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## From South Dakota back to Martin County - all for 64th Old Settlers Reunion

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

STANTON — John Blocker had to do a bit of driving, but that wasn't enough to keep him from visiting with some old friends.

Blocker was one of hundreds of people who attended the 64th annual Martin County Old Settlers Reunion Saturday in Stanton.

Kathleen Lewis, secretary of the event, said up to 300 people

were expected to attend the event by the time it ended Saturday evening, and declared the reunion a success.

"They're all good," she said simply, "and this one has been good, too. We've had a good time (Saturday)."

People came hundreds and, in some cases, thousands of miles to attend the reunion, but few traveled as far as Blocker, who drove 1,200 miles from his home in Milbank, S.D.

Of course, he had a good reason to make the drive. This year

marks the 60th anniversary of his graduation from high school in the Courtney Community, which was located near Stanton.

The years he spent in Courtney, and the friends he made there, made the drive more than worthwhile, he said.

"I've been doing a lot of visiting down this way," Blocker said.

"I've been talking to a lot of old friends ... Courtney was a good place to grow up. A lot of good people lived there."

Blocker lived in Courtney before leaving to serve in World War II. After the war, he and his family moved to Jal, N.M. where he operated several businesses — "I was a jack of all trades and a master of none, I guess," he said — before becoming a rancher in South Dakota.

Life there is fine, he said, but there was one drawback.

"When I lived in Jal, I used to come down here (for the reunion) pretty regular, but since then, I've only been able to come down a time or two."



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett  
Martin County's 64th Old Settlers Reunion got started Saturday morning with a parade through downtown Stanton.



## Making summer safer

### BSPD bike patrol helps deter crime at park

If you see Joe Robert Morales riding around Comanche Trail Park some weekend, you might, at first glance, mistake him for an average bicycle enthusiast.

Then again, your average bicycle enthusiast doesn't carry a sidearm, handcuffs and pepper spray on his weekend jaunts.

Morales, a nine-year veteran of the Big Spring Police Department, is a charter member of the BSPD bicycle patrol, which was formed last year to patrol Comanche Trail Park during the summer months.

The patrol was such a success, it was brought back this summer.

It has been credited to a large degree with making the park much more family friendly than it has been in the past.

And Morales, who has performed duties ranging from patrol officer to undercover narcotics agent during his law enforcement career, enjoys his new function.

"It's a lot of fun, he said. "I like the fact that I'm out of the (patrol) car. It's a new kind

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— Joe Robert Morales  
BSPD bicycle patrol officer

of patrol process for us."

The park was notorious in past year for vandalism and excessive alcohol consumption, but those crimes have decreased in recent years.

A ban on alcohol in the park has definitely helped, but Morales believes the bicycle patrol's presence also serves as a reassurance for law-abiding citizens and a deterrent to would-be criminals.

"It's something that's gained popularity across the nation," he said. "A lot of police departments have implemented it, because they find it's a good way to help prevent crime ..."

"I guess you could consider this the modern version of the old foot beat. You'd be surprised what kind of impact we've had with the community."

Although they hardly look the part, bicycle officers have the

same duties and responsibilities as "normal" police officers, "the only difference is that we're on bikes," Morales said.

Morales and his cohorts carry standard police equipment, write citations, enforce ordinances and make arrests when necessary. If they have to make an arrest, they detain the subject on the scene until a squad car arrives.

"What's kind of funny is that some people don't really notice us," Morales said.

"If they're out there drinking, all they might notice is a couple of guys out on their bikes. They don't realize we're police ... until after we've taken care of them."

But the biggest result of the bicycle patrol might be in the area of community relations.

Morales said people feel safer in the park knowing a police presence is nearby, and make use of its facilities more often as a result.

"I think we've affected the entire park," he said. "You see a lot more families out there now."

— STEVE REAGAN

## Crazy from the Heat?

A look at statistics—crime in the summertime

	1995		1996	
	Jan.-April	May-Sept.	Jan.-April	May-Sept.
Criminal mischief	140	196	164	212
Theft	397	414	516	561
Burglary (auto)	41	48	59	68
Burglary (home)	20	64	61	51
Burglary (business)	20	30	30	27
Assault	136	142	130	168
DWI	49	75	38	54

Source: Big Spring Police Department

## When thermometer rises, so does crime rate, study shows

Summertime is prime time for vacations, relaxation, daydreams — and crime.

Along with all the good that comes when the thermometer rises, one very big bad can be added to the mix — increased crime in Big Spring.

The crime rate in almost every category, major and minor, increases during the summer months, according to figures released by the Big Spring Police Department.

Phones at the police department get a major workout during the summer. BSPD records show that, combining 1995 and 1996 figures, there were 2,546 more calls for service in the summer months than in the first four months of the year.

Crime figures for 1995 paint a bleak picture. Comparing the months of May-September to the months of January-April, police records indicate there were:

- Fifty-six more acts of criminal mischief.
- Seventeen more thefts.
- Forty more burglaries.

- Eleven more assaults.
- Twenty-six more cases of driving while intoxicated.

With more crimes come more arrests.

In 1995 and 1996, for example, adults were arrested 308 more times between May and August than they were in the first four months of the year, and 176 more times than the last four months.

Juvenile arrests also increase during the summer months. Minors were arrested 33 more times in the summer than they were the previous four months in 1995-96, and 68 more times than the final four-month period in the same two years.

And the trend shows every indication of continuing. In May and June of this year, 411 adult arrests have been recorded, more than half the number committed in the first four months. Forty-four juvenile arrests have been recorded in the first two months of this summer, compared to 96 for January-April.

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### WEATHER



Today, mostly sunny. Highs 95-100. Tonight, fair. Lows around 70. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs around 100. Monday night, fair. Lows around 70. Extended forecast, Tuesday through Thursday, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Lows around 70. Highs 95-105.

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## Windbreak program helps reduce erosion

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Just off the edge of the Llano Estacado, windbreak trees are putting conservation in the ground, service in the hands of landowners and awareness in the minds of youth.



SPURGIN

Since 1985, The Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has sold evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs, produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery (WTN), for windbreaks.

According to Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin, these trees cut down on erosion, enhance aesthetics and draw wildlife, while the seedling profits fund district services and programs.

"Most of our soils are sandy

loam and when we get in a drought like last year, or even in a normal year, we're going to have some dirt blow," Spurgin said.

According to SWCD secretary Bernice Cason, who has sold trees for the district since 1987, seedling sales for the district have been increasing over the last two to three years.

The district credits this rise to some of the sand storms in 1996 — "some of the worst sand storms" seen in Howard County.

Homestead windbreaks are the main thrust, but

Afghanistan pine is the preferred species in counties such as Howard County and other counties that are home to dry-land cotton farmers and cattle ranchers.

"The tree program is a good way (for landowners) to get trees that they probably would not have otherwise, because for a smaller investment they can get a big return," Cason said.

The seedlings come in bundles of 40 and 50 priced at less than \$2 per tree. The program is

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OBITUARIES

W.H. Brodie

W.H. "Dick" Brodie, 84, of Big Spring, formerly of Carlsbad, New Mexico, passed away Friday, July 11, 1997 at his home. Cremation arrangements are being made by Myers & Smith Funeral Home with interment to be made at a later date by Shipman Funeral home in Wagoner, Oklahoma.

He was born on January 14, 1913 in Wilburton, Oklahoma. He moved to Big Spring in December of 1995 where he lived at the Carriage Inn. He moved here from Carlsbad, New Mexico where he had lived since 1955. Mr. Brodie opened and managed A.C. Houston Lumber in Carlsbad, New Mexico until his retirement in 1975.

Steva Brown

Steva Tamsitt Brown, 92, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring, died peacefully at her home in Austin on Thursday, July 10, 1997. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 1997, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Flynn Long, retired Presbyterian minister, officiating.



She was born in Fort Worth on January 17, 1905, as the oldest of seven children of Rigsby and Della Kavanaugh.

She married Guy Tamsitt and he preceded her in death on January 8, 1944. She later married Andy Brown and he preceded her in death on March 16, 1974. She was a member of Faith United Methodist Church of Austin.

She had lived in Baird, Big Spring and Ackerly, Texas, before moving to Austin in 1975. She enjoyed travel and visited many states of the United States and provinces of Canada and several of the Caribbean Islands. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and dedicated her life to her family. Steva enjoyed playing canasta and bridge and was an avid

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288  
W. H. "Dick" Brodie, 84, died Friday. Cremation arrangements at Myers & Smith, interment at a later date in Wagoner, Oklahoma.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

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906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331

Katherine Nalls, 41, died Friday. Services will be 4:00 PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

A. W. "Buddy" Weaver, 50, died Friday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

Rutherford "Red" Hall, 76, died Saturday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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reader until her eyesight failed her. She was loved and admired by all who knew her.

She is mourned by her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Condra and husband, Bill, of Austin; her son, Dr. J.R. Tamsitt of Austin; one brother, David C. Kavanaugh and wife, Barbara, of Kent, Washington; two grandsons, Guy Condra and wife, Lisa, of Boerne and Phil Condra and wife, Sally, of Austin; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to her church, Faith United Methodist Church, 2701 S. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78704 or to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Katherine Nalls

Katherine Nalls, 41, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 11, 1997, in a local hospital. Service will be at 4 p.m. Monday, July 12, 1997 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ben Neel, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating.



She was born on Feb. 9, 1956, in Snyder.

She came to Big Spring as a young girl and attended Big Spring schools. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her son, Brian Nalls, Big Spring; her daughter, Tracey Nalls, Big Spring; her mother, Jessie Little, Big Spring; two brothers: Robert Little, Big Spring; and Ronnie Little, Lubbock; four sisters: Phyllis Hogan, Midland; Debbie Masters, Lubbock; and Gerry Buchanan and Barbara Smith, both of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Troy Little, in September 1987.

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

A.W. Weaver

A.W. "Buddy" Weaver, 50, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 11, 1997 at his residence.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 14, 1997 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with John Clark, Church of Christ minister from Roundup, Mont., and Richard Rogers, Church of Christ minister from Lubbock, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.



He was born on July 22, 1946 in Alpine and married Carla Thompson on July 22, 1967 in Kermit.

He was raised in Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. He was employed by Anadarko Oil Co. He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ and volunteered in the prison ministry in Big Spring. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Carla Weaver, Big Spring; two sons: Andy and Aaron Weaver, both of Big Spring; two daughters: Amy and Alisha Weaver, both of Lubbock; his mother, Imogene Allen, Coahoma; five sisters: Dorothy Billingsly, Clovis, N.M.; Elaine Dehlinger, Big Spring; Karen Calvert, Holdenville, Okla.; Susan Lyons, Coahoma; and Cynthia Burton, Harlingen.

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

Rutherford Hall

Rutherford "Red" Hall, 76, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 12, 1997, in a local nursing home.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

WINDBREAK

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considered one of the most important programs of the SWCD and serves to enhance the public's knowledge about conservation.

While the purpose of the SWCD board of directors is to coordinate conservation between the NRCS field office and producers, some of its board members are practicing what they coordinate as well.

Windbreak trees may be a conservation tool for Howard County, but they are also a financial asset. Profits from the tree program help afford programs such as the districts annual conservation poster contest.

In 1997, more than 630 fourth, fifth and sixth graders in Howard County turned in posters to be judged by Cason.

According to Spurgin, this particular district has one of the strongest education programs and good participation from its students.

"All of the kids need to know about the world they live in, why they need to take care of it and why conservation is important," Cason said.

Seedling profits also afford the SWCD scholarships for teachers to attend conservation field days and students to attend conservation camps. For landowners, profits have offset costs for two, one-man laser survey instruments, which saves a lot of time for the four person SWCD office, according to Spurgin.

For the 1996-97 planting season, the Howard County SWCD office sold 2,590 windbreak trees.

"We will probably begin our 1998 program sometime in September," Cason said.

Area residents wanting to order trees this fall may contact the SWCD at 267-1871 or the Texas Forest Service at (806)746-5801.

BRIEFS

ATTENTION COMMUNITY GROUPS AND new businesses, clubs and organizations: The Big Spring Herald is preparing the 1997 edition of the Community Guide.

We need information about your business, group or organization to be sure it is included, especially if you weren't in last year's guide. Stop by our office at 710 Scurry, mail to P.O. Box 1431 or fax us a note at 264-7205.

THERE WILL BE A Hunter Education Course Aug. 9-10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce with Boyce Hale, instructor. There is a \$10 fee and you may preregister by phone at 267-7891 or 267-6957.

This course is sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, Walmart, Diggells and the Chamber of Commerce.

BIG SPRING DOWNTOWN LIONS Club is selling historic throws depicting a variety of Howard County scenes.

Cost is \$40 for each throw. Call Archie Kountz at 267-3821 or ask any member of the club for more information.

THERE WILL BE TEEN night from 7 to 11 p.m., every Friday night during the summer, at the Eagles Lodge on Third Street.

MEETINGS

Howard County — The Howard County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to consider the following items:

It's REFRIGERATOR TIME WHEAT Furniture & Appliance Co. 115 E. 2ND 267-5722

CHECKING OUT GOODIES



Anthony (left) and Orlando Chavez check out the goodies they won at the St. Thomas Catholic Church Festival which was held Friday and Saturday.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

- Budget workshop.
•Approval of personnel changes in the Sheriff's Office.
•Approval of salary increases in the Sheriff's Office.

PICK 3: 8,7,9
CASH 5:4,6,10,13,33
LOTTO:2,14,18,21,30,40

Stanton — The Stanton City Council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday in the council chambers to consider the following items:
•Consider and take action on model airplanes flying at Stanton Airport.
•Consider and take action on a resolution from the city of Stanton to the Texas Department of Transportation for airport maintenance.

was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ANDREW DONALD MARTIN, 33, Waco, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• RENETTA LORRAINE McCLOUD, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• JOSEPH LEROY PRATT, 46, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• WALLACE TERRY VIBSANA, 41, 604 Abrams, was arrested on local warrants.

• JAMES CRAIG NORMAN, 29, 1318 Stadium, was arrested on local warrants.

• PHILIP GARCIA, 20, 2528 Hunter, was arrested on local warrants.

• ASSAULT was reported on the 700 block of North Goliad and the 400 block of N.W. Ninth.

• THEFT was reported on the 900 block of Willia, the 1700 block of Marcy, the 200 block of Marcy and the 1400 block of Mesquite.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 2900 block of West Highway 80, the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway, the 100 block of Cottonwood, the 700 block of W. Seventh and the 500 block of Bell.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 600 block of E. 15th and the 1100 block of E. 15th.
• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported on the 1000 block of Stadium and the 1000 block of Sycamore.
• FORGERY was reported to the police department.

SHERIFF

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

• BILLY WAYNE STARR, 19, 802 E. 14th, was arrested on Department of Public Safety warrants.

• AMMIE HOWELL, 19, 1503 E. Third, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• LORI DIANE RENFRO, 29, P.O. Box 3788, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear.

• COREY BRYANT HILGER, 21, Lafayette, La., was arrested on a motion to revoke probation.

• KEVIN RAY COKER, 18, Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of failure to appear.

• CHRIS BRIGMOLE, no age or address given, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Grady ISD — The Grady Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Monday to consider the following items:
•Discussion and action on 1997-98 student insurance.
•Discussion and action on student transfer requests.
•Discussion of the preliminary 1997-98 budget.

REUNIONS

THE CAUBLE REUNION WILL be July 19 in Cottonwood Park, Roby. For reservations, call Keifer Cauble, 776-2635.

COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS of 1977 will have its 20th reunion Saturday beginning with a 7 a.m. golf game at the city course. A picnic follows at the pavilion beginning at 11 a.m. Call Rhonda at 264-0312 or 394-4401 for information.

POLICE

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

• MARCUS MARQUEZ ARMENDAREZ, 33, 1103 N. Gregg, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• LISA LYNN BLATCHFORD, 33, 611 N. San Antonio,

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Big Spring Police Department officer Joe Robert Morales is shown patrolling Comanche Trail Park recently. Morales is one of several officers who participate in the department's bicycle patrol program.

# Summer crime prevention lies in public's hands

## Citizen involvement crucial, police say

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Realizing that crime takes an upswing during the summer is easy ... all one has to do is look at the figures.

Coming up with a solution to the problem, however, is very, very difficult.

The police, by their very nature, are better suited to reacting to crime than its prevention. That leaves crime prevention, officials said, in the public's hands.

"The police department is mostly a reactive force," said Lee Everett, a support services sergeant for the Big Spring Police Department.

"Most of the time, something has to happen before we can do anything."

Law enforcement officials believe their best efforts in crime prevention come from their increased presence in the

community, which is why efforts like the bicycle patrol at Comanche Trail Park and police/community programs like Drug-Free Youth in Texas (D-FYIT) have gained popularity in recent years.

But when it comes to the meat of crime prevention, officials say a lot depends on the community at large.

Public apathy breeds more crime, while public involvement acts as a deterrent.

Both Everett and Sgt. Roger Sweatt, BSPD public information officer, said that community watch programs and other activities where citizens take an active role in crime prevention are a great help to law enforcement officials.

"We really appreciate people taking a more active role in watching out for (criminal or suspicious behavior)," Sweatt said. "It really seems to help us."

If more people take an active role in keeping their neighborhoods safe — calling in suspicious persons or activities to the police department, for example — police officers can increase their presence in an area and perhaps deter a would-be criminal from acting, Sweatt said.

"If people can see us, they're probably not going to commit a crime," Everett said.

## CRIME

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While a lot of the increase in juvenile crime can be attributed to the increase in free time during the summer, the sharp increases in adult arrests are harder to explain.

Lee Everett, a sergeant in support services at BSPD who compiled the figures for this report, said it was almost impossible to pinpoint one

major reason for the increase in adult arrests during the summer. Instead, several factors have to be considered.

The most obvious factor is the weather. Officials are quick to point out that when temperatures rise, so do tempers. People become more irritable and are much quicker to respond sharply to provocations.

Also, alcohol consumption increases when the temperatures rise, which leads to inevitable rises in alcohol-related crimes, such as public intoxication and DWI, and crimes where alcohol may be a related factor, such as assault and other violent crimes.

In 1995, for example, there were 49 DWI cases recorded at BSPD between January and

April. During the summer months, however, that figure jumped to 75.

"What you're talking about (during the summer) is holidays," BSPD Sgt. Roger Sweatt said. "People have the tendency to be out celebrating ... and that gives them the opportunity to party a little bit more."

— STEVE REAGAN

On Page 1A, 6-year-old Ashley Ortega, left, and her 4-year-old sister, Crystal, center, talk to Big Spring police officer Joe Robert Morales at Comanche Trail Park Friday afternoon. All photos in this package were taken by Jonathan Garrett, while all stories were written by Steve Reagan. Crime statistics were provided by the Big Spring Police Department.

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(Notifiquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 9 de Agosto de 1997 para votar en la eleccion Especial para adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 75a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.)

**LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**

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102, 107 & 108, 103, 104 & 15, 204, 202, 203, 205  
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208 & 304 - ELBOW SCHOOL  
302, 301, 308, 303 & 305  
18TH AND MAIN FIRE STATION  
402, 401, 410, 403, 404, 405 & 406  
11TH & BIRDWELL FIRE STATION


Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:  
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

The Office of Margaret Ray, County Clerk, Howard County, Courthouse, Big Spring, Texas  
between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on July 21, 1997 and ending on August 5, 1997.  
(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el dia 21 de Julio, 1997 y terminando el dia 5 de Agosto, 1997.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

Margaret Ray, County Clerk, P.O. Box 1466, Big Spring, TX 79720  
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on August 1, 1997.  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el dia 1 de Agosto, 1997.)

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### Quote of the Day

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### OUR VIEWS

## Big Spring officials deserve accolades for junior tourney

Currently in the midst of hosting the Texas District 3 Junior League Tournament at the Roy Anderson Complex, representatives of Big Spring's Little League program deserve considerable praise — not only for the manner in which the event has been managed, but in the way local fans and players have conducted themselves.

Entering weekend play, Big Spring's American League Blue All-Stars had reached the winner's bracket semifinal game and were just one win away from being guaranteed a berth in the district's championship game.

That has certainly guaranteed local fan interest throughout the tournament. And to those fans' credit, they have been exemplary in their treatment of not only other fans and teams, but in the manner in which they've encouraged both Big Spring teams — the National League Red All-Stars were eliminated earlier in the week.

Crowds have been quick to applaud the accomplishments of individuals, regardless of team affiliation, and taken considerable interest in youngsters who've sustained injuries.

Big Spring Junior League president Jay Phinney and his tournament committee have virtually managed the two fields being used at the Roy Anderson Complex, handled isolated disputes between teams quickly and quietly, as well as making sure that news media representatives in El Paso, Midland, Odessa, Lamesa and Big Spring were provided with the information they requested.

While it is lamentable that one of the two El Paso teams involved in the tournament chose not to avail themselves of Big Spring's full measure of hospitality — opting to stay in a Midland motel during the tournament, there is no question in our collective mind that Big Spring has put its best foot forward to its visitors.

We should. When we make such events enjoyable for our visitors, as well as ourselves, the entire community benefits.

Some of those visitors spend nights in local motels and bought gasoline in local stations. Virtually all purchased meals in local restaurants and snacks in Big Spring stores.

What's more, the work put into the tournament by local league officials makes it almost certain future events will be coming our way.

### OTHER TEXAS VIEWS

If Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro believes as deeply as he professes in giving ex-cons a second chance, he surely could have found someone more deserving than convicted swindler Ruben Johnson.

In 1989, Johnson was indicted on 13 counts of bank fraud, specifically taking kickbacks from contractors building a new bank in downtown Austin. He still owes \$4.6 million in restitution ordered when he was convicted of fraud.

Johnson lives in an 8,767-square-foot mansion in West Austin, where he is serving out the parole period of his eight-year prison sentence. But Johnson still has friends in high places politically who support his contract with the

General Land Office, and he and his United Bank were large contributors to Mauro's 1982 election effort.

The first indication that something was badly askew in hiring Johnson at a \$61,343 yearly salary to oversee construction of nursing homes for veterans was not that Mauro had to check with Johnson's parole officer first. It was that Mauro had to change the job description to ensure that Johnson has no authority over the project's finances.

Common sense dictates that if you have to change the rules to keep the money away from the director of a \$52 million construction project, you have a major problem.

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## AF can deny aliens, but true believers won't believe

I believe in unidentified flying objects, but I don't think any aliens have visited earth.

People I know have seen lights in the night sky they can't explain. But seeing light we can't explain doesn't mean it is caused by spaceships or that

aliens are casing the joint for some future invasion. I saw stars in broad daylight once, but that was because I dropped my right and got caught with a left hook in a backyard boxing match.

The Air Force's recent attempt to deny that aliens from outer space have been found will not, of course, convince true believers. Some people believe in aliens for the same reason some people believe in Bill Clinton: They don't wish to face reality.



Charley Reese  
Syndicated Columnist

Evolution is a good example. There is not a shred of credible evidence that all life began in the primordial soup, yet plenty of people are convinced that it did. A lot of those assume there is evidence to prove it, but they can't tell you what it is. It isn't there.

There's plenty of evidence that living things, once created, adapt and change over a period of time. But that is quite different from the assertion that all the myriad forms of life with their incredible complexity evolved from a single source.

That's just hogwash, a slightly more sophisticated version of the aliens-landed-and-kidnapped-me type of story.

For an excellent explanation of the above, check out the book "Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to

Evolution," by Michael J. Behe (The Free Press, 1996). Behe is a biochemist and not a creationist, but after examining the evidence and demolishing it, he concludes that the only logical explanation for life is an intelligent designer.

I've known some long-winded journalists and writers but none whom can match those archaeologists who can find one small shard of bone and write a whole book about it — 99.9 percent of which is speculation. There is a definite limit to the information any piece of physical evidence can yield. In most cases, it's not a lot.

For some reason, there are three words which just seem to scare the bejabbers out of a lot of human beings, especially those with educational certificates. Those three words, in fact, ought to be the starting point of all investigations. They are: I don't know.

Tom Jefferson, when he got down on the newspapers of his day, said a fellow is better off not reading them because it is better to know nothing and know you know nothing than it is have a head of full of false-

hood and errors. He's right.

Admitting that there are things still unknown and questions still unanswered is the mark of a truly educated or intelligent person. We are not likely to find the answer to something if we believe we already have it.

I have observed that the more ignorant and uneducated a person is, the more likely he is to have a ready explanation for everything under the sun, from who killed John F. Kennedy to the real skinny on the universe and all its alien inhabitants.

Fact is, once you separate speculation from theory, human knowledge remains limited. To paraphrase Gertrude Stein, the universe is a place where there is more that we don't know than there is that we do know.

But more to the point, we'll do better to worry about humans than to worry about aliens. Some earthlings are pretty scary, and they, too, have been known to do a bit of kidnapping and experimenting.

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## Is there new hope for Mexico after all?

Everyone who loves democracy and honest government ought to be cheering for the long-cheated people of Mexico. It looks as though they have succeeded in partly breaking the grip that the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) has had on their lives since 1929.

In Sunday's mayoral election in Mexico City, voters dealt the dominant, scandal-ridden PRI a crushing setback by electing Democratic Revolution Party candidate Cuauhtemoc Cardenas by a stunning margin. And in races for the Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of Congress, voters ripped away the long-held majority of the PRI.

This suggests that it may now be possible for Mexico to break free of the fraudulent schemes under which the PRI has kept control of the presidency and most other important political posts, with the winners engaging more and

more in blatant and brazen corruption.

For almost seven decades Mexico has been entrapped in a system of make-believe democracy that featured an "old buddy" form of changes. Each PRI president, limited to one six-year term, has hand-picked his successor, and those in power have rigged elections to ensure that the hand-picked candidate won.

And there seems to have been an understanding within the top ranks of the ruling PRI that each president would be free to enrich himself, his family and close friends through "civilized corruption." But with each year of PRI electoral domination the corruption has become more outrageous. It has come to include collusion at the highest levels of the Mexican government with notorious drug cartel leaders and alleged resorts to murder.

I have been going to Mexico and interviewing its leaders for more than three decades, and I have never met politicians anywhere who spoke more convincingly about their determination to root out corruption. I remember as one of the most impressive talkers Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who won the presidential election over Cardenas in 1988 and went on

to preside over a regime that was so bad he had to flee Mexico at the end of his scandal-ridden term in 1994.

Cardenas, who claimed that Salinas and the PRI stole the 1988 election, vowed in the mayoral campaign that fighting corruption will be his No. 1 priority. He was saying what the voters of the Federal District of Mexico, the official title of Mexico City, clearly wanted. Until Sunday's election, for 68 years the president of Mexico had appointed the mayor of this impoverished, smog-ridden city.

Cardenas, the leftist son of a former president, benefited greatly from the crescendo of cries for electoral reforms in Mexico. Sunday's voting was supervised by the independent Federal Election Institute and was as free of rigging as any in the recent memory of journalists and other observers.

Cardenas also benefited from voter outrage over the fact that the policies of the PRI and President Ernesto Zedillo have plunged Mexico into its worst recession in 60 years. But some note that Zedillo retains control of many elements of the economy of Mexico City and could do much to make Cardenas a failure.

On the other hand, Cardenas

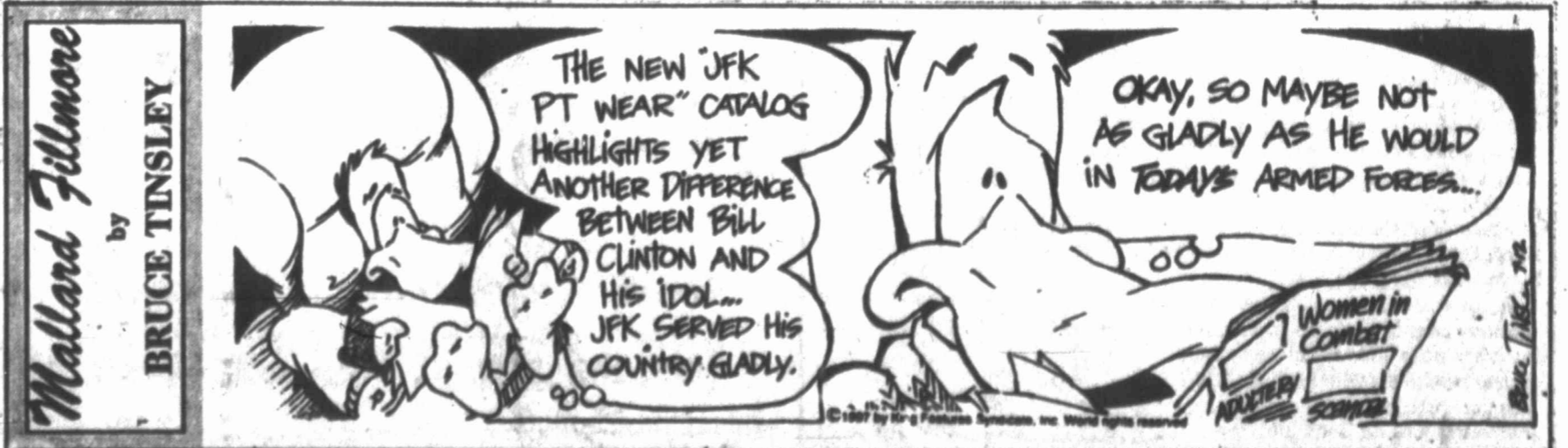
now becomes a powerful opposition force whose cooperation Zedillo may need desperately if he is to work his will with the Congress.

The overriding fact emerging from Sunday's election is that the Mexican people apparently have concluded that the virtual dictatorship of the PRI has stolen the people blind, has brought on one economic crisis after another, and has ruined Mexico's reputation in the eyes of most of the world. But have the reformers dismantled enough of the electoral machinery rigged by the PRI to do nationally what voters have done in Mexico City?

The crooked forces that have "bought" PRI leaders in recent years, especially the drug lords, will fight viciously to see that the PRI retains the power to provide the necessary protection for drug trade. So there will be great internal strife in Mexico between now and the presidential election of the year 2000.

History shows that it is hard for the masses to bring down an autocracy, or to root out institutionalized corruption. But for Mexico, for the first time in generations, the hope seems real.

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# Republican group fights for redrawing of district boundaries again

HOUSTON (AP) — The Republican voter group that campaigned for last year's redesign of Houston- and Dallas-area U.S. House districts urged a panel of federal judges to make more changes.

The group said Friday that rulings in other election cases remove the necessity of having a Houston-area district where Hispanics are the largest ethnic group.

The Republican group, led by Houston investment broker Edward Blum, also called for considerable boundary changes in northeast and West Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported.

As they did last year, local Democratic congress members, legislative leaders and minority activists are opposing the request. They contend that more radical changes would confuse voters in the 1998 con-

gressional elections and interfere with the state's right to draw the boundary lines.

The arguments and counterarguments were made in numerous documents requested by federal judges Edith Jones, Melinda Harmon and David Hittner.

When they changed the districts before the 1996 elections, the judges ordered the Legislature to come up with a

new map before adjourning in June. Lawmakers failed to do so, stalemated by a fight in the Senate over districts in the Midland-Odessa area.

Now the judges are asking all sides in the case to recommend the next step.

The Republican group of Houston and Dallas residents, which sued in 1994 for "color-blind" districts drawn without regard to ethnic population, essentially argued that last year's redesign should be only the beginning.

Blum's group said two of Harris County's seven U.S. House districts should have black pluralities while none should have Hispanic pluralities.

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee represents the 18th District, where blacks are the largest ethnic group at 45 percent. In U.S. Rep. Gene Green's 29th District, Hispanics are the plurality at 45 percent. Before last year's court order, the districts as drawn by the Legislature each had more than 50 percent of those respective minority groups.

Blum's group is calling for Green's district to become plurality black. This could be accomplished, he said, by moving nearby black precincts from the 25th District represented by Democratic U.S. Rep. Ken Bentsen Jr. and from other neighboring districts. That change presumably would weaken Democratic strength in Bentsen's district, which was also changed last year.

Lee, Green, Bentsen and the

Democratic leaders of the Legislature, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney, urged the judges to leave the 1996 map untouched except for slight changes to equalize population among the districts. Each contains about 566,000 people.

To make the district shapes conform to other government boundaries, Blum's group is also urging the judges to eliminate the extension of Republican U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay's district into southwest Harris County. Most of DeLay's district is in Fort Bend and Brazoria counties.

The plaintiffs also want significant changes in the Dallas-area district represented by Democratic Martin Frost and Republican U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions.

The three judges have not set a date for a hearing on the case.

## Federal judge called 'bully' to undergo another review for conduct, fitness

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal judge described by some as a courtroom bully must face a appeals panel in August, less than two months after he was cleared in two misconduct cases.

The review of whether Judge John McBryde is fit for his life appointment will be conducted in closed hearings in New Orleans on Aug. 25.

Earlier this month, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled "the very structure of the federal court system" was threatened when two of McBryde's cases were taken off his docket.

But McBryde's conduct in the two cases continues to form the basis of at least part of the current investigation. The Judicial Council of the 5th Circuit sent two New York City attorneys to interview Fort Worth lawyers about their treatment in McBryde's court.

"The complaint procedures and the issues involved in the complaint are private," said Kyle Boudreau, assistant circuit executive for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans.

Several of the more than a half-dozen prosecutors and defense attorneys recently interviewed

about their experiences by lawyers representing the council told the newspaper they expected to be subpoenaed to testify in August.

The Judicial Council is an administrative arm consisting of 19 appellate and district judges.

It ruled two years ago that McBryde undermined a grand jury investigation by refusing to respect an Arizona federal jurist's orders to seal records of a telemarketing fraud case.

McBryde, a 1990 appointee of President George Bush, was criticized for accusing an Arizona prosecutor of lying about the seal.

Council members also contended that McBryde treated the clerk of the U.S. Northern District of Texas with "unwarranted, abusive" behavior after her staff failed to put a \$40,000 wrongful death judgment into an interest-bearing account.

Chief Judge Jerry Buchmeyer reassigned the two McBryde cases to himself.

The judge's critics call McBryde an intimidating tyrant who frequently oversteps his authority, while supporters praise him for running an efficient court and insisting that lawyers arrive for trial prepared and on time.

## June weather surprised forecasters

AUSTIN (AP) — Weather patterns that caused deadly flooding in Central Texas last month sneaked up on weather forecasters, who had been expecting little or no rain in June.

To prevent future surprises, officials are considering a weather-detection grid that would blanket the state with unoccupied observation centers. For \$31.2 million, Texas could have the most extensive forecasting network in the nation, the Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday.

How to pay for the grid is being worked out, but Texans could see additional charges, amounting to pennies a month on their utility bills as soon as next year.

Utility officials, regulators and weather forecasters say Texans would reap plenty of benefits for the cost.

"Texas has incredibly varied weather, including our own little ocean injecting tremendous amounts of moisture into the state. But Texas has some of the poorest (weather forecasting) infrastructure in United States," Gary Sickler, a research scientist for Texas A&M University, told the newspaper.

In this era of satellites and Doppler radar, it may seem surprising that storms can get by unnoticed. But orbiters and radars can't spot everything, and a finer network of ground-based weather stations is required, Sickler said.

The proposed network, the Texas MesoNet, would have weather stations spaced about

30 miles apart. Instead of today's sparse network of about 70 stations, the system would have 700, including detectors that could scan almost three miles up.

The grid could provide farmers with information about frost, heat stress and soil moisture conditions; monitor air pollution; assess forest fire danger; and aid educational programs from grade school to college, Sickler said.

Currently, four out of five Texas counties have no local weather information, Sickler said. With the MesoNet, "we could pinpoint weather conditions for the next 24 to 36 hours at any location."

Officials at the Lower Colorado River Authority, which serves more than one million utility customers, have said utility companies could be charged to build the system,

perhaps passing the cost on to their customers.

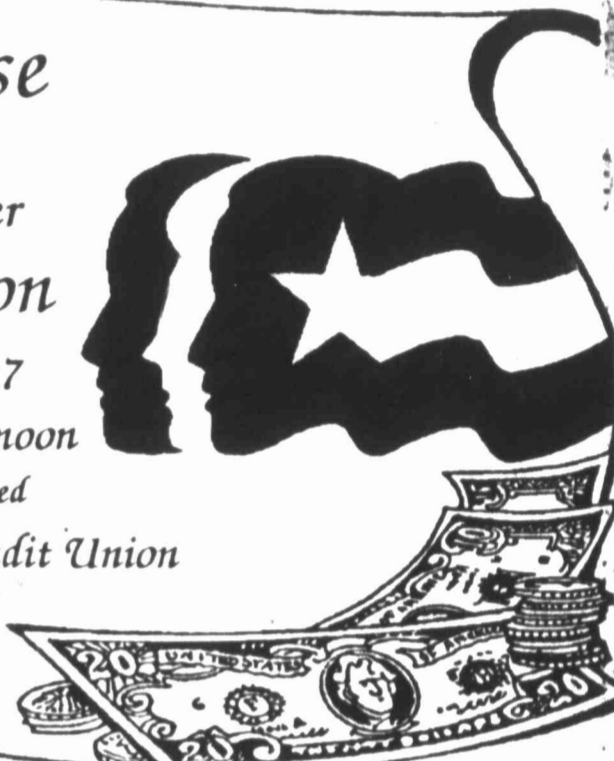
Utility companies use temperature forecasts to decide how much power to generate because electricity use rises on hotter and colder days. If a summer day is hotter than expected, utilities risk running out of power. Generating excess electricity on cooler-than-expected days wastes money.

Eventually, customers pay for higher generating costs, said Mark Rose, general manager of the LCRA.

Officials at the Texas Public Utility Commission, which regulates utility companies, have said they are willing to consider the proposed charge to Texans. But Leslie Kjellstrand, a PUC spokeswoman, said a study of the proposal and public hearings would have to be held before any charges are passed on.

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# Tests inconclusive on James Earl Ray rifle

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The first tests on James Earl Ray's rifle in two decades have failed to determine whether it was used to kill the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. A judge says more tests may be needed.

The rifle and the bullet that killed King were examined in May as part of Ray's attempt to win a trial.

In court Friday, experts said 12 of 18 test bullets fired from the .30-06 hunting rifle had microscopic markings not found on the fatal slug. It was unclear what made the markings.

"They couldn't match it, but they couldn't eliminate it either," said Kelly Fite, a Georgia firearms specialist. "It's inconclusive."

Criminal Court Judge Joe

Brown, intrigued by the marks, told lawyers to return to court July 18 to discuss procedures for possible new tests on the rifle and the slug. He also told them to find out if test bullets fired by the FBI shortly after the 1968 murder can be re-examined.

Ray, 69, avoided a possible death sentence by confessing to the murder and is serving a 99-year prison sentence. He recanted within days, and now hopes the tests will help persuade Brown to order a trial.

The test results were good news to Ray, said his brother, Jerry Ray, who spent about an hour Friday night with the inmate at a Nashville prison.

"James was really happy with what came out, but he would

have been happier" if all 18 bullets contained the marks, Jerry Ray said.

The rifle, found near the murder scene with Ray's fingerprints on it, was tested by the FBI in 1968 and by the House committee 10 years later. The tests were also inconclusive, although it was determined King was killed by the same kind of gun.

Ray has said he bought the rifle but gave it to an underworld figure he knew only as Raoul. Ray contends the rifle was dropped near the murder scene at the Lorraine Motel to frame him.

Ray, who is dying of liver disease, has won the King family's support for a trial they said might help answer lingering

suspicions about a conspiracy. In Pittsburgh, there was a mixed reaction to the hearing at an NAACP convention. Dennis Hayes, general counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he wants to hear more from Ray.

"James Earl Ray says he did not pull the trigger, but he has not come forward with what he does know," Hayes said.

Bernard Taylor, a Pittsburgh member, said the King family should have the final say about the probe. But he said the case should not be reopened to examine allegations of a conspiracy.

"I think it would just reopen old wounds and not lead to anything constructive or productive," Taylor said.

# Hackers swap secrets on cracking computers

LAS VEGAS (AP) — They're self-described nerds, using one-word names like "Mudge" or "Dark Tangent" and dressing all in black.

These mostly gawky, mostly male teen-agers and twenty-somethings also are the country's smartest and slyest computer hackers. On Friday, more than 1,500 of them gathered to swap secrets.

It is Def Con 5, the fifth annual meeting of hackers, crackers, phone phreaks and 'zine publishers. Some are teen-agers who pull all-nighters trying to crack a company's computer system. Others are former hackers who now provide computer system security.

"These are the guys that got beat up in high school and this is their chance to get back," said Drew Williams, whose company wants to hire hackers to learn how to better protect its customers.

Hacking comes from an intellectual desire to figure out how things work, and the desire to

show off how much you know, convention-goers said. Grace and skill count for more than sheer power, and an elegant solution to a problem gains more esteem from ones' peers than klutzy fixes.

Def Con is named for the military term Defense Condition, a measure of just how close the country is to nuclear war. It began five years ago as a massive party thrown by a young bulletin board operator who goes by Dark Tangent.

There are regular amusements — the Spot the Fed contest and Hacker's Jeopardy, where missing a question means drinking a beer. The convention's version of the childhood standard Capture the Flag game requires them to break into each other's computer system.

One group of young hackers, some carrying microphones, phones and earpieces, were overheard joking about getting into the Nellis Air Force Base computer system.

# Judge limits gatherings of gang members, fourth such move for Los Angeles courts

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge has barred 18 members of a violent street gang from gathering in public in groups of more than two, an anti-gang approach that is becoming increasingly popular in California.

Superior Court Judge Alan Buckner said there was sufficient evidence that the defendants were involved in gang activity and crime, including robbery, drug sales, blocking sidewalks and urinating in public.

"You guys are making a mess of things in the target area," Buckner told members of the 18th Street gang, one of California's most violent.

Los Angeles has now obtained four injunctions against gangs in different neighborhoods. Other cities in Southern California have obtained similar court orders, despite criticism that they violate the constitutional right to free association.

Buckner's order takes effect July 21.

"It's not going to solve the problems overnight," City Attorney James Hahn said. "But it's going to give the residents a breather ... allow them to come and go as they please."

The injunction prohibits defendants from, among other things, being seen together in groups of three or more in an

17-block area of the Jefferson Park neighborhood. They also cannot harass, intimidate or threaten neighborhood residents. Those who violate the order risk a jail term of up to 60 days.

The 13 gang members who appeared in court left without comment, some of them cursing on the way out. Sean Ward, an attorney for four gang members, said he may appeal.

The 18th Street gang has thousands of members in Los Angeles. The ACLU said the injunctions don't work because gang members simply move outside the restriction area.

# Sojourner rolls on, inches away from position against Yogi

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — After delays caused by human error on Earth and a software bug on Mars, the Mars Pathfinder rover today finally backed away from its awkward parking spot against the martian rock named Yogi.

The six-wheeled Sojourner was expected to begin sniffing the rock's chemical composition with its alpha proton X-ray spectrometer — if no other computer problems crop up.

The most serious glitch occurred late Friday when the bug in software that controls communication between the rover and the Pathfinder lander caused a computer to reset.

That triggered the probe to automatically search for instructions from Earth using its low-gain, or slow-speed, antenna. Scientists, who were focusing on the spacecraft's high-gain antenna, were briefly disconnected.

"Not knowing what's going on makes you a little bit nervous," said Brian Muirhead, deputy project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"When your baby's not talking to you and you think she might be sick, you worry," he said. "She's just fine now, but we do have this software problem that we will have to get to the bottom of."

Contact was re-established through the antennas.

The whole mess began two days earlier as Sojourner moved toward Yogi. It ended up with one of its wheels partly up the side of the rock, its spectrometer too far away to touch the rock.

Scientists ordered Sojourner to back away from the rock and approach it again, but the commands never got to Pathfinder. Its radio receiver had been turned on 11 minutes too late because of a human error.

The receiver, which relays signals to the rover, is turned off at times to conserve energy. Scientists have one chance each

day to radio commands to Mars.

The error delayed the collection of a full day's worth of data from Mars, including landscape pictures, weather and atmospheric data. All that came down was confirmation that the spacecraft was operating and healthy.

No data was lost because it was stored in the spacecraft's memory, said mission manager Richard Cook.

A computer reset similar to the one Friday occurred on the first night of the week-old mission. Software team chief Glenn Reeves suspected a bug in the program that controls communications between the rover and lander.

"The problem will be if the software bug bites us again," Muirhead said. "Then we will just go ahead and get the camera images and hold off on doing anything with the rover until we get the software problem fixed."

# Ex-Navy worker gets nine-year sentence

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Navy computer specialist was sentenced to nine years in prison for passing classified materials to officials in his native South Korea.

At his sentencing Friday before U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema in nearby Alexandria, Va., a tearful Robert C. Kim, 57, contended that his actions never amounted to espionage.


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DEAR ABBY

**DEAR ABBY:**  
It grates me that there's a continuing tendency in the movies and on television to misrepresent the South. Our part of the country seems to be a favorite lampoon target. If we can't laugh at ourselves, we have no right to laugh at anyone. But there are several common portrayals of Southern life that show "nuff rille me!"

A common mistake that's made by actors and actresses impersonating Southerners is to use the term "y'all," while speaking to and about only one person. Abby, everyone should know that "y'all" is a contraction of "you all," and obviously is plural. If we say "y'all" to an individual, we are referring to that person and at least one other.

We realize y'all like our accent, and we appreciate it. But a fake Southern accent is like fingernails on a chalkboard. Do it right or don't do it! Hire a true Southerner to advise.

We really can pronounce the letter "r" at the end of a word. We seldom use the phrase "li'l ol'." Few of us go by a double first name, such as "Jim Bob" or "Billy John." Some of us have never tasted a mint julep or sat in a magnolia tree. A number of us regularly wear shoes, at least in winter, and hardly anyone wears overalls anymore (not to church, anyway). Indoor plumb-

ing is almost common now, and inbreeding is actually frowned upon in most circles.

I heard of a woman not far from Birmingham who scored above average on an IQ test! Not to brag, but I, myself, can correctly identify either of those letters three times out of four! Some Southerners don't even like grits. Usually, such people are accepted by society anyhow, except at really important affairs.

I hope this helps you Yankees, etc., to understand us ignorant Southerners a little better. After all, we can't all be fortunate enough to be born north of the Mason-Dixon line. So go ahead and laugh at us. But please do it with respect. Remember that we're trying to understand you, too. And we often do. Except when you talk.

Y'all come!

BAMA BUBBA

**DEAR BAMA BUBBA:**  
You have stated your case very well -and you have an excellent sense of humor. I'm reminded of the lyric from an old Phil Harris song: "And that's what I like about the South..."

**DEAR ABBY:**  
My purse, containing all my personal identification, was recently stolen. Without my ID, trying to prove I exist has been a frustrating experience.

I was unable to convince the

Motor Vehicle Bureau and must go through the whole application process again. I notified the police department about my loss, closed my checking account and canceled all my charge cards.

Also in my purse was a booklet that is vital to my health. On the cover it stated, "If lost, by your mercy, please drop in any mailbox and the family will gladly pay the postage." It has not turned up. As an active octogenarian, my faith in common decency is shaken.

The Social Security office insisted on past medical records, which required my making two trips. My Social Security card and Medigap cards will arrive in due time.

Abby, perhaps your readers can learn from my experience. Tell them to photocopy all charge cards, front and back, and also their car registration and license, a voided check, their Social Security cards, health cards and health records. It can save them untold time and frustration in case there's a loss or theft.

BELLEFONTE, PA., READER

**DEAR READER:**  
It's not necessary for me to tell my readers. You have done it, and very succinctly. However, I'd add one more suggestion: Keep the photocopies in a secure place such as a safe-deposit box.

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Israeli settlers, troops clash with Palestinians in downtown Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian rioters pelted Israeli soldiers with firebombs, stones and bottles today, shouting, "Jewish settlers out!" The clash broke out after a group of Jewish settlers threw rocks at Palestinians.

Israeli soldiers removed the settlers and were then attacked by Palestinians in downtown Hebron, the site of daily violence recently. The soldiers fired back with rubber bullets, injuring two Palestinians.

The troops also took over the rooftop of a Palestinian home for use as a vantage point from which to shoot at Palestinian protesters in the streets below.

"I live in a hell — my home is on the line of fire," said the owner of the home, Nihad Abu Zaeneh. He said soldiers informed him his roof was now a base for Israeli troops. His four young children stayed inside, screaming as the sounds of gunfire from above echoed inside the stone house.

One hour earlier, troops closed Palestinian shops downtown in retaliation for nearly two weeks of riots and detained

four shopkeepers who resisted. Soldiers pushed and shoved merchants who wouldn't lock up immediately. One of those detained was a butcher who had asked to stay open until a bridegroom who had ordered meat for his wedding came to pick up his purchase.

After an argument with the soldiers, the butcher was led away, along with three other detainees.

"This is collective punishment," said Noah Abu Munshar, who owns a hardware store and was not among those detained. "The army is pushing us further into clashes."

In all, about 50 of the roughly 300 shops in the downtown area still controlled by Israel were closed. About 80 percent of Hebron has been under Palestinian control since an Israeli troop pullback in January.

Today marked the second time this week that Israeli troops ordered Arab shops closed as punishment for Palestinian rioting.

In the West Bank city of Ramallah, Ahmed Qureai, the

speaker of the Palestinian legislative council, watched and smiled while demonstrators burned Israeli flags during a protest march against Jewish settlements.

About 500 Palestinians from all the different political factions joined in today's protest.

"The Palestinian people will never accept any kind of settlement expansion or confiscation... this is what the people want to say to the Israeli government... to all the world," Qureai said.

About 500 Jewish settlers and 130,000 Palestinians live in Hebron. It has been the scene of sporadic violence since mid-March, when Israel began construction of a Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, the sector the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

Tensions rose in Hebron two weeks ago when a Jewish woman pasted fliers on shop doors showing the Muslim prophet, Mohammed, as a pig. The posters have angered Muslims around the world, and the woman is awaiting trial in Israel for her actions.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JULY 13:**

Release disappointment in a friendship and a domestic matter. Let more joy and creativity into your life. Pressure is intense at work, and you might feel pushed beyond your limits. The payoffs are worth the struggle. Be sure of yourself, and confident of what you have to offer. If you are single, this could be an extremely amorous year, when love abounds. You might have more than one romantic choice to contend with. Consider your options. You gain enormously because of a relationship. If attached, the two of you will make a deeper commitment, which could involve a new addition, child or project. Love is everlasting. SCORPIO is wild about you.

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
Keep your head on straight; others seem to have lost theirs! But it's only temporarily. You might be in a dither about another's expectations. Swing with a partner's ups and downs, and all will fall into place. Make special time for a friend. Tonight: Make love, not war.\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
You might want to sleep late, as you experience a change in plans. Be spontaneous, and gleefully join friends. Others have ideas that delight and amuse you. Make time for frivolous fun. Popularity soars. Tonight: Say yes.\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
A loved one's decision disappoints you. Not everyone sees eye-to-eye with you. Minimize differences. Accept an invitation to go browsing. Perhaps, include a good game of racquetball. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
You wake up on the wrong side of the bed. A key friend lets you down. But being creative is

one of your best skills, and allows you to be open to what the universe offers. Fun, love and imagination could make this an unbeatable day.

Tonight: Be affectionate.\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
You are tired and cranky! Try to play it low-key, to recharge. You might feel that you must do this and that; the reality is that you need to cut back on responsibilities and take care of yourself. Opportunities knock on your door. Tonight: Anchor in.\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Be careful with confusion around funds, loved one or children. Carefully think through a decision. You don't see eye-to-eye with another. Spend the afternoon getting together, socializing and touching base with loved ones. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
You are out of sync with family. Conversations and events make you feel unsettled. Emphasize spending, handling your budget and taking better care of yourself. Take time off to visit a friend. Tonight: Balance the books, and pay bills.\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
You are out of touch with what is happening. Consequently, you need to move in new directions. You'll feel more buoyant in the afternoon. Use your magnetism to make what you want happen. Another wants to be closer to you. Tonight: Just ask, and you will receive.\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

A money matter might trigger anxieties. Take a back seat, and listen more. Invite a friend or family member for a walk and perhaps a picnic. You really do need time off the day-to-day grind. Recharge through relaxing. Tonight: Cocoon.\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
You might have to cancel a "must" appearance. It might be overwhelming, considering

what is going on. Even responsible you needs a little fun. Make time for friends; get together with the gang. Once you let go, you'll enjoy a great time. Tonight: Have a ball.\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Avoid following your intuition for now; it is off. Work with facts. Verify plans, and if needed, be willing to accept more responsibility. Others look up to you; they like your style and are willing to pitch in. A lot gets done quickly. Tonight: Head out and about.\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
You are disappointed by a change in plans, but you can handle it. Improvisation seems to be your forte; you might opt to do something you have wanted to try for a long time. Ask a friend or loved one to come with you. Tonight: Do something unusual.\*\*\*\*

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Ships and planes searched the Caribbean today for a Cuban airliner that crashed into the sea with 44 people aboard, including eight foreigners, Cuban aviation authorities said.


Cubana de Aviacion Flight 787 crashed Friday night about three minutes after takeoff from Santiago de Cuba en route to Havana, airline

spokesman Manolo Fernandez told The Associated Press by telephone from Havana.

Fernandez said 39 passengers and a crew of five were on board the Russian-made, twin-engine An-24 aircraft.

As of midmorning, neither the turbo-prop plane nor any of the people on board had been found, according to Cuba's Civil Aviation Institute.

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## Nightmarish inning drops Blue stars into loser's bracket

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

One nightmarish inning sent Big Spring's American League Blue All-Stars into the loser's bracket of the District 3 Junior League Tournament Friday, as Midland Eastern chalked up a 7-3 win and advanced to Monday's championship game.

Big Spring, on the other hand, now moves into the loser's bracket and will play tonight in a bid to reach the finals and avenge the loss. That game is set for 7 p.m.

Big Spring's opponent will be one of the two teams they've already beaten in the tournament — El Paso Manning or Midland North Central. Manning and North Central played late

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

Saturday to determine which would advance.

As has been the case in each of its games during the tournament, Big Spring jumped off to a quick 1-0 lead. Lead-off man Willis Morrison reached base on an infield single, swiped both second and third and scored on Ryan Guinn's RBI double to left.

However, Midland's Daniel Stovall avoided any additional damage by getting Dusty Floyd to pop up to the catcher and striking out Manuel Holguin.

"We were just that close to starting the same way we'd started our first two games," Big Spring coach Pat

Carter noted. "We were just one hit away from having that really big first inning."

Manager Delvin Guinn agreed. "We just didn't get the hits tonight," he said. "We played a really good baseball team and didn't have one of our better nights."

Midland capitalized on five bases on balls, three hits and a Big Spring error to score six runs, all but one earned, in the bottom of the second inning.

Morrison, Big Spring's starter who was saddled with the loss, seemed unnerved in the first when he was charged with a balk and forced to work his way out of a jam.

And when he stepped to the mound in the second and Midland's Travis Latham ripped the first offering for a single up the middle, Morrison's con-

trol evaporated.

By the time he was able to recover that control, Midland had sent 11 batters to the plate and the game had gotten decidedly out of hand.

Despite striking out two batters in the fourth inning, Morrison's control again disappeared.

He was relieved by Stephen Franco, who worked out of a bases-loaded jam and held Midland scoreless through the next two innings.

Midland finished the night with the same number of hits as Big Spring, and committed two more errors.

However, while Morrison was struggling atop the mound, teammate Tye Butler was having his troubles at short, committing four errors and compounding Big Spring's mistakes.

Morrison, who went 2-for-4 at the

plate and was the only player on the team with multiple hit production, added another run for Big Spring in the fifth inning, leading off with a double, moving to third on a ground-out by Brandon Greathouse and scoring on a Midland error.

Stovall continued to keep Big Spring at bay, as a double play snuffed out a sixth-inning rally almost before it started.

Holguin led off the Big Spring sixth with a single and never stopped running, reaching third on successive errors by Midland's center fielder and second baseman. He scored when Franco singled to right.

But with one away and Franco at third, Butler hit a line drive to second that Midland's Daniel Ochs fired to third base, doubling off the runner.

### Weekend busy for numerous sports figures

Talk about your busy sports weekends...

While many Big Spring residents' attentions are focused on Big Spring's American League Blue All-Stars and their run in the District 3 Junior League Tournament at the Roy Anderson Complex, a number of area athletes, coaches and officials are spending the weekend in Lubbock, taking part in the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Clinic and All-Star series.

A team of football officials — Doyle Parks of Luther, Robert Kennedy and Jim Wilson of Big Spring, Johnny Cox of Knott and Brian Marlar of Coahoma — made the calls in last night's TSMCA All-Star Game at Lowry Field.



John A. Moseley  
Sports Editor

Among the local players taking part in that game was Jordan County receiving star Grant Key, who caught 46 passes for 766 yards and 12 touchdowns last year.

Saturday afternoon, Grady coach Johnny Peugh's West Girls' All-Stars basketball squad, which included Lady Wildcat performer Tarah Schuelke, took on the East All-Stars.

Following that game, Grady's Brad Cox was among the West Boys' All-Stars that faced the East's boys.

Over in Abilene Friday, Big Spring's Jaclyn Owusu finished second in the intermediate girls' division long jump competition at the USA Track and Field Region 12 Junior Olympics meet at Elmer Gray Stadium.

Owusu's leap of 17 feet, 9 inches was surpassed only by Rhonda Williams of Denton, who had an 18-5 effort. Kim Morgan, of the Dallas Visions Track Club was third with a 17-foot jump.

Stanton native Connie Pardue was among the Region 12 officials working the meet, but was headed for Houston today, because she's scheduled to call at Women's National Basketball Association game there Monday.

Pardue, who's been blazing trails since becoming the first woman referee in West Texas back in 1977, and now she's the first woman from this part of the state to call women's professional basketball.

She worked the American Basketball League during its first season during the winter, as well as college games — some of them with Dee Kantner, the supervisor of WNBA officials. She applied and was one of 24 officials signed on by the new league — 11 are men, 13 are women.

Speaking of Stanton, the Lady Buffaloes will have a new basketball coach his next season, as former South Plains College coach Ron Mayberry takes over the program.

Mayberry, who was early into his coaching career when he took over the Midland College men's program. He later coached at Odessa College, Wayland

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### CGA DONATION



Cancer patient Christine Salcedo and her father, Jerry, receive a donation from Chicano Golf Association president Manuel Jimenez as Gilbert Rodriguez, the CGA's vice president, looks on Saturday. The \$1,000 check represented funds raised during a benefit golf tournament and barbecue dinner the CGA held at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The association will stage another benefit tournament today, and Jimenez said the group is always willing to offer a lending hand. Anyone needing the CGA's help need only contact any member of the association.

## McMillan, Olivas named to spots on all-state team

From staff and wire reports

Coahoma pitcher Mike McMillan and second baseman Freddy Olivas have been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 2A all-state baseball team.

McMillan, who suffered only two losses during the season, the second coming in the Bulldogs' 5-2 loss to Alto in the state semifinal game, was a second-team selection.

Olivas, who provided key hitting that boosted the Bulldogs past Memphis in the state quarterfinal and gave Coahoma its second trip to the state tournament in three years, was a third-team selection.

Alto pitcher Miguel Heredia, the junior who stymied the Bulldogs' comeback attempts in the late stages, was named to the first-team pitching staff along with Elysian Fields' Chris Tiller and Blanco's Travis Hardin.

The remainder of the first team included catcher Luke Clark of Charlotte; first baseman Jake Jackson of West Rusk; second baseman Cody



McMILLAN OLIVAS

Evans of Iola; shortstops Patrick Colon of Weimar and Ramon DeLeon of Brackett; third baseman Sergio Falcon of Gunter; outfielders Duane Avila of Van Vleck, Chris Fikes of Rosebud-Lott and Michael Wyant of Elysian Fields; and designated hitter Joe Perez of Olney.

Colon, who led Weimar to a state title win over Alto, was named the Class 2A Player of the Year, while Jon Wunderlich of Weimar was named coach of the year.

Colon also joined McMillan as a second-team pitching staff pick, along with teammate Jared Barton. The catcher was

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## Passion for game puts Rodriguez among baseball's elite

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — As far back as he can remember, Ivan Rodriguez loved to play baseball.

His earliest memories of his Puerto Rican childhood are of begging his father to take him to the local baseball field so he could practice. No doubt his father was the first person to see "Pudge" writhing face down in the dirt over an injury that wasn't exactly serious.

Rodriguez's tendency to overreact to the slightest hurt is amusing, but the pain was real when a knee injury prevented him from playing on Puerto



RODRIGUEZ

Rico's "Dream Team" in the 1994-95 Caribbean World Series.

"I actually cried because I saw my team down there playing and I couldn't be there," Rodriguez said.

This passion for baseball, born on the hometown fields of Vega Baja, is what Rodriguez said allows him to maintain his focus and keep his mind from wandering toward such trivial matters as All-Star Games, all-

time records and multiyear, multimillion-dollar contracts.

"I don't think about those things," Rodriguez said. "I think about doing my job every day. All those are things are nice; they mean you're the best at your position. But I just love to play baseball and play the game hard. If I do that, at the end of the year I'll go home and decide if I had a good season."

Rodriguez might be stretching the truth with his stock answer. There might be a time or two when Rodriguez thinks about his future and which teams will be willing to throw \$40 million or more at him this off-season. He did have lunch with agent Jeff Moorad last

week in Los Angeles.

But Rodriguez's numbers strongly back his claim. Despite impending free agency, Rodriguez is having his best season, playing in a sixth consecutive All-Star Game with a batting average of .340 and 56 runs scored, 11 home runs and 40 runs batted in. He is leading the league with 116 hits, which no catcher has done for a full season in major-league history.

The defense remains superb. Rodriguez, 25, also leads the league in throwing out 46.3 percent of base runners attempting to steal, and is positioning himself to win a sixth consecutive Gold Glove, which would tie him with former Rangers catch-

er Jim Sundberg for the most by an American League catcher. Sundberg didn't win his first Gold Glove until he was 26.

"There's no question he's the top catcher of this era," said Kansas City manager Bob Boone, a former Gold Glove catcher. "When you put it all together, his arm, his defensive skills and his hitting, there's no question he's an outstanding talent. If he can duplicate what he's been doing for a long time, he will be in the Hall of Fame."

The superlatives are easy. Rangers general manager Doug Melvin agrees that Rodriguez

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## Not ready to concede, Rangers trip Mariners

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — The Texas Rangers aren't ready to run up the white flag in the AL West race yet.

Faced with the prospect of being swept in a four-game series by Seattle for the second time in less than a month, the Rangers got eight strong innings from John Burkett in a 9-2 victory Saturday over the Mariners.

The Rangers ended a six-game losing streak to Seattle that included the first two games of this important series in the Kingdom. Last year's division champion Rangers must face Seattle ace Randy Johnson in the series finale Sunday.

A loss would have dropped Texas eight games behind first-place Seattle. Instead, the Rangers now are six back.

It's important for Texas to stay in the division race in July because the Rangers' man-

agement has talked about dumping high-priced salaries before the July 31 trading deadline. Among the players who could be dealt by the Rangers are Ivan Rodriguez, Dean Palmer and Ken Hill.

Burkett (7-7) allowed one run and six hits to quiet the Mariners, who scored a total of 20 runs in the first two games of the series. Burkett walked one and struck out seven.

A crowd of 53,929 watched the Rangers take a 3-0 lead in the first inning on a RBI double by Will Clark followed by Palmer's two-run double. In the fifth, Domingo Cedeno had a run-scoring single to give Texas a 4-1 lead.

Texas broke the game open with five runs in the sixth to chase rookie Derek Lowe (2-4). Damon Buford had an RBI single and Rusty Greer walked against Josias Manzanillo with the bases loaded. Juan Gonzalez delivered a two-run single.

### MINOR LEAGUE ALL-STARS



Here is the 1997 National League 9- and 10-year-old All-Stars. Front row, from left, are: Chance Cain, Gabriel Hernandez, Kale VanNess, Jay Rich Sparks, Daniel Castillo and Lance Murphy. Second row: Blake Myers, Josh Nobles, Brandon Tant, Tony Marquez, Ryan Sayles, Tye Baker and Brent Wood. Standing behind the team are coaches John Myers, John Richard Sparks and Jerry Baker.

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MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Today's Games Detroit at N.Y. Yankees. Anaheim at Oakland. Toronto at Seattle...

Tyler Houston from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Marc Pierotta to Iowa of the American Association.

SUPER TEAM

DALLAS (AP) - The all-class, all-star "Super Team" compiled by Texas Football magazine...

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Wide receiver-Robert Ferguson, 6-2, 190, 4.5, Houston Spring Woods...

Quarterback-Adam Dunn, New Caney, 6-5, 230, 4.5...

DETROIT LIONS-Signed DE Duane Ashman and G Tony Ramirez to three-year contracts.

WEEKEND

Continued from page 8A Baptist and Kilgore College before taking the South Plains men's job.

He says he developed a passion for girls' basketball when his three daughters played at Levelland High School.

While coaching in Stanton, Mayberry will also be working toward his doctorate degree at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Stanton hoops standout Kyle Herm was also busy during the weekend, as he and his West Texas Wildcats teammates began play in the 1997 Amateur Athletic Union National Championships in Greensboro, N.C.

The national tournament opened Saturday and continues through July 19.

The Wildcats took the AAU regional boys' 16 and under title with three wins over Amarillo teams to earn a return trip to the national tournament.

'DOGS

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Alto's David Heredia.

The remainder of the second team included first baseman Wyatt Zipperlin of Rosebud-Lott; second baseman Clint Young of Pilot Point; shortstop Ruben Camos of Charlotte; third baseman Jeff Duplichan of Alto; outfielders Nick Mendez of Natalia, Coy Johnson of Blanco and Michael Meyer of Brackett; and designated hitter Trant Martin of Mason.

Those joining Olivas on the third team were pitchers Chris Bayer of Lexington, Russ Horton of Pilot Point and George Monreal of Natalia; catcher R.J. Hester of Deweyville; first baseman Josh Prihoda of Weimar; another second baseman, Cory Robertson of Lexington; shortstop Levi Ness of Pilot Point and Brad Harrison of Axtell; third baseman Cody Whitworth of Harmony; outfielders George Monreal of Natalia, Paul Elvington of Pilot Point and Trevor Farmer of Idalou; and designated hitter Stephan Cage of Marion.

PASSION

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has "the total package" and "we're very fortunate to have him here."

But putting a price tag on that is difficult, which is why Rodriguez and the Rangers have yet to reach agreement on a long-term contract.

If they fall again this off-season, Rodriguez will be playing with another team in 1998.

"It's hard to predict, but I'm optimistic that at the end of the year, we'll work something out," Melvin said.

Rodriguez agreed, saying: "I've been here my whole career. I like it here and the fans have been great. I want to stay here. But it's got to be fair, a contract that I'm happy with and feel comfortable with."

The price of the superstar continues to go up. Albert Belle earned \$55 million over five years from the White Sox this past off-season. Gary Sheffield received a six-year, \$61 million extension in April and Sammy Sosa received \$42.5 million over the next four years last week.

Rodriguez is not that kind of power-hitting offensive player. He is also not Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Bonds or Juan Gonzalez. But he is the only major-league player who has won both the Silver Slugger (for top offensive

player at a position) and Gold Glove Award each of the past three seasons.

Rodriguez is making \$6.64 million this season on a one-year contract. The only other catcher in his financial league is Mike Piazza, who received \$15 million over two years in January.

Piazza is a great offensive player who is mediocre defensively. The Los Angeles Dodgers are likely to move Piazza to another position in a few years to take full advantage of his offense, as the Houston Astros did with Craig Biggio in 1992.

There are no such plans with Rodriguez because, as San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said, "He's the best all-around catcher I've seen since Johnny Bench."

The Cincinnati Reds, though, never had to worry about giving Bench a multiyear contract worth millions of dollars to keep him from playing elsewhere. The Rangers were willing to do that with Gonzalez in 1994, but Rodriguez's position makes it more difficult.

Melvin, who has never been accused of not doing his homework, has studied the history of catchers and their durability, and has some concerns about Rodriguez holding up for an extended period.

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ATLANTA FALCONS-Signed TE O.J. Santiago to a three-year contract and WR Freddie Scott, S Terry Ray and S Chris Shelling to one-year contracts.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS-Agreed to terms with LB Greg Jones and LB Derek Smith.

ATLANTA BRAVES-Purchased the contract of OF Danny Bautista from Richmond of the International League.

CHICAGO BEARS-Signed LB Ron Cox to a one-year contract. Signed WR Marcus Robinson.

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# Armadillo meat proves downfall for a know-it-all

"Armadillo meat?" I exclaimed.  
"Yeah, it's delicious," Mickey said.

It was November several years ago, and I was working in Freeport when Larry Wilson of Gulf Coast Crane and Rigging Co. asked Mickey Meeks and me to go on a deer hunt.

He told us his company had a lease near Ezell in Lavaca County, about 100 miles west of Houston, and that everything necessary was being provided, except our bedroll and gun.

Larry made arrangements to meet us at my travel trailer in Oyster Creek.

He took us to the bunkhouse — an old abandoned farm building. Inside were double-deck bunks and a "pot-bellied" stove in the center of the room. At most, it was better than a tent.

Our host also had moved a small mobile home to the lease, and he converted it into a mess hall, bar and lounge, complete with television and stereo.

I thought to myself, "Boy, these fellows sure do like to rough it."

After supper, most of the hunters chose to sit around the campfire, swapping stories and savoring the true hunting atmosphere. But it wasn't long before they began to drift to bed — 4 a.m. would come soon.

After breakfast, Larry drove me to my assigned deer blind.

I climbed into the blind to await daylight. As the day began to break, I had visions of a trophy buck. But I waited and I waited, and all I saw was a gopher pushing dirt out of its burrow.

Ten o'clock came, and by that time I was disgusted, so I descended from the blind. Walking to camp, I searched all the places that I would normally find deer — no deer.

As I approached camp, I saw two hunters sitting around the campfire and asked, "See any deer?"

"Naw, nothing," one answered.

I had just settled near the fire when Mickey arrived and he told us that he had seen two bucks.

"Did you get a shot?" I asked.  
"No, they were in another pasture, but I thought about it," he related.

After we ate lunch, Mickey and I decided to try our luck during the afternoon. Thinking that perhaps those two bucks might have strolled across to our lease, we drove to his blind.

Rather than sit in the blind, we slowly walked along the fence. Although we did not see a deer, we did jump a feeding armadillo. It quickly sped away. While watching it, Mickey turned to me and said, "I understand those critters are good to eat."

"They may be, but I'd have to be real hungry," I added.

"Yeah, me too," he replied.

We drifted to camp and soon our Houston friend and his son joined us at the campfire.

We told about seeing the armadillo and he immediately began to tell us how good the meat was, that he had prepared several of them and sure would like to have another.

Mickey looked at me and I grinned. He seemed to know



Boyce Hale  
Outdoors

## OUTDOORS

what I was thinking. I moved toward the bunkhouse and he followed. As he slipped inside, I whispered to him, "Let's go get that armadillo."

As quickly as we could, we drove to the spot where we had seen the armadillo. Sure enough, it was still there.

I shot it and we drove to camp. Before cleaning it, we made sure that our Houston friend was out. After we knew he was gone, I took the armadillo and inserted a very sharp knife blade between his shell and flesh. This separated the flesh from which I removed the viscera and skin. After washing the meat thoroughly, I hung it to dry.

Meanwhile, Mickey had cornered Larry and was briefing him on our plan. He agreed to participate.

Shortly after sundown, all the hunters were in camp. As they settled around the campfire, the conversation turned to supper. When asked, Larry said we were going to have armadillo steaks.

"Who killed one?" a hunter asked.

"Boyce got one, and he's already cleaned it," Mickey added.

"Who's going to cook it?" I asked.

"We're going to let our friend from Houston do the cooking," Larry said, "since he is the only one with armadillo experience."

Then it became very quiet. After a few moments, our Houston friend beckoned to his son, and they started toward the house.

"Where are you going?" Larry asked.

"I just remembered I have an important appointment early tomorrow, and I believe it would be best if I get back," our Houston friend explained.

Within minutes, he and his son had their gear packed. As they drove off, one of the hunters commented, "I don't believe that guy ever saw an armadillo, much less cooked one."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

### BSUGSA slates ragball tourney

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association (BSUGSA) will have its third annual Co-Ed Ragball Tournament July 18-19 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Teams must include five males and five females with a maximum roster of 15 players ages 15 and older.

Entry fees will be \$10 per person. For more information, contact JoEllen at 263-3623, Bobby at 263-7510 or Janet at 264-0023.

### Hunting permit applications accepted

Applications for public hunting permits on O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas are being accepted by mail beginning July 15 and continuing through Aug. 15 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Applications will be accepted by mail only. The number of permits issued will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District by calling 267-6341 or writing to CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

### 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.

### Volleyball camp set for July 28-Aug. 2

The Rose Magers Volleyball Camp has been scheduled for July 28-Aug. 2 at Big Spring High School's Steer Gymnasium.

Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at Neals Sporting Goods. The fee for registering is \$75 per participant.

The camp will be structured with girls of different ages taking part in different sessions. Seventh through ninth graders will attend 8 a.m. until noon sessions, while fifth and sixth graders will have a session from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Junior varsity and varsity players will attend sessions from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For additional information, contact coach Traci Pierce at 267-4047. Registration forms should be mailed with fee payments to 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

### Summer baseball camp scheduled

Howard College coaches and players will conduct a summer baseball camp at Jack Barber Field July 21-24 on the Howard College campus.

Camp sessions will be from 9 a.m. until noon and designed for youngsters between the ages of 9 and 14.

Registration will be at 8 a.m. Monday, July 21, and the fee will be \$90 per participant. For more information, call 264-5040.

### Tennis camp starts Monday

The 1997 Bill Willis Tennis Camp has been scheduled for July 14-18 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park.

Camp sessions will include a minimum of two hours of intense practice each day — each day having its own objectives and priorities.

The camp is open to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 19. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday. A fee of \$125 will be charged of each participant.

For more information, contact Willis at (806) 655-5206 or Sara Corse at 263-2275.

### Youth baseball playoff results

Big Spring's All-Stars were eliminated from the District 3 Senior League Tournament, dropping a heartbreaking 6-5 decision to Odessa's Floyd Gwin All-Stars Friday night.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh and the score tied 5-5, a passed ball on a strikeout and a subsequent error allowed Floyd Gwin to push ahead the winning run.

The loss left Big Spring's squad finishing fourth in the tournament, but drawing praise from district and tournament officials for their sportsmanship and determined play.

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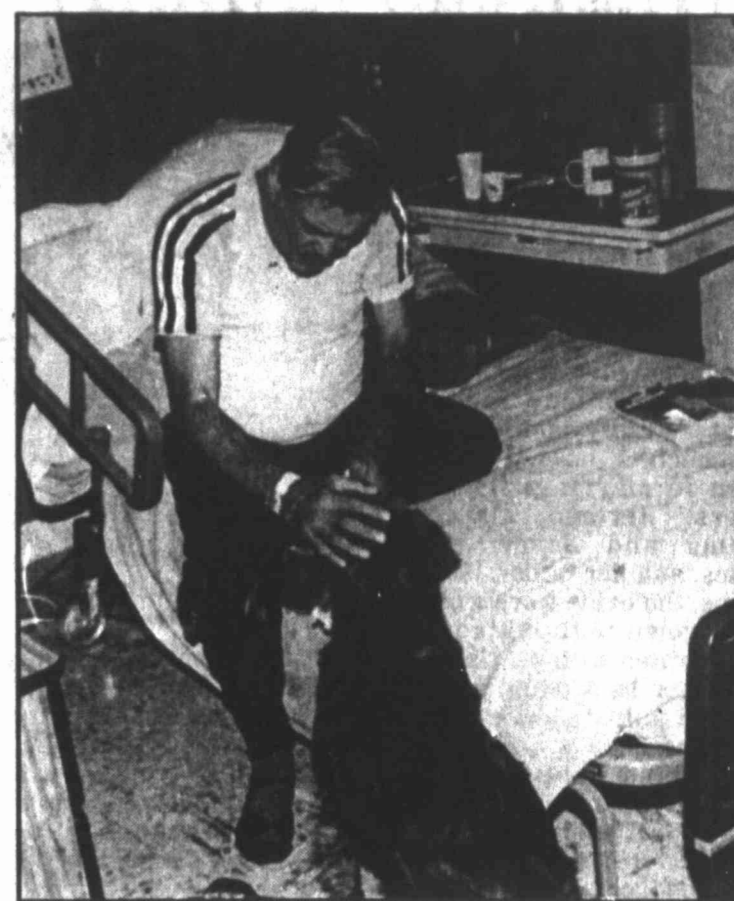
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# Canine comfort

## Animals assist in patient care, therapy at local hospitals



Nadine rounds the corner to John Collie's room, alert, wagging her tail. The 101-year-old VA Medical Center patient is slumped in his wheelchair, his back to the door.

He might be asleep. Seeing him, Nadine tiptoes carefully over to his chair, sniffing lightly. She presses her nose against his side.

He looks up. He smiles. "Well, hello," he says, lifting his hands to rub and scratch the golden retriever's glossy coat. It is obvious the two are old friends.

This is a job for Nadine, the four-year-old pet and working dog of Melanie Gambrell. Nadine is a VA volunteer who tours the nursing home floor once a week to visit, delight and subject herself to lots of attention.

"There's that Nadine," one veteran says, clapping his hands to get her attention as the dog enters his room. On this day, she is wearing a camouflage outfit, complete with military-style cap.

It is a big hit with these patients. On these Wednesdays, Nadine goes room to room, putting her manicured paws up on bedsides, holding her head down for pats, and chasing her favorite toys.

These kind of activities, therapists say, are helpful to the recovery, socialization and general well-being of patients. For that reason, animals are used as "therapists" at the VA, Big Spring State Hospital, nursing homes and at Marcy House, the assisted living facility.

Corey Marr, program supervisor of recreation therapy at Big Spring State Hospital, said the animals are used in many ways, not the least of which is friendship.

"To hug your psychologist might be considered inappropriate," he said. "But to hug and show affection for an animal is perfectly all right."

At the state hospital, Buddy the beagle is pet therapist in residence.

He lives, literally, in Marr's office, which opens out onto a

small patio. Buddy attends classes, where patients care for him, walk him and shower him with attention.

"He can open up conversation," Marr said. "He can bring back memories, offer hope."

State Hospital therapists also use turtles, cats, other dogs and even an iguana in their sessions. Some patients enjoy caring for the animals, requesting to feed them and take care of other responsibilities of pet ownership.

Currently, the hospital is working on a project to fund a building that will house several animals so that patients can visit them, learn to care for them and enjoy them.

Both Buddy and Nadine have undergone testing for temperament, pain tolerance and other personality or attitude tests. Buddy, who had been abandoned by his previous owners, was adopted from the Big Spring Humane Society.

Nadine was given to Gambrell by a man from Midland who said he couldn't keep her anymore. At first, the owner of the Pet Connection planned to find the dog another home, but said she couldn't part with the pooch after spending only a few minutes with her.

Working to make people feel better, Gambrell said, was a natural for Nadine.

"Animals have been so much a part of my life, I forget they aren't a part of everyone's life," she said. "I can tell what visiting with Nadine does (for patients). They absolutely love her."

A therapist Comanche Trail Nursing Center said the effect was dramatic on her patients.

"One of our patients ... she had had a stroke, couldn't speak," said Lettie England, social worker. "Nothing we did would reach her."

When the patient saw Nadine, her eyes "lit up like a Christmas tree," England said. "I was so excited. I just said, 'Yes!'"

Therapists said some patients with Alzheimer's Disease had a complete change in behavior while

in contact with animals. Those who were almost catatonic came "alive," while those who at times had been uncontrollable were calmed.

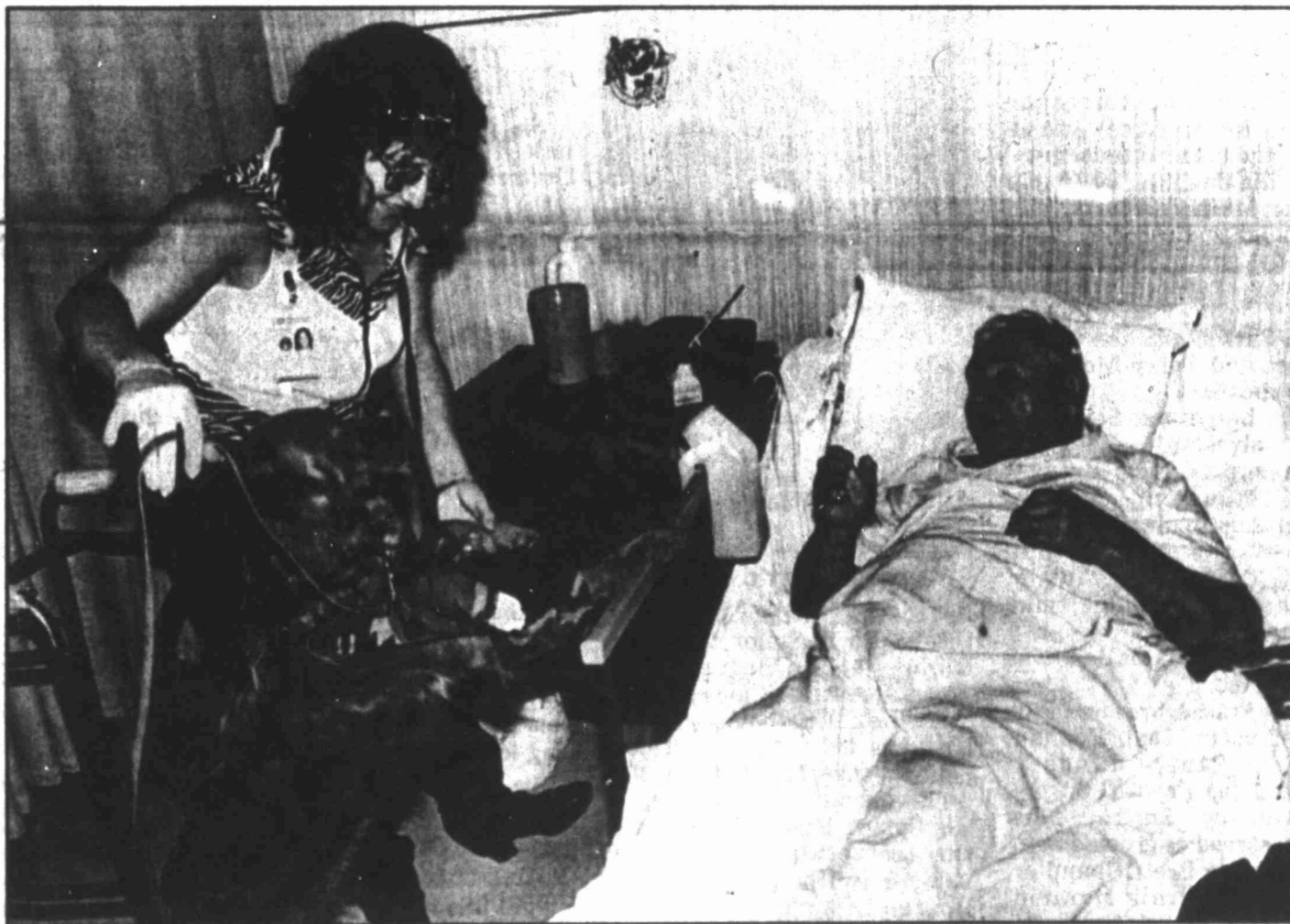
Both the VA and state hospital have written policies dealing with animal-assisted therapy. They include guidelines for such aspects as infection control, therapeutic goals and care of the animals.

"A hospital is sterile and clean," Marr said. "Animals didn't exactly fit in with that at first."

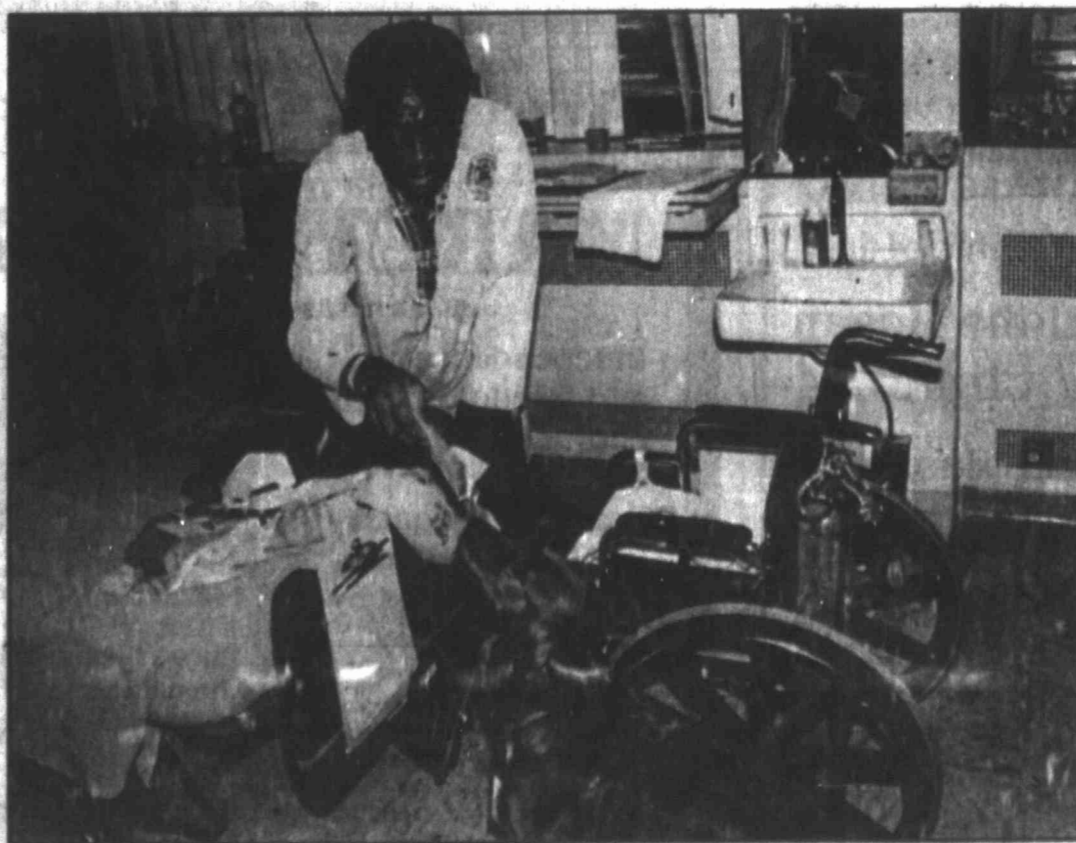
But use of animals in therapy has support from many experts, and those concerns were addressed at both facilities.

In the end, it was the response to animals that made local therapists request to use them more and more.

"This dog," said England, as Nadine made her rounds at the nursing center recently, "elicits a response that we want to see in our patients."



In the photos, clockwise from top left: Dawn Henderson is a big fan of Buddy, the Big Spring State Hospital's resident dog for animal-assisted therapy; Ronald Allen pats VA Medical Center "volunteer dog" Nadine, who visits patients there; Melanie Gambrell, owner of Nadine, laughs as the pooch jumps up on two legs next to the bedside of Tye Cobb at Comanche Trail Nursing Center; VA employee Willie Crear gives Nadine a piece of bread; Corey Marr, Big Spring State Hospital program supervisor for recreation therapy, lets Buddy out to the patio next to Marr's office. Buddy is currently living in Marr's office since the hospital has no other facility available for housing animals.



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# WEDDINGS

## WILLIAMS-KNECHT

Caroline Sue Williams and Dennis Raymond Knecht, Sr. exchanged wedding vows on May 31, 1997, at the Salvation Army with Major Roy Tolcher, of the Salvation Army, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jerry Williams.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dirks, Plymouth, Wis.

The couple stood before blue and white carnations, candles in a glass, a unity candle and a prayer bench.

Given in marriage by her brothers, Jerome Marcus Williams and Jerry Max Williams, and her father, Jerry Williams, the bride wore a candlelight gown with a six-foot train decorated with pearls and sequins over bodice and gown. It featured puffed sleeves with bows and pearls.

She carried a bouquet of white, navy blue and sky blue carnations with streamers of pearls and ivory and sky blue ribbons and lace.

Maid of honor was Brandy Jo Ann Wheeler.

Bridesmaids were Heather Eiden, Jackie Knecht and Bonnie Mae Knecht.

Train bearer was Mark Hollis Ryerson.

Ringbearers were Joseph Paul Ryerson and Dennis Knecht, Jr.

Gus Marquez was the best man.

Joseph Paul Ryerson, Mark Hollis Ryerson and Dennis Raymond Knecht, Jr. served as groomsmen.

Roy Davis was the usher  
Mrs. Major Mary Dell



MR. AND MRS. DENNIS R. KNECHT, SR.

Tolcher was the candlelighter.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Salvation Army.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered white cake with navy blue ribbons and bows with carnations of sky blue. The bride's table was covered in a navy blue tablecloth with a lace overlay. It also featured the punch.

The bride attended Big Spring High School and graduated from Pecos High School. She holds two Associate Degrees and a Bachelor's degree. She is employed at Goliad Middle School as a math teacher.

The groom is a graduate of Plymouth High School, Wisconsin. He is the shift manager at Pizza Hut.

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

# CHANDLER-FRASER

Christina Victoria Chandler, Irving, and Garrett Chase Fraser, Bedford, exchanged wedding vows on July 12, 1997, at The Church at Horseshoe Bay, with Robert Creel, grandfather of the bride, officiating.

She is the daughter of Cheila Chandler McKay, Austin, and Doug Chandler, Brazoria.

He is the son of Senator and Mrs. Troy Fraser, Horseshoe Bay.

Karen Carson was the instrumentalist and Terry McDaniel was the vocalist.

Maid of honor was Stephanie Harlan, Galveston.

Bridesmaids were Bridget Brady, Houston, Valerie Carvajal, Austin, Sunny Fraser, sister of the groom, San Antonio, Corey Helm, Austin, and Shelley Stroud, Lake Jackson.

Todd Redmond, Dallas, was the best man.

Andrew Fraser, brother of the groom, Austin, Sean Keenan, Austin, Paul Lindsey, Arlington, Jay Proffitt, Spring, and Andrew Smith, New Orleans, served as groomsmen.

Ushers were Brett Chandler, John Hoctor, Craig Hannon, Pat Hansen, Mike Zielsinski, Jimmy Miller, and Buddy Everett.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at The Pool on Applehead Island.

The bride is a graduate of



MRS. GARRETT C. FRASER

Brazoswood High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology at the University of Texas at Austin. She is presently in her fourth year at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor's Degree in advertising. He is employed with Fraser Industries-Palex.

Following a wedding trip to Kauai and Maui, Hawaii, the couple will make their home in Dallas.

# MOORE-OLLERTON

Tonia L. Moore, Lubbock, and Jim Ollerton were united in marriage on July 4, 1997, at the Country Stage of the Broadway Festival with Judge Sam Medina officiating.

She is the daughter of Ronald Earl and Blanche Moore, Big Spring. He is the son of Jim Ollerton, Casa Grande, Ariz.

The couple stood on a band stage with an oak tree in the background.

The Dennis Barnes Band played before the ceremony, and Cam Damron played afterwards.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a simple white dress with beaded top and sheer over skirt.

The bride carried a country bouquet of assorted flowers.



MR. AND MRS. JIM OLLERTON

# LEYVA-HILARIO

Marisai Adriana Leyva and Gilbert Hilario were united in marriage on June 21, 1997, in Midland with Rev. Malcolm Pointon officiating.

She is the daughter of Ralph and Jere Rollins.

He is the son of Gilbert and Pauline Hilario.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory gown. She carried an ivory bouquet with a touch of purple.

Maid of honor was France Alcantar.

Bridesmaids were Janell Deanda, Holly Ludington and Amanda Rollins.

Rosa Alcantar was the flower girl, and Israel Robert Leyva was the ringbearer.

Anthony Ramirez served as best man. Joe Olivos, Aaron Rodriguez and Hugo Leyva all served as groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, the reception was also held in Midland. The wedding cake was a three tiered cake iced in



MR. AND MRS. GILBERT HILARIO

white with a touch of purple. Both the bride and the groom are Big Spring High School graduates. They will make their home in Midland.

# WALLING-BROWN

Mandi Sue Walling and David Lindsey Brown were united in marriage on July 12, 1997, in Memorial Christian Church, Midland, with Tony Wofford, Snyder, officiating.

She is the daughter of Lynn and Barbara Walling, Coahoma.

He is the son of David (Buster) and Fran Brown, Denton.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long, white taffeta dress with a scoop neckline. The bodice was beaded with pearls and crystal sequins and overlaid with French embroidered aloncon lace. It featured long fitted sleeves. She wore a chapel length train edged with lace with a large bow and accented with lace motif. The headpiece was accented with pearls and crystal rachele beads.

She carried a cascading bouquet of peach roses and white daisies.

Maid of honor was Tammi Walling, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Lisette O'Neill, Arlington, and Tammie Urrabazo, Roanoke. Junior bridesmaid was Valerie Urrabazo, niece of the groom.

Flower girl was Lindsey Urrabazo, niece of the groom.

David (Buster) Brown served as best man.

Kenneth Brown, brother of the groom, and Jeff Linnartz, Houston, were the groomsmen.

Keaton Kramer, cousin of the bride, served as ringbearer.

Robert Urrabazo, Roanoke, and Bryan Oliphant, Lubbock, were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor of Memorial Christian Church.



MRS. DAVID L. BROWN

The bride's table was covered with a white lace tablecloth accented with peach bows. It featured a four-tiered wedding cake decorated with peach roses.

The groom's cake was strawberry cheesecake.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She is currently employed by Northwest ISD.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Denton High School and a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. He is currently self employed and is a student at North Texas University working toward a Master's Degree in Environmental Science.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Denton.

# NEWCOMERS

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

Joe Lee Harper, son Cole and daughters Sunny and Summer, Carlsbad, N.M. She is a dental hygiene student at Howard College.

Robert and Noomi Jewett and son David, Commerce City, Colo. He does construction work.

Donald W. and Linda Chandler, daughters Lauren and Karen and sons John and Michael, Tucson, Ariz. He is a

computer specialist at the VA Medical Center.

Don C. and Debra Barton and sons Austin and Eric, Carrizo Springs. He works for Conoco Oil Co.

Jimmy W. Shelton, Sherman. He is employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Robert and Barbara Holub, San Angelo. He is self employed.

Vernon and Tina White and sons Jeffery and Justin, Snyder. He works for Ackerly Services.

Scott and Shoshoni Pena and children Anthony and Ariel, Ft. Polk, La. He is employed by Cornell Corrections, and she is employed by Professional Pharmacy.

# STORK CLUB

Morgan Scott Jacobs, boy, 5:10 p.m., eight pounds five and a half ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Allen and Monica Jacobs.

Grandparents are Nadine and Clyde Roberts, Horseshoe Bay, Daniel and Laurie Jacobs, Port Mansfield, and Robin Wittler, Pleasanton.

Blake Anthony Freshour, boy, 4:02 a.m., six pounds 13 ounces, 20-1/2 inches long; parents are Daniel and Stacey Freshour.

Grandparents are Bart and Debbie Reese Neighbors, Jim and Beth Freshour, Big Spring, Richard Walling, Midland.

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Our pledge to our patients is this: Quality Women's Healthcare Will Continue at Malone and Hogan Clinic.

Dr. Robert Anthony, Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology, is available on a full-time basis while efforts are on-going to bring two new Ob/Gyn physicians to Big Spring.

For scheduling changes and for new appointments, please call our Ob/Gyn Department.

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# HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured with these cute kids are Zoey, Joey and Tony, three of the many puppies available at the Big Spring Humane Society — there are now eight large, four brindle and four black males and females looking for families.

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Ringo, older red chow mix, spayed, very lovable and personable and sweet disposition.

Loretta, Catahoula female, spayed, two years old multi-colored, blue eyes.

Nipper, Rottweiler mix, 8 months old, pretty neutered male.

Nina, 3-4-year-old mixed breed female. Wonderful dog desperately in need of home.

China, older cocker spaniel mix.

Spanky, terrific personality, 8 months old female puppy, creamy white in color, small.

Derby, red pit mix, year and a half old, neutered.

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# life! section policies

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

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

We will not accept announcements unless they are printed on our forms, and we will include only information listed on the forms. There is no charge for these announcements.

Need support? Find a group listed in Wednesday's life! section

# GETTING ENGAGED



Michelle Carlile and Terry Deatherage will exchange wedding vows on July 18, 1997, in Big Spring.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

## LeVier

Frances Willis and Dolores Nadine LeVier celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, July 12, 1997, with a catered dinner and dance at the Dora Roberts Civic Center. Family and friends enjoyed music by D.J. Jim Koeber, youth pastor of Church of the Harvest.

Frances was born in Ohio and Dolores was born in Oklahoma. They were married July 12, 1947 in Wichita, Kan. They had three children: Roger Lynn LeVier of La Port; Frances Kay (Mrs. Leon) Hobbs of Big Spring, and Amy Huff-Martin of Big Spring. The LeViers have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

They have lived in Shreveport, Lafayette and Boshier City, Breckenridge, Snyder, San Angelo and Big Spring.

Mr. LeVier is a retired chemical process engineer and Mrs. LeVier is a retiree of Gamco Industries. Activities he enjoys include visiting with friends



MR. AND MRS. FRANCES LEVIER

over coffee, and she plays bridge. They are affiliated with First Christian Church and enjoy spending time with their family and members of the Church of the Harvest.

Of the LeVier's 50th anniversary, their children said, "We wish for their good health, continuous happiness and blessings."

## COLEMAN



MR. AND MRS. DUDLEY COLEMAN, THEN AND NOW

Dudley and Zula Coleman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 29, 1997, with a safari-themed reception of 50 years of adventure, at the Coleman Ranch headquarters in Ackerly. Hosts were their children and spouses.

He was born in Dawson County, and she was born Zula Shortes in Borden County. They married June 29, 1947 at First United Methodist Church in Midland.

The Coleman children are Mike and Joanne Welling,



Ackerly, and Michael and Sharon Coleman, Ackerly. They have one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

During their marriage, the Colemans have lived in Ackerly, Fairplay, Colo. and Cloudcroft, N.M. They have been ranchers throughout their marriage.

They are affiliated with First United Methodist Church in Ackerly and enjoy hunting and fishing in the U.S. and overseas.

## Most married man's funeral light on family

BLYTHE, Calif. (AP) — Glynn "Scotty" Wolfe, the world's most-married man, was laid quietly to rest — with none of his 29 wives and only one of his 19 children in attendance.

Wolfe, 88, avoided an unmarked public grave when a funeral home donated its services and a cemetery gave him a burial plot. A minister's graveside remarks were brief.

"We gather here today to remember the life of Scotty Wolfe," Steven Clark Goad of Blythe Church of Christ said Thursday in a carefully worded eulogy. "Father... husband."

Only one of the flamboyant minister's 19 children, 33-year-old John Wolfe, wanted to bury him, but the Burger King worker could not afford it.

He was the only offspring to show up at Palo Verde Cemetery.

"I wanted the Partridge family, I wanted the Brady Bunch," Wolfe said. "I was always worried I'd be a number."

Wolfe, who held the Guinness Book of Records title for most-married man for more than 35 years, died June 10 of coronary heart disease.

After Frye Chapel donated its mortuary services, the task of claiming Wolfe's body fell to his last wife, Linda Essex Wolfe of Indiana. They wed after each was listed in the Guinness Book, she as the most-married woman

## Plenty of characters, plot packed with suspense

"The Vulture Fund." Stephen Frey. Signet, Penguin Books, New York, N.Y. May, 1997. 426 pages. \$6.99.

In the same style as John Grisham uses to write about familiar institutions, Stephen Frey bases his novel "The Vulture Fund" around the investment banking business.

He discloses how easily vast fortunes can be used to influence governments, change the mood of the business community, and make and break the fortunes of individuals.

As a fast-rising young manager of a Wall Street banking firm, Mace McLain finds himself serving at the mercy of the controlling partner of the firm. He is to negotiate and assemble a billion-dollar account; this secret fund is set up for the banking firm to use in buying devalued real estate and other properties.

During this time, the financial affairs of the city of New York are at prime levels, and Mace has some ethical concerns about how this immense amount of money will be used. As Mace is securing the funding, others are quietly arranging for his death, feeling that his usefulness has been served.

While teaching a college night course, Mace becomes acquainted with a beautiful and intelligent young woman, Rachel Sommers.

Because of her grasp of bank-

ing and monetary details, Mace encourages her to work for the same firm as he does. As their friendship grows, romance develops. Her quick wit and sharp mind help him deal with his wariness about the honesty of the vulture fund, and also later with the threats on his life.

Stephen Frey includes every element of a good story: a tightly knit plot, accurate descriptions, suspense, believable characters, and a moral dilemma.

Despite a plethora of characters, each one seems to be important within the story. The author does an excellent job of maintaining the consistency of each personality as the plot develops.

The book is fairly long, and requires the reader to deal with several subplots that are occurring at the same time.

However, Frey's superb ability to interconnect the characterizations and actions make it easy to follow the scenario.

"The Vulture Fund" is believable, made more so by the recent newspaper headlines about savings and loan problems and banking improprieties.

The book's dialogue is sharp and authoritative, and settings are authentic.

Frey lets the reader have a peek into a way of life that few people will experience firsthand; he writes with knowledge and insight about Wall Street firms and business policies.

This is the perfect book for pure enjoyment and escape from daily chores.

Rating: (\*\*\*\*) Four out of four = Not to be missed!



Pat Williams  
Paperback Book Reviewer

## Park preservation effort has many friends

One of the favorite camping spots for our family was Garner State Park, which is located along the Frio River in Uvalde County.

Laura Lynn was enthusiastic about it. As a little girl, she told me, "I think heaven must be like Garner, don't you, Mom?"

Today, her daughter Madison enjoys taking paddle boat rides on the river and watching the deer just as her mother did.

Their affection for Garner is shared by many people. In the 57 years since it was opened, the park has been extremely popular. It is this very popularity that now threatens the environment and beauty of the park.

The Friends of Garner State Park, a non-profit organization, was started last year to assist in the efforts of park beautification, park facility restoration and improvements, and equipment and facility acquisitions. With the downward spiraling of budgets for state parks, the need for such an organization has grown.

A number of projects have been undertaken. Part of the patio area for the new headquarters building has been paved with monogrammed, commemorative bricks. The old headquarters building will become a visitors' center that will house exhibits of the park's natural and cultural history.

A maintenance program has been instituted in which Friends of Garner members donate two hours of vacation time to work with park officials at needed tasks around the park.

Visitors can purchase Friends of Garner T-shirts, golf shirts and caps. Plans are underway for a fundraising race, the Classy Coyote Challenge, Nov. 29.



Laura Lynn Warren is shown at right when she was 5 years old, visiting Garner State Park. Above is her daughter, Madison, at age 2 in front of the park entrance, a generation later.



The organization has co-sponsored an interpretive program that includes nature walks and music, with singing Park Ranger Frank Roberts, that tells the history of Frio Canyon.

The history of the area is an interesting one. The park itself was developed by CCC Company #79 between 1933-39. They built a concession building, park residence and 14 cabins in a style inspired by the limestone architecture of Alsatian immigrants in the region.

The park is named for John Nance Garner, vice president of the U.S. from 1933-39, who was active in pushing the New Deal through Congress. In Uvalde, sightseers can visit the charming home of the Garners.

The First State Bank of Uvalde houses the art collection of former governor Dolph Briscoe. At the opera house, built in 1891 and restored in 1982, four productions are given each year.

If you are interested in joining Friends of Garner and assisting with the important work of preserving the beauty of the park, call Bill Lee at (800) 805-1804. Or write to him at 2250 FM 407, Suite 108-106, Highland Village, TX 75067.

Membership dues are \$25 annually, which includes a newsletter.

## ON THE MENU

### SPRING CITY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

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TUESDAY  
Ham, potatoes, broccoli, pineapple rings, milk, rolls and cake.

WEDNESDAY  
Steak, macaroni salad, zucchini, broccoli, milk and roll, fruited gelatin

THURSDAY  
Beef tips, rice, green beans, Waldorf salad, milk, bread, pie.

FRIDAY  
Enchiladas, rice, beans, tossed salad, milk, cornbread and fruit.

### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

MONDAY  
Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, English peas, applesauce, roll and milk.

TUESDAY  
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, sliced peaches, roll and milk.

WEDNESDAY  
Chicken sandwich, salad w/lettuce and tomato, pickles, apple and milk.

THURSDAY  
Burrito, tossed salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit cup and milk.

FRIDAY  
Hamburger, French fries, salad w/lettuce and tomato, pickles, frozen fruit bar and milk.

## Recipe Corner

This monthly feature runs the second Wednesday of each month in the life! section. Submit recipes to Recipe Corner, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Or drop them by the Herald office, or fax to 264-7205. Include your name and phone number.

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## Bomer weighing decision on insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans who pay their auto insurance in monthly installments could get lower down payments and more time to pay the balances under a rule Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer is considering.

About 14 million Texans are licensed drivers. Roughly 25 percent in Mexico-border areas, and 20 percent in other regions, are uninsured despite a state law requiring at least liability insurance.

Bomer and Texas Department of Insurance officials say hefty down payments and sizeable monthly payments contribute to the problem. The department

couldn't say how many Texans choose monthly payments over single payment options.

"A lot of people have to make decisions about purchasing everything — insurance, refrigerators, televisions — based on down payment, how much the monthly payment is going to be and how many monthly payments there are," Bomer said Tuesday.

Under the proposed rule, insurers could require down payments for up to two months' coverage. They currently can charge down payments up to 40 percent on a six-month policy and 25 percent on 12-month policies.

The proposed rule also would require insurers to spread premium balances over five equal monthly payments for six-month plans and 11 equal monthly payments for 12-month policies.

Balances currently can be collected in three months for six-month policies and eight months for 12-month policies.

Bomer said reducing down payments and extending payment periods would help some Texans.

But D.J. Powers, head of The Center for Economic Justice, said the proposal would do nothing for people who have no

access to insurance. The center has accused major insurance companies of refusing to offer insurance in certain parts of the state, a practice called "redlining."

"If an insurer is not willing to offer that coverage, it doesn't matter if the down payment is 25 percent or 50 percent," he said.

Rob Schneider, another consumer advocate, called the proposal a "little bitty first step."

"Though lower initial payments may allow consumers to make a first payment, guidelines that force good drivers into expensive ... policies will

continue to keep coverage unaffordable," he said.

Schneider, of Consumers Union, said some factors used to determine whether a driver gets insurance — credit history, occupation and residential stability — have a disproportionately negative affect on lower-income drivers.

That forces them to seek unregulated, more expensive insurance, he said, adding that it was unfair because the guidelines don't indicate a driver's chances of filing an insurance claim.

Bomer agreed. "There are other things out

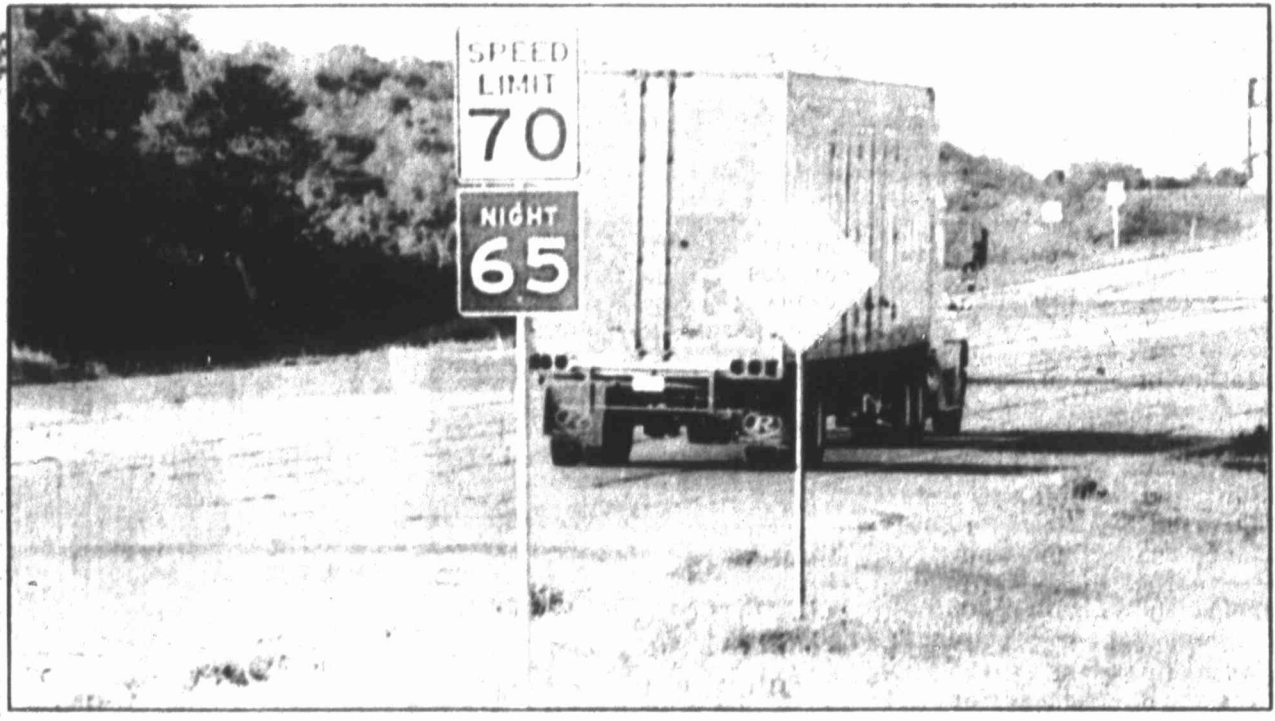
there that are factors," he said. "But to say that this (proposal) is not important is closing your eyes to something very important."

Insurers said they already offer payment plans and would face great costs if forced to change their billing and computer systems.

David Durden, deputy insurance director for property and casualty lines, said insurers would not have to change their systems if their installment plans were better than the proposal being considered.

Bomer did not set a time frame for announcing his decision.

### 70 MPH FOR NOW



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

A series of 25 meetings, sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), including one this Thursday in Abilene, continues its way through Texas gathering public input about the 70 mile per hour (mph) speed limit. Once all of the meetings are concluded, TxDOT will make a decision as to whether 70 mph is too fast on Texas highways. A law signed by President Bill Clinton in December 1995 repealed the old 55 mph speed limit, which had been the national standard for more than 20 years.

## DHS employees honored

HERALD Staff Report

The Texas Department of Human Services (DHS) recently honored several local employees as "Outstanding Employees" of the department's Region 02/09.

Region 02/09 consists of 60 counties in West Central Texas and is headquartered in Abilene.

Honored were Doris Booth, Category I, Certified Technician, a six and a half year employee; Paula Henry, Category I, Secretary to the program manager, a six-year

employee; Amy Kirby, Category I, Administrative Technician I, a four-year employee; Debbie Wegman, category III, Assistant to the program manager, a 19-year employee; and Gail Wells, Category III, Program Manager, a 25-year employee.

According to Employee Recognition Committee Coordinator Vicki Evans, DHS developed the employee recognition system to recognize exemplary employees.

Outstanding employees for the region are chosen in three categories (Category I, II or III) each quarter with selection of

an "Employee of the Year" at the end of the fiscal year. These employees are then reviewed along with others from across the state for selection of a statewide employee of the year for the department.

Outstanding employee selection is based on the following criteria: the employee contributes above and beyond regular job duties; maintains good relationships with staff, clients and the public; take initiative and is dependable and flexible; projects a positive image for DHS; and displays other outstanding attributes.

## New county agent up for challenge

Editor's Note: David Kight took over the duties of Howard County Extension Agent on July 1.

This is the first of many news articles to come in the future. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service was established in 1914 and through the years small changes have occurred to adapt to the needs of its clientele, but one thing has remained constant — the Texas Agricultural Extension has been and will continue to be a service organization.

Programming needs are determined, planned and implemented throughout local citizens within the county.

The four primary program areas that the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serves are: agriculture, 4-H and youth, consumer science and community development.

With the help of Howard County citizens this has



David Kight  
County Agent

occurred and will continue to occur. All of us want to make the place we live and work, our families and economic well being of ourselves as well as our community, to prosper.

I am proud to be part of an organization whose motto is "Helping People to Help Themselves." If our office can ever be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to call or come by.

The cotton situation around Howard County is a mixed bag. There is some good, some bad, some young and some old. The moisture situation still good for the most part but additional moisture will be needed soon.

Insect pressure has been light to moderate to this point, but insect pressure will increase in the future.

This year has been a very difficult year for most producers. The wind, hail and sandflying has taken its toll on some cotton as well as wearing on the producers.

As most everyone knows agriculture production is a key economic factor within the Big Spring economy.

For everyone's sake I hope producers make the best crop ever.

## Welfare plan being tested

AUSTIN (AP) — Applying for welfare in Texas soon could be a lot like applying for a job.

The concept, known as "work first," will be tried in a Corpus Christi pilot project. If it succeeds, job counselors and wage subsidies could play a leading role in Texas welfare.

Under the idea, when people apply for welfare benefits, information about their work history and employability would be considered as well. Those considered employable would be sent to a job counselor for work placement.

To help welfare applicants find jobs, the state would subsidize wages. Instead of giving a cash grant and food stamps to applicants, the state would give the money to a business to help it pay three-quarters of the applicant's wages.

"The vision is to have a system where the very first option is work. In the past, what we've had is people come in wanting to be signed up for benefits, and work is not a consideration," said Texas Workforce Commissioner Bill Hammond, who is guiding the project.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Monday that Corpus Christi was chosen as the site for the pilot project, which officials hope to launch by fall, because its population represents a cross-section of the state, there are jobs available and the city has a moderate unemployment rate.

Work-based programs, which have been put in place by other states, have taken on added significance in light of the federal welfare reform law. It requires states to move welfare recipients to work quickly, imposing penalties if they don't meet quotas.

## DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

The east side of the Howard County Courthouse, along Main Street, has a new look, which is part of the city's Downtown Beautification Project. The project is near completion of its tree planting operation along the four street bordering the courthouse and will begin phase two, which calls for decorative light poles to be added as well. Coordinator Tara Kersh said this should light the fire for other projects aimed at restoring downtown Big Spring. Patrons of the courthouse can already see the results of a new lawn being planted around the building.

## Summer travel means little room on nations air carriers

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Full airplanes, long ticket lines, clogged security checkpoints and crowded airports are the norm this summer as airlines squeeze more profit out of each flight by squeezing in more passengers.

The most recent figures by the Air Transport Association show industry load factors, or the percent of total airline seats that are filled with paying passengers, increased to 71 percent in May compared to 69.9 percent the previous year.

American Airlines saw its June figures go up to 73.3 percent, its highest load factors in the '90s. Meanwhile, Delta Air Lines says it loaded 2.3 million passengers in Atlanta this June, the most ever boarded at a single station in the history of commercial aviation.

"Overall it's been a very good summer, both for the airlines and for the travel agencies," said Eric Munro, chief executive of Uniglobe Wide-World Travel of San Diego.

Airplanes packed elbow-to-elbow are providing a chal-

lenge for people who want specific flights, but industry insiders say seats are available for folks willing to go at off-times or days.

"The summer traffic has been very, very heavy, but we've been able to get seats for practically everybody as long as they're flexible," Munro said.

Reasons why the planes are so full range from the booming economy to the number of seats available.

"There are a couple of things affecting this," said David Swierenga, chief economist for the ATA. "The most obvious is the capacity is growing slower than demand for air travel. We're not adding airplanes as quickly as passengers."

But other things are also at play.

"One is that airline prices have generally held to levels that are about the same as last year and that would tend to stimulate additional demand for air travel, also the economy has been growing very strongly and that is also a driver for air travel," said Swierenga.

Ed Stewart, spokesman for Southwest Airlines, said the Dallas-based airline has been so full that some employees are buying tickets rather than flying standby.

Southwest, which added capacity during the last year, had a load factor for June of 86.5 percent with an increase of 2.8 percent in revenue passengers carried.

"I think that people are pretty confident about the economy and that has gotten them out of the backyard and into the airports," said Stewart.

Fort Worth, Texas-based American agrees that the economy is a big reason for the increase.

"More people are traveling. The economy is obviously part of the story," said Al Comeaux at American. But he adds that another reason is that airlines are marketing better to fill their planes.

The company offers internet sales on planes that have fewer passengers and they're also offering lower prices on early morning flights in Chicago and Dallas through Oct. 1.

### Keeping an eye on Texas

#### Truckers roll past other jobs

Employment in the trucking industry had an annual growth of 4.3 percent from 1990-95, while other Texas nonfarm jobs rose an average of 2.5 percent.

**Trucking employment vs. other Texas jobs, percent change**

Year	Trucking Jobs	Other Texas Jobs
1990	2%	2%
1991	3%	2.5%
1992	4%	3%
1993	5%	3.5%
1994	6%	4%
1995	8%	4.5%

SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Workforce Commission. \*Nonfarm jobs

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Wilkinson, Denise, HC 76 Box 108, Big Spring  
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**Howard County Clerk's Office**

**Marriage Licenses**  
George Bolton, 46, and Mary Pearson, 34.  
Armando Rodriguez Jr., 25, and Brandi Crawford, 24.  
Russell Henry, 19, and Melissa Burton, 18.  
John Smith Jr., 38, and Shanna Young, 29.  
Kenneth Cross, 40, and Nancy Yufares, 43.  
Terry Deatherage, 29, and Michelle Carlie, 24.  
Enoch Kennedy, 69, and Pathela Evans, 40.

**County Court Rulings**  
State of Texas vs. Kyle Kulp, judgment and sentence for possession of marijuana under two ounces.  
State of Texas vs. Edward Roach, order of dismissal.  
State of Texas vs. Franklin Hardy, probated judgment, DWI.  
State of Texas vs. Steve Hannabass, judgment and sentence for evade arrest/detention and driving while license suspended.  
State of Texas vs. Steve Hannabass, order of dismissal.  
State of Texas vs. Bezell Small Jr., probated judgment, possession of marijuana under two ounces.  
State of Texas vs. Leslie Munson, probated judgment, possession of marijuana under two ounces.  
State of Texas vs. Chris Holt, probated judgment, carrying a prohibited weapon.  
State of Texas vs. Christopher Randle, judgment and sentence, DWI, second offense.  
State of Texas vs. Paul Sotelo, probated judgment, unlawfully carrying a weapon.  
State of Texas vs. Clara Rangel, probated judgment, theft of service/utility.  
State of Texas vs. Tracy Carmine, judgment and sentence, driving while license suspended.  
State of Texas vs. Alfredo Chavez, probated judgment, unlawfully carrying a weapon and driving while license suspended.

**Deed Records**  
**Warranty Deeds**  
Grantor: Marion Beard  
Grantee: Associates Relocation Management Co.  
Property: Tract out of Section 37, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
Grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo  
Grantee: Ella and Janelle Britton.  
Property: Lot 2, amended block 7, amended Central Park addition.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
Grantor: Associates Relocation Management Co.  
Grantee: Aubrey and Veima Neighbors.  
Property: Lot 13, Block 6, Highland South addition.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
Grantor: Harold Vela.

**Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum.**  
Property: Lot 12, Block 6, Monticello Addition.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
**Grantor: Nancy Hughes.**  
Grantee: Betty Stevenson and Ronda Kilgore.  
Property: Lot 8, Block 23, Monticello Addition.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
**Grantor: Galen Shelly.**  
Grantee: Roger and Marie Holmes.  
Property: Tract out of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
**Grantor: Albert and Isela Rodriguez.**  
Grantee: Paul and Gloria Alexander.  
Property: Tract out of Section 40, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
**Grantor: Juanita Moser.**  
Grantee: Kenneth and Alice Morrison.  
Property: Lot 4, Block 3, College Heights addition.  
Date filed: July 1, 1997.  
**Grantor: Juanita Brookshier.**  
Grantee: Francisco and Lucy Cruz.  
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 23, Fairview Heights addition.  
Date filed: July 1, 1997.  
**Grantor: Guaranty Federal Bank.**  
Grantee: John Stowers.  
Property: Lot 6, Block 3, Capehart Addition.  
Date filed: July 1, 1997.  
**Grantor: Danny Parham and Bobbie Silen.**  
Grantee: Charles, Jarrell and Darrell Barber.  
Property: Tract out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: July 1, 1997.  
**Grantor: Georgia Viera.**  
Grantee: Johnnie and Kimberly Wright.  
Property: Lot 36, Block 2, Highland south addition.  
Date filed: July 2, 1997.  
**Grantor: Johnnie and Kimberly Wright.**  
Grantee: Flora Viera.  
Property: Lot 36, Block 2, Highland South addition.  
Date filed: July 2, 1997.  
**Grantor: South Plains Mortgage Co.**  
Grantee: Carlos Hilario.  
Property: Lot 8, Block 6, Earles Addition.  
Date filed: July 3, 1997.  
**Grantor: Cas Custom Farming Inc.**  
Grantee: Stoneville Texas Inc.  
Property: Tracts out of Section 19, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: July 3, 1997.  
**Grantor: Norwest Bank Texas.**  
Grantee: Bobby Doe.  
Property: Lot 29, block 3, Belvue Addition.  
Date filed: July 3, 1997.  
**Grantor: Robert Beene.**  
Grantee: Rocky and Rebecca Bryant.  
Property: Lot 4, Block 14, Edwards Heights addition.  
Date filed: July 3, 1997.  
**Grantor: George and Bonnie Franklin.**  
Grantee: Bonnie Gurley.  
Property: Tract out of Section 43, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: July 3, 1997.  
**Grantor: Dorothy Newby.**  
Grantee: Ervin and Dorothy Newby Revocable Living Trust.  
Property: Lot 3, Block 7, Kentwood Unit 1.  
Date filed: July 9, 1997.

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien**  
Grantor: W.W. and Betty Lepard.  
Grantee: Herbert and Linda Semmes.  
Property: Part of Lot 7, Block 7, North Belvue addition.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
Grantor: Richard and Willie Martin.  
Grantee: Rori Ayers.  
Property: Tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: July 1, 1997.  
Grantor: Mark and Nancy North.  
Grantee: Greg and Susan Gilstrom.  
Property: Lot 8, Block 13, Coronado Hills Addition.  
Date filed: July 3, 1997.  
Grantor: A.J. Arnold.  
Grantee: Sheila Rinehart.  
Property: Lot 6, Block 2, Stripling Addition.  
Date filed: July 3, 1997.  
Grantor: Dale Fryar.  
Grantee: Gerald Anderson.  
Property: Tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: July 3, 1997.

**Foreclosure Sale Deed**  
Grantor: Sandra Jowers  
Beneficiary: George and Fern Hay  
Property: Tracts out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: June 30, 1997.  
Grantor: Donna Carlie.  
Beneficiary: Robert Roberson.  
Property: Tract out of Lot 5, Block 3, Lockhart Addition.  
Date filed: July 1, 1997.  
**Substitute Trustee's Deed**  
Trustee: R.D. Williams.  
Grantee: Big Spring Savings Association.  
Property: Lot 1, Block 31, College Park Estates.  
Date filed: July 1, 1997.  
Grantor: Larry and Kimberly Miles.  
Beneficiary: A&M Investment.  
Property: Lot 14, Block 10, Suburban Heights addition.  
Date filed: July 1, 1997.  
**138th District Court Clerk's Office**  
**Court Filings**  
**Divorce**  
Thomas Hicks vs. Betty Hicks.

Carroll Berry vs. Jimmy Berry.  
Claud Christian vs. Debra Christian.  
Roselinda Mancha vs. Ben Mancha.  
Edward Jordan Jr. vs. Josephine Jordan.  
Preston McKee vs. Carol McKee.

**Family**  
Lakisha McGregor vs. Charles Young.  
Maria Mendez vs. Fernando Garza.  
Blanca Diaz vs. Carlos Diaz.  
Mary Culler vs. Eddie Olson.  
Linda Marshall vs. James Tally.  
Nancy Rios vs. Jacob Rios Sr.  
Lorenza Martinez vs. Joe Granillo.

**Individual damages**  
Don and Kristi Mereness vs. Nationwide Mobile Homes, Nationwide Home Systems Inc., and Bill Davis DBA Bill's Mobile Home Service.

**Accounts, notes and contracts**  
Leascomm Corporation vs. Pam Crockett, DBA Fat Boys Fine.

**Court rulings**  
**Divorce**  
Susan Akin vs. Weidon Akin, dismissed.  
Mary Phillips vs. Gregory Phillips, dismissed.  
Sharon Kaye Gregg vs. Charles Earnest Gregg, divorce, granted.  
Nite Lelek vs. John Lelek, divorce, granted.  
Sherry Jean Jett vs. Ronnie Drie Jett, divorce, granted.  
Sandra Gay Bair vs. James Robert Bair, divorce, granted.  
Marvin L. Standerfer, Jr. vs. Mara L. Standerfer, divorce, granted.  
Sylvia Rainer vs. Billy Jake Rainer, divorce, granted.  
Rosaleen S. Clanton vs. Ernest Eugene Clanton, divorce, granted.  
Belinda Gail Evans vs. Robert Lee Evans, divorced, dismissed.  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Agustín Salgado, ANC, judgment.  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Orland L. Potter, ANC, judgment.  
Douglas A. Dupont vs. Rhonda L. Dupont, divorce, granted.  
Deamon Mitchell Price In Re, family law.  
Frances Rosenfeldt vs. Michael Richter, family, judgment.  
Diana Flores vs. Remigio Delarosa, family, judgment.  
Curtis Welch vs. Sonia Welch, dismissed.  
Natalie Johnson vs. Randy Johnson, granted.  
George Gonzales vs. Dolores Gonzales, dismissed.  
Cecilia Schaefer vs. Terry Schaefer, dismissed.  
Joe Torres vs. Gloria Torres, family law.  
Gaylene Scroggins vs. Dennis Scroggins, granted.  
Keith Bristow vs. Ellen Bristow, granted.  
Cynthia Lopez vs. Rafael Lopez III, granted.  
Larry Collins vs. Jodean Collins, granted.  
Lynette McNew vs. Scott McNew, granted.  
Mario Gonzales vs. Lisa Gonzales, granted.  
Ruby Smith vs. Mart Smith, granted.  
Shaile Anne York vs. Jason York, granted.

**Family**  
Dolly Shober vs. Harold Veonette, family law.  
Beatrice DeLeon vs. Daniel DeLeon, family law.  
Garry Kinard vs. Sheila Kinard, dismissed.  
Cynthia Lyons vs. John Lyons, dismissed.  
Henry Franco vs. Lucy Franco, family law.  
Louise Gonzales vs. Jesse Gonzales, family law.  
Lisette Price vs. Phillip Price, family law.  
Tomya Solis vs. Esmeralda Solis, family law.  
Anastacia Lopez vs. Armando Lopez, family law.  
Lonnice Pitts vs. Phyllis Pitts, dismissed.  
Edward Roach vs. Pamela Roach, family law.  
Deborah Darnell vs. Archie Tucker, transfer.  
Norman Hopper vs. Teresa Hopper, dismissed.  
Tertina Strain vs. James Vorhassel, family law.  
Angela Richey vs. Jackie Richey, family law.  
Clifford Beeler vs. Rose Beeler, dismissed.  
Z.B. Rinehart vs. Sheila Rinehart, dismissed.  
Robert Reid vs. Zenobia Reid, family law.  
Gracia Gonzales vs. Mario Gonzales, family law.  
Thomas Wiggins vs. Clara Wiggins, family law.  
Paula Angel vs. Wendell Angel, family law.  
Selina Hunt vs. Juan Williams Jr., family law.  
Jennie Lozano vs. Herman Oroasco, family law.  
Gayle Kirk vs. Douglas Kirk, transfer.  
Claudio Rodriguez vs. Jose Gomez, family law.  
Lisa Rubio vs. Roderick Fair, family law.  
Denita Isles vs. Benny Isles, dismissed.  
Tammy Silen vs. Mark Silen, judgment.  
Otto Meyer vs. Barbara Meyer, dismissed.  
Kathy Smith vs. Raymond Smith, dismissed.  
Annalisa Szabo vs. Robert Guzman, family law.  
Gary Jetton vs. Connie Jean Jetton, dismissed.  
Charlie Halle vs. Norval Halle, dismissed.  
Jason Sears vs. Melba Sears, family law.  
Ana Maria Strong vs. Russell Earl Strong, family law.  
Christina Davila vs. Joe Rodriguez Jr., family law.  
Don Grantham vs. Lyle Grantham, dismissed.  
Jesusita Zapeta vs. Frank Moncada, dismissed.  
Suzanne Magellan Ybanez vs. Gilbert Ybanez.  
Elizabeth Soto vs. Jesus Gonzalez, dismissed.  
Tara Peterson vs. Carbert Newton, family law.  
Doris Roberts vs. Earl Roberts, family law.  
Monica Florez vs. Kristopher Florez, dismissed.  
Margarita Hill vs. Jimmy Moore, family law.  
Casey Johnson vs. Franklin Roberts, family law.  
rosalinda Rios vs. Tim Ybanez, family law.

**Toll-free number making it easier to track dad**

CHICAGO (AP) — She may have her father's nose, but does she have his genes as well?

Proving the paternity of a child was once an inexact science. Now, anyone who can provide a swab wipe from the mouths of both father and child can find out with near certainty by picking up the phone and dialing 1-800-DNA-TYPE.

"A lot of people wanted to get this testing, but they never knew who to ask or were too embarrassed," said Caroline Caskey, founder and president of Identigene, a company that conducts the paternity tests.

Based in Houston, the company has begun advertising the 800 number nationwide, mainly in the South, and said it has received 160 calls each day. The ads have appeared on billboards in Chicago and taxicabs in New York City.

Caskey said the service offers many advantages. For one thing, it's discreet — just mail in the swab wipe.

It's fast — test results are usually back in a week. And it's accurate — a match means a 99.9 percent certainty the man is the father.

In Chicago, a 23-year-old North Side woman said she called because her boyfriend wanted to make sure he was the father of her 10-month-old girl. The child's grandmother saw the billboard and told her daughter about it.

"I didn't mind doing it, and I think there is a need for this service," said the woman, a single mother on welfare who spoke to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity. "I thought you could only get the test done at a hospital."

With out-of-wedlock births exceeding 60 percent in some urban areas, figuring out a father's identity is often not a matter of simply looking at the marriage license.

While there may have been a time when mothers were content not to know, the costs of raising a child and changing welfare laws are making paternity a much bigger issue.

Court systems are increasingly demanding fathers pay for

their children's upbringing, using wage attachments, jail time and liquidation of assets to make their point.

Welfare departments are also forcing the issue, trying to take the load of child-rearing off taxpayers and give it back to fathers.

The federal government is requiring states to establish paternity in 90 percent of welfare cases within six months, instead of the previous 75 percent of cases within 18 months.

So both fathers and mothers have a big stake in knowing who daddy is.

"Location, finding the father, and the legal burden of proof is the most difficult part," said Dianna Durham-McLoud, head of the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Illinois Department of Public Aid. "But it's so important because the first step in collect-

ing child support is establishing paternity."

Illinois previously established paternity in 4,000 cases each year, but from the first three months of 1997 alone, 12,500 cases were resolved. About 330,000 cases were pending, two-thirds of which involved people on welfare.

Identigene charges \$600 for a DNA test.

"We hope (the number of phone calls) will grow as more and more people recognize the value," Caskey said.

Privacy is often paramount. "People don't want to ask their neighbors or their doctors how to go about this, but they read an advertisement and it tells them who to call," she said.

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