Reflecting A Proud Community

TUESDAY August 19, 1997

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It's big Spring

Bonham, Floresville and Temple also picked as Vet's Home sites

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

A second trip to Austin in a little more than a month for Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. Executive Director Danette Toone proved fruitful as Big Spring was selected Monday as one of the four sites in Texas to receive a Texas Veterans Homes.

According to State Rep. David Counts, the veterans home will lend support to the state hospital and the renewed mission of the VA hospital will be enhanced.

"The veterans home will further fortify the positions of the state hospital and the VA hospital in the Big Spring community," Counts said.

The Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) selected Big Spring, Temple, Bonham and

Floresville as the four sites. Big Spring represents the West Texas site; Bonham repre-

sents Northeast Texas; Temple

represents Central Texas and Floresville is the South Texas

According to Toone, each of the 18 communities in contention had an opportunity to make a short presentation before the VLB at Monday's meeting, something that came as a surprise to Toone.

"We didn't know we would be able to make another presentation Monday, but we're always ready to wing it," Toone said. "Rep. David Counts was with me and said a few words as

According to Toone, only nine of the 18 communities vying for veterans home attended Monday's announcement meet-

"Land Commissioner and VLB Chairman Gary Mauro told those in attendance that Rep. Counts has supported all veterans legislation during his tenure and thanked him for his work for veterans in West Texas," Toone added.

Big Spring was also a big boost for the community because they were able to see the Huey Helicopter and the Vietnam Veterans Memorials, which, according to Toone, showed the board the citizens of Big Spring care about the veterans in the community.

At Monday's announcement Counts stated, "Big Spring's proposal was awarded based on its merits. I am proud for Howard County and the Big Spring community, but I am most happy for the veterans of West Texas that will be served in this stateof-the-art facility."

Counts, who also authored the legislation that made the homes possible, added, "This is a winwin situation and will be a tremendous boost to the Big Spring community in the way of long overdue benefits for our veterans and will save the state approximately \$30 million over the next 10 years.

"Good policy makes good poli- remaining 35 percent.

The site visit the VLB made to tics and we're fortunate to have had Rep. Counts working so tirelessly on this proposal," Toone said.

"This is something that's been long due to veterans and their families," Counts said. "Danette **Toone and Moore Development** made a great presentation to the board. The veterans home committee. Ed Moughon of Big Spring State Hospital and Cary Brown at the VA hospital, State Sen. Robert Duncan and Congressman Charles Stenholm were all instrumental in Big Spring being selected."

A veterans home in Howard County means a 150-bed facility on about 25 acres on a site south of the Big Spring State Hospital and just west of U.S. Hwy 87. It also means approximately 165 new jobs for Big Spring in a wide range of areas.

The proposed homes would be 65 percent funded by the federal government, leaving state and local entities to fund the

For Howard County this together a great proposal." means a state and local contribution of \$3.5 million to \$4 million to the total project cost.

The long-term care homes will cost \$10 million to \$11 million each and the target date for completing the first two is the fall of 1998, with two more to be finished in the fall of 1999.

Texas has 1.7 million veterans, including 504,000 over age 65. That number is expected to rise to 525,000 by the year 2010. More than 40 other states already have veterans nursing homes

Terry Wegman, chairman of Moore Development's New **Industry Attraction Committee** and a representative on the veterans home committee, said Big Spring receiving a veterans home is the result of a great community effort.

"First of all, most of the credit has to go to the Moore entities together and then put Association of Pearsall

"There was also the Veterans **Administration Medical Center** and the Big Spring State Hospital and just a synergism that made this such a great deal," Wegman added.

As for the economic impact on Big Spring, Wegman said the jobs created will pull a lot of people with different skills from various areas of the communi-

The number we're hearing right now are 165 jobs and a payroll of about \$3.5 million," Wegman said. "This really was a community-wide effort."

Others vying for the homes were: Abilene, Corpus Christi, Kerrville, Killeen-Copperas Cove-Harker Heights, Kingsville, Lubbock, Odessa, Rockport-Fulton, Wichita Falls, Webb County, Wilson County, Nueces County, Willow Creek Hospital of Arlington, the Development staff," Wegman Mitchell County Hospital said. "They brought the local District and the Frio Hospital

NATURE'S GRAND DISPLAY

Monday night's thunderstorms were highlighted by heavy lightning throughout the area. This shot was taken south of Big Spring as the storm was moving into the area.



Local police lacked evidence on John Boris

Staff and wire report

A man believed to be involved in a 1994 murder of a transient in Big Spring was freed after sitting in a La Crosse, Wis. jail for almost a month.

John Boris was discharged Friday because, after 27 days, no law enforcement agency from another state showed up to take custody of him, the La Crosse County sheriff's office says.

Wearing a Harley-Davidson shirt and carrying an envelope containing press clippings, Boris chatted with reporters and walked three blocks to a Salvation Army center for a meal, then hopped a freight train out of town.

He was profiled on a July 19 WEATHER

segment of "America's Most Wanted." It dealt with the Freight Train Riders of America (FTRA), a group authorities said could be responsible for several deaths of transients in recent years.

Boris, 43, was an FTRA 'enforcer," the show said. He denied he was a member and said he might sue the television show.

He was held after La Crosse County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Helgeson said he watched the show, recognized Boris and took him into custody at a hobo

He was accused of obstructing police, having given a phony name when picked up temporarily a few days earlier on an unrelated matter.

Boris was wanted Washington state for not paying \$270 in court fees, La Crosse County assistant district attorney Todd Bjerke said during a court hearing July 21, adding he had no information on reports Boris was wanted in Texas concerning at least one slaying.

Big Spring police officials suspected Boris of slaying transient Mark Burge here in 1994, and wanted to question Boris in connection with a similar slaying in 1991.

Police Chief Jerry Edwards said Monday the department had no choice but to let him go.

"We did not have enough evidence to obtain an arrest warrant," Edwards said. "We feel (Boris) is a viable suspect, but we were not able to obtain

in enough information on the case to justify a warrant."

Edwards said, however, that the local department would continue working the case.

"It'll be hard to keep track of (Boris), but there's agencies who keep track of transients ... and if we get more leads, we'll try to get a warrant on him."

"I trust my brothers more than anyone," Boris told The La Crosse Tribune after he was freed Friday, talking about his rail "family.

"I protect them out of necessity. There's no need to murder or kill anybody. We just protect ourselves.

He has a "circle of brothers and sisters" who ride with him, including Tuck. Catfish and Patches, he said.

<u>West Texas MHMR</u>

Smith given unanimous vote of confidence by board as coverage expansion discussed By CARLTON JOHNSON

Questions raised during the Howard County

Commissioners' Court Aug. 4 budget worksession concerning the performance, qualifications and salary of West Texas Centers for Mental Health and **Mental** Retardation

(WTCMHMR) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Shelley Smith were answered when the WTCMHMR board met last Friday. The board gave Smith a unan-

imous vote of confidence amid accusations of mismanagement by Smith and the board from former board member and Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker.

Smith was named CEO of the organization last June at a time when Crooker was a driving force in helping get the Big State Hospital's Spring Community Services program restructured — eventually to become the West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Crooker's contention at the Aug. 4 meeting was that the proper leadership is not in place at WTCMHMR and he didn't want to have anything to do with a situation like that and tried to convince the other county commissioners shouldn't either.

WTCMHMR was on the commissioners agenda because it is one of the outside agencies that the county partially funds each year and because the center recently separated from the Big Spring State Hospital and is operating as an independent

Howard County in the past has designated \$33,000 annually

for WTCMHMR and \$5,400 for the Corrai.

Crooker told commissioners that he had a basic disagreement with the management of the center, and a problem in particular with Smith.

On March 1, the West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation completed its conversion from a state-operated agency to a locally controlled nonprofit organization serving a 23-county area in West Texas.

The fact that the center has become an independent, locally controlled nonprofit organization and that Smith's salary bothers Crooker prompted him to suggest that commissioners completely cut the \$38,400 the center usually receives from the

After a long, fruitless argument on the issues, Crooker decided to compromise with commissioners and the county decided to give WTCMHMR \$25,000, but did not totally cut the center's funding as Crooker has asked.

"Each MHMR center is required to develop a local match, which is a percentage of the center's annual budget," Smith said.

The center's annual budget is around \$18 million to \$19 million.

Howard County is not the only county in the 23-county catchment area to pitch in an help with the local match.

According to Smith, each of the 23 counties provides some funding, but Howard County, being the largest county in the catchment area, does have the most employees in the program. "We have a great number of

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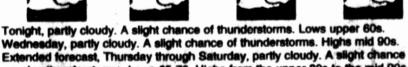












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Wednesday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs mid 90s. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of evening thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Highs from the upper 80s to the mid 90s. INDEX

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Howard College registration begins Wednesday between 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Registration for the Fall 1997 semester at Howard College will be held Wednesday and Thursday, college officials announced.

Registration will be held in three sessions. The first session, for students who have reserved registration times, will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday. Open registration will be held from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m.-noon Thursday at Dorothy Carrett

Students may pick up a registration time in the admissions office through the close of business today.

College officials said all tuition and fees must be paid at the time of registration (Visa and Mastercard will be accept-

New student orientation is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday in the student union building, and fall semester classes begin next Monday.

Late registration will be conducted at the admissions office

Monday-Thursday and from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Aug. 29. A \$5 late registration fee will be required. Permission to change from one class to another will be granted only during late registration, and a \$5 charge will

be levied for each class change. Textbooks and related materials are available in the college bookstore at the student union building. The bookstore will be open during all registration periods.

Parking stickers for non-residence hall students may be

picked up in the Harold Davis Fitness Center during registration. Dorm students will receive their parking stickers from residence hall directors.

A new service this year is supervised child care during evening classes. Parents who are Howard students qualify for the child care, which is staffed by qualified playroom attendants, Howard officials

said. For more information on the child care program, call 264-

OBITUARIES

Allie Mae Moore

Graveside service for Allie Mae Moore, 86, Roswell, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Moore died Sunday, Aug. 17, at Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell,

She was born on Feb. 11, 1911, in Beebee, Ark. She was raised in Beebee and married Alva Charles Moore on Dec. 17, 1927, in Beebee, Ark. He preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 1988. She moved to Big Spring in 1936. She had worked for Montgomery Wards in the credit office and also E.P. Driver Insurance, a furniture store and lumberyard. She then went to work at Webb Air Force Base until retiring after 17 years of service. After retirement, she and her husband owned and operated a hydroponic tomato house at Lake J.B. Thomas and also raised African violets. Mrs. Moore was a member of the A.B.W.A., the Sew and Chatter Club, Planters Garden Club and the Texas Star African Violet Club. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include: a daughter and son in-law, Mildred and Jack Bryan, Roswell, N.M.; one brother, Orville Thompson, Beebee, Ark.; three grandchildren, Jackie Breitenbach of Farmington, N.M., Tommy Bryan of Roswell, N.M., and Richard Neil of Tyler; and seven great-grandchildren, Denise and Robert Breitenbach, Teresa and Tracey Bryan, Harley, Jarod and Savanah Bryan.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Paid obituary

J.W. Parmley, Jr.

Service for J.W. Parmley, Jr., 59, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral

He died Monday, Aug. 18, 1997, at his residence. Chapel, Farmington, N.M.

Anna Maria Jimenez Gomez

Funeral service for Anna Maria Jimenez Gomez, Midland, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1997, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Juan Ramos, of Calvario United Methodist Church, officiating, and assisted by Rev. Alfredo Lucano. Burial will be in Fairview

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Allie Mae Moore, 86, died Sunday. Graveside services are 10 AM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Douglas Warren, 60, died Monday. Services will be 4:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. J. W. Parmley, Jr., 59 died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Burial followed.

Mrs. Gomez died Sunday,

Aug. 17, at Memorial Hospital

She was born April 18, 1917,

Gomez on Dec. 31, 1943, in

Guadalupe, Mexico. They

moved to Midland in 1953. He

Survivors include: three sons,

Jesse A. Gomez, Midland.

Onesimo Gomez, Big Spring,

and Frank Gomez, El Paso;

three sisters, Consuelo Ortega,

Ft. Hancock, Aida Granillo,

both of El Paso, and Aurora

McCain, Ft. Hancock; 13 grand-

children; two great-grandchil-

dren: and numerous nieces and

The family requests that

memorials be sent to Elderly

Fund; Langtry Village Apts.;

2200 N. Pecos; Midland, Texas;

Arrangements under the

direction of Ellis Funeral

Graveside service for Jon

Bloomfield, N.M., was 2 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 18, 1997, at

Greenlawn Cemetery with Rev.

James McClung officiating.

Saturday, Aug. 16, at San Juan

Regional; Medical Center, New

She was born on June 16,

1945, in Abilene and moved to

New Mexico in 1966. She was

employed as a teacher by the

She is survived by: her hus-

band, Max D. Kennemer, New

Mexico; one son, Ross K.

Kennemer, Bloomfield, N.M.;

two daughters, Kristi Rahm

Fritz, Durango, Colo., and Kori

Rae Sanchez, Albuquerque,

N.M.; her parents, Johnnie D.

and Olvena Ford, Bloomfield,

N.M.; three grandchildren; and

a cousin, Connie Buchanan,

Arrangements under the

Service for Finley O. Rhodes,

92, Stanton, were 2 p.m. today

in the First United Methodist

Church of Stanton with Rev.

Skip Hodges, Rev. Curtis

Cadenhead and Rev. Tommy

Beck officiating. Burial fol-

Mr. Rhodes died Sunday,

He was born on July 10, 1905.

in Charleston, and moved to

Stanton in 1925 from Colorado

City. He married Rena Blocker

in 1926. She preceded him in

death in May of 1969. He then

married Fiji Brandt on Jan. 1,

He had owned Rhodes Motor

Co. in Stanton and had farmed

before his retirement. He was

president of the Chamber of

Commerce from 1958 to 1959.

was a member of the Lions

Club, Masonic Lodge, Senior

Citizens and had served or the

city council and Permian Basin

Planning Commission. He was

inducted into the Permian

Basin Senior Hall of Fame in

1997 in recognition of devoted

service to the senior citizens

and communities in the

Permian Basin. He had taught

Sunday School and was a mem-

ber of the Official Board of

First United Methodist Church

Survivors include: his wife,

Fiji Rhodes, Stanton, a daugh-

ter, Susan Beck, Lockney; six

grandchildren; three great-

grandchildren; and one great-

Memorials may be made to

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the senior citizens or First United Methodist Church in

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Home, Stanton.

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Finley O. Rhodes

Bloomfield School District.

Mexico, after a lengthy illness.

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Kennemer.

preceded her in death in 1981.

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employees (approximately 200) in Howard County, which means a large return to the local economy," Smith said.

That return is almost half of in Candelaria. At an early age the center's \$5.5 million annual she moved with her family to payroll. Del Rio. She married Francisco

When commissioners did vote to cut the center's funding, the speculation was that Big Spring was in jeopardy of losing the center to a neighboring county. Board member and Terrell **County Judge Dudley Harrison** said Friday's meeting was a reg-

Smith's annual review. "Sure the funding was cut some, but everyone is in a belt tightening situation," Brewer said. "And no, we're not considering moving the center office."

ular board meeting which hap-

pened to be at the time of

"I know Bill Crooker reasonably well," Harrison added. "I served on this board with him. he's a good man, but I think saw some sour grapes somewhere. I think he just got off to a bad start with our CEO.

Leading the way in supporting smith, WTCMHMR Board Chairman and Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart said, *Shelley has always been a hard worker and her attitude and lovalty is and has always been excellent."

"She has displayed very good judgment and knowledge in selecting the management staff to help in running the center," Lockhart added. "It is my opinion that the board made the correct decision in selecting her for the CEO position."

The 23-county catchment are of the West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation includes the counties of Howard, Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

During its transition to an independent nonprofit entity. the West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation relocated several administrative personnel to Big Spring from San Angelo, Lubbock and Abilene.

employs approximately 535 peonle and delivers **services** to some 1,500 consumers suffering from some type of mental health problem or mental retar-

According to Smith, the state has asked the center to look at merging the five-county Big Bend MHMR program into the West Texas program by Sept. 1,

If the merger happens, the center would add Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Brewster and Presidio counties.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING SOCCER ASSOCIATION will conduct registration this week through Saturday from 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. at the YMCA, 801 Owens. Late registration will be Aug. 25-30.

THERE IS AN AMERICAN Legion Fish Fry Saturday, Aug. 23, from noon to 4 p.m. at 3203 W. Hwy. 80. The cost is \$5 per plate and carry out available. Call 263-2084.

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Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open

meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed

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planned Aug. 26 and 27 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Kent Burnes, nationallyknown consultant will teach both seminars, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. On Tuesday, Aug. 26, he will teach "When Customers Count from 6:30-9:30 p.m. "Sharpening Your Competitive Edge" will be Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 6:30-

8:30 p.m. Local merchants can attend

THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIR QUEEN contest deadline

for entry is Aug. 28 by 9 a.m. Contestants must be enrolled in an area high school class or at Howard College. She must be single, never married, and have no children.

The winner will be crowned Sept. 1, and receive a \$300 scholarship to Howard College. Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce, Joy's Hallmark or Athletic Supply.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Trail Park Comanche amphitheater.

The rally, sponsored by both the Big Spring Steers Booster Club and the Lady Steers Booster Club, will be an opportunity for the public to meet members of the football and volleyball teams and their points. trainers and managers.

In addition, members of this year's band, cheerleaders, student council and Key Club at BSHS will be introduced to the public.

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SPRINGBOARD

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

TODAY ·Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church. 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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meeting at the VA Medical The Big Spring Police Department reported the follow-•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the ing incidents between 8 a.m. Monday-8 a.m. Tuesday:

 DEBRA RENEE SHAEF-FER, 28, 1410 Park, was arrest-•Downtown Lions Club, noon, ed on a charge of theft under Howard College Cactus Room. • **ALEXIUS TUITT**, 37, 205

> E. 22nd, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-

> ING was reported on the 900 block of E. Third and the 4200 block of Hamilton. · THEFT was reported on the 2900 block of Old Highway

80, the 800 block of Highland. the 2000 block of Gregg, 18th and Gregg and the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. ASSAULT BY THREATS

was reported on the 500 block of Westover. FORGERY was reported on

the 3300 block of E. Marcy. DOMESTIC DISTUR-BANCE was reported on the 700 block of W. Interstate 20 and the 1700 block of W. Third.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 500 block of Westover.

SHERIFF

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

**LMPE RODRIGUEZ HER-NANDEZ, 43, to address given, was arrested on a charge of apias pro line/drivi license suspended.

 DIANNA LYNN NOBLE. 30, 1009 1/2 Nolan, was sentenced to 30 days in jail after her conviction on theft over \$50/under \$500 and evading

• JESSIE CUELLAR, 26, 702 Douglas, was sentenced to seven days in jail after his conviction on a charge of driving while license invalid.

 JAMES McDONALD, 33, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on South Wasson

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LANCASTER - A "joke" math worksheet that phrased problems in terms of drugs, guns and sex has resulted in the suspension of nearly half of the math teachers at a high school in this south Dallas suburb.

Principal Dwain Dawson, principal at Elsie Robertson High School on Friday suspended Scott Martin, head of the math department, for 60 days without pay and five other teachers for 30 days without pay.

Several parents and students, who attended a special board meeting Monday and said they had seen the worksheet, said it contained questions about percentages posed in references to drug sales, gangs, automatic weapons, drive-by shooting and teen pregnancies.

One question began, "If Hector knocked up six girls in his gang ...," several parents and students said.

More than 100 students received the work sheet. One parent complained about it to school officials and superintendent Bill Ward said his office received several calls about it.

HOUSTON — The dental director for the Texas Department of Health for four years has resigned after receiving an ultimatum to quit or be fired, according to a published report.

The Houston Chronicle reported today that Dr. Gloriana M. "Nana" Lopez was forced to resign on June 13, effective Aug. 12.

The newspaper obtained a confidential letter to Dr. Lopez under the Texas Open Records Act in which Debra Stabeno, the department's associate commissioner for health care delivery, issued the ultimatum.

"This letter is to offer you the option to resign your position as State Dental Director in lieu of termination." Stabeno wrote.

AUSTIN — GTECH is threatening to sue the Texas Lottery Commission over what it calls an illegal attempt to select a new vendor to operate the state lottery.

The company aired its concern Monday in response to the commission's solicitation last week for bids from anyone interested in taking over the services now provided by the Rhode Island-based company.

GTECH had a contract to operate the Texas Lottery that a year ago was extended for five years, through August 2002.

and head and allowing a German shepherd to bite the man's leg.

The tape, apparently made for training purpos-

es by a deputy at the Brazoria County Detention Center and obtained by The Brazosport Facts, also shows guards dragging an inmate with a broken ankle by his arm.

One of the inmates, a convicted burglar who was returned to Missouri months ago, has filed a lawsuit that seeks \$100,000 in damages for, among other things, being bitten by a police dog.

The Missouri Department of Corrections began moving its inmates Monday to in-state prisons after the tape surfaced. Five busloads of convicts pulled out of the parking lot in the first wave of an exodus that will see 415 inmates sent home.

HOUSTON — Gov. George W. Bush won't apologize for boasting about crime-fighting steps taken in Texas during his administration.

"It may sound like Texas bragging," Bush told Monday's opening session of the National Organization for Victim Assistance annual convention. "It is. We're tough on crime in our

CLUTE — A videotape that spurred Missouri to In a campaign-like speech to start the national

terminate a \$6 million Texas jail contract shows crime victims rights conference, the governor guards kicking a crawling inmate in the groin recited a list of measures passed by the legislature during his term.

They included laws that allow surgical castration as an option for sexual offenders, tougher laws against sexual predators, anti-stalking and victim notification measures and revisions in the death penalty statute to combat endless

FORT WORTH - A middle-aged man with silver hair, a rumpled orange tie and brown slacks enters the classroom and slowly pulls a compass from his pocket.

Twirling the flat, round instrument in his hand he stares at the college class for a moment before asking, "Who believes in telekinesis?"

He explains to the few students who don't watch "The X-Files" that telekinesis is the ability to move objects with the mind. Ignoring the giggles from the audience, he closes his eyes. His forehead turns bright red and his veins bulge.

The laughter stops when the dial begins to whirl.

The students instantly turn skeptics, assaulting the professor with challenges: Stand behind the table. Stand in front of the table. Empty your pockets. Take off your belt. Let me try it.

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Quote of the Day

"Few great men could pass personnel."

-Paul Goodman

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OTHER VIEWS

Counts played major role in Vet's Home effort

Many of us had been there before ... waiting on word of a potential state project or funding for Big Spring.

But Monday afternoon was exactly opposite of that day back in 1992 when the state decided we weren't worthy of either a state prison or funding for what turned out to be the ill-fated Wright Fibers project.

Monday was a day of attaboys and high-fives ... of comments like "It's about time" and "How could they not pick us?'

It was a time when the call that came from Austin finally started out with "Congratulations!"

The Texas Veterans Land Board's decision to choose Big Spring as one of four sites around the state for veteran's homes came as a result of a great deal of hard work on the part of a number of people.

Big Spring's interest in obtaining a veterans home was something that got started several years ago as part of a standing committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Over the years, even though talk died down, there was still a corps of people who remembered that interest and kept thinking about "what if?"

Then, last January in the conference room of the Herald, State Rep. David Counts met with a group of eight people to make them aware that there was funding available on the federal level and that the state was willing to commit to helping fund the project as well if there was local support.

Members of our community moved quickly and a meeting was convened that involved members of the nursing home community to check their collective pulse in regards to the project.

As base after base was touched, it became obvious that this was a project the community wanted to pur

All along the way, Counts was there for Big Spring. Always a strong proponent of issues and projects of the Veterans Land Board, Counts toed the line for Big Spring and went to bat for us during budget hearings, during committee hearings and, when it counted the most, before the Veterans Land Board itself.

This is one of those projects that could not have happened without the commitment of everyone involved. We're convinced this is one of those projects that would never have happened without the support, backing and commitment of David Counts.

Your views

To THE EDITOR: In response to county com-

missioner Bill Crooker's attempt to eliminate funding to the West Texas MHMR Center; I would like Bill Crooker to look courageous mentally ill and retarded citizens of Howard County in the eye and tell them they are not worth support from Howard County

Bill Crooker betrayed the constituency in his district in order to vote his revenge against the administration of the MHMR Center

It is not who's right, it is what's right. The next election will be my turn to vote my revenge and get Crooker out the arena of public responsibility and compassion.

JAMES CAMPBELL **Big Spring**

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for the coverage you gave "Let Freedom Ring."

It helped to make it a success. The audience was larger than expected because Independence Day was on a weekend. The enthusiasm expressed made all the expended effort worthwhile.

Letters have been mailed to those who participated, and I sincerely hope I have not neglected anyone.

As undertaking such as this takes many people - 98 participated — but there are some who deserve a special recognition for going beyond what was

Kay Hulse and Emma Bogard for their efficiency and willingness to assist. My brother, Brady Piper, who came all the way from Bowie, Md. to help

make the benches and do everything he could to make my task easier. My brother, Dick Piper, for helping to stain the benches and for transporting props. My son, Art Dodds, who ran hundreds of errands and spent many hours making sure to relieve me of as many tasks as possible.

We began working on the pageant just before Christmas 1996, and I believe it was worth every minute spent on the project, for it was so well received, and, hopefully, it helped to recall our heritage and patriotic spirit.

Would I do it again? Certainly. I hope this is the beginning of an annual celebration for the citizens of Big

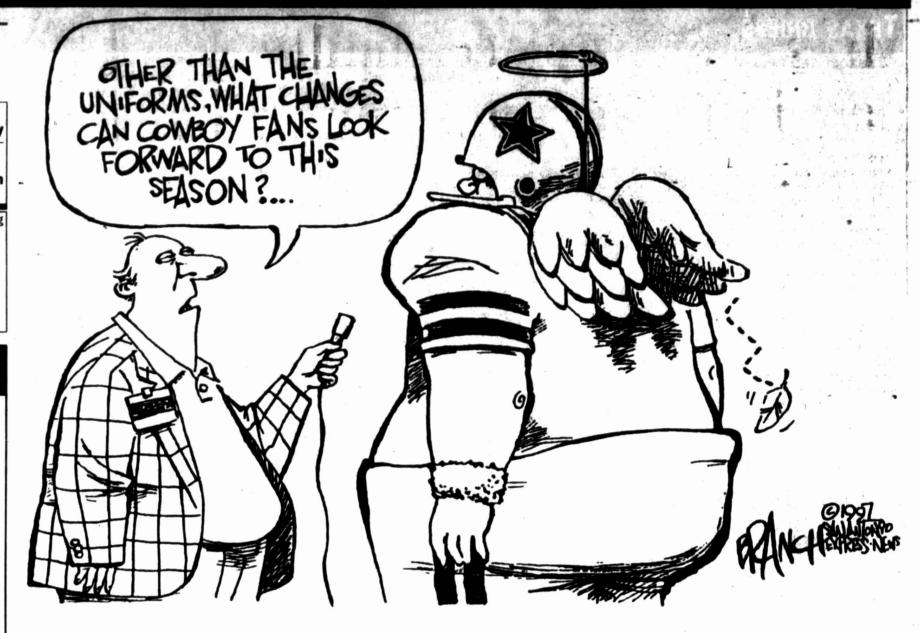
> MRS. MAMIE LEE DODDS Let Freedom Ring

TO THE EDITOR:

Too often people only comment on the bad but I want to praise the good. The nursing staff and aids of the third floor at Scenic Mountain Medical Center deserve all the good I can say. They took such good care of my grandmother even though she was 99 years old. Never neglecting her or giving up on her. I know it's their job but it's not always handled in a sweet smiling way that the staff at Scenic Mountain did. They also treated me very kindly too. I'm from out of town but I have a new respect for the people in this field and the Scenic Mountain Medical

Center of Big Spring.

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Killing the South's killer vine kudzu

By RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Syndicated Columnist

I got in considerable trouble with my sister by telling her daughter a joke about kudzu. It was the one about the

Yankee who asked the old farmer how to plant the vine. "Throw it on the ground and run like hell," the farmer advised.

My niece, Chelsey, waited until her Brownie troop held a parents' night and then proudly repeated the story. None of the Kentucky Brownies — and only a few of the adults present knew about kudzu.

The Brownie leader chastised Chelsey for her language. The other parents looked askance. My poor sister was mortified.

I don't usually cuss around children, but that joke seems the best way to explain kudzu to the uninitiated. It grows a foot a day and covers 7 million acres in the South. To people outside our region, however, it's a real novelty.

Long ago I wrote a column about a Huntsville, Ala., man who had created a screenplay for a horror movie that featured killer kudzu. It was scary stuff, if you knew the creeping

I felt a little sorry for him, considering movie moguls mostly hail from other parts of the country. I doubt the writer ever sold his story. Who would believe a pretty vine with sweet-smelling purple flowers could be sinister? Personally, I love kudzu. I

love its topiary effect on telephone poles and pine trees, the way it covers an abandoned house like so much trash under a rug. You can make baskets with the vines and tea from its leaves. Besides, it's one Southern thing that thwarts those dedicated to bull-

So it bothered me a little when I read a story about a U.S. Forest Service discovery that may rid us of kudzu. In

South Carolina foresters found a field of kudzu being eaten up by caterpillars. The soybean looper is a caterpillar loaded with parasites, giving it a voracious appetite that makes it overeat and then die. Scientists think this looper with the munchies might be a better solution than herbicides for getting rid of the weed.

The plan brings to my mind the Great Alligator and Beaver Debacle of Leland, Miss. That little town sits alongside a beautiful creek and once had a problem with its beaver overpopulation. So Leland imported alligators to control the beavers. Guess what?

Then there was the story I read in a book called "True Tales of the Everglades." Coloradan developer Richter Clyde Perky bought himself Sugarloaf Key, Fla., in 1919. He paid \$10,000 for the island and planned to build a fancy resort.

When Perky discovered that mosquitoes made Sugarloaf uninhabitable, he sought the

help of one Charles Campbell, a San Antonio physician. Campbell had patented a bat tower baited with bat droppings and ground sex organs of female bats. The towers and gross bait cost Perky more than he paid for the island itself. The smell from the bait was so bad that people working nearby complained. The bats also kept their distance.

"Legend has it that Keys mosquitoes ate the bats, not the other way around," author Stuart McIver wrote.

You can still see one of the bat towers, now designated a historic landmark. "Dedicated to good health at Perky, Fla, by Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Perky, March 15, 1929," an inscription

It's not nice or easy, tafool. Mother Nature. Fiddle with the fundamentals and compound the problem. Maybe the only way to handle kudzu is to run like hell.

Pupils: Pray away in classroom — in silence

By JAMES J. KILPATRICK

Syndicated Columnist

If one legal issue in the whole field of "church and state" may now be regarded as settled, it is this: Public schools are free to mandate a minute of silence before classes begin each day, and during that minute of silence pupils are free to pray inaudibly to their hearts' content.

The issue never should have been in doubt, but for the past 12 years it has kept bobbing up in the federal courts. Now, with an opinion by Circuit Judge R. Lanier Anderson in a Georgia case, the question may be put to rest.

In 1994, the Georgia General Assembly adopted its Moment of Silence in Schools Act. These were the three key provisions:

(1) In each public school classroom, the teacher shall conduct a brief period of quiet reflection for not more than 60 seconds.

(2) The moment of quiet reflection is not intended to be and shall not be conducted as a religious exercise, but shall be considered as an opportunity for silent reflection on the anticipated activities of the

(3) The foregoing provisions shall not prevent student-initiated voluntary prayers at

schools or school-related events that are nonsectarian and nonproselytizing in nature.

It boggles the mind to understand how anyone, even the most committed civil libertarian, could see in that statute the dread specter of an establishment of religion. Let the mind be boggled. Three weeks after Georgia's law became effective in 1994, a high-school teacher in Gwinnett County challenged its enforcement.

The teacher, Brian Gillespie Bown, stood by his misguided guns. He broke a lance with the county school board. On the opening day of school he announced to his class: "You may do as you wish. That's your option. But I'm going to continue with my lesson.'

The board fired Bown for insubordination. He sued in U.S. District Court for violation of his civil rights. He lost there, and on May 6 he lost again in the 11th Circuit. It is inconceivable that he could win in the Supreme Court if he seeks further review.

Judge Anderson found no merit in any of Bown's arguments. The Georgia act plainly has a secular purpose, to get youngsters quieted down before the school day begins. The act neither advances nor inhibits religion. Enforcement does not "entangle" church and state, for in silence there is no

church to entangle. Bown contended that by say-

ing the act "shall not prevent" voluntary prayers at school events, the Georgia Assembly had given the game away. How could the state ensure that voluntary prayers were "nonsectarian and nonproselytizing" without monitoring the prayers for content? Judge Anderson was not impressed. The act does not authorize such prayers. It simply does not prevent them.

All this was clearly foreshad owed by the Supreme Court's opinion in the Jaffree case of 1985. Ishmael Jaffree sued to prevent enforcement of Alabama's moment-of-silence law. He won in the Supreme Court, but the situation was wholly different.

The Alabama law provided a moment of silence for meditation "or voluntary prayer." The act was a sham. Asked if his purpose was to return organized prayers to the school, the chief sponsor responded: "No, I did not have no other purpose in mind." The state Legislature had a history of such attempts, including daily recitation of the Lord's Prayer in class-

The Jaffree case was decided 6-3, but the ostensible division was deceptive. In his opinion for the court, Justice John Paul Stevens noted that

Alabama's act was "quite different from merely protecting every student's right to engage in voluntary prayer during an appropriate moment of silence."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, concurring, distinguished a state-sponsored moment of silence from statesponsored vocal prayer or Bible reading.

"First, a moment of silence is not inherently religious. Silence, unlike prayer or Bible reading, need not be associated with a religious exercise. Second, a pupil who participates in a moment of silence need not compromise his or her beliefs. During a moment of silence, a student who objects to prayer is left to his or her own thoughts, and is not compelled to listen to the prayers or thoughts of others.'

Drawing back for a long look, O'Connor put the whole tempest back in its teapot: "It is difficult to discern a serious threat to religious liberty from a room of silent, thoughtful schoolchildren.'

There never was a serious threat to liberty in properly drawn statutes mandating a moment of silence. It was only Alabama's clumsy flimflam that ever made it seem that way.



Mir's crew replaces faulty part in main computer

Russian-American replaced a faulty part in the failed main computer today, part of intricate repairs to get on-board systems working again and regain full control of the disabled space station.

Ground control said it could take days to fully fix the prob-

Space officials said the crew found and changed the faulty piece in the computer, which failed Monday in a breakdown that left Mir short of power and wobbling in its orbit.

Crew members then started reloading information to make the computer operate. Further tests were planned to see if the computer was working normal-

The crew will then have to spend at least one more day switching on Mir's gyroscopes, which adjust the position of the orbiting station so that its solar panels receive energy from the

Space officials stressed the crew of two Russians and an American were in no danger.

The crew is expected to spend most of today checking and fixing the problem with their on-board computer. ... Restoring the Mir's orientation will take two or three days," Mission Russian Control spokesman Valery Lyndin.

He wouldn't comment on what exactly went wrong.

Although the Mir was hit by a similar problem in July, mis-

sion control said it would take longer to restore the computer this time because the cause of the latest shutdown was not immediately clear. The computer shut off in July when one of the crew accidentally disconnected a vital cord.

The computer problem means there will be delays before the crew can begin trying to fix damage from a June 25 collision with a cargo ship.

The latest accident on Mir came when the computer failed Monday shortly before a docking with a cargo ship. The failure left the space station unable to maintain the position needed to recharge its solar batteries.

To fix the problem, the crew must use thrusters to roughly orient Mir toward the sun, turn on the gyroscopes to orient the ship more precisely, and then gradually turn on its systems as the batteries fully recharge.

The crew had used the thrusters aboard the attached Soyuz capsule to turn the station back toward the sun late Monday, and its batteries began recharging, said Kathleen Maliga, a spokeswoman for the NASA team at Russian Mission

"They're not in any danger," she said of the crew Monday night. "They're fine. This has happened before.

Asked how the two cosmonauts and U.S. astronaut Michael Foale were faring during the crisis, Solovyov said, "Well, they're trained to deal of its normal power supply.

with such consequences."

Space officials said the station's main oxygen generator had been shut down to conserve power, but the crew's oxygen supply was not threatened.

The station is large enough that its oxygen would not be depleted for several days, and the crew has many weeks' supply of oxygen "candles" that generate oxygen when burned.

computer failure occurred four minutes before the scheduled docking of a Progress cargo ship. When the breakdown became apparent, Mission Control ordered Mir commander Anatoly Solovyov to switch off the automatic docking system and dock manually.

The crew had been scheduled to start work Wednesday fixing the damage caused by a collision with an earlier Progress cargo ship. The last crew was practicing manual docking in June when the cargo ship veered out of control and crashed into one of Mir's six modules, piercing it.

That accident forced the crew to seal off the damaged Spektr module, in the process disconnecting power cables that led from Spektr's solar panels to Mir's power supply.

Mission commander Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov plan to venture into the Spektr to reconnect power cables to its solar panels. If successful, Mir would be restored to 90 percent

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Police assault victim plans to sue New York City as feds open probe

NEW YORK (AP) — A Haitian ble deprayity within a police eral probe might touch on largimmigrant said he planned to sue the city and the police department for \$55 million for an alleged assault that a federal prosecutor described as "an act of almost incomprehensible

Abner Louima's notice came Monday as two more officers sewage treatment plant, was brutality. bringing to four the number of officers charged in the attack.

The U.S. attorney's office, the Justice Department's civil rights division and the **Brooklyn District Attorney's** office joined the investigation to determine whether Louima's civil rights were violated.

Louima, 30, remained hospitalized with a torn colon and other injuries stemming from the Aug. 9 attack in the bathroom of Brooklyn's 70th Precinct. He accused at least two officers of shoving the handle of a toilet plunger into his rectum while they shouted racial slurs at him.

Louima said the officers broke several of his teeth as they tried to shove the handle into his mouth while he resist-

"One or more police officers are alleged to have committed an act of almost incomprehensi-

precinct and with the apparent expectation that they would get said federal law gives the attoraway with it," U.S. Attorney Zachary Carter said.

Sanford Rubinstein, Louima's lawyer, said his client would sue for \$55 million.

arrest for disorderly conduct in a scuffle with police outside a Brooklyn nightclub. Those charges have since been dropped.

In the latest arrests, officers Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder were charged with assault and criminal possession of a weapon — a police radio with which they allegedly beat Louima in their patrol car. Each posted \$25,000 bail.

Two officers arrested last week, Justin Volpe and Charles Schwarz, were arraigned on charges of assault and sexual abuse with a dangerous instrument. Both pleaded innocent and were freed on \$100,000 bail.

Louima's attackers could face up to life in prison if convicted of federal charges. Other officers who were aware of the assault also could face federal

charges, Carter said. Carter also indicated the fed-

er issues of police brutality. He nev general authority to bring civil action when a practice exists of official failure to act against civil rights violations, or where there is an atmos-Louima, a security guard at a phere of tolerance for police

development In another officer Monday, Brooklyn's 79th Precinct stationhouse was placed restricted duty after a 34-yearold woman told authorities he forced her to engage in a sex act in a bathroom and office.

Benjamin Rodriguez, 26, a five-year veteran, also was being investigated on allegations involving other people brought to the stationhouse, sources familiar with the case told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Police said Rodriguez had no history of disciplinary prob-

Australian coroner says dead Japanese tourists ignored safety on Ayers Rock

DARWIN, Australia (AP) — Two Japanese tourists who died while climbing Ayers Rock ignored proper safety precautions, a coroner ruled Monday. **Coroner Warren Donald found**

that Hirofumi Shoji, 32, fell from the famous central Australian geological landmark and died of multiple injuries

Shoji ignored warnings that his slip-on shoes, which had no heels or backs, were no good for climbing and he did not stick to the marked path, Donald said.

He also found that another Japanese tourist, Moriya Uchida, 56, died of natural causes while climbing the rock Feb. 23. He said Uchida exerted himself too soon after eating.



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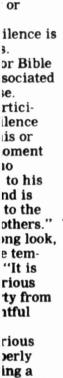


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Helling shines as Rangers split doubleheader with Brewers

ARLINGTON — Rick Helling wants to be a major league starting pitcher, and the Texas Rangers are going to give him six weeks to show he can do

Helling gave up one hit in eight innings in his first start for Texas since returning to the club, leading the Rangers to a 2-0 win and a doubleheader split with the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday.

"I hope he can string together a few starts like that," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "When you see something like that, you get excited. He'll get the ball again and again and

Pardon Helling if he's skeptical. He washed out in three previous chances to nail down a job in the Texas rotation before he was traded to Florida last season, and he didn't think he got a fair shake from the Rangers.

"I didn't think I'd ever be back here," said Helling, who combined with John Wetteland to pitch the 19th one-hitter in Rangers history. "I thought this was the last place in the world I'd end up.'

Lee Stevens' two solo home runs accounted for the only scoring in the second game

In the opener, Gerald Williams drove in three runs, Julio Franco went 3-for-4 and starter Scott Karl got his sixth straight decision as the Brewers

games behind first-place Cleveland in the AL Central. The Indians beat Toronto 5-3 on Monday.

Helling (1-0) was reacquired by the Rangers in a trade with the Florida Marlins on Aug. 12. He was sent to Florida last Sept. 3 as part of a deal that brought John Burkett to Texas for the Rangers' pennant stretch drive.

"I think somebody in the organization didn't like me, and I don't even know if they're still here," Helling said. "But now I'm back again. This goes to show that baseball is a funny

The right-hander took a no-hitter into the sixth when Fernando Vina singled cleanly to left field with two outs. Helling, who made two relief

With the split, Milwaukee fell five appearances since his return to Texas, walked two and struck out five.

"Our bullpen was dragging and we needed a start like that," Oates said. "He did a masterful job of changing

speeds and spotting his fastball. Wetteland pitched the ninth for his

27th save. Helling began his career with the Rangers in 1994 and was 4-6 with a 6.38 ERA in 18 appearances over three seasons. Last season he pitched eight innings in a 2-1 victory over Kansas City on May 25, but he was sent back to Class AAA Oklahoma City a week later. On Aug. 13, he threw the only perfect game in pro baseball in 1996 for Oklahoma City, but by September he had been traded.

"That's why I'm not going to get too

excited about this," Helling said. "One good start means nothing.

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead in the fifth on Stevens' 14th homer. Stevens hit his second homer with two outs in

the seventh off Joel Adamson (3-2). Adamson allowed six hits in 6 2-3 innings, struck out seven and didn't walk a batter.

'Helling pitched very well, but so did our pitcher," Milwaukee manager Phil Garner said. "Helling gave up two walks and a hit. We just couldn't get to him. We wasted a well-pitched game by our guy.'

In the opener, Karl (8-10) allowed eight hits and struck out seven in 5 1-3 innings to improve to 6-0 since the All-Star break. The left-hander hasn't lost

Bulldogs preparing a few wrinkles

Changes set in Coahoma 'single shot'

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

For a few minutes Monday afternoon, Jim Edwards looked more like a farmer than the Coahoma Bulldogs' head football coach, fixing his gaze on a darkening sky as thunderstorms rolled in from the west.

However, once the fast-moving storm clouds had moved over the Bulldogs' practice field Edwards and his team emerged from drills inside a gymnasium and began the business of preparing for what Edwards hopes will be an improvement from last season's 6-4 record.

"We've been really pleased with what we've seen so far," Edwards said. "The kids have been working hard and they've got a great attitude.'

Perhaps the biggest difference, however, has been better familiarity with the single shot offensive and 4-3 defensive schemes in Edwards' system.

While the Bulldogs lost five or six starters on both sides of the ball to graduation last year, Edwards says there's still a strong group of players returning who have a year of experience under their belts.

"We've got a strong nucleus of kids that understand what we're trying to do with this system," he explained. "That way we're not having to spend all of our time teaching the

The most glaringly different aspect of Coahoma's system is the single shot offensive scheme that most would mistake for the old single wing.

Edwards explained that he and his coaches developed the single shot by taking the best from both the single wing and the shotgun formations while coaching at Munday

"When I was at Munday, we ran out of quarterbacks and we had to start looking for something we could run without having a great athlete at that



Coahoma junior varsity lineman Scott Simpson fires out on the blocking sled during Monday's prac-

position," Edwards noted "We'd been a wishbone team and it's hard to run the 'bone without a quarterback.

tice session.

"We were close to Wichita Falls and they were running the single wing, so we went up there to learn from them." Edwards added. "We picked up a lot more out of a book written by Pop Warner somewhere around 1919.

*Our offense is a combination of the shotgun and the single wing ... you've got the direct snap into the back field, but there's more flexibility," Edwards said. "You can pass effectively out of it."

However, the Bulldog coach admits that one of the biggest advantages is that it's a scheme opponents will only see when they play Coahoma.

"I'm sure people have a hard time running a scout team when they're preparing for us,"

Edwards added. Chances are opponents will again have a tough time preparing for the Bulldogs, because Edwards and his staff have made a number of changes for this year's offensive personnel.

"We've made more changes than ever to make the single shot fit our personnel," he said, noting that the Bulldogs' quarterbacks Vincent Garcia and his younger brother, Mario both weigh about 135 pounds. "Those plays where the quarterback becomes a lead blocker aren't going to be that successful for them. As a result, we've put in more options and sprint out passes

than we've used in the past."

Vincent Garcia will have some help with returning starters up front in tackles Shawn Rye and Anthony Gonzales, as well as tight end Blake Nichols. He'll also have an experienced receiver in Jerry Mann.

Defensively, Nichols is a returning starter at end, with Robert Lain returning at the other defensive end's spot. The other two returning defensive starters are Jerod Weatherman at linebacker and Kurt Bennett at cornerback.

"These returning starters give us the foundation." Edwards said, "and now that all of our kids have had a year to get used to what we're doing, we're looking for a big

Kite decides on Janzen, Couples for Ryder team

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MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Tom Kite insisted that Lee Janzen's selection to the Ryder Cup team was not a payback for his snub in 1995.

Janzen, however, was not so sure he wasn't getting his reward two years too late.

"It might be too early to say vindication," Janzen, who closed with a 69 Sunday in the PGA Championship to finish fourth, said Monday after Kite announced he selected Janzen and Fred Couples as his two captain's picks.

"But in '95, I probably had more of a case than I do now,' said Janzen, who won three tournaments in 1995 and none since then.

In 1995, U.S. captain Lanny Wadkins passed over the higher-ranked Janzen and picked Couples and Curtis Strange.

Couples managed to win 2) points at Oak Hill that year, but Strange was shut out in three matches, including a crucial singles competition against Nick Faldo on the final day, dropping the last three holes.

While Janzen was impressive at Winged Foot over the weekend, it was his lone strong performance in a major championship this year. He was 26th in the Masters, 52nd in the U.S. Open and missed the cut in the British Open.

Kite acknowledged that Janzen might have gotten the short end of the stick in 1995, but insisted that it had nothing to do with his choices.

"Whether you agree with those picks or not," Kite said about the picks Wadkins made in 1995, "you have to feel sorry for Lee because he came so close. But that had absolutely no bearing on what happened

Couples seemed like an obvious pick to a team that was packed with players with little Ryder Cup experience. He has played for the U.S. team four times, and the 10 players who qualified on points for the U.S. team have played in a total of nine Ryder Cups. Faldo has played in 10 for Europe.

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"It if was going to be a tossup and one had experience and one who didn't," Kite said about his selection process, "I was going to go with the guy who had Ryder Cup experience.

In selecting Couples, who was 17th on the final qualifying list, and Janzen, who was 15th, Kite passed over higher-ranked players Tommy Tolles, Steve Jones, Mark Brooks, Paul Stankowski and David Duval.

But none of those players has Ryder Cup experience and none particularly distinguished themselves at the PGA.

Kite said he also considered Corey Pavin, Payne Stewart, Tom Watson and Hale Irwin and another very experienced

player — himself. "I had resigned myself early this year that if I couldn't make the team, I wouldn't play," said Kite, who has played in seven Ryder Cups.

"But obviously I couldn't tell you that.' Kite, who played very well

last week and finished fifth in the PGA, was 19th on the final points list. Four players who qualified

for the U.S. team - Tiger Woods, Justin Leonard, Jim Furyk and Scott Hoch — have never played in the Ryder Cup. Tom Lehman, Phil Mickelson, Jeff Maggert and Brad Faxon have played in only one.

Davis Love III, who has teamed with Couples in the past in alternate-shot and better-ball play, has been in two Ryder Cups and Mark O'Meara has played in three. Janzen played for the U.S. team in

"I love this team," Kite said. But he added that the European team, in addition to its experience, "knows the Valderrama course like the back of their hand."

The competition will be in Spain in late September. There are still two weeks of

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New resolve not withstanding, Angels drop another one-run game

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Three tough one-run losses in Baltimore strengthened the Anaheim Angels' resolve that they can win any

Pinch-hitter Harold Baines drove in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth Monday night on Anaheim's second error of the inning, giving Baltimore a 2-1 win and a three-game After blowing a six-run lead to lose

on Saturday, the Angels went to extra innings before falling Sunday. The series finale was more of the same, but Anaheim manager Terry Collins saw some good things, too

"We can leave here saying we played them inning for inning, pitch for pitch, three straight nights," Collins said. "Yeah, we could be down because we got beat, but you better look at one thing - we can play with

Meanwhile, the Angels indefinitely suspended leadoff hitter Tony Phillips, who is facing a felony charge of

cocaine possession. Phillips has not played since being arrested at an Anaheim, Calif., motel

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on Aug. 10. The Angels suspended the leadoff man after he turned down the team's request to go on the disabled list and take part in a drug rehabilitation program

On Monday, Angels general manager Bill Bavasi sent a letter to Phillips informing him of the suspension.

Elsewhere in the American League. it was Seattle 5, Chicago 0; Cleveland 5, Toronto 3; and Texas and Milwaukee split a doubleheader. The Brewers won the opener 8-5 and the Rangers took the nightcap 2-0.

In the only National League games of the day, Philadelphia beat San Francisco 12-3 and Pittsburgh beat

With one out in the ninth, Jeffrey Hammonds reached first when Dave Hollins misplayed his grounder to third. Chris Hoiles then lined a hitand-run single to right, sending Hammonds to third.

Mike Holtz replaced starter Dennis Springer (8-6), and Baines hit a grounder that bounded off the glove of first baseman Darin Erstad as Hammonds raced home.

Alan Mills (2-1) got two outs in the ninth in the Orioles' first three-game sweep of the Angels in Baltimore since Sept. 1990. The Orioles' 16th win in 21 games gave them a 5-game lead over the idle New York Yankees in the AL

White Sox 5, Mariners 0

At Chicago, rookies Scott Eyre (2-2) and Keith Foulke combined on a fourhitter, and Jorge Fabregas drove in three runs.

Eyre allowed three hits in five innings, and Foulke, who came over from San Francisco in a nine-player deal on July 31, allowed just one hit in the final four innings for his first major league save.

Felipe Lira (5-8) took the loss.

Indians 5, Blue Jays 3

At Cleveland, David Justice hit a three-run homer, his fifth in a week, and Orel Hershiser (11-5) pitched the Indians to their fifth win in six games.

Justice batted .513 as first-place Cleveland went 7-5 on a homestand that got off to an ominous 1-3 start last week, sparking talk of manager Mike

Justice, who had 15 RBIs on the homestand, put Cleveland up 3-0 with his 24th homer in the first off Woody Williams (7-11)

Hershiser allowed two earned runs and three hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Phillies 12, Giants 3

Newcomer Billy McMillon and Mike Lieberthal provided the big hits, becoming the first pair of Phillies to connect for grand slams in the same game in 76 years.

Baseball's laughingstock as recently as five weeks ago, the Phillies have turned it around since the All-Star

Although they still are a major league-worst 45-76, they have gone 21-15 since the break and have won seven of eight and 15 of 19.

Matt Beech (2-7) won his second straight start, limiting the Giants to three hits and one earned run in seven innings. He thanked manager Terry Francona for sticking with him through the tough times.

McMillon, called up from Triple-A Scranton earlier in the day, got the first slam in the fourth inning when he lined a fastball from Mark Gardner (12-7) over the right-field wall.

Lieberthal, quietly emerging as the catching replacement for Daulton the Phillies envisioned when they made him the third overall pick in the 1990 draft, got the second grand slam to close out the Phillies' six-run sixth.

The Giants, who only committed eight errors in their previous 20 games, made up for that by committing four, three of which came in the

Pirates 7, Marlins 2

Pittsburgh took advantage of errors by shortstop Edgar Renteria and third baseman Bobby Bonilla in the seventh

inning to win at Florida. The score was 2-all when Jermaine Allensworth, who had already homered and singled, doubled to start the Pirates seventh. Mark Smith hit an RBI single and Eddie Williams doubled before the two errors added a pair

Dale Sveum hit a two-run homer in the ninth for Pittsburgh. Moises Alou homered for the Marlins.

Florida starter Kirt Ojala, who spent eight seasons in the minors, lasted 3 2-3 innings in his major league debut. He gave up two runs on four hits and

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

merican League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Suspended OF Tony Phillips indefinitely. CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Acquired SS Juan Bautista from the July 29th trade for DH Harold

SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled RHP Felipe Lira from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League. Sent INF Andy Sheets to Tacoma National League
NL—Announced the three-day

suspension of San Francisco's Jeff Kent was reduced to two days, Aug. 19 and 20.
COLORADO ROCKIES—
Announced the resignation of Mike
Swanson, public relations director,

effective Oct. 1 to take a similar position with the Arizona Diamondbacks.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES— Optioned OF Ricky Otero to Scranton of the International League. Sent RHP Scott Ruffcorn

ht to Scranton. Recalled OF Billy McMillon and RHP Ron SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS-Placed C Damon Berryhill on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled C Doug Mirabelli from Phoenix of the

Pacific Coast League.
BASKETBALL DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed G Erick Strickland to a six-year con-

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS— Signed C Nate Huffman. FOOTBALL

National Football League ATLANTA FALCONS—Released QB Tommy Maddox, WR Tyrone Brown, G Jeff Pahukoa, RB Richard Huntley, DT Troy Bailey, LB Paschall Davis, CB Tim Denton, WR Omar Ellison, LB Jamal Fountaine, DT Brad Keeney, PK WR Pearce Pegross, S Terry Ray, DE Jason Simmons, W. Kevin Thornal and DT Mathias Vavao. Placed FB Fred Lester on injured

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Waived LB Rusty Arrington, LB Shawn Banks, OL Matt Cravens, OL Craig Noveltsky, OL Kireem Swinton, DE Mike Ivey, TE Bill Khayat, DB Verone McKinley, DB Jermaine Scott Otis and WR Shawn Ward. Placed WR Eddie Britton, OL Sale Isaia and C Jeff Mitchell on injured

BUFFALO BILLS—Waived RB Carey Bender, TE Jason Bratton, LB Tyrell Buckner, P Marc Collins, WR Jimmy Cunningham, TE Pat Fitzgerald, DB Cliff Green, RB

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NEW YORK JETS-Waived DE Jeff Cummins, RB Lou D'Agostino, WR Joe Douglass, WR Todd Doxzon, TE Brian Gaine, LB Craig Guest, LB Tyrone Hines, T Tro Stark, DB Anthony Walker and

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LB Chris Singleton.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Waived DT Keif Bryant, LB Tyrell Peters, TE Jamal Clark, WR Robert Wilson C David Kempfert and DT Pat Riley. Placed LB Jason Kyle, WR Grayson Shillingford and RB Doug Innocent on injured reserve Placed DT Henry McMillian, S T.J. Cunningham and TE Ituli Mill on the physically unable to perform

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Two rookies impress defensive coaches

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IRVING — Youth is being served in the Dallas Cowboys secondary.

Omar Stoutmire, almost an afterthought seventh-round draft pick out of Fresno State, beat out veteran Roger Harper for a backup spot at strong safety.

Stoutmire costs only \$138,000 while veteran Harper was scheduled to count some \$490,000 toward the salary cap.

Stoutmire, like Harper last year, will be counted on to give the Cowboys some big plays out of the nickel package. The 224th pick in the draft last April will be starting alongside Brock Marion in the Cowboys pass defense package against Pittsburgh on Aug. 31.

"Omar is an active player," said defensive coordinator Dave Campo. "He can cover and he can hit. We like him better now than when we drafted him and we thought then he might be able to be a player."

Stoutmire, who had 87 tackles his senior year for the Bulldogs, also is expected to be an excellent special teams player.

"I'll play anywhere they line me up," Stoutmire said. "I was hoping I would get a

A combination of Stoutmire's good play, the salary cap situation, Harper's poor training camp and the possibility that he may have visited one of owner Jerry Jones' forbidden list of nightspots contributed to Harper's release. Stoutmire "is a tough, physical player," coach

Barry Switzer said. "We think Roger might have

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reached the top of his game but we don't know how far this kid can go. He was better than a seventh-round draft pick."

Another rookie defensive back, free agent Kevin Mathis of Texas A&M-Commerce, also has the Dallas coaches intrigued.

He was toasted for four touchdown passes in Friday night's 34-31 win over St. Louis but Mathis also returned an interception for a touchdown and made other big plays.

"This kid was all over the field," Switzer said. 'He's fast and reminds you a lot of Darrell Green of Washington. He is a playmaker. He's a little undersized but we do like his speed."

Mathis, who played high school football at Gainesville, has run the 40-yard dash in 4.19 sec-

Said 5-9, 172-pounder: "I'm trying to catch the eye of the coach. One minute I'm hanging my head. The next minute I've got my head up.

Like Stoutmire, Mathis has been a terror on special teams. He had punt returns of 19 and 31 yards against the Rams. Stoutmire blocked a punt and Mathis returned it for a touchdown in the preseason opener against New England.

'Special teams is big for me," Mathis said. "If I can keep contributing on special teams I think I have a chance to make the team.

The final cut comes in a week. Mathis will know then if he has joined Stoutmire on the Cowboys final roster.

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qualifying left for the European team before captain Seve Ballesteros has to make his picks

He likely will have to choose two from among Faldo, Jose Maria Olazabal and Jesper Parnevik, although Olazabal is currently 12th on the list and can still make the team.

In addition to Faldo — a likely choice although he is not playing well — the Europeans have the experience of Colin Montgomerie, Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam and Costantino Rocca.

Their young players include Darren Clarke, Lee Westwood, Ignacio Garrido, Per-Ulrik

Their ninth-ranked player, Miguel Angel Martin, is injured, and the No. 11 player, currently Padraig Harrington, would move up.

"This is an impressive list of names," Kite said, glancing at a board showing the names of his players. "And they are all playing wonderfully.

Now they just have to take that show on the road to Spain and try to win back the Ryder Cup the U.S. team lost in 1995.

Sampras, Hingis top Open seeds

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NEW YORK — Staying away from the controversy of last year, the U.S. Open strictly followed the computer rankings when it announced the seedings today for this year's tournament. Two-time defending champi-

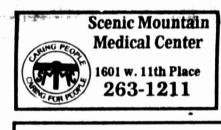
on Pete Sampras and 16-yearold Martina Hingis were made the top seeds for the men's and women's singles. In 1996, the U.S. Open seeding

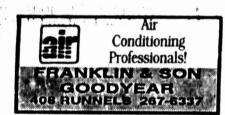
committee caused an uproar when it seeded according to the surface, as the Grand Slam tournaments are allowed to do,

instead of the players' computrankings. Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia protested his seeding by boycotting the tournament. Kafelnikov is seeded third

this year - the same as his ATP Tour computer ranking behind Sampras and Michael Chang. Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia is

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Community pep rally set for Aug. 28

This year's Big Spring High School Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Comanche Trail Park

The rally, sponsored by both the Big Spring Steers Booster Club and the Lady Steers Booster Club, will be an opportunity for the public to meet members of the football and volleyball teams and their trainers and managers.

In addition, members of this year's band, cheerleaders, student council and Key Club at BSHS will be introduced to the public.

BSHS season ticket sales under way

Season football tickets for Big Spring High School Steers games are currently on sale to the general public.

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.

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For more information, contact sports editor John A. Moseley by

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Sandbaggers softball tourney slated

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Sometimes it is easier to work behind the scenes; today is a good example. Still, a professional matter tosses you into the limelight. Instincts prove vital. Gossip brings enlightenment, and reveals as much about the teller as the subject. Tonight: Go with an energy surge.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Determination is important with a friend. You need to be creative and dynamic to sell an idea, but others will go along. Be realistic about your expectations. Loosen up your schedule, and be flexible about the changes. Tonight: Allow your thoughts to flow freely.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Accept responsibility. Help a partner reach a decision. Money speaks in this situation. Others readjust and change directions. What seemed right previously might no longer be. Overabundance and goodwill punctuate your interactions. Tonight: Have fun with friends.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Reach out for others; don't stand on ceremony. Make a call, or send a second note. Be understanding. Not everyone's life is on cue. Make plans for a late meeting with a fun coworker. You can handle busi-ROUTE Part Time/Full ness, but also make time to socialize a little. Tonight: Work!****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

-Listen to others, and integrate their feedback into your decisions. Many points of view cloud a financial matter. Creative financing is one thing, NO but don't take any undue risks. A partner appreciates your perceptions. Indulge a loved one. Tonight: Check out a movie.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Defer to others, and let them have more say. You are uncomfortable with another's opinion of a personal matter, but it also concerns him. Working as a duo proves most successful. An unexpected schedule change allows for spontaneous fun. Tonight: Enjoy time.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be organized. Work first,

before you open the door to more social exchanges. Conversations allow for better understanding. Creativity surges and adds to your personal charms. Listen to another; he has great ideas. Tonight: Dance the night away.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Open your morning to brainstorming, unique ideas and new professional challenges. Taking care of business is important, too; focus your energy on a money venture. Recognize options. Consider bringing home some work. Tonight: Clear up as much as possible.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Family and home dominate your thoughts this morning. Creativity surges, and you somehow manage to cover all bases. Trust that you know what you are doing. Be spontaneous and open; others put out the red carpet for you. Tonight: Teach others how to enjoy life.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Reach out for others, and make calls. You find that you • are pulled between two options. A boss makes an offer that is: most appealing. You might be creating pressure where there isn't any. Pull back, and take a hard look at the facts. Use care with funds. Tonight: Order

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Go the bank, balance your checkbook and pay bills as early as you can. Events occur that distract you. Socializing takes up the greater part of your day. Offers received are close to irresistible. You might want to take off at the last? moment. Tonight: Give in to whim.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You wake up on the right side of the bed. Use this powerful energy to make what you want happen. Do not be careless with money and spending. You might want to make a: purchase overindulge. Just use a certain amount of good sense. Tonight: Relish the moment. *****

Family's disaster plan isn't neighbor's salvation

DEAR ABBY: We live in earthquake country, and my family has always been prepared for any emergency that may occur. We have a large area in our basement containing bedding, clothing, food, water and medical supplies for

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Van Buren gencies. Columnist replied, 'Well, great! Now we'll know

where to come just in case." Abby, how could I have answered her without being insulting? Surely neighbors should not be responsible for the welfare of others if they are capable of providing for themselves. - SHOOK IN WASH-

INGTON STATE DEAR SHOOK: You could have told your neighbor that in the event of a serious emergency, you and your family might be unable to provide for guests - and if she hasn't already done so, she should see that her family is also prepared. It would have been an honest response, and also good

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to help me, but I was not aware

of how dependent I had become. If I can't get off them, I will be a drug addict. Abby, that's not the way I want to Sometimes the pain gets so bad it's hard not to go back on . the pills, but with the help of the Lord and my nonprescription medicine, I'm doing pretty well - which is better than the

other way. — TRYING TO GET UNHOOKED DEAR TRYING: Although I respect the healing power of prayer, nonprescription drugs can also be harmful if they are taken in larger or more frequent doses than the directions

indicate. Please ask your doctor for a referral to a physician who specializes in pain management. There are other methods, such as biofeedback, which have been helpful in alleviating chronic pain. You could benefit greatly by checking this out. I wish you the best of luck.

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Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 19, 1812, the USS Constitution also known as Old Ironsides - defeated the British frigate Guerriere east of Nova Scotia during the War of

1812. Cn this date: In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California

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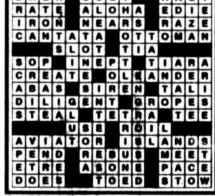
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In 1934, a plebiscite in

Germany approved the vesting

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but on NBC. In 1942, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering about 50 percent casual-

In 1955, severe flooding in the Northeast caused by the remnants of Hurricane Diane claimed some 200 lives.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage.

In 1976, President Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1977, comedian Groucho Marx died in Los Angeles at age

Ten years ago: A third convoy of U.S. warships and reflagged Kuwaiti tankers slipped into the Persian Gulf before dawn and headed up the waterway behind a screen of mine-seeking helicopters.

Five years ago: The third night of the Republican **National** Convention Houston, billed as "family values night," featured first lady Barbara Bush and Marilyn Quayle, wife of Vice President Quayle, as speakers.

One year ago: Ralph Nader accepted the presidential nomination of the Green Party in Los Angeles, denouncing tax breaks for corporations and calling for a "political alternative" to the two mainstream parties. A judge sentenced former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker to four years' probation for his Whitewater crimes.

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Today's Birthdays: Author Ring Lardner Jr. is 82. Actor L.Q. Jones is 70. Former jockey Willie Shoemaker is 66. Actress Debra Paget is 64. Tennis coach Renee Richards is 63. Actress Diana Muldaur is 59. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 58. Singer Johnny Nash is 57. Actress Jill St. John is 57. Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., is 55. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 54. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 53. President Clinton is 51. Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, is 49. Actor Gerald McRaney is 49. Actor Jonathan Frakes is 45. Actor Peter Gallagher is 42. Actor Adam Arkin is 41. Actor John Stamos is 34. Actress Kyra Sedgwick is 32. Actor Kevin Dillon is 32. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is 31. MTV reporter Tabitha Soren is 30. Actor Matthew Perry ("Friends") is 28. Country singer Clay Walker is 28