

Local relatives wait for word after Farmer's Branch woman disappears

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Search on for daughter of BSHS grad; police question boyfriend

Big Spring relatives of a missing Farmer's Branch woman are praying for her safety and hoping for answers to her strange disappearance on Tuesday. Kelli Cox, daughter of Jan Campbell Bynum, a Big Spring High School graduate, was last seen at a Denton convenience store about noon Tuesday. She had locked her purse and keys in her car after a college field trip and called her boyfriend for

help. When he arrived an hour later, she was gone. "It's very disheartening," said Winfred Campbell, Cox's grandfather, who lives in Sand Springs. "This girl was trying to make a life for herself, doing well in school, and we just can't fathom what could

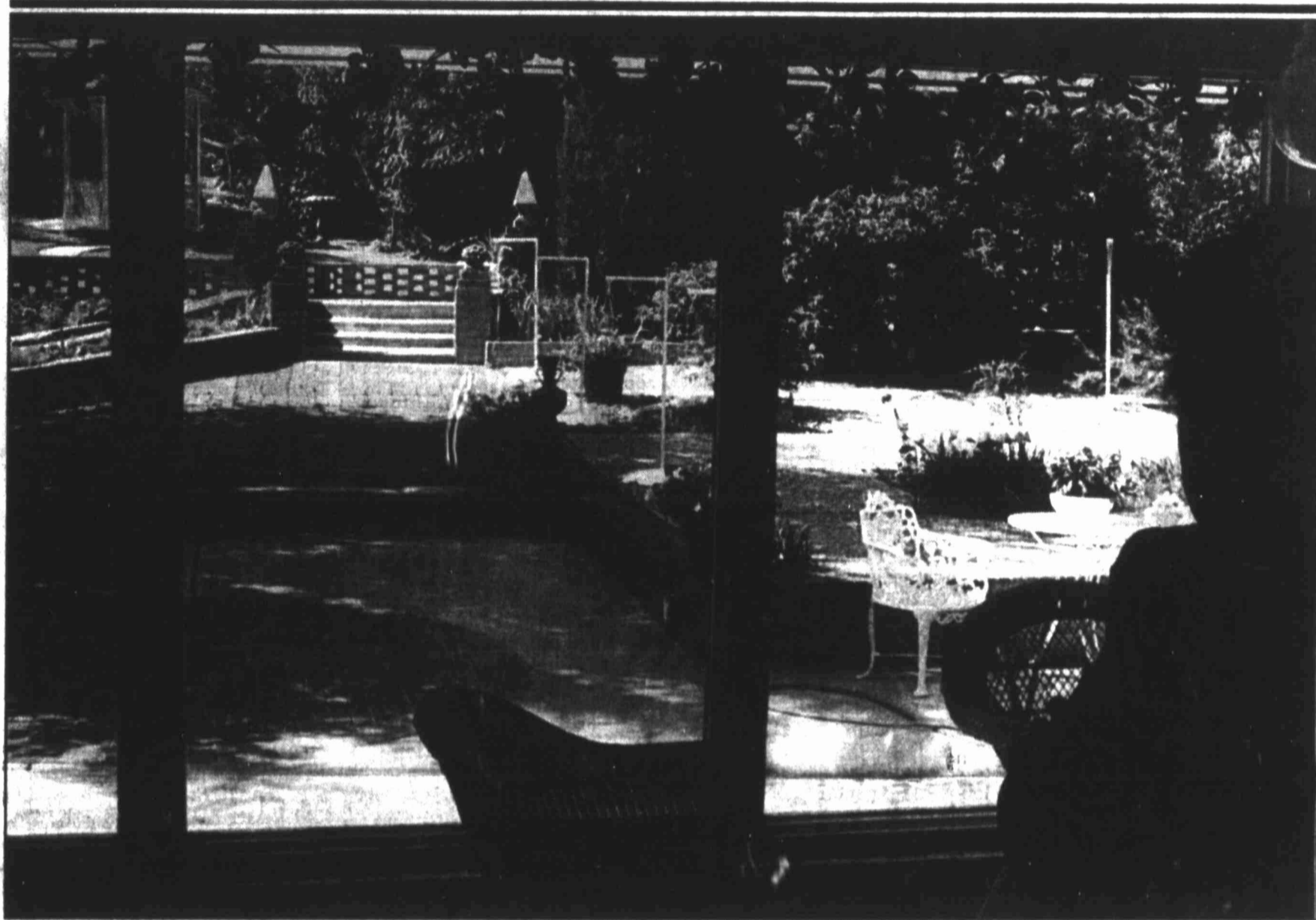


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have happened to her." Campbell said his daughter Jan, who had very recently visited Big Spring for her 30th class reunion, has been joined in Farmer's Branch by her mother, Ann, and her brother, Jason Campbell of Big Spring. The family is keeping a constant vigil, and has even had a second phone line installed at the home to handle all the calls for information and support. "We're just praying every day," said Tasha Campbell, Jason's wife. "She's a street smart kid who's lived all her life

in the Dallas area and she wouldn't get into the car with a stranger." Winfred Campbell said he unfortunately suspects foul play. "That's just the only thing I can imagine," he said. "She would never have disappeared on her own. I read about this type of thing and see it on the news and I just never thought anything like this would happen to us." Cox, 20, was studying psychology at the University of North Texas. She was reported miss-

ing by her mother after failing to pick up her 19-month-old daughter from a babysitter. The field trip she took Tuesday was a tour of the Denton police station as part of a class on criminal justice. A \$12,000 reward is being offered, and family members said the investigation involves the Denton Police Department, FBI and Texas Rangers. News reports said Cox's boyfriend, Lawrence Harris III of Farmers Branch, has been questioned several times by police.



Building a better back yard

West Texans defy summer heat to carve out landscaping gems

These are the dog days of summer — July's heat offering promise of a sweltering August and a challenge to survival to both man and beast. And the same holds true for plant life — only the heartiest of "water thrifty" and desert natives survive without help. West Texans, however, have always been steadfast in their efforts to mold this arid land to suit their whims.

In the process, they've opened up a booming business for the likes of Carl and Terri Johansen at Johansen Landscape and Nursery; Ponderosa Nursery owner Ellen Simer and her son, Gary; Mike Sanchez of Moss Lake Nursery; and numerous others whose livelihoods are in some way tied to lawn and garden care. Not surprisingly, local professionals say most of their efforts at this time of year are also fueled by the heat.

"The heat's pretty hard on everyone and everything this time of year," Gary Simer said Thursday evening after returning from a home in Vincent where he and a crew are installing a "soaker" irrigation system.

"The weather was so nice earlier in the year and we got so much rain that people really were buying a lot of plants earlier in the year ... making changes in their landscapes themselves," he continued. "That's kind of slowed down since it got hot. Now they want me to plant them, but I'm not complaining." Wednesday, Sanchez closed the doors to his nursery in Sand Springs and concentrated his

efforts on lawn maintenance projects. The heat, he said, had home gardeners staying indoors. While there's no reason you can't get involved in a full scale landscaping project at this time of year, Carl Johansen says not many local homeowners are opting to do that kind of work at this time.

"As a general rule, homeowners who've been in their homes for a while aren't doing much at this time of year other than maintenance ... watering, mowing and handling any insect problems they run across," he said. "People who've just built a home, on the other hand, are in the process of getting in lawns and planting some shrubs, but not many have major projects under way." However, Johansen said he has been somewhat surprised that he currently has eight clients for which he's drawing landscape plans. "We don't have any of those projects that are firm right now," he added. "Most of what we're doing right now is maintenance work ... repairing sprinkler systems and spraying for insects. We've also got a long list of tree pruning jobs we've got to do."

While it's been a busy year for his business, Johansen said it hasn't been busy in the manner he'd expected. "I thought that with the mild and wet winter and spring, people would be buying a lot of bedding plants ... annuals and perennials," he explained. "We've sold a lot of them and people are still buying them



'I believe in preserving things'

Big Spring woman creates beauty, sense of history, around her home

Charlie Morehead's home at 704 Highland is situated in a neighborhood of impeccably landscaped homes, but it gently tugs one's eyes from its surroundings.

In perhaps any other Big Spring neighborhood, its manicured lawn, small bridge crossing a fountain equipped pond at street level and security light that was once one of the street lights on the Benton Street viaduct would seem ostentatious.

Instead, they serve to invite the visitor to stop and look further.

But the real gem is in Morehead's multi-level back yard, where a beautiful swimming pool shaded by a large pecan tree is virtually the last thing that meets one's view.

Looking out the glass-enclosed back room of the Morehead home, flowering annuals in large pots, a brick patio flanked by a man-made stream and shade from a towering Arizona cypress provide a frame to the back of the property where a wrought iron gazebo takes center stage.

The gazebo provided the backdrop for her granddaughter's

recent wedding. Additional discovery reveals the upper level includes a goldfish pond with water lilies, a water well and nature trail.

There's more to the story of the home's environment than just landscaped beauty — a commitment to using and preserving parts of Big Spring's historic past.

"I believe in preserving things if you can," Morehead said, gazing out the dayroom's windows onto the patio she laid herself using bricks which came from the city's old West viaduct.

Steps leading up to the back-

yard's upper level are flanked by brick wall posts topped with concrete obelisks which came from the Boydston East Ward School and the wrought iron decorating the wall surrounding the pool was gleaned from the old First Baptist Church building.

The gazebo's ironwork came from a small dress shop which was once located in an old downtown hotel.

Even the large stones that create the manmade creek bed were taken from the foundation

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Landscapers: Don't go native when buying plants

Local nursery and landscape professionals say they're always confronted by customers wanting to plant trees or shrubs that simply can't live, much less thrive, in West Texas arid climate.

That doesn't, however, mean that local residents have to settle for only native plants.

In fact, truly "native" plants to the Big Spring area are difficult to come by and most people aren't interested in putting salt

cedars, mesquite, prickly pear cactus and yuccas in their landscapes.

"What we recommend to our customers is trying to incorporate what are called 'adaptive plants' into their landscapes," Terri Johansen of Johansen Landscaping and Nursery said. "Those are plants that may not be native to this particular area, but are native to similar areas."

"The other thing we try to stress is staying with water

thrifty plants ... youpons, junipers, Indian hawthorne, red yucca, Texas purple sage, santolina and Spanish prune," she added. "Some of them are desert plants, but others are like vitex ... that's that plant that has purple flowers and is growing around Comanche Trail Lake right now. They don't require a lot of water."

Johansen noted that local resident Boyce Hale grows red yucca commercially, not only

supplying her business' needs but others as well.

"They're native to the Chizo Mountains in far West Texas and aren't really a yucca ... got a Latin name about about this long," Hale said gesturing with wide spread arms and explaining that his interest in the plant was virtually accidental.

"When they put in the planters downtown in the 1960s,

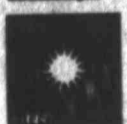
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WEATHER

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Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 90s. Tonight, fair. Lows 65-70. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s to lower 70s. Highs in the 90s.

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TU Electric refund means break for residential customers

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A Public Utility Commission (PUC) OK of TU Electric's proposal to refund \$80 million to its customers and freeze rates through the remainder of the year means more than 2 million Texans are getting a small break on their summer electricity bills.

The decision, announced Wednesday, also means customers could be in line for more refunds later this year. The move was ordered

Wednesday by the PUC, meaning 2.4 million TU customers — including 2.1 million residential customers — will participate in the refund.

The Dallas-based company provides electricity to north Texas.

According to Big Spring TU Electric General Manager John Toone, the refund is a result of negotiations between TU, PUC and the Office of Public Utility Counsel, a state office that argues utility issues for consumers. The talks began last year after agency officials said

TU was making more money than allowed by the commission.

In addition to the refund, the PUC agreed to delay any TU rate cuts until next year.

Toone said the refunds will amount to roughly a \$17 per customer credit on August bills. Residential bills in August average \$152, making the refund an 11 percent credit.

In addition, TU has offered \$67 million in refunds because fuel used to generate electricity from October 1995 to May 1997 cost less than projected and

already charged to customers. According to Toone, the PUC is weighing that refund, and is considering a third refund related to other fuel charges.

In the third case, considered but not decided Wednesday, PUC Chairman Pat Wood said TU customers should not have to pay for extra fuel costs after the collapse of a 600-foot-high chimney stack at the TU steam generation plant in Mount Pleasant four years ago.

The collapse at Monticello

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OBITUARIES

James Doss

James "Bob" Doss, 62, of Big Spring, died on Friday, July 18, 1997 at his residence. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 21, 1997 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1935 in Colorado City and married Iris Rice on April 10, 1957 in Colorado City.

He lived in this area since 1964. He was the foreman on the Morgan Ranch for 10 years, was an avid rodeo supporter and enjoyed working with young people.

He was a member of Phillips Memorial Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Iris Doss, Big Spring; three sons: Jessie Doss, Dumas; James Doss, Amarillo; and Wyatt Overton, Big Spring; two daughters, Sissy Doss, Lubbock; and Adona Reid, Big Spring; one brother, Clayton "Fiddler" Doss, Odessa; nine grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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



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Charles L. and Sandy G. Russell of Lake Charles, Louisiana; three daughters and two sons-in-law: Pat and DelRoy Buchanan of Coahoma, Wanda and Ralph Barr of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; and Sandra Boodle of Coahoma; nine grandchildren: Angela Willis of Watts, Oklahoma, Michael Barr of Colcord, Oklahoma, Brian Barr of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, Danielle Miller of Levorno, Italy, Eric Owens of Coahoma, Rory Buchanan of Ozona, LaRhonda Stanley of Big Spring, Lettie Russell and Leah Russell, both of Hackberry, Louisiana; ten great-grandchildren: Brandi Buchanan and Britni Buchanan, both of Ozona, Kaylon Stanley, KayC Stanley and Kaleb Stanley, all of Big Spring, Levi Willis, Alisha Willis and Tori Willis, all of Watts, Oklahoma, and Joshua Barr and Courtney Barr, both of Colcord, Oklahoma; one brother, Harry Russell of Terrell, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Lillian Russell, one sister, and two brothers.

Pallbearers will be the grandsons and grandsons-in-law: Michael Barr, Brian Barr, Eric Owens, Rory Buchanan, Eric Miller and D.F. Stanley. Honorary Pallbearers will be the great-grandsons: Kaleb Stanley, Levi Willis and Joshua Barr.

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

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shell casings and other items found on the battlefield. For more information, call 267-6255.

FREE EYEGLASSES ARE AVAILABLE for adults the third Saturday of each month at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St.

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR nominations are needed for Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas.

A family will be chosen to represent Big Spring, along with one each from Midland and Odessa, at the center's October banquet. This family should be nominated for its strong values and community as well as religious involvement.

For more information, call 563-4144.

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.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL cafeteria will serve lunch free to local youth (ages 18 and under) from now through Aug. 1.

Serving hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enter through the north exterior cafeteria door.

The free lunch is part of the Summer Food Service Program, an extension of the National School Lunch Program. No proof of residence or income required.

WAL-MART WILL HOST A free country music concert in the parking lot with Asleep at the Wheel, 7 p.m. Tuesday. The show is part of a national tour to Wal-Mart stores.

Bill Young, a new artist, will also be part of the show. In-store album signing sessions are planned to follow the performance.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN HOME HEALTH is sponsoring a Community Health Screening held monthly at local churches.

Come Tuesday, July 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Annex, 809 Scurry, to be tested for tuberculosis. The screening is free.

BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA offers its facilities for a party, reunion or other event. The Y has an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and room for refreshments. Prices will vary depending on the length of the

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

party and the facilities used. Call the Y at 267-8234 for more information.

THERE WILL BE TEEN night from 7 to 11 p.m., every Friday during the summer, at the Eagles Lodge on Third Street. This will be a non-alcoholic dance.

The cost is \$4 and concessions will be available. All teens are invited.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL SUMMER Festival, 108 S. Fourth, Coahoma, will be Saturday, July 26. There will be games, fun, rides, music, food booths, cake walk, bingo, prizes and more. There will also be a Mexican dinner at noon.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7831 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Encourager's support group, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels (enter through north door), covered dish dinner and program. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-

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1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409 Rannels, formerly the TU building). Call Sondra at 267-7220.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.
•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
•Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Nursing Center.

FRIDAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.
•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
•Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.
SUNDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.
•O'Neal Kunkle Unit No. 47, DAVA meeting, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

ELECTRIC

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Unit 3, which killed one worker and injured three others, resulted in additional fuel costs of \$67 million.

Wood said customers already were paying for the stack and should not have to pay for the additional fuel charges.

"There were prudent choices that could have been made even 10 years before the chimney fell," Wood said. "It's just not equitable (customers) would have to pay again."

TU contends the commission's reversal is predicated upon the idea that the company should bear the additional expense resulting from the collapse even though evidence showed TU could not have foreseen, and, therefore, could not have prevented the collapse.

If the PUC orders TU to refund customers for the additional fuel charges, Lawrence said the company would appeal.

He added that TU denies making more money than allowed by the PUC, but said the \$80 million settlement clears the way for the company and the agency to deal later with exactly how much TU will be allowed to make in the future.

Laurie Pappas, of the public counsel's office that represents consumers, said negotiating the settlement sped up the process and saved TU customers the cost of an administrative law case.

POLICE

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

•RUBEN ROJAS JR., 23, 1601 Cherokee, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
•RAMONA ROCIA ALVAREZ, 21, 1425 E. 6th, was arrested on local warrants.

•GLORIA HEREDIA GARZA, 30, 1020 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
•DELORES VIERA, 41, 710 Willia, was arrested on a charge of theft.

•DAVID GARZA, 33, 1517 Tindol, was arrested on a charge of DWI.
•JESSICA SANFORD, 18, Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of theft.

•JOSE MENDEZ CUELLAR JR., 34, 1305 Elm, was arrested on local warrants.
•MARIA ELENA LAREZ, 23, 711 N.W. Ninth, was arrested on local warrants.

•JOE TORRES, 20, 813 Anna, was arrested on local warrants.
•ASSAULT was reported to the police department.
•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 600 block of State.

•INJURY TO THE ELDERLY was reported on the 200 block of Carey.
•THEFT was reported on the 1500 block of E. Marcy, the 1600 block of Gregg, the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway and the 1100 block of East Fourth.

Edwin Russell

Edwin R. "Rusty" Russell, 82, of Coahoma, died on Friday, July 18, 1997, in a local hospital. Graveside service will be at 4:00 PM Monday, July 21, 1997, at Coahoma Cemetery, with Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor, First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

He was born on November 10, 1914 in Ged, Louisiana and married Sadie Chesson on December 21, 1941 in Orange, Texas.

Mr. Russell had lived in this area from 1947 until 1962. He returned in September 1993. He owned and operated Russell's Welding Service, doing contract work for the oil and steel industries. Mr. Russell's work took him across the country and overseas, as far away as Chile. He retired from Gulf Port Shipyards in Port Arthur, Texas at the age of 70. His hobbies were hunting, fishing, shrimping, and family barbecues.

He always said, "I could weld anything but a broken heart."

He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Sadie Russell of Coahoma; one son and daughter-in-law,



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BRIEFS

YMCA DISCOVERY DAY CAMP is still accepting children for day care at the Y. The program gives kids opportunities to experience the arts, sports and other areas of interest in a fun, safe environment with trained staff people. For information, call the Y at 267-8234.

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, Dibrells and the Chamber of Commerce.

TRENCH ART WILL BE on display at the Heritage Museum through July. The collection of two local residents is located on the museum's lower floor.

The art was made by soldiers during wartime, often using

NOW WE RINSE



April Aguilar (left) and Isaac Cano work at a car wash to benefit their church youth group at Temple Belen.

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Norwest reports 16.1 percent gain during 2nd quarter

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Norwest Corporation recently reported a record net income of \$331.4 million for the quarter (second quarter) ended June 30, 1997, which reflects a 16.1 percent increase over the \$285.4 million earned during the second quarter of 1996.

According to Norwest officials, fully diluted earnings per common share was a record 86 cents, compared to 76 cents for the second quarter of 1996 — an increase of 13.2 percent.

The return on realized common equity was 22.1 percent and the return on assets 1.61 percent in the second quarter, compared to 22.1 percent and 1.50 percent during the second quarter of 1996.

For the first six months of 1997, Norwest's net income was \$653.3 million, or \$1.70 per fully diluted common share, an increase of 17.3 percent and 13.3 percent, over the \$566.8 million or \$1.50 per fully diluted common share earned in the first six months of last year.

Return on realized common equity was 22.4 percent and return on assets was a record 1.62 percent for the first six months of 1997 compared with 22.4 percent and 1.50 percent last year.

Norwest Corporation is an \$83.6 billion financial services company providing banking, insurance, investments mortgage and consumer finance through 3,642 stores in all 50 states, Canada, the Caribbean, Central America and several other international locations.

With assets of \$9.3 billion, Norwest Bank Texas is Norwest's second largest banking region with 158 banking locations in 84 Texas. Pending

are acquisitions of \$70 million Woodhaven National Bank located in Fort Worth; Myers Bancshares which includes Continental State bank, a \$125 million bank with locations in Boyd, Springtown and Rhome; and First Valley Bank Group which has \$447 million in assets and 18 banking locations throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

Also in Texas are 38 locations of Norwest Mortgage, 54 locations of Norwest Financial, 20 locations of Norwest Investment Services Inc., 10 locations of Norwest Equipment Finance as well as one location each of Norwest Agricultural Credit, The Football Group, Norwest Business Credit and Norwest Corporate Trust.

The company's Banking Group also achieved record second quarter earnings of \$229.7 million, up 21.4 percent from last year.

Norwest Financial reported earnings of \$66.4 million, an increase of 1.5 percent compared to last year.

Norwest Mortgage Banking earned a record \$35.3 million during the second quarter of 1997, an increase of 14.8 percent compared to last year.

On July 10, Norwest's common stock price surpassed \$60 a share, which vested more than 41,000 Norwest employees, including those in Big Spring, in the company's first all-employee stock option program — Partnershares.

Norwest's full-time employees now have an option on 100 shares of Norwest common stock, according to Mark Odie, president of Norwest Bank in Big Spring.

Part-time employees have an option on 50 shares of the company's common stock.

BEAUTY

Continued from page 1A of Big Spring's first lumberyard.

It is not just the landscape's accents which live up to the verse from Proverbs which is engraved on a plaque mounted to the front yard's light pole, "Remove not the ancient landmarks which thy fathers have set," but in the way Morehead has incorporated native plants plucked from the sides of South Mountain and transplanted into the landscape which also includes adaptive plants like the Arizona cypress.

She has transplanted native buckeye and hackberry from the nearby mountainside, blending them into cedars that create a green wall along the property's southwest boundary. "I had one county agent tell me he'd tried for 20 years to transplant native buckeye and had never had any success," Morehead said. "We put them in back there and they've worked nicely. They blend in very well.

"I try to do the same thing with the cedars that seem to keep coming up where I don't want them," she added. "It's been a lot of work ... you can tell. But I do enjoy it. We've had lots of fun in this backyard"

She also allows others to enjoy the peaceful beauty, often allowing church youth groups from throughout the city to use her yard for pool parties and the like.

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PLANTS

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that's what they planted in them ... red yucca," he noted. "Well, one day in 1971, I was downtown and saw that some kids had pulled a small one out and thrown it into the street ... looked as if it had been run over by a car.

"I wondered if it would still grow, so I took it home and planted it," he added. "It started growing, bloomed and I took the seeds and planted them. I've been growing them ever since."

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Boyce Hale investigates one of the red yucca plants he grows at his residence south of Big Spring. He sells the plants to nurseries across the Southwest.

GEMS

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now when sales on those plants have usually tapered off. But we didn't sell as many as I'd anticipated."

Johansen said that's not only true with his family's business, but a statewide trend, as well.

"A lot of that may be because so many of the flowering plants that usually fade in the heat long before this part of the summer are still looking good," he said. "I saw a bed of pansies the other day that was still vibrant looking. Normally, by July they've faded out and people have bought something to replace them."

The key to both keeping exist-

ing landscapes or new plantings alive during the summer heat, all the professionals noted, is making sure they get plenty of water.

"If you're planting right now, water ... water ... water and water some more," Johansen said. "On an established lawn, you want to make sure your sprinklers are putting the equivalent of one inch of rain were trees on the grass. If there are trees in the lawn, you need to increase that to the equivalent of two inches of rain per week."

Simer maintains that no amount of water from sprinkler systems will match what Mother Nature can provide in

the form of rain. "An inch of rain is better than a foot of Big Spring water," he opined, noting that people need to make sure that they water during cooler evening hours.

"It seems strange to some people, but you literally burn plants when you water them during the heat of the day," Simer explained. "That's one of the reasons people are putting in these soaker systems we're installing right now ... they soak the ground where the water's needed. On top of that, with the hard water here, you don't have water spraying up on your windows or staining the paint."

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On Page 1A, Charlie Morehead looks out a window at her beautifully landscaped back yard at 704 Highland St. in Big Spring. All stories and photos for this series were by John A. Moseley.



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Quote of the Day

"A cynic can chill and dishearten with a single word."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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OUR VIEWS

Salvation Army's school supply program needs your assistance

Perhaps nothing makes starting back to school more difficult than being unprepared to do the work. Children need the right supplies to get off to a good start and set the pace for a successful year.

But there are families in our community who do not have the means to provide these things for their children. Because of hardship or poverty, those kids may head back to school with very little or nothing.

Imagine that — no paper, no pencils, no notebooks. We can't expect our schools or our teachers to provide these things. Yet children without them are beginning a new school year one step behind the others.

The Salvation Army has an answer to this problem, but it needs help from the community. The agency each summer provides hundreds of children with a starter kit of supplies to begin school.

But this program is in jeopardy now because financial support has been lacking. The Salvation Army is one of the community's best-supported agencies, but it offers many programs that must all be funded.

Fiesta Dodge has already pledged a show of support to the school supply program, donating \$25 for each car sold. That amount will buy enough supplies to get another child started back to school.

Other local businesses and individuals are joining in the effort, but more support is needed. Officials at the Salvation Army say monetary donations are preferred, so that supplies can be bought in bulk.

Donations for this program must be marked for the "school supply program."

Remember, helping a local child get a good start in the upcoming school year is an investment in the future of our community.

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What the voters wanted: bipartisanship is working

By STEPHEN GETTINGER
Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — Soothing words and muted rhetoric, amazingly enough, still envelop negotiations on the tax and spending cuts now nearing final form in Congress. There is a polite veto hint here, a congressional backlash there, but every sign points to a successful compromise by the end of this month.

What then? Having consummated the shotgun marriage forced by the voters in 1996, will President Clinton and the conservative Republican majority return to their partisan bickering?

Amazingly enough: No. Sure, the partisan hatreds still burn, and the bomb-throwers of both sides who were left out of the budget negotiations are thirsty for blood in other legislative arenas. But the agenda for the remainder of the year is brimming with issues that invite cooperation.

— Appropriations. Normally a hotbed for contention, the annual spending bills will be a place to let off steam. But they may not involve an issue worth

the front page. The big questions were settled in the budget deal. Clinton got enough money overall to satisfy his priorities, and more than a dozen of his favorite programs — including Head Start, environmental protection and Pell grants — got specific guarantees.

The budget agreement even included a promise to keep the bills free "to the extent possible" of legislative riders that would be "unacceptable to the congressional leadership or the administration." That language is unenforceable, but the political grubbing they took over the disaster relief bill reminded Republican leaders of the danger of trying to attach controversial riders to spending bills.

— Trade "fast track." Clinton is seeking renewal of presidential authority to negotiate international trade agreements and send them to Congress for up-or-down votes. With no big new deals likely to come to fruition until the next administration, this is more a matter of presidential stature and business confidence than political blood.

Free trade is an issue that splits both parties, joining House Democratic leaders such

as Reps. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and David Bonior, D-Mich., with conservative stalwarts such as Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., in opposition to unrestricted trade.

Closing the session with a trade bill would scramble partisan lines the same way that votes on the North American Free Trade Agreement closed the 1993 session and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade did the 1994 session.

— Highway funds. Here is a topic to make the hungriest lion lie down with any number of lambs. Congress this year must reauthorize about \$180 billion in transportation funds for the states over the next six years. Carving up the pie divides local governments from state bureaucracies, urban areas from rural ones, warm-weather regions from cold ones, authorizers from appropriators — but it does not divide Republicans from Democrats.

— Other legislation. Several workmanlike measures that avoid sharp partisan lines will advance in the autumn. The biggest problem on the housing bill — how to renew Section 8 rental assistance contracts — is

being addressed in the budget and appropriations bills. An effort to overhaul government regulatory policies, which in the 104th Congress became a symbol of the GOP's position on the environment, has been re-introduced as a bipartisan compromise. Both parties are committed to passing legislation to renew the user fees that prescription drug manufacturers pay to underwrite Food and Drug Administration reviews of new drug applications.

For a Congress that opened with little on its agenda, it's an amazingly full roster for the autumn. It might require a veto or two for Republican leaders to remind their more aggressive troops that they do not control the executive branch. But Democrats also know that deals are likely to be harder to get after the 1998 midterm elections.

So this grumbling but peaceable kingdom is likely to survive. It might even give dividend a good name.

(Stephen Gettinger is a senior editor of Congressional Quarterly. Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service.)

Why we should defend Camilla Parker Bowles

By DALE McFEATTERS
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Perhaps the last straw was when a young feature writer for The Times of London sneeringly referred to Camilla Parker Bowles as being "in late middle-age."

Camilla was then 49. She turned 50 on July 17. There's no reason for you to remember those dates because Camilla's age is included in every story about her, unlike her favored young rival, Princess Diana, whose own advancing years — 36 on July 1 — are invariably omitted.

"Late middle-age," redolent as it is of an aged crone doddering off to the rest home, is one of the kinder references to Camilla from her fellow Brits, who seem to relish comparing her to the homelier sort of domestic animal. She is regularly compared in print to a horse; disapproving British housewives call her an "old cow;" and Diana likens her to a rottweiler.

When Princess Di was pho-

tographed looking fetching in a leopard-print bathing suit, several British papers ran the picture alongside one of Camilla in her bathing-suit looking, as one paper helpfully pointed out, "older, heavier and plainer."

No more. We of a certain age, Camilla's decade to be exact, 50-plus men who love 50-plus women, have to rally behind this heroine.

Camilla Parker Bowles' sin was to be the Other Woman in the breakup of Prince Charles' marriage to Princess Diana, thus wrecking the fairy tale fantasies of a whole lot of people who should have had more sense.

That the marriage was on the royal rocks makes no difference; that Di was dallying with eurotrash at about the same time Camilla was taking up with Charles also makes no difference. Even though Camilla has comported herself with dignity and restraint, polls show the Brits won't forgive her: 50 percent hate her now and nearly 80 percent would really hate her if she became queen.

The Camilla-Charles story is actually more romantic to those of us who value a few facial lines as being the result of more than just age.

Camilla and Charles met when she was 23 and he 22. She was the daughter of wealthy parents who had made their money in wine and real estate — I told you the 50-plus crowd would like this story — and a descendant of Alice Keppel, a mistress of Edward VII.

Said Camilla to the prince, "My great-grandmother had an affair with your great-grandfather." Is that a great pickup line or what? It sure beats, "I'm a Cancer. We're health nuts. What's your sign?" Said, no doubt, between the cracking of gum.

The two fell in love, but Charles dutifully went off on several long tours with the Royal Navy and Camilla married someone else. Her marriage fell apart and sometime later so did his.

Charles, aside from royal titles and massive wealth, is apparently no great prize, a gen-

tle crank interested in gardening, horses and architecture. Di's interests, however, seem to be confined to herself and her clothes. She also appears to be difficult to get along with, regularly running off her personal staff and even the kids' nanny, the wonderfully named Tiggy Legg-Bourke.

Throughout it all, Camilla kept out of the limelight and her mouth shut, even after Charles, perhaps infected by Di's tattletaling, blabbed about their affair on television.

Plenty of people are willing to defend rich old men who show up with trophy wives. How about we defend a 50-year-old woman who has wrenched a younger man, if only by a year, away from a blonde princess?

The 20- and 30-somethings have plenty of airhead cover girls. We 50-somethings have to be proud and protective of our femme fatales.

(Dale McFeatters writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

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Tapes show LBJ hated No. 2 job

AUSTIN (AP) — As he eased Robert Kennedy out of the vice presidential picture in 1964, President Lyndon Johnson said the nation's No. 2 job was a lousy one anyway.

In tape recordings of White House telephone conversations made public Friday by Johnson's presidential library, the former president said being John F. Kennedy's vice president was tedious.

"I found it was very frustrating to sit there and not be able to do anything in the Senate, to sit there in the cabinet and not have any places under your jurisdiction," Johnson said.

Johnson met with Bobby Kennedy at the White House on July 29, 1964 to give him the bad news — Kennedy wouldn't be Johnson's running mate. That job eventually went to Minnesota Sen. Hubert Humphrey.

It was a ticklish meeting, and Johnson recounted it that afternoon in phone calls to two close advisers — Clark Clifford and McGeorge Bundy.

Using all the political wiles for which he was famous, Johnson praised the younger Kennedy, told him he had a bright future and attributed his decision to the Republican Party's nomination of conservative Sen. Barry Goldwater.

Johnson said he told Kennedy, "I need your help. I think you're brilliant. I think you're dedicated. I think that you're good for the country."

And he tried to sell Kennedy on the idea that not being vice president wasn't much of a loss.

Johnson said he told Kennedy: "I think there's much that you can do that will make yourself better understood and better prepared for any responsibilities or ambitions you may have than just hearing the roll call in the Senate."

Other tapes showed Johnson was unsure whether he himself wanted to run in 1964, beset by doubts over whether he could lead the nation and angered by "damn lies" in the press.

"I have a desire to unite the people, and the South is against me, and the North is against me, and the Negroes are against me, and the press doesn't really have an affection for me," Johnson told his press secretary, George Reedy, the day after the Democratic Convention opened in Atlantic City, N.J.

Johnson said he told Kennedy he became the 1960 vice presidential nominee because it "was good for my country and good for my party and good for my state. I thought a Democrat was much more preferable than (Richard) Nixon. And that's why I did it. And I said, 'I don't think that you'd be happy there.'"

Shortly after their conversation, Kennedy decided to run for the Senate from New York. Johnson campaigned for him. In 1968, Kennedy was assassinated while running for president.

At the close of their 1964 meeting, Johnson hinted — none too subtly — that he knew Kennedy was eyeing bigger things.

"He looked up at me and smiled and said, 'Well, you didn't ask me but I think that I could have done a hell of a job for us' — meaning if he'd have gone on the ticket," Johnson recalled to Clifford.

"I told him I think you will do a hell of a job for us. ... I looked at him very straight, smiled, and said: And for yourself, too. And that's how it ended."

Hospital could be pacesetter in drug testing of doctors

LUBBOCK (AP) — One tragically misplaced epidural anesthetic shot could force a Lubbock hospital to take the lead on an issue that haunts physicians and every other American profession: drug abuse.

When South Park Hospital and Dr. Jack Dunn III agreed to a \$10.5 million settlement with the family of the late Margo Glickman Johnson earlier this month, industry experts say the medical profession paid heed.

The defendants never admitted to the claim by Mrs. Johnson's family that Dunn was drug-impaired during the procedure and the hospital should have known it. However, the hospital did agree to pursue some drastic policy changes.

South Park pledged to try and persuade its medical staff to change the institution's bylaws to include the implementation of drug testing and mandatory educational programs.

"The significance nationally of the Lubbock case is that it will raise the issue in every hospital in America," said Rick Wade, spokesman for the

American Hospital Association. "It's going to have the potential for a lot of hospitals and medical staffs to say, 'Wait a minute. How is it we assure the public that every doctor practicing inside institutions is fully competent?'"

Clint Matthews, South Park's chief executive officer, was quick to add that he can't coerce doctors to change their rules. It's too early to tell what changes, if any, the suit will force in hospital drug policy, he said.

Pre-employment drug testing is a rarity nationwide for physicians to gain privileges at hospitals, Wade said. He added that random drug testing, which also is a possibility under the settlement, doesn't exist as far as he knows.

"We do not know of a hospital in America that's been able to convince its medical staff to do that," said Wade. Other industry insiders echoed his statement.

Big Spring resident Jake Glickman, Mrs. Johnson's father, sued Dunn, South Park and others after the 20-year-old woman died as she prepared to

deliver a baby on July 4, 1995. Dunn erroneously injected a powerful anesthetic directly into a major vein.

Her undelivered baby died with her.

"(Glickman) made a promise on the day his daughter died to do something about what had happened," said Richard Mithoff, Glickman's attorney. "We recovered the maximum amount of money under the law, but what was primary was getting something done about this (impaired physicians)."

Additionally, the hospital promised to urge the Texas Legislature to address laws regarding access to drug abuse information about doctors and whether hospitals can be held liable when they're negligent in credentialing physicians.

The hospital admitted no liability in the settlement. Dunn did not pay to renew his license, the State Board of Medical Examiners said.

Of the 45,000 licensed physicians in Texas, the state board has publicly censured only 104 in the past three years for drug abuse, and only two of those saw their licenses revoked. The

others were reprimanded or suspended.

Since 1995, addicted doctors have had the option of confidentially turning themselves in, but fewer than two dozen have done so, state board attorney Tony Cobos said.

"We need to have proof someone is engaged in interperate use of alcohol and drugs," said Cobos. "It's very difficult, because sometimes professionals are very good at hiding substance abuse, especially physicians aware of the signs of substance abuse."

Doctors receive due process like anyone else, added Cobos, heaping the burden of proof entirely on the board.

Once identified as a drug abuser, a doctor can be placed under strict supervision after rehabilitation. The main form of enforcement is the peer review process, in which doctors monitor each other and privately critique their colleagues' performance.

The Dunn case proved that system isn't foolproof, though. Another Lubbock hospital's peer review committee had obtained a letter Dunn wrote to

a girlfriend detailing his history of drug abuse. When he moved on to South Park, the confidential letter didn't travel with him.

Doctors tend to report each other only if they're entirely sure the whole process is classified, said the AHA's Wade.

"If I'm doing a peer review and all that is discoverable, then as a physician I might not be candid for fear of retaliation," Wade said.

Dr. Robert Jones chairs a committee on physician impairment for the Texas Medical Association, the state's leading doctors' organization. He stressed that doctors watching doctors is more effective than pre-employment and random screening, which he opposes.

"We used to have a moral obligation to report these things, and now it's a moral and legal obligation," said Jones, who said 50 doctors in his San Antonio area are recovering addicts.

He added that testing doctors is far more expensive than testing other workers because of the wide variety of drugs physicians can access.

Meeting to highlight 'dumb law' taskforce

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new federal law in mind that you'd really like to wipe off the books?

Two Texans in Congress will be holding a meeting in Austin on Monday, asking state officials, business leaders and others for their pet dumb laws.

When Republicans assumed control of the House in 1995, they instituted a brainchild of House Speaker Newt Gingrich: A "Corrections Day" through which antiquated, useless or just plain idiotic laws could be repealed in quick fashion.

To shepherd silly regulations to their death, Gingrich set up a "Corrections Day" task force. Its two Texas members, Republicans Sam Johnson of Plano and Kay Granger of Fort Worth, will be in the state's capital for the first ever field hearing to solicit candidates.

State legislators, city officials and bureaucrats from state agencies have been invited to appear at the meeting, which will be held in the Capitol on Monday morning. Johnson said all interested parties are invited.

"It's important for us to get the feedback from the citizens of the United States on what they're having problems with with the laws we've passed," Johnson said. "Because we certainly don't know sometimes that there's a problem until a law gets implemented."

So far, 16 measures have been repealed under the "Corrections Day" calendar.

The task force functions as a clearinghouse for suggestions that come in from inside and outside Congress. Task force members coordinate with Gingrich and committee chairmen how best to bring the ideas to the House floor.

Under the "Corrections Day" procedures, twice a month the speaker calls up bills that address questionable laws or regulations.

Each target must first be approved by the appropriate committee and can only be put on the corrections calendar by the speaker after he determines, with consultation from the minority leader, that it is non-controversial, narrowly focused and has bipartisan support.

The bills require a two-thirds majority for House passage. Senate approval also is required.

Among his personal favorites in silly laws repealed under "Corrections Day," Johnson singled out a regulation under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 that penalized ships traveling into or out of U.S. waters for carrying different types of oil — including vegetable oil, which is non-toxic and biodegradable.

"We took that out," Johnson said. "That was costing the farmers in this country hundreds of millions of dollars."

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IRA announces cease-fire; renews hope for peace in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The Irish Republican Army announced a new cease-fire today, opening the way for its political ally to enter talks aimed at securing peace in Northern Ireland.

"We have ordered the unequivocal restoration of the cease-fire of August 1994. All IRA units have been instructed accordingly," the outlawed group said in a statement.

The new truce is to take effect at noon Sunday (7 a.m. EDT).

The announcement was widely expected after the Sinn Fein party, the IRA's political ally, said Friday that it had urged

the IRA to declare a new cease-fire.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair had promised that Sinn Fein could join peace talks with pro-British Protestant political parties in September in exchange for a new IRA truce. He welcomed the move today as "good for the people of Northern Ireland and for the people of Britain."

"Whether Sinn Fein will be there depends on whether the cease-fire is genuine in word and deed," Blair said in a statement.

In Dublin, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who like

Blair is recently elected, said he looked forward to Sinn Fein's admission to the negotiations.

The talks, sponsored by Britain and Ireland, began in June 1996 among nine parties but without Sinn Fein, because of the IRA's resumed hostilities against British rule. Their goal is to forge a compromise for governing Northern Ireland, the Protestant-majority state created in the 1920s when the rest of Ireland, which is mostly Catholic, won independence from Britain.

President Clinton welcomed the prospect of a new truce, as did many Irish-American law-

makers.

But hard-line Protestant leaders in Northern Ireland rallied against the prospect of another "phony" IRA truce, which they maintained would be used only to extract concessions from the British under the threat of resuming violence. They vowed never to sit down with Sinn Fein.

The IRA abandoned a 1994 truce in February 1996 after negotiations involving Sinn Fein and the pro-British parties failed to materialize. Sinn Fein was barred when talks among nine other Northern Ireland parties began in June 1996

under the direction of former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams' statement Friday, far from a risky appeal, seemed geared to build international expectation in advance of the IRA move.

"Without an IRA cease-fire, there is no way that Sinn Fein will be admitted to the peace talks. Without Sinn Fein at the table, there is no way that peace will occur in Northern Ireland," said Rep. Marty Meehan.

The use of the word "unequivocal" in today's cease-fire statement was critical — although it was unlikely to allay the suspi-

cions of pro-British Protestants.

Blair's government, which reopened and maintained 10 weeks of contacts with Sinn Fein despite continuing IRA violence; had emphasized that any new truce must be "unequivocal" — leaving no wiggle room for the IRA to maintain operations.

Critical, too, would be the response of Northern Ireland's main pro-British Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, led by David Trimble. He emphasized Friday that any new IRA truce would have to be "complete, universal and permanent."

Voters find peaceful polls in Liberian elections

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Barely 14 months after civil war nearly destroyed their capital, Liberians voted peacefully Saturday in presidential elections that brought hopes for an end to a dozen years of dictatorship and bloodshed.

As polls opened throughout the West African nation, long lines of people that snaked and twisted around polling stations started moving slowly toward the heavily guarded voting booths.

"I'm very pleased about the turnout. It's a clear indication that the people have been able to overcome their fears and intimidation and that they intend to vote their conscience," said Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, a former top U.N. offi-

cial considered a favorite in the race, along with warlord Charles Taylor.

The two are among 13 candidates vying to become Liberia's first elected president since Taylor launched a Christmas Eve 1989 rebellion to drive out the Krahn ethnic dictatorship of Samuel Doe. Doe, accused of stealing votes to win the last election in 1985, was toppled and executed in 1990 by one of several rival factions that emerged during the war.

Fighting that had been largely confined to the countryside erupted in the capital in April 1996 and raged for two months, killing hundreds, until faction leaders bowed to international pressure and signed their 14th peace accord in August. That

cleared the way for nationwide disarmament and elections.

About 500 international monitors were deployed across Liberia to prevent a repeat of the 1985 vote-stealing debacle. Soldiers from a Nigerian-led African peacekeeping force stood guard at voting stations to ensure security and occasionally offer guidance to Liberians confused by the process.

Despite logistic difficulties and crowds at many polling stations, there were no reports of problems. Final results were expected within five days.

If no candidate wins a majority Saturday, the top two finishers will face each other in an Aug. 2 runoff. Both Taylor and Johnson-Sirleaf said they hoped to avoid that.

"We just want a clean sweep

so we can get started with the process of healing the wounds," said the Harvard-educated Johnson-Sirleaf, who resigned as the New York-based Africa director of the United Nations Development Program to run.

"God willing, we expect to be elected by a landslide," said Taylor, flashing a peace sign as he dropped his ballot into one of the transparent plastic tubs set up to receive them.

But Taylor, who has apologized for the damage the war caused and tried to change his image from that of warlord to religious family man, insisted there would be no losers if the election was peaceful.

"I feel we are all winners at this point," he said.

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Russians taking problems with Mir station in stride

MOSCOW (AP) — First the Mir space station nearly went up in flames. Then a collision knocked a hole in the wall. And this past week, it lost power for several hours — a darkened station spinning out of control 250 miles above Earth.

At best, the Russian craft appears old and accident-prone. At worst, it seems dangerous and uncontrollable, causing many to question the wisdom of joint American space programs with the Russians — especially the international space station now under construction.

To the amazement of some and the exasperation of others, Russian space officials have appeared to take the accidents and breakdowns in stride. In fact, about the only crisis the Russians don't seem to have with the Mir is a crisis of confidence.

In contrast to Americans, who ever since the space shuttle Challenger blew up are agitated by the smallest of glitches in space ventures, Russians have greeted the events on the Mir with comparative serenity.

They're coolheaded, say some Western space experts, who believe that very quality demonstrates the strength of Russia's manned space program and its likely longevity.

"The problems we've seen on Mir are a preview of the problems we're going to have with the international space station," said John Pike, a space specialist at the Federation of American Scientists in Washington. "This is basically what long-duration space flight looks like."

The Mir's troubles — and reactions to them — highlight several differences between the Russian and American approaches to space.

For one thing, the major U.S.

manned space project has been the space shuttle, which makes short, carefully planned forays into orbit.

By contrast, the Russians have had cosmonauts in space continuously for 11 years, which gives them more time and opportunity to be relaxed and take things as they come.

"The Russians have more experience improvising and more confidence that they can improvise successfully," Pike said. "That's alien to American space-flight culture, which is elaborately choreographed."

That more relaxed attitude filters down to the public as well. The Mir's most recent episode, the station's blackout on Thursday, didn't make the front page of most newspapers and was overshadowed on TV news shows by the deaths of 11 soldiers in the collapse of a dormitory in Siberia.

"It is certainly a secondary topic for us. Everybody is already fed up with space," said Andrei Lapik, deputy editor of Moskovsky Komsomolets, a tabloid-style Russian newspaper that didn't report Mir's latest mishap. "No one has died, have they?"

"America is different, their mentality is different," he added. "In this country, it is of little importance when something breaks on the orbital station."

But the Russian attitude doesn't mean the space program is casual about safety, insists Geoff Perry, head of the Kettering Space Observers Group in Cornwall, England.

"They aren't going to risk cosmonaut lives any more than NASA is going to risk astronaut lives," he said.

Another difference between the two programs is the contrast in public disclosure.

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Friday's Puzzle solved:

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Glenwood Hospital & Medical Center Hospital Work Together

An agreement set up in July of 1996 between Glenwood Hospital, Medical Center and MHMR, Odessa has proven to be very successful. The agreement was initiated to allow Medical Center Hospital to refer indigent Ector County residents in need of inpatient psychiatric services to Glenwood for a duration of 5-7 days.

"Our primary goal was to reduce Ector County bed days at the Big Spring State Hospital via a request from Permian Basin Community Centers," said John Chamberlain, Medical Center Hospital Associate Administrator. "At the same time, we wanted to enhance the level of service given to Ector County residents and ensure that the care was received in the most appropriate setting. To date, we've achieved the primary and secondary goals while staying within the financial guidelines we imposed upon ourselves. We feel that the overall effort, from access, quality and cost aspects, has been very

successful. This relationship has potentially fostered future collaborative efforts between Glenwood Hospital, Permian Basin Community Centers and Medical Center Hospital."

This agreement has allowed three local agencies to work together toward a common goal for the needs of patients. Since the contract began in July of last year, there has been a significant decrease in the admission to Big Spring State Hospital, therefore saving state dollars.

"This contract between Medical Center Hospital and West Texas Behavioral Health System (Glenwood) is in-line with our vision of being a true community resource," said Glenwood CEO, David Fletcher-Janzen. "It provided a terrific opportunity to work with Medical Center Hospital and MHMR, and we are looking forward to continuing this successful relationship and to serving these residents of Ector County who are most in need."

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Infighting threatens to unravel GOP hold on Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — At a late-night meeting in the Capitol, New York Rep. Bill Paxon, implicated in a plan to topple Speaker Newt Gingrich, offered to resign from the House GOP leadership.

Before Gingrich could reply, Majority Leader Dick Armey broke in. "I accept," Armey said — although he had not appointed the young New Yorker to his influential post and had no authority over him.

The exchange, recounted by a congressional source speaking on condition of anonymity, underscored the mistrust that has been slowly building in the top ranks of a Republican leadership that has lurched all year from one crisis to another.

Gingrich snapped up Paxon's offer to resign the next morning as the speaker worked to restore order from the chaos sown by stories of intrigue by his lieutenants.

To varying degrees, questions also were raised about the loyalty of other members of the leadership, including Armey of Texas, Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, and — particularly — the GOP Whip, Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas.

"Except for Newt I don't think there's a member of the leadership who could win an election" among the GOP rank and file, a senior aide to another of the leaders conceded privately to a reporter.

At the very least, officials say, all members of the top leadership listened sympathetically to dissidents seeking Gingrich's ouster. In a series of conversations with their junior col-

leagues, they had shared their own frustrations with the speaker's habit of acting impulsively.

"Newt fatigue" had become an everyday expression to describe the consequences of working closely with the House's top leader. The tensions were clearly on display last month as Paxon, Armey, DeLay and Boehner voted against disaster aid legislation that Gingrich brought to the floor to end a veto confrontation with the White House.

In DeLay's case, claimed transgressions were more serious. The Texas Republican has yet to respond publicly to reports that he told a roomful of dissidents in a critical late-night meeting that he would vote with them to oust Gingrich.

Ironically, last week's events seemed to strengthen Gingrich, at least in the short run.

Candidates he quietly pushed forward in junior leadership elections triumphed over their rivals. With that in mind, several rank-and-file lawmakers predicted an effort to force out Armey, DeLay and Boehner, either immediately or after Congress completes work on pending tax-cut and balanced-budget legislation.

DeLay issued a statement during the week insisting he would stay in his post. But two sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his position was most precarious. They said discussions were under way to force his ouster and install the deputy whip, Rep. Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

Slow-moving Danny claims one life

GULF SHORES, Ala. (AP) — Only a few diehards remained Saturday to welcome Hurricane Danny to this normally bustling Gulf Coast resort town, while the storm itself was stalled offshore.

At least one death was blamed on the slow-moving storm, which barely qualified as a hurricane with 75 mph sustained winds. Danny was expected to come ashore Saturday between Gulfport, Miss., and Apalachicola, Fla., threatening to bring up to 20 inches of rain and serious flooding.

At 5 a.m. Saturday, five hours after the storm was originally expected to make landfall, it

remained nearly stationary about 25 miles southeast of Mobile and about 50 miles west-southwest of Pensacola, Fla.

The National Weather Service said the storm was expected to gradually turn to the northeast, and any movement to the north could bring the center over land at any time.

An unidentified man's body was found Friday afternoon near a swamped sailboat at the mouth of Mobile Bay about 20 miles west of Gulf Shores. A small-craft advisory was in effect at the time because of strong winds.

Off the coast of Pascagoula, Miss., Danny ripped an oil

drilling rig from its berth and rammed it into a research tank. About 500 gallons of fuel were spilled into Bayou Casotte.

Mississippi's Gulf Coast counties were under flood watches.

In Alabama, the storm's slow advance kept vacationers guessing. But they moved to safety inland by the end of the day as it became obvious the storm would hit.

The American Red Cross estimated 1,600 people were in shelters in Mobile and Baldwin counties late Friday.

"It's 10 times deadlier now than it is in the winter," said golf course employee Ben Bells of Gulf Shores, killing time

Friday night with friends who work at a beachside hotel.

Part of the reason for the exodus was not Danny's gusty winds or the potential for flooding, but its timing. The storm began threatening at the end of the week, which is normally a time for one set of vacationers to leave their rooms and another set to arrive.

But for some, it took more than a Category 1 storm to justify leaving even one day early. Kept off the beach by rain, they turned to souvenir shopping and watching television.

A recommendation to leave at the Ramada Inn off highway U.S. 98 didn't deter guests in six rooms.

Police reconstruct Cunanan's actions

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — In the weeks leading up to the killing of Gianni Versace, a man who fits the description of Andrew Cunanan stayed at a Miami Beach hotel, patronized a sex store and became a regular at a local pizza place.

"He was very soft-spoken, neat and clean," hotel manager Roger Falin said Friday. "He didn't look like a night clubber, though he went out at night. Nobody seems to remember him coming back with anybody or even talking with anybody."

Cunanan is the prime suspect in Versace's slaying and four other killings, but was cleared today as a suspect in a sixth killing, the Thursday slaying of Dr. Silvio Alfonso. Metro-Dade police said today they arrested 28-year-old Yosvani Hernandez and charged him with first-degree murder, battery on a police officer and armed robbery.

Witnesses had said they saw a man fitting Cunanan's descrip-

tion running away from the doctor's Miami Springs home, about 15 miles from Versace's mansion.

In the weeks before Versace was shot at his South Beach mansion Tuesday, Cunanan may have been less than four miles away at the Normandy Plaza Hotel, authorities say.

The guest did not register under the name Cunanan, and Falin would not say what name he used. Falin said the guest left behind some hair-cutting equipment and fashion magazines, and usually paid \$230 cash weekly for his room.

Police say Cunanan is a gay gigolo who began a cross-country killing spree in April.

An AIDS counselor in California said in today's edition of The San Diego Union-Tribune that he met with Cunanan two months before the first killing.

Cunanan — who never said outright that he had the AIDS virus — vowed revenge on

whomever might have infected him, said Mike Dudley, a counselor at a nonprofit agency for people with AIDS and HIV.

"He became agitated and he got up and kicked the wall and said, 'If I find out who did this to me, I'm gonna get them,'" Dudley said.

At the Normandy Plaza hotel, yellow crime scene tape was strung in front of the entrance Friday night. Investigators did not comment, but clerk Miriam Hernandez said agents searched all 65 rooms on Wednesday.

"They had to go through each one because they said he might still be here," she told The Associated Press. She said the guest always wore sunglasses, and carried a U.S. driver's license and French passport with names similar to Cunanan's known aliases.

The owner of a pizzeria next door said someone matching Cunanan's description was a regular customer for at least a month.

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New books unlock secrets to '90s behavior

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For those daunted by the mere mention of the word "etiquette," relax. Even Emily Post, the doyenne of etiquette gurus, experienced an embarrassing moment or two.

At a large banquet, she spilled cranberries on her dress — "I'm a human being, not a robot," she pointed out when chided — and on another occasion her turn-of-the-century bloomers dropped on a Broadway pavement. She calmly retrieved them and stuffed them in her handbag.

"A lot of people think etiquette is all about fancy dining-table settings or being very formal or about white gloves or protocol," said Peggy Post, great granddaughter-in-law of Emily Post. "But it's really a code of behavior based on being thoughtful and considerate."

Post, who just updated "Emily Post's Etiquette" for its 75th-anniversary edition, said just because people no longer employ large household staffs, serve seven-course dinners or curtsy and bow doesn't mean they don't need to practice good manners.

In fact, etiquette experts say Americans need to learn about the social graces more than they have in a long time.

"There's a lot of nastiness around. People don't hold in the nastiness anymore," said Letitia Baldrige, whose latest offering is "More Than Manners: Raising Today's Kids To Have Kind Hearts and Good Manners."

"Look at the way people drive their cars ... the body language when they push past each other on streets."

Tobacco industry on sidelines of tax talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The tobacco industry, normally a giant in Capitol lobbying, has been conspicuous by its absence in the debate over the proposed 20 cents per pack cigarette tax the Senate included in its tax bill.

Lawmakers say the industry appears overwhelmed by the \$368 billion prospective settlement with state attorneys general and too busy for vigorous opposition to the proposed \$15 billion tobacco tax hike — the biggest in the industry's history.

"I think they're preoccupied," observed Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., a tobacco advocate. "I don't think they're ignoring it."

The Senate tax bill would increase federal cigarette taxes by 20 cents a pack, almost doubling the existing per-pack tax of 24 cents, and also push up other tobacco taxes. The cigarette levy, not included in the

House tax proposal, would raise \$15 billion over five years, with \$8 billion of that directed to increased health coverage for uninsured children.

In the past, such a tax hike would have unleashed fierce and intense lobbying by major tobacco companies. Tax committee aides note that other interests which stand to suffer under the tax bill — real estate agents, Indian casinos, graduate students — have launched furious lobbying efforts, but not tobacco.

"They have bigger issues with the settlement and so forth," said C. Clinton Stretch of the accounting firm Deloitte & Touche LLP and a former top congressional tax aide.

The tobacco industry has long been a pillar of the Washington lobbying game. The nonprofit Center for Responsive Politics said in the 1996 election cycle, the indus-

try gave more than \$10.1 million to political action committees and in unregulated "soft money" campaign donations to be used for party building.

Stretch said the industry's lower tax profile reflects a sharp contrast from past tax proposals. "The fact they have to negotiate settlements is a remarkable contrast too."

To settle state lawsuits against the industry, companies agreed last month to pay \$368.5 billion over 25 years, curb advertising and oppose teen smoking in return for restrictions on FDA regulation of nicotine, a ban on class-action lawsuits and other provisions.

Asked if the industry was too preoccupied with the tobacco settlement, another Kentucky Republican, Sen. Mitch McConnell, said: "There is, I think, a concern about how this (the tobacco tax) fits into a subsequent settlement."

Sunday deadlines

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

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Gettin' by with help of a friend

Thursday evening, as yours truly sweated in the sun-drenched heat on the east side of Big Spring's Rodeo Bowl, I couldn't help but be reminded on the nicely shaded grandstand at Snyder's Moffett Field.

It's not that I wasn't enjoying the opening performance of the 52nd annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo, it's just that I hated to be missing the Big Spring American League Blue All-Stars' game with Pecos that night in Snyder.

I'd spent the previous night in Snyder watching the Blue All-Stars knock off Lubbock East in the opening round of the Junior League Sub-Sectional Tournament and was truly regretting being unable to be both places at once.

Little did I know that one of the nicest things anyone's done for me in a long time would result, and I want to take this opportunity to give recognition where it's due.

I'd managed to get John Fulbright to work as a correspondent in Snyder that night. Nobody other than John, myself and John Walker (sounds kind of like a club, doesn't it?) knew how the Herald had planned its coverage.

John Weeks of KBST, who was broadcasting in Snyder, (we just had to get another guy named John into all this) knew I wasn't going to be able to cover the game Thursday, but didn't know I'd gotten Fulbright to handle the task.

As a result, when I arrived for work Friday morning, I was presented with a fax transmission that left me somewhat dumbfounded.

Without my even requesting it, Weeks had typed out a two-page story and provided copies of his scorebook for statistics and faxed them for my use.

Fulbright's coverage of the game made Weeks' story unnecessary.

It was anything but unappreciated, however.

In fact, to the rotund one's way of thinking, my friend John Weeks went far beyond the call of duty and I hereby offer by heartfelt thanks publicly.

Speaking of the heat, there'll be plenty of it next weekend, July 26-27, when the second annual Duel in the Desert drag boat races are staged at Moss Lake.

Sanctioned by the Southern Drag Boat Association, Duel in the Desert is expected to draw more than 100 boats which will race in 16 different classes.

Qualifying will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday and continue until 6 p.m. Elimination runs will commence at noon Sunday and continue until champions are named in each of the event's classifications.

A two-day pass for the event are priced at \$12 each. Purchased individually, the weekend's tickets would be \$15, since Saturday's racing is priced at \$5 and Sunday's eliminations ticket running \$10.

The summer softball season has come to a close for Big Spring's Shockers, the first ever Girls' 16 and Under competitive traveling team organized here.

However, the Shockers' inaugural season was anything but disappointing, as they qualified to participate in the American Softball Association's Texas State Tournament in Nacogdoches last weekend.

A total of 36 teams qualified for the state tournament and the Shockers finished a very respectable 13th in that field, leaving coach Bobby Lang looking forward to better things to come in the future.

Irvin sparkles in debut at Cowboys' camp

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AUSTIN — Michael Irvin slipped over the middle, caught a bullet pass from quarterback Troy Aikman and faked rookie cornerback Kenny Wheaton to the ground.

The 3,500 spectators at St. Edward's University roared. Irvin was back doing what he does best. And the crowd loved it.

"It was great, it was fun," said Irvin, who several weeks ago had contemplated retirement because of legal troubles which had drained his emotion for the game. "Now, I'm just hoping to get my legs under me."

After Saturday morning's workout, the receiver met for the first time with

the media since indicating he might retire.

He has no such thoughts now. "I'm at training camp, and if I wasn't going to play, I wouldn't be here," Irvin said as he stood on top of a golf cart, facing 15 minicams and other assembled media. "I missed being with the guys. I hadn't been to Valley Ranch in a long time. Now, I have a lot of catching up to do. I thought my mind was a little tight today. I know I can play better."

Irvin reported to camp Friday night, then got into an all-night card game with buddy Emmitt Smith. "It was great in the dorm," Irvin said. "Emmitt took my money, but it was fun."

Irvin said one of the reasons he decid-

ed to play football was the encouragement of his teammates.

"I got a lot of telephone calls," Irvin said. "Broderick Thomas said 'I jumped into the fox hole with you last year during all the problems and now why won't you jump into the fox hole with us?'"

Irvin said quarterback Troy Aikman also had a big influence.

"He told me my job was to work hard and get back to being me," Irvin said. "I don't know why it took me so long to decide to come to training camp."

"It seems like I was never away. We were playing the radio loud in the dorm last night and people complained. Things are already getting back to normal quickly. I missed all the bantering with my teammates."

Irvin was suspended the first five games last year and the Cowboys started 2-3 without him.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said having Irvin around was like a cool breeze on a hot day.

"It was the best topic we could have getting him back," Switzer said. "And he looked like the Michael of old. We're just not the same team without him."

"Mike looked really good," Aikman said. "Our offense missed him last year early in the season."

As Irvin tried to leave the practice field, the crowd chanted "Michael ... Michael ... Michael."

As far as the fans in Austin are concerned, all is forgiven because the "Playmaker" is making big plays again.



John A. Moseley
Sports Editor

Middleton, Green rodeo leaders Coahoma cowboy also tops

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

In a night that saw 18 lead changes from Thursday's first performance of the 52nd annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo, Big Spring's Lauren Middleton and Kim Green were among the participants with big smiles at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl Friday night.

Despite a disappointing 23.473-second clocking that left her well out of the money in the 16-19 barrels, Middleton regrouped to post an 11.295 time in the ribbon roping to take first place in that event.

In addition, Middleton's 10.794 time in the goat tying, while not good enough to beat the 10.371 posted by new leader Paige Burelsmith of Tatum, N.M., was fast enough to take third-place standing into Saturday night's final performance.

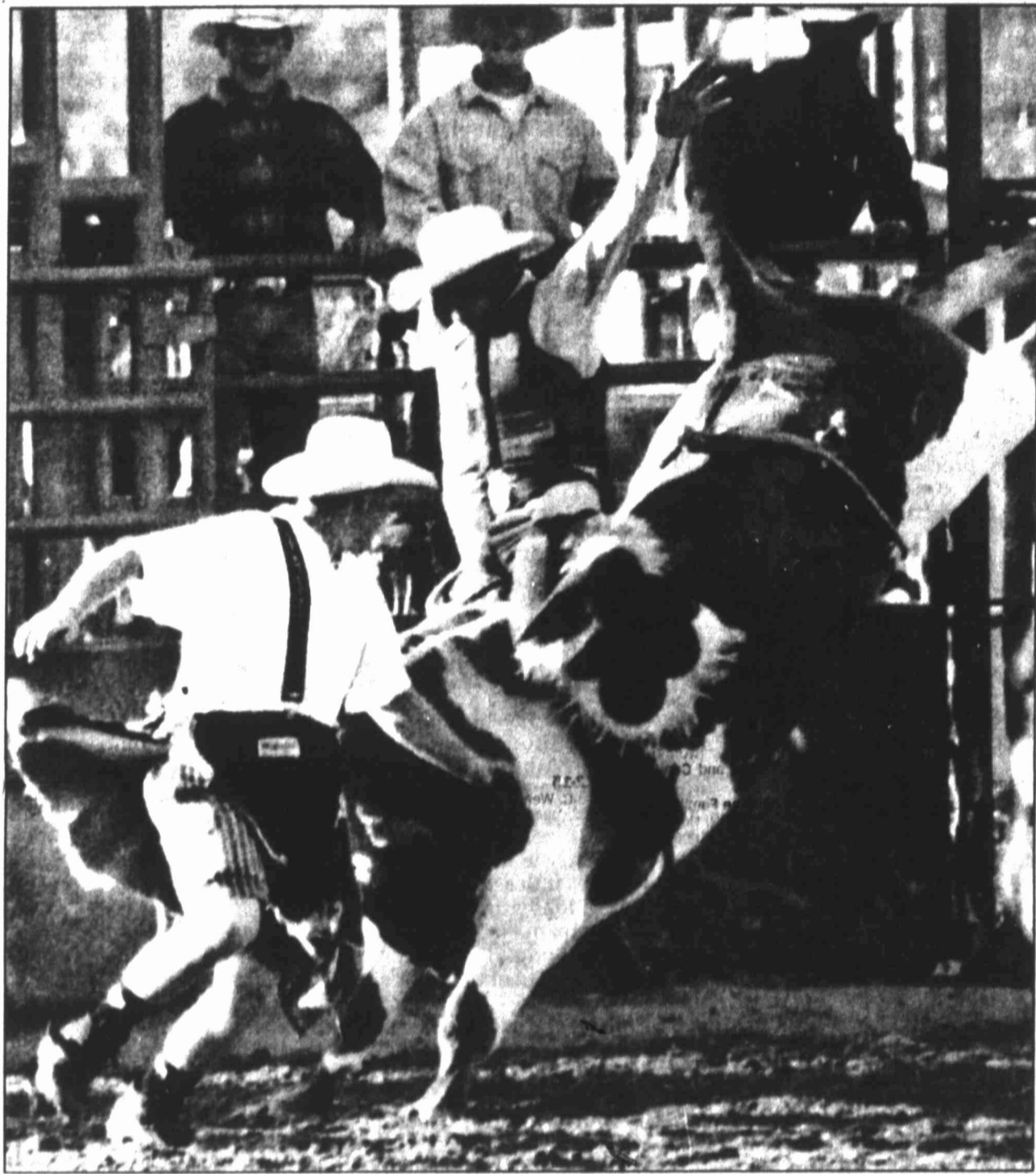
Green, the last participant to run in the 16-19 barrels Friday night, came up with a gem — posting a time of 17.788 seconds that erased the 17.932 Stacie Evans of Hobbs, N.M., posted Friday from the leader board.

It was also a big night for Keith Brockman of Coahoma, who grabbed the 16-19 bull riding lead with a 71-point ride, and Diedra Harris of Garden City, who was clocked at 17.831 seconds in the 13-15 barrels, good enough for second place behind Big Spring's Stephanie Fryar who took the lead Thursday.

The lead changes began in the night's first event, as George Rowland of Hobbs, N.M., took over first place in the 8-Under calf riding with a 66-point ride. Aaron Lide of Andrews followed with a 65-pointer that moved him into second place.

Lide followed that with a first-place clocking of 6.833 seconds in the youngest age group's breakaway roping competition. His sisters, Amy and Lori Jo, also had their successes.

Lori Jo momentarily recorded the fastest time in the 8-Under barrels with a 17.930-



Coahoma's Keith Brockman stays aboard for the full eight seconds during Friday night's 16-19 bull riding at the 52nd Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo. Brockman was awarded 71 points for his ride, giving him first place going into Saturday's final performance.

second run, only to see that moved into second place by the next participant, Chelsey Callan of Roby, who posted at time of 17.838.

Amy managed a second-place time of 17.802 in the 9-12 barrels and grabbed third-place standing in the Girls' 9-12 breakaway roping with a 4.694 clocking.

The lead changes just kept coming in the 13-15 bull riding, as first Nathan Tickner of Boles, N.M., grabbed the lead with a 70-point ride, and Keith Brockman of Brent, N.M., replaced Tickner with a 71-pointer.

Grad Good of Kenna, N.M., took over the top spot in the 9-12 calf touching with a 6.393 time before Monty Lewis of

Hereford grabbed first place in the 13-15 tie down roping with a time of 13.472 seconds.

The next lead to change came in the 8-Under pole bending where Chelsey Callan posted a 21.768. In the 9-12 poles, Ashley Branch of Aspermont turned in a 21.191, erasing the lead taken two riders earlier by Aleashae Tindol of Odessa. Tindol's time of 21.326 relegated to second place.

Grady Herrera of Tatum, N.M., established a new mark in the Boys' 9-12 breakaway roping with a blistering time of 3.048 seconds, leaving a fine effort by Brad Good of Kenna, N.M., to settle for second-place standing at 4.718.

The Girls' 9-12 breakaway lead also tumbled, as Kimberly

Howard of Elida, N.M., moved into first with a 3.430 clocking.

New leaders were also posted in the Boys' 13-15 breakaway, as Dillon Lewis of Clovis, N.M., wowed the crowd with a 2.917 clocking, erasing the lead T.C. Long of Andrews had established less than five minutes earlier with a time of 4.642 seconds.

Bridgette Hecht of Portales, N.M., joined the list of leaders with a 9.591 time in the 9-12 goat tying.

Several minutes later, Sterling Smith of Post took the lead in the Boys' 9-12 ribbon roping with a 7.118 clocking, erasing the lead established by Eric Magby of Lazbuddie a few minutes earlier at 9.258 seconds.

Swede leads British Open by 2 strokes

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TROON, Scotland — Sometimes golf is simply a game of survival. Jesper Parnevik knows that from the British Open he lost at Turnberry. Darren Clarke learned it Saturday at Royal Troon.

Parnevik, who kicked away the 1994 Open when he failed to look at the scoreboard, watched this time as his name crept to the top, two strokes ahead of Clarke going into Sunday's final round.

On another windless day at Troon, the key holes were once again on the back nine. Parnevik entered that nasty stretch four strokes behind Clarke and emerged the leader by two.

The turnabout came as much because of Clarke's shaky play as it did from Parnevik's rock-solid 66.

And the Swede's hold on the top spot was aided by the fact that only those farthest back — Tiger Woods among them — were able to shoot low numbers.

"I expected low scores in the afternoon," Parnevik said after he finished 54 holes at 11-under-par 202. "I'm just surprised others didn't go low."

While Parnevik was putting up a 66, Clarke, the midway leader by two strokes over Justin Leonard, was lucky to escape with an even-par 71 to be at 204.

Leonard, who made one only birdie, shot a 72 and was five strokes back at 207, along with Fred Couples, who shot a 70.

They were the only other players fewer than seven strokes from the lead.

"The way the weather is right now," Couples said of the absence of strong wind that hit Thursday's round, "it doesn't look like the leaders will drop any shots. We will have to play very, very well to catch them."

The round of the day was by Woods — a course record-tying 64 — but it still left him eight strokes behind at 210.

"Tiger has to shoot 60 tomorrow to have a chance," Parnevik said. "If he gets off to a really great start and then the wind blows 80 mph ..."

Parnevik said, stopping his thought.

Only Jack Burke Jr. in the 1956 Masters started the final round eight strokes behind and

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Dodgers knock off Braves, Orioles get 'emergency' help in 8-3 win

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Pedro Astacio allowed three hits in 7 1-3 innings to beat Atlanta for the first time Saturday, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 4-1 win over the Braves.

Astacio (6-7) had been 0-9 with a 4.55 ERA in 11 previous appearances — nine starts — against the Braves.

His performance helped the Dodgers snap a three-game losing streak and sent Atlanta to its first loss in four games.

Astacio, who has now beaten every NL club in his six-year career, retired the first 11 Braves before Chipper Jones singled with two outs in the fourth.

Fred McGriff followed with a single and Ryan Klesko walked to load the bases. But third baseman Todd Zeile made a diving stop on a hard grounder by Andruw Jones and got a force at second to end the inning.

MAJOR LEAGUES

Orioles 8, White Sox 3

Chris Hoiles entered the game as an emergency replacement and hit a tie-breaking homer in the sixth inning Saturday as Baltimore ended a three-game losing streak by beating the Chicago White Sox 8-3.

Rafael Palmeiro and Jeffrey Hammonds also homered for the Orioles, who won for just the third time in 12 games.

Dave Martinez had three singles and three stolen bases for the White Sox, who have lost five of six. Chicago stranded 10 runners and went 3-for-14 with runners in scoring position.

Hoiles' two-out, two-run homer off Bill Simas (3-1) gave Baltimore a 5-3 lead. Both runs were unearned, as third base-

man Norberto Martin opened the inning with a high throw after fielding a grounder by Cal Ripken, who scored ahead of Hoiles.

Arthur Rhodes (7-2) struck out two in two-thirds of an inning, and Armando Benitez, the fifth Baltimore pitcher, got the final five outs for his seventh save.

Pirates 13, Phillies 3

Dale Sveum homered and drove in three runs, and the Pittsburgh Pirates used a season-high 17-hit attack to snap a three-game losing streak with a 13-3 rout of the Philadelphia Phillies.

The first seven hitters in Pittsburgh's lineup each had at least two hits, and Kevin Young added three RBIs.

Sveum's two-run shot, his seventh, started a five-run fourth inning off Philadelphia starter Tyler Green (0-1). Kevin Polcovich added an RBI double and two runs scored on Philadelphia

shortstop Kevin Sevcik's throwing error.

Steve Cooke (8-9) allowed three runs and 10 hits in six innings for the win.

Green, who missed all of last season because of shoulder surgery, allowed eight runs — six earned — and eight hits in four-plus innings.

Red Sox 6, Indians 3

John Valentin hit two solo homers and Wilfredo Cordero had a three-run double Saturday as the Boston Red Sox beat the Cleveland Indians 6-3.

A day after knuckleballer Tim Wakefield fluttered his way to a six-hit shutout of the Indians, Jeff Suppan shut them down with a conventional arsenal.

Suppan (4-0) allowed one run and five hits in six innings, retiring the first 10 batters in order before Tony Fernandez bunted safely in the fourth.

Terry Clark (0-1), making his second start of the season, allowed four runs,

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LOCAL BOWLING

SUMMER TRIO LEAGUE

RESULTS - Mickey Mouse Club over Team Seven, 6-2; Team Six over Reb's, 8-0; Team 2 over Team Eight, 6-2; Three of a Kind over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series, Team Six, 5-0 and 15-49; hi sc. game and series (men) Lee Everett, 234 and J.M. Ringener, 588; hi sc. game and series (women) Angela Griffin, 221 and 557; hi hdp team game and series, Three of a Kind, 632 and 1812; hi hdp game and series (men) J.M. Ringener, 235 and 651; hi hdp game and series (women) Angela Griffin, 263 and 683.

STANDINGS

Team 2, 44-12; Team Six, 36-20; Team Eight, 32-24; Reb's, 32-24; Three of a Kind, 26-30; Mickey Mouse Club, 26-30; Team Seven, 14-42; Fifth Wheels, 14-42.

STARGATE LEAGUE

RESULTS - Three B's over LL & R, 21-4; Team Nine over Allan's Furniture, 15-6; Big Spring Music over No Fear, 17-8; Team Ten over Team Two, 17-8; hi hdp game and series, Terry Ward, 276 and 935; hi hdp game and series, Terry Ward, 276 and 935.

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Team Nine, 92-84; LL & R, 90-82; Team Two, 89-86; LGR, 88-85-85; Team Eight, 82-82-81; Team Ten, 82-83; Allan's Furniture, 62-113; No Fear, 57-117.5.

SUMMER PIN POPPERS

RESULTS - A & B Farms tied Go-Girls, 4-4; Wisler's tied Grannies, 4-0; Dixie Chicks over Unthinkables, 8-0; hi sc. game and series, Patricia Zant, 181 and Jack Glaze, 481; hi sc. team game and series, Grannies, 503 and 1246; hi hdp game and series, Patricia Zant, 237 and 638; hi hdp team game and series, Grannies, 657 and Dixie Chicks, 1773.

STANDINGS

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4-4; Oopai over C. Body Shop, 8-0; All In The Family over Team 8, 8-0; Outsiders over Pin Panthers, 8-0; hi sc. team game and series, Oopai, 740 and 2137; hi sc. game and series (men) Robert Beatty, 254 and Tom Cruz, 571; hi sc. game and series (women) Jenny Rainwater, 223 and 556; hi hdp team game and series, Oopai, 852 and 2473; hi hdp game and series (men) Robert Beatty, 278 and Chris Spivey, 628; hi hdp game and series (women) Jenny Rainwater, 260 and 667.

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STANDINGS

Team 2, 38-10; Reb's, 32-16; Team Eight, 30-18; Team Six, 28-20; Three Of A Kind, 20-28; Mickey Mouse Club, 20-28; Team Seven, 12-36; Fifth Wheels, 12-36.

STARGATE LEAGUE

RESULTS - LGR over Team Eight, 19-6; Three B's over Team Ten, 13-12; Team Two over Allan's Furniture, 21-4; LL&R over Team Nine, 15-6; Big Spring Music over No Fear, 14-11; hi hdp game and series, Lee Everett, 282 and Mike Elliott, 944; hi hdp game and series, Lee Everett, 282 and Mike Elliott, 944.

STANDINGS

Three B's, 112-38; Big Spring Music, 87-5-62-5; LL&R, 86-64; Team Two, 81-69; LGR, 75-5-74-5; Team Nine, 72-78; Team Eight, 65-54-5; Team Ten, 65-85; Allan's Furniture, 56-94; No Fear, 49-5-100-5.

Here are results from the Big Spring Country Club's annual Parent-Child Tournament which was held July 12-13.

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Tempting the Kodiaks in a wartime duck hunt

It was June 1942, and I was duck hunting on Kodiak Island, Alaska, alone with a 12 gauge out of the Navy armory. The Japanese had recently bombed the U.S. Naval Air Station at Dutch Harbor on Unalaska Island, and they had occupied the U.S. islands of Attu and Kiska. A high state of alert existed at all points in Alaska.



Boyce Hale is pictured during a 1991 return to Alaska where he was stationed during World War II. The photo overlooks Women's Bay looking southwest toward the mouth of the Russian River about two miles from where the air station was located.

During lull periods, I often checked out a jeep from the motor pool, and I would go to the Russian River which emptied into Woman's Bay about two miles southwest of the air station. But seldom, if ever, would I go any where without company because we never knew when the Japanese would shell or bomb us or a Kodiak bear might attack. After I arrived, I took up a position on a sand bar at a bend in the river. No more than I had settled down for some fine duck shooting, than the air raid siren sounded. So I scurried into the nearest stand of alder bushes. As I crouched, I wondered if I was hidden well enough to avoid detection, because I didn't relish getting strafed.

While waiting for the end of the alert, my mind began to wander. What would I do if a plane or planes did attack. Perhaps they would shoot at the jeep parked some 200 feet from me. To my delight, I didn't see or hear an enemy plane during the hour before the all clear sounded. Relieved, I resumed hunting, and in a short time, I had bagged several ducks. So I moved out of the river for a smoke, and while puffing, I again had thoughts of a giant Kodiak bear attacking me. What would I do if this happened? I was only armed with a 12 gauge shotgun. The more I thought about the bear, the more I became concerned. So I went back to my sand bar, picked up the duck I had shot and returned to the jeep. From there I returned to the main area of the naval base. Looking back, I cannot really explain why in the world, I was hunting alone with a shotgun in bear country during a wartime. Maybe it was just my love for hunting — and for that I do not have to explain.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Crossroads Summer League results

Big Spring I took a 23-18 upset win over Stanton in Crossroads Summer Girls' Basketball League junior division play Thursday, while Coahoma knocked off cellar dwelling Garden City, 25-9.

In senior division play, Big Spring kept its record spotless with a narrow 25-24 win over Coahoma.

That win left Big Spring tied atop the senior division standings with Sands I, both teams sporting perfect 8-0 records. For Coahoma, it was only its second loss, leaving that team alone in third place.

In other senior division play, Sands II knocked off Garden City, 28-20, while Sterling City took a 27-22 win over Greenwood.

Monday's schedule calls for Stanton and Big Spring II to open juniors play at 5:30 p.m. with Big Spring I and Forsan playing the 6:30 game.

Senior division games begin at 7:30 with Stanton taking on Forsan. Coahoma plays Grady at 8:30 with the 9:30 nightcap pitting Big Spring and Sands I in a showdown for the league lead.

Football clinic set in Coahoma

Coahoma Junior High School will conduct a football indoctrination clinic July 23-25 for students that will be entering the seventh and eighth grades this fall.

According to coach Jim Edwards, the clinic will be conducted by the junior high coaching staff.

Instruction is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day and the cost for the clinic will be \$20 per student.

Edwards said the fee can be paid before and

COLUMN

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noted. "I really believe the team has a lot of potential." In other action this season, the Shockers tied for first place with a Midland team, The Force, in Wednesday night league-type competition. They also finished fourth in the Memorial Day Weekend Tournament at Hogan Park in Midland and were second at

the Concho Valley Invitational Softball Tournament in San Angelo.

Lang and his charges are already gearing up to play fall softball in Midland in hopes of honing their skills for next year's summer ASA play. ... Congratulations are also in order to Vic Keyes of Big Spring who finished third in the Men's 50-54 division of the Advantage Texas Triathlon in

San Antonio. A total of 500 triathletes took part in the Boerne event July 13 that required competitors to swim a one-mile course in Lake Boerne, a 6.4-mile run from the lake into Boerne's town plaza and a 21-mile bicycle ride through the Texas Hill Country.

Keyes finished the race in 2:27:38, less than six minutes behind the division's winner, Jack Weiss of Eules.

OPEN

Continued from page 8A won, the greatest comeback in major championship history.

Parnevik played in the group in front of Clarke and immediately applied pressure by making birdies on Nos. 1 and 2. "Those two birdies really got me going," he said. "It felt like I could do whatever I wanted to on the golf course."

Parnevik proved that on the seventh hole when he used his putter from 50 yards off the green, hit it 16 feet, and then made the putt for a birdie. "I two-putted from 70 yards. It's my longest two-putt ever," he said.

Clarke, however, was up to the early challenge, shooting a 32 on the front nine to stretch his lead to four strokes. He began to unravel after hitting into the gorse on the 11th hole and making a bogey, one of four he made on the final eight holes.

"From there on out, it turned into a struggle," Clarke said about No. 11. He was fortunate that bogey was the worst score he got on the back nine. Twice, Clarke waded into deep rough and used his considerable bulk to bang the ball

back to the fairway, and then applied his delicate touch around the greens to save bogeys.

His most spectacular bogey came on No. 13, where he hit it into the gorse with his second shot, took a penalty drop, and then slashed a great wedge shot that sent weeds flying and put his ball 10 feet from the cup. He made the putt.

Keeping those potential disaster holes under control kept Clarke in contention going to Sunday.

"If I can get off to a good start," Clarke, from Northern Ireland, said haltingly, "and then play better on the back nine..."

His voice then trailed off. Parnevik, at first frustrated by Clarke's strong start, maintained his patience — and it paid off.

"After my four birdies (on the front nine), and Darren kept making birdies as well, I kept

telling myself that anything can happen on the back nine."

Nearly everything happened there. While Clarke was struggling, Parnevik made a birdie at No. 10, gave it back with a bogey on No. 12, and then rolled in a six-footer for birdie on No. 16.

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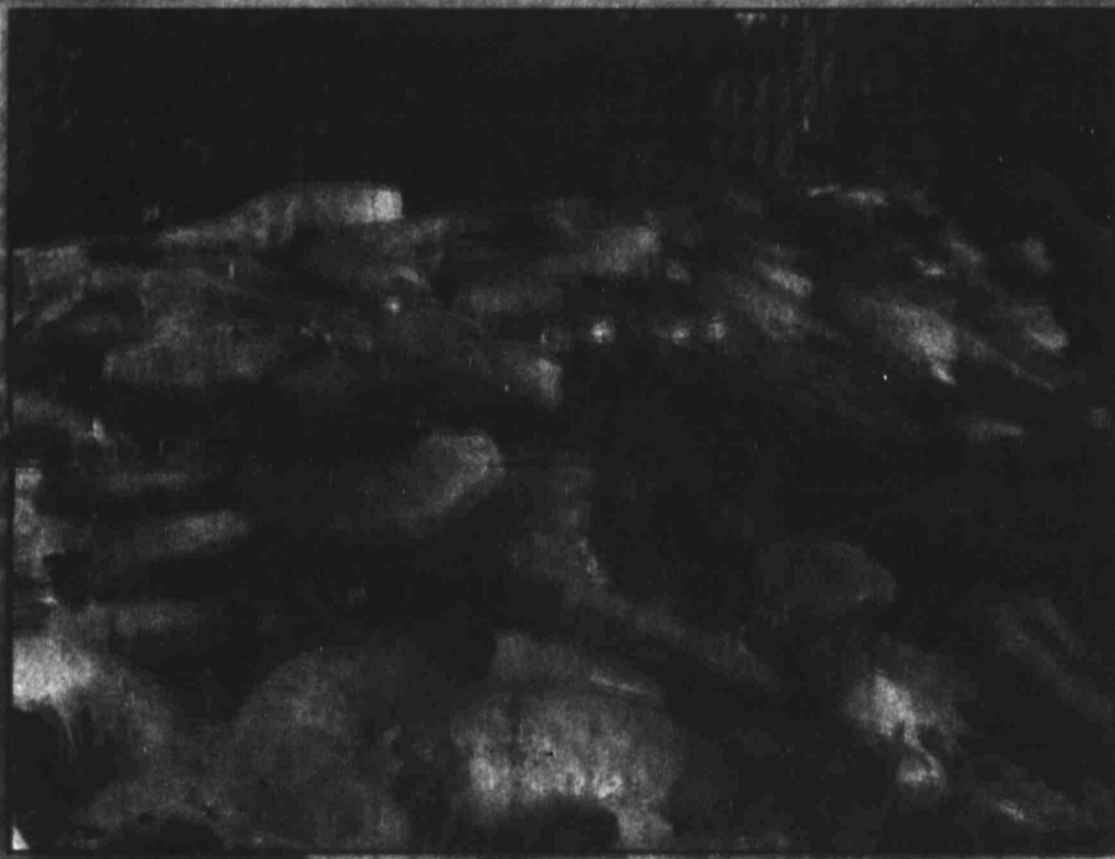
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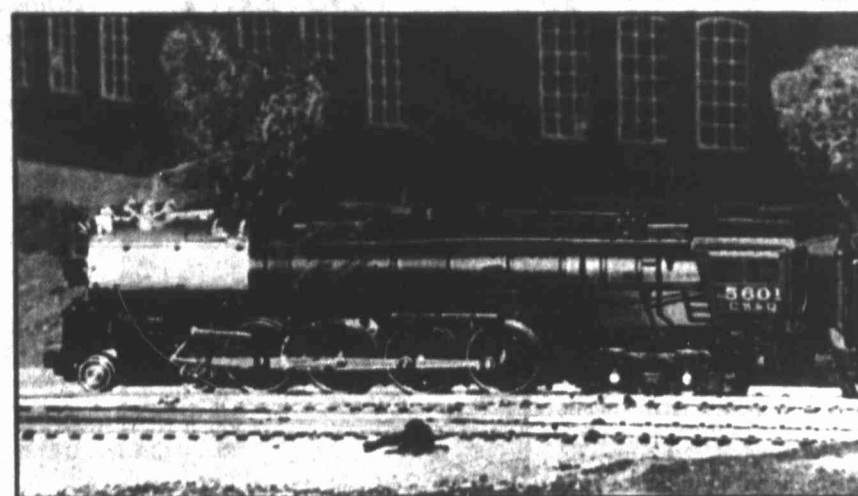
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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

With help from a few concerned citizens, Big Spring's model train display is getting ...

Back on track



When Danny Kennemur was a child, he would often ride the passenger train from Big Spring to Midland.

His grandfather was a conductor for the T&P, and Kennemur spent much of his time around trains.

The local business owner is reliving that part of his childhood now as unofficial caretaker of the electric train display in downtown Big Spring.

Kennemur's ceramic and craft store, CraftSmart, is located in the east part of the building at Second and Main. The large, working model train, made by Big Spring residents several years ago, fills the front room of the building.

"I'll be down here working," Kennemur said, "and all kinds of people will stop by and see the train. They all say they've seen it through these windows, but never seen it open to the public."

Several different types of electric trains circle various tracks. They pass miniature towns with buildings, construction sites, trees and people, crossing bridges and passing through tunnels.

There is a miniature roundhouse, where the locomotives go to be repaired. There are sound effects, including horn and engine sounds. There is a platform built at one end of the display so smaller children can get a good view.

It's enough to delight any child — or the child in anyone.

W.B. "Doc" Hardy spent about a year working with the group that put together the train.

"It was a lot of work," he said. "But we sure enjoyed it."

Big Spring Main Street, Inc. requested the train because, Hardy said, "they wanted something that would attract people to downtown."

"When we were working on it, people would come in and out all the time," he said.

But a leg ailment kept Hardy from being able to continue with the effort. When Kennemur moved into the building in February, the display was covered with dust.

Kennemur said he cannot remember it being open to the public in years.

Now the display is open Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., staffed by Kennemur and his family. There is also train memorabilia, including lanterns, old passenger tickets and schedules.

Kennemur's son Jason, who took part in building the display while in high school, has helped his dad learn how to operate the trains, make repairs and keep everything running smoothly. Son Bryan has learned along with his dad how to care for and operate the train.

But Kennemur is concerned that the train

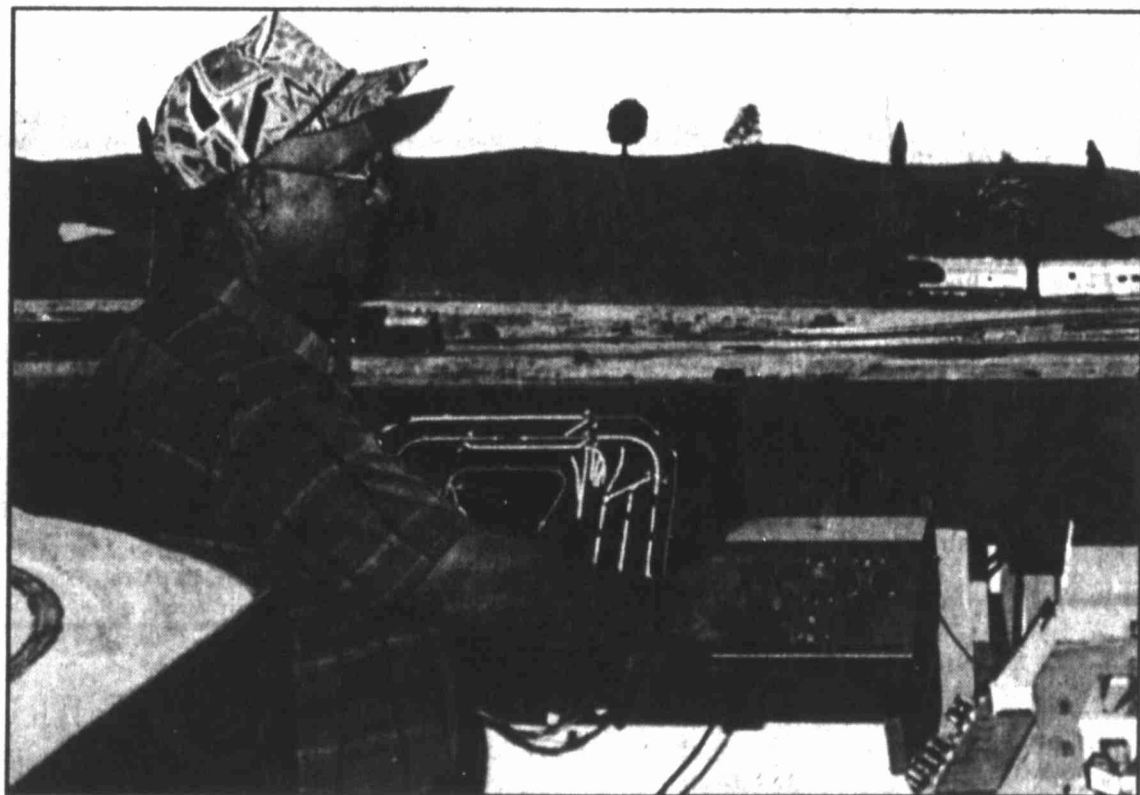


How to see the train display:

- Stop by the building at 123 Main Fridays or Saturdays between 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

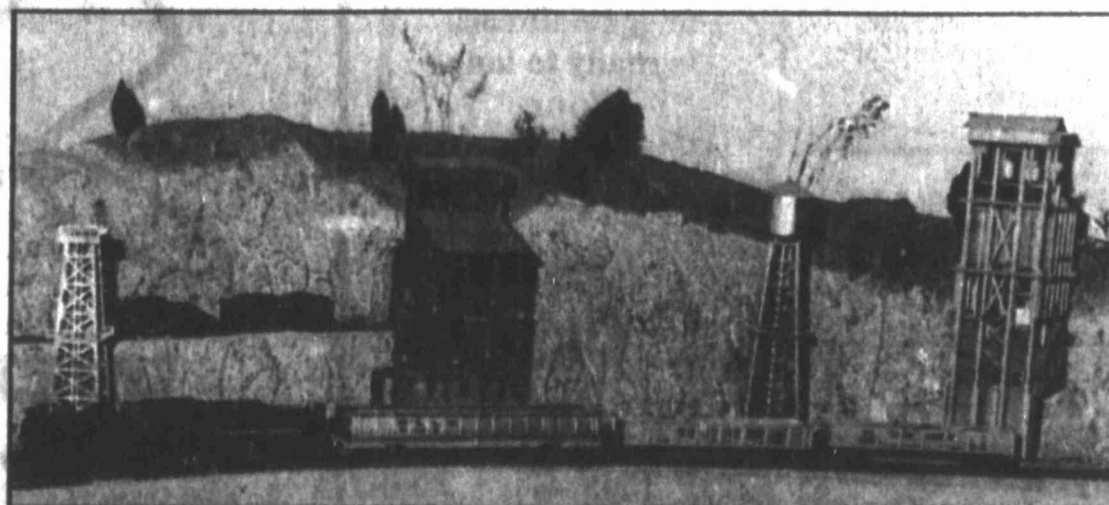
How to help preserve the train display:

- Help get a club started to keep it in working order. Call Danny Kennemur at 264-1606.



Danny Kennemur is shown in the photo at left running the controls at the model train display in downtown Big Spring. Kennemur has become caretaker of the display since he moved his ceramics shop into the building at Second and Main. All other photos show parts of the train display.

Photos by Jonathan Garrett
Story by Debbie L. Jensen



WEDDINGS

MEDINA-BANCROFT

Elissa Medina and George Ben Bancroft III, both of San Antonio, were united in marriage on July 12, 1997, at First Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, with Rev. Guadalupe Izaguirre, pastor of Iglesia Bautista El Mesias, officiating.

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

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bancroft, Big Spring, and Betty Jo Anderson, Comfort.

Pianist was Sara Ymbert, and George Bancroft was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown of venise lace and tulle featuring long sleeves with an off-the-shoulder neckline, a basque waist and lace bodice. The peplum back featured a detachable cathedral train.

She carried white roses. Maid of honor was Angelina Medina, sister of the bride, Corpus Christi.

Damiana Medina, sister of the bride, Acentha Medina, sister of the bride, Adriana Sanchez, cousin of the bride, and Priscilla Medina, sister-in-law of the bride, all of Corpus Christi, were the bridesmaids.

Holly Bancroft, Sabina Castillo and Katie Kerr were the flower girls.

Ringbearers were Toby Medina and Reynaldo Castillo.

Keat Wilkins, St. Louis, Mo., was the best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Dean Gartman, Hamlin, Eric Blakely, Las Vegas, Nev., Bryan Maynard, San Antonio, and Antonio Medina, Jr., Corpus Christi.



MRS. GEORGE BEN BANCROFT III

Scott Nelson, Lubbock, Mike Sauls, Dallas, Rolando Hernandez and Carols Garza, both of Corpus Christi, served as ushers.

Reynaldo and Damiana Franco and Ann May Bancroft and Ben Bancroft were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Omni Bayfront Hotel, Corpus Christi.

The bride is a graduate of Foy H. Moody High School, Corpus Christi, and the University of Texas at San Antonio. She is employed with the San Antonio ISD.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and North Texas State University. He is employed with the San Antonio ISD.

Following a wedding trip to New Mexico and Colorado, the couple will make their home in San Antonio.

KUYKENDALL-RAMIREZ

Shelli Lynn Kuykendall and Ramon Ramirez, Jr., exchanged wedding vows on July 5, 1997, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church with Father McCarthy officiating.

She is the daughter of Connie Kuykendall, Big Spring, and Charles Kuykendall, Abilene.

He is the grandson of Louisa and Claudio Lopez, Sand Springs, and the son of Mary Rodriguez and Ramon Ramirez, Sr., Big Spring.

Annette Roberts was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride wore a candlelight silk gown with a six-foot train. 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 accented with pearls. The tiara headpiece was accented with crystal sequins, pearls and silk roses.

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

Monica Cantu served as maid of honor.

Flower girl was Brittany Villareal, niece of the groom.

Ryan Shanks and Ray Kuykendall, nephews of the bride, served as ringbearers.

Best man was Aron Salizar. Anthony Ramirez, brother of the groom, and Terry Don Martinez, cousin of the groom, served as ushers.

Candlelighter was Anthony Herrera, cousin of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a



MR. AND MRS. RAMON RAMIREZ, JR.

reception was held at the Dora Roberts Community Center with a dance following that evening.

The bride's table was covered with a white linen tablecloth. It featured a Vanhorn style cake decorated with stargazer lilies, alstromeria lilies, snapdragons, and ivy.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake topped with a bride carrying the groom.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School. She is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital.

The groom attended Coahoma High School. He is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Shortes

Louie Owell and Lorena Ethel Shortes celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on July 19, 1997.

He was born in Audiman, Wise County, and she was born in Winters, Runnels County. They attended school in the Brown community, Martin County.

They were married July 19, 1925, in Sparenburg, Dawson County. They had farmed in the Brown community until Feb. 15, 1966, when they moved to Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Shortes have two children, Doris and Delwin Shortes, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. They are members of Assembly of God Church.



MR. AND MRS. SHORTES

son of Anita Massey of Big Spring.

The soldier is a 1994 graduate of Slaton High School.

IN THE MILITARY

Army Pfc. Melissa A. Martinez has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other outstanding accomplishments.

The private was awarded one Army Achievement Medal in April and the second in May.

She is the daughter of Silvia C. Garcia, Slaton.

Her husband, Army Pvt. 1st Class Santos G. Martinez is the

son of Anita Massey of Big Spring.

During the training, he will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, and first aid.

He will develop basic combat skills, and experience using various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

Weaver is the son of Dale A. Weaver, Coahoma, and Michele K. Rhea, Lewisburg, Tenn.

DRIVER-HAMLIN

Michelle Driver, Garden City, and Kevin Hamlin, Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on July 19, 1997, in the home of the late Mrs. Curtis Driver, Big Spring, with Gary Groves, minister of the First Christian Church in Big Spring, officiating.

She is the daughter of Handley and Temple Ann Driver, Midland.

He is the son of Joyce Hamlin and L.E. Hamlin, Big Spring.

The couple stood before a white arch in a rock garden.

Melissa Hoch, Garden City, was the vocalist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She carried a bouquet of wildflowers.

Matron of honor was Julie Thomas, sister of the bride, Canyon.

Lyndsey Johnson, cousin of the bride, Laguna Nigel, Calif., was the flower girl, and Brodie Hollis, cousin of the groom, Dumas, was the ringbearer.

Best man was Reed Stewart, Sterling City.

Scott Driver, brother of the bride, Sterling City, Duncan Hamlin, brother of the groom, Big Spring, and Matt Thomas, brother-in-law of the bride, Canyon, served as ushers.



MRS. KEVIN HAMLIN

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Greenwood High School and a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed at Big Spring High School.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Sands High School, received a bachelors degree in 1989 from Texas Tech University, and a masters degree in 1991. He is self employed.

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

WEAVER-ROGERS

Marci Dawn Weaver and True Lawson Rogers were united in marriage on July 5, 1997, at the Silver Bell Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev., with the Ref. J.O. Srehner officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Weaver, Sr., and Randy Joe Weaver, Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers, Big Spring.

The bride wore denim with white accents.

She is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School and will obtain her bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from The University of Texas at Austin in December.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and will receive a bachelor of science degree from The University of Texas College of Pharmacy in May 1998.



MR AND MRS. TRUE L. ROGERS

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas and Mexico, the couple will make their home in Austin.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Dean," a year and 1/2 old male, neutered brown tabby.

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

Barn Cats: two wild barn cats, males, one yellow, one grey and white. Three months old.

"Nala" spayed, 2-year-old black female, very loving.

"Rose" 2-year-old, tortoise shell female, spayed.

"Oliver" young adult neutered black cat.

"Fred" 10-month-old neutered male, grey tabby.

"Fluffy Tail" 10-month-old spayed female, black/grey tabby.

"Egypt" exotic young black female cat. Very beautiful.

"Whitney" small white female eight months old. Charming grey spot on head.

"Cassie" spayed Calico female, with grey, white and orange spots. Good house cat.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$45 and cats are \$35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

NEWCOMERS

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

Richard and Juanita Ortiz and son Robert, Iraan. He is a pumper for Texas Meridian Oil, Inc.

George Jr. and JoAnn Grace, daughter Brittany and son George and sister Dora Grace, Sweetwater. He is retired.

Clay Grizzle, Andrews. He works for West Texas Centers MHMR.

Precilliano and Jenny Viera III and daughters Breana and Savannah, Logan, N.M. He is employed by Bob Brock Ford.

Charlie T. and Millie Cobb, Hobbs, N.M.

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By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology

MASTITIS

Nursing mothers who experience flu-like symptoms along with a reddened streak on one breast that may be noticeably hotter than the surrounding skin may have mastitis. Other signs of this bacterial infection of the breast include twinges or shooting pains that develop as the baby begins to nurse. Any of these symptoms should prompt nursing mothers to immediately schedule an appointment to be examined. If mastitis is diagnosed, antibiotics may be prescribed. If so, the symptoms may clear up quickly (within 48 hours), but care should be taken to finish the entire course of antibiotics to reduce the risk of recurrence. In the meantime, breast-feeding may continue because regular emptying of the affected breast prevents an abscess.

If you experience any breast discomfort or problems while you are nursing during the post-partum period, even if you are not nursing, please call your obstetrician. Good post-partum care, to ensure the well-being of new moms, is just as important as receiving good prenatal care in the interest of the baby! If you have questions regarding mastitis or are looking for a practice that provides complete OB/GYN services, our office is currently accepting new patients. Call (915) 522-2222 for an appointment. We're located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, every Tuesday, here in Big Spring.

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GETTING ENGAGED



Jennifer Halfmann and John Seidenberger, both of St. Lawrence, will unite in marriage on Aug. 2, 1997, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Monsignor Larry Droll officiating.

She is the daughter of Delbert and Betty Jean Halfmann, St. Lawrence.

He is the son of Dennis and Ellen Seidenberger, St. Lawrence.



Kristi DeShae Hipp, and Jeffrey Scott Pflug, both of Missoula, Mont., will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 9, 1997, at Greenough Park in Missoula, Mont.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jackie E. Hipp, San Antonio, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Vera Hipp Covington, Big Spring. He is the son of Mrs. Diane Pflug Haggerty and Gerald Pflug, both of Pittsburg, Pa.



Melissa Ann Torres and John Phillip Whitmer, both of Austin, will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 6, 1997, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Austin.

She is the daughter of Joe F. and Becki Torres, Big Spring.

He is the son of Martha Campbell, Dallas, and Phillip Whitmer, Montrose, Mich.



Joni S. Rodriguez, Sand Springs, and Rangan (Ronnie) Maitra, Hanover, N.H., will be united in marriage on Aug. 2, 1997, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Big Spring with Fr. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Martin A. Rodriguez, and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dominguez, all of Sand Springs.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ananda Maitra, Calcutta, India.

STORK CLUB

Morgan Scott Jacobs, boy, 5:10 p.m. June 25, 1997, 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. July 3, 1997, 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.

Dominique Marie Rios, July 9, 1997, 5:18 a.m., six pounds 3.9 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Robert Rios, Sr., and Esmeralda Cruz.

Grandparents are Leon and Yolanda Rios, Big Spring, Ofilia Martinez, San Angelo, and Mateo Cruz, Jr., Eden.

Julie Renaye Nunez, girl, July 10, 1997, 11:49 a.m., eight pounds six ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Jesse and

Veronica Nunez. Grandparents are Raymond and Linda Nunez and Enrique and Ester Calderon, all of Big Spring.

Andrew Leonard Paredes, boy, July 6, 1997, 5:42 p.m., seven pounds 14 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Augustin and Linsa Paredes.

Grandparents are Linda Rodriguez and Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Paredes, all of Big Spring.

Patrick Cole Dewayne Carter, boy, July 8, 1997, 4 a.m., 10 pounds six ounces and 22 inches long; parents are Tamara and Ray Carter.

Grandparents are Amy Robinson, Tubbs Addition, and Carolyn and Chris Carter. Please see STORK, page 4B.

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Mob mystery character recalls television actor's portrayal

"Chance." Robert B. Parker. The Berkley Publishing Group, New York, N.Y. April, 1997. 321 pages. \$6.99.

Anthony Meeker, the son-in-law of a mob boss, is missing. His wife has no idea where he is or why he would have left. Spenser is hired to find him. After questioning the man's friends and associates from the street, it becomes apparent he has a computer to gamble with and for anything. Just as on the TV series, Hawk, the fearless friend, joins Spenser on the job and the two go to Las Vegas where they believe the search



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

for Meeker should begin. Shortly after their arrival, Spenser and Hawk spot Meeker at the gambling tables. While Meeker appears to be alone, Spenser learns that the wife of another mob member is staying in his suite; however, she never makes an appearance at the casino tables. While Spenser and Hawk try to make some sense of the confusing situation, Meeker's wife is found murdered in an alley in Las Vegas.

The more Spenser and Hawk delve into the entangled situation, the more puzzling it becomes. Meeker's father-in-law begins to lose control of the mob as his family begins to disintegrate. He is distraught at the loss of his daughter, and is enraged with the behavior of Meeker. The actions of mob members become frenzied as obsessive paranoia takes over. Various mob members are having secret meetings with other

men's wives while the men are plotting moments of revenge. Even more astounding, Spenser and Hawk have a surprise confrontation with a group of Russians who have come to this country to take over some mob activities. As the truth begins to emerge from various sources, Spenser and Hawk go on the offense, surprising a few, and frightening even the most obscure player in this drama.

As with other novels that have continuing casts of characters, the reader is assured that Spenser and Hawk will unravel the mystery, and despite a few bruised knuckles and black eyes, both men survive with their cynical humor intact. The joy in reading Robert Parker's novels is in trying to untangle the complex plots. No matter how dark it takes to resolve the situation, the experience of reading is fun and relaxing.

"Chance" is full of wonderful descriptions of people and places. Parker's explanatory phrasing manages to describe or make a point that is substantive to the story line; in this way his supporting details never become mundane or boring.

Having watched the "Spenser For Hire" series with Robert Ulrich, it's almost impossible to read Parker's story without the

television characters of Spenser and Hawk being visualized as the story is read. It's hard to tell whether the TV series was cast and filmed to closely copy the Spenser character in the books or whether Parker now writes to replicate the TV characters. Either way, it's a match!

Rating: (***) three out of four = Good for discussion at a party.

Don't throw away those 'treasures'

You will notice that "Prime of Your Life" writers have been assigned different days of each month from now on. Mine will be the third Sunday of the month, instead of the last as it has been.

These columns are primarily aimed at and for people 50 or over. However, my aim is to try to bring something of interest to all ages. I realize that is a very large order, but it is a goal to try for. I do know a lot of readers who are many years younger than the above mentioned 50.

It must be all the nice rains we have had, but spirits and ambitions seem to have skyrocketed lately. People all around town are caught up in yard work, cleaning garages, hauling trash, clearing attics and closets, or maybe going through old trunks. Maybe it's just the time of year. At any rate, it is worthy of mention that while you are into this clean-up, clear-out, throw-away mood, valuable antiques are often thrown away, and forever lost.

Should we investigate a few of the most commonly discarded items? While you ramble through Great Aunt Mitilda's old trunk or clean out the attic, watch for things like "Baby Boomer" toys, or anything children played with during the '50s or '60s. Most of them are in big demand, especially action or movable parts toys if in good condition. G.I. Joe and vehicles are good examples.



Myrtle Griffith
Columnist

Puppets are high in demand, especially any pertaining to the Flintstones. A set of Flintstone puppets recently sold for \$2,000. Jetson puppets are popular as well as "Monkees" lunchboxes. Watch for games or characters related to these also.

Then there are the ever-popular Barbie dolls which are always collectables. Those produced between 1959 and 1972 bring the highest prices. Not long ago, one in mint condition sold for the amazing price of \$7,500.

Posters, cards, and memorabilia from old movies can be quite valuable. Recently an old Boris Karloff poster sold for the outlandish price of \$400,000. Its list price was in the 60-thousand range.

Save most anything related to Star Wars. Old letters, stamps, post cards, some legal papers and abstracts can be of value. Condition plays a large part in the value of these, as it does with old coins. Old letters, clearly written and dated, are very good items. Picard porcelain by decorator studios are highly valued. Most decorator studios are out of business but I understand that Picard still exists.

Spreads, quilt, craft items, and hand sewn items are very good, especially patriotic ones. Don't forget the sports memorabilia of all kinds. A 1952 set of Bowman baseball cards featuring 500 major league players, in mint condition, can bring as much as \$65,000. However, one must be careful of the sports cards, as many are fakes, especially those of famous players and autographed.

Then how about the old Prince Albert tobacco cans and snuff glasses? These aren't in the really big money items, but well worth saving. Avon bottles are collectables, as are iron sad-irons, buttermold, churns, depression glass dishes, comic books, first edition of some magazines, and the list could go on and on.

If you are wondering what you may find in your throw-aways, a very good reference guide is Kovel's book or price list 1996. *Kovel's Antiques and Collectables* may be purchased from Crown Paperbacks for \$14.95. Another guide is *Price Guide to Flea Market Treasures* by Harry L. Rinker (Chilton at 19.95). Kovel's also has a month-

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Spirits lift, and you make plans. Hook up with friends, and celebrate. Your perspective is unique, but even with your candor, someone might shock you. Go with the unusual, and don't feel like you have to do anything. This is your day off! Tonight: Be with the gang.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Someone's request surprises you. Recognize how important this person is to you, and defer. A partner might reverse his stand. Think carefully about his motives. Others look to you for guidance and advice; be flattered. Tonight: You are on top of the world.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Reach out for another who's at a distance. News throws a different perspective on events. A partner might be difficult. You could get into a power play, or you can choose to walk away. Gather friends for an outing or a picnic today. Tonight: Rent an avant-garde movie.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You want to relate intimately. You find another's expectations stunning. A project has been on hold, but now is the time to get it off the ground. A friend wants to join in, which suits you just fine. You enjoy each other. Tonight: Struggle.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Listen to others. Enjoy an eccentric friend who always has you laughing. Enjoy the day. You might be ready to transform an important rela-

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ly newsletter or bulletin concerning antiques. For information contact 300 Atlantic St., Stamford, Conn., 06901.

Perigee Books also has a good book if you are interested in selling or locating other dealers or collectors. The title is *Best Buyers of Antiques, Collectables and Other Treasures* by Tony Hyman \$16.95.

Our local library may be another information source. I haven't personally checked with them.

All I can say is, if you are happily discarding "junk" look it over, you may have some unexpected treasures. I almost threw away a beautifully handwritten letter from a Bonham lawyer to a client concerning divorce proceedings clearly dated 1908. It was yellow with age and rather delicate so I opened it before tossing it into the waste basket!

tionship; consider the implications. A child throws tantrums. Tonight: Be where the action is.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Surprising information takes your day's plans in a new direction. A family member isn't happy with the change. Explanations won't work, so do what you want. Another pitches in and assists you, to your great delight. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A loved one is unpredictable. By now, you should be used to this; but unusually erratic behavior seems to define this person now. Communications get sticky, but you can adapt. Go for spontaneous, fun plans. Tonight: Be your frisky self.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Settle in, and think through a decision you recently made. A family member gives you a jolt. Be more direct in your dealings, and draw financial boundaries. Set limits, and make a statement. It is time for you to break outdated patterns. Tonight: Do what feels right.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You are transforming on many levels. A change in your appearance reflects your internal transition. Refuse to get caught up in a power play. Spontaneity awaits you, if you go in a different direction. Trust your judgments. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Expenses are high. You might overreact to someone's innocuous comment. Take stock, and do an inner inventory. You are likely to do something unexpected financially. It is important to stay level with others. Make time to go to the movies. Tonight: Pay bills.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You are challenging and dynamic. Be your quirky self, and go for the unusual. A friend lets you know how shocking you are. Think before letting another know how off-base you find him. You are best off just enjoying your day; go on your merry way. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy!***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
A lot is going on with you. You might have an unexpected reaction to someone who's in a powerful position. The pressure is high; you might be overly sensitive. Take your time today. Relax, recharge your batteries and complete a key project. Tonight: Early to bed.***

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Son's tantrum leads mom to ask for advice

DEAR ABBY: My 3-year-old son recently threw a tantrum in a large department store. I had called a "time-out," and he started yelling and screaming.

I picked him up and started for the car. All the while, he cried and struggled to get away from me. At one point, I put him down to get a better hold on him. He threw himself on the floor and lay flat. It's not easy to pick up a heavy child who won't cooperate, but I managed, then took him to the car to finish his time-out.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

After the episode was over, it struck me that not one person questioned whether this child, who was trying so desperately to get away from me, was mine! How did they know whether he was throwing a tantrum or if, perhaps, I was kidnapping him?

Although I'm grateful no one tried to interfere, I'm also alarmed that they didn't.

Did I do the right thing when my son threw that tantrum, Abby? Or was there a better way to handle this? I'm a young mother, and if there's a better

way, I'd like to know. — **CARING PARENT IN ARIZONA**
DEAR CARING: Under the circumstances, you handled the situation appropriately, and I agree, it is alarming that the public accepts without question a child being forcibly carried from a public place.

Although it is unlikely a kidnapper would want to draw attention by forcing a screaming child out the door of a department store, if customers observe a suspicious situation, store clerks or management should be notified immediately. Most stores have policies to deal with such incidents. Should police intervention be necessary, management would be able to initiate security procedures and could reach emergency services faster than customers.

The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse shared the following tips for parents, which you and others might find useful. Read on:

HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY SHOPPING EXPERIENCE WITH CHILDREN

1. Establish "rules for shopping" before leaving home. If you have a "no candy" rule, be clear and consistent about it. Review the rules periodically so they are familiar to even small children.
2. Take along a favorite toy or book, or a surprise treat to eat during the shopping trip.
3. Make up "store" games

that engage the child. A suggestion: As you select fruits and vegetables or canned foods at the market, ask the child, "What could we make from oranges?" "What could we make from apples?"

4. Let the children know ahead of time that good behavior while shopping will earn them a treat later in the day.

5. Try not to let a shopping trip interfere with the children's naps or mealtimes. Plan your outing when children are well rested and not hungry.

6. Reinforce good behavior. Let your child know you appreciate his or her willingness to cooperate.

7. If the child misbehaves, remove him or her to a more private place to discuss the behavior. Avoiding a public scene will make you (and the child) feel better.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Kendra Renea Dyer, girl, June 28, 1997, 3:06 p.m., eight pounds seven and a half ounces and 21 3/4 inches long; parents are Carol Garcia and Richie Dyer.

Grandparents are Armando and Carol Reyes, Rick and Diane Dyer and Debbie Ayers, all of Big Spring.

Tyler Glynn Smith, boy, June 24, 1997, 9:06, seven pounds seven and a half ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Todd and Sandra Smith.

Grandparents are Mike and Pat Craddock, Big Spring, Maurice and Neenol Palmer, Midland, and Bobby and Louise Smith, Canyon Lake.

Alexis Dolores Alvarado, girl, June 23, 1997, 9:35, seven pounds 12 ounces and 20-1/2 inches long; parents are Rosemary and Eddie Alvarado.

Grandparents are Dolores and Fernando Alvarez and Hermina Martinez.

Samantha Rae Langford, girl, June 23, 1997, 2:01 p.m., six pounds five and a half ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Steven and Karen Langford.

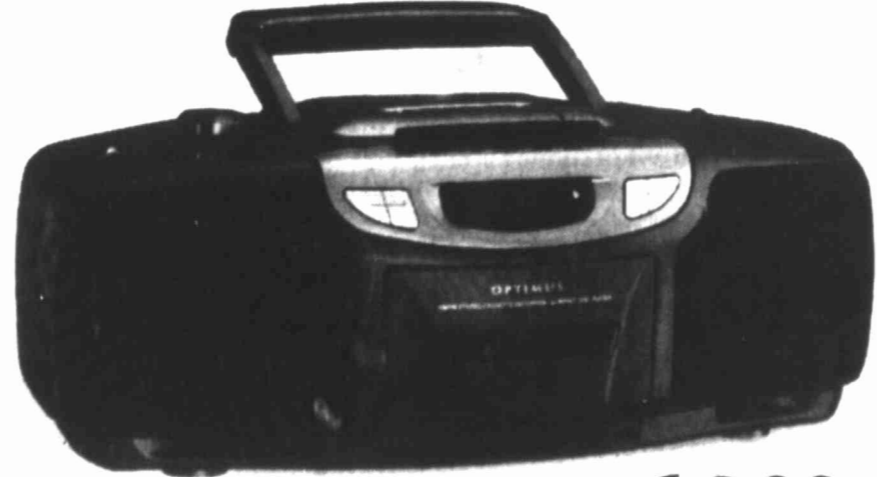
Manuel Castanuela, Jr., June 23, 1997, 10:34, five pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Manuel and Lisa Castanuela.

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Big Spring Herald

Sunday, July 20, 1997

Congress slow with funding for I-35

FORT WORTH (AP) — A plan to add lanes, access ramps and other improvements to help Interstate 35 handle traffic spurred by the North American Free Trade Agreement probably will be deferred for now, congressional and local officials said last week.

The 1,550-mile-long I-35 is considered by many along its length to be a natural overland artery to shuttle freight among the United States, Canada and Mexico. The road runs from Laredo on the Rio Grande to Duluth, Minn., and the ports on Lake Superior.

1994, leaders from all the states on the highway's path have been asking Congress for an estimated \$4.7 billion to add electronic tracking devices and other improvements so I-35 can handle more and heavier trucks.

But the drive to cut the federal budget deficit likely will undermine those requests, said U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, a freshman Republican who began pushing for I-35 improvements when she was mayor of Fort Worth, through which the highway runs.

enough money available this year," Granger told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "So we may have to take a more incremental approach."

Granger and others had hoped that money for I-35 improvements would be included in the upcoming bill to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, or ISTEA, for the next five years of highway funding. But an amendment that would have added \$15 billion that could have been used for projects such as the I-35 upgrade failed by two votes in the House

Transportation Committee. The best alternative would be for Congress to create an International Interstate Highway category and designate I-35 as part of the NAFTA Superhighway System, Granger said.

That would come at the expense of U.S. 59, which meanders from Laredo to Texarkana before eventually joining Interstate 69. Officials in Houston and East Texas are pushing to upgrade that road to make it part of the superhighway system.

competition between the two highway projects.

"We never did want to get into a battle between I-35 and I-69," Granger said. "In that battle, Texas would lose."

Granger added: "The important thing this year is to at least get the designation for I-35 as a NAFTA superhighway. This is going to be a lengthy process. But once it's in place, I predict that the highway will have an economic impact to our region equivalent to that of D-FW Airport."

There still might be hope for putting money this year toward

a NAFTA superhighway, at least in Texas. U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, is sponsoring legislation that would require Washington to return at least 95 cents from every dollar a state pays in federal gasoline taxes.

That could be a boon for Texas, which has historically received less than 80 cents on the dollar, said John Feehery, DeLay's spokesman.

"Our goal is for Texas to get more of its rightful share of that highway tax money," Feehery said. "Some of that money could be used to open up those NAFTA corridors."

SAME STORE, NEW LOCATION



Radio Shack, a mainstay in Big Spring Mall for about 15 years, has relocated to the old Winn Dixie building just west of the V'al-Mart Supercenter. Radio Shack joins Movie Gallery and Dollar General, leaving just one space open at what was once Winn Dixie. Radio Shack Manager Bill Conner said the store is a little bigger at 2,500 square feet and has been remodeled. The store moved on July 6 and reopened at its new location on July 7 and is having several in-store specials this weekend as part of its move.

Federal officials and lenders boost anti-boll weevil effort

LUBBOCK (AP) — The cash-strapped Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation got a \$25 million boost from the federal government Monday, a month and a half after state lawmakers frantically reinvented the program.

Most of the money, which comes in a low-interest loan by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will help pay down a \$29.4 million debt owed to the Farm Credit Bank and regional Production Credit Associations.

"We are pleased to be able to continue financing this program, and we applaud the Texas Legislature and the many producers and others who worked diligently to ensure that boll weevil eradication efforts can continue in Texas," said Terry Dane, president of the farmer-owned Texas PCA.

The eradication foundation was stuck with \$37 million in debt when the state Supreme Court declared the pseudo-governmental entity unconstitutional in May. About \$9.8 million was owed by Lower Rio Grande Valley farmers, who had severed ties with the foundation last year.

Fast-track legislation revived and restructured the Abilene-based foundation, bringing it

under the auspices of the Texas Department of Agriculture. Valley growers were absolved of their debt as long as they remain out of the program, which they blamed for a freak beet armyworm infestation two seasons ago.

The old obligation was overhauled into a \$29.4 million debt on July 7.

"We renegotiated the old loan," said Arnold Henson, chief executive officer of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank. "The majority of the (USDA) loan will be used to pay us down, which will provide us some room to advance them more operating capital."

The money applies to the three treatment zones currently involved in the program. The area around San Angelo is in its third season of malathion spraying and is largely weevil free, while growers in the area roughly north of Abilene will see treatments begin this fall.

Cotton farmers in the South Texas region roughly between San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley have until Oct. 20 to decide whether they want to remain in the foundation.

"Basically, (the money) allows us to carry out the rest of the mission," said Osama El-Lissy, the foundation's direc-

tor. "This way we meet our financial obligations as far as making payments on principal and interest."

Henson said he expects lenders will see their money paid back in full within seven years, possibly sooner.

"We had hoped that since this would benefit producers in the state, the state might take some added ownership with a loan guarantee," Henson said of the law that revived the foundation. "But I'm real pleased with what they were able to get done in the legislature with a very short fuse."

Growers will finance most of the program with per-acre assessments, with federal grant money taking up the rest of the slack. Beginning in 1978 with Virginia, states across the South have instituted eradication programs and reduced their weevil numbers dramatically.

The Rio Grande Valley farmers, along with High Plains growers who claimed they had no need for the foundation, successfully sued to kill the foundation last year. The state's high court upheld a district court's verdict.

Farmers south of Lubbock will vote next week whether or not to join the foundation.

Local DPS academy grad will work at home

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring resident Bradley R. Willis was among 86 trooper cadets who recently graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety's (DPS) 112th Training Academy.



State Sen. WILLIS Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, addressed the graduating class at the Frank Erwin Center on the University of Texas campus in Austin. DPS Director Col. Dudley M. Thomas and Lt. Col. Thomas Davis also participated in the ceremony along with DPS training officers.

Willis will be assigned to the Highway Patrol division in Big Spring.

Cadets entered the training

academy in January and completed 1,182 hours of instruction — more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Officer Standards and Education. Instruction received included criminal law, traffic law, arrest procedures, accident investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goal setting skills.

"Getting into the academy is not an easy task," Capt. Mark Warren, assistant commander of the DPS Academy, said.

The DPS receives about 4,000 applications for each recruit school from men and women all across Texas and the U.S.

Those applicants are narrowed to about 500 individuals, who are personally investigated. Personality and psychological tests are given to narrow the applicants to the 86 who graduated.

Pudliner named new BS Energas manager

HERALD Staff Report

John Pudliner has been named to the position of operations manager in Big Spring for Energas Company.



Pudliner replaces former Energas District Manager Mike Mancil, who has been vice president of operations-southern for the company in June, which meant a relocation to Midland.

Mancil is now responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating and directing regional natural gas distribution operation activities for the southern region of Energas, which includes the cities of Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Brownfield, Seminole, Seagraves, Lamesa and surrounding communities.

In announcing Pudliner's new position, Mancil said Pudliner would be responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating and directing operational activities related to service and construction and maintenance.

According to Mancil, this move completes the first step in setting up an organizational structure to support Energas' customer service enhancement initiative.

Pudliner, a native of Okemos, Mich., plans to relocate to Big Spring with his wife Lori and four daughters, Meghan, Ingrid, Gretchen and Madison.

Energas, a division of Atmos Energy Corporation of Dallas, provides natural gas to more than 310,000 customers in West Texas.

AT&T begins first local service since Bell split

HOUSTON (AP) — AT&T has launched its first local, residential telephone service in Texas since the 1984 breakup of the Bell System.

AT&T is calling residents in Texas City and Galveston and offering them phone services identical to those of Southwestern Bell, spokesman James Van Orden said.

AT&T is the first big-name telecommunications company to challenge Southwestern Bell in the Texas local, residential telephone service market.

Actually, AT&T is reselling Southwestern Bell service. Since AT&T no longer owns its own local phone network, it must pay to connect to Southwestern Bell's system in order to compete with it.

"It's a similar situation to the mid-1980s, when MCI and Sprint offered long-distance service, but they were using the AT&T network," said Van Orden.

The Texas City-Galveston service is AT&T's seventh venture

into local service since the passage of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which allowed the company to compete in the business it once monopolized.

AT&T already has launched local service in Sacramento, Calif.; Chicago; parts of Michigan; Connecticut; Rochester, N.Y.; and Atlanta.

If things go well in the two Texas cities, local service offerings will spread across the state, said Rian Wren, AT&T's president for local services in the Southwest.

AT&T is buying Southwestern Bell's service at a 21.6 percent discount, a figure mandated by the Texas Public Utility Commission. A basic residential line from Bell costs \$11.05 a month, so AT&T will pay about \$8.66 per line.

Van Orden said AT&T will charge customers between \$8.50 and \$11 per month, depending on the level of service and their location.

Ag officials give NAFTA high marks despite mixed results

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite some trouble spots particularly with Canada, U.S. agriculture gave high marks Tuesday to the North American Free Trade Agreement and urged continued efforts to open foreign markets for U.S. farm products.

"We can compete with anyone around the globe, but we have to have access to global markets to do that," said Kendell Keith, president of the National Grain and Feed Association.

Two dozen of the nation's largest agriculture organizations and companies — including the American Farm Bureau Federation, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Cargill Inc. and the National Pork Producers Council —

released an analysis of the farm export picture with Mexico and Canada since NAFTA created the world's biggest free trade zone three years ago.

Despite the groups' hearty NAFTA endorsements, the study by Alexandria, Va.-based Promar International was mixed.

For example, the analysis found that America's net agriculture trade balance with Mexico rose from an average \$530 million before NAFTA to an average \$605 million after the treaty was signed.

But there was a negative year in 1995 triggered by the Mexican peso crisis, when there was a \$669 million trade imbalance, before U.S. farm exports rebounded to a \$1.09

billion positive balance last year.

The results were even more jumbled with Canada, where the U.S. net trade balance remained level in the first two post-NAFTA years before diving to an \$849 million imbalance last year.

"There are certainly some bumpy spots in the road," conceded Al Christopherson, president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

The study cited several trade obstacles with Canada: expensive health tests for U.S. feeder cattle, tight controls over dairy and poultry that limit U.S. competition and barriers to grain trade, such as a closed pricing system.

THE ART OF ROAD REPAIR



Howard County Road and Bridge Department crew members go about the business of sealcoating and paving county roads each summer, despite 100 degree temperatures. Crew members are seen here in northern Howard County and before the summer is over will have sealcoated and paved almost 60 miles of county roads.

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County Court Rollings:
Crisis: Kris Rodriguez
Crisis of dismissal: Josephine Ochoa Franco, William Johnny Redden, Floyd Laverne Lamroux, David Roy Suttles, Andrea D. Husky, William J. McNew, David Rodriguez, Neil S. McMorris, Jimmy Drew Long, Clara Rangel, Lee Spurgin, Arvel Wayne Stansel, Brian Rivera, Jonathan Allen, Weldon Dale Cunningham, Melissa Mize

Innocence of probation and imposition of sentence: Fidencio Deleon, Antonio B. Salinas
Judgment & sentence fail to identify: Reynaldo Juarez \$227 court cost and 30 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWL invalid: Adam Edmondson \$300 fine, \$197 court cost and 20 days in jail, Antonio B. Salinas \$250 fine, \$197 court cost and 60 days in jail, Jeremy John Miller \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Antonio M. Armijo \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Rebecca Bustamante \$100 fine and 180 days in jail, Michelle Gonzales \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment criminal trespass: Amy Lee Howell \$200 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment deferred adjudication: Tony Vega, Weldon Dale Cunningham
Probated judgment evading arrest: Eric Frank \$4300 fine and 180 days in jail, Antonio M. Armijo \$200 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence theft over \$500/under \$500: Antonia B. Salinas \$300 fine, \$192 court cost and 60 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWLS: Adam Wynn Edmondson \$300 fine, \$197 court cost and 20 days in jail
Probated judgment DWI: Nonato Holguin, Jr. \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Paul A. Kelley \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment criminal mischief over \$500/under \$1,500: Edward Lopez \$200 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Walter Williams \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Johnny Rueda \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Walter P. Williams, III \$300 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence criminal trespass-habitatation: Jesse Mora \$100 fine and \$227 court cost
Judgment & sentence theft of service: Donald Prescott \$100 fine and \$192 court cost
Probated judgment criminal mischief over \$50 but less than \$500: Jason Metcalf \$200 fine and 180 days in jail, Gasey Henry \$200 fine and 180 days in jail

Deed Records:
Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Vicki Lavon Beeson Willis, Wanda Jo Beeson Robertson
Grantee: Melanie A. Martin
Property: All of lots 3-5, blk. 39, Forsan
Date filed: July 7, 1997.
Grantor: William Charles Forshee, Stephen Edward Forshee and Rebecca Sue Jmos
Grantee: Michael G. and Denise S. West
Property: Lot 18, blk. 12, Kentwood (Unit NO. 1)
Date filed: July 8, 1997.
Grantor: Linda Gay Noble
Grantee: Tracy J. and Michelle Leigh Thompson
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Date filed: July 8, 1997.

Grantor: Melba L. Soles
Grantee: Larry Dennis Soles and Sharon Kay McDonald
Property: The North 80' of tract no. 4 out of reprint of lots A&B of tract no. 8, Kennedale Heights
Date filed: July 8, 1997.

Grantor: David A. and Charla K. Scott
Grantee: Donald E. Hankins
Property: All of lot 3, blk. 4, Sunset Place Addition
Date filed: July 9, 1997.

Grantor: George W. and Susan L. Williams
Grantee: Jacinto C. Hilario, III
Property: The south 1/2 of lot 4, blk. 25, Original Town of Big Spring
Date filed: July 9, 1997.

Grantor: H.E. Tubb
Grantee: Jimmy W. and Susan E. Edwards
Property: Tract of land out of the west part of section 46, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
Date filed: July 9, 1997.

Grantor: Audrey Dale Corway
Grantee: Linda Calvert
Property: Out of and a part of the east 1/2 of section 2, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
Date filed: July 10, 1997.

Grantor: Luther May, Jr., and Laura Melissa May Brott
Grantee: Cecilia J. and William Brooks, Jr.
Property: Lot 6, blk. 1, Western Hills
Date filed: July 11, 1997

Grantor: Tonida Smith Largli
Grantee: Ricky P. Watkins
Property: Lot 7 and the south 25' of lot 8, blk. 17, Brennard Addition
Date filed: July 11, 1997

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Property: All of lots 14-19, blk. 3, Original Town of Coahoma
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Home builders looking for niche in Texas

By SUSAN WARREN
The Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal

HOUSTON — Average new-home prices in Texas, after climbing for the past six years, are about to turn down. But instead of fretting over the change, builders are embracing it — perhaps because it's of their own making.

The decline won't be due to a slump in the economy or an ebb in construction costs. Instead, it will happen because big volume builders such as Centex Corp. and Kaufman & Broad Home Corp. sense a growing demand for plainer, less-expensive houses.

Both builders are trotting out lines of affordable homes that stint on the likes of vaulted ceilings and Jacuzzis. Small and midsize builders are also tapping into a fast-growing market of first-time buyers who don't mind skipping the frills, so long as the price is right.

Construction of affordable homes is already increasing in the state's major cities. And as more of these scaled-down units spring up, experts say, average new-home prices will drop, though it's too early to say by how much. (Median prices today are \$138,000 in Austin, \$163,000 in Dallas, \$139,000 in Fort Worth, \$131,000 in Houston and \$115,000 in San Antonio.)

"It can't help but happen, because you're going to have a larger number of lower-priced units brought onto the market," says Bob Morris, executive vice president of the Home and Apartment Builders Association of Metropolitan Dallas.

Moving down the price scale is a major switch for big builders, who in recent years have steadily pushed their pro-

duction toward the high end of the market, where profits are much higher. In the Dallas area, for instance, the average price of a new Centex home rose from \$105,000 in 1990 to \$160,000 last year. Currently, the average price overall in Dallas is \$193,500.

But now, "the low end is coming back to stay, because there are so many people who want a first-time house," says Harold Hitzfeld, chief executive of Building Permit Service, which tracks new residential construction in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Of course, "low end" is a relative term. For the big builders, it refers to homes priced under \$100,000, a market that has been neglected in the past 10 years. That's well below the average new-home price in Dallas, but still far above what many Texans might consider affordable. To qualify for a \$130,000 mortgage, a buyer would need income of at least \$57,500. By contrast, an \$80,000 mortgage would require annual earnings of \$36,500.

In one sense, the biggest companies are playing catch-up in their push to build affordable houses. Some smaller builders, including Rayco in San Antonio and Choice Homes-Texas Inc. in Arlington, saw the rising demand for new homes priced from \$80,000 to \$90,000 several years ago.

Rayco locked up much of San Antonio's new-home market with a philosophy that accentuated more house for less money. Choice became the No. 2 builder in volume in Dallas-Fort Worth, behind Centex, by focusing on the under-\$100,000 market. In fact, so far this year, Choice has sought more housing permits in the area than Centex.

As the new-home market tightened in the past year on a

slight slowing of economic growth, the larger companies recognized they were missing out on a big segment of potential buyers. "Quite frankly, you don't have as many buyers buying \$180,000 homes as you do buying \$80,000 homes," says Phil Warnick, Centex's senior vice president in Dallas-Fort Worth.

And to see why less-expensive models will rise in demand, you only have to do the arithmetic, says Malcolm Richards, director of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University. Over the next 40 years, the number of Texans is expected to double, with the arrival of 18 million new people, or about seven million more families, needing places to live. At the same time, much of the employment expansion will come from service-oriented jobs that pay modest salaries.

"Given the demographics, housing at that lower end is going to become more and more of an issue," Richards says.

With that in mind, Centex is launching its new line of lower-priced homes under a brand name that was popular in Texas from the 1940s through the late 1980s, when Centex phased it out: Fox & Jacobs.

The Fox & Jacobs units will be priced from \$70,000 to the low \$100,000s.

Kaufman & Broad, meanwhile, has redefined its entire Texas operation with affordability in mind, following the lead of Rayco, which it acquired in 1996. The builder introduced its cheaper line, which it calls KB2000, in Austin in January. Since February, it has opened five KB2000 neighborhoods in the Dallas area, and five more are on the drawing board.

Even upscale specialist David Weekley Homes is seeking to broaden its market appeal among lower-end purchasers. It opened a neighborhood in a Dallas suburb last year with homes starting at \$118,000, the first time Weekley had priced any home under \$140,000 in metropolitan Dallas in four or five years, according to Chief Executive David Weekley.

But this new emphasis on lower-priced homes poses some challenges for builders. For one thing, cheaper homes produce slimmer profits. With a typical 5 percent margin, a \$150,000 house provides a gain of \$7,500, while an \$80,000 house earns \$4,000.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas' foreign born population

Foreign born residents made up almost 11 percent, or 2 million, of Texas' population in 1996.

2,081,000 foreign born in Texas, 1996

- Naturalized citizen, 23%
- Not a citizen, 77%

Work status

- Employed, 56%
- Unemployed, 4%
- Not in labor force, 31%
- Under 16 years old, 9%

Educational attainment

- College or professional degree, 11%
- Under 25 years old, 24%
- Finished high school, 23%
- Not a high school graduate, 41%

Income and public assistance

- 31%, or 636,000 lived below poverty level
- 3%, or 55,000 received public assistance income
- 19%, or 403,000 received food stamps
- 8%, or 176,000 received Medicaid
- 2%, or 36,000 received Social Security Income
- .9%, or 18,000 received Aid to Families with Dependent Children

Country of birth

Mexico	1,345,000
Other Asia	114,000
India	88,000
Vietnam	78,000
El Salvador	64,000
Other Central America	60,000
Other Europe	50,000
Elsewhere	45,000
South America	44,000
Philippines	37,000
Germany	31,000
Dominican Republic	25,000
Canada	24,000
Great Britain	18,000
China	17,000
Other Caribbean	15,000
Korea	10,000
Cuba	9,000
Jamaica	6,000

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Senate GOP leaders favor cutting back airline tax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid an intense lobbying campaign by airlines, the Senate's top two Republicans said recently they now favor exempting domestic legs of international flights from taxes on air travel.

"I think and I hope we'll be successful in deleting the tax on the domestic segment of international flights," said Senate Majority Whip Donald Nickles, R-Okla.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., expressed a similar view of the proposed new 10 percent tax on domestic portions of international flights. He said the Senate will "probably drop it" when House and Senate negotiators meet to resolve differences in the tax bills.

The Senate bill would raise \$34.3 billion over five years by

extending the current 10 percent tax on commercial airline tickets, raising the international departure tax from \$6 to \$8 a ticket and imposing a new 10 percent tax on the domestic portions of international flights.

In addition, the bill would impose a new 10 percent tax on cash payments credit card companies make to airlines under frequent flier programs.

It's unclear how much of a revenue shortfall would result if Lott and Nickles are successful in deleting the proposed new 10 percent tax on domestic legs of international flights. All of the Senate's proposed changes to the international ticket taxes would raise \$3.4 billion over five years, with the bulk of the new revenues coming from taxes on domestic

flights.

To protest the tax, seven major airlines have staged several rallies across the country, including one at JFK International Airport in New York on Tuesday and another scheduled for Wednesday at the Capitol here.

Workers from some of the airlines are being given free airline tickets and paid their usual salaries for attending the rally, airline officials said.

Nevertheless, airlines were heartened by the Lott's and Nickles' statements.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Some families live in fear

Domestic violence rose 28 percent in Texas from 1991-95, with 92 percent of the crimes committed by men against women. More than one-third, 36 percent, of women killed in 1995 were murdered by their partner.

Domestic violence in Texas, 1995

Number of women killed by their partner	130	Number of domestic violence cases	172,476
Number of women's shelters	62	Number of adults in shelters	12,053
Number to call for help	1-800-799-7233	Number of children in shelters in Texas	16,847

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Judicial System, Texas Department of Human Services and U.S. Department of Justice.

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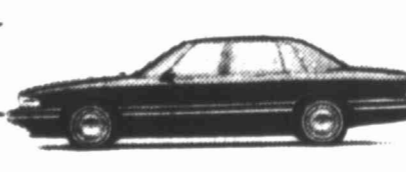
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YOUR VOTE COUNTS
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Schools, Churches, Clubs ... Anyone ... do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's all part of the rules ... and part of the fun!
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BEST BUSINESSES (Best Places to Buy)

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| 1. Used Car Dealer _____ | 17. Cellular Phone _____ | 35. Meat Market _____ |
| 2. Convenience Store _____ | 18. Video Rental _____ | 36. TV-Stereos-VCR _____ |
| 3. Gas Station _____ | 19. Books _____ | 37. Computers _____ |
| 4. Women's Wear _____ | 20. Building Supplies _____ | 38. Pawn Shop _____ |
| 5. Men's Wear _____ | 21. Gift Shop _____ | 39. Women's Accessories _____ |
| 6. Children's Wear _____ | 22. Auto Parts _____ | 40. Carpet _____ |
| 7. Furniture _____ | 23. Farm Equip. _____ | 41. Records-CDs-Tapes _____ |
| 8. Tires _____ | 24. Restaurant-Fast/Friendly Service _____ | 42. Antiques/Collectibles _____ |
| 9. Car Dealership _____ | 25. Wedding Caterer/Bakery _____ | 43. Eyeglasses _____ |
| 10. Supermarket _____ | 26. Daycare _____ | 44. Supermarket Deli _____ |
| 11. Sporting Goods _____ | 27. Western Wear _____ | 45. Produce _____ |
| 12. Appliances _____ | 28. Truck Dealership _____ | 46. Hardware _____ |
| 13. Pharmacy/Drug _____ | 29. Craft Supplies _____ | 47. Jewelry _____ |
| 14. Florist _____ | 30. Shoes _____ | 48. Beauty Shop _____ |
| 15. Office Supplies _____ | 31. Lawn & Garden Products _____ | 49. Health Club _____ |
| 16. Swimming Pool _____ | 33. Real Estate Agency _____ | 50. Feed Store _____ |
| 17. Bridal Registry _____ | 34. Hot Tub _____ | 51. Motorcycle _____ |
| | | 52. Internal Producer _____ |

BEST FOOD

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Chicken _____ | 12. Hot Dogs _____ | 22. Enchiladas _____ |
| 2. Pizza _____ | 13. Barbeque _____ | 23. Business Lunch _____ |
| 3. Salad Bar _____ | 14. Desserts _____ | 24. Chinese Food _____ |
| 4. Breakfast _____ | 15. Catfish _____ | 25. Dining Atmosphere _____ |
| 5. Kid's Meal _____ | 16. To take out-of-town guests _____ | 26. Home Delivery _____ |
| 6. Steaks _____ | 17. Mexican _____ | 27. Biscuits or Rolls _____ |
| 7. Chili _____ | 18. Hot Sauce _____ | 28. Breakfast Tacos _____ |
| 8. Hamburger _____ | 19. Chicken Fried Steak _____ | 29. Buffet _____ |
| 9. French fries _____ | 20. Sandwiches _____ | 30. Coffee _____ |
| 10. Ice Cream/Yogurt _____ | 21. Queso Dip _____ | |
| 11. Seafood _____ | | |

BEST PEOPLE

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| 1. Local Band _____ | 10. Dentist/Where _____ | 18. Insurance Agent _____ |
| 2. Club President/Where _____ | 11. Plumber/Where _____ | 19. Attorney _____ |
| 3. Waiter/Waitress/Where _____ | 12. Barber/Where _____ | 20. Real Estate Agent/Where _____ |
| 4. School Teacher/Where _____ | 13. Beautician/Where _____ | 21. Mechanic/Where _____ |
| 5. Nurse or Dr.-Dent. Asst./Where _____ | 14. Bank Teller/Where _____ | 22. Electrician _____ |
| 6. Doctor/Where _____ | 15. City Employee/Where _____ | 23. Photographer _____ |
| 7. Optometrist/Where _____ | 16. Veterinarian/Where _____ | 24. Salesperson _____ |
| 8. Chiropractor _____ | 17. Secretary _____ | 25. Boss _____ |
| 9. Psychologist _____ | | 26. Pharmacist _____ |

BEST SERVICE BUSINESSES

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| 1. Muffler & Exhaust _____ | 15. Auto Air Conditioning _____ | 31. Auto Brake Service _____ |
| 2. Transmission Repair _____ | 16. Auto Glass _____ | 32. Credit Union _____ |
| 3. Travel Agency _____ | 17. To Get Transmission Repair _____ | 33. Glass/Mirrors _____ |
| 4. To Work _____ | 18. Plumbing _____ | 34. Auto Tune-Up _____ |
| 5. To Lose Weight _____ | 19. Dry Cleaner _____ | 35. Alterations _____ |
| 6. Golf Course _____ | 20. Motel/Hotel _____ | 36. Printing _____ |
| 7. To Get Oil Change _____ | 21. Nail Salon _____ | 37. Bank _____ |
| 8. Home or Business _____ | 22. Medical Clinic _____ | 38. Carpet Cleaning _____ |
| 9. Air Conditioning _____ | 23. Landscaping/Ground Maint. _____ | 39. Rental Service Store _____ |
| 10. Computer Repair _____ | 24. Tanning Salon _____ | 40. To get Financial/Loans _____ |
| 11. Jewelry Repair _____ | 25. Investment Representative _____ | 41. Nursing Home _____ |
| 12. To get TV-VCR Repair _____ | 26. Swimming Pool _____ | 42. Aerobic Workout _____ |
| 13. To get Pest Control _____ | 27. Accounting/Tax Service _____ | 43. Home Health Care _____ |
| 14. Auto Paint Job _____ | 28. Realtors-Property Management _____ | 44. Hospital _____ |
| 15. Health Club _____ | 29. Auto Body Shop _____ | 45. Radio Station _____ |
| 16. Roofing Co. _____ | 30. Home Siding, Windows, Etc. _____ | 46. Retirement Facility _____ |
| | | 47. Fence Co. _____ |

