial. Your description of the vandals was accurate but inadequate. A more accurately detailed description would have violated the moral rules of journalism.

Destruction of other peoples property classifies these destruction of government property constitutes a federal offense, possible heavy fines and/or prison terms. Both the Huey and the rural mail boxes

are considered as government property.

Vandals also seek out vacant houses, or houses being remodeled. The youngsters involved in the theft of stop signs that resulted in three innocent deaths did this just for kicks. Tragically, these 'innocent' deeds are in most cases a prelude to greater offenses, even criminal. If there is an answer, it probably is education.

Schools teach that cheating is wrong. Theodore Roosevelt once said "To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." Quoting American Legion magazine of April 1997: "Poll after

poll indicates that Americans believe their country to be in moral and spiritual crisis."

Dayton, Ohio ISD instituted a Character Education Program they named "Word of the Week." The students drew pictures for each of some 38 Word of the Week definitions, thus exciting the imagination of the entire participating student body. Such a program when used with the DARE program would prove helpful not only to students, but parents as well. The operating cost is less than \$1 per student per year.

In conclusion, it would be to the benefit of these people if they would turn themselves in

to the authorities.

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# Fatal shooting of goatherder by Marines enrages border residents

By JULIA PRODIS  
AR Regional Writer

**REDFORD** — Esequiel Hernandez Jr.'s father was gathering firewood along the banks of the Rio Grande when he heard the thundering blast. It was loud and deep, certainly not the plink of the turn-of-the-century .22-caliber rifle his son carried.

A knot formed in the father's chest: The gunshot seemed to come from a nearby hilltop, where his 18-year-old son, affectionately called "Juni," was grazing his prized goat herd.

With the branches piled in back of his old gray truck, Esequiel Hernandez Sr. rushed back to his family's ramshackle adobe compound just up the dirt road.

"Juni's with the goats!" his wife, Maria, shouted frantically as he pulled into the driveway. "Go and look for him!"

Dark storm clouds were beginning to block the sun in this tiny town on the Mexican border as Hernandez raced up the hill, past his neighbors' trailer homes and an abandoned Catholic church and through the open range of mesquite trees and prickly pear cactus.

Sheriff's deputies stopped him at first, then hailed him back.

Could he identify a young man with a pencil-thin mustache, wearing black jeans and a dark green shirt?

They wouldn't let him get too close, but he knew just the same. There lay Juni on his back next to an old stone watering trough. His little white goats grazed nearby.

Through his tears, Juni's father saw four Marines in camouflage fatigues. They carried M-16s.

Juni almost always toted his .22 when he tended his goats. The pump-action rifle had been handed down from his grandfather to his father and then to him. Never could tell what he might encounter out there. Wild hogs and stray dogs seemed a constant menace to his 42 goats. And there was always a tin can, a jack rabbit or a boat-tailed grackle that made for good target practice.

But never did Juni expect to encounter U.S. Marines.

Redford, a West Texas town of 100 souls, has a reputation as a corridor for drug smugglers. The Rio Grande runs shallow a couple hundred yards behind the Hernandez compound and, a few times a year, it is passable by truck.

The rest of the time, a small rowboat routinely ferries residents on both sides of the border back and forth to visit their extended families or buy fresh milk and beer at the Redford convenience store.

The Border Patrol usually looks the other way. Besides, it doesn't have the manpower to keep constant surveillance here at "El Polvo," the shallow crossing.

Unbeknownst to the Redford

## Judge releases 10-year-old sexual assault suspect, who must leave community

TEXAS CITY (AP) — A judge has released from police custody a 10-year-old boy accused of sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl. But he ordered the boy to get out of town until a trial or other resolution of the case.

Juvenile Judge Ted Allmond said the boy must stay with relatives in Dayton or Waco.

A 14-year-old boy accused of the same crime will remain at a juvenile detention facility.

The judge said that if a grand jury approves, the boys will be subject to a form of juvenile sentencing that would allow the state to keep them locked up for up to 40 years if they are convicted.

They're accused of coaxing a 4-year-old girl to go with them on the premise of going to a carnival. Instead, they took her by bicycle to a parking lot outside a Texas City high school football stadium on Sunday and sexually assaulted her inside an empty school bus.

Police said both boys gave statements concerning the incident.

Prosecutor Bill Reed said he will move Monday to have the boys' cases heard before a grand jury. The boys are

locals, however, the Border Patrol had called upon Joint Task Force Six, a federal agency established in 1989, to send soldiers to El Polvo to help stem drug trafficking. The Marines were to remain undetected — "organic unto themselves" — and be the "eyes and ears" of the patrol. Yet they were forbidden by law to act on what they saw or draw conclusions. They would simply report their observations to the patrol, which could take action.

But the law had one exception: The soldiers could defend themselves.

On the evening of May 20, 22-year-old Marine Cpl. Clemente Banuelos and three other privates from Camp Pendleton, Calif., were stationed along a ridge overlooking El Polvo. It was their third day in the stifling hot desert sun; they had spent part of it sleeping under a camouflaged tent of netting tethered to bushes.

They had made their own camouflage clothes, covering their helmets and guns with brown burlap and draping a hybrid of branches, leaves and vines over their military fatigues from head to toe.

The four had spent the past two nights a few hundred yards away at their night observation post at the edge of the ridge. From this high point, they could eye the Rio Grande below. It rushed and gurgled over rocks in its shallowest parts, which were only a few feet deep and 30 or 40 feet wide.

That afternoon, thunderclouds began to form behind the purple Sierra Rica Mountains as the Marines left their day camp and began making their way to the ridge's edge.

The sky was still clear and the hot air thick when Juni opened the goat corral in the back yard. He had come home from high school a couple of hours earlier, eaten supper, studied for his driver's license exam and loaded hay for his father.

Now, it was time to take his goats for their dinner. He grabbed his rifle and began the 10-minute walk up the hill.

At the top, he and the goats walked over loose gravel and dirt and slipped through the waist-high creosote bushes to a dilapidated trading post, where the U.S. Cavalry had built a fort during the Mexican Revolution to prevent Pancho Villa and his troops from spilling their conflict across the river into Texas.

It was abandoned in the early 1920s, and now the walls were crumbling, exposing the old adobe bricks. Sunlight filtered through the holes in the roof and birds nested in the rafters. The post was more than 200 yards from the Marine's ridge, separated by a deep, dry gully.

As Juni began to tend his herd, the Marines, disguised as bushes, were heading to their night post.

What took place starting about 6 p.m. has pitted the residents of Redford and some Texas authorities against the

military. It also has called into question whether the War on Drugs — deploying U.S. troops on U.S. soil to patrol the border — is worth the risk.

But just exactly what happened on that hilltop and why remains unclear.

The Marines say they crouched on the ground when they spotted Juni near the trading post. For reasons unknown, Juni fired once or twice at them, according to Maureen Bossch, a spokesman for Joint Task Force Six in El Paso, which coordinates the military missions along the border.

We're taking fire! the Marines radioed the Border Patrol at 6:07 p.m.

They didn't fire back immediately. Instead, they sidestepped along the ridge, paralleling Juni for 20 minutes as he headed across the hilltop toward an abandoned house and an empty water trough about 200 yards away.

They wanted to make sure he wasn't trying to double back and flank them, Bossch says.

Just before 6:30 p.m., she says, Juni again turned and aimed his rifle at the Marines. This time, Cpl. Banuelos fired, piercing Juni in the side under his right armpit. Juni fell into the shallow trough, his legs draped over the side, and he bled to death.

"I can't tell you why Hernandez shot at the Marines," Bossch says. "The Marines acted in self-defense. Of course, it's an unfortunate incident."

An empty shell casing was found in Juni's rifle, and another spent shell was on the ground at the spot where the Marines said Juni fired.

But the Texas Rangers, who are investigating the shooting, say some of the Marines' story doesn't match the other evidence at the scene.

First, they doubt Juni ever saw the camouflaged Marines. The teen-ager might have

thought he was shooting at a wild animal rustling in the brush, Texas Ranger Capt. Barry Caver speculates.

But the Marines had roughly identified Juni, Caver says. Some time before the shots were fired, he says, they radioed that they were observing a young man carrying a rifle and herding goats. Bossch contends the Marines never identified Juni as a goat herder and that the first radio transmission reported only that shots were being fired.

Another puzzling discrepancy: Can the Marines rightfully claim self-defense when they followed Juni for 20 minutes and Banuelos fired through brush and mesquite trees from at least 75 yards away?

"That sounds just a little strange," Caver says. "To me, that tends to question their self-defense strategy that they're claiming."

Juni also was shot in the side, the Ranger notes. If he had been aiming at Banuelos and Banuelos returned fire, he likely would have been hit somewhere around his chest. Being struck in the side, he must have been at a 90-degree angle to Banuelos. And if the right-handed Juni was aiming his rifle — the stock against his right shoulder — his right elbow likely would have been covering his upper side, Caver says.

Lastly, the Marines never identified themselves, nor did they render first aid, even though Juni was writhing and trying to speak when they approached him, Caver says. Instead, one of them flicked Juni's ball cap off with the tip of his M-16, according to Joseph Harris, assistant chief patrol agent of the Border Patrol.

A medical helicopter was not called until the Border Patrol arrived 20 minutes later. Then, Juni's body was removed from the trough and placed on flat ground. A patrol agent could not find a pulse.

At 8:30 p.m. — two hours after the shooting — the storm arrived, the rain began to fall and the justice of the peace pronounced Juni dead.

From where he lay on the hilltop, Juni was surrounded by his universe. The homes of his grandparents, mother, father, brothers and sisters could be seen below, along with the church where his wake was held and the cemetery where he was buried.

A Presidio County grand jury plans to review the case in July and decide whether to issue any indictments against all four Marines; charges, if brought, could include murder, Caver says.

The Marines continue to insist they acted only in self-defense, but Redford residents are outraged.

Juni was no drug smuggler or delinquent, they say. He was a quiet, unassuming goatherder

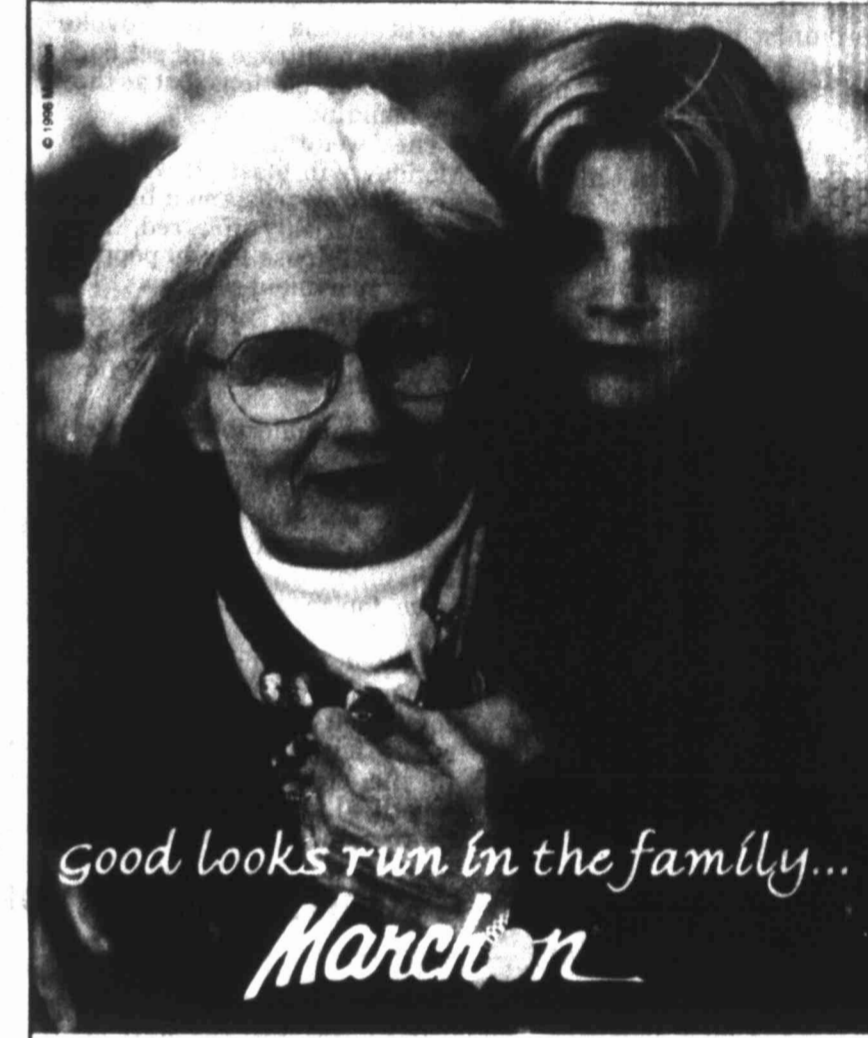
who loved to folk dance and tend his goats, and wanted to be a park ranger or a game warden. His mother says the high school sophomore didn't drink, smoke or even chew gum in class.

"It's just madness," says Father Melvin La Follette, an Episcopal priest who often hired Juni to bale hay. "It's the fact that Congress has just gone crazy — they've given them all that money and all that power and they don't know what to do with it."

Rosendo Evaro, who owns the Redford convenience store, says the Marines are the menace, not the drug smugglers.

"Drug smugglers never caused any trouble," he says. "They go on with their business and we go on with ours."

"We're not the enemy," says Enrique Madrid, a family friend. "This is not the battle zone and this little kid is not the enemy."




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# Brady Law ruling unlikely to mean anything goes for gun buyers

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Supreme Court's decision to throw out part of the Brady gun-control law does not mean gun buyers across the nation will be free of criminal background checks.

The court ruled 5-4 Friday that the federal government cannot force local law enforcement authorities to conduct background checks on would-be gun buyers. Left intact was a five-day waiting period before someone can buy a handgun. Within hours of the decision, authorities and gun dealers

from New Hampshire to Oregon said very little would change in the 27 states that require the checks.

Only Ohio said it would end the checks, beginning immediately. "This is not going to substantially impair the effectiveness of the Brady law," said Dennis Henigan, an attorney for Handgun Control Inc., the gun-control lobby headed by Sarah Brady.

In Pennsylvania, state police spokesman Sgt. Tim Allue said would-be gun owners still would

be checked out. "We've been doing that for 50 years and we will continue to do that," he said.

A national system for instant checks is expected to be in place by late 1998.

Gun dealers said the state laws and the Brady law's waiting period would probably prevent a surge in sales.

"I don't think things will change at all," said Rich Vance, owner of Vance's Shooters Supplies in Columbus, Ohio.

"It's business as usual," added Diane Jensen of Jensen's

Custom Ammunition, a Tucson dealership that averages from 3,500 to 5,000 handgun sales a year.

Bob Glass, who owns the Paladin Arms gun shop in Longmont, Colo., said he doubted the ruling would change the way he does business.

"I'm glad the court ruled as it did, but it certainly didn't go nearly far enough," Glass said. "If in fact it turns out — even temporarily — we don't have to do background checks, we certainly won't."

Yet there will be some

changes. Sheriff Leo Samaniego of El Paso, Texas, said background checks on gun buyers living outside the city limits probably would end.

"The message I guess that is sent out is: Go buy whatever. Nobody needs to know what kind of record you've got or if you've been in a mental institution or anything like that," Samaniego said.

Ohio Deputy Attorney General Mark Weaver said the

court ruling removes the state's authority to carry out background checks.

In Arizona, the Department of Public Safety, which conducts background checks for police departments statewide, will not change its policy for now, spokesman Lt. Rick Knight said.

The ruling affects 23 states without gun-control laws, and "puts all of us in jeopardy," said Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle Jr.

# Long wait comes to an end for Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — When Prince Charles sails away on the royal yacht Britannia in the first hours of Tuesday, leaving a Chinese-ruled Hong Kong behind him, the big questions will finally begin to find answers.

Can the marriage of a Communist power to a capitalist titan be a happy one? Is this Hong Kong's leap forward into a proud new era, or the beginning of a slide into the authoritarian, often corrupt ways of China?

Two things are almost certain: it won't be idyllic — the estrangement between colony and motherland is 156 years old. And it has to work, because a breakdown will be bad for everybody. The handover is a done deal, dictated by a lease signed 99 years ago and set in stone in a treaty in 1984. There is no going back.

The pessimists see little chance that China can digest Hong Kong's free, democratic ways. China's corruption and autocratic instincts, they say, are bound to seep into Hong Kong's bloodstream and sap its financial vigor.

Wrong, say the optimists. China, they say, has already proved its good intentions by generously agreeing to keep

Hong Kong capitalist, free and separate, effectively isolating it from malign Chinese influence. Hong Kong money and know-how are key to China's own economic revolution, so why would China throw it all away?

Moreover, the argument goes, a bad start under the gaze of world media would provoke American outrage and set back China-U.S. relations just as they are mending.

The wedding at midnight Monday will blast off with carnivals, fireworks and a blaze of lights. Already the red, five-pointed Chinese flag is popping up in apartment windows. The metropolis of glittering skyscrapers is bedecked with banners and freshly planted flowers.

Still, an undertow of anxiety persists.

Even now, it's not easy to find people who unreservedly welcome the change of sovereignty. The unknown still looms too large for mass outpourings of joy.

Instead, opinion polls suggest a mood of neutral acceptance, comforted by an economy whose buoyancy was reflected in the stock market index's record high on the last day of trading under British rule.

But money isn't everything. Many are dismayed that as soon as China takes over, some of their political rights will be curbed, and their wholly elected legislature disbanded pending fresh elections next year.

Even with these changes — assuming they're the last — Hong Kong will still be incomparably freer than any region of China. But democracy has only recently come to Hong Kong, and those who fought for it, led by the Democratic Party, are fiercely opposed to yielding an inch.

The Democrats, Hong Kong's most popular party, say they will usher in the new era with demonstrations against disbanding the legislature. Other groups want to march for Chinese democracy. So China faces challenges from the outset.

With the British gone, the spotlight will fall squarely on Tung Chee-hwa, the amiable 60-year-old shipping tycoon chosen to lead post-colonial Hong Kong.

His task is formidable. He must show China that it can trust him to defend its vital interests, while convincing the Hong Kong public that he isn't Beijing's yes man.

China, while steadfastly repeating its promise to uphold

Hong Kong's autonomy, will demonstrate its sovereignty in striking fashion just six hours after its flag goes up, pouring in 4,000 troops on ships, helicopters and armored vehicles.

It's China's way of showing that the humiliating colonial past has been erased. But it has a problem: few Hong Kong people feel humiliated. In fact Hong Kong has been happy under British rule, and doesn't mind saying so.

Even Tsang Yok-sing, a proudly Chinese nationalist who leads Hong Kong's largest pro-Beijing party, admits as much.

"Many Hong Kong people including myself are thankful to the British ... for some of the things they have done in Hong Kong," he told Hong Kong radio. "We do not regard the British as oppressors by any means."

"I've decided to embrace the future," Christine Loh, a 41-year-old legislator, said at the last session of the outgoing assembly.

"I must get used to thinking of myself as a citizen of the People's Republic of China. I don't know how long it's going to take before my heart feels it, but I will try and do what I can."

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# Witnesses say Rwandan troops killed refugees at bridge

SHABUNDA, Congo (AP) — Nearly five months after rebel troops swept through central Zaire on their way to conquer the capital, new accounts are emerging of brutality and mass killings by the rebel forces.

More than 15 witnesses told an Associated Press reporter of killings of Hutu refugees by forces loyal to Laurent Kabila, now president of Congo.

Many said the killings were brutal, with fighters gouging out their victims' eyes and disemboweling pregnant women.

Nearly all the witnesses said the soldiers were Tutsis from the army of neighboring Rwanda who were fighting with Kabila's rebels to overthrow dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

The refugees included armed Hutu fighters who themselves perpetrated massacres against Tutsis in Rwanda in 1994. According to witnesses, many others, however, were unarmed Rwandans, including women and children.

There have been no confirmations of the massacres by international experts, who are only now gaining access to the area where massacres are said to have occurred. Officials of Kabila's government have denied or played down mas-

sacre reports, and residents and refugees may exaggerate the numbers of victims.

But witnesses' accounts coincide on many details, and describe large-scale killings.

The witnesses, who nearly all said they were too frightened of reprisals to give their names, spoke of massacres of hundreds, or even thousands, of refugees, particularly at a bridge near Shabunda, 110 miles west of Bukavu, in February.

"Men, women and children were massacred," said one refugee, who emerged from hiding in the forest only last week. He has not seen any of the 13 members of his family, including his then pregnant wife, since he fled from the bridge.

"They stabbed them with bayonets at the bridge and pushed them into the water," said the man, who did not want to be identified by name. He said he fled when he heard gunfire and screams. "For the next two days they killed and killed," he said.

Journalists investigating the allegations last week were closely watched by local security officials. Poor roads and dense tropical forest made traveling extremely difficult. Reaching areas where evidence of the killings is said to exist was

impossible because of the lack of vehicles and stringent security.

Jim Lindquist, an American missionary based at Katshungu, 25 miles north of Shabunda, said local residents remain fearful of reprisals.

"There are things here that happened in connection to the refugees that basically a lot of people would not like to have known," he said. "If there are ever inquiries into it, it would be very difficult for people to speak out because they can't leave. They have no recourse."

But Meshe Kileleze, the chief Congolese security official in Shabunda, denied there had been Rwandan soldiers in the town. He also denied growing allegations of massacres.

"There have never been slaughters in the east of Congo," he said. "Our people are hospitable and peaceful," he said, adding that reports of Rwandan troops in the area "are all lies. There are no foreign forces here."

International aid workers and reporters have not been to the area around Shabunda since the beginning of the year. Although there were vague reports of refugees slain in the region, details had been scarce until a

few humanitarian workers arrived there this month to search for refugees.

Residents, refugees and missionaries who spoke to journalists over a 10-day period, ending Thursday, said the soldiers spoke Kinyarwanda, the language of Rwanda, and Swahili with a Rwandan accent.

One witness said there were two groups of soldiers — one from Rwanda and the other of Zairians fighting with Kabila.

Both Kabila, who became president a month ago of what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the predominantly Tutsi Rwandan government have denied allegations of massacres and claims that Rwandan soldiers were active in the former Zaire.

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## WNBA's opening 'uneven'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Large crowds, tons of turnovers and poor shooting added up to an uneven opening week in the new WNBA.

There was criticism of the sloppy play and speculation about attendance figures that, in some cases, were boosted by ticket giveaways.

That bothered Jennifer Azzi, who plays in the year-old rival American Basketball League. She said it was vital for the women to put on a good show, but conceded her friends in the WNBA face a tough situation.

"Marketing is one thing, but you've got to have a quality product on the floor," said Azzi, a guard for the San Jose Lasers.

New York Liberty standout Rebecca Lobo suggested the first week miscues could be a case of players overcompensating to prove that the WNBA is worth watching.

"I think part of it is because the teams have only been together for three weeks," she said. "And I think people are trying hard in these games, because we want the fans to come back."

The fans came out in droves opening week, with the largest crowd — 16,285 — watching the Houston Comets' home opener against the Phoenix Mercury. That topped the 16,102 at Phoenix June 22.

Houston's total included 790 complimentary tickets, compared with 500-600 comps for a Rockets' NBA game, said Terri Hartley, director of ticket services.

"You come in expecting to play before 7,500, then it goes to 10,000, then to 12,000 and all of a sudden it's a sellout," Comets coach Van Chancellor said. "That's quite an adjustment to make. You get caught up in that. You want to do good."

But good wasn't the word to describe the action in the inaugural game between the Liberty and Los Angeles Sparks June 21 at the Forum.

The teams combined for 44 turnovers and the Sparks shot 31 percent (21 of 68) in front of a national TV audience. The NBC broadcast topped all Saturday afternoon sports shows in the ratings.

The attempt by Lisa Leslie of the Sparks to make the WNBA's first dunk ended, in her words, when she "ran into the front of the rim."

Lobo insists dunking isn't something the players dwell on.

"It would be great or exciting to see a woman dunk in a game, but it's not like we need it," she said. "Our game is basically below the rim and it's exciting there."

The loose play continued June 23 in the Sacramento Monarchs' home opener against the Liberty. The Monarchs had

## Rain, rain stays away from Wimbledon

**WIMBLEDON, England (AP)** — The sodden players emerged from their ark when the rain finally stopped Saturday, and Wimbledon saw a day brimming with tennis at last, even if the sun never shone.

Goran Ivanisevic served a record 46 aces — and lost. Venus Williams debuted at 17 after five days of waiting — and lost. Anna Kournikova, a 16-year-old with a game made for grass, very nearly lost before mounting a cool comeback to win from 4-6, 1-8 down.

Top seeds Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis cruised. Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman continued to feed fantasies of a British champion by winning. And a squinting Monica Seles came on to play an extra match in the dim evening light at 7:30 p.m.

Desperate to get in as many matches as possible, officials let Seles and Kristina Brandi stab at the balls in the darkness until 8:41 p.m., when play was suspended with Seles lead-

ing the second set 3-1 after losing the first 7-5.

Weather-willing, the cast will be back to play on the middle Sunday for only the second time in Wimbledon's 120-year history in order to reduce the backlog of postponed matches and try and avoid an extension of the tournament into a third week.

The only other time Wimbledon stayed open on the middle Sunday was 1991, when a similarly soggy first week also prevented the conclusion of the second round. That day, dubbed People's Sunday because fans were allowed to buy relatively cheap Centre Court tickets on a first-come, first-served basis, turned into one of the most delightful ever at Wimbledon.

The tournament this year is ahead of that schedule with all first-round matches and almost half the second-round matches completed, despite the first consecutive full day washouts since 1909.

The sun never pierced the thick gray cloud cover Saturday, and 32,307 fans bundled up in sweaters and jackets in the chilly, damp weather. But not a drop of rain fell after a morning drizzle delayed the start of play until just after noon.

The No. 2-seeded Ivanisevic, whose tormented history at Wimbledon includes a 37-ace loss in the final against Andre Agassi in 1992, added another unhappy chapter with a 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 14-12 loss to Sweden's Magnus Norman. Ivanisevic's 46 aces broke the Wimbledon record of 42 set in 1976 by John Feaver, who also lost in the second round to John Newcombe.

Ivanisevic, twice a finalist, declined to discuss his defeat. Talking eagerly was Norman, who overcame chest pains that led him to call out a trainer in the fifth. Norman said he's had his heart checked twice and would consult with his doctor in Sweden before going out to

play his next match.

"It's irregular," said Norman, a 21-year-old making his Wimbledon debut. "Last time it was for 40 minutes like this (two years ago), but today it was only like 30 seconds. But still, it's not very funny when something like this happens to the heart."

"I was worried when I was going to the chair because I thought it was going to be like the last time. When I sat down and tried to breathe, it was all of a sudden gone. The doctor in Sweden said before it's not dangerous, but it's not very good if it comes more times."

Norman said he felt his pulse going down "but if it had continued throughout the three-minute break, I would have defaulted."

With the defeat of two of the biggest, hard-serving threats — Ivanisevic and Mark Philippoussis — in the first week, the prospect of Sampras claiming a fourth title brightened. Sampras, the top seed,

moved into the third round with a 7-6 (7-2), 7-5, 7-5 victory over Germany's Hendrik Dreekman.

Defending champion and No. 4 seed Richard Krajicek also reached the third round, beating Romania's Andrei Pavel in five sets.

When the first of 28 women's first-round matches ended, Hingis took Centre Court and posted a 6-2, 6-2 second-round victory over Olga Barabanschikova, whose claim to fame is a pierced navel that's been prominently displayed in British tabloids.

Kournikova, the Russian-born teen-ager who's been training in Florida since she was 10, labored on fan-packed Court 9 and produced a show worthy of Centre Court. Down a set and 1-5 in the second against Germany's Barbara Rittner, Kournikova stepped up her serve-and-volley game and stopped making errors as she

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## AL ALL-STARS



Submitted photo  
The American Little League Major League All-Stars are: (front row, left to right) Mark Sutcliffe, Brandon Gross, Roy Holland, Ryan Vela, Ryan Wegman and Michael Omeals; (second row, left to right) Stephen Ruzhin, Andrew Vizcaino, Brandon Mendoza, Bryson Hall and Jacoby Jones; (third row, left to right) Manager Darrell Nichols, coach Gary Harris and coach Edwin Vela. Not pictured is Anthony Franco.



The American League Minor League All-Stars are: (front row, left to right) Randy Solis, Jerry Doporito Jr., Jacob Nichols, Joshua Caudill, Adrian Yanex and Coley Hollandsworth; (second row, left to right) Benjamin Deanda, Landon Jenkins, Lance Tisseu, Ryan Rodriguez, Dallon Anderson and David Hughes; (third row, left to right) coach Charlie Hall, manager Craig Caudill and coach Victor Rodriguez.

## Cubs use pitching by committee to down Astros; Tribe blast Yanks

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Rookie Jeremi Gonzalez and three relievers combined on a two-hitter Saturday as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Houston Astros 5-2.

Mark Grace, celebrating his 33rd birthday, hit a two-run home run in the first inning, and Sammy Sosa added a two-run homer in the eighth to provide the bulk of the Cubs' offense.

Gonzalez (4-2), who pitched a four-hit shutout at St. Louis in his last start, held Houston hitless until Luis Gonzalez singled to lead off the fourth.

The 22-year-old right-hander retired the next 10 batters, before walking Sean Burnett with one out in the seventh.

Brad Ausmus had an infield single and pinch-hitter Bill Spiers walked, loading the bases and chasing Gonzalez.

Pinch-hitter Ricky Gutierrez hit into a fielder's choice against Terry Adams, allowing Berry to score.

James Mouton, running for Gutierrez, stole second and Ausmus scored on catcher Scott Servais' throwing error to pull within 3-2.

Adams walked Craig Biggio and Ramon Tatis walked Thomas Howard to re-load the bases. But Kent Bottenfield struck out Jeff Bagwell to end the inning. He pitched the final 2-1-3 innings for his first save.

Gonzalez, recalled from Triple-A Iowa on May 27, walked four and struck out four in his seventh major league start.

The win was the Cubs' second straight, but only their third in 11 games.

Ramon Garcia (3-6) took the loss, giving up three hits over six innings in his fifth start. He walked one and struck out four.

## BASEBALL

Grace hit his seventh home run with two outs in the first drive in Brian McRae, who reached on a fielder's choice.

Shawon Dunston singled to lead off the Cubs fourth. One out later, he stole second and reached third on a throwing error by Ausmus, one of four Astros' errors in the game. Kevin Orle walked and Servais executed a suicide squeeze, scoring Dunston.

Doug Glanville singled to lead off the eighth and stole second. Cubs manager Jim Riggleman was ejected after questioning a strike call on McRae by home plate umpire Jerry Layne. As Riggleman started walking toward home, Layne held out his left arm telling the manager to stop. He didn't and Riggleman was tossed after he said something to the umpire.

Sosa followed with his 16th home run, ending an 0-for-6 stretch since signing a four-year, \$42.5 million contract Friday.

Notes: Servais, who bruised his right shoulder in a home plate collision Thursday night with Houston's Craig Biggio, was back in the lineup Saturday after one day off. ... Astros outfielder Chuck Carr, who had to leave Friday's game with a strained left hamstring, did not start Saturday and was listed as day-to-day. ... Houston manager Larry Dierker and trainer Dave Labossiere made the trip from their downtown hotel to Wrigley Field on Friday and Saturday using roller blades, skating along Lake Michigan's lakefront. ... The crowd of 38,244 was the second largest at Wrigley Field

this season. The largest of 38,393 was June 14 against Milwaukee.

**Indians 12, Yankees 8**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Matt Williams hit two homers and tied career highs with four hits and six RBIs as the Cleveland Indians had 19 hits in a 12-8 victory over the New York Yankees on Saturday.

Williams hit a two-run home run in the second inning off Yankees starter David Wells and a three-run homer off reliever Jim Mecir to cap a six-run sixth.

Sandy Alomar went 3-for-5 to extend his hitting streak to 25 games, and Marquis Grissom matched his career high with five hits.

Eric Plunk (2-2), the second of four Indians pitchers, won in relief of Brian Anderson with two innings of one-hit ball. Albie Lopez allowed one run over three innings and Mike Jackson pitched the ninth.

Kenny Rogers (4-4), the second of four Yankees pitchers, was the loser. He allowed five runs — four earned — on seven hits in 2-1-3 innings. Wells gave up eight hits and five runs in three innings.

**Cardinals 12, Reds 6**  
**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Ron Gant homered as the St. Louis Cardinals scored seven runs off starter John Smiley and held on to beat the Cincinnati Reds 12-6 Saturday.

Dmitri Young matched his career high with four hits and Willie McGee had four singles and drove in three runs as the Cardinals piled up 18 hits and scored in all but three innings.

St. Louis rocked Smiley (5-10) for eight hits and seven runs in only 2-1-3 innings.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### From staff and wire reports

#### CGA planning benefit golf tournament

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will hold a tournament benefiting Christina Saucedo with tee times from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. today at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

All players must register before 10 a.m.

The four-man scramble (made up of teams with A, B, C and D players) requires an entry fee of \$15 per person.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. In addition, barbecue plates will be sold for \$5 each following the tournament.

All proceeds from the event will go to helping Saucedo and her family pay for medical expenses.

For additional information, call 264-2366 or 263-7741.

#### Big Spring Football Camp scheduled

The first Big Spring Football Camp has been scheduled for July 9-10 at Big Spring High School.

The three-day camp, according to BSHS coach Dan Arista, will be structured to provide basic football skills and fundamentals to youngsters between the ages of 11 and 13.

Camp sessions will begin at 8 a.m. each day and conclude at 5 p.m. Participants may either bring a lunch with them, or a meal will be provided at a reasonable cost, Arista added.

Youngsters are being asked to pre-register by

contacting Arista at 267-6884 or in person at the new athletic facility on the BSHS campus. Athletic offices at the high school will be open today and Thursday, as well as Monday through Thursday of next week.

In addition, youngsters of other ages wanting to take part should contact Arista to obtain special permission prior to the start of camp.

The registration fee will be \$40, and each youngster participating in the camp will need to bring the following: a T-shirt and shorts (not denim shorts), a good pair of running shoes, a swimsuit and a towel.

#### Westbrook ragball tournament

Westbrook High School's senior class will sponsor a ragball tournament July 18-19 at the Westbrook baseball field.

Entry fees are set at \$100 per team.

For more information, call Doug Koch at 644-5031 or Chris Majors at 644-3111.

#### Co-ed ragball event set in Coahoma

A ragball tournament has been scheduled for July 4-5 at the ballpark in Coahoma.

Games are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Friday and at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Teams will be composed of five men and five women above the age of 13 and entry fees will be set at \$10 per person.

For additional information, contact Cindy Kirby at 394-4748 or Tina LaRue at 394-4928.

#### 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 are being encouraged to patronize the restaurant each Monday night this month.

#### Scramble draws record crowd

Fifty teams from across the Permian Basin competed in the Big Spring Country Club's Women's Cloverleaf Two-Lady Scramble Thursday. Even chairman Bonnie Long said the one-day event set a record for the number of participating teams.

Jo Dickson and Becky Hakes won the championship flight with a score of 62, while Debra Lusk and Susie Hernandez won first flight honors with a 71.

Second flight winners were Raydene Drennen and Charlene Atkinson with a 76, Linda Forester and Mary Mullen won the third flight with a 79 and Loraine Noack and Erman Duncel were fourth-flight winners with an 85.

#### Youth sports results

The Bulldogs took a pair of victories in recent 13-year-old baseball action to earn a first-place tie with the Rangers in the league standings.

In the first game, Paul Ruiz, Chance Nichols and Dusty Floyd each had a pair of hits to power the Bulldogs to a 12-10 victory over the Braves.

Chance Nichols was the winning pitcher, while

Ryan Wegner (3-for-4) and Casey Conner (2-for-3) were the leading hitters for the Braves.

In their season finale, the Bulldogs took a 9-8 victory over the Mariners. In that game, Anthony Herrera went 3-for-4 at the plate, while Manuel Holguin and Richard Rye each had a pair of hits for the Bulldogs.

Nathan Campbell and Reagan Phillips each had two hits for the Mariners.

The Rangers and Bulldogs ended the season tied for first with identical 9-3 records, while the Mariners finished two games back in third. The Braves finished 5-7, the Pirates 4-8 and the Wolverines 2-10.

#### Crossroads Summer League results

On Thursday, Forsan edged Coahoma 17-14 in the junior division of the Crossroads Summer Girls Basketball League.

Forsan improved to 2-1 with the victory, while Coahoma fell to 2-4. Stanton continues to lead the junior division with a 4-0 record, followed by Greenwood with a 4-1 mark.

In senior division action, Garden City took a 24-19 victory over Greenwood and Sterling City downed Stanton 27-24. Big Spring and Sands are tied for the senior division lead with 5-0 records, while Grady is third at 3-1.

Monday games will pit Greenwood against Coahoma and Forsan against Stanton in the junior division, while Big Spring takes on Greenwood, Sterling City faces Sands I and Forsan meets Grady in senior division action.

BOWLING

Local leagues

STARGATE LEAGUE RESULTS - Three B's over LGR, 18-7; Team 8 over Team 9, 14-11; Big Spring Music over Team 10, 19-6; Team Two over No Fear, 15-10; Allan's Furniture over LL & R, 17-8; hi hdp game and series, Mike Elliott, 288 and 965; hi sc. game and series, Mike Elliott, 288 and 965.

SUMMER TRIO

RESULTS - Mickey Mouse Club over Three Of A Kind, 8-0; Team Eight over REB's, 6-2; Team Seven over Fifth Wheels, 8-0; Team 2 over Team Six, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series, Team 2, 554 and 1608; hi sc. game and series (men) Lee Everett, 234 and 672; hi sc. game and series (women) Betty Gossett, 175 and 474; hi hdp team game and series, Team Eight, 630 and Team 2, 1809; hi hdp game and series (men), Junior Barber, 235 and 679; hi hdp game and series (women) Tracie Lindsey, 218 and 609.

PIN POPPERS

RESULTS - Unthinkables over Dixie Chicks, 8-0; Go-Go Girls over A & B Farms, 8-0; Grannies over Wisner's, 8-0; hi sc. game and series Rosie Posey, 197 and 557; hi sc. team game and series, Go-Go Girls, 483 and 1390; hi hdp game and series, Rosie Posey, 241 and 689; hi hdp team game and series, Go-Go Girls, 634 and 1843.

FRIDAY COUPLES

RESULTS - C. Body Shop over Pin Panthers, 8-80; T. Dodo's over Team 8, 8-0; The Family over No Fear, 8-0;

Outsiders over Opa, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series, Opa, 722 and 1873; hi sc. game and series (men) Joe Cruz, 228 and 607; hi sc. game and series (women) Vicky Renshaw, 210 and Rachell Gutierrez, 549; hi hdp team game and series, T. Dodo's, 839 and 2432; hi hdp game and series (men) Joe Cruz, 254 and 685; hi hdp game and series (women), Vicky Renshaw, 238 and Rachell Gutierrez, 645.

STANDINGS - All in the Family, 18-6; Outsiders, 16-8; T. Dodo's, 16-8; Opa, 14-10; C. Body Shop, 12-12; No Fear, 12-12; Team, 4-20; Pin Panthers, 4-20.

RESULTS - A & B Farms over Washer's, 6-2; Unthinkables over Grannies, 6-2; Go-Go Girls over Dixie Chicks, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Jack Glaze, 195 and Rosey Posey, 451; hi sc. team game and series, Go-Go Girls, 490 and 1294; hi hdp game and series, Jack Glaze, 247 and Sheila Armstrong, 605; hi hdp team game and series, Go-Go Girls, 631 and A & B Farms, 1738.

STANDINGS - Grannies, 28-12; Go-Go Girls, 26-14; Unthinkables, 24-16; Wisner's, 18-22; A & B Farms, 14-26; Dixie Chicks, 10-30.

STARGATE LEAGUE RESULTS - Big Spring Music over Team 9, 15-10; LGR over No Fear, 18-7; Three B's over Allan's Furniture, 21-4; LL & R over Team Eight, 21-4; Team 2 over Team 10, 23-2; hi hdp game and series, Ray Kennedy,

273 and Lee Everett, 972; hi sc. game and series, Ray Kennedy, 269 and Lee Everett, 908.

BASKETBALL

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Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes teams like New York, Houston, Cleveland, Charlotte, Los Angeles, Sacramento, Phoenix, Utah, and Los Angeles 93, Sacramento 73.

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Transactions

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned RHP Pat Mahomes to Yokohama of the Japanese Central League in exchange for cash considerations.

Hunting moose in the Alaska wilderness

I was working on offshore drilling programs for Phillips Petroleum Co. in Anchorage, Alaska, when I was invited to a moose hunt near the town of Homer.

It was early September when Joe Hamilton, of Hamilton Rental Services, came into our office. He proclaimed in a blustrious voice, "Where are all the moose hunters?"



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John Gibson, our office manager replied, "Boyce is the only moose hunter in this bunch."

Ham helped me load my hunting gear, and we climbed aboard. After warming the engines, he asked for and received permission to take off.

Larry helped me load my hunting gear in the Jeep, and he drove us some 18 miles to camp. As we drove along the Kachemak Bay road, we could see the hardening ice fields to the east, across from Kachemak Bay.

After about 45 minutes, we arrived at the hunting camp which consisted of two sleeping tents and one cook tent.

I stored my gear in one of the tents and grabbed my rifle and started walking toward a hill that Larry had seen several moose earlier that day.

There I waited until about 4:30 p.m. and while I was preparing to go out again, Larry whispered, "there are five moose coming down the hill."

I was so excited that I could hardly wait for Larry to crank the tractor. The tractor was outfitted with tracks that were mounted over the rear wheels and stabilized with an idler wheel that was installed just to the rear of the front wheels.

We pulled a small two wheel trailer, and I rode in this. We hadn't gone 400 yards when

Larry yelled, "Moose!" Almost at the same instant, I also saw the moose. Larry stopped the tractor and standing in the trailer, I shot the bull moose from about 80 yards.

"Ya' got him," Larry yelled. "Yeah, looks like it," I replied, "and I'll go see if he is dead."

I waded through 80 yards of waist-high grasses and alder brush. The area had wash-outs about two feet wide and three to four deep and had to be avoided if possible.

Some 30 minutes later Larry arrived with the tractor and he helped me field dress the moose. I estimated the moose would weigh 800 pounds.

The antlers were not very large, but they were a trophy to me. After dressing, we placed a chain around its neck, and began dragging him to level ground.

Then we quartered the moose and loaded them on the trailer. And off to camp we went.

At camp, we laid the quarters out on a table and placed a tarp over them. Then we ate supper and went to bed.

Next day, I took the meat to the packing plant to be cut and wrapped. To my surprise, I had 369 pounds of moose meat. That was enough to last my family at the winter of 1968-69.

RAIN

Continued from page 9A rallied to win 4-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-3 and move into the third round.

"I think I pulled myself together well," Kournikova said. "I relaxed at 1-5 and told myself I had to make my shots."

Williams debuted on the new Court 1 after waiting since Monday to play. Each day she was scheduled for a different court, and each day the rain washed away her match against No. 91 Magdalena Grzybowska, an 18-year-old from Poland.

When she finally got a chance to play, the 6-foot-2 Williams showed plenty of potential and power, but too many signs of inexperience and poor coaching.

Her long locks braided with green, purple and white beads, Williams led 6-4, 2-0, then lost the next seven games as she tried to get too fancy on some shots, hit wildly on others, and failed to capitalize on the chances Grzybowska offered — including four break points in one game.

Rather than put the match away with the deep and angled shots that had allowed her to take the lead, Williams seemed at times as if she were experimenting on the court or showing off the variety of her game.

Williams' father, Richard, has no experience or expertise as a pro coach. Yet he is her lone coach after the dismissal of a professional, Rick Macci, a couple of years ago.

Wimbledon to work with her on the rainy days and guide her before her debut match.

When asked if she planned to get a full-time professional coach, Williams said, "My dad is quite competent." Pressed about whether it would have been better for her to have her coach at the tournament, she acknowledged, "It would be better," but that he didn't want to come.

She said her mother, Oracene, was here and "she is just as much my coach, almost as much as my dad. We work together as a family, doing things. She knows the game. It's not like I'm here alone."

Mrs. Williams, though, also has no experience as a coach and, she admits, little knowledge of tennis technique or strategy.

"I'm not her coach," Mrs. Williams said. "I'm just her mother. But she did the best she could do. It was a good experience for her."

WNBA

Continued from page 9A 25 turnovers to New York's 24. "The turnovers are the result of the intensity of the play on the court," Lobo said. "Point guards are being pressured to bring the ball from end to end."

Through the league's first eight games, the eight teams averaged 40 percent shooting, 21 turnovers and 68 points. By comparison, the NBA averaged 45.5 percent shooting, 15.7 turnovers and 96.9 points last season.

"We're confident the players will settle down," WNBA president Val Ackerman said, pointing out the season began only 23 days after the teams' first practices.

"I think they are overwhelmed," she said. "Many of them are not used to playing in front of crowds this large and didn't expect the media attention."

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# AHHHHH



# MASSAGE

## Ancient art finds place in Big Spring

Imagine an hour all to yourself. No work to do, no calls to make, no meetings to attend. You won't hear from your children, your spouse or your boss. For one hour, you might forget about the errands you need to run, the bills you have to pay and the deadlines you need to meet. Imagine a massage.

No longer a shady business practiced at "parlors" by people with questionable training, massage has become a respected treatment with trained practitioners.

"Massage comes from a long time ago," said Betty Kelley of Big Spring Skin Care, who has been offering massage in Big Spring for seven years. "But it got a bad name. That's too bad because if people understood what it's about, it is therapy for the body, mind and soul."

Local business owner Gail Earls says she gets a massage about twice a month.

"I've told my family that's all I want for birthdays, holidays, you name it," she said. "Getting a massage is the closest thing to heaven you'll ever get on Earth."

Massage has been available through local chiropractic clinics for several years, but now other local businesses are adding it their services, including salons and health food stores. In most cases, the business will hire a person trained as a registered massage therapist.

Prices range from about \$25 up. Massages are scheduled by appointment at most locations.

Warren Chiropractic has been offering massage therapy for about three years. Kyle Ware, a graduate of the Austin School of Massage program, offers half-hour or full-hour massages.

He says the benefits of massage therapy include improved circulation, building of muscle tone, and increased flexibility.

"There are all kinds of benefits you might not realize massage has to offer," Ware said.

"People under stress get trigger points," explained Angel Cannon, who offers massage therapy at La Mirage. Those points, like knotted muscles, cause discomfort.



Story by Debbie L. Jensen  
Photos by Jonathan Garrett



Kelley said she tells her clients the treatment room is a "magic room" where they must leave their troubles outside. Like some other local practitioners, Kelley gives massages in a room with low light and soft music playing.

Practitioners may also use oils to enhance the technique.

There are many different types of massage, and practitioners have varying styles. But they all agree on the benefits.

"Even if you don't think you have stress," Cannon said. "Even if you don't think you need it, just taking an hour out of the day to yourself is one of the best things you'll ever do."

In the photos, clockwise from top right: Kyle Ware applies pressure to John Anderson's back during a massage; Betty Kelley massages a client's leg; Ware does some stretching on his client; Ware uses his forearm to work on a stiff back; and Kelley rubs oil on Jaime Bain to begin the massage.

"We need to work that out and lengthen the muscle again," Cannon said. She said while in school, she was aware of a case where a massage therapist spent more than a year working with a nursing home patient whose limbs had been permanently drawn into the fetal position.

"His recovery was absolutely remarkable," she said, explaining that after long-term, regular therapy, the man was able to stretch out, stand and eventually walk again.

Family Hospice manager Donna Patrick said the agency uses massage to comfort patients.

"It's a definite benefit for our patients," Patrick said. "It helps them relax, (and) it's just a very positive time for them."

Kelley said massage will ease a sore neck, relieve headaches and reduce feelings of stress. But she said the benefits of regular massage are also emotional.

"When I start pulling the tension out, some people start to cry," she said. "Some just start talking and can't stop, pouring their emotions out."



## Cousins' Camp: How I spent my summer vacation

That great sucking sound across Texas the past 10 days was n't caused by NAFTA. It was my six grandchildren eating popsicles at Cousins' Camp.

If you were around your own cousins much as you grew up, you know how important they are in your life. Most of us count a cousin among our best friends. Some of us carry on a strong (but unspoken) competition

with a cousin we probably seldom see. Others are involved only to the extent of a phone call in the middle of the night from a cousin asking for bail money or a bus ticket home.

Cousins' Camp, for two weeks every summer, is our grandchildren's chance to make some memories with each other. For me, it's a long, let-me-look-at-you visit. The oldest boys are 14 and 11. The oldest girl is 11, and the youngest girl and two boys are nine this summer. We started camp when the youngest three stopped wetting their pants.

The rules, developed over the years, are simple: Don't hurt each other, clean up your own mess, try not to sicken your dinner companions and we don't cut our meat with the

scissors.

As in any group, the pecking-order exists. Sometimes it's necessary to get to the truth of a matter and since there are six versions to every argument, I've worked out a system. I have ruled out the word "lie."

A lie is something they all swear they never do, and can, therefore, never confess to having done it. I substitute Whopper and Whimsy, and have instructed them in the meaning of each.

Whopper: A gut-wrenching account of a total untruth.

Whimsy: A fantasy to test the gullibility of the listener.

Surprisingly, given a choice between the two, they sometimes come clean.

Most of the work for camp is done before the kids get here.

We bought bunkbeds and installed them in the play barn. We sharpened the hoes and shovels. The books and art supplies are in the old cardboard box on the window seat. The stock tanks are filled for swimming. We bought the first pickup load of groceries. And six big, dull machetes hang waiting on their rack on the barn wall.

We have made a few loose plans, but nothing is set in stone. We know in advance that the caves and forts up on the hill will get bigger and deeper, and the tree houses, always under construction, will continue to grow.

There is a single level in a mulberry tree where a mama cat and her three kittens go to get away from it all. There is a two-story in another tree with

space above for another floor. The kids are good carpenters. Everything is straight and level. Sometimes they sleep in them, or play cards and yell down food orders to the cook.

We serve two breakfasts. The first is cereal, or donuts, with milk. They get this themselves so they won't starve waiting for me to come awake enough to cook ham and eggs and hot biscuits. I am not a morning person. They know that and leave me alone.

We like to cook out at night when the gnats go away. Our favorite meal is a weenie roast, or tortillas on the grill with all the fixings for burritos.

After we eat, we like to build a campfire and sing songs or tell ghost stories. On special nights when the moon is full,

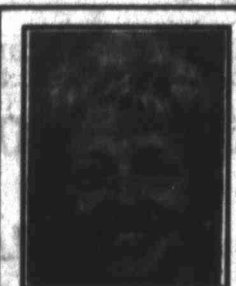
and the coyotes howl in the draw, I stalk them. I call their names softly and reach for them from my hiding place in the dark.

It scares them to death and they love it.

Their granddad will spend a lot of time with them in his shop. They make swords and birdhouses, or trucks and bat houses.

This year we're going to write a radio show and record it with our own sound effects. And we're having a barn dance for all their other cousins in the county.

Cousins' Camp is my favorite time of the year. It is my reminder of what life is all about. If you've never tried it, do. It feeds the soul.



Eunice Choate  
Columnist

# WEDDINGS

## BROOKS-JONES

Tara Jo Brooks, Stanton, and Anthony David Jones, Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on May 31, 1997, in Bowie, Texas, with Mike Redus, pastor of Cedar Lake Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jerry Brooks, Garland, and Kristy Brooks, Stanton.

He is the son of Scott and Janet Jones, Big Spring.

The couple stood before baskets of blue, peach and white roses on both sides of the altar, and lace bows marked the pews.

Pianist was Nancy Redus.

Given in marriage by her brother, Scott Brooks, the bride wore a white satin gown with a train, scooped neck bodice accented with pearls and sequins with a touch of lace.

She carried a bouquet of blue roses accented with peach and white flowers with ribbons and lace.

Sandy Jones, sister of the groom, was the matron of honor.

Gary Keese, cousin of the groom, served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill W. Jones, grandparents of the groom, in Sunset.

The wedding cake was a two-tiered white cake with white frosting accented with peach roses and topped with a bride and groom.

The groom's cake was a double chocolate cake.

The table featured both cakes,



MR. AND MRS. ANTHONY JONES

a white bell centerpiece, a bottle of champagne with engraved champagne glasses, crystal bowls of mints and assorted nuts and peach and blue rose napkins with silver utensils.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Stanton High School and attended Howard College. She was formerly employed by Golden Corral.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Belen High School, N.M., attended Silver City Junior College, N.M., and transferred to Howard College. He was formerly employed by Golden Corral. He is currently active duty in the U.S. Air Force.

Following a wedding trip to Wichita Falls, the couple will make their home at Mildenhall AFB, England.

# BENNETT-WRIGHT

Christy Ann Bennett and Marshall Heath Wright, both of Coahoma, were united in marriage on June 21, 1997, at 14th & Main Church of Christ with Melvin Fryar, uncle of the bride, and James Fryar, grandfather of the bride, officiating.

She is the daughter of Larry and Patricia Bennett, Coahoma. He is the son of Jim and Cecilia Wright, Coahoma.

The couple stood before a brass archway covered in baby's breath and accented with navy blue bows. Standing brass candelabras on each side held white tapered. Navy blue bows marked the pews.

Nikkie Moore, cousin of the groom, and Dee Parks, uncle of the bride, were the vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an off the shoulder, full length white satin gown accented with small bows on the shoulder. It featured a fitted bodice accented with open applique lace, sequins and seed pearls. A full skirt fell to a cathedral train, gathering from a large satin bow in back.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white stargazer lilies, white roses and gardenias.

Maid of honor was Krista Jeffcoat, Coahoma.

Andrea Fryrear, cousin of the bride, Midland, Brandy Logsdon, Coahoma, Nikki Moore, cousin of the groom, Dallas, and Jamie Wright, sister of the groom, Austin, were the bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Kami Fryar, cousin of the bride, Brady, and ringbearer was Dylan Wright, cousin of the groom, Big Spring.

Mike McMillan, Coahoma, was the best man. Jason Archibald, San Angelo, Brett Bennett, brother of the bride, Coahoma, Rodney Gressett, and Eric McMillan,



MR. AND MRS. MARSHALL WRIGHT

both of Coahoma, served as groomsmen.

Jay Chadwell, Joe Brice Wright and Blane Wright, all of Big Spring, were the ushers.

Candlelighters were Katherine Fryar, cousin of the bride, Brady, Kristin Moore, cousin of the groom, Dallas, and Brittney Parks, cousin of the bride, Brady.

A reception followed at the Big Spring Country Club.

The bride's cake was a three tiered white cake decorated with fresh lilies, roses, cornflowers and baby's breath and topped with a ceramic bride and groom.

The groom's cake was an Italian cream topped with chocolate dipped strawberries.

The bride is a graduate of Coahoma High School.

The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School and will attend the University of Texas in the fall in the pre-dental program.

Following a wedding trip to Honolulu and Kahului, Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Austin.

## NEWCOMERS

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

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Jack and Diann Partain, Americus, Ga. He works for Signal Homes, Inc.

Thomas Haden and son Joseph, Lake City, Fla. He is employed by Signal Homes, Inc.

Frank Kershaw, Abilene. He works for HEB.

Carolyn Arnold, Hobart, Ind. She works for WalMart.

Roy and Joann Wyatt, Keysville, Va. He is retired.

Roy and Windy Coy, Maryville, Mo. He works for Balsteco, Inc.

## ON THE MENU

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WEDNESDAY - Catfish; potatoes; squash; Waldorf salad; milk/cornbread; cobbler.

THURSDAY - Stew; green beans; gelatin salad; cornbread; milk; pudding.

FRIDAY - Closed.

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etable stick; diced pears; milk.  
TUESDAY - Chicken nugget; mashed potatoes; green beans; jello w/mixed fruit; roll; milk.  
WEDNESDAY - BBQ rib sandwich; ranch style beans; potato sticks; orange; milk.  
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# HERNANDEZ-REYES

Melinda Ann Hernandez and Christopher Michael Reyes, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage on June 28, 1997, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church with Father Frank Chavez, of Holy Redeemer Church in Odessa, officiating.

She is the daughter of Pete and Martha Hernandez, Big Spring.

He is the grandson of Jose Reyes and the son of Ermelinda Holguin, both of Big Spring.

The couple stood before two 10-branch candelabras and a brass unity candle.

Vocalists were Cindy Chavez, Carmen Brooks, Big Spring, and Steve Chavez.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white silk gown accented with crystal sequins, seed pearls and lace with a cathedral train from a silk bow. She carried a bouquet of white roses with crystals and black accents.

Maid of honor was Amanda Hernandez, sister of the bride, Big Spring.

Belinda Aguilar, Big Spring; Melissa Cortez, Yvette Cortez, cousins of the bride, Big Spring; Monica Gonzalez, cousin of the bride, Victoria; Kerri Hall, Big Spring; Theresa Marshall, Big Spring; Tricia Martinez, cousin of the bride, Arlington; Lupe Moreno, aunt of the bride, Big Spring; and Margaret Reyes, sister of the groom, Big Spring, were the bridesmaids.

Selina Arispe, cousin of the bride, Dallas, and Raquel Zubiate, niece of the groom, Big Spring, were the flower girls.

Ringbearer was Justin Olague, Big Spring. Train bearer was Selina Gonzalez, cousin of the bride, Victoria. Cushion bearers were A.J. Cortez and Daniel Moreno, cousins of the bride, Big Spring.

Best man was Josh Preston, Big Spring. Serving as groomsmen were



MRS. CHRISTOPHER REYES

Manuel Marquez, Edward Mendez III, Eric Montelongo, Mark Montelongo, Dimas Morales, Orlando Olague, Aron Salazar, Arnold Solis, all of Big Spring, and Danny Ray Stoker, Arlington.

Edger Barraza, Augustine Hernandez, cousin of the bride, Keith Monger and Raymond Ramirez, all of Big Spring, served as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the St. Thomas Fellowship Hall.

The wedding cake was a three tier cake with a fountain at the base with stairs leading to six satellite cakes topped with the bride's parents' wedding cake topper.

The groom's cake was chocolate and shaped like his "true love," his red truck.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of Scenic Mountain Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology. She is a cath lab tech at Medical Care Plaza.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School. He is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas and Florida, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

## HUMANE SOCIETY



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"Bernie" 2-year-old male Saint Bernard mix, white and brown.

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"Sammie" 2-year-old white Chow/Samoyed mix male, small dog.

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### GETTING ENGAGED



Tina White and Jeff Cook, both of San Antonio, will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 2, 1997, in the Garden of Gregory Hall, Ravenna.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie White, Windom.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Swafford and Mr. and Mrs. Don Cook, Big Spring.



Elissa Ann Medina and George Ben Bancroft, both of San Antonio, will unite in marriage on July 12, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Corpus Christi with Rev. Guadalupe Izaguirre, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Medina, Sr., Corpus Christi.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bancroft, Big Spring, and Mrs. ...



Gail Reinert and Erin Atkinson, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 2, 1997, at Caprock Winery, Lubbock, with Rev. Steve Barrett, pastor of Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock, officiating.

She is the daughter of Janet Reinert, Big Spring, and the late Ralph Reinert.

He is the son of Herschell and Sandra Atkinson, Colorado Springs, Colo.



Heather Varley, Big Spring, and Chris Stansel, Kermit, will be united in marriage on Aug. 2, 1997, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ with Rev. William Campbell, of Kermit, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bob and Rejenia Anderson, Hutto, and Ron and Karen Varley, Raleigh, N.C.

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### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Holland



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Eldon and Bobbie Holland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 28, 1997, in the home of Mavis Morton, their daughter, and hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Mangum, Okla., and she was born in Rockwall as Bobbie Fae Vaughan. They met through Bobbie's twin sister Billie.

They were married on June 28, 1947, in Donley County. Mr. and Mrs. Holland have two children, Eldagene Bather, Raytown, Mo., and Mavis Morton, Big Spring; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He is currently retired except for the never ending "Honey Do" jobs that keep him busy.



He had served in the U.S. Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He flew 47 missions which totaled 496 hours of combat flying during World War II and receive several medals. He also served on active duty for 18 months during the Korean Conflict. He was then employed by the Civil Service as an electrician until his retirement.

Previously, she was a beautician for many years until retiring. She now devotes her time to her home, family and her many hobbies.

They both were avid fishermen in their earlier years, but now they enjoy mainly RVing, playing cards, and visiting their children and grandchildren. They are affiliated with Midway Baptist Church.

#### Grant

Beverly and Robert Grant will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on July 6, 1997 from 2-4 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center. Hosts are Joe and Donna Mansfield, Dan and Pearly Meacham, Benny and Jayne Mansfield, Roy and JoJo Mansfield and Alan and Angela Grant.

He was born in Big Spring, and she was born as Beverly Mansfield in Berger. The couple met because their parents were friends.

They were married at Midway Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Grant have three children, Alan and wife Angela, Big Spring, Rodney Grant and Russell Grant, both of Coahoma. They have lived in Coahoma during their entire marriage except when he was stationed in San Antonio while in the Air Force.

He is currently a truck driver for Earthco, and she is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Previously, Robert worked for Trio Fuels as a truck driver, and Beverly



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT GRANT

worked at Golden Plains Care Center.

They attend Midway Baptist Church and enjoy fishing, bowling and sports events of their sons.

This was their comment about their 25 years together, "Challenging experience, ups and downs through the years but we love each other to make it worth another 25 years."

### STORK CLUB

Katy Beth Elder, girl, June 17, 1997, 3:59 p.m., six pounds one ounce and 19 inches long; parents are Randy and Elizabeth Elder, Lubbock.

Grandparents are Edward and Jean Slate, Big Spring, and Gerald and Barbara Elder, Sweetwater.

Garrett Lee Ballard, boy, June 12, 1997, eight pounds 13 1/2 ounces; parents are Kim and James Ballard, Plano.

Grandparents are Ron and Pat Howell, Big Spring, and Margaret Ballard, El Paso.

MacKenzie Paige Smith, girl, June 7, 1997, 9:57 p.m., eight pounds nine and a half ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Lance and Tabatha Smith.

Grandparents are A.C. and Nancy Alexander and Lonnie

### Plot may lead to serious thought

"Infernal Affairs." Jane Heller. April, 1997. Kensington Publishing Corporation, New York, N.Y. 319 pages. \$5.99.

On what seemed like a typical day, Barbara Chessner's husband, Mitchell, came home to announce that he had found the love of his life and was leaving. Barbara assumes that her personal appearance was a part of the reason Mitchell has found another woman. When she looks in the mirror, she sees herself as a dowdy, frumpily dressed, heavy-set woman with wild unmanageable gray hair. Disgusted by the view and devastated by the loss of her husband, Barbara piles into bed and cries herself to sleep.

When she awakes, a "new person" appears in her mirror. Even though it is the same Barbara Chessner inside, the slim, sexy, blond looking back at her is a total stranger; a complete transformation has taken place. Even at work, Barbara's personality is different. Others notice that she now says what she is thinking, no longer worrying about how she appears to others. As a normally reticent person, this behavior is surprising to everyone.

especially Barbara. It seems as if she has no control over her actions or words.

After a 12-month drought as a real estate salesperson, Barbara suddenly receives a contract for a multi-million dollar estate. The prospective buyer is a charming, handsome and apparently successful businessman who fascinates Barbara.

She is immediately attracted to him, and while the business of buying the estate continues, a romantic interest develops. However, one night David Bettinger confides that, like Barbara, has undergone a physical and attitude change. These changes are evidence that he is now a Darksider, or a person belonging to the devil. He explains to Barbara that her transformation is the work of the devil, and that she, too, belongs to the world of Satan.

While Barbara vehemently denies not being in control of her life, she cannot explain the growling noises she spontaneously utters, the verbal outbursts that spew from her mouth, or the strange physical actions that take place without her conscious thought.

At this point, Barbara knows that having a beautiful body or a successful business is not worth having the Devil control her actions and future. Barbara determines to rid her life of the Devil and his insidious influences.

Despite the rather fanciful, yet dreadful focus of Jane Heller's "Infernal Affairs," the book moves along at a fast pace. As unrealistic as

Barbara's situation might seem, the plot calls for the reader to do some serious self-examination about personal goals which might open the door for evil influences to dictate undesirable outcomes.

The story did not have a critical climax, but Heller gives the readers some humorous and clever twists to contemplate.



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## New home fees create rivalry for towns and builders

By SUSAN WARREN

The Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal

Don't look now, but you may be paying for more than just four walls and a roof when you buy a brand-new house.

In many Texas cities, home buyers subsidize water and sewage departments and help pay for the street out front when they, or their banks, cut those big checks to sellers. That's thanks to what local governments call impact fees — and what builders call hidden taxes.

Whatever the name, there's no disputing that the impact of impact fees is growing across Texas — not only helping cities offset the high cost of providing services to new neighborhoods, as intended, but also annoying

builders and developers and driving up prices.

Technically, cities charge the fees to the developer who buys the raw land for a new subdivision. But, as with most other costs of doing business, the fees are ultimately passed on to the consumer.

"Let's not delude ourselves that it's the builder or developer who pays this," says Lyle Johansen, executive vice president of the Texas Association of Builders. "It's the home purchaser."

Moreover, a \$1,000 fee paid by a developer can more than double by the time it makes its way into the price of a house. Impact fees are marked up just like other costs, such as those for pouring concrete or hiring engineers, acknowledges Norman Dugas, president of Diversified

Developments Inc., a subdivision developer in San Antonio.

Impact fees were once embraced by governments and developers alike. For governments, the appeal remains: The fees put the financial burden of installing infrastructure for new subdivisions on the developers and home buyers, and not on longtime residents.

And developers initially had some reason to like the fees. In 1985, when the Legislature approved the levying of such fees by cities, they actually helped spur development in some communities that had balked previously at the expense of servicing additional homes.

But now, developers say some cities are getting carried away. They are exaggerating expenses associated with new development to justify asking for more

and more money, developers charge, using impact fees to, in essence, raise taxes without incurring voter ire. "It can be, in some cases, sort of a stealth tool that cities use to increase their finances," says Johansen.

A survey earlier this year by Charles E. Gilliland, associate research economist at the Texas A&M Real Estate Center, found that 67 cities in Texas were charging the fees, up from 36 cities in 1991, while 14 more cities said they plan to impose impact fees soon. The survey found that most of the cities adopting the fees recently were the small, suburban municipalities that developers claim are the most aggressive fee chargers.

And developers say the high fees are skewing the market for new housing.

For builders, it isn't easy to

pass along several thousand dollars of fees on a \$70,000 residence. They say that municipalities know that and charge high impact fees precisely to get \$300,000-home subdivisions and the high property taxes and high-income residents they bring.

Builders say that makes it hard to provide affordable housing. Ron Formby, vice president of marketing and sales for Kaufman & Broad in Dallas, says it's unfair that cities charge the same fee for a 1,000-square-foot house as they do for a 4,000-square-foot house, though the larger house would create a greater burden on city services.

Developers now also question the premise behind impact fees. They say residential development more than pays for itself when all new revenue is con-

sidered — including things like the extra sales tax. And Chad Hanna, a developer in Tyler, figures the city is paying just as much for upkeep on water lines running beneath the senior citizen's 50-year-old house as it is on servicing the new homes.

Municipal officials don't buy those arguments.

If not for impact fees, says Bill Telford, San Antonio's planning manager, the costs of services for new developments would have to be paid from general tax revenue — meaning senior citizens and others living on fixed incomes in older neighborhoods would be footing the bill for new subdivisions.

Denise Wilkinson, planning assistant for the city of Keller, northeast of Fort Worth, adds that there's no conspiracy against affordable housing.

### NEW AND IMPROVED



The Dairy Queen Restaurant at 2600 S. Gregg recently celebrated its new and improved look during a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured cutting the ribbon are Dairy Queen employees Mary Vasquez, Rebecca Castillo, Manager Cheryl Payne and Teresa Coates.

## Ergot threatening U.S. sorghum fields, producers preparing

AMARILLO, (AP) — It's entirely likely that sorghum ergot will complete its march through American fields by the end of the year, according to researchers at a conference of U.S. farmers and industry officials.

All growers should be wary of the pesky fungus once unique to the Eastern Hemisphere. Those in the Texas Panhandle should be especially vigilant, experts say.

"We're preparing for the worst, but we're anticipating it not to be as bad as a lot of extreme views have said," said Geoff Thomas of Asgrow Seed Co., a major Texas Panhandle seed producer.

Because of the nature of sorghum's fertilization process, crops grown for seed production are far more vulnerable than grain fields to the insidious fungus.

About 90 percent of the world's sorghum seed crop is grown in the Texas and

Oklahoma panhandles and southwestern Kansas. Those who have watched ergot move northward since its 1995 introduction into Brazil don't doubt that it will breach the Texas Hill Country into the High Plains as the summer wears on.

Ergot attacks unfertilized sorghum plants, which are vulnerable during pollination season. Seed companies will be on alert in mid-July as they race to pollinate one last crop before ergot becomes a way of life here, as it has in other parts of the world for 80 years.

Tim Lust of the National Grain Sorghum Producers association estimates that seed companies' costs per acre might increase 10 percent because of chemical purchases they haven't needed in the past.

"It would be a \$4 million to \$6 million savings to the industry if it doesn't get here this year," Lust said.

A crop's ability to quickly

pollinate itself is the best repellent to ergot, which preys on unfertilized plants once they bloom.

Weather also might be an ally to High Plains farmers. The fungus prefers cool, humid conditions, while the midsummer blooming season tends to be dry and hot here.

"I'm inclined to think that the risk of ergot is relatively low, but you may tar and feather me the next time I'm in Texas (if wrong)," South African ergot expert Neal McLaren said.

Only one kind of chemicals, called a triazole, has been found to rebuff ergot. The industry wants to use it sparingly for fear that the fungus might someday become resistant.

"The less pressure we have on the fungicide to perform, the better off we're going to be," said Texas A&M-Corpus Christi researcher Gary Odvody.

## Lawmakers moving to preserve farm tax break

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is moving to preserve a big tax break for farmers by ensuring that they may use commodity contracts to defer income.

The Internal Revenue Service ruled last year that income from a crop had to be taxed in the year it was sold.

At the behest of farm-state lawmakers, the House Ways and Means Committee recently put a provision in a wide-ranging tax bill to rewrite the law on which the IRS ruling was based.

The Senate Finance Committee was expected to include a similar provision in its tax package last week,

according to senators who support the tax break.

"That will be good news for the farmers who have been on edge as to whether the IRS was going to proceed," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said in a recent interview.

Some 63 senators, including a majority of the Finance Committee, have co-sponsored legislation to preserve the tax break, and the idea also has broad support in the House.

Farmers use commodity contracts to smooth swings in their tax bills by deferring income from one year to the next. Under the contracts,

farmers deliver their crop one year and get paid in the following one.

Because of the way the tax system works, a farmer who makes \$100,000 one year and nothing the next would pay more in taxes than a salaried worker who made \$50,000 both years.

An Iowa federal court upheld the IRS ruling. In that case, a farmer was ordered to pay \$150,000 in extra taxes on hogs he sold under contract in 1990.

"The IRS was just flat wrong in its interpretation of tax law and farmers suffered unnecessarily as a result," said House Agriculture Chairman Bob Smith, R-Ore.

## Family-owned casket company merging after 125 years

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Marsellus Casket Co., a family-owned business that has made hardwood caskets worthy of presidents for 125 years, is merging with the world's largest funeral home chain.

Marsellus Casket on Tuesday became part of Service Corporation International, a Houston-based worldwide chain of 2,982 funeral homes, 345 cemeteries and 150 crematories.

John D. Marsellus and his executive team will continue to run the casket company, which employs 300 workers and will remain intact.

"It gives us a chance to perpetuate a 125-year-old business and also protect our reputation," said Marsellus, whose great-grandfather started the company in 1872 as a cabinet shop.

"We are two strong companies. I think it makes good business sense to put us together," Marsellus said.

Marsellus Casket produces only handmade hardwood coffins — between 17,000 and 18,000 a year. Although the company is guarded about the

names of those buried in its caskets, those it does acknowledge form an impressive list: former presidents John Kennedy and Harry Truman, former vice presidents Hubert Humphrey and Nelson Rockefeller, football coaching great Vince Lombardi and Cardinal Terrence Cooke.

SCI employs 33,000 workers and operates in the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia. It posted sales in excess of \$2.7 billion in 1996 and had earnings of \$265.3 million.

SCI is Marsellus Casket's largest customer. Making the decision to acquire Marsellus was not difficult.

"They're the premier manufacturer of wooden caskets, and as such provides us with a captive source of unique high-quality products," said Todd Matherne, SCI's vice president for investor relations.

"If you think strategically, this acquisition will allow us to ultimately control a highly desirable product line for the benefit of our customers and our shareholders."

Company founder John

Marsellus began building custom-made coffins at his workshop in 1872. Today, the caskets are still handcrafted and remain highly regarded for their workmanship.

However, the company struggled financially in the mid-1970s before John D. Marsellus became president in 1978. The present-generation Marsellus dumped tradition-bound ways and modernized the company's factory and improved its production, while reestablishing its reputation.

From a personal perspective, Marsellus said it was a draining decision to agree to the merger. From a business view, it was an easy one, he said.

"You have to have a wider vision than just the family business owner," Marsellus said.

"Figuring out what to keep and what to change is always a challenge. But we wouldn't be here today if ... we didn't have an attitude that could deal with change. We have reinvented ourselves several times over the years."

## Time to select cotton crop management system

Now is the time to determine the best type of management steps according to your current crop status. Each individual producer may manage his cotton crop similar to or very different from his neighbor.

In light of this matter, sporadic weather events have also played havoc on area producers. Recent heavy rainfall, followed by an overpowering and damaging dust storm, ravaged many cotton fields across the northern



Keith Klement  
Asst. County Agent-Agriculture

part of Big Spring. Also, a few producers north of Big Spring were hit with hail last Friday.

What does all of this mean? County cotton producers and area and district specialists met at Holland Cottonseed on Wednesday to assess current conditions. A visit was also made to Eddy Herm's place where cotton was inspected and management discussed.

District Extension Agronomist, Dr. Brian Unruh, expressed the need for producers to make careful observations of their crops with simple measurements from several individual plants. A very important measurement to be made is the height-to-node (HNR) ratio.

Development of main-stem nodes is not as sensitive to environmental stress as is plant

height. For this reason, individuals should determine plant vigor by measuring the plants from cotyledons to the terminal (tuft of leaves at the top of the plant) for height.

Then count the main-stem nodes beginning with the node above the cotyledons to the last fully expanded leaf. HNR is calculated by dividing the plant height by the number of plant nodes. The ratio and stress condition are rated as: a) stressed plants: ratio is <0.8; b) normal growth ratio equals 0.8 to 1.2; and c) excessive growth ratio is >1.2.

Presently, cotton planted in mid-May has started producing squares. Keeping a close eye on square retention is very important since the cotton crop does not have time to recover from sustained square loss.

Due to the squares' complex

growth pattern and small size, they are more sensitive than bolls to physical damage by wind (sand), hail and insects. While checking for square development and HNR it is important to determine insect densities.

Extension Agent for Integrated Pest Management Warren Multer has stated that for the most part thrips have done most of their damage except for on the replanted sites. He also stated that the flea hoppers and bollworms are the next insects to be on the watch for.

For the most part, cotton plants in the county are into 30 days of maturity and have anywhere from four to seven nodes at this point. However, some acreage has been replanted due to heavy rains, hail or the dust storm and are less than a week

old. This puts things into two perspectives.

One is that plants beginning square development will need a good dose of nitrogen to provide nutrients for healthy squares and maintain yield potential. However, new plants will not yet need this type of treatment. If you find that your HNR is at normal growth and squares are starting to develop, Dr. Unruh and Mr. Multer have recommended providing nitrogen (N) to current cotton crops.

It requires 70 lbs of actual N/acre to produce a bale of cotton. Current conditions with the good soil moisture indicate a possibility of one to 1.5 bales per acre for 1997.

It looks as if production may be 1.5 bales per acre, requirement of N for this amount of production will be 105 lbs of N/acre. A split appli-

cation may be best at this time. Approximately two-thirds of the 105 lbs of N now and the other one-third in about 45 to 60 days.

Remember whatever amount you included during planting should be deducted from the total N being discussed for total production, i.e. if 10 lbs was applied during planting then only 95 lbs of actual N will be needed during the growing season.

Be aware that different ratios have different amounts of N. For instance, 32-0-0 urea fertilizer has approximately 11.2 lbs of N/gallon. In this case, 63.33 lbs of actual N would be needed for the two-thirds application. This would lead to 5.65 gallons of the fertilizer to apply what is being recommended. For further information contact the Extension Office at 264-2236.

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office at 294-2226.

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Barnett, Barry C., 1600 S. Main, Big  
Spring  
Briggs, Tonya Marie, 538 Westover No.  
234, Big Spring  
Byrum, Kathy, 1504 E. 25th, Apt. 101,  
Big Spring  
Cuthbert, Cynthia, 2511 Dow, Big Spring  
Coates, Tara L., 1505 Avon, Big Spring  
Cote, Patti, 15262 FM 812, Ploverna  
Coleman, Billy W., Jr., 636 Westover  
No. 124, Big Spring  
DeLeon, Stacie Marie, 2515 Gunter, Big  
Spring  
Feester, Kathy M., 3124 Danley,  
Colorado City  
Gamble, Rodney Joe, 1811 State St.,  
Big Spring  
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No. 23, Big Spring  
Hartley, Michelle Leann, Rt. 2, Box 154,  
Big Spring  
Hartman, Christy, 2610 Fairchild, Big  
Spring  
Hernandez, Dominga, 1303 Michael  
Ave., Big Spring  
Hernandez, Elizabeth, 2525 Fairchild,  
Big Spring  
Hernandez, Steve, P.O. Box 521, Big  
Spring  
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Fairchild, Big Spring  
Hiero, Joann, 1802 State, Big Spring  
Hill, Dianna, 1207 28th St., Snyder  
Lawson, Gladys L., 608 N. Sixth,  
Lamesa  
Lewis, Shawn B., P.O. Box 141, Garden  
City  
Lynch, Mark Shannon, 10906 E. County  
Rd. No. 109, Midland  
Nalle, Brian Lloyd, 4819 36th St.,  
Lubbock  
Noble, Michele, 3617 Hatch, Big Spring  
Padron, Pedro T., Box 495, Coahoma  
Perez, Angelina C., 1681 A Patio  
Terrace, Arlington  
Roberts, Deandra, P.O. Box 1011,  
Sterling City  
Rodriguez, Sylvia, 509 Union, Big Spring  
Romero, Pedro, 503 Douglas, Big Spring  
Sanchez, Arturo, Jr., 12998 Montford  
Dr. No. 127, Dallas  
Sosa, Dianna A., 4204 Dixon, Big Spring  
Sotelo, Amanda, 6981 A. Fremont,  
Lubbock  
Sotelo, Jose D., 222 Redbud, Lubbock  
Tatro, Laura, P.O. Box 113, Sterling City  
Trevino, Freddie, 1311 N. Third, Lamesa  
Trevino, Mary Lou, 1812 N. 12th,  
Lamesa  
Turner, Elbert Ernest, P.O. Box 2721,  
Big Spring  
Vain, Balinda, 1005 E. 16th, Big Spring  
Wells, Michele D., P.O. Box 96,  
Westbrook

County Clerk's office:  
Marriage Licenses:  
Gary Wayne Howell, 27, and Marl Kim  
Mezrow, 21  
Carol Lee McNeil, 24, and Tabatha Ann  
Wilson, 28  
Christopher Michael Reyes, 22, and  
Michelle Marie Fernandez, 27  
Jovelynn Jean Grant, 26, and Dwayne Ray  
Hudgins, 18  
Christopher Landon Evans, 20, and  
Kimberly Dawn Roman, 21.

County Court Records:  
Probated judgment possession of mar-  
juana under two ounces: Christopher  
Myrick \$250 fine and 180 days in jail  
Order(s) of dismissal: Francisco Vega,  
Jerry Rushin, Enrique Sabedra, William  
Franks, William Franks, Abraham  
Gonzalez, Michael M. Inness  
Probated judgment fail to display driv-  
er's license subsequent offense: Jim  
Jason Coker \$350 fine and 180 days in  
jail, Jim Jason Coker \$400 fine and 180  
days in jail  
Judgment & sentence DWL invalid:  
Charles Ray Wright \$100 fine, \$197 court  
cost and 30 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence DWI: Juan  
Renteria \$750 fine, \$262 court cost and  
45 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence resisting arrest:  
Juan Renteria \$250 fine, \$192 court cost  
and 15 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence evading arrest:  
Juan Renteria \$250 fine, \$192 court cost  
and 15 days in jail  
Probated judgment evading  
arrest/detention: Guy Dewayne Webster  
\$100 fine and 180 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence burglary of vehi-  
cle (6 counts): Amanda Brown fines on  
each count \$500 and time in jail on each  
count - 60 days  
Judgment & sentence DWLS: Camilo  
Montoya Escobar \$100 fine, \$197 court  
cost and 30 days in jail.

Deeds:  
Warranty Deeds:  
grantor: Judy Hagle and Debra Jean  
Brummett  
grantee: Doyce Reed  
property: That certain one acre tract of  
land out of the southeast 1/4 of section  
14, blk. 23, T-1-N, T&P Railway Co.  
filed: June 16, 1997

grantor: Texas Commerce Bank - San  
Angelo, National Association  
grantee: Texas Commerce Community  
Foundation  
property: The east 1/2 of the southeast  
1/4 of section 17, and the east 1/2 of  
section 16, except the north 1/2 of the  
northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4, all in  
blk. 25, Houston & Texas Central Ry. Co.  
filed: June 16, 1997

grantor: Birdwell Lane Baptist Church  
grantee: Julian Hecrodes  
property: Lots 11 and 12, blk. 16,  
Washington Place Addition  
filed: June 15, 1997

grantor: Dago, LLC, acting by and  
through Timothy H. George, managing  
member

grantor: Kenneth R. and Peggy J. Dean  
property: Lots 1 and 2, blk. 1, Coronado  
Hills  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R.  
Dor Jones  
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R.  
Dor Jones revocable living trust  
property: Lot 6, blk. 3, Stamford Park  
Addition  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R.  
Dor Jones  
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R.  
Dor Jones revocable living trust  
property: Lot 3, blk. 5A, Central Park  
Addition  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R.  
Dor Jones  
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R.  
Dor Jones revocable living trust  
property: Lot 1, blk. 2, Indianola  
Addition  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R.  
Dor Jones  
grantee: Edward Eugene and Dorothy R.  
Dor Jones revocable living trust  
property: Lot 6, blk. 24, Cole &  
Strayhorn Addition  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Olivia Garcia Gutierrez Zamora  
grantee: Rudy G. and Guadalupe O.  
Gutierrez  
property: South 38 feet of lot 2, 3 and  
4, blk. 3, Porter Addition  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Gilliland Group Partnership, a  
Texas general partnership  
grantee: City of Big Spring  
property: Lot 12, and north 39 1/2 foot  
of lot 11, blk. 35, Original Town of Big  
Spring  
filed: June 18, 1997

grantor: Melinda Sue Partee, indepen-  
dent executrix of the estate of Dorothy  
Ann Garrett Turner, Deceased  
grantee: Prescription Services, Inc.  
property: South 1/2 of lot 1, blk. 89,  
Original Town of Big Spring  
filed: June 19, 1997

grantor: Frances Wheat, Lawrence  
Reagan Wheat and Leo Elise Wheat Kell  
grantee: George W. and Susan L.  
Williams  
property: North 10' of the west 80' and  
the east 90' of lot 6, blk. 25, Original  
Town of Big Spring  
filed: June 19, 1997

grantor: Laura M. Hankins  
grantee: Darren L. Hankins  
property: All my undivided interest in  
lots 2 and 10, blk. 10, South Haven  
Addition  
filed: June 19, 1997

grantor: Marie Haney  
grantee: Stanley Haney and Regina  
Franke  
property: the west 1/2 of section 44,  
blk. 27, H&TC Ry. Co.  
filed: June 19, 1997

grantor: Veggie Restro  
grantee: Roger L. and Marie A. Holmes  
property: A 0.80 acre tract of land out  
of the southwest 1/4 of section 29, blk.  
22, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: June 20, 1997

Warranty Deed with vendor's title  
grantor: Donald E. Hankins  
grantee: Rodney D. and Paul E. Cline  
property: Lot 3, blk. 67, Original Town of  
Big Spring  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Wade Choate  
grantee: Scott D. and Jane Savell  
property: Being a 6.0 acre tract of land  
out of the northwest 1/4 of section 17,  
blk. 17, blk. 21, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: A.J. Arnold  
grantee: David G. and Cindy Tuttle  
property: Lot 15, blk. 3, Washington  
Place Addition  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Robert M. Gardner and Anita  
Roberta Daniels  
grantee: Anne Humphrey Feltner  
property: The east 180' of blk. 3, W.J.  
Gordon Addition  
filed: June 17, 1997

grantor: Bradley D. and Lisa A.  
Hutchison  
grantee: Travis Lee and Kristin M.  
Lambert  
property: Lot 1, blk. 9, Washington  
Place Addition  
filed: June 20, 1997

grantor: John and Leanne Homan  
grantee: Keith A. and Karen Long  
property: Two tracts of land out of sec-  
tion 19, blk. 22, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: June 20, 1997

grantor: Blanche Wilmoth  
grantee: Austin George and Peggy Ann  
Sherrill  
property: Lot 5, blk. 6, Cedar Ridge  
Addition  
filed: June 20, 1997

Substitute Trustee's Deed:  
District Court:  
Filings:  
Divorce:  
Helene Haines Granados vs. Hector  
Granados  
Elizabeth Elaine Serley vs. Darren Keith  
Serley  
Rosa Elice Salazar vs. Richard Villa  
Salazar  
Yecenia Davila Vasquez vs. John  
Vasquez  
Francis Trevino Franco vs. David Franco  
Sandra J. Hatfield vs. Benny Eugene  
Hatfield  
Michelle D. Hodins vs. John Hodins  
Fennell:  
Peggy Pennington vs. Frankie  
Pennington  
Janis Diaz vs. Alfred Diaz  
Sallie Taylor vs. Cameron Sapp

Kelly Lanell Saucum vs. Benjamin  
Edward Saucum  
Injury and damage with a motor vehi-  
cle.  
Frances Harz vs. Marvin Wells and  
Suzanne Moore, Inc.  
Chase  
Joyden Keith Perkins  
Injury and damage:  
Accounts, notes & contracts:  
Nations Bank Texas, N.A., a Texas  
Corporation vs. Tony and Mary L. Flores  
Martinez  
Forensic Bank - Texas, Big Spring, N.A.  
vs. Wade Choate, Kyle Choate and Choate  
Company  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs.  
Agustino Martinez, III  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. John  
Hednott  
Rulings:  
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Future bright for hybrid aircraft once scrapped

WASHINGTON (AP) - The  
death of the V-22 Osprey tilt-  
rotor aircraft was greatly exag-  
gerated. The airplane-helicopter  
has risen from its grave to be-  
come a showpiece for tomor-  
row's military capabilities.

Sidelined for years because of  
two crashes and a \$42 million  
price tag, the hybrid flying  
machine now stands at the cen-  
ter of the Defense Department's  
modernization plans.

In April, the Navy issued the go-  
ahead to begin production, and  
Defense Secretary William  
Cohen last month recommend-  
ed accelerating the order.

"Once you say it's in produc-  
tion, it's reality," said Rep. Kay  
Granger, R-Texas, whose dis-  
trict includes a major contrac-  
tor.

The latest plans call for buy-  
ing 360 units for the Marine  
Corps, 48 for the Navy and 50  
for the Air Force's special oper-  
ations unit. The first ones will  
be delivered in 1999, with a full  
Marine squadron fielded by  
2001.

Program developers say the  
Air Force also has inquired  
about buying additional air-  
craft for search and rescue  
needs, and there's talk about  
eventually using a modified  
Osprey for presidential trans-  
port, replacing the Marine One  
helicopter now used for shorter  
trips.

A smaller, civilian version is  
in the works as well, with more  
than 20 companies having  
already placed deposits for  
some 30 units even though they  
won't begin to roll of assembly  
lines for at least four more  
years.

"The future is bright," said  
Frank Jensen Jr., president of  
Helicopter Association  
International, a trade group.  
"The use of these machines is  
only limited by the imagination  
of the people who use them."

The 24-seat Osprey can take  
off and land like a helicopter  
and fly like an airplane by til-  
ing its twin wing-mounted  
rotors 90 degrees.

Developed jointly since 1983  
by Boeing's helicopters division  
near Philadelphia and Bell  
Helicopter Textron in Fort  
Worth, Texas, the aircraft was  
designed to replace the  
Marines' antiquated CH-46 Sea  
Knight helicopter. The program  
keeps thousands employed in  
suburban Philadelphia and Fort  
Worth.

The Osprey can fly as far and  
as fast as the C-130 transport  
plane now used to bring ser-  
vicemen and equipment to war  
zones. Once there, it can land  
in the battlefield like a CH-46.

Helicopters now headed to  
another part of the world must  
be taken apart, loaded on a

State economy rosy, trend likely to continue for a while

DALLAS (AP) - Close on the  
heels of stories about when oil  
and money flowed during  
Texas' heady oil boom days, are  
talks of the bust and woe that  
followed during the mid-'80s oil  
glut.

That could be why many in  
the Lone Star State hesitate to  
define the state's current  
robust economy and promising  
future as a "boom."

"I think the last crash taught  
a lot of people a lesson. They're  
feeling real good, but we may  
not again see the kind of behav-  
ior we had seen in the boom,"  
said Sheila Clancy, spokes-  
woman for the state comptrol-  
ler's office.

Despite Texans' caution,  
they're feeling good about the  
healthy pace of growth and  
lack of dark clouds on the hori-  
zon.

"Consumer confidence in  
Texas is much higher than the  
rest of the nation. It's because  
the economy is doing well and  
jobs are plentiful. There also is  
an increase in construction in  
some regions of the state," Ms.  
Clancy said.

Part of the confidence can be  
attributed to a well-rounded  
economy this time around,  
unlike the oil-spurred prosper-  
ity that peaked in the early '80s.

"The economy is pretty much  
a broad-based boom, if we can  
call it a boom. It seems to be a  
relatively healthy economy,"  
said John Kruse, a labor mar-  
ket analyst for the Texas  
Workforce Commission.

Economist Ray Perryman  
agrees, noting that employment  
and real gross product figures  
indicate a stable state economy  
for the long term.

"While cycles are inevitable  
and we do anticipate some  
slowdown from the frenetic  
pace of the early 1990s, the  
strange collection of forces that  
produced the 'bust' of the 1980s  
is no longer remotely present,"  
Perryman forecasts for the  
spring.

Even the oil and gas industry  
is on the upswing these days  
thanks to steady prices,  
increased global demand and  
improved technology.

Ms. Clancy said her indica-  
tors are projected for the next

six months and during that  
time, "things are looking rosy."

While opinions differ as to  
whether the state will continue  
its growth or slow down, no  
one sees "any signs of a signifi-  
cant, serious downturn," Kruse  
said.

Employment figures released  
Tuesday show labor conditions  
in the state improving, espe-  
cially in the service and con-  
struction industries, as  
statewide employment for  
Texas businesses increased by  
261,300 jobs from December  
1995 to December 1996.

Consumers also see the  
results of a growth cycle.

"The economy is getting bet-  
ter and better," said Farida  
Pengwani, who hopes to buy a  
small delicatessen. In the last  
three years, she's watched  
prices escalate by 50 percent as  
she searched for the right prop-  
erty. she's watched prices go  
up.


The telecommunications  
industry is one of the reasons  
behind the growth.

The Osprey's future looked  
bleaker following two crashes  
in two years, the second killing  
three Marines and four civil-  
ians. In addition, the aircraft  
came in 3,600 pounds over  
weight and exceeded its \$1.8  
billion developmental budget.

Supporters towed the Marine  
Corps' line: The Vietnam-era  
CH-46 is too old, too slow and  
in need of replacement. The  
Osprey crashes were dismissed  
as a tragic but unavoidable part  
of aircraft development and

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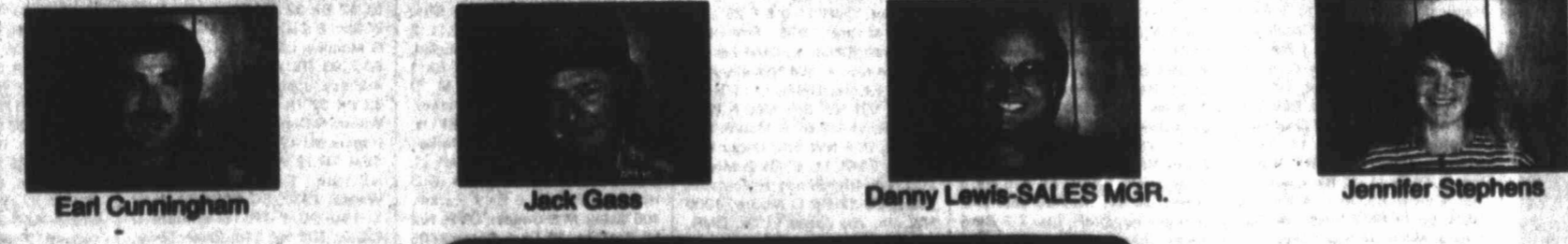
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Abigail Van Buren Columnist

That made me sit down and think hard. No more running around for me! I'm in my early 20s - too young to die. I found a girlfriend who was not sexually active. She told me she had been intimate with only one person, and only one time. We dated steadily for a year and a half before we engaged in intercourse. It lasted only about 30 seconds before she said, "This isn't right - we should be married!" Then she put her clothes back on.

meaning I will have to get treatments and watch for outbreaks until my dying day. For a woman, it is worse. It hides, unexposed, with no symptoms. If left untreated it can cause cancer, leading to a hysterectomy - or worse yet - death!

I thought just knowing your partner was safe was enough. I thought a year and a half was long enough. I was wrong. For 30 seconds of unprotected sex, I now have the "gift" that keeps on giving. What can you do to protect yourself in the '90s? Demand to see STD results or bring 75 cents' worth of latex (condom) into the relationship. It can be a matter of life or death.

DEAR KEEPING: You have learned a sobering lesson. Thank you for speaking out. More than 12 million cases of sexually transmitted disease are reported in the United States each year. We now lead all the other developed nations in the rate that diseases are spread through sexual contact. The cost to taxpayers for curable STDs is an estimated \$16 billion annually! According to a recent report by the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., the public sector spends only \$1 to prevent and fight curable STDs for every \$43 spent on treatment and other costs. Education is essential. STD prevention can be effective only if people are willing to change their sexual behavior by using condoms and delaying sexual activity as long as possible.

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