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Voters have opportunity to increase homestead exemption in Saturday election

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Howard County voters will join voters from the rest of the state on Saturday in deciding whether or not to increase homestead exemptions from \$5,000 to \$15,000 in a special election.

The county's 21 precincts have been consolidated into six polling places. They will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Specifically, voters will be asked to vote yes or no on the proposed constitutional amend-

ment which will provide school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000. It will also provide for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65.

According to the Howard County Clerk's office, a total of 717 voters cast early ballots in person and 27 had requested ballots by mail by the 5 p.m. deadline Monday.

The amendment arose from this year's legislative session, where both the Senate and House attempted to lower property taxes. The two chambers

WHERE TO VOTE:

- Precincts 101-112 at the Northside Fire Station.
- Precincts 202-205 at Goliad Middle School.
- Precincts 207, 407-409 at Coahoma Community Center.
- Precincts 208 and 304 at Elbow School.
- Precincts 301-303 and 305 and 306 at the 18th and Main Fire Station.
- Precincts 401-406 and 410 at the 11th and Birdwell Fire Station.

finally agreed to use a \$1 billion surplus in state revenue to fund the increased property tax exemption. Texas voters must

now ratify that tax cut. Historically, Texas constitutional amendment elections have produced embarrassing voter turnouts. The secretary of state's office says that statewide turnout for constitutional elections generally is about 15 percent.

Gov. Bush has been on the road, pitching the plan and taking on all comers — especially those who voice opposition to the plan.

On Wednesday he said he had little sympathy for school districts who cite proposed

changes in school funding as reason for raising taxes in their areas.

Bush said of school district officials who have criticized proposed increases in homestead tax exemptions that "they can raise taxes if they want to, but don't blame the state of Texas."

Bush addressed a supportive crowd adjacent to Lubbock International Airport, the third of four stops on the third day of a statewide tour promoting the

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Most UPS picketers walking the line ... in Massachusetts, it's a rowdy run

SOMERVILLE, Mass. (AP) — At most United Parcel Service plants, striking workers walk a picket line. Outside this one, they run.

Strikers display a rowdy level of enthusiasm that's led to more arrests than at any other UPS plant since the Teamsters walked out Monday. Defiantly smoking cigars and loudly mocking managers inside, they say they are part of a resurgence in a union movement deeply rooted in this blue-collar city.

"This is it. We're ground zero," said Bill Carrabino, a 28-year veteran UPS driver. "We have solidarity here like no other building."

Since Monday, 23 pickets have been arrested in Somerville for trying to block delivery trucks from leaving the building.

The same union local represents UPS workers in Chelmsford, Norwood and Watertown, where more than a dozen other workers were arrested. More arrests could come as the strike continues; bargainers met for more than 10 hours Thursday in Washington without any apparent concessions on either side.

Hours after the familiar brown trucks leave, the strikers in Somerville play catch with a tattered tennis ball as



UPS driver Gary Moore makes a delivery in Big Spring on Thursday. Moore is one of the 10 percent of UPS workers who have stayed on the job during the Teamsters strike.

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Industry fete

Local industrial firms to be recognized at luncheon

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Members of Big Spring's manufacturing and oil and gas industries will be honored Aug. 26 during an Industry Appreciation Luncheon at the Dora Roberts Community Center (DRCC).

The luncheon is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Moore Development For Big Spring Inc., to recognize existing members of the community's manufacturing and oil and gas industries.

According to Moore Development Assistant Director Pam Welch, the luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. and local industries attending the luncheon will have booths set up for local residents to see what it is they do.

Moore and the chamber are sending invitations to area industries and employees will be treated to a free meal.

Local residents may purchase tickets for \$6 each at the chamber office.

Keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Kent J. Burnes, a California market researcher.

Burnes will be speaking on a variety of business issues.

According to Chamber Program Coordinator Debbye Valverde, retail owners are encouraged to attend the luncheon as well as a retail seminar Burnes will conduct from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at DRCC.

Burnes will hold a second seminar from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30

p.m. on Aug. 27 and will remain in town to conduct walk-throughs of area businesses, by appointment only, to discuss the business strategies.

Burnes was last in Big Spring in September 1994 to deliver a seminar on competing with Wal-Mart.

According to Burnes, small businesses make up a good portion of the economy, which is why small business owners should attend seminars such as the one planned for Aug. 26-27.

"These types of seminars are important because I've seen businesses try to fix things that weren't broke and other businesses breaking things that were already fixed," Burnes told local business three years ago.

According to local officials, Big Spring has a taxable retail sales total of somewhere between \$100 million and \$120 million and the Wal-Mart Supercenter has added several million dollars more to that figure, but Big Spring is still its retail sales dollars because they are being spent outside of Big Spring.

Burnes' program teaches small businesses to invest in five things:

- Research and planning (have a business plan).
- Knowing how and where to make changes in their business.
- Take the time necessary and be willing to make the changes.
- Seize the moment and use everything at their disposal to make their business successful.
- Know that money without the previous four ingredients is wasted.

NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL



Carol Hanes (left), the new Head of School at St. Mary's Episcopal School, visits with Jessica Rubio and Father Jim Liggett during a reception to introduce her to parents, teachers and community.

Child support payment recovery starts Oct. 1

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The biggest step to date in the fight to recover child support payments owed Texas children is set to be implemented statewide by Oct. 1.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales' office is advising the state's elected officials that the state's child support program is preparing to implement the new automated computer system which will greatly enhance child support collection and enforcement activities.

Of the eight largest child support program in the U.S., Texas will be the first to implement the federally mandated system by the Oct. 1 deadline.

According to Attorney General spokesperson Alicia Terry, the current system simply stores and retrieves data. The new system uses the data to generate letters and court documents automatically, schedules case work on case workers' calendars and directs

case workers to take the next pre-defined step in processing a case.

In a recent letter to the state's elected officials, Morales stated, "The system is designed track the progress in each child support case and automatically inform staff of the next required action. The new system will coordinate and apply information to cases such as whether or not paternity has been established and a court order has been obtained and the location and employment of non-custodial parents, as well as a variety of other relevant information."

According to Terry, the new system will also provide case workers with a detailed log of all activities performed on a case and will remind them each morning of the tasks that need to be done as well as potential legal actions that can be taken during each phase of the legal process.

Because of the conversion to the new system, scheduled from Aug. 28 through Sept. 7,

some child support checks will be delayed, according to Terry. All payments processed between Aug. 28 and Sept. 5 will be scheduled for distribution no sooner than Sept. 10.

Those notified by Morales' office concerning the conversion included parents; county, state and federal officials; and more than 60,000 employers across the state as well as utility companies.

According to Terry, the new computer system is an even bigger step than the threat of license suspension — a program implemented by Morales' office in Sept. 1995 to increase collection of child support payments.

As that program was implemented, some 50,000 letters were sent to non-custodial parents who were more than 90 days delinquent on the child support payments. Delinquent parents were faced with losing their drivers, professional, and recreational licenses.

Exact figures (by county) as to the number of delinquent

parents, are not kept, but statistics are compiled by regions.

The Midland Child Support Office, which is part of Region 8 and covers Howard, Andrews, Borden, Crane, Glasscock, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Terrell and Upton counties, as of June 1 this year, had a child support case load of 9,142 cases.

"The license suspension program has prompted \$1,139,317 in child support payments owed from 620 cases," Terry said. "Also, these cases were not previously not collected."

"Of the 9,142 cases in the Midland office, 4,953 (54.2 percent) of those cases are obligated — meaning they are court-ordered child support cases," Terry added. "For the month of June, 1,925 custodial parents (38.9 percent of the obligated cases) received a child support payment."

"Statewide, from Sept. 1, 1995 to Aug. 1 of this year, more than \$83.8 million in child support payments have been collected on some 48,398 cases," Terry said.

WEATHER

Tonight:



Sat:



Sun:



Mon:



Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs around 95. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows 65-75. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, fair. Lows 65-75. Highs in the 90s.

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Museum activities enough to keep one busy

by HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big

WEEKEND TICKET

Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

You may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

•Spring City Senior Citizens Center will host a country-western dance, tonight 7:30-10:30 p.m. Music will be provided by CW and Company.

•Teen night continues at the

Eagles Lodge tonight from 7-11. The weekly teen nights continue through the end of the month.

The no-alcohol Teen Night dance costs \$4 per person and concessions are available.

•Model train display is open at Second and Main streets from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. This train display was built by Big Spring residents, but a group is forming to

oversee its operation and maintenance. Call Danny Kennemur for details at 264-1606.

•The Heritage Museum is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. today and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays at 510 Scurry with historical exhibits. Call 267-8255 for more information.

Two new exhibits are currently on display — the traveling show of the Texas Watercolor Society upstairs and Goin' Places, a display on transportation, downstairs.

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OBITUARIES

A.N. Hudgins

Funeral service for A.N. Hudgins, 84, Abilene, will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 1997, at Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Faith, Abilene, with Rev. Mike Woodard officiating. Burial will follow in Talpa Cemetery.

Mr. Hudgins died Thursday, Aug. 7, in San Angelo.

He was born in Hill County and attended school in Talpa. He married Thelma Elaine Brown in Coleman in 1933. She preceded him in death in 1993. He worked with his wife in their farming and service station businesses, moving to Abilene from Ballinger in 1965. He was a member of Southwest Park Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two sons, Roger Hudgins, Forsan, and Dean Hudgins, San Angelo; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Abilene.

Lewis

"Boodles" Helm

Service for Lewis "Boodles" Helm, 69, Ira, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 1997, at First Baptist Church in Ira with Rev. Mark McMillan and Rev. Steve Long officiating. Burial will be in Ira Cemetery.

Mr. Helm died Wednesday, Aug. 6, in Lubbock Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 23, 1928, in Haskell County. He married Margie Gray on April 8, 1949, in Albany. He retired from Nawmont Oil Company as production foreman.

Survivors include: his wife, Margie Helm, Ira; one son, Jerry Helm, Ira; four brothers, Herbert Helm, Roscoe, Milbert Helm, Monahans, Robert Helm, Coahoma, and Albert Helm, Childress; one sister, Willie Helm, Coahoma; and one grandson.

Arrangements under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

James Cook

James Cook, 64, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1997, at his residence. Service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with R. A. Ford Dunagan, minister of music at Midway Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on May 27, 1933, in Ackerly, and married Loretta Hinson on Nov. 11, 1955, in Ackerly.



COOK

He had worked at Cosden for 25 years, retiring in 1984. He was a long time water well driller and owned and operated Cook's Pump Service.

James was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a lifelong resident of this area. Throughout his life he had volunteered his time and was involved in the High Noon Optimist Club, the Lions Club, the Big Spring Squares and was a Boy Scout leader.

Survivors include: his wife, Loretta Cook of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vickie Lyn and Lynn Turner of Smyrna, Ga., and Terri Jo and Larry Newton, Big Spring; three sisters, Joyce M. Grigg of Big Spring, Margie Weaver and Jane A. Hawk both of Clyde; one brother, J.T. Cook, Jr. of Crowley; three grandchildren, Christopher Lawrence of Smyrna, Ga., Ashley Newton and Colby James Newton both of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents J.T. and Irene Cook.

Pallbearers will be J.T. Cook III, Lance Cook, Ricky Cook, Jimmy Tucker, Tony Weaver and Darrell Barbee. Honorary pallbearer will be Jack Bond.

The family suggests memorials to Family Hospice, 3211 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas; 79720.

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

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The Potton House, a restored historic home, is open Saturdays for tours from 1-5 p.m. at 200 Gregg.

This Saturday, the Potton House will host Pioneer Day from 9-1 when persons can see the way was when West Texas was being settled and Big Spring was a brand new community.

Special Constitutional election, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday. Voters will be asked to decide whether or not to increase the homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Recycle Day in Coahoma, sponsored by Coahoma, Clean and Proud, from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday in the empty lot just west of Little Sooper Grocery.

Back to School splash, from 1-7 p.m. Sunday at the Comanche Trail Park swimming pool. This will be the final day of operation for the pool for the year.

Video history on Channel 9 Sunday

by HERALD Staff Report

Local history from the memories of those who lived it will be showcased on Channel 9 for three consecutive Sunday mornings.

"Video History of Howard County," a collaborative effort of Joe Pickle and Doyle Phillips, will begin Sunday from 10-11 a.m., with installments Aug. 17 and 24 as well. The show will be broadcast from the television station on the Howard College Campus to viewers in the local and surrounding area.

Pickle interviews local residents Dorothy Garrett, Anna Phinney, Edgar Phillips, David Gomez and Frances Wheat. The shows were filmed by Phillips and edited by Bob Jones.

The first show will include interviews with Gomez — who discusses the history of the Hispanic community — and Phinney — who discusses Coahoma history.

Phillips said he plans to continue filming the videos with other local residents, although Channel 9 has not committed yet to airing any additional segments.

ELECTION

Continued from Page 1A amendment. He also stopped in Midland, El Paso and Amarillo.

School officials in Lubbock and elsewhere have said the state's formula for determining minimum teacher salaries will force them to increase local property tax rates.

Minimum teacher pay is tied to the amount of money the state provides local districts. Since the state is funding schools with the approximately \$1 billion districts will lose from a tax reduction, minimum teacher salaries will increase.

Lubbock Independent School District officials have complained that to keep their salary structure in line and to remain competitive, they'll have to increase some salaries for which they won't get reimbursed.

Property taxes could increase 4 1/2 cents per \$100 valuation because of the shortfalls created by changes in funding, LISD chief financial officer Larry Throm said. Superintendent Curtis Culwell has said the new budget is otherwise a bare-bones plan void of needed capital improvements.

"They have forced all of the state mandates onto local taxpayers," Throm said recently.

Bush wasn't buying the argument.

"If districts feel like they have to raise teacher pay, that's up to the folks at the local level," he said. "Just don't blame the state for that. My attitude is, you can't pay teachers enough."

When asked if school districts should trust the state to come through with the money to replace lost property tax revenue, Bush was even more blunt.

"Ask them once they get the money," he said.

UPS

Continued from Page 1A they circle to the beat of rock 'n' roll music blaring from the speakers of a Teamsters tractor-trailer.

"We don't care about anyone else," said Carrabino, who was arrested Monday. "This is our building. We have union spirit."

About 160 Teamsters drivers, sooper and pre-loaders work in the comparatively small facility, and say they're tighter than at most larger UPS plants.

"They're worried about their families, they're worried about their children. The cause is right. The energy is there," said John Flueckiger, a 24-year driver who was arrested Tuesday.

When a sedan with UPS administrators inside tries to leave the gated parking lot, police and strikers set down their cold drinks and face off smartly, taking their places in two lines like well-drilled military units.

The picketers hurl insults at the people in the car while other managers watch furtively from second-story windows.

Flueckiger said it isn't really anger in their voices; it's frustration born of union setbacks that began with the firing of striking air traffic controllers by President Reagan in the 1980s.

"When the rest of the unions didn't come to the aid of the air traffic controllers, that was a sad day," he said.

Somerville has a legacy both of rebellion and of industry. The UPS plant is near the site of a Revolutionary War fort. Beginning in the mid-19th century, the city was a center of brickmaking and later home to a Ford Motor Co. production plant.

Much of the strikers' daily diet of doughnuts, pizza and coffee has been donated by small business owners, civic groups and other unions sympathetic to them. Even the loud music from the Teamsters truck is often drowned out when passing trucks sound their air horns in support.

The growing duration of the tedious strike is evident only in the picketers' hoarse voices and their sunburns, and in the piles of discarded cups and newspapers. Their resolve, they said, continues unabated.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

GIRL SCOUTS WILL SPONSOR a dive-in at the Big Spring Family YMCA pool from 1-3 p.m. Aug. 16.

Girls must register by calling the West Texas Girl Scout office at (915) 670-0432. Cost is \$3 per girl.

PIONEER DAY IS PLANNED from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Potton House, 200 Gregg St.

Local residents can experience "pioneer" tasks such as churning butter, washing with lye soap and carding wool at this restored historic home. This free event will include wagon rides down First Street and people in pioneer costume.

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.

COMANCHE TRAIL PARK POOL plans a "back to school" splash from 1-7 p.m. Sunday with two-for-one admission.

This will be the pool's last day of business this season. As a special "thank you" to local residents for a great summer of pool operations, anyone who buys a pool admission pass can bring a friend in for free.

THERE IS A PROMISE Keepers meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Miracle Revival Church, FM 700.

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

SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY •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.

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Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY •Candlelight NA meeting, 10 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Gollad.

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

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

•Alzheimer's support group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th St.

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.

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.

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

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

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 74.20 cents a pound, down 11 points; Sept. crude oil 19.96, down 13 points; Cash hogs down 50 cents at 55; cash steers steady at \$1 lower 64; Aug. lean hog futures 80.35, down 40 points; Aug. live cattle futures 66.05, up 17 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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POLICE

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

•HERBERTO ZAMORA, 43, of 1602 Bluebird, was arrested for public intoxication.

•FEDRIC LAMONT, 21, of 1907 S. Monticello, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•WALTER PERRY WILLIAMS, 21, of 1019 Stadium, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•LEVI PATRICK CARTER, 19, of 2102 S. Monticello, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•FRANCISCO CERVANTES, 18, of 409 E. 5th, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 22, of 3722 Hatch, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•LEON EDDINGTON, 18, of 538 Westover #249, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•JOHN HENRY CHAPPELL, 20, no known address, was arrested for theft.

•ANGELA DUGGER, 19, of 4510 Wasson, was arrested for theft.

•JOSEPHINE MITCHELL, 36, of 4105 Dixon, was arrested on a local warrant.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 2000 block of Gregg; 1000 block of N. Bell; and the 500 block of S. Gollad.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 4100 block of Muir; 1900 block of E. 11th Place; and the 1000 block of N. Main.

•THEFT in the 200 block of W. Marcy; 1700 block of E. Marcy; 800 block of W. I-20; and the 1900 block of N. 87.

•CLASS C ASSAULT in the 800 block of E. 15th.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 68 Thursday's low 62 Average high 96 Average low 70 Record high 105 in 1962 Record low 58 in 1989 Precip. Thursday 0.00 Month to date 0.51 Month's normal 0.27 Year to date 14.46 Normal for the year 10.92 **Statistics not available

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Mauro says Texans prefer something other than increased exemptions

AUSTIN (AP) — Many Texans would prefer using \$1 billion to pay for additional education, law enforcement or other state services instead of cutting property taxes, according to Land Commissioner Garry Mauro. The Democrat who's considering a run for governor next year said Thursday he's heard from Texans who aren't impressed with the tax cut measure voters will decide Saturday. The proposed constitutional amendment would increase the

minimum homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000, a roughly \$140 annual savings for most homeowners. It also would allow senior citizens to transfer from home to home a proportionate amount of property tax freezes. Lawmakers put \$1 billion into the two-year state budget that begins Sept. 1 to pay for the higher tax exemption. The break would not go to renters or business property owners. "It's amazing to me how many Texans have expressed

the view that the tax cut is only for half of the families in Texas; it's only \$12 a month, why didn't we use the \$1 billion to solve some problem we have," Mauro said. "Had I been in the Legislature, that's probably how I would have voted." Karen Hughes, Gov. George W. Bush's spokeswoman, said Texans with whom the governor has visited appreciate the tax cut. Bush on Thursday was completing the fourth day of a five-day swing across the state

urging Texans to vote Saturday. "I'm not surprised that those that want bigger government would advocate spending the money on new government programs," Mrs. Hughes said. "Governor Bush believes the people who should benefit from a leaner, more efficient government are the people who pay the bills." Mauro has already cast his ballot in favor of the measure but said he might have voted differently after hearing from Texans opposed to the proposal.

"I agreed with the conventional wisdom here in Austin that a \$1 billion tax cut was pretty significant, and we all ought to support it," he said. "The more I travel, the more I hear \$12 a month isn't much. "It may show that we elected officials are out of touch," he said. Bush has acknowledged the tax break — roughly equal to a homeowner's school property tax rate multiplied by 100 — is not the final answer to the problem of rising school property

taxes. He says, however, that it is a first step. The proposal came after Bush and lawmakers failed to approve a larger effort meant to cut and cap local school property tax rates. A separate measure to be voted on in November will put a cap on property assessment increases and will allow Texans to defer property tax payments if their home values grow by more than 5 percent a year. That measure, too, was a fall-back position from a larger effort.

Snyder woman upset that commissioners cut off comment on discussion of Cogdell Hospital lease

By MARK BABINECK
AP Writer
SNYDER — Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz knows Carol Davis doesn't want the county to sign away the local public hospital on a 30-year lease. His commissioners court finally decided last month that, at least in its special session meetings, they didn't need to hear any more public input on the fiery issue from her or anyone else. So special session meetings normally held once a month now include no scheduled time for public comment. "It had always been traditional in the Scurry County Commissioners Court that if someone wants to talk, they can talk," said Davis, a member of Cogdell Hospital's auxiliary. Whether tradition or not, Davis learned an important lesson about civic government last month. While open meetings laws defend the public's right to attend such ses-

sions, there's no ordained right to participate. "Open meetings do not allow public comments in and of themselves," County Attorney Mike Hartman said from his office in Snyder, about 75 miles southeast of Lubbock. Davis was opposed to commissioners' applying interest from lease revenue to the general fund. She'd rather see the money be dedicated to an emergency trust fund in case the county must one day retake control of the hospital. The public had a chance to comment on the interest issue at the regular meeting a week before the July 7 special session, at which commissioners indeed voted to boost the general fund, Fritz said. Overheated debate over the lease in the commissioners court was clogging up the works and preventing the panel from getting routine work done, Fritz said. "It had gotten to the point where, basically, it was a free-for-all in there," he said.

"We had to take control of commissioners court or just open it up." He added that in addition to Davis and another speaker opposed to leasing Cogdell, the court also barred a lease proponent from talking in the July 7 meeting. "From time to time there have been speakers (at special sessions)," Davis said. "I'm just waiting for them to go back to their old ways." Hartman cited attorney general's opinions that clearly state that the court may not unreasonably discriminate among speakers. The court isn't discriminating if it institutes a blanket no-comment policy, he said. Scurry County voters will decide on Saturday whether to allow commissioners to lease away Cogdell. By law the court didn't have to hold an election, but commissioners decided that citizens should have a say. "There would have been a public hanging if they hadn't," Davis said.

Newspapers, association sue to block new traffic records law

AUSTIN (AP) — Two newspaper groups are suing the state and eight Texas police chiefs in an effort to block a new law limiting access to traffic wreck records. "It will make it much more difficult for the public to gain access to records all taxpayers own and should control," Dolph Tillotson, publisher of The Galveston County Daily News said Thursday. The lawsuit was filed Wednesday in Travis County district court. The new law, approved during the 1997 Legislature, permits people to get traffic wreck records only if they know the name of at least one person involved. They also would have to know either the location or date of the wrecks. Accident reports currently are included on police logs. The new law takes effect Sept. 1. The Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association, are asking the court to block the law from taking effect. The associations represent nearly all of the newspapers in Texas, including The Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Houston Chronicle and the San Antonio Express-News. "The result of this law will be to make it much more difficult for Texas newspapers to do their jobs," said Tillotson, co-chairman of the newspaper association's legislative advisory committee.

Texas Democrats criticize Phil Gramm over judicial nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm's opposition to the judicial appointment of a former Democratic officeholder is surprising in light of his past support for politically active Republicans, Democrats say. Democrats have been seeking to turn up the heat on the Texas Republican, who is blocking the appointment of Fort Worth lawyer Michael Schattman to the federal bench because of his "intense political activism." Last week, all 17 Texas Democrats in the House warned Schattman that his determination to keep Schattman from becoming a judge had "troubling implications" for the congressional delegation's ability to work in bipartisan fashion for

the state's benefit. Thursday, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee said Gramm received \$2,000 in campaign contributions in 1989 from John McBryde, whom the senator nominated to the federal bench a few months later. Another \$1,000 was given by McBryde's wife during 1989 and 1990. McBryde, a federal judge based in Fort Worth, was confirmed by the Senate in 1990. Texas Democratic Party political director Michael Moore accused Gramm of playing "partisan political games" to delay the seating of judges nominated by President Clinton. "I don't think you can find a better judge than Schattman," he

said Thursday. "The court dockets are just being backlogged right now," Moore added. "And because of partisan politics, Phil Gramm is slowing down justice." Gramm's office, which has refused to discuss the senator's opposition to Schattman beyond an initial July 22 statement, declined to wade into the fray Thursday. "Our opposition to Mike Schattman's nomination is spelled out in the (July 22)

statement and we don't have anything to add to it," said Gramm spokeswoman Julie Hillrichs. In that news release, Gramm press secretary Larry Neal said his boss had concluded "that it is simply unreasonable to expect a dedicated activist like Mr. Schattman to abandon a lifelong determination to act on his political convictions." Schattman, who was a Clinton classmate at Georgetown University, said he

renounced politics when he was nominated in 1995. Elected on the Democratic ticket as a county and state district judge, Schattman will not be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee without approval of his home state senators. Gramm didn't oppose the nomination when it was made. He and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, cleared Schattman's nomination with the Judiciary Committee last year. A confirmation hearing

wasn't held, prompting the White House to renominate Schattman earlier this year. The DCCC's chairman, Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas, last week pronounced himself "mystified" by Gramm's opposition to Schattman. Frost noted that Gramm didn't oppose the nominations of two judges on the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals with close ties to the Republican Party. One of them, Edith Jones, had served as counsel to the Texas GOP.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **HOWARD and GLASSCOCK COUNTY'S OLD SETTLERS**, who gathered last Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the 72nd time.

• **CECIAL and RUBY ALLRED**, named Howard County's Pioneer Settlers, and **LLOYD and MARGUERITE HARDY**, named Glasscock County's Pioneer Settlers.

• **BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORALE**, which wowed the crowd at Christensen Stadium in Midland a couple of weeks ago with their presentation of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

• **KENTWOOD and ELBOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**, along with **SANDS ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH and HIGH SCHOOL** — all named as Exemplary Schools by the Texas Education Agency.

• **BIG SPRING SALVATION ARMY** for its efforts on behalf of assisting needy students in preparation for school as well as those who helped fund the program, especially **FIESTA DODGE and HEB**.

• **CAROL HANES**, named as new Head of School at St. Mary's Episcopal School.

• **BIG SPRING VETERANS** who participated in the National Veterans Golden Age Games in Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Local participants were **DONALD SCHEIBER, JIMMY BATTLE, LEO WELCH, JOHN McDIFFITT, HARLEY "GENE" QUIGLEY, WALLACE RINGO and LLOYD LINDSEY**.

McDiffitt, Quigley, Ringo and Lindsey all won medals.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

Alan Greenspan coughs slightly and the stock market plummets like lead in cold water. He lifts the corners of his mouth and the markets rocket up.

In his semi-annual testimony before the House Banking Committee, the Federal Reserve chairman mildly suggested that he was in no hurry to raise interest rates in the face of an economy characterized by strong growth and low inflation, one that has been "exceptional and better than most anticipated."

Bingo! The Dow Jones average shot up 2 percent to a record 8,061.65.

Such is life on Wall Street today.

While some people believe Greenspan is watching over a new economic era, ... it looks more like old-fashioned competitive capitalism on a global scale, with the United States enjoying the fruits of fundamental changes in the American economy based on industry's ability to capitalize on new technologies. ...

PENINSULA DAILY NEWS
Port Angeles, Wash.

Miss America pageant organizers have rejected pleas to eliminate swimsuit competition because, they say, it's what keeps the 77-year-old show on TV. Just to be sure, they've decided to let entrants show off their tummies this year. Two-piece suits will be permitted. So will heels again.

Well, you do what you have to do.

But if the organizers are right, and it's the swimsuits

that close the deal, then here's an idea for a competition that can't lose: Put the suits on men. Oh, we don't mean two-piecers, we're too old-fashioned for that. One piece will be fine.

But fair's fair, and it only seems fair after 77 years of forcing John Denver and the like to assess thighs, Christie Brinkley and Julia Roberts should be made to rate abs and pecs. Let's see, how about calling it ... Mr. America? That would be different, wouldn't it?

JOURNAL STAR
Peoria, Ill.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno's offering — it couldn't really be called an apology — to the Atlanta security guard who was accused in the bombing at last summer's Olympics added insult to injury.

Richard Jewell spent 88 days in the glare of publicity after his name was leaked to the press as a suspect. Then he was tricked into an interrogation by FBI agents who pretended they wanted him to participate in a training video. Using this ruse sidestepped the opportunity for him to have an attorney present.

This public ordeal at the hands of the federal government demands a lot more than he got from Reno: vacillation between thinking he deserved an apology and thinking that, for what he went through, any apology would be insufficient. Jewell not only deserves a public apology but a formal one, in writing. ...

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Taking the plunge on the Weld nomination

By **WALTER R. MEARS**
AP Special Correspondent

AP NEWS ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — Maybe cliff-diving in Acapulco would help, as President Clinton joked, but so far, nobody seems to be taking the plunge for William F. Weld's nomination to be ambassador to Mexico.

The White House is pledged to go to the mat for confirmation — but not to tackle Sen. Jesse Helms, whose mat it is. "I thought maybe I'd go down to Mexico and jump off those cliffs at Acapulco," Clinton said, laughing, when asked during his news conference Wednesday what he'll do to get Weld confirmed.

Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright both renewed pledges of support for Weld on Wednesday, but carefully so.

The administration has other business to conduct with the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, where Helms is preventing action on the Weld nomination, and prefers to keep the peace.

"I have had a good and surprisingly constructive relationship overall with Senator Helms," Clinton said, "and it has flowed from our being completely straightforward with

one another and acting in a candid and open manner."

He said they're dealing with the Weld nomination that way.

At times, it sounds as though everybody except the would-be ambassador wishes he would forget Mexico and just go off to India instead. Helms has let it be known he wouldn't object to having Weld take that embassy.

That's only one of the curious turns in this odd confirmation case.

For example, Weld, who would be joining a Democratic administration should he somehow get around Helms, has called the nomination struggle a fight for the soul of the Republican Party, an arena Clinton seems to have entered by accident and miscalculation.

"President Clinton and I have believed very much in bipartisanship," Albright said when asked whether they couldn't have found a Democrat for Mexico instead.

Clinton said he was encouraged that Republican Sen. Dick Lugar of Indiana had said he would try to make sure Weld gets a hearing, trying to force one on Helms if it can't be

done otherwise.

His spokesman, though, already has ruled out a direct challenge to Helms. "We've made it quite clear that we will go to the mat," Mike McCurry said Monday. "But we at the same time do not suggest that we support anything that circumvents the authority of Chairman Helms."

Helms' committee approved 19 other diplomatic nominations on July 30, and Albright said 57 of 67 pending appointments had been cleared, reflecting an "excellent working relationship."

Clinton's choice of the former Republican governor of Massachusetts to become ambassador to Mexico was supposed to be a bipartisan gesture.

"One of the reasons," Clinton said at his news conference, "I nominated him, ironically, is that I felt that this would build strong, bipartisan support for our relationships with Mexico."

Instead, it pointed up GOP differences as Helms dug in against Weld and said he would not permit action on the nomination. The administration is hoping Senate and public pressure will lead him to relent, but Helms says not. Helms said he opposes Weld

for being too permissive on drugs, a problem the ambassador would be dealing with in Mexico, because as governor he favored medical use of marijuana and a needle exchange program to combat AIDS.

Weld, who resigned as governor to pursue the diplomatic post, said the real reason is that he just isn't Helms' kind of Republican. He is relatively liberal on social issues, including abortion rights.

Hence his characterization of the nomination dispute as a test between differing GOP philosophies. That, of course, has nothing to do with being an ambassador. But even losing it could have a lot to do with a possible Weld campaign for the 2000 GOP presidential nomination. A challenge to Helms would look good on a progressive's resume.

The administration prefers conciliation. The secretary of state was asked to explain the mysterious chemistry of her relationship with the cantankerous chairman.

"It has to remain mysterious," she said.

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Now Bill Clinton can campaign for Al Gore

By **CHARLEY REESE**
Syndicated Columnist

I'm happy for the president. His knee is getting better, and he has finally thought of something to do for the remainder of his term — campaign for Al Gore in 2000.

This is important. Bill Clinton is a world-class campaigner, but he has virtually no experience or interest in actually governing. A lot of professional politicians are that way. They love to run, but the time between elections is just downtime as far as they are concerned.

In the old days, I worked for a state elected official like that. The only thing smaller than his knowledge of the state he was supposed to be serving was his interest in it.

Boredom between races is probably what got Clinton in trouble down in the Ozarks. He got the campaigning part down pat, but he was apparently so bored between elections that he ventured off into real estate and other sideline adventures.

If you remember, right after

he was elected president the first time, he fell into a sort of sleepy slump for the first two years. It wasn't until 1994, when it was time to start campaigning for '96, that Clinton roused himself. And you've got to give the guy credit: At campaigning, he's very, very good.

So now he can run Gore's race vicariously — raising money, making speeches, manipulating the political process. It won't be too good for the congressional democrats. They are so far to the left that Clinton, if he's to do Gore any good, will have to keep on acting and talking like a Republican. But heaven knows Gore needs the help. The one time he ran for president on his own he proved to be a genuine dud.

To be candid, though, I hope that everything the president does for Gore falls as flat as a soufflé during an artillery barrage. The president is a rascal, but he has a sense of humor, and he's entertaining. Our president looks just like a young W.C. Fields. For those of you not

into a graduate-level American history, Fields was a juggler and comedian, famous for his capacity to drink and to hate Philadelphia.

Gore, on the other hand, appears to be devoid of a sense of humor. That makes me nervous. Yeah, I know, Gore has learned to read the joke lines prepared by his speech writers but, heck, even Bob Dole can do that. In addition to being humorless, Gore looks odd. He might even be one of those aliens hiding in a human form like those in the movie "Men in Black." Don't forget, one of those men in black, Tommy Lee Jones, was assigned to be Gore's roommate at Harvard.

Next time Gore is on television, observe him carefully. Turn off the sound, so his speechwriter's words won't distract you. Look at his eyes, nose and ears. There is a certain avian quality to them. Is that a real nose or a beak? Note the stiff movements. It's easy to imagine this guy, after the Secret

Service men have gone beddy-bye, shedding his human form and flying around the night sky over Washington, gulping down mosquitoes and dragonflies.

I'm kidding, of course. Gore is no alien. No alien wanting to hide in a human form would act like Al Gore. Our vice president is really just a PAP — political American prince. The son of a powerful senator, he was born in and went to all right places. Nevertheless, he takes himself and the world entirely too seriously to be trusted with power.

Human affairs are part tragic, part noble, but also part silly and ridiculous. People with a sense of humor are intelligent and perceptive and can see the whole of human life. People with no sense of humor are, in a sense, vision-impaired, and like a vision-impaired driver, they can be dangerous if put behind the wheel of government.

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Wal-Mart facing first union vote in United States in Wisconsin

MERRILL, Wis. (AP) — At Wal-Mart, the blue-aproned employees are called "associates." Working the Wal-Mart way means everybody cheerfully pitching in at a company that portrays itself as one big happy family.

That "family" in Merrill is looking dysfunctional.

For the first time in the United States, employees at a Wal-Mart are about to vote on whether to join a union.

"We are going against their tradition because what they say and what they do don't coincide," said pro-union employee Becky Hehling, a 25-year-old single mother of three who on Thursday had a "Work With Dignity" button pinned on her blouse.

About 95 Wal-Mart employees are eligible to vote Friday in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board on whether to join the United Steelworkers union, which includes

retail workers. Only one Wal-Mart store, in Windsor, Ontario, has a union representing workers. The company has defeated all other unionization attempts since it was founded in Arkansas by Sam Walton in 1962. It has relied heavily on stock incentives to motivate its relatively low-paid work force.

Ray Mann, Wal-Mart district manager, said: "We feel very positive the vote will be in favor of Wal-Mart."

Union supporters are pressing for union representation to win higher wages, scheduling-by-seniority and a formal procedure for settling grievances.

The organizing drive has created tension in this mostly working-class river town of about 10,000 people some 160 miles north of Madison.

Hehling said the store's co-manager broke into tears at one meeting, saying

a vote for the union was a vote against her. "I offered her a tissue, and she wouldn't even accept one," Hehling said.

Union opponent Pam Wilhams, 37, defended Wal-Mart, where she has worked for four years, now in the lay-away department. Even part-timers start above minimum wage, she said.

"You can get pay raises based on merit, so the harder you work the more money you can make," she said. "We have a good, fair management team that we can go to any time. We have good benefits. The union is not offering me anything I don't already have. I don't think I need to pay somebody to represent me when I can do that myself."

Friday's vote will be watched closely by giant retailers across the country, industry experts say.

"I suppose it could be taken to some degree as a line in the sand for the

union movement, making a stronger thrust back into business," said Wendy Liebmann, president of WSL Strategic Retail, a consulting firm in New York. "The union is taking on the big guys, and Wal-Mart is one of the largest employers in the country today."

A unionized store would strike at the very heart of Wal-Mart tradition and culture, she said. "Their philosophy has been, 'We look after our workers and give them the incentive of sharing in the profits and being stockholders,'" she said.

The Merrill Wal-Mart opened in 1989 and employs about 120 people, 60 percent of them full-time. Wal-Mart has 2,308 stores and 439 Sam's Club stores in the United States and seven other countries with 746,000 employees, 687,000 of them in the United States. Sales totaled \$104.8 billion last year.

Mike Barkley, a 41-year-old part-time

floor clerk, helped organize the union effort at the store in Merrill. Barkley was vice president of a United Paperworkers local before the local mill shut down three years ago. His full-time job is at an AFL-CIO retraining program in Portage.

"We are working these \$5-, \$6-, \$7-hour jobs for a multibillion-dollar company. We want to share in that wealth. All the working people are asking for is to have the American dream, so you are not living paycheck to paycheck anymore," said Barkley, a father of three.

Jeanette Krause, 36, was shopping Thursday for school supplies for her three children. She said her family does 99 percent of its shopping at Wal-Mart, the only major store in town.

"My concern is what is Wal-Mart going to do if they (the union) push them too far. Would prices go up or would they close the store?" she asked.

Few casualties as DC-8 cargo plane crashes onto busy Miami street

MIAMI (AP) — Cars turned to flame and store awnings melted away but patrons and workers in a busy business district were unscathed in a lunch-hour crash of a cargo plane.

Three of the four on board were found dead, and the fourth was missing and presumed dead. Officials said the death toll could have been much worse.

Nearly 70,000 people work in the district on the airport's edge, where the aging DC-8 wobbled and went down sharply Thursday, skidding the length of a football field over 72nd Avenue, which carries 30,000 cars a day.

"The nose of the plane came right through my front door," William Bartomeu, who runs a hobby and collectible shop, told the Sun-Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale. "That was my last customer — a plane that came through my front door!"

At least two people on the ground suffered minor injuries. Panicked workers ran screaming from warehouses and small businesses in the area known as Airport West.

"We were very, very lucky," Metro-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas said. "This could have been a

much worse incident for this community."

Among the relieved witnesses was Bruce Fish, the owner of the small business complex where the plane came to rest, the International Airport Center.

"When I first saw it, I thought 20 people, minimum, were killed on the ground," he said. "There's a lot of business out here. This is always very busy."

"You could hear the shuddering of the engines like it was trying to gain power and it couldn't," he said. "The next thing I knew, it hit and I saw a huge fireball. You have to imagine when you see a plane that close. It's really scary."

Investigators sent flight recorders to the Washington headquarters of the National Transportation Safety Board, which is considering mechanical problems, pilot error or shifting cargo as potential causes.

This morning, NTSB spokesman Robert Benzon said the recorders were yielding good information that was still being analyzed.

Investigators had conflicting reports about the jet's load, which may have been too heavy or shifted, and made the plane difficult to control, Benzon said.

"The paperwork and the interviews with cargo loaders and things like that should enlighten us a little bit in that area, but we're not ready to make any conclusions at all," he said.

Flight 101 was carrying 80,000 pounds of denim pieces to the Dominican Republic.

Kathy Petrosky said her stepson, 26-year-old First Officer Steven Petrosky, had been with Fine Air since 1994 and was working toward a license to pilot passenger planes.

"It's very sad," she told WPLG. "The only consolation is that he was doing what he loves."

The television station identified the other two confirmed dead as Capt. Pat Thompson and Flight Engineer Glen Millington. The fourth, missing man was not identified; he was described as an employee of the

company shipping the cargo.

The crash site remained dangerous with jet fuel and oxygen canisters, said NTSB spokesman Pat Cariseo. Crews continued to look over the wreckage today.

Witnesses said the plane took off at a steep altitude, lost momentum and wobbled sharply to each side before going down in a field. Several witnesses said they saw an engine on the right wing spitting fire.

"It went straight up like a missile," said Bill Garcia, who was on a United Parcel Service picket line. "It veered to the right and to the left and then it just nose-dived straight down."

The 29-year-old Fine Air jet had at least 18 incidents of mechanical trouble since 1994, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Noise and vibration forced the plane to return to Miami International Airport in September 1995. Nine months later, the jet lost hydraulic pressure at takeoff and had to return, the Herald reported today. Last month, a landing cracked one of the struts on the plane's right side.

The airline just passed "the most extensive FAA inspection ... with flying colors," Fine Air vice president of sales Nancy Adels told Fox News.

One of Miami's busiest cargo carriers, Fine Air operates 15 DC-8s hauling freight to South America, Central America and the Caribbean.

Just Wednesday, the company began offering stock to the public on the Nasdaq stock exchange. After the crash, the stock fell \$1.37 to \$14.50, a drop of 9 percent for the day and off 15 percent from its peak.

This was the second big cargo plane crash in the United States in eight days. A FedEx jet went down July 31 at Newark International Airport in New Jersey. The five people aboard escaped before the MD-11 burned.

A Korea Air passenger jet crashed on Guam early Wednesday, killing more than 200 people.

Report: Pilot was in control of plane and crew sent no panicked message before Guam crash

AGANA, Guam (AP) — The pilot of the Korean Air jet that crashed in Guam was in control of the plane and the crew sent no panicked messages to the control tower in their final seconds, investigators said today.

A preliminary examination of evidence at the crash site and the plane's data and voice recordings also showed no sign of mechanical failures that could have downed the jet, said George Black, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Black said some sort of error caused the crash, but he refused to assign blame, saying "it's too early to talk about what or who that was."

Investigators, in Guam since Thursday, said they would have to sift through more evidence and receive a full transcript of the "black boxes" — data and voice recorders — to get a better idea of what mistakes were made.

Black dismissed as unlikely an NBC report that the pilot confused two navigational beacons, which could have led him to try to land the plane on the hill thinking it was the runway.

"This is not the sort of mistake you normally make," Black said, adding that even if the pilot had confused the beacons — which have different frequencies — it would not have led to Wednesday's crash.

NBC reported Thursday evening the pilot could have set the airplane's navigation equipment to home in on a navigational beacon 3 miles from Guam International Airport instead of the runway itself.

The Boeing 747 was carrying 254 passengers, including 13 Americans, when it crashed into the dense jungle of this U.S.-governed Pacific island. More than 200 people died.

Investigators said there were at least 28 survivors. One of them, 11-year-old Rika Matsuda, her small face bruised and puffy, visited a hill near the wreckage today to lay a bouquet of yellow flowers in memory of her mother, who died in the crash.

U.S. envoy moves on to meet with Bosnian president

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke won agreement on ambassadors and communications from Bosnian officials in an arm-twisting session early today before tackling the Serb side of the divided republic.


Holbrooke kept Muslim, Serb and Croat officials at the bargaining table until the early hours of the morning in Sarajevo, managing some movement in the peace agreement he negotiated in late 1995. Of late, it largely has been frozen by suspicion, intransigence and corruption.

Nations overseeing the peace in Bosnia had said the 33 foreign ambassadorships had to be divided equally among Muslims, Croats and Serbs. The agreement was held up by each side's desire to secure the U.S. posting, considered the most influential.

Under the agreement Holbrooke negotiated, Serbs would appoint the ambassador to Washington, Muslims would name the ambassador to the United Nations and Croats would appoint an ambassador to Tokyo.

Officials also agreed to establish three telephone dialing codes for Bosnia — one for Sarajevo, one for the remainder of the Muslim-Croat federation and one for the Serb half of Bosnia. That clears the way for a \$68 million international loan to rebuild the telephone system.

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Friends all over

Australian traveler stops in Big Spring on six-month tour

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A teacher from Australia is soaking up American culture during a six-month vacation, including a visit this week to Big Spring.

"I keep in touch with people I meet," says Dianne Sullivan, 29, who lives in Darwin, in northern Australia.

While visiting Big Spring, she staying with local residents she met while on a 1995 Alaskan tour, and met some new friends.

"I prefer to stay with people I know," Sullivan explained. "When you are staying with someone, you get to see the country a bit more."

Although she has traveled extensively in Europe and made several organized trips, Sullivan has never spent six months vacationing. She's using her vacation time from her job as a teacher, but also taking a leave of absence.

The Australian school year is year-round, with four weeks off for "winter break" (during our

summer) and six weeks at Christmas (when you need the air conditioning), plus two one-week breaks at other times.

"I hurt my knee last year, was in a cast, and thought I'd use that 'holiday' to plan my holiday," Sullivan said. So she got out a map and began locating the homes of people she had met.

Traveling alone can be challenging, she said, but Sullivan enjoys meeting new people. Then she continues the friendships through letters.

"It can be difficult," she said. "Some don't write back soon, but some write often. But that is how you get to know about the world."

Her Christmas card list, Sullivan said, includes all of her vacation friends.

"I have heaps," she said. On Wednesday, she was visiting with Dorothy Kennemur at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, taking in a line dancing class and meeting lots of local residents.

Soon she will head for New York, where she will join a



Dianne Sullivan, left, is introduced to Virginia Davidson by Dorothy Kennemur Wednesday at the Spring City Senior Center.

camping trip that comes back across the U.S., stopping in Arizona and Texas among other states. Her next five months

will include visits to Canada, Washington, Los Angeles and New Zealand.

"I found Texas really friend-

ly," Sullivan said. And her travel philosophy means she'll probably return home with more new friends.

Housing unit helps elders raising kids

BOSTON (AP) — The parents are dead, on drugs, in jail, off where nobody knows. And grandma is left to raise her grandchildren.

With the number of such families skyrocketing nationally, Boston is constructing what's billed as the nation's first public housing for grandparents raising their grandchildren.

"Grandfamilies House," a complex of 26 apartments, will be handicapped accessible for the elders and toddler-proof for the youngsters. Developers said it will offer a network of support for families struggling with some very different generational needs.

"I think this is a miracle," said Elizabeth Hicks, 58, who is raising her three grandchildren — two by her son, one by her daughter.

Her 12-year-old granddaughter Asia Harris has lived with her since she was three days old.

"Her mother said, 'Will you baby-sit a couple hours?' I've had her since," Hicks said at the groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday.

Hicks said she is glad this special home will be available if she needs it. Hicks, whose vision and kidneys have been impaired from diabetes, said Asia often worries about her health.

"She tells me, 'Oh, grandmother, please don't die,'" Hicks said. "Please don't let anything happen to you."

An estimated 1.5 million American children are being raised by their grandparents, from the inner cities to rural farm towns. That's up from about 1 million children in 1990.

The American Association of Retired Persons said another 2.5 million children live in a grandparent-headed household that also has a parent living with them. The parent is virtu-

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Ecumenical pacts go to Lutheran vote later this month

By DAVID BRIGGS
AP Religion Writer

Call it the summer of church love.

In a remarkable series of ecumenical agreements, three major Reformed churches and the Episcopal Church have approved pacts that would allow them to share the Communion table and the pulpit with Lutherans.

The pressure is now on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which begins its biennial convention in Philadelphia next week, to set in motion the historic changes to heal the centuries-old split among the heirs to the Reformation.

"If it's passed ... Calvin and Luther would turn over in their graves and rejoice," says the Rev. Eugene Turner, chief ecumenical officer of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

And if the Lutherans say no? "This would drive a nail into the coffin of ecumenism," says William Franklin, a professor of modern Anglican studies at General Theological Seminary in New York.

Martin Luther and John Calvin shared many concerns in common — from an emphasis on the authority of the Bible to the belief people are justified by faith alone — during the 16th-century period when the Reformation spread throughout Europe.

But the huge split in Christianity quickly widened into a flood of competing beliefs, and the heat of the Reformation produced mutual anathemas among competing Protestant churches, as well as between them and the Catholic Church.

Over in England, the Anglican Church emerged during the reign of King Henry VIII. Reformation influ-

ences would later take hold, but the initial declaration of independence from papal control was done more to establish the authority of the state over the church. The king himself won a papal title as Defender of the Faith for an anti-Lutheran polemic.

That is why representatives of the five churches use words like "remarkable" and "historic" to describe the new agreements in which the churches reject past condemnations in favor of "full communion."

In the Lutheran-Reformed pact, the ELCA, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Church of America would recognize the validity of each other's clergy and permit ministers from one denomination to serve in other denominations.

They also would recognize the validity of baptisms performed in any of the four churches and encourage the sharing of the Eucharist among church members.

In the Lutheran-Episcopal concordat, the churches would not only recognize the validity of each other's ordained ministers, but participate in the installation of each other's bishops "as a sign of the unity and apostolic continuity of the whole church."

So far, the agreements have won overwhelming approval from the Reformed and Episcopal churches.

The 2.7 million-member Presbyterian Church and the 400,000-member Reformed Church in America approved the agreements in June, and in July only an estimated 10 of the 700 delegates to the 1.5 million-member United Church of Christ meeting voted against the agreement.

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God's voice, His word speak loud and clear

A Little Leaguer, smaller than all the rest of his teammates, was seldom given the opportunity to play because of his size.

One day he was called upon to go to the plate to bat. As he walked to the batter's box, his too-big helmet swiveled on his head, like one of those dog heads that you used to see sitting in the back windows of cars.

The noise level rose as people from all over the field began chattering. His teammates and coaches yelled, "Get a hit, Tommy!" The opposing players hollered, "You can't hit!"

There was one voice that was heard above all others. His mother called out, "Come on, Tommy. You can do it. You're a hitter!" When Tommy heard that voice, he stopped and looked at the crowd where his mother sat and said, "Who me?"

On this day, Tommy's bat connected with the ball. As he ran to first, the ball was overthrown and he was able to advance to second. Then the ball was overthrown twice more and he found himself heading toward home plate.

Between third base and home, the unmistakable voice of his mother was heard again above the myriad of voices that were telling him to run. "Tommy tuck in that shirt tail!" Tommy stopped dead in his tracks.

With so many different voices coming at him from so many different directions, it isn't any wonder that Tommy was confused about which voice to listen to. But then, that is the way it is with so many people. We are flooded everyday with messages that each tries to per-

suade us of its priority. The voices of materialism, hedonism, and hedonism all promise us happiness and even purpose and meaning in life.

Sadly, there seems to be one voice that is increasingly being ignored in our society — the voice of God. God speaks today through the Bible. But people, like little Tommy, are confused about what voice to listen to.

A recent survey by Tyndale House Publishers, indicated that 90 percent of frequent

Bible readers feel at peace all or most of the time. This is in contrast to just 58 percent of those who read the Bible less than once a month. The study also showed that 92 percent of regular Bible readers say that their lives have a clear purpose and meaning. Only 69 percent of non-Bible readers made the same claim.

This survey is significant in that it confirms what the Bible has claimed all along — that the Bible, as the Word of God, touches people's lives as nothing else in the world can.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The Bible is the revelation of the mind and will of our Creator. His voice speaks loud and clear in the midst of so many divergent voices of society today.

Many are confused. They ask, "What is the meaning of life? Where can I find happiness? What really is the right thing to do?" All who will open their minds to the truth in the Bible will find that there is no confusion as to what voice to listen to. Sometimes, as little Tommy discovered, it is best to listen to a voice other than your mother. But in life, let there be no confusion — it is always best to listen to the voice of the Father.

Russell Mullins is minister for Coahoma Church of Christ.



Russell Mullins
Guest Columnist

CHURCH NEWS

Baker's Chapel

Baker's Chapel Methodist Church will have a bake sale Saturday at Wal-Mart. There will be cakes, pies, cookies and many more goodies. Come out and get your sweets for Sunday dinner.

The sale will start at 8 a.m. until everything is gone. Proceeds will support church programs.

Promise Keepers

There is a Promise Keepers meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Miracle Revival Church, off of FM 700. There will be a time of prayer and fellowship.

Those that have not registered for the Promise Keepers meeting in Dallas on Oct. 24-25, better call in!

First United Methodist Church

Dr. Lynn Moore, district superintendent for the United Methodist Church, will present the message this Sunday, Aug. 10, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about strengthening Christian life. Church services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m., and there are Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children.

Our "home page" is <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

All visitors and new residents of Big Spring welcome.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Pastoral Care Committee will have a meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Sunday services will continue at 9:30 a.m. until Aug. 31. We will resume the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Christian Education and the 10:30 a.m. services again on Sept. 7 and 14.

First Baptist Church of Ackerly

There will be "A Concert of Praise" with Jake Merrick and Family at the First Baptist Church of Ackerly Sunday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m. There will be fellowship time in the dining room. Everyone is welcome.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

An enquiry program into Catholic teaching and the Catholic Church will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fifth Street in Coahoma, beginning in late September.

It will be an informal weekly "chit-chat" for anyone who is in any way interested in the Catholic Church — from the person of no religious persuasion to the once Catholic who wants to catch up. No commitment is made or expected as one enters the program.

For more information call Fr. Murphy, M.S.C. at 267-4124 or Mary Franco at 394-4974.

CrossRoads Community Fellowship

CrossRoads Community Fellowship will host a youth concert Saturday at 7 p.m. Guest will be Van Carter from Corpus Christi, former worship leader at Padre Island Baptist Church.

He will share in song and testimony at the event, at 3401 E. 11th place, at FM-700. Call 264-

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TIPS FOR LIVING

Credit card shopping suggestions

(NAPS) To help keep your credit cards safe, heed the following tips from AT&T Universal Card Services:

- Keep your sales receipts and compare to your statements.
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- If after making a purchase, you find that a mistake has been made, request a credit slip from the merchant and keep it on file.
- When using your card in crowded stores, guard your account number from prying eyes.
- Never give your credit card to someone who calls you on the phone. You can't be sure who they really are.
- Report lost or stolen cards immediately.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Deadline for Family of the Year nominations approaching

"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.

THE LAST WORD

Repartee: Any reply that is so clever it makes the listener wish he had said it himself.

Elbert Hubbard

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CLUB NEWS

DAV Chapter No. 47
The Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, O'Neal-Kunkle, was reorganized on July 28 with a meeting at the VA Medical Center.

The meeting was conducted by Department Inspector Dick Serrasin, of the Disabled American Veterans. The new officers are: Commander - Rolan Covington, Sr., Vice - Carl Knappe, Jr. Vice - Ross White; Adj./Treas. - Don Scheiber; Chaplain - Omar Cashon.

The ladies from the auxiliary prepared a cake and refreshments for out-going Commander Rocky Vieira. His wife was presented with a hanging plant.

The next meeting will be on Aug. 18, at the VA Medical Center, room 212, at 6:30 p.m. Anybody seeking information about becoming a member of Disabled American Veterans call 263-5163 after 2 p.m.

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Also last month, the General Convention of the 2.5 million-member Episcopal Church overwhelmingly sanctioned the Lutheran-Episcopal concordat.

Now it is up to the 5.2 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - which probably will vote Aug. 18 or 19 - with observers saying it is uncertain whether there is enough support for the necessary two-thirds approval. In non-binding votes taken in the church's 65 synods, 15 regional groups expressed their opposition to the Episcopal pact.

The theological sticking points trace back to the Reformation.

In the case of the Lutheran-Reformed pact, there is concern about sharing Communion when Lutherans believe in the objective presence of Christ in the blood and wine of the sacrament, while Reformed Churches have emphasized the presence of Christ in the community gathered by the Holy Spirit.

In the Episcopal-Lutheran pact, Lutherans are wary of Anglican belief in the principle of apostolic succession, that Christian ministry directed by bishops can be traced back to the original apostles. That gives too much authority to the hierarchy, some Lutherans say.

The more conservative 2.6 million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod already has expressed concerns about the future of inter-Lutheran unity if the ELCA approves the ecumenical pacts.

"If adopted, this action would represent a contradiction of essential doctrinal truths that Lutherans have confessed as points that cannot be compromised or surrendered, under any circumstances, at any cost, since the time of the Lutheran Reformation," said the Rev. A.L. Barry, president of the Missouri Synod.

The Rev. Daniel F. Martensen, ELCA ecumenical officer, said that while they do not agree on all aspects of theological life, the differences are no longer considered great enough to continue to divide the churches.

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0734 for more information.

First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church is planning its annual barbecue for Sunday, Aug. 24 after the 11 a.m. service in the fellowship hall.

As usual this year, the barbecue will stretch into a weekend-long event, including an all day gathering with music, visiting and picnicking on Saturday, Aug. 23. Call the church at 263-4211 for more information.

Church news is due Wednesday at noon for Friday publication

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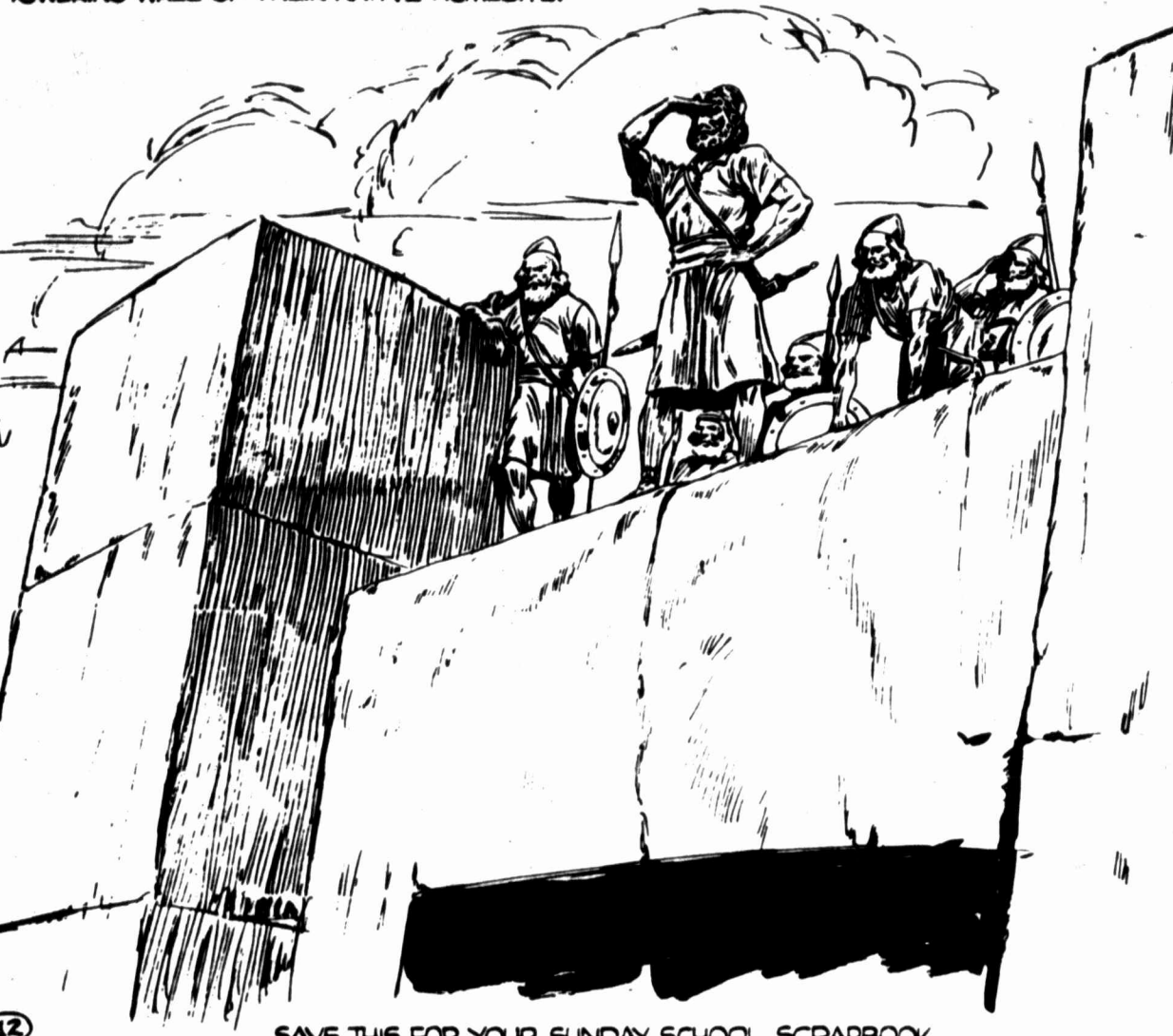
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Co-workers find they are sisters split by adoption

DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — Co-workers for three years, Jolie Giese and Merrilee Woeber discovered they share much more than a workplace — they are sisters separated by adoption 50 years ago.

"We're still shocked, we're still totally numb from it," Giese said Monday. "I think someone said it's time that you find each other. That can be the only way that something like this could possibly happen."

The two made the connection in May when a group of workers at MCI Telecommunications were comparing complexions. Someone suggested Giese was Italian because of her olive skin.

"Not me. I was a Dunn," Giese, 51, recalled saying. "I must be Irish."

Woeber, 50, responded that she was a Dunn as well and joked, "Maybe we're cousins."

They laughed until Giese, who had been adopted, told Woeber that her birth mother's name was Lenore Dunn, the same name as Woeber's mother.

"There were about 12 people sitting around with their mouths dropped down to their knees," Giese said Monday.

Their mother died in 1962, and Woeber's father died in 1974. Giese's father is listed as unknown on her adoption papers.

Records show that Woeber's father, Chester Anderson, was away in the military when Giese was born. Woeber was born 15 months later in 1947, the year Anderson and Lenore Dunn were married.

Giese learned her birth mother's name when she was given her adoption papers by her mother.

"The last thing I thought is that a (sister) would be sitting just outside my door."

'Neighborhood' back in housing developments

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — The American front porch is back. Houses crowd narrow streets again. Leafy alleys lead to garages in the rear. Surprises are around almost every corner, from the edge of town to the village green.

Everything old is new again in a growing style of development across the country. Known as neotraditional towns, they are revolting against generations of suburban sameness and trying to reshape how we live.

"Before the 1880s, why did things look so good?" asks Joe Alfandre, master builder of the Kentlands development in Gaithersburg, amid Washington's sprawl.

"There was a language to it. That's what I think we've brought back."

They're trying, anyway, at Disney's new Celebration community in Orlando, Harbor Town in Memphis, Tenn., Northwest Landing in Du Pont, Wash., and some 150 other places.

"There's no way you can't know your neighbor," says Gaithersburg city planning director Jennifer Russel.

It may be too soon to know how well these places can move beyond experimental bubbles to rooted neighborhoods. They necessarily lack what the new urban thinking calls the "patina of age."

"We really don't have any proof that people in a (neo)traditional neighborhood know their neighbors more," said Joseph Molinaro, director of land development services at the National Association of Home Builders.

"New towns built from scratch take a while to mature."

What they may present to outsiders is a friendlier face than the gated communities that are gaining another prominent niche in the nation's housing.

With the rise of the suburb, the old language of neighborhoods gave way to zoning and the building economies of repetition. If that exacted a price in style and up-close sociability, it also made home ownership affordable to millions.

Over time, back yards expanded for living and front yards expanded for distance from the street. Cul-de-sacs formed. Porches vanished. Garages came to dominate many streetscapes.

Enter the neotraditional pioneers, like Miami architect Andres Duany.

When Duany came to Gaithersburg to meet city officials, he had a vision of a community inspired by ideals of the past.

Dismissing the suburbs as "cartoons of planning," he also had a bit of an attitude.

"Duany was going to save us from suburbia and ourselves," Russel said dryly.

"He insulted us, and made us look inside ourselves. And it worked."

Harbor Town, on a three-mile-long sandbar just off the Memphis riverfront, has brought the neotraditional town concept downtown.

"It's a real movement from the back yard ... to the front," says Memphis real estate agent Jim Black, who shows houses in that bustling area ranging from the low \$100,000s to almost \$1 million.

"They created it so it would go back to the earlier times when people sat on their front porch and everything didn't revolve around the TV — or the computer. And sure enough, there is a lot of activity."

But Black says suburbanites may not be as isolated as neotraditionalists believe. "People are out just as much," he says of conventional neighborhoods. "There's a lot of children. People meet and interact."

HOUSING

Continued from page 7A. ally absent in many cases, the AARP said.

About 400 support groups offer advice to grandparents raising their children's children, although experts said Boston's housing development is unique.

Government and private dollars are contributing to the \$4 million housing complex, which is being built on the site of an abandoned nursing home in an inner-city Boston neighborhood.

For the seniors, there will be elevators, ramps and grab bars in the apartments, which are scheduled to open in a year. And for the children, there will be safety electrical outlets, window guards and storage areas for toxic household products.

Large bay windows will let grandparents keep watchful eyes on their youngsters playing in the park out back. Programs run by the YMCA will teach everything from computers to aerobics — to both age groups.

Residents will pay rents equal to 30 percent of their family income — in some cases that could be as much as \$375 a month. Of 50 child-rearing grandparents interviewed for a recent Boston study, all had incomes below \$15,000 a year.

Money isn't the only problem. Some seniors find their apartments won't allow young children. Others can't get food stamps or adequate medical care for the children.

Renee Woodworth, coordinator for the AARP's Grandparent Information Center, said most grandparents with live-in grandchildren are married and care for one or two children on average.

"All you have to be is a grandparent and have a child that needs you and you could find yourself in this situation," Woodworth said.

Fourteen-year-old Alexis Rabb — Hicks' other granddaughter — knows her grand-mother loves her but said facilities like Grandfamilies House help children like her know they are not alone.

Looking for classmates of 1952

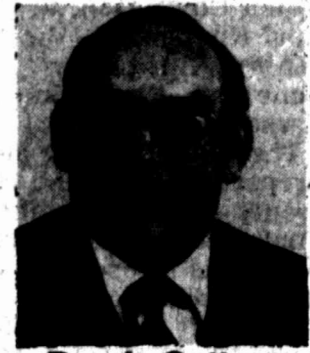
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Patriots coach sees exhibition with Cowboys needed challenge

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SMITHFIELD, R.I. — Teams don't use their best players much in early exhibition games. The New England Patriots still see this year's warmups against top clubs as a challenge.

Especially since their regular schedule includes only four games against teams that had losing records last season.

Tonight, the Patriots face the 1996 Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys after losing their first exhibition game to the 1997 Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers.

"I think it's fine," New England

coach Pete Carroll said Thursday. "We have an extremely difficult (regular-season) schedule and we need all the competition we can get."

The Cowboys won't be at full strength since running back Emmitt Smith and wide receiver Anthony Miller aren't expected to play and cornerback Deion Sanders is still with the Cincinnati Reds.

Quarterback Troy Aikman should play more than he did in the Cowboys' 34-27 loss to Oakland in their exhibition opener. But he only played two series — ending both with touchdown passes — in that game.

Still, using their new defensive system against successful teams helps,

linebacker Chris Slade said.

"We're playing four playoff teams right here in preseason," he said, "so it's going to give us a chance to really test ourselves and see where we are right now."

The Patriots last two exhibition games are against Denver and Philadelphia. Their four opponents had a combined record of 46-18 and each won at least 10 games last season. But the Patriots were 11-5 and made it to the Super Bowl, where they lost to the Packers 35-21.

"The Patriots are the AFC champions so it's a good chance for us to try out our skills," Dallas offensive guard Nate Newton said.

"We've got two games left before we cut 20 players from the team, so this game will be important," he said.

Carroll, who has had to deal with frequent questions about succeeding Bill Parcells, won't even be the most newsworthy coach in the game. He just wishes it happened a different way.

"In the circumstances," he said, "I don't think anybody's going to say that's nice."

But he could joke about the persistent talk of comparisons between himself and Parcells.

"Those comparisons are all put to rest now, right? So much time behind us," he said just one game into exhibi-

tion play. "I'm just part of the system here. I'm not trying to be the whole show."

"I'd rather have the attention on the game and the players that have to play the game."

He'd like improvement in the passing game and said quarterback Drew Bledsoe had a good week of practice after completing just 5-of-10 passes for 30 yards in the 7-3 loss to Green Bay.

Aikman is coming off a productive, if brief, performance.

"We did a nice job" despite losing to Oakland, he said. "We went out and moved the football and had some success. Now, we get an opportunity to improve on that."

Yankees thump Rangers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — David Cone decided he could kill the Texas Rangers with a slowdown game. He was right.

Working methodically, Cone allowed only three hits in seven-plus innings and Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams homered Thursday night as the Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 4-2 to split their two-game series.

"I was trying to make an adjustment to slow myself down," Cone said. "I've been really rushing and I just wanted to do something to counter that. I needed to worry about being more deceptive than about my velocity."

Cone added "after we got three runs I lost it a little. But in the middle innings I got in a good groove."

Cone (12-5) permitted two singles and a triple and struck out eight. He walked two, both of whom scored.

Yankee manager Joe Torre said whatever Cone did he's glad he did it.

"Cone had one inning he couldn't find the plate but he was alright after that," Torre said. "If you just give up three hits you should be able to enjoy the game. Cone always finds a way to get it done. That comes from confidence in yourself."

Cone was relieved in the eighth by Mike Stanton after allowing a leadoff triple to Domingo Cedeno. Stanton worked out of the jam without allowing a run before Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth and got his 34th save despite loading the bases.

Jeter ended a personal 75-game homer drought by leading off the game with an opposite field drive into the right-field stands. Jeter, who has five homers, hadn't hit one since May 9 against Kansas City.

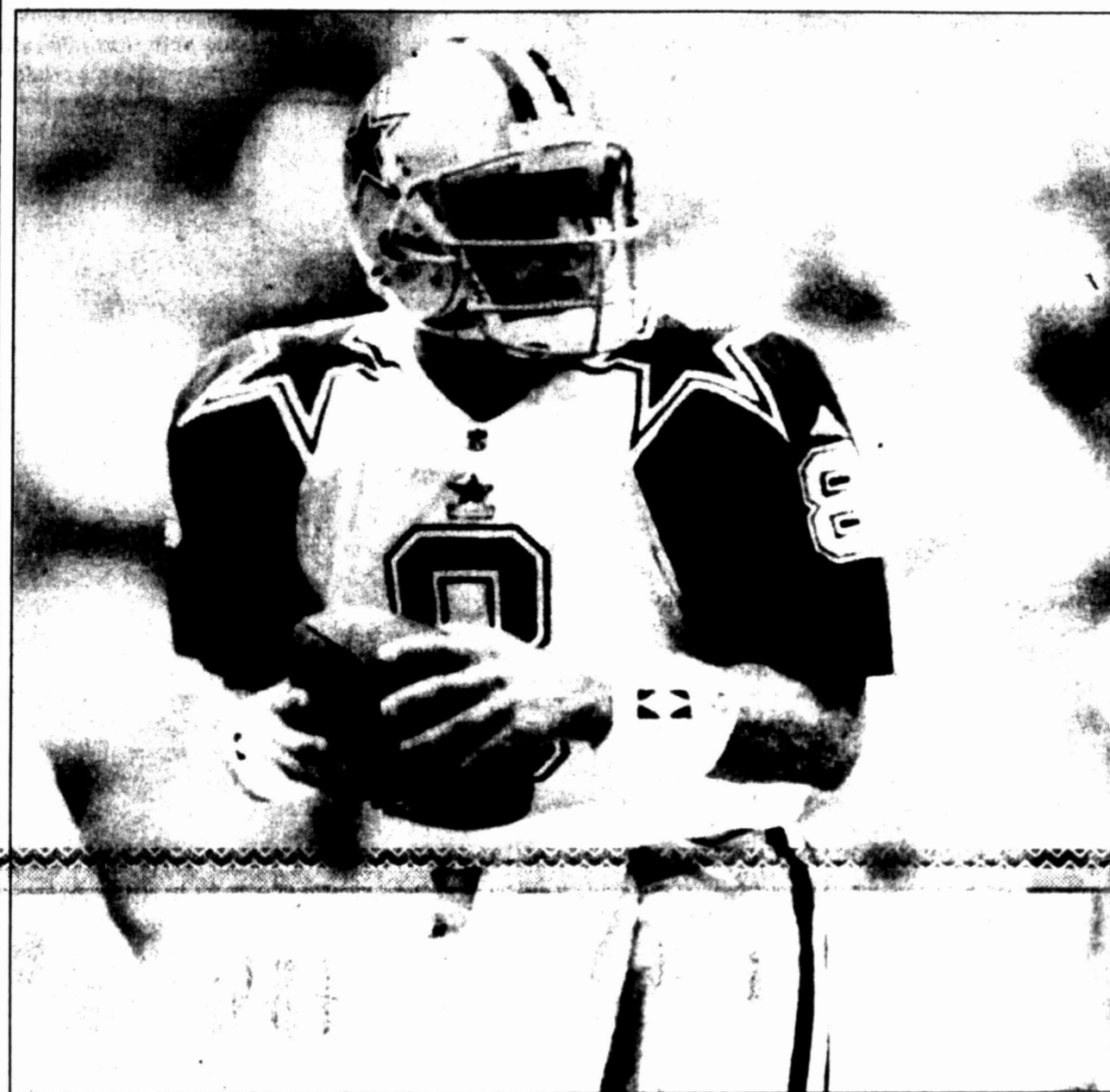
"I'm not a home run hitter but I guess I was overdue," Jeter said.

The Yankees made it 3-0 in the third inning off Bobby Witt (10-8) on Luis Sojo's single and Williams' 14th homer of the year. Witt went 6 1/3 innings and was touched for nine hits and four runs.

Cone's wildness got him in trouble in the second inning. He walked Warren Newson and Tom Goodwin and then wild pitched them to third and second. Mark McLemore brought them home with a sharp single to center.

The only other Texas hit came on an infield single by Lee Stevens in the seventh.

Aikman happy with team's progress



AP Laserphoto

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, shown in a file photo, is singing a different tune than at this time last year, when he repeatedly complained about the team's preseason schedule which had them travel weary, as well as distracted by several teammates off-the-field problems.

Knake shines, but there's no room

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Dallas Cowboys backup quarterback Max Knake impresses coach Barry Switzer. He impresses the receivers, and he impresses Troy Aikman.

But looking good in practice and throwing a touchdown pass in a preseason game are not likely to make the Cowboys suddenly think about carrying four quarterbacks.

"Max has done a great job for us," Switzer said. "But we carry three quarterbacks, and we've got them. That's it."

Sunday night, Knake, a native of McKinney, showed what he could do, completing 5-of-6 passes for 75 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown strike to Macey Brooks.

"It was a dream come true to throw a touchdown pass in Texas Stadium at the NFL level, even though it was a preseason game," Knake said.

Aikman was impressed.

"He's done a good job

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through camp," he said. "He had gotten virtually no reps prior to going into the preseason game last week and he played exceptionally well."

"With every throw, he was getting speared right in the forehead by a defender, so I think that says a lot about his toughness and ability to compete out there."

Aikman said Knake needs to keep showing what he can do so another team might pick him up.

"I think he's shown that he can play, but it's an unfortunate set of circumstances for him here in Dallas because we are pretty much solidified at that position," Aikman said.

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TOUGH CUTS: With two preseason games to play before the Cowboys must cut 20 players from the roster, Switzer said his hardest cuts may

come at defensive tackle.

Dallas has starters Tony Casillas and Chad Hennings who are currently backed up by Leonard Renfro and Hurvin McCormack. On the third team are the "twin towers" Darren Benson (6-7, 308) and Antonio Anderson (6-6, 318).

Waiting in the wings is Leon Lett, who will miss the first 12 games of the season.

It's doubtful the team will carry more than five tackles.

"Defensive tackle is a spot that's going to be really tough to cut from," Switzer said Thursday. "There's guys there who are pretty good players with some experience and there are young guys who you would hope could evolve into strong players."

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DEION BRUSHED BACK: Dallas Cowboys players were relieved to hear that Deion Sanders' injury after being hit with a pitch in the knee Wednesday night was just a bruise.

Finds training camp this year far superior to '96 nightmare

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AUSTIN — Barry Switzer's arrest this week on a gun charge was just the kind of thing that would have set off Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman last year.

Not now. There has been too much calm for this sudden storm to dampen Aikman's outlook. That's good news for the Cowboys.

Aikman was unhappy last year, and the team's season ended at Carolina in the second round of the playoffs after he threw three interceptions.

"I think we've had a real good camp," Aikman said, with a week left in Austin before the team returns to Valley Ranch.

"We have to continue to stay focused as we've done throughout the offseason," he said. "If we can do that and stay healthy, then I think we are going to have an exceptional year."

Flash back to this time a year ago.

Aikman was grumbling at Jerry Jones' "world tour" preseason schedule that had scrimmages in Austin and El Paso as well as road trips to Mexico and Orlando for exhibition games.

The quarterback complained that the team was more concerned about catching airplanes than footballs.

When time was available for workouts, there were barely enough bodies to take the field.

Offensive linemen Erik Williams, Mark Tuinei and Ray Donaldson were out most of camp rehabbing from off-season surgery.

Jay Novacek, Aikman's favorite third down target, was out with a bad back, and Deion Sanders was struggling at receiver between hamstring pulls and twirls in his Mercedes-style golf cart, complete with stereo and misting system.

Throw in the fact that Michael Irvin had just been suspended for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy and there seemed to be a permanent cloud hanging over the team.

"All of our problems started in camp last year," Aikman said. "We weren't ready for the season and, boom, we open 1-3."

This year, Aikman is like a kid with a bunch of new toys.

The Cowboys dumped under-sized Kevin Williams and signed former All-Pro receiver

Anthony Miller from Denver, drafted massive tight end David LaFleur (6-7, 280 pounds) and signed veteran tight end Scott Galbraith after starter Eric Bjornstrom struggled with injuries in Novacek's absence.

Emmitt Smith is healthy. Irvin, after threatening to retire, is having perhaps the best training camp of his career, and the offensive line appears fit, getting a shot of youth by replacing the 39-year-old Donaldson with second-year center Clay Shiver.

"I think we are going to have as good of a one-two receiver tandem in the league with Michael and Anthony," Aikman said.

"I think Emmitt's going to be better, the offensive line is going to be better around him, and I think that the passing game, which will help set up the running game, will be better."

Players say Aikman is more at ease.

"Troy's happy because people are healthy and there's a real focus on this team getting better every day in practice that hasn't been here for a year or so," Irvin said.

Aikman admits to having a terrible season last year. His completion percentage (63.7) was the lowest since 1990 (56.6), when the team went 7-9.

But perhaps more telling was his performance in the playoffs, a time when his game has always risen. He completed just 56.9 percent of his passes — down from his career playoff percentage of 66.5 — and threw four interceptions compared to one touchdown pass.

"You would kind of like to forget it," Aikman said. "The offense just never seemed to get in synch when we needed it most, and I take some of the blame."

"We didn't play to the talent that we have and it was a reflection on all of us. We were undisciplined. We had too many mental mistakes, too many illegal procedures, didn't connect on passes when we should have."

The thing that pleases Aikman most this year is the team's work ethic.

After he and a group of veterans, including Smith, Tony Tolbert, Daryl Johnston and Chad Hennings, pleaded with Jones to get tough on the discipline issue, Jones did.

The most glaring example came when Jones fined Switzer \$75,000 for carrying a loaded pistol into Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Villarreal signs with Southern Illinois

Maria Villarreal, a former Big Spring High School tennis standout, has signed to play her final two seasons of collegiate tennis at Southern Illinois University.

Villarreal played the past two seasons at Collin County Community College where she helped lead the team to second- and third-place team finishes at the NJCAA Division II championships.

She was an All-America selection in doubles this spring and was also named Collin County CC's scholar athlete of the year.

Villarreal and her Saluki teammates will open fall tennis play Sept. 19-21 at the Indiana Invitational.

Aguirre named to Mickey Allen squad

J.J. Aguirre, who will be a junior at Big Spring High School this fall, has been selected as the shortstop for the select team that is representing the Mickey Allen Baseball School at the Triple Crown World Series this weekend in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

He and his teammates were scheduled to open Series play at 10 this morning.

Aguirre first attended the Mickey Allen school three years ago as a student and has been a counselor for the past two summers.

BSHS season ticket sales under way

Season football tickets for Big Spring High School Steers games will continue through Aug.

15 for those who held season tickets last year.

The tickets are priced at \$20 per book for the five-game package. Ticket window hours are from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Any tickets not purchased by current season ticket holders will be made available to the general public Aug. 18-29.

Hunting permit applications accepted

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

Applications will be accepted by mail only.

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

A public drawing for the permits has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 17 at the field office located near the north end of the dam. Applicants are welcome to attend the drawing if they so desire.

For the 1997 season, only archery hunting will be allowed during both the archery and gun season on the Talpa WMA.

Both shotgun and archery hunting will be permitted on the Riverside WMA, but only during the gun season, Nov. 1 through Jan. 4.

Clemens, Neagle toss shutouts, continue to lead their leagues

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MAJOR LEAGUES

The complete games keep piling up and the ERA keeps going down for Roger Clemens, whose latest effort was another gem.

Clemens threw a five-hit shutout Thursday night, striking out 10 to pass the 200-mark for the season as the Toronto Blue Jays blanked the Cleveland Indians 4-0.

"I built myself to throw 130-pitch games," said Clemens (17-4), who threw 137 pitches, 81 for strikes. "I actually got stronger as the game went on."

"Those early runs were huge. It allowed me to pour it on against a team that hits as well as any."

And pour it on he did. After throwing 92 pitches through five innings, Clemens, who retired the final 13 batters in order, needed just 45 over the

final four frames. It was the 40th career shutout and the second this season for Clemens, who set a team record by reaching 202 strikeouts — four more than Dave Stieb's 1984 mark.

In other American League games, New York defeated Texas 4-2, Seattle edged Chicago 3-2, Oakland edged Milwaukee 5-4 in 13 innings, Boston downed Minnesota 7-6 and Detroit defeated Kansas City 8-4.

In the National League, Atlanta's Denny Neagle seems just as hot as Clemens. He improved his record to 16-2 as the Braves shut out St. Louis 3-0.

Elsewhere in the NL, it was Cincinnati 7, San Diego 0; Los Angeles

9, Montreal 4; Philadelphia 6, Houston 5; Pittsburgh 5, Florida 1; Chicago 6, San Francisco 3; and New York 12, Colorado 4.

Clemens, who walked three and lowered his major league-leading ERA to 1.69, collected his 11th 10-plus strikeout game of the season and the 77th of his career.

Shawn Green paced the offense with two hits, two runs and one RBI, leading the Blue Jays to just their fourth win in their last 13 games.

Mariners 3, White Sox 2

At Seattle, Ken Griffey Jr., who had only three homers in July, hit his second of August.

Griffey's 34th homer was a solo shot in the fifth inning that hit off the facade of the second deck in right field and gave Seattle a 3-0 lead.

Mike Blowers added a two-run

homer as the Mariners won for the fourth time in five games and moved within a half-game of first-place Anaheim in the AL West.

Athletics 5, Brewers 4

At Oakland, Rafael Bournival's RBI single over a drawn-in outfield in the 13th inning gave Oakland the victory after the A's blew a two-run lead in the ninth.

Ernie Young began the 13th with a leadoff double off Doug Jones (3-5) and moved to third on a groundout.

Milwaukee pulled its infielders in and positioned its outfielders a short distance from the edge of the infield dirt. Bournival then hit a fly ball that went over Jeff Huson's head in left.

Red Sox 7, Twins 6

At Minneapolis, Jeff Frye knocked in a run and scored twice as Boston

gained its fourth straight victory.

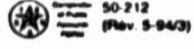
Six different players knocked in a run and Boston also scored on an error by Twins first baseman Scott Stahoviak to match its season-high winning streak for the sixth time.

Braves 3, Cardinals 0

The Atlanta Braves could have another Cy Young Award winner this season. And it might not be Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine or John Smoltz.

Right now, Neagle has the best record on the staff, to say nothing of the best record in the league.

Neagle continued his overpowering performance by pitching 7 2-3 scoreless innings, giving up five hits before leaving after Danny Sheaffer's two-out double in the eighth. Chad Fox came on and walked Willie McGee before striking out Mark McGwire to get out of the jam.



1997 Property Tax Rates in City of Forsan

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for City of Forsan. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

| Last year's tax rate: | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 11,175 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 11,175 |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 3,144,145 |
| Last year's total tax rate | \$.35541 /\$100 |

| This year's effective tax rate: | |
|---|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 11,153 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 3,432,084 |
| - This year's effective tax rate | \$.32496 /\$100 |

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| - Effective tax rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |

| | |
|---|------------------|
| x 1.03 - maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing | \$.33470 /\$100 |
|---|------------------|

| This year's rollback tax rate: | |
|--|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function) | \$ 11,153 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 3,432,084 |
| - This year's effective operating rate | \$.32496 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate | \$.35095 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| - This year's rollback rate | \$.35095 /\$100 |

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| - Rollback tax rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| + Additional rate for pollution control | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| - Rollback tax rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |



Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| General Fund | \$262,309 |

Schedule B

1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

| Description of Debt | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payment |
|---|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| (expand as needed) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total required for 1997 debt service | | | \$ | \$ -0- |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A | | | \$ | \$ |
| - Excess collections last year | | | \$ | \$ |
| - Total to be paid from taxes in 1997 | | | \$ | \$ |
| - State aid for facilities | | | \$ | \$ |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1997 | | | \$ | \$ |
| - Total Debt Levy | | | \$ | \$ |

Schedule C

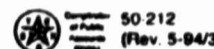
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ _____ in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex)

Name of person preparing this notice Kathy A Sayles
Title Tax Assessor Collector
Date prepared August 5, 1997



1997 Property Tax Rates in City of Coahoma

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for City of Coahoma. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

| Last year's tax rate: | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 86,691 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ -0- |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 86,691 |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 13,775,953 |
| Last year's total tax rate | \$.62929 /\$100 |

| This year's effective tax rate: | |
|---|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 86,048 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 13,875,091 |
| - This year's effective tax rate | \$.62016 /\$100 |

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| - Sales tax adjustment rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| - Effective tax rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |

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|---|------------------|
| x 1.03 - maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing | \$.63876 /\$100 |
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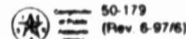
| This year's rollback tax rate: | |
|--|------------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function) | \$ 86,048 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 13,875,091 |
| - This year's effective operating rate | \$.62016 /\$100 |
| x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate | \$.66977 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | \$ -0- /\$100 |
| - This year's rollback rate | \$.66977 /\$100 |

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| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
|---------------------------|---------|
| General Fund | 233,600 |

Schedule B

1997 Debt Service

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| Description of Debt | Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes | Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes | Other Amounts to be Paid | Total Payment |
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| (expand as needed) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total required for 1997 debt service | | | \$ | \$ -0- |
| - Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A | | | \$ | \$ |
| - Excess collections last year | | | \$ | \$ |
| - Total to be paid from taxes in 1997 | | | \$ | \$ |
| - State aid for facilities | | | \$ | \$ |
| + Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1997 | | | \$ | \$ |
| - Total Debt Levy | | | \$ | \$ |

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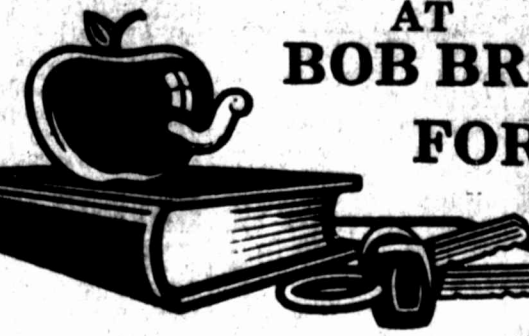
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MAINTENANCE MAN needed for apartment complex. Must have own tools, able to do make ready, and all types of maintenance. Must have a/c & heating knowledge. Can be part-time. Send resume to: P.O. Box 710, Big Spring, Texas. #7838

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has openings in the following areas:
• RN in the Emergency Room 7am-7pm.
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We offer competitive wages and an excellent benefits package with 401(k) retirement. Applications may be picked up at the switchboard from 7am to 9pm and returned to the switchboard. No Phone Calls!
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Registered Nurse for the position of Branch Director for a growing homehealth agency. Applicant must be motivated, professional, strong leadership skill and public relation abilities.

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REQUIREMENTS ARE: 23 years old with 2 years semi driving experience of completion of an accredited truck driver school, CDL with haz-mat and tanker endorsements, pass, DOT and company requirements. We will help train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry.

Apply in person at STEERE TANK LINES INC., 1200 ST. Hwy 176, Phone #915/263-7656. #7806

Help Wanted for Day Shift. Apply between 8:00-11:00 or 1:00-5:00. Burger King, 800 W. I-20. #7737

Seeking experienced Escrow Officer / Secretary for Title & Abstract Company in Midland. Salary DOE. Please call 915-687-3355. #7806

Town & Country Food Store. Part time position open. Able to work all shifts. Apply at 1101 Lamesa Hwy. EOE. Drug test required. #7604

ACT NOW! AVON avg. \$8-\$15/hr. Benefits, flex hrs. 1-800-557-2866 ind/rep. #7641

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Needed in Big Spring and surrounding areas to help with housekeeping and personal care. For more information call 1-800-665-4471 or 915-643-5804. #7801

Large Property Management Company is looking for a full-time maintenance technician for apartments in Big Spring. Experience required in the following areas: Painting, Plumbing, & HVAC. Must be willing to be on call at night and on weekends. We offer excellent benefits. Apply in person at Bentree Apartments, #1 Courtney Place, M-F, 9:00-11:30am & 1:30-5:00pm. #7672

DRIVERS - TST Paraffin Service Co. (Div. of Yale Key) Looking for Truck Driver with CDL Licensed with less than 3 tickets in 5 years. Will have to pass DOT Physical and Drug Test. Must be 21 years old. Will take applications at the Stanton and Lamesa offices or call 1-800-522-0474 or 756-2975. Benefits include: Health Insurance, Uniform furnished, Profit Sharing Plan, 1 week vacation, after 1 year employment, 2-week vacation after 2 year employment. Will train qualified applicants with oil field experience. #6928

Waitress Needed: Must be 18, work split-shifts Mon-Sat. Apply at Red Mesa Grill, 2401 Gregg. #6907

DELTA LOANS \$100 TO \$366.86 Se Habla Espanol 115 E. 3rd. 268-9090 Ph. Apps Welcome. #7830

LOANSS/LOANSS \$100.00 TO \$435.00 CALL OR COME BY Security Finance 204 S. Goliad 267-4591 Phone applications welcome SE HABLA ESPANOL #7826

For Sale, 8N Ford tractor, good condition & tires. \$2,300. Call after 5p.m. weekday, 267-1927. #8073

SPECIAL HORSE, SADDLE & TACK AUCTION Sat. Aug. 9th, 1:00pm. Horse commission 5%, no fee. Everyone welcome to buy sell or visit. Lance Folsom 806-792-5919 or 740-5262. #8030

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9 mo. old Registered Rothweiler female. Great disposition, loving personality. \$300. FIRM. Daytime 263-7351. Afternoon 263-8741. #8047

FREE to good inside home. Adult long-haired Chihuahuas. 1 male, 1 female. 263-3877. #8104

MAHOGANY SABLE smooth coat collie. Found abandoned, needs lots of TLC. Call 267-4165. #8063

FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE Helps you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Purebred rescue information. 263-3404 daytime. #7807

King size waterbed wheater. Good condition. \$150. 267-1446 after 6p.m. #8034

REAL ESTATE NOTE buyer. Call Sun Country Investments for prompt & courteous service. 915-620-0088. #8077

16 Ft. (sides) utility trailer, tandem axle. Like new. \$1,000. 263-1952. #8009

COLLEGE STUDENTS wanting to buy a bicycle and a small microwave for dorm room. Call 263-3830, leave your number, we'll call you. #7997

STORE FIXTURES for sale. J & L Emporium. 264-9313. #7991

Original Soul Food mouth watering recipes! For Details send self addressed stamped envelope to Eco Enterprises PO Box 157 Newtonville, NJ 08846. #7854

New window Evap. coolers \$199. to \$335. We now have new side cut models. Branham Furniture **2004 W. 4th + 263-1469. #7751

25% off all books - 50% off selected items in the museum gift shop. 510 Scurry 267-8255. #7626

CREATIVE CELEBRATIONS 20th Anniversary Discounts Cakes, Flowers, Arches & Abras 267-8191. #7633

DOG DIP Saturday, Aug. 2nd, 9th & 16th 2:00-4:00 pm Only! Pet Connection 4510 S. Hwy. 87 No Check! #7807

Trumpet, like new. Used 2 yrs. Paid \$500. Asking \$250. 263-4397 after 6p.m. #8036

HOT TUBS/SPAS-No Money Down-No Interest or payments for 3 months-Delivery available. 563-3108. #8025

CLOSE OUT PRICES ON all above ground pools. Save big on available stock left-financing and installation available. 563-3108. #8023

1 BUY pedal cars. Call Mike at 210-997-2933. #8085

35 Acre Farm for sell 10 ac. in field. 20 GPW well. \$37,000. Call after 4:00 263-7030. #8080

Office Unit for sale. Call Jeff Hatfield. 1-800-725-0881. 363-0881. #8059

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 4/bedroom, 2 1/2 bathrooms, 2 car garage, 2 living areas, laundry room, patio, cinderblock fence on large corner lot in Highland South. 263-1246/263-1126. #7832

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For Sale: Two-story Office building in downtown Big Spring, 3,620 sq. ft. Call 267-7648 leaves message if no answer. #8107

CARPORPTS AT factory direct prices-starting at \$39.00 a month-financing and installation available. 563-3108. #8028

FOR RENT car lot 700 E. 4th. (formerly Enterprise Car Rental) Call 263-4884. #7010

FOR SALE: Cemetery Plot in Trinity Memorial Park. \$500. (903) 984-4518. #8109

Space 1 & 2. Lot 782, Section MACHPELAN. Trinity Memorial Park. Fair offer! 405-369-2325, Mr. Moore. #8105

Owner finance possible, 1205 Wood. 2/1, CHA. Must See \$25,000. Low interest. 267-6584. #8068

FOR SALE doublewide trailer, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, in Forsan School District. 2367-2160. #7999

For sale 420 Dallas. 2 bdrm 1 bath with large utility room & garage. Please call 267-6643. #7709

1406 E. 14th 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, carpet & auto heat. \$300 dn., \$235/Mo. Must have excellent credit history. 806-794-5864. #7834

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GARAGE SALE. Fri. & Sat. 10am-dark. Lots of clothes, adult, teens, childrens, books, knick-knacks, little bit of everything. 1108 Derrick Road off Midway Road. #8057

For Sale: Large 4 bedroom. Newly remodeled. \$20,000. Call 263-1681. #7934

CAMPESTRE ESTATES NEAR COUNTRY CLUB 7.4 Acres Beautiful view from Lrg. covered patio in this brick 3 bd/ 2 bth, wb firepl., CHIA. Plnty of storage 2 car garage. For sale by owner. 267-4003 or 263-8690. #7726

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New 16ft. car hauler / utility trailer w/breaks, ramps. \$1550. New 4ft. x8ft. Lawnmower till trailer. \$500. 267-6347. #8048

Efficiency in rear 1806 Main. Suitable for one. Utilities paid. \$280 month \$100 deposit. 267-2239. #7936

Outside city on private lot 2bd furn. mobile home. \$325/mo + dep. 267-6347. #7981

Female student wants to share 2bd 2bath Apt. NS/Pets New Carpet & Appl. Pool & Laun. \$215/mo \$75 dep. Quiet & resp. Stephanie 512-448-3695 after 5:30. #7713

WHY PAY RENT-Storage buildings starting at \$49.00 a month-Delivery and installation available. 563-3108. #8024

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Forsans 2 bedroom 1 bath house fenced yard and carport. \$275 plus deposit. 267-3848. #7776

BABYSITTING in my home. Meals provided. All hours. 263-8539. #8008

Only four (4) openings for your infant-3 yr. old. Cared for with love and experience. Call Amy 267-6180. #8006

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1976 CHEV. PU, 3 spd. on the column. Asking \$1200.00. Call 264-1138. #8114

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24' tall Scopable Deer Blind, 12 volt. lights & phone hookup; 14' Trihull boat w/70 HP engine. 404 West 7th. #8101

'75 CARAVELLE 18ft. walk-thru. 165 HP. Inboard, merc. cruiser. 393-5771. #8129

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CHIHHUAHUA PUPPIES for sale! (Snyder). (915)753-8080. #8133

COUNTRY LIVING. 2 br, 1 bath and 3 br, 2 bath. Deposit & References. Call 267-5622. #8124

Drivers-Flatbed \$1000 Sign-On Bonus! NEW Pay Package! Monthly Bonus Program! Need CDL-A & 6 mos OTR ECKMiller 800-611-8836. Owner Operators also welcome. #8112

EQUIPMENT OPERATORS truck drivers, diesel mechanic. Call Don at 720-1523. #8115

Family Yard Sale. Sat. 8-7 11th. Lots of clothes & misc. #8128

FOR SALE: Lg. woodburning BBQ/smoker; 15ft. Alum. canoe; Lg. sectional couch w/sleeper; Day bed w/frame; Microwave; Gun Cabinet; Stereo & speakers. Call 267-1838. #8111</

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 9: Abundance, overindulgence and excess reign in this intense year. You won't know if you're coming or going half the time, nor will you have much time to consider it. This is a nonstop action year, and you have both the energy and restlessness to maintain the pace. Sports, education and travel are favored. If you are single, you can count on a spicy, turbulent love life. Expect to fight, kiss and make up, sometimes all in a moment! If attached, it will take a lot of optimism and caring on both ends to maintain an even keel. Accent nonjudgmental communication. SCORPIO incites you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-

Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) A partner blows his fuse and lets you know how angry he is, whether at you or something else. Ride it out, and avoid responding in kind. His feelings will subside quicker if you disengage. Take off on your own, to enjoy the day. Tonight: Trip the light fantastic.*** TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Expect the unexpected from a loved one. Your help is needed; the sooner you lend a hand, the sooner you can get on with things. Accept an invitation that comes in the late afternoon. It could be the break you've been needing. Tonight: Go for the duration.*** GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A child acts up as the day begins. Take a brief timeout to

let him cool down. A late-afternoon departure, mini vacation or overnight trip suits the rest of the weekend perfectly. Escape, while the energy favors it. Tonight: Hit the road.*** CANCER (June 21-July 22) Sleep late, or enjoy a leisurely morning. You won't get inspired until early evening anyway, when you will be ready for anything. Plan on a barbecue or block party. The more people, and the more informal, the more fun. Tonight: Friends pitch in and help you clean up.*** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The more you enjoy drama, the more you'll like this day. Follow your own drumbeats, if you desire a low-key form of recreation. Others create chaos; you might even be elected to

mediate between sparring factions. Tonight: Be with the sanest people you know.*** VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Finances are full of surprises, not all of them good. Check accounts; dig deep if necessary. You don't need the aggravation a mistake could bring. By late afternoon, you have all under control. It's time to officially start your weekend. Tonight: Throw caution to the wind.*** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take off early, and bypass responsibilities. If you don't get away, you are sure to be detained by someone's problems or have your time monopolized. You dance through the evening, boosted by news of a financial win. Tonight: It could be romantic.*** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) After an initially slow start, the day blooms like a fabulous flower. You are the darling of all who encounter you. Make plans to get together with a lively bunch. There's no telling what could happen. Tonight: Extend the happy hour.*** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A day of pampering is at hand. Your nerves are on edge; you overdid earlier in the week, and it's catching up with you. Moderation and relaxation are the key words. Swim, work on your tan or sleep - nothing more strenuous is advised. Tonight: Go to bed early.*** CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Until late afternoon, you are well-advised to attend to routine matters. Run errands, clean the house, sort through paperwork and clear your desk. The fun that starts after the sun goes down is unlikely to end early. Tonight: You are the life of the party.*** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You take indulgence to new heights, whether with friends, a significant other or a lover. The spirit of adventure reigns. Enjoy a golf or tennis match. Don't believe everything you hear, but don't immediately discount it either. Tonight: You reach romantic nirvana.*** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Last-minute work projects occupy the early part of the day. You can complete wallpapering or refinishing furniture with a little concentration. Treat yourself later on, when a friend invites you out for dancing or music. Tonight: Sing all the way.***

Blood donors are also urged to join bone marrow registry

DEAR ABBY: Our community is currently rallying support for a 10-year-old who has cancer. We have orchestrated many blood drives in her honor. However, at the City of Hope hospital in Duarte, Calif., and the Red Cross blood donating centers, we've encountered the same situation: Not one person who has donated blood was ever asked if he or she would like to be put on the bone marrow registry. I had to ask the person drawing my blood several times to be placed on this list. It seemed to be a problem for them.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

I want your readers to know that if you donate blood, there are no additional needles to get your bone marrow registered. To get on the registry, you must allow them to draw a little more blood - without any additional needles. Also, while donating blood, it's important to sign up for the blood platelets donation. People with cancer need platelets desperately. I think it's inexcusable that people who draw blood from other people don't explain how easy it is to get on the bone marrow registry. It's also inexcusable to me that they don't explain the need for platelets. There's no better charity than donating blood to hospitals that treat children for cancer. You can even receive a \$5 gift certificate, which you can then give to any child currently under the care of the hospital. This allows the child to go to the gift shop and purchase a magazine or cartoon coloring book. Thank you very much, Abby, for your attention to this matter. Please help spread the word about donating blood and the bone marrow registry. JIM MULLIGAN, GLENDALE, CALIF.

DEAR MR. MULLIGAN: Thank YOU, for an important letter. After reading it, I made inquiries about it with both the Red Cross and City of Hope. A media representative from the Red Cross informed me that "donors wishing to be placed on the bone marrow registry must have their blood tested for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) type, and sign a consent form allowing his or her name to be placed on the bone marrow registry. This HLA-type testing is NOT performed on WHOLE blood donors, which may have been the reason he (Mr. Mulligan) was not made aware of the bone marrow registry at the time. It is performed, however, on apheresis donors.

"Apheresis, available at most Red Cross blood donor centers, is a special kind of blood donation enabling the collection of platelets. Blood donors who want to learn more about apheresis donation should call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to find their nearest Red Cross Blood Center. Once their blood is HLA-typed, and their consent is given, they will be registered as potential bone marrow donors." Charles M. Balch, M.D., the president and chief executive officer of the City of Hope, had this to say: "The policy of City of Hope Donor Center is to ask each blood donor if he or she would also like to register with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). This is done when the donor first arrives, and then again during the medical screening. In addition, the donor registration area contains signage with information on registering with the NMDP."

"However, despite efforts to inform blood donors of the NMDP, oversights can happen. If the individual who contacted you was not asked if he wished to join the NMDP registry, it was an oversight on our part. We are currently in the process of taking steps to ensure that our policy is followed without exception. In addition, we're planning to redesign the donor center canteen/waiting area to create a more effective visual presentation of all our donor programs. As a pioneer of one of the world's largest bone marrow transplantation centers, we support the efforts, and understand the importance of the NMDP."

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1997 Property Tax Rates in Howard County

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for Howard. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Table with 4 columns: General Fund, Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund, Special Road/Bridge Fund. Rows include Last year's tax rate, Last year's operating taxes, Last year's debt taxes, Last year's total taxes, Last year's tax base, Last year's total tax rate.

Table with 4 columns: General Fund, Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund, Special Road/Bridge Fund. Rows include This year's effective tax rate, Last year's adjusted taxes, This year's adjusted tax base, This year's effective tax rate for each fund.

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Table with 4 columns: General Fund, Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund, Special Road/Bridge Fund. Rows include This year's rollback tax rate, Last year's adjusted operating taxes, This year's adjusted tax base, This year's effective operating rate, 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate, This year's debt rate, This year's rollback rate for each fund, This year's total rollback rate.

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Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances, Schedule B 1997 Debt Service, Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax, Schedule D State Criminal Justice Mandate. Includes various tables and text for property tax reporting.

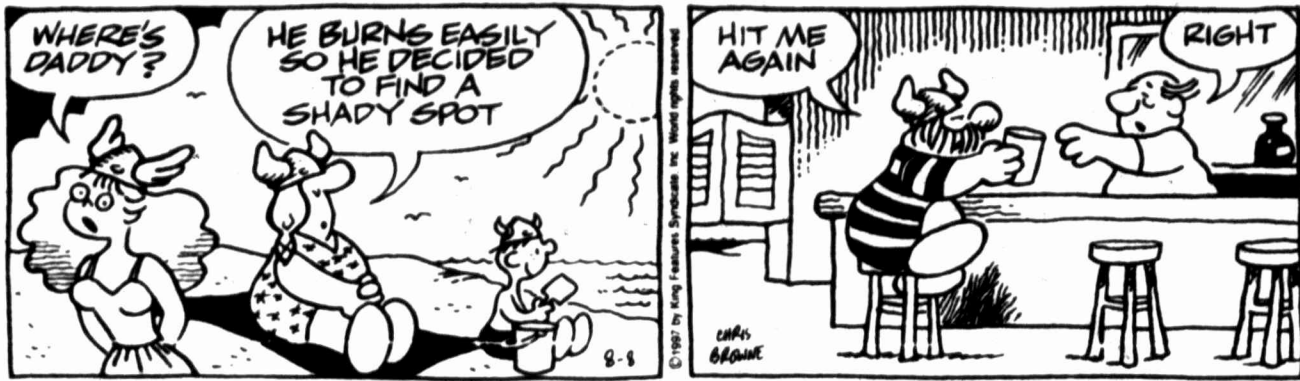
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| 6:30 PM News (CC) Wh. Fortune | Cowboys Countdown | Science Guy Creations | Willsons | News Ent. Tonight | News Wh. Fortune | News Seinfeld (CC) | Fam. Mat. (35) Major | Mi Querida Isabel | Famgully: The Last Rain (20) Movie | Dukes of Hazzard | Producers (25) Movie | Movie: Fled (CC) | Movie: Down Periscope | Light of the Southwest | Law & Order (CC) | Strange Planes | Kung Fu: Legend |
| 7:30 PM Step by Step Boy-World | NFL Preseason Football | Wash. Week Wall St. Week | Rescue 911 (CC) | Ordinary/Extraordinary | Step by Step Boy-World | Unsolved Mysteries | League Baseball | Premios Eres | Forest (CC) (20) Movie | Demolition Derby: Great | High Anxiety (25) Movie | Movie: Fled (CC) | Movie: Down Periscope | L. & E. Tripp | Wild Discovery | Movie: Spies Like Us | |
| 8:30 PM Sabrina-Witch Clueless (CC) | Dallas Cowboys at New | Russia's War (CC) | Hawai Five-0 | JAG (CC) | Sabrina-Witch Clueless (CC) | Dateline (CC) | Florida Marlins at Atlanta | A Través del Video | (8:55) Movie: The Dirt Bike | Lake Car Wars | Dracula: Dead and Loving It (CC) | Extrax: Strip | Movie: Hollow | Frederick K. Price (CC) | News World-Wood | .. | |
| 9:30 PM 20/20 (CC) | England Patriots | 700 Club | Nash Bridges (CC) | Homicide: Life on the Street | Braves (CC) (35) Movie | Smokey and the Bandit | Field: World Outdoor | P. Impacto Noticiero Uni. | Kid Movie | Dallas | The Road Killers (CC) | Hunger Movie | Conspiracy Dennis Miller | Praise the Lord (CC) | .. | .. | |
| 10:30 PM News (CC) Cheers | Mad Abc. You Star Trek | News-Lahrer | Three Stooges | News (CC) (35) Late | News (CC) Tonight | News (CC) Tonight | Track and | Movie: Simon Blanco | Summer Magic (CC) | Demolition Derby: Great | (05) Movie: The Surgeon | Chameleon | Spiky City Perversions | Charisma Carman (CC) | Biography | .. | |
| 11:30 PM Nightline (36) Keenan | Voyager (CC) Martin (CC) | Red Green Red Green | Carson Carson | Show (CC) Married...With | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | News (CC) (32) Late | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. |
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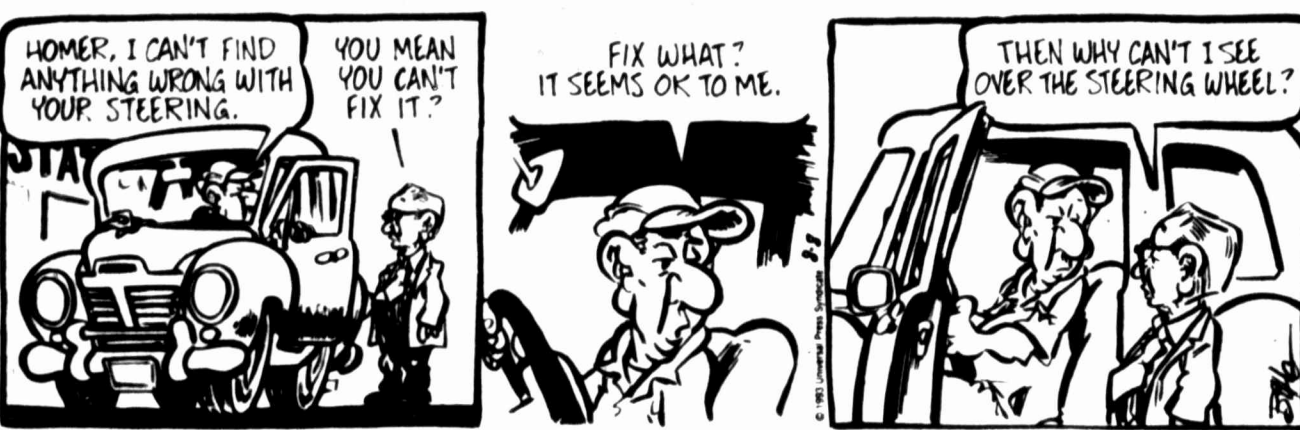
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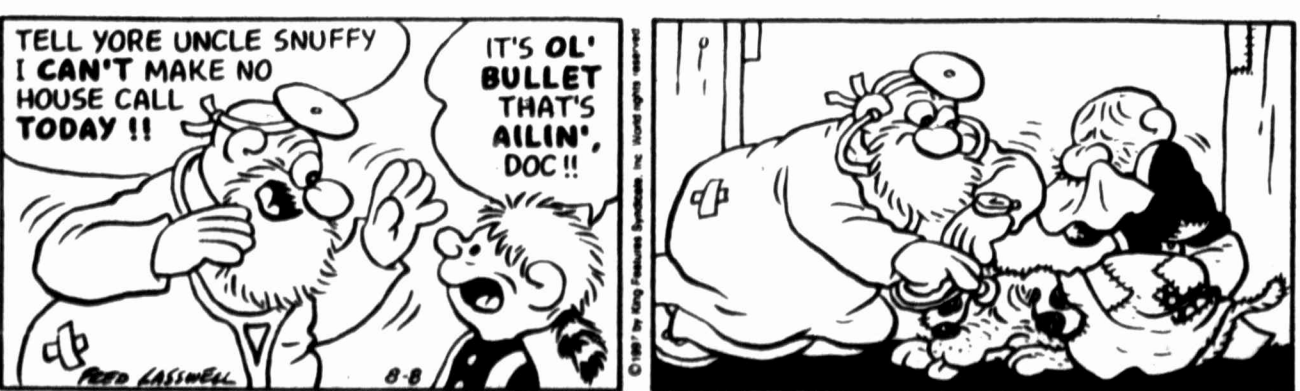
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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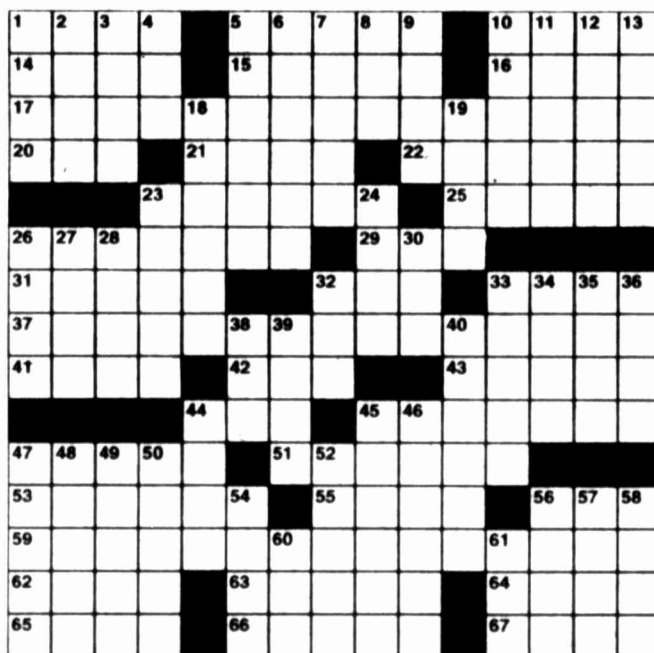
days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 8, 1974, President Nixon announced he would resign following damaging revelations in the Watergate scandal.
On this date:
In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena, in the South Atlantic, to spend the

remainder of his days in exile.
In 1844, Brigham Young was chosen to lead the Mormons following the killing of Joseph Smith.
In 1876, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.
In 1942, six convicted Nazi saboteurs who had landed in the United States were executed in Washington, D.C. Two others received life imprisonment.
In 1945, President Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Jargon
- 5 Moved as if startled
- 10 Cubs or Mets
- 14 Toward shelter
- 15 Vermicelli
- 16 Paris girl
- 17 Sociable guy
- 20 Hanker
- 21 Find out
- 22 Dash
- 23 Remove impurities
- 25 Soothes
- 26 Spread false charges against
- 29 Ancient
- 31 Cygnet and cob
- 32 Garden tool
- 33 Utah's lily
- 37 Celebrate
- 41 Agile
- 42 Came out on top
- 43 Suffered
- 44 Move up and down
- 45 Football players
- 47 Kind of drum
- 51 Positions
- 53 Decorates
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- 56 Large snake
- 59 Relax
- 62 Musical James
- 63 — Janeiro
- 64 Paradise
- 65 Shortly
- 66 Fencing swords
- 67 Headland

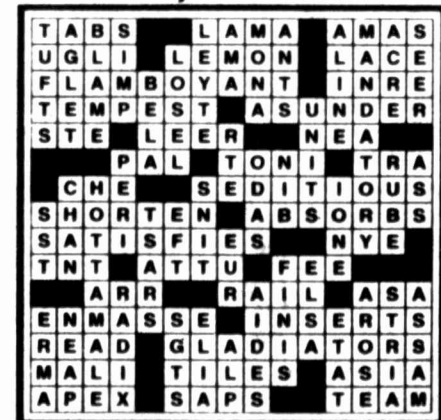
- DOWN
- 1 Shrewd
- 2 Softening agent
- 3 City light
- 4 Sen. Kennedy
- 5 Pitches
- 6 Hook-shaped
- 7 Rhone feeder
- 8 Sentence ender
- 9 Morse code dashes
- 10 — firma
- 11 — Island, NY
- 12 Skirt style
- 13 Runs into
- 18 Craving
- 19 Copied
- 23 Like a marsh
- 24 Cheer
- 26 Vipers
- 27 Trade
- 28 Poker hand
- 30 — the Lion
- 32 Layer
- 33 Tizzies
- 34 Mr. Gardner
- 35 Late Actor, Will
- 36 Advantage
- 38 Couple
- 39 Fireplace shelves
- 40 Stray
- 44 German city
- 45 Procession
- 46 Loosens
- 47 Farm bundles
- 48 "— Joy"
- 49 "Theirs —"
- 52 Nevada resort
- 54 Parched
- 56 Be an omen
- 57 Has debts
- 58 Jillian and Sothem
- 60 Small drink
- 61 Cozy room



by Harold B. Counts

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Thursday's Puzzle solved:



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