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NFL All-Pro Willie Mitchell headlines Sept. 9 United Way Kickoff Luncheon

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, the time has almost arrived for another United Way Kickoff Luncheon, for which United Way of Big Spring/Howard County Executive Director Carroll Jennings and 1997-98 Campaign Chairman Archie Kountz are fully prepared for. This year's luncheon has been scheduled for 11:45 a.m. on Sept. 9 at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall and will feature National Football League All-Pro defensive back Willie Mitchell as guest speaker.



WILLIE MITCHELL

Former All-Pro defensive back with Kansas City Chiefs. Played in Super Bowl IV when the Chiefs beat the Vikings.

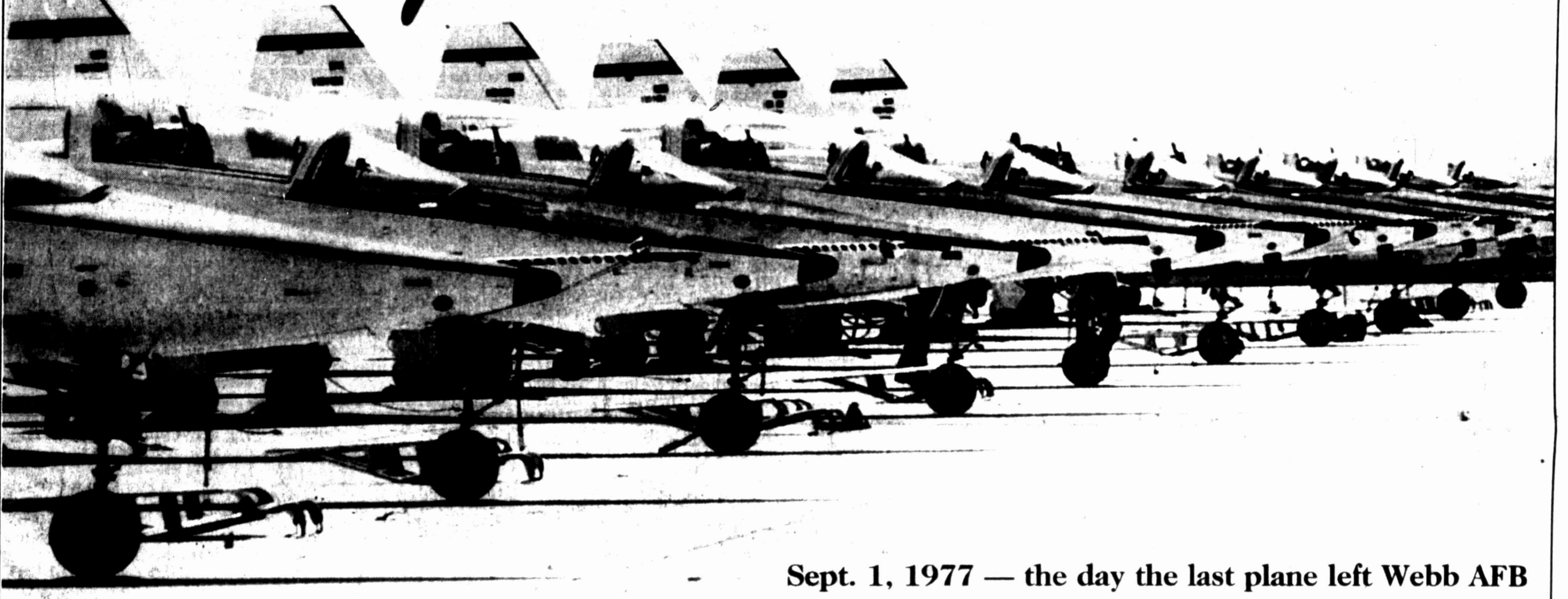
Mitchell was a member of the Kansas City Chiefs' team that defeated the Minnesota Vikings Super Bowl IV. Mitchell serves on the board of directors of the United Way of San Antonio

and is chairman of the board of San Antonio Fighting Back — an organization that works with troubled youth. "Willie is one of the funniest men I know and is very active in his community," Jennings said. The local campaign goal this year is to raise \$212,500, according to Jennings. "Last year we maintained our previous year's goal of \$210,000 and attained \$212,475," Kountz said. "Last year was the first time in a while that we hit our goal." "This year our board of directors voted in favor of a 1 percent increase and came up with \$212,500 for this

year's goal," Jennings said. "With the cabinet we have in place this year, we have great confidence that we'll achieve our goal," Kountz said. "We have a good group of people in place." Joining Kountz as 1997 United Way campaign cabinet members are Cheryl and R.G. Click heading the Community Division; Jody Nix and Betty Kelley heading the Commercial Division; Sue Partee and Steve Jeter heading the Pacesetters Division; Dr. Robbie Cooksey, James Welch and Mike Thomas heading the Professional Division; and Kevin Freeman heading the Loaned Executive Division.

This year's campaign is six days shorter than last year's and will end on Dec. 12, according to Jennings. "Each year, we'll try to bring the length of the campaign down so it will eventually end in November," Jennings said. This year's kickoff luncheon will also be attended by both of Big Spring rotary clubs — the Big Spring Rotary Club and the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club. "A lot of people in Big Spring considered the United Way one of the positive things in the community last year and we want to continue that feeling," Kountz said.

Last plane out ...



Sept. 1, 1977 — the day the last plane left Webb AFB

When the last plane departed from Webb Air Force Base 20 years ago, it took a lot more than just a pilot with it. The closure of Webb in 1977 proved to be one of the most prominent moments in Big Spring's history, and in many ways, the community still carries the economic and psychological scars from the loss.

The air base, which opened its doors as an Army Air Corps bombardier school during World War II, was home to a fighter wing and one of the busiest pilot training programs in the Air Force during its heyday.

But the base meant more than that to Big Spring. Webb personnel bought homes in Big Spring, sent their children to Big Spring schools, bought items in Big Spring stores and ordered meals in Big Spring restaurants.

When the last plane left on Sept. 1, 1977, all that changed.

Webb's closing meant that more than 7,000 people who called Big Spring home were now gone and that the city's largest employer — with 2,800 employees and annual civilian payroll of \$170 million — was, in effect, a ghost town.

But Big Spring didn't let Webb leave without a fight.

When Thomas Reed, then secretary of the Air Force, announced in 1976 that Webb was one of six bases that were candidates for closures, city officials immediately went to work to try to save the installation.

Wade Choate, then mayor of Big Spring, said civic leaders put in countless man-hours making a case to keep Webb open.

"We were pretty shocked (when we first learned Webb might close)," Choate said. "They had new facilities going up at the time, including some

dormitories that hadn't even been finished yet. Plus, we had better flying hours than almost any other pilot training base.

"With all those things put together, we just couldn't believe it."

Community leaders such as KBST owner Winston Wrinkle, businessman Clyde McMahon Sr., Chamber of Commerce President Roger Brown, attorney Ben Bancroft and bankers Jimmy Taylor, John Curry and J.D. Nelson joined in the effort to save the air base.

Adding political muscle to the fight were Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower, Texas' senators, and Omar Bureson, Big Spring's representative in Congress.

Choate recalls attending several hearings with Air Force officials and said that the community made a good case for keeping Webb open.

"We showed them the reasons why we felt Webb should not close, and we had a heck of a presentation," Choate said.

In the end, however, political muscle — or the lack of it — may have doomed the local effort before it even began.

Howard College official Tommy Tune, who wrote a paper detailing the Webb closure as part of his master's degree studies, said Big Spring simply lacked the political muscle to retain Webb.

In contrast, Mississippi — which also had a base targeted for possible closure — had Sen. John Stennis, the powerful chairman of the Armed Services Committee, fighting on its base's behalf. Stennis also had been an outspoken hawk during the Vietnam War, which weighed heavily in the final decision, Tune said.

In the end, Tune stated in the Jan. 30, 1990

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Two members of a Webb Air Force Base ground crew refuel a fighter jet at the base. Webb was opened in 1952 and graduated over 11,000 pilots during the 25 years of its mission. The base was named for Big Spring native Lt. James L. Webb, Jr. who was killed in a crash off the coast of Japan shortly after the end of World War II.

WEATHER



Today, partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the 90s. Tonight, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms east. Lows 65-70. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, Fair. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Highs in the 90s.

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Stanton ISD hopeful of holding line on taxes

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — A rare increase in property valuations has Stanton school officials feeling "cautiously optimistic" that they will be able to hold the line on property taxes for the coming budget year.

The Stanton school board will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Thursday in the administration building to consider the 1997-98 budget. The \$5.2 million package, which represents a slight increase from last year, features about \$150,000 in personnel salary increases.

Stanton Superintendent Jim White said

the district received some good news when it learned that its property valuations increased for the first time in 13 years to about \$127 million.

But that good news was tempered somewhat by passage of the Aug. 9 state referendum which will result in a \$10,000 increase in homeowners' homestead exemption from school property taxes. While that will be an unquestioned break for Stanton homeowners, it does mean the district will lose almost \$7 million in valuations.

In response, White said the board is considering whether to lower the 20 percent homestead exemption the district currently allows.

White also learned Stanton will not

receive any reimbursement from the state for the lost tax revenue. The state earlier promised to reimburse local districts for any loss in tax revenue that would result from passage of the homestead exemption.

Despite that, however, White said the increase in property valuations has district officials feeling better about the economic future.

"What will help us is that valuations came up for the first time in 13 years," White said. "I'm confident a large majority of our taxpayers will see a break this year, regardless of what we do."

White added that believes that the board will not have to raise the district's tax rate — currently at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

OBITUARIES

J.W. Parmley Jr.

J.W. Parmley Jr., 59, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 18, 1997 at his residence. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

He was born on Jan. 9, 1938 in Big Spring.

He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. He had worked at Prager's Clothing Store for several years.

He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include five aunts; and several cousins.

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

Edna Pace

Edna Pace, 84, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 1997 in Andrews. Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 1997 at the First Christian Church, Colorado City, with the Rev. Kevin Anderson officiating. Burial followed in Colorado City Cemetery.

She was born on Oct. 31, 1912 in Brownwood, and married P.H. Pace on Dec. 13, 1930 in Mitchell County. He preceded her in death in 1990. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club and a charter member of the Pink Ladies.

She is survived by her son, Dois Pace, Andrews; two brothers: Claude and Buddy Robertson, both of Big Spring; two sisters: Mrs. J.W. Adams, Brazosport; and Lillian Dossey, Colorado City; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

BRIEFS

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H CLUB is sponsoring its annual smelot supper at the Howard County Fair, from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 1.

Advance tickets are on sale for \$4 from any 4-H member or by calling the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236. Proceeds will benefit 4-H projects.

The supper will be in the activity barn at the fairgrounds.

BIG SPRING HIGH CLASS of 1952 is seeking the addresses of the following persons:

De Wayne Adams, Don Allman, Ray Arnold, Kenneth Bryant, Glenn Bunn, Marshall Burrus, Dale Chandler, Carrol Chapman, Orville Churchill, Cecil Couch, James Daniell, Ernest Farmer, C.L. Gardner, Bobby Hammond, Robert Hayes, Jack Kelley, Steve Kornfield, Richard Prahm, Billie Shultz, Clifford Winn, and Bill Wood.

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AREA MEETINGS

The following Howard County entities will meet this week to discuss various items of city and county business:

HOWARD COUNTY:

The Howard County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10:30 a.m. Monday on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to discuss and consider the following items:

- Discussion of regulations of dangerous and wild animals.
- Presentation of Assistant Agriculture Extension Agent for approval.
- Presentation of delinquent property taxes annual report.
- Approval of Nurses Unlimited contract.
- Approval of fiscal year 1997-98 budget for the 911 Communications District.

BIG SPRING:

Moore Development For Big Spring Inc.:

The Board of Directors for Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. will meet in regular session at 5 p.m. Monday in the chamber of commerce board room to discuss and consider the following items:

- Discussion and consideration of date for Moore's annual meeting.
- Reports from standing committees, including New Ladies.

Christesson, Beula Jo Cook, Virginia Davenport, Annette Green, Peggy Jenkins, Virginia Kinney, Sue Lawdermilk, Eva McElrath, Patsy McMillan, Mary Frances Norman, Lela Patterson, Mary Delia Garcia, Concho Sarmiento, Norma Jean Rowe, Barbara Smith, Maren Tinkham, and Patsy Wilson.
Please call Joy Hester at 263-1755 for any information concerning the above persons.

TWO SEMINARS FOR LOCAL entrepreneurs are planned Aug. 26 and 27 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Kent Burnes, nationally-known 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 for \$35.

SEARCHING FOR ADDRESSES OF Big Spring High School Class of 1988 classmates for reunion.

Please contact: Cheri Wyrick-Reibe, 3901 Belle Mere, Tyler, Texas; 75701.

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

Industry Attraction and Recruitment and Business Retention and Expansion committees.

•Director's report.

Big Spring City Council:

The Big Spring City Council will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at city hall to discuss and consider the following items:

- City Manager's report.
- Presentation of annual delinquent tax report.
- Consider first reading of an ordinance prohibiting the possession of alcoholic beverages in all city parks.
- Discussion of 1997 city tax rate.

Howard College:

The Howard College board of trustees will formally adopt their tax rate for the 1997-98 budget year during their regular meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building board room. Other items to be considered include:

- Tax abatement agreement for Fiber Glass Systems.
- A Small Business Development Center partnership with University of Texas-Permian Basin.
- Optional retirement program differential.
- Bids on computer leases.

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.

DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB IS selling historic throws depicting a variety of Howard County scenes.

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

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, ALSO known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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.

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

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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.

EXES OF TEXAS TECH are invited to attend a special program at the Big Spring Country Club Tuesday Sept. 30, with guest speaker Chancellor John Montford.

Cost is \$20 per person for the dinner and social time, and reservations need to be made by Sept. 22. For information, call Roxie McDaniel, 267-3388 or Nancy Welch, 267-9702.

Police investigate \$2,893 theft from Family Dollar

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Police are investigating a theft of \$2,893.18 from Family Dollar Store, Coronado Plaza Shopping Center.

Family Dollar district manager Steve Printy reported the theft on Friday and told police the money was taken in two separate incidents last Monday and Tuesday.

According to a police report, Printy said the money was taken by a store employee who was supposed to have deposited the money in the bank.

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
•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, VA Hospital room 212.

•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.

TUESDAY
•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.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615

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Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

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

•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409 Rannels (formerly of TU building). Call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Scenic Mountain Medical Center will sponsor a community health screening at St. Paul Lutheran Annex, 809 Scurry, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This will be for a free Cardiac Risk Assessment.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

•"Healthy Horizons," an educational seminar provided by SMMC, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Home Health, 600 Main. For more information call 267-1314.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 4 p.m. Saturday:

•WILLIE LEE JENKINS, 54, 200 NW 2nd, arrested for criminal trespass.

•ANNIE THOMAS SIMPSON, 49, 1411 Bluebird, arrested for criminal trespass.

•ANDREW ALBERT EDENS, 40, Rt. 2, Box 120, Old Colorado City Highway, arrested for DWI and evading arrest.

•JAMES DeWAYNE TURNBO, 19, 1302 Kindel, arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

•DANIEL LEE COSBY, 28, Apache Bend Apartments No. 163, arrested for bondsman off bond warrant.

•PAUL DANIEL LEE, 19, no address, arrested at Exit 169 on I-20 on Midland County warrant.

•MARIO RIVAS, 43, 1208 Mesa, arrested for public intoxication.

•CALVIN WILLIAMS, 44, no address given, arrested for theft.

•MARCUS ARMENDAREZ, 33, 1008 N. Gregg, arrested for leaving the scene of an accident without leaving proper information, no driver's license and backing without safety.

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Efforts to land jobs at old base ongoing

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

While the phrase "It just hasn't been the same since the base closed" is still fairly commonplace among some long-time residents, there's more truth to that statement than some eternal optimists would like to admit.

While the phrase is used most times to reflect negativelt on the changes in the community since Webb closed, the reality is that in the past 20 years, there has been an ongoing effort to land jobs at the facility.

It all began when the community knew the base was closing and the Big Spring Industrial Foundation began working to secure jobs.

Members of the foundation had met with one of the aviation industry's biggest companies in an effort to get them to locate a plant in Big Spring.

"That's where the building Western Container's in came from," explained the son of one of the foundation members active in the effort.

"They built that as a spec building for the company, which had said they would open a plant in Big Spring if they landed this huge government contract."

As it turned out, the contract was lost and the building remained available.

As a result, Western Container, which has proven itself to be a solid employer (almost 300 jobs now) in the community, moved into the building.

Western Container, which recently relocated its headquarters from Houston to Big Spring, is joined by the Big Spring Federal Prison Camp and Cornell Corrections as the "big three" employers on the former base.

There are now more than 20 employers on the former base with more than 1,200 jobs.

Additionally, Moore Development for Big Spring is continually working to market the former base as it offers the community the opportunity to development as a transportation center — air, rail and highway.



An aerial view of Webb Air Force Base in the 1950s shows newly completed Interstate 20 in the foreground.

Members of Webb family were always active in Big Spring community

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

One aspect of Webb Air Force Base is often overlooked — the heavy involvement in the community by base personnel and their dependents — and therefore not considered when discussions get around to how much it meant to lose the base.

"Base personnel were extremely involved in the community," explained local attorney and former Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president Ben Bancroft.

"They served on chamber committees, on the board, they did volunteer work within the community ... it would be hard to measure the impact of that loss," he said.

Wade Choate, who was Big Spring's

mayor when the base was shuttered, said the loss of input from base personnel hurt considerably.

"Here were people who had been other places ... they had been at other bases in other communities and often could shed a different light on a topic or project," he said.

"That loss hurt a lot."

Base named for Big Spring native

Webb Air Force Base was named for James L. Webb, Jr., a young combat pilot who saw action in World War II and died in a crash on December 1, 1944, while on a routine mission over the Pacific Ocean.

Webb was born in Sweetwater on July 20, 1924. His family moved to Big Spring when he was 4 and he attended Big Spring High School, where he played football and was an avid horseback rider.

He graduated from New Mexico Military and the University of Texas, where he graduated as a pilot in May 1944.

Assigned to a fighter group in Europe in January 1945, he completed 49 missions.

He died in January 1944 when his P-51 Mustang crashed while on a weather mission.

The Japanese also honored Webb by naming a stadium in Izuoka, Japan as Webb-Everly Field. A painting of him was placed in the base hangar.



Lt. JAMES L. WEBB, JR.

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Herald, what really doomed Webb was that Secretary Reed chose to reward Southern Democrats who had crossed party lines to support administration policies in Vietnam by retaining bases in their districts.

Webb's interests, meanwhile, were not well served by Big Spring's representatives. Tower, a Republican on the Armed Services Committee, put up "the political posturing of a fight," Tune said, while Bentsen said

nothing at all. Bureson had Dyess AFB in Abilene to protect as well, so his influence was minimized.

"Webb had a lot of friends, but we were outgunned," Tune said in 1990.

When the final decision came down, Reed chose Webb and Craig AFB in Alabama for closure. Choate, who probably saw the handwriting on the wall, took the decision philosophical.

"It was one of those things," Choate said. "We didn't expect it, but we had to accept it. It was a done deal and there was no way to reverse it."

The base's closure impacted

Big Spring in a variety of ways. Aside from the immediate economic losses, community businesses lost an important customer base. Big Spring schools also were severely affected, suffering a drop in enrollment of more than a 1,000 students between 1977 and 1978.

Interestingly, however, the immediate economic impact of the base closing was muted. Webb's facilities were either leased or deeded outright to the city, which then leased buildings to several businesses.

"Six or eight months after the announcement, when we knew it was official, we made a trip to some other bases that had been

closed and converted successfully to civilian use," Choate said. "We came back and started and public relations campaign in the community and started recruiting industry."

Their efforts were aided by the growing boom in the oilfield industry in the late 1970s. With the addition of several oil-related businesses to the former base — renamed Wrinkle-McMahon Airpark — the economic blow of the closure was cushioned.

"It worked out pretty good at first," Choate said. "Oil and gas came on pretty strong the next year, and we had a lot of businesses that kind of filled the void."

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"That that is is."
-Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"

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OTHER VIEWS

Change a'plenty in 20 years since Webb AFB closed

It may be hard for some to believe, but in just seven more days we'll be at the 20th anniversary of the departure of the last plane from Webb Air Force Base.

Obviously, it's closure as an active military facility followed close behind. We feel this is a significant anniversary for a couple of reasons:

First, there are still a goodly number of people in the community that talk about the base's closing and it's economic impact as if it happened just last week.

It's almost as if, in some indeterminable way, Webb's closing could be linked to than of Jumburrito and Golden Corral.

Second, even before the base's closure there was an effort to land industry on the property. That effort was begun by the Big Spring Industrial Foundation and continues today mainly through Moore Development for Big Spring, even though the Industrial Foundation still exists.

Yes, when the federal government pulls out 2,825 jobs ... when your school district loses more than 900 students from one school year to the next ... when an annual payroll of \$170 million disappears from the local economy ... when you lose an estimated 6,000 citizens (base personnel and dependents) virtually overnight — it is an occurrence of historic significance in a community.

All of those things — none of them good — happened to Big Spring.

But just as we have when the various oil busts hit over the years, when Fina closed its offices and moved them to Dallas, when we've lost crops to drought, this community rebounded.

Admittedly, the fact that the oil bust of the early 1980s came right on the heels of Webb's closure didn't help, but neither calamity — either singularly or collectively, could knock this old gal we know and love as Big Spring off her feet.

Now there are more than 1,200 persons employed on the former Webb property in more than 20 businesses and government operations.

Just a year ago, Pathfinders told Moore Development that the former Webb Air Force Base was a diamond in the rough for our community. They said it offered the opportunity for economic diversity that many communities can only dream about and, because of their expertise in economic development, Moore is following their suggestion that our community aggressively pursue aeronautical industry.

The strength of the Webb facility is that the runways offer opportunity for air-related industry while the vast amounts of available space is attractive to other businesses.

The fact of the matter today is that a very small percentage of the jobs at the site are air-related. The opportunity to grow those jobs is encouraging.

Let's not forget Webb Air Force Base, for its role in our community's history cannot be overlooked. But instead of remembering Webb for the economic hardships that its closure brought to our community 20 years ago, let's remember it for the economic boon it helped provide for more than 20 years.

We admit, things haven't been the same since Webb closed, but with a positive attitude and our West Texas "can-do" spirit, we have the opportunity to make things better than they've ever been in our history.



Trying to explain senselessness to a 6-year-old

If you think trying to explain the birds and the bees is difficult, try explaining to a 6-year-old granddaughter that someone stole her swimming pool out of her Papa John's back yard.



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

Miranda Michelle was as dumb-founded as I was when I discovered that not only had someone entered my back yard and stolen her pool, but that they had to empty it of water before they took it!

any of them. It's not as if it was any great loss ... it was one of those \$15 plastic bottom/stiff-sided pools that are so difficult to unroll and get to set up properly.

It was just the thought of the senselessness of taking something that obviously belonged to a very young child.

But Miranda thought it through and came up with something she could live with — and something that made me question my anger.

And I can't tell you where she developed her sense of reasoning ... perhaps from Grandma Jerry and Grandpa Ron ... because the rest of the crew is pretty short-fused ... but she took a viewpoint that I can only wish for myself.

After standing in the doorway and looking out into the yard for a few moments, she looked up at me and said, "Maybe their little girl needed it, huh, Papa John?"

John?"

It hasn't been too long ago that a trip to the park meant that Miranda wanted me to take her to what she calls "The Castle Park."

You know it as Kids' Zone, but the various turrets around the playground make her think of a castle.

Now, a trip to the park means first going to the spring then "The Castle Park."

Earlier this year, when the line was finally laid to where the running of the spring could be replicated, I took Miranda to look at the running water.

At that point, it was flowing pretty freely at the old spring site, but the water wasn't making it to the main pool.

I got a kick out of her taking a long stick and cleaning debris out of the channel in an effort to help more water flow.

On Saturday, she was like a

6-year-old in a candy store as we walked up to the spring.

"Listen to the water, Papa John," she squealed as only a 6-year-old can squeal.

We looked at the spring site, then walked down the trail ... Miranda oohing and aahing as she listened to the water gurgling down its path.

"Oh, Papa John, look ... it's wonderful," she shouted as she saw the water drop into the first pool.

We walked down to the pool, Miranda pointing out how clean everything was, and then walked along the little canal to the main pool — her oohing and aahing all the way.

To those responsible for getting the water to flow, thanks for the pleasure you've given me from watching Miranda Michelle ... she hears every chirp, sees every bird, "loves" every rock and can watch the "spring" flow all day.

Hidden past? Don't expect top Washington job

By JACK R. PAYTON

St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times

WASHINGTON It's time to play Washington's version of Truth or Consequences.

Say you had a traffic accident 20 years ago — nothing big, just a fender-bender — and somebody comes along today and asks you to remember the name of the other person involved and what kind of car he or she was driving.

Could you come up with the answers? Or draw an accurate diagram of how the accident happened, including all the street names and who was going in what direction at which time of the day? Remember now, this was 20 years ago.

Or say you used to have this maid come in to clean your house every once in a while years back. If you had to, could you prove how much you paid for this service and document whether you chipped in the required tax and Social Security contributions?

Okay, you got through the easy part. So let's up the ante a bit, make this game a little more interesting.

Let's say that when you were in high school or college 15, 20 or 30 years ago, you went to a party where some of your friends were smoking marijuana, maybe popping LSD. And you joined in. Could you remember who else joined in and name names? And even if you could, would you?

Now for the juicy stuff.

Say you're a happily married person with a couple of kids, but that 10 or 15 years ago you had this little ... er ... fling. Care to lay it all out on the table? Including the names, addresses and, yes, even the steamy details? And while we're at it, do you mind if we check out your answers with the person or persons in question?

If you've gotten this far without giving any wrong answers, congratulations. You just might be eligible to get a high-level job with the federal government that probably pays less than you would make doing the same thing in private industry — and a job, by the way, that might disappear in three to four years.

This is no joke. People really put themselves through this kind of wringer to get the top government jobs — the ones like ambassadors, field grade military officers or executive branch appointments that require Senate confirmation.

I had lunch recently with an old friend who is going through this process. The way she describes it, it makes you wonder how these top jobs ever get filled.

It all starts as soon as the White House decides to give you this terrific, high-profile job. Almost immediately, White House lawyers, the Secret Service and the FBI start calling to arrange appointments, adding cryptically that it might

be a good idea if you had "your paperwork" in order and close to hand.

"Your paperwork," it turns out, is supposed to be a written record of every odd, possibly embarrassing or, as the lawyers say, "actionable" thing that ever happened to you. Going all the way back to Day One. If there's anything — and I mean anything — that somebody can haul out to make you look bad, the White House, the Secret Service and the FBI want to know about it.

The reason for these intrusions into what most people might consider their private life is that President Clinton doesn't want to be embarrassed by any ethical or moral lapses on the part of his subordinates.

Now before you choke on your doughnut or morning coffee, you have to keep in mind that our commander-in-chief has had his share of embarrassment over the past five years — people yukking it up about him being a non-inhaling draft dodger, a philanderer, real estate sharpie and Lincoln Bedroom rental agent. He doesn't need any more embarrassment.

He certainly doesn't want any repeats of the debacles during his early days in the White House when he appointed people like Zoe Baird, Bobby Ray Inman and Kimba Wood to top executive branch jobs. These are some of the people, you'll remember, who went down in flames over issues like employ-

ing illegal aliens as housekeepers or failing to make the required tax and Social Security contributions for a domestic employee.

No, Clinton finally got beyond that kind of embarrassment and doesn't want to see any of it again. That's why, my friend explained, the White House, the Secret Service and the FBI ask all those probing questions well ahead of time, long before a nominee gets anywhere near a Senate committee run by Republicans looking for blood.

The way it works now, she said, by the time the White House announces a major appointment, the prospective nominee has been going through the meat grinder for two to three months and everything checks out.

Then, to cite a well-known example, the person selected for a job such as ambassador to Mexico gets his name sent to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. And there, the Republican chairman, noted curmudgeon Jesse Helms, shoots it down without even holding a hearing because he doesn't like the cut of the appointee's clothes.

Makes you wonder why any one bothers, doesn't it? Especially somebody like William Weld, the would-be ambassador to Mexico, who doesn't even need the money.

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Brazoria County DA begs off prison probe

HOUSTON (AP) — The Brazoria County district attorney said he will refrain from getting involved with the investigation into alleged brutality at the county jail to avoid claims it is politically motivated.

Jerome Aldrich said Friday that it would be more appropriate for the FBI to investigate Missouri inmates' claims that they were abused by sheriff's deputies and privately employed jail guards.

Widely considered to be a political enemy of the sheriff, Aldrich told The Houston Chronicle that he didn't want to be accused of carrying out a grudge.

"The sheriff asked for an outside agency to investigate it and that's what we're doing," said Aldrich.

The district attorney and the sheriff already clashed once last year over an issue stemming from using the county jail to keep out-of-state inmates.

In that fight, Aldrich kept King from receiving a \$2,000 monthly salary supplement that Capital Correctional Resources Inc. proposed giving the sheriff as part of the company's proposal to lease part of the jail to house out-of-state inmates.

"I want to keep the politics out of it," Aldrich said. "I don't want anybody to raise the issue of politics. This way it's an independent, outside organization."

Aldrich issued a legal opinion stating that it would be unlawful for King to receive the supplement, after which it was scrapped.

Aldrich has given the FBI and the state Commission on Jail Standards copies of a videotape in which sheriff's deputies and private jail guards manhandled inmates from Missouri in a Sept. 18 disturbance.

The 415 inmates were withdrawn this week and bused back to Missouri, however,

after officials in that state opted out of the contract over the alleged brutality. The incident, which was videotaped with plans to make a training video, showed inmates being beaten, kicked, shocked with stun guns and bitten by dogs.

The last Missouri inmates were removed Thursday and CCRI laid off most of the 82 full-time employees and 33 part-time employees who had been hired to guard them.

On Friday, Missouri Corrections Director Dora Schiro said she also is pulling inmates from other CCRI-operated jails in Texas because she has lost confidence in the Groesbeck-based company.

"I'm very disturbed by CCRI's management minimizing the incident at Brazoria (County) and I'm concerned about how their attitude could be reflected in the operation of the other facilities where Missouri prisoners are," she told The Associated Press.

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Taco Villa on 15th and Gregg streets, which was closed the past few weeks for remodeling, is open for business again. Taco Villa recently was rebought by its original owner.

Committee to look at a variety of education issues

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators over the next year will tear apart state agency budgets; examine education funding and its effect on students; and look at school issues including the availability of drug prevention and treatment programs.

They'll make a final report by Oct. 1, 1998. That will give the Legislative Budget Board time to consider their findings when making recommendations to the Legislature, which next meets in regular session in 1999.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock gave the assignments Friday to the Senate Finance Committee and two special committees. The Senate's presiding officer, Bullock has announced he isn't running for re-election next year, but that hasn't stopped him from setting a series of ambitious tasks for lawmakers.

"The people of Texas have a right to know how their money's being spent and whether they're getting a good deal on it," Bullock said in asking the Finance Committee to measure efficiency and accountability in spending.

Bullock suggested that lawmakers scrutinize state government agencies involved in criminal justice, public safety, the judiciary, education, health, human services, regulatory functions, natural resources, business and economic development and general government.

Among items to be examined by the Finance Committee are:

- Agencies' accuracy in reporting on their performance measures.
- Agency budgets.
- The history of agencies' unspent balances and the reasons for the balances.
- Agencies' caseload, population or enrollment forecast methods.
- Increases and decreases in full- or part-time employees, and use of consultants or people who work under contract.

"We touch on those subjects each time we build a budget, but we don't have time to scrutinize those issues nearly as much as this interim group should have," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Among other issues, Ratliff said, "The lieutenant governor, I think, is particularly concerned about the unexpended

balances resulting from overpadding of budgets."

Bullock also named two special panels, one to look at public schools and the other to look at public and higher education funding issues.

The funding committee will study financial assistance and tuition exemption programs at state colleges and universities. It will review higher education enrollment and graduation rates to determine how issues including cost affect students' ability to complete their education.

Ratliff — who will head the panel with Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo — said one issue he is particularly eager to study is "the whole question of tuition, fees, scholarships."

"We probably had 10 bills filed in the Finance Committee this last session giving free or in-state tuition to all kinds of special groups," while other measures set aside more scholarship money, he said. "We have just got a hodgepodge, patchwork approach to that question."

"It just runs the gamut of people wanting to do more in the way of student assistance, while at the same time, we've got institutions raising fees higher than tuition."

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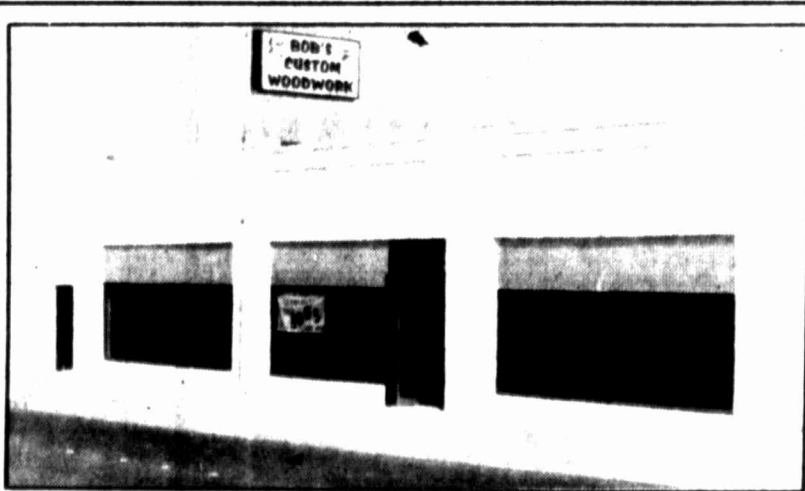
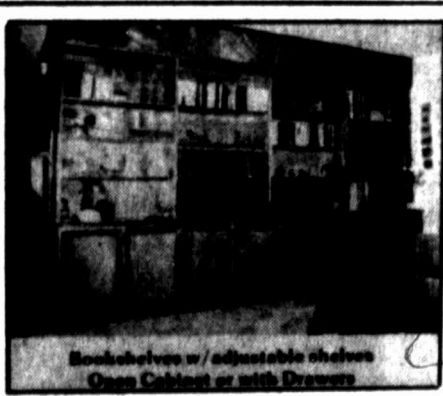
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Mir crew takes a rest after strenuous repair job on station

MOSCOW (AP) — The crew of the Mir space station and their ground controllers enjoyed a day of rest today after a strenuous, risky and much-watched mission to fix power cables in an airless module.

"The cosmonauts were given a rest on Saturday and Sunday," announced a recorded telephone message at the Mission Control Center outside Moscow.

Other telephones at the center

rang unanswered today, and journalists were barred from the Mission Control building.

The message said Anatoly Solovoyov and Pavel Vinogradov have fully carried out their program of critical repairs Friday, intended to restore the battered station to a near-normal power level following a collision with a cargo ship in June.

The crash depressurized the Mir's Spektr module, forcing the crew to seal it. During that effort, electric cables linking

the Spektr's solar batteries with the rest of the station's power system were disconnected.

Solovoyov and Vinogradov had to examine the Spektr, connect the 11 power cables, provide the depressurized module with a new hatch door and do a quick search for holes that allowed the module's oxygen to escape in June.

"The cosmonauts reported that there was ideal order inside the module. They said some fans were working," the

Mission Control Center said.

The cosmonauts ran into trouble at the outset Friday, in what seemed to be a continuation of the string of bad luck, accidents and malfunctions that has plagued the Mir.

As air drained out of an antechamber where the two waited, a hatch door started to leak. Then, one of the crew's spacesuits also started to leak — a potentially fatal problem.

But this time, Mir's jinx seemed to have been broken.

Displaying the grit and ingenuity that have kept the Mir in orbit for 11 years, the cosmonauts overcame the glitches and went on to carry out their mission flawlessly, leaving flight controllers slightly giddy with relief.

Using screwdrivers and specially designed tools with which they had trained extensively on Earth, the cosmonauts reattached the power cables far faster than expected — in just over an hour.

As the first reports from Spektr crackled through the radio, smiles broke out across the room at Mission Control. That broke the tension and, perhaps, Mir's remarkable string of bad luck.

Since February, the space station has endured a fire, power outages, oxygen system breakdowns and the June 25 crash, and Russian space officials heard calls from around the world for the aging station to be retired.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 24:

This year, you reach out for others. Your openness and creativity make you very desirable. Travel and education play a significant role. Be open to new possibilities and changes. You will like the portal you walk through as a result. At times, you feel uncomfortable with changes, especially those that affect your professional status. Taking risks can be uncomfortable, but they are worthwhile. If you are single, someone unique might enter your life. You could meet this person while traveling or at a place of learning. If attached, the two of you learn to detach and trigger each other's emotions less. GEMINI pushes you hard.

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)
You are upbeat and full of ideas. Watch possessiveness. Heed instincts; act on them this afternoon, when you feel energetic. Honor gut feelings regarding a difficult matter that could involve your daily routine. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Defer to others. Listen to sug-

gestions from a loved one. Caring comes from the heart. Allow your creativity to emerge. You feel pressured by others. One-to-one relating enhances the dynamics between you and another. Tonight: It's playtime!****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
A partner gives you feedback that is important for you to absorb. Listen carefully to these ideas. Turn your loving attention to key issues. Your caring is appreciated. Circulate in the afternoon, and get together with friends. Tonight: Ask for it, and you'll get it.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Emphasize an association or friendship. Getting together with another is important. Together, you make things happen. Share your feelings. Celebration and intimacy mix with ease. Discussions make your relationship dynamic. Tonight: Vanish with a friend.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You have an important errand to run for a family member. Listen carefully to suggestions from a wise friend or relative. Get things done, so that you can have some fun time with loved ones and friends. Make the most of an offer. Tonight: Be with your friends.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Gather friends and loved ones for a picnic or day excursion. In another setting, feelings come out, and it is easy to relate. Not only is this refreshing and worthwhile, but it's key to recharging your relationships. Be willing to ask for help on a project. Tonight: Head out and about.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You feel content with a family relationship. There is talk about a positive change in living circumstances. Go for what you want. Do not feel you need to fulfill another's vision; that's his job. Make plans for a mini-trip this afternoon. Tonight: Go for something different.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Others defer to you. Still, listen to what is being said. You need to express your inner thoughts. Others want more meat and potatoes, less mystery. It serves you to understand exactly what is going on. Relating is important, and adds to your afternoon. Tonight: Build closeness.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Pace yourself, and get errands done. Finances are important when dealing with daily errands. Understand what others expect. Discussions lead

to a confrontation between career, image and relationships. It is a no-win situation for now. Tonight: Dote on an irritated partner.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your imagination sees through all you do. A loved one is clearly thrilled by what you say. Let loving gestures become more a part of your life. Say what you are feeling in the moment. Expressing thoughts is key to improving a relationship. Consider taking a trip. Tonight: Attend to another.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Be more anchored and settled down. Coming from a place of sincerity and integrity impresses others and helps you make important points. Get a home project done early; later, you will be distracted by someone. Instincts are right on. Tonight: Whoop it up!****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
A friend inspires you this morning. Go off on an interesting day venture. You like the discussions and the change of pace. You get to see someone in a new light. You feel tense about a friend who is demanding. Make time for another. Tonight: Take it easy at home.****

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Pet owners everywhere must heed these words

DEAR ABBY: I'm sending you an article that was published by the SPCA of Texas. It brought me to tears when I read it, knowing how many owners abuse and neglect their pets. It also reminded me how much my little dog loves and depends on me.



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

Please, please put this in your column with the hope that it might make even one abusive pet owner stop abusing his or her pet, or just as a reminder to other pet owners about how sensitive and loving their pets are. If it saves even one helpless pet from further abuse or neglect, it will be worth space in your column. — LISA D. FOURNIER, ALLEN, TEXAS

DEAR LISA: I think it's excellent, and well worth sharing with my readers. I hope those who need the message will take it to heart. Read on:

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be very painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me — it is crucial for my well-being.

4. Don't be angry with me for long, and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment. I HAVE ONLY YOU!
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll NEVER forget it.
7. Before you hit me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative,

ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart may be getting old and weak.

9. Take care of me when I get old. You, too, will grow old.
10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch it" or, "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for ME if you are there. Remember, I love you.

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New Hampshire town grapples with aftermath of shooting

COLEBROOK, N.H. (AP) — When Carl Drega rattled into town in his battered orange truck, people got out of his way.

Everyone said he was dangerous — he even brandished a shotgun whenever he walked to his own mailbox. Most figured it was just a matter of time before the 62-year-old recluse exploded.

Even so, it's hard to believe the extent of his fury. Five people are dead, a hidden bomb factory on Drega's property has been dismantled and his house in the woods is a charred ruin.

Drega did more than murder a lawyer, an editor and two cops before dying in a hail of police bullets Tuesday.

He ripped into the very heart of what it means to live here in the North Country, a sociable place where police double as firefighters in neighboring towns, lawyers pitch in as part-time judges and everyone volunteers to flip moose-burgers at the annual Moose Festival.

The festival, set for this weekend, was canceled because of funerals that drew thousands of mourners, including police officers from all over the country.

"We lost our trust," said Scott Berry, a public works employee who spent part of Friday digging a grave for his friend, 32-year state trooper Scott Phillips. "When new people come here, we're going to be very distrustful."

Now a sign on the road into Colebrook, a town of 2,600 near the Canadian border, says "Town in Mourning." Main Street is draped in black bunting.

Berry is thinking about building a basement bunker as protection for his family. Others are wondering if there are

more madmen in the woods like Drega — hiding out during the long, cold winters, building bombs and stockpiling ammunition.

"People go to remote areas and do what they want to do," said Town Manager Russell McAllister. "The dangerous edge (of society) can pass through here more easily and go unnoticed."

Everyone knew the victims: lawyer and part-time judge Vickie Bunnell, 45, newspaper editor Dennis Joos, 51, state troopers Phillips and Leslie Lord, 45.

"It's like a stone dropped into a pond and the ripples affect everyone," said John Harrigan, publisher of the weekly News and Sentinel, where Joos and Bunnell were both killed. "People didn't just lose a lawyer or a police officer. They lost friends."

They died in a shooting spree that began at a supermarket about half a mile from downtown and ended outside the small newspaper building, where Bunnell also had an office.

"It's Drega. He's got a gun," screamed Bunnell, her last

words as she raced through the newsroom for her life.

"I go home and cry every night," said McAllister, who got to the scene in time to see his two friends die. "Things can never be the same."

At first, Drega seemed like the kind who would fit in "north of the notches," referring to the passes through the White Mountains, an area where people pride themselves on a particularly active brand of independence — one that briefly led to the creation of an independent republic in the 1830s.

Inspecting meat an uphill battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — No matter how sophisticated government testing of meat and poultry becomes, the sheer volume produced in America may make it impossible to detect all dangerous bacteria in food, inspectors say.

"There is probably no way to absolutely foolproof this process," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said this week.

For example, the Hudson Foods Co. ground beef plant in Nebraska, shut down this week during a federal probe into E. coli contamination, had been producing up to 3 million pounds of frozen hamburger every week.

That's 12 million quarter-pound patties.

Agriculture Department inspectors go to slaughterhouses that supply Hudson and the Hudson plant itself. But it is not practical to test all that meat for E. coli, salmonella or other bacteria that can make people sick, officials say.

And health risks in the meat industry can start well before the cattle reach slaughterhouses.

Agriculture experts told U.S. News & World Report that farmers often add waste substances to livestock and poultry feed. Chicken manure, which is cheaper than alfalfa, is increasingly used as feed by cattle farmers despite possible health risks to consumers, says the magazine.

"Feeding manure that has not been properly processed is supercharging the cattle feces with pathogens likely to cause disease in consumers," Dr. Neal Barnard, head of the Washington-based health lobby. Physicians for Responsible Medicine, told the magazine.

This can make the Agriculture Department meat inspectors' job even harder.

Tight budgets at the agency just exacerbate the problem. The number of inspectors at the agency's Food Safety and Inspection Service fell from about 12,000 in 1978 to 7,500 today — to cover the 6,500 private meat and poultry plants around the country.

The Hudson situation has shaken some Americans' confidence, a new Newsweek poll found, with 42 percent saying they are less likely to buy hamburger at grocery stores.

Justice Department probe centers on Carey's campaign fund-raising

WASHINGTON (AP) — A month ago, Ron Carey would have faced an uphill battle in a rerun election for the Teamsters presidency. Today he looks tough to beat after the United Parcel Service strike.

But the real determination of Carey's future may lie with Justice Department and Senate investigators who are pursuing an inquiry into his campaign fund raising and the Teamsters' ties to the Democratic Party.

The investigators are examining memos and handwritten notes of former Democratic National Committee officials, as well as internal Teamsters memos reviewed by The Associated Press.

The Teamsters union "was supposed to make certain political contributions in exchange for contributions to the Carey campaign," Barbara Zack Quindel, the election overseer, said in her decision calling for a new contest between Carey and challenger James P. Hoffa.

Quindel declined to elaborate on the charge in a telephone interview.

Sheila Krumholz of the watchdog group Center for Responsive Politics called the alleged schemes "absolutely outrageous."

"Certainly it's not even keep-

ing with the letter of the law, much less the spirit of the law," she said.

Senate and FBI investigators have been scrutinizing the union's relationship with the Democratic National Committee since a memo signed by Richard Sullivan, the party's former finance chairman, surfaced last month.

Sullivan's handwritten notes refer repeatedly to Carey, mention \$50,000, a lunch meeting and Teamsters' commitments to get-out-the-vote efforts.

At the DNC, spokesman Steve Langdon said: "DNC records do not reflect any direct donations from the Teamsters to state parties either in the total amount or time period of the memo."

People familiar with the plan say Davis approached Sullivan. Investigators say the notes are intriguing but inconclusive. Sullivan has met with federal prosecutors in New York who are investigating the Carey campaign.

An attorney for Sullivan, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that Sullivan was approached about a plan to use the DNC to raise money for Carey, but "as far as Richard Sullivan knows, it was never carried out."

Quindel's decision did not

name the DNC, but said that three advocacy groups aligned with labor participated in a plan to direct Teamsters money to congressional races to offset their donors' contributions to Carey.

Named in the decision were Citizen Action, which received \$475,000 from the Teamsters in 1996; the National Council of Senior Citizens, which received \$85,000; and Project Vote, which received \$175,000.

The payments were made after Carey approved them, Quindel asserted, but she accepted Carey's sworn testimony that "at no time did he have any idea of the existence of schemes to funnel (Teamster) or employer funds into the Carey campaign."

Internal union memos written by Hamilton — the union's former political director who resigned after a federal grand jury in New York subpoenaed the union and the DNC — "show clear instances of what are apparently illegal campaign activity," said one investigator, who declined to be named.

To comply with federal election law, labor's intensive grassroots and television campaign last year focused on issues and avoided advocating the election or defeat of individual candidates.

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Syracuse coach worries about stopping Wisconsin's Dayne

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Wisconsin tailback Ron Dayne is unique among college running backs, according to Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni.

Not only does Dayne have speed and elusiveness, he can also intimidate defenders, running at them with his 260-pound body.

"He has a little bit of what every good back you'll see in the course of your life, except his is rolled into one," Pasqualoni said Friday at a news conference to promote today's Kickoff

KICKOFF CLASSIC

Classic at Giants Stadium between No. 17 Syracuse and No. 24 Wisconsin.

If the Orangemen are going to have any chance against Wisconsin, they first have to slow down Dayne, who last year became the leading freshman rusher in NCAA history by gaining 1,863 yards.

Pasqualoni admitted that Dayne will be very tough to stop.

In Dayne-like fashion, Pasqualoni got on an unstoppable roll when talk-

ing about the Berlin, N.J., resident and Overbrook High School product who averaged 155.3 yards and scored 18 touchdowns in 1996.

"I think what happens is when you try to tackle him or when he comes downhill and turns his shoulders, he is unique in my opinion," Pasqualoni said of Dayne, who is 5-foot-10 and 262 pounds. "He has such great feel. He is constantly cutting back and constantly making the moves which make you miss him."

"He makes you look silly trying to tackle him," Pasqualoni added. "He is not only a big powerful back, but he is

someone with exceptional feeling and timing."

Pasqualoni said Dayne is at his best when he can make his cutbacks, squirting through holes that open when a defender tries to sidestep a blocker.

"If I was playing, I'd be happy to just get off the block, let alone have a collision with someone 260 pounds," Pasqualoni said. "There is a lot more to that team than Ron Dayne, but he is going to set up a lot of what is going on."

One of the players Dayne might run into Sunday is Syracuse senior safety

Donovin Darius, a Camden resident who played at Woodrow Wilson High School.

"I think he was a freshman or he was in the eighth grade when I was a senior," Darius said. "His school played mine and I heard about him time and time again when I talked to my high school coaches."

Stopping Dayne is going to take a team effort, Darius said.

"It's very rare that he has all those abilities, size, strength and speed," Darius said. "But to me, he's a running back and I don't care what size he is."

Parents' suit seems clearly off the mark

It has oft been said that one has to be a little "tetch in the head" to be a high school coach.

"Anyone who's willing to put his contract in a 17-year-old's teeth and tell him to go out there and save my job," has to be a little "tetch,"

former South Lamar High School football coach Sonny Templeton once admitted.

It's not so much the students and athletes who make coaches' lives a nightmare, but in most cases it's unrealistic expectation on the part of the general public — often the parents' parents.

Not even Sonny, who in 40 years of coaching at a number of East Texas football powerhouses thought he'd seen just about everything that could happen, wouldn't believe what's going on just outside of Houston these days.

A lawsuit has been filed against the Cypress-Fairbanks School District and some of its coaches by the parents of a former high school baseball pitcher who claim their son's constitutional rights were violated when he was benched.

As I've often stressed in such columns, I'm really not making this up.

According to an Associated Press story, Kyle, Scott and some Rutherford claim their son, Kyle, was kept off the mound for Cypress Falls High School because of retaliation over an earlier meeting with athletic director Wayne Hooks and because of barbs the coach had directed at Hooks in a "Memory Book."

The remarks were in response to Hooks replacing Kyle Rutherford as quarterback of the football team. The youth wrote that he didn't get a college scholarship because of the coach.

To Coach Hooks, I leave a \$10,000 debt. I figure you cost me that much with your 3-7 football season," Rutherford said in the "Memory Book."

From this corner, that seems like a kind of a stupid move on the youngster's part. However, it seems to pale in comparison to his parents' legal action.

The Rutherford's federal lawsuit seeks at least \$40,000 in damages for what they say their son lost in potential athletic scholarships to college, plus losses from a possible professional baseball or football career.

In addition to the suit, Rutherford was starting quarterback for Cypress Falls High School in the 1994-95 season until he was pulled out during a bad game.

Hooks began alternating him with a junior quarterback during his senior year. The coach's decision, in comments to the newspaper, was to "protect" the team.

He later made the baseball team which was headed into the district's quarterfinal playoff game on May 17, 1996. The lawsuit alleges that baseball coach Archie Hayes had told him he would be the starting pitcher.

The "Memory Book" of wills by seniors was published in the meantime.

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Cox's 67 won't win Herald's championships

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Leslie Hooper tees off on the first hole during the opening round of the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Hooper was one of four players who finished the day with an 85, and are two strokes off the pace in the third flight of the men's open division.

Two-time champion Royce Cox blistered the Comanche Trail Golf Course Saturday, carding a 4-under-par 67 during the opening round of the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships.

But Cox won't be contending for his third city championship Sunday, because he opted to enter only the men's senior division, not the open field.

As a result, five players who were three strokes off his pace — Mike Weaver, John Kennedy, Charlie Garcia, Felix "Flea" Martinez and Dr. Carlos Dimidjian — enter Sunday's final round tied for the championship flight's lead.

Jake McCullough was one stroke back of the leaders with an even par round of 71 on the 6,327-yard Comanche Trail layout. Luven Flores, Keith Burchell and Marvin Williams were another stroke back at 72, while defending champion and course record owner Ben Garcia Jr. was three strokes back along with Craig Chandler and Jack Birdwell.

In the women's championship, in its first year of being contested, Joan Daniel and Patsy Sharpnack didn't make Cox's mistake — both entered both the women's open division and the senior classification.

Daniel's 81 was good enough for a two stroke lead over Sharpnack in both divisions

after first-round play.

In the open division, Susie Hernandez was just three strokes off the pace set by Daniel, but third place in the women's senior group was Bobbie Patterson's 95.

However, Patterson was just three strokes off the open first flight lead held by Glenodene Williams, who carded a 92 Saturday. JoAnn Hilger was two strokes back at 94 going into Sunday's finale.

Another former men's city champion, Randy Crockett, failed to make the championship flight, but his 74 Saturday was good enough for a one-stroke lead over Robert Stone in the first flight. Six other players were two strokes back at 76. They were Collin Carroll, Lynn Walling, Bob Shafer, Don Osborne, Jim Roger and Chad Wash.

Riley Wyatt and Brad Hicks enter today's final round tied for the second flight lead following rounds of 78 Saturday. A trio including Jimmy Leal, Steve Watson and Mike McCormick were one stroke off the pace, and for other players — Manuel Jimenez, Steve Hedges, Roland Atkins and Daniel Silen — had rounds of 80.

With two players leading the second flight, it seemed only fitting that three should be tied for the third flight lead going into the final round. Sherrill Farmer, Ron Booth and Paul Decker all finished the day Saturday with rounds of 83.

Another trio — Kerby Brown, Michael Strain and Tommy Carter — were one stroke back in second place, while Dean Fleharty, Leslie Hooper, James Sanders and Bill Diaz finished rounds of 85 Saturday.

Fourth flight play will begin with another three-way tie, as Manuel Ramirez, Don Hogan and Lloyd managed rounds of 87 to share the lead. David Gomez, Ken Brown, Roger Battle, Bill Bauer and David Tubb were one stroke back at 88.

Five players enter today's round tied for the fifth flight's lead. Deadlocked at 90 following the first 18 holes were Paul Bailey, Ben Sparks, Mechie Sarmiento, David Klaus and Ricky Stone.

As is the case in virtually all the flights, however, the field is close behind with three players carding rounds of 91 Saturday and another four finishing at 92.

David Neff and Jim Ward will enter today's round tied for the sixth flight lead following Saturday's scores of 94, while Rick Higginbotham was one stroke back at 95.

Cox's 67 gave him a six-stroke lead over Birdwell, the Comanche Trail Course superintendent, and nine strokes over Roger.

Jerry Roach held the super seniors division lead going into the final round after posting a 77 Saturday. Wyatt was one stroke back at 78 and Atkins was third with his round of 80.

Sooner turnovers provide boost for Northwestern's 24-0 victory

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Northwestern's defense didn't tackle well, giving up big plays all day, especially to elusive Oklahoma running back De'Mond Parker.

But the Wildcats didn't surrender any points, either, and beat the Sooners 24-0 Saturday in the Pigskin Classic.

"You come off two Big Ten titles and you think you're good. We showed we're just OK and we need a lot of work," said senior defensive end Keith Lozowski, whose third-quarter interception was one of the keys for the Wildcats.

"They broke a couple of big plays on us. We came up with some turnovers but we need more three-and-outs. I don't think anybody is happy. We were lucky to get out without them scoring," Lozowski said.

Northwestern sputtered offensively with starting quarterback Tim Hughes before finally getting untracked behind back-

up Chris Hamdorf, who led two scoring drives in the fourth quarter.

"We got to a point in the game when we needed to sort of settle down. Chris came in and ran that long drive off," Northwestern coach Gary Barnett said.

"I don't anticipate making any change. Right now Tim is our starting quarterback. I plan to play them both. There is no quarterback controversy. We need them both to win."

Northwestern's first touchdown came on Faraji Leary's 1-yard run, capping an 80-yard drive that took nearly seven minutes and finally deflated the Sooners as the Wildcats took a 14-0 lead with 9:14 left.

Earlier in the drive, Leary went 24 yards with a pass from Hamdorf.

"I don't feel it's my place to speculate as far as who plays," Hamdorf said. He completed 6-of-11 passes for 80 yards while Hughes was 14-of-28 for 151.

After Brian Gowing's third

field goal made it 17-0, the Sooners' Chris Lewis fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Barry Gardner recovered.

Northwestern's Levelle Brown then ran for a 16-yard touchdown.

Oklahoma, behind the running of Parker, who gained 78 yards on 17 carries, threatened throughout. But Justin Fuente had two passes intercepted and Jeremy Alexander missed two field goals as the Sooners came up empty.

It marked the first time Oklahoma had failed to score in a season opener since a scoreless tie in 1942.

"It's like a game from last year again. It's like the same scenario," Parker said.

"We were in the game the whole game. We got close to the goal line a couple of times but we just couldn't put it in. It's kind of tough."

Oklahoma, coming off a 3-8 season, the worst in school history, was also plagued again by poor special teams play.

Forsan runners, QB shine in scrimmage

HERALD Staff Report

Forsan's Buffaloes romped to a 5-0 scrimmage win over Water Valley Thursday in an offensive display that featured running by Daniel Davis and Wes Osburn and two touchdown passes by Cade Park.

While the Forsan running attack gained 256 yards rushing on 34 carries and another 111 yards on Park's two completions, Buff coach Steve Park was particularly pleased with the shutout his defense.

"Our defense did a really fine job ... really kept them in check all night," Park said before heaping equal praise on his offense. "We've still got some things to work out, but we got a chance to play a lot of kids and still moved the ball pretty well."

Davis paced the Forsan rushing attack gaining 162 yards on 12 carries including a 9-yard touchdown run. He also gathered in a 69-yard scoring pass from Park.

Park's second completion was a 42-yard scoring toss to Allen Dunlap.

Osburn also had a big night, capping his 70 yards on 12 carries with a 15-yard blast into the end zone.

Forsan's final score was set up by a 65-yard run by Daniel Smith. Two plays later, Cory Walker dashed to pay-dirt.

Forsan's second scrimmage is set for 6 p.m. Thursday in O'Donnell.

BSHS netters take all but one match from Odessa

HERALD Staff Report

A single loss in one doubles match was all that stood between Big Spring's Steers and a perfect sweep of Odessa High's Bronchos in a dual team tennis event Saturday.

Senior captains Hsiao Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal led the way, devastating Odessa's No. 1 singles entries. Li knocked off Adam Carson 6-1, 6-1; while Villarreal took out Jennifer Kupper in straight love games.

"It was pretty much what I expected," Steers tennis coach Ralph Davis said following the dual match. "Overall our play was what we wanted, coming out and taking a commanding lead in virtually all the match-



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Es, but in some of them we didn't maintain the intensity."

And intensity is something the Steers netters will need Tuesday when they take on state-ranked Midland in another dual showdown.

"Midland's really going to be a tougher test," Davis added. "They're very good and very deep ... deep as they can be ... in talent."

Drew McKinney found Odessa's Mauricio Quintela a little more difficult an opponent in the No. 2 boys' singles match, as Quintela forced him into a tie breaker in the opening set. However, he allowed just three points in the tie breaker and followed that with a 6-2 win in the second set.

In other boys' singles action, Kayne Stroup took a 6-2, 6-1 win over Punkey Patel; Devon Swafford knocked off John O'Hearn, 6-2, 0-6, 6-1; Jeff Castle topped Deaver Bilyer, 6-2, 6-4; and Sterling Hillman took a 6-2, 7-6 decision over Brett McKinley.

Li and Swafford found the Carson-O'Hearn only slightly more difficult in doubles action, taking a 6-4, 6-2 win. McKinney and Stroup then knocked off Patel and Quintela, 6-0, 6-2, before McKinney and Bilyer managed to save what little face the Bronchos could muster with a 6-2, 4-6, 5-7 win over Hillman and Castle.

In other girls' singles matches, Kim Dominguez was a 7-5, 6-

1 winner over D'Nett Sharp; Stephanie Lewis beat Heidi Gerber, 6-4, 6-2; Yu Ching Li took a 6-2, 6-3 win over Krystal Handley; Christina Vera topped Kathleen O'Hearn, 6-1, 6-0; and Meredith Tissue defeated Jamie Qualls, 6-2, 6-2.

After romping to a quick 6-0 first set win over Kupper and O'Hearn in the No. 1 girls' doubles match, Villarreal and Welch were forced to fend off the upset minded Odessa tandem in the second set to close out with a 6-0, 7-5 win.

Li and Dominguez didn't give Sharp and Gerber the same opportunity, taking a 6-3, 6-1 win, and Vera and Lewis closed out the romp with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Handley and Qualls.

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Industrial League Softball Standings

Team	W	L	Pct.
The Crew	9	2	.818
Cyclones	9	2	.818
Night Crawlers	9	2	.818
Astros	8	3	.727
Bob Brock	7	4	.636
Indios	6	5	.545
Blasters	5	6	.455
Edwards Bros.	5	6	.455
BSCC	4	6	.364
Rodgers	3	8	.273
Pirates	1	10	.091
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NFL SCHEDULES

Dallas Cowboys
 Aug. 31 at Pittsburgh, noon
 Sept. 7 at Arizona, 8 p.m.
 Sept. 15 Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
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 Sept. 28 Chicago, 3 p.m.
 Oct. 5 at New York Giants, noon
 Oct. 13 at Washington, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 19 Jacksonville, noon
 Oct. 26 at Philadelphia, noon
 Nov. 2 at San Francisco, noon
 Nov. 9 Arizona, noon
 Nov. 16 Washington, noon
 Nov. 23 at Green Bay, noon
 Nov. 27 Houston, 3 p.m.
 Dec. 6 Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Dec. 14 at Cincinnati, noon
 Dec. 21 New York Giants, noon

AP TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, 1996 records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in 1996 final poll:

Rank	Record	Pts	Pv
1. PennSt.	(21)	11-2	1,566
2. Florida	(12)	12-1	1,548
3. FloridaSt.	(7)	11-1	1,507
4. Washington	9-3	1,484	16
5. Tennessee	10-2	1,480	9
6. Nebraska	11-2	1,442	6
7. N. Carolina	10-2	1,333	10
8. Colorado	10-2	1,302	8
9. Ohio St.	11-1	1,172	2
10. LSU	10-2	1,096	12
11. Notre Dame	8-3	1,071	19
12. Texas	8-5	1,042	23
13. Miami	9-3	820	14
14. Michigan	8-4	797	20
15. Alabama	10-3	673	11
16. Auburn	8-4	592	24
17. Syracuse	9-3	585	21
18. Stanford	7-5	533	—
19. BYU	14-1	375	5
20. Clemson	7-5	352	—
21. Iowa	9-3	347	18
22. USC	6-6	219	—
23. Kansas St.	9-3	210	17
24. Wisconsin	8-5	198	—
25. Michigan St.	6-6	148	—

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 DETROIT TIGERS—Activated RHP Brian Moehler from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Glenn Disher to Toledo of the International League. Announced Of Curtis Pride refused a minor league assignment and became a free agent.
National League
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed 3B Sean Berry on the 15-day disabled list.
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Named Bill Singer to scouting staff. Recalled RHP Dennis Reyes

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League Standings (results not included)

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	81	44	.648
New York	76	51	.598
Boston	64	65	.496
Toronto	61	66	.480
Chicago	60	67	.472

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Cleveland	66	59	.528
Chicago	63	65	.492
Milwaukee	62	65	.488
Kansas City	52	73	.416
Minnesota	52	74	.413

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Seattle	72	56	.563
Anaheim	70	59	.543
Texas	61	67	.477
Oakland	51	78	.395

National League Standings (results not included)

East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	79	49	.617
Florida	73	53	.579
New York	69	58	.543
Montreal	62	64	.492
Philadelphia	45	78	.366

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Houston	68	60	.531
Pittsburgh	64	64	.500
St. Louis	59	68	.465
Cincinnati	55	70	.440
Chicago	51	77	.398

West Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
San Francisco	71	57	.555
Los Angeles	70	58	.547
Colorado	61	67	.477
San Diego	61	67	.477

Others receiving votes:
 Colorado St. 132, Arizona St. 131, Texas A&M 118, Virginia Tech 97, UCLA 82, Arizona 59, Northwestern 58, Virginia 45, East Carolina 32, West Virginia 25, Georgia 21, Southern Miss. 12, Utah 11, Houston 8, South Carolina 7, Georgia Tech 4, Illinois 4, San Diego St. 4, Arkansas 3, Mississippi St. 1, Navy 1, Nevada 1, Rice 1, Washington St. 1.

BASEBALL
National Football League
 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Waived DE Renaldo Turnbull.
 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Acquired G Sean Love from the New York Jets for past considerations. Placed QB Roy Detmer on the injured reserve list.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
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RUNS—Garciaparra, Boston, 101; Jeter, New York, 94; Kr. Houch, Minnesota, 94; Griffey, Jr., Seattle, 93; BL Hunter, Detroit, 91; Martinez, Seattle, 90; ToClark, Detroit, 88; Thomas, Chicago, 88.
RBI—Martinez, New York, 119; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 114; Salmon, Anaheim, 103; FThomas, Chicago, 102; JuGonzalez, Texas, 100; O'Neill, New York, 99; ToClark, Detroit, 98.
HITS—Garciaparra, Boston, 169; Jeter, New York, 156; Greer, Texas, 155; JHValentin, Boston, 153; IRodriguez, Texas, 151; GAnderson, Anaheim, 149; Cora, Seattle, 148.
DOUBLES—JHValentin, Boston, 41; Cirillo, Milwaukee, 36; ARodriguez, Seattle, 35; Cora, Seattle, 35; O'Neill, New York, 34; Garciaparra, Boston, 33; Belle, Chicago, 32.
TRIPLES—Garciaparra, Boston, 10; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 7; Jeter, New York, 7; Alica, Anaheim, 7; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 6; Offerman, Kansas City, 6; Grissom, Cleveland, 6; Vizquel, Cleveland, 6; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 6.
HOME RUNS—TMartinez, New York, 40; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 40; Thome, Cleveland, 34; McGwire, Oakland, 34; JuGonzalez, Texas, 30; Buhner, Seattle, 30; FThomas, Chicago, 29.
STOLEN BASES—BL Hunter, Detroit, 62; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 48; Nixon, Toronto, 47; Gooden, Texas, 40.
PITCHING (14 Decisions)—Clemens, Toronto, 20-4, .833, 1.80; Rajshuman, Seattle, 17-4, 810, 2.32; Moyer, Seattle, 13-4, 765, 4.24; Erickson, Baltimore, 15-5, 750, 3.28; Mussen, Baltimore, 13-5, 722, 3.19; Blair, Detroit, 13-5, 722, 3.97; Radke, Minnesota, 17-7, 708, 3.36.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Gwynn, San Diego, .377; LWalker, Colorado, .373; Lofton, Atlanta, .348; Piazza, Los Angeles, .346; Joyner, San Diego, .333; Galarraga, Colorado, .317; Alfonzo, New York, .316; MGracey, Chicago, .316.
RUNS—Biggio, Houston, 116; LWalker, Colorado, 111; Bonds, San Francisco, 92; Galarraga, Colorado, 90; Bagwell, Houston, 88; EYoung, Los Angeles, 82; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 77; SFinley, San Diego, 77.
RBI—Galarraga, Colorado, 114; Bagwell, Houston, 108; Gwynn, San Diego, 103; LWalker, Colorado, 102; Kent, San Francisco, 96; Sosa, Chicago, 96; Chones, Atlanta, 95.
HITS—Gwynn, San Diego, 178; LWalker, Colorado, 171; Biggio, Houston, 156; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 150; Galarraga, Colorado, 150; Piazza, Los Angeles, 149; Chones, Atlanta, 148; Womack, Pittsburgh, 148.
DOUBLES—Grudzianek, Montreal, 44; Gwynn, San Diego, 37; Morandini, Philadelphia, 36; LWalker, Colorado, 36; Lansing, Montreal, 35; Bonilla, Florida, 34; ChJones, Atlanta, 33; Bagwell, Houston, 33.
TRIPLES—DeShields, St. Louis, 11; WGuerrero, Los Angeles, 9; Tomack, Pittsburgh, 9; Randa, Pittsburgh, 8; EYoung, Los Angeles, 7; AMartin, Pittsburgh, 7; DSanders, Cincinnati, 7; Dauton, Florida, 7.
HOME RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 36; Bagwell, Houston, 34; Castilla, Colorado, 32; Galarraga, Colorado, 32; Bonds, San Francisco, 30; Piazza, Los Angeles, 28; Sosa, Chicago, 28.
PITCHING (14 Decisions)—Kile, Houston, 17-3, .850, 2.28; GMaddux, Atlanta, 17-3, .850, 2.39; Neagle, Atlanta, 16-3, .842, 2.84; Estes, San Francisco, 16-4, 800, 3.15.

LEAGUE LEADERS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—FThomas, Chicago, .350; Justice, Cleveland, .332; Ramirez, Cleveland, .331; EMartinez, Seattle, .327; WClark,

Aikman says Cowboys ready to open after dumping Oilers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — If Troy Aikman is pleased, Barry Switzer is pleased.
 So the Dallas Cowboys finished their preseason on a pleasing note Friday night with a 34-10 romp over the Tennessee Oilers.
 "I think this football team is ready for the regular season," Aikman said. "Anthony Miller is ready to play and he gives us a deep threat we haven't found in years."

At least not since Alvin Harper left for Tampa Bay.
 The Cowboys ran, passed and kicked like they should.

"The offense is where we want to be for the opener," Aikman said. "We showed a lot of different weapons against the Oilers. We've got the best receiving group we've had since I've been here."

Emmitt Smith scored his first exhibition touchdown, Billy Davis snared a 59-yard touchdown pass and job-seeking Richie Cunningham kicked two field goals, including a 51-yarder.

"I couldn't ask for much better than what we got when Troy was in the game," said Switzer, the Dallas coach. "It was an excellent performance out there. Our kicking game came around, too."

The Cowboys (2-2) jumped to a 24-10 halftime lead over the Oilers (0-4), who finally scored an exhibition touchdown with Steve McNair in the game.

The first-team Dallas offense played midway through the first quarter, scoring 10 points on two possessions. Aikman hit Michael Irvin on passes of 24, 18 and seven yards before Smith dashed three yards for a touchdown.

After Al Del Greco answered with a 49-yard field goal, Cunningham, who is trying to win the kicking job vacated by Chris Boniol, hit a 23-yarder. Miller, formerly with the

NFL

Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers, made his first appearance of the exhibition season for the Cowboys, catching one pass for 15 yards. He hadn't played because of a knee surgery in June.

"It was great to finally get in a game," Miller said. "I just wanted to touch the ball. It was something I needed to do before

we played against Pittsburgh in the opener. My knee feels good."

Wade Wilson led the Cowboys to two touchdowns just before halftime. A 21-yard interference call on Anthony Dorsett positioned the Cowboys for Sherman Williams' 1-yard run.

Wilson also winged a 59-yard touchdown pass to Davis just 21 seconds before the half ended.

"There's no question our offense was a lot sharper," Wilson said.

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BSHS 21 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.

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 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 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. Herald seeking stringers for football

The Big Spring Herald is looking for stringer photographers and writers interested in working high school football games this fall.
 Photographers must have their own cameras and photographic equipment.
 For more information, contact sports editor John A. Moseley by calling the Herald at (915) 263-7331 ext. 233.

Team roping event scheduled

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club will have a benefit roping and auction on Sept. 13 at the HCYHC Arena.
 Entry fees are set at three turns for \$24. The event will be progressive after one. Buckles will be awarded to the high money winners.
 Books for the event open at noon with competition to begin at 1 p.m.
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Humbled hunting ptarmigan

One Sunday afternoon while living in Anchorage, Alaska, I decided to go ptarmigan hunting. These birds are really a variety of Northern grouse and they change from mostly brown to white during the winter.

It was a beautiful clear day, and the temperature was hovering around 10 degrees as I left Anchorage. I traveled to an area some 25 miles north where I had seen ptarmigan previously.



Boyce Hale
Outdoors

The snow had been plowed from the road to barley accommodate a vehicle with an occasional turn out. So I parked my International Travel-all at one of these turn outs.

With my 20 gauge shotgun and a full box of No. 6 shells, I walked to a drainage where alders and willows were located.

These birds are hard to spot because they had already turned white — and about the only thing visible about them is their eyes.

It didn't take long before I flushed three birds. I dropped one and retrieved it. Then I continued until I had five ptarmigan.

I stopped to rest a while, and suddenly realized I was long way from my vehicle — perhaps a mile.

Starting back was even more difficult than I realized. I began to tire, so I rested often. The closer I got to the trucks the slower I walked, and by now I was taking two or three steps then resting.

My last leg was up a steep bank, and for the first time in my life I became completely fatigued — I couldn't even make my legs work. So I rested and I rested. Finally I crawled the last 15 or 20 feet up the embankment on my hands and knees.

Once I was on the road, I was able to walk to the Travel-all. Once there, I placed my unloaded gun in the truck along with the birds and stared the engine. In a little while the truck was warm — and I really felt good.

As I attempted to pull my truck back to the road, I could not move. I tried and tried, but the truck would not move. Finally a pickup truck came by and stopped to offer aid.

That I was stuck and he agreed to pull me from the turn out onto the road. Hooking a chain to my front bumper, the truck with chains had a very hard time.

But after several tries, he got me out into the road. I thanked him and he drove off.

I stowed the chain, placed the truck in drive. It would not move. Frantically I started checking the truck and concluded that my brake bands had frozen. What else?

With the engine running, I sat there about 20 minutes hoping the heat from the exhaust would thaw out the brakes.

Well, I put it in drive and tried to move. It wouldn't move.

Then, for some reason it dawned on me — parking brake on. I released the brake and my truck moved.

I was embarrassed, believe you me.

Two-sport stars all the rage in collegiate ranks

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NCAA

STANFORD, Calif. — As Chad Hutchinson stood on the mound in perhaps the most important baseball game of his college career, he realized the rigors of being a two-sport athlete had finally caught up with him.

After 4½ months of football that culminated with him quarterbacking Stanford to a 38-0 win over Michigan State in the Sun Bowl, Hutchinson had gotten just four days off before beginning five months of Cardinal baseball.

As Stanford's No. 2 pitcher, he had helped lead the team into the College World Series. He was facing defending champion LSU, with Stanford on the brink of elimination, when his arm went dead.

After going 8-3 with two complete games and 110 strikeouts in 104 1-3 innings, he lasted just two innings against LSU —

allowing six runs, walking four and hitting two batters.

"It just really shut down and there wasn't anything left. It was a long year of throwing a lot of balls," he said. "I couldn't find the strike zone. My arm, my body — I really didn't have anything left."

Though there are many rewards for two-sport athletes such as Hutchinson, there are also risks. The mental and physical strain can be overwhelming, and only a rare athlete succeeds in both sports.

Deion Sanders is the most prominent athlete to handle football and baseball. He's currently playing baseball with the Cincinnati Reds and football with the Dallas Cowboys. Others include Bo Jackson, John Elway and Brian Jordan. Charlie Ward won the 1993

Heisman Trophy at Florida State but now plays for the NBA's New York Knicks. And Danny Ainge played baseball for the Toronto Blue Jays and basketball for the Boston Celtics and Phoenix Suns.

This season, Hutchinson, a 6-foot-5, 230-pound junior, is one of college's most high-profile dual athletes.

His peers include Florida quarterback Doug Johnson, who played minor-league baseball this summer as a third baseman for the expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays, and Doug Clark, a wide receiver at Massachusetts who has been drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers as an outfielder.

Miami has two such athletes — freshman quarterback Kenny Kelly spent the summer playing outfield in the rookie leagues, and wide receiver Andre King is a walk-on for the Hurricanes after four years in the minors.

"You're constantly moving from one competition to the next. Football is so draining physically and mentally, and then you have baseball to deal with," Hutchinson said. "And then you really don't have a summer."

"But the thing is, what else would I rather be doing? I love the grind of competition. Competition is very addictive. Competition is something I thrive on. If I didn't have two sports, I'd be itching for something to do."

Stanford offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Dana Bible said Hutchinson may miss out on a couple of hundred throws by skipping spring football to play baseball,

but gains much more in return. "I look at it this way — we may be getting a better football player because of all the baseball experience he has," Bible said. "You can't put a value on top-shelf competition, putting a guy in a situation where it's winner-take-all."

During the spring, Bible often roams over to the baseball diamond to watch his starting quarterback on the mound. He doesn't bother looking at technique — he focuses on how Hutchinson deals with success.

"I think the baseball part of it has sped up his development," Bible said. "He's been under fire, been the guy — I'll take that kind of training every time."

COLUMN

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The suit alleges that Hayes told him he was replacing him as starting pitcher because of "the will" and that his job was on the line if he did not replace him.

The really ridiculous part of this story, however, is that the parents are also asking for damages for their mental anguish. They say they were humiliated when friends asked about the benching of their son.

They allege that father is a social recluse who can no longer play golf and claim they

have to drive to restaurants outside the school district to eat in peace.

That's the kind of mentality that just evades the rotund one.

Maybe it's a jaundiced-eye approach, but it seems a coach who chooses not to start a pitcher in a game is hardly guilty of violating constitutional rights.

It would seem the decision was made because the youngster made comments that were unbecoming of an athlete, disrespectful to his coaches, the

school's athletic programs and the football and baseball teams.

For some reason, yours truly has always felt on of the prime benefits youngsters are supposed to learn from their experiences in athletics is to be a good sport, and how to be a good citizen.

When parents take the Rutherford's course, however, they simply reinforce what can only be termed immature and self-centered behavior.

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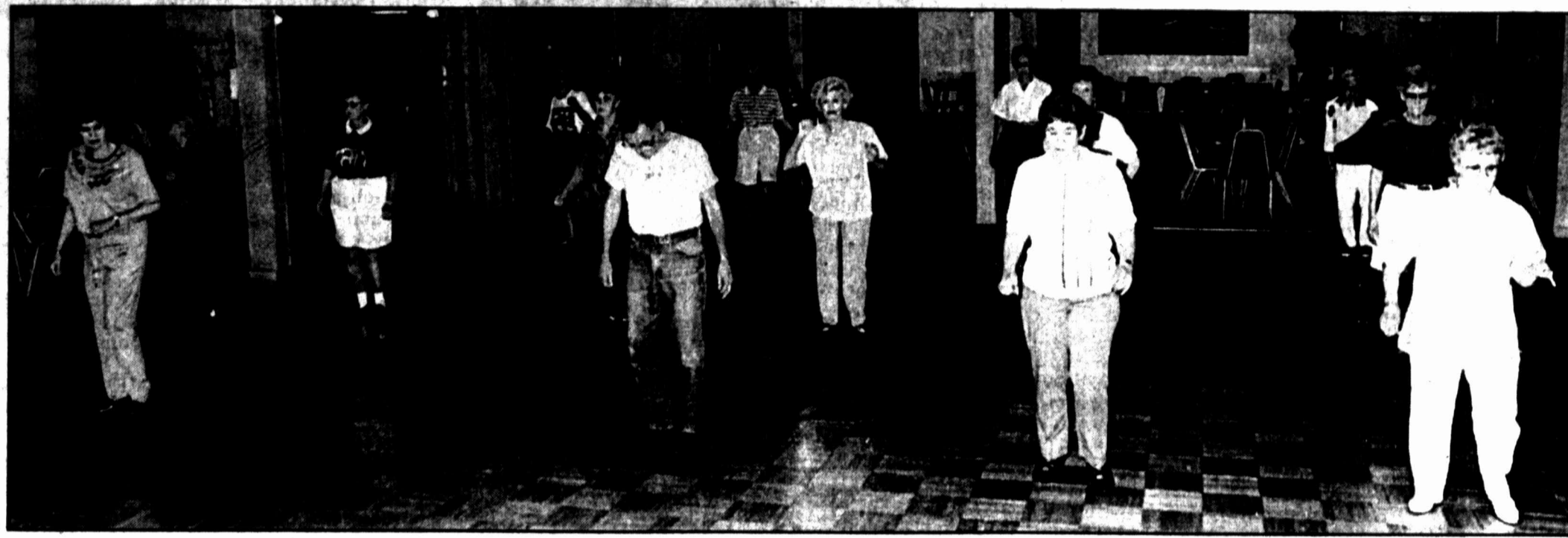
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Big Spring Herald



A step in time...

In case you haven't noticed it lately, there's a whole lot of stomping going on in Big Spring.

That's the Spring City Stompers, a line dancing group from the Spring City Senior Center.

"I love it," said Bonnie Cross, who dances in the group with her daughters Sandra Cox and Shirley Bodin. "I love to dance and it's good exercise, too."

"Mom's close to 80, and we're close to 60," said Cox. "We like this because we meet new people all the time."

Classes are offered at the center twice a week, for both beginners and the more experienced. Stompers, in matching costumes, perform at local and area nursing homes, other senior centers and special events in the community.

Practice sessions are high energy whether the music is a peppy country tune or a sedate waltz. Dancers step, turn, swivel, hitch and slide their way through the tune, cheering themselves or letting out whoops once they finish.

Dorothy Kennemur is the instructor for the Wednesday afternoon classes.

"We don't care if you're musically inclined," she said. "The thing we're doing is having a good time."

Also, she adds, "this can be a real outlet for lonely people."

B.D. Mason, the lone man in the group, takes his role very seriously.

"I'm the chief harasser," he says, with a grin. "If the ladies aren't smiling enough, I tell them about it."

In between music, Mason also whoops and yells, jokes and pokes at his fellow

In the photos, clockwise from top: The Spring City Stompers at a recent rehearsal, from left, Charlene Ragan, Shirley Bodin, Dorothy Bailey, Sandra Cox, B.D. Mason, Bonnie Cross, Sidney Rosene, Faye Horton, Margie Windsor, Lura Perry, Hazel Duggan, Inez Bearden and Dorothy Holland; Mason, the only man in the group, enjoys joking with the ladies; the position of the feet is very important to line dancing; back row dancers from left, Bailey, Cross, Horton and Duggan, get ready to move; Dorothy Kennemur is all smiles.

dancers.

"I want everyone to know that Hazel makes the best cookies," he says, drawing everyone's attention to dancer Hazel Duggan on the back row.

"I'm the only rooster in the chicken yard," Mason says. During performances, the group members wear nametags. His says "Sultan."

Kennemur said some senior center members call the line dancing group "B.D. and his harem."

"Hey, we're good!" Mason shouts as the group finishes a dance.

Margarita Durand-Hollis, a former flamenco dancer, teaches the Tuesday morning class for beginners. On Wednesdays, she joins the Stompers.

"You can do this type of dance to almost any song," she said. "I was really missing dance until I found this."

Line dancing, Durand-Hollis said, is a mild exercise that can be especially good for the senior citizens that make up her classes.

"We do get our heart rates up," she said.

Beginners start with basic steps that are common to many line



dances, stringing them together into a simple sequence.

Advanced dances can be quite complicated, Kennemur said.

"It takes us a little longer than it does the kids," she said. "But once you learn the steps, you just put them together."

Kennemur gets dances on video, and finds them on the Internet. She has her own home page, accessible from the Howard College home page, about line dancing.

At the Howard College home page, click on "people."

When the Stompers are learning a new routine, Kennemur said she will often print it out on her computer, and give them all a copy. Then she makes tapes of the music so they can practice at home.

While they rehearse, she "calls" the steps out to group, making it easier to keep up.

"They are all loosening up a little, having a good time with it," Kennemur said.

"I love everything about it," agreed Lura Perry. "It's fun, and these are wonderful people."

Photos by Jonathan Garrett

Story by Debbie L. Jensen



...or stompin' a line



Too many characters, gore make novel an 'Acquired' taste

"Acquired Motives." Sarah Lovett. Ballantine Books, New York, N.Y. 324 pages. \$5.99.

As a forensic psychiatrist, Dr. Sylvia Strange's work frequently brings her into the courtroom to testify about a criminal's state of mind, then offer opinions about whether this person should be recommended for probation or extended time in prison. Outside the courtroom, Sylvia often sees parolees as private patients in a therapeutic situation.

With such a responsibility to society, Sylvia feels a tremen-

dous burden in being certain inappropriate people are not allowed their freedom. However, she is also aware that psychology is an inaccurate science, and occasionally mistakes are made.

After one man is released on probation, a serial murderer begins a killing spree. Sylvia assumes the man about whom she testified recently has committed the hideous crimes. As other disturbing incidences begin occurring with increased frequency, Sylvia tries to hunt for the man she assumes is

guilty. The only advantage Sylvia has over the police is the few clues she has gleaned through therapy sessions.

It seems as if the more intense her search, the more

complex the crimes become, frequently involving others who have been implicated in similar criminal activity.

As a fairly recent widow, Sylvia has many confusing and unresolved feelings about developing a new long-term relationship. These concerns about her personal life diminish the concentration she needs to profile the criminals and assist others in arresting the guilty parties.

This inattention to detail is occasionally responsible for the search becoming unfocused, thus leading Sylvia into other

bizarre situations.

"Acquired Motives" is set in Sante Fe, N.M., and Sarah Lovett spends a great deal of the book describing the unique and barren landscape of New Mexico. While her descriptions are accurate, the voluminous amount of relatively unimportant information is redundant and monotonous.

There seem to be an excessive number of characters in the book. It became difficult to connect the name and occupation of so many, especially in the instances when the names were

similar.

It might have been more judicious to use a generic description for personalities that only make an occasional or superficial appearance in the story.

Ritualistic killings and terrorist acts are describe in gory details.

As the plot unfolds, there are some effective passages in which the suspense is palpable, but the story tends to ramble, and the conclusion is cryptic and ambiguous.

Rating: (**) two out of four = A cure for insomniacs



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

WEDDINGS

BOYDSTON-BARRY

Tammy Boydston and Kevin Barry were united in marriage on Aug. 14, 1997, in Rushford, Minn.

She is the daughter of Troy and Jessie Boydston, Big Spring.

He is the son of Joe and Helen Barry, Rushford, Minn.

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ honored the couple with a wedding shower on July 24, 1997. It was held in the home of J.M. and Janie Ringener, hosted by Vivian Griffith, Bea Kelly, Ozella Long, Amy Reagan, Janie Ringener and Kay Shaw.

HUDSON-STONE

Marshella Jo Hudson, Stafford, and Brian Randall Stone, Houston, were united in marriage on July 19, 1997, at Second Baptist Church, Houston, with Kevin Henson, of Second Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Marsha and Larry Hudson, Stafford.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Stone, Houston, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Friedlander, Riverdale, N.Y.

The couple stood in front of an altar decorated with an arch adorned with ivory and blush roses and magnolias, ivy and ivory tulle draped to the floor. Two large pedestals held floral arrangements of ivory and blush magnolias, roses, pearl and gold stems, ivory pearl trimmed ribbon, and grapevine.

Organist and pianist was Carol McCutcheon and Karen Salvato was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her mother and father, the bride wore a square-necked gown of white satin embellished with seed pearls and crystal clear sequins, short sleeves and a bow in the back. A full satin skirt fell from an empire waist into a chapel length train.

She carried a large round nosegay of ivory, white, and blush roses.

Matron of honor was Gina Florence, sister of the bride, Mansfield.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Painter, cousin of the bride, Midland, and Shannon Neighbors, Dallas.

Meagan Florence, niece of the bride, Mansfield, was the flower girl.

Best man was Evan Stone, brother of the groom, Austin.

Brent Bersin, Houston, and Michael Caplovitz, Dallas,



MRS. BRIAN RANDALL STONE

served as groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were Jim Kobal and Elliott Friedlander, brother of the groom, both of Riverdale, N.Y.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Deacons Parlor.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered white scalloped cake with pearl beading and accented with ivory, and blush roses.

The groom's cake was several different layers of chocolate and topped with chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Coahoma High School and 1991 graduate of Angelo State University. She is employed by the Stafford Municipal School District and is a University of Houston graduate student.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Trinity-Pawling High School, Pawling, N.Y., and a graduate of the University of Houston. He is employed by Dallas Associates in Houston.

Following a wedding trip to St. Thomas, San Juan and St. Croix, the couple will make their home in Stafford.

RODRIGUEZ-MAITRA

Joni S. Rodriguez, Sand Springs, and Rangan (Ronnie) Maitra, Hanover, N.H., were united in marriage on Aug. 2, 1997, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father Cornelius Scanlon, pastor, officiating.

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

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

Eva Garcia played the keyboard, Oscar Garcia, and Cindy Chavez were the guitarists and vocalists. Angie Gomez, Stella Ramirez, Ramona Rocha and Norma Hilario were also vocalists.

Given in marriage by Martin A. Rodriguez and John J. Dominguez, the bride wore a gown of white satin, organza and trimmed with schiffli lace. She carried a traditional bridal white cascading bouquet.

Maid of honor was Leslie Rodriguez, sister of the bride, and Sylvia Dominguez, aunt of the bride, was the matron of honor.

Isidora Morphis, aunt of the bride, Olga Herrera, cousin of the bride, Chutima Keeragoo, Muna Khan, both of San Angelo, Leticia Hernandez, Vanessa Olivas, Joyce Rodriguez, cousins of the bride, and Sara Moron were the bridesmaids.

Cynthia Rodriguez, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl, and Mandi Dominguez, cousin of the bride, and Rey Martinez, Jr., were the ringbearers.

Neil Chakravarti, Houston, was the best man.

Ben Dominguez, Frank B. Morphis, uncles of the bride, Juan Herrera, cousin of the bride, Supryio N. Sen, Austin, Jesse C. Robles, San Angelo, Chris Doport, cousins of the



MR. AND MRS. RANGAN MAITRA

bride, Adrian DeLaRosa, and Ruben Hilario served as groomsmen.

Jessica DeHoyos, San Angelo, and Jessica Olivas, cousins of the bride, served as cushion maids, and Lisa DeHoyos, San Angelo, and Eddie Olivas, Jr., cousins of the bride, were altar servers.

Serving as ushers were Frank A. Morphis, Gabriel Hernandez, cousins of the bride, and Adam Aguirre.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church hall. A dance followed at La Vadera Club.

The bride's table featured a four tier heavy Victorian lace cake with bead work.

The bride is a graduate of Coahoma High School and attended Angelo State University. She is employed by Muscoma Savings Bank in Lebanon, N.H.

The groom is a graduate of Angelo State University and is attending graduate school at Dartmouth University in New Hampshire.

After a wedding trip to Niagra Falls, the couple will make their home in W. Lebanon, N.H.

ROMAN-EVANS

Kim Roman and Chris Evans exchanged wedding vows on June 28, 1997, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with Elwin Collum, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mike and Linda Roman.

He is the son of Terry and Galynn Gamble and Randy and Karri Evans.

The couple stood before an arched candelabra. Two heart candelabras stood on each side and the pews were adorned with peach and white flowers with peach bow backing and candle aisle markers.

Guitarist was Gary Paige, and Annette Roberts, Gayla Stone and Melissa McCullough were the vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown with a scalloped v-neck, long sleeves accented with pearls, a v-shaped bodice covered in pearls and a full length skirt with a 10 foot train trimmed with lace and pearls.

She carried an arm bouquet filled with silk peach roses, baby's breath and small white roses.

Matron of honor was Lorri Anderson, sister of the bride.

Wendy Roman, sister-in-law, Jenny Conaway, and Angie Jackson were the bridesmaids, and Amber Nichols, niece, was the junior bridesmaid.

Flower girls were Kessie Anderson and Shelby Paige. Chad Kemper was the best man.

Scott Roman, brother-in-law, Matt Gamble, brother, and Brad Everett served as groomsmen, and junior groomsmen was Jimmy Don Evans.

John Roman, Randy Clanton and Chris Roman were the ushers.

Serving as candlelighters were John Roman and Randy Clanton.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The wedding cake was a four tiered white cake over a lighted fountain and surrounded by four satellite cakes.

The bride is a graduate of Forsan High School and of Howard College. She is attending Tarleton State University.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS EVANS

The groom is a graduate of Forsan High School and of Howard College. He is employed by Palex.

Following a wedding trip to Horseshoe Bay Resort, the couple will make their home in Granbury.

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She is the daughter of James B. and Bobbie Alice Moore.

He is the son of Lonnie and Diana Newton, Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown by Bonny with an empire waist, an a-line skirt and heavily beaded bodice.

She carried a cascading bouquet of stephanotis, mums, roses and ivy.

Matron of honor was Michelle Moore.

Bridesmaids were Michelle Gallagher, Kristen Newton and Angela Johnson.

Flower girl was Isabeau Johnson.

John Newton was the best man.

Robert Lee, Donny Dennard and Mark Moore served as groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were Mike Smith and Toby McQueary.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Midland Center.



MRS. WILLIAM BRIAN NEWTON

The bride is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and of Midland College and is a registered nurse. She is employed by Glenwood Hospital.

The groom is a Big Spring High School graduate and will graduate in December 1998 from Texas A&M University.

Following a wedding trip to New Orleans, La., the couple will make their home in College Station.

HUMANE SOCIETY



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"Shiloh" 8-month-old female, Catahoula mix, striking brown and white with one blue eye.

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Women's Care Update

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

FERTILE OPPORTUNITES

Whether a couple in trying to conceive or avoid pregnancy, it is important to know when in a woman's cycle she is most likely to become pregnant. While some major studies concerning this window of opportunity suggest that it remains open from three to four days before ovulation to two to three days after, or even longer, a recent study by researchers from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences suggests a shorter and different fertility window. Their study of 221 women indicates quite clearly that those who conceived during the course of the study did so within a six-day period in their cycles, ranging from five days before ovulation through the day of ovulation. None of the pregnancies occurred when intercourse followed ovulation. While the study is not definitive, the tests it used to confirm the time of ovulation and conception was more accurate than any previously available.

As they say, "Timing is everything". For women who have been trying to get pregnant without luck, or for those who time their cycles in order to abstain when fertilization is likely, this study is of great interest. For women who've been unable to conceive, a comprehensive fertility work-up may save a lot of time and frustration-sometimes. The problem preventing pregnancy is one that can be simply and quickly corrected. For complete, caring and professional OB/GYN care give us a call at (915) 522-2222. We're located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1306 Gregg Street, every Tuesday, here in Big Spring.

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ON THE MENU

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WEDNESDAY - Smothered steak, potatoes, baked beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
THURSDAY - Beef liver, potatoes, green beans, gelatin salad, milk/rolls, brownies.
FRIDAY - Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS LUNCH

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY FIRST CHOICE
MONDAY - Corn dog, green beans, potato rounds, sliced peaches, milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, glazed carrots, coleslaw, fruit cobbler, hot roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Sliced baked ham, vegetable sticks, macaroni and cheese, sliced cantaloupe, hot roll, milk.
THURSDAY - Tamales w/chili, pinto beans, Spanish rice, corn, mixed fruit, milk.
FRIDAY - Rib sandwich, pork and beans, French fries, cherry freeze bar, milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOL LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken fried beef patty, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, mix fruit, rolls, milk.
TUESDAY - Beef-been burritos, chili, salad, cheese, corn, pudding (vanilla), milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, jello/w fruit mix, saltine crackers.
THURSDAY - Beef tips w/rice, peas, cheese sticks, peanut butter bar, butter bread, milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, tator tots, pineapple tidbits, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS LUNCH

MONDAY - Sloppy joe/bun or grill cheese, french fries, carrot/celery, fresh fruit, milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti w/ turkey pot pie, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce, french bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken fajitas or beef taco, pinto beans, lettuce/tomatoes, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk.
THURSDAY - Baked chicken or beef tips, steamed rice, peas & carrots, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken patty or turkey/cheese sandwiches, french fries, sandwich salad, fresh fruit, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL LUNCH

MONDAY - German sausage, potato salad, pork-n-beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken fajita, refried beans, salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hot dog, tator tots, salad, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY - Ravioli casserole, green beans, fruit, crackers, milk.
FRIDAY - Bologna & cheese sandwich, broccoli & cauliflower bits, chips, fruit, and milk.

FORSAN SCHOOL LUNCH

MONDAY - Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, fruit pies, milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken and noodles, blackeyed peas, salad, graham crackers with peanut butter, pears, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Bar-B-Que on a bun, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, pudding, vanilla wafers, milk.
THURSDAY - Bean chalupas, corn, salad, taco sauce, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY - Braised beef tips, rice, green beans, jello and fruit, hot rolls, milk.

GRADY SCHOOLS LUNCH

MONDAY - Hamburgers, french fries, fruit, dessert, and milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert, and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Frito pie, corn, fruit, dessert, and milk.
THURSDAY - Beef & bean burrito, spinach rice, fruit, dessert, and milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburgers, french fries, fruit, dessert, and milk.

COAHOMA LUNCH

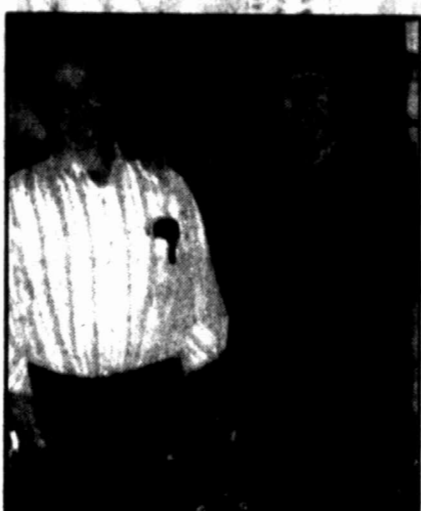
MONDAY - Chicken tenders w/gravy, burritos, sweet potatoes, corn, fruit salad, homemade bread, milk.
TUESDAY - Taco beef pie, corn dogs, spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pizza, french fries, oatmeal cookies, crackers, milk.
THURSDAY - BBQ sausage links, chili dogs, pinto beans, salad, bread, cinnamon rolls, milk.
FRIDAY - Deli sandwich, nacho grande, tator tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle spears, crackers, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS LUNCH

MONDAY - Macaroni & cheese, blackeyed peas, batter bread, fruit or cookies, milk.
TUESDAY - Bar-be-Que ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, cobbler or fruit, hot rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef & cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, pudding or fruit, milk.
THURSDAY - Sweet & sour chicken, steamed rice, baked sweet potatoes, garlic bread, milk, fruit.
FRIDAY - Pizza, pork & beans, salad, fruit or cookies, milk.

ANNIVERSARIES

Barber



BILLY AND BENNIE BARBER, THEN AND NOW.

Billy and Bennie Barber celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a luncheon, cake and punch on Aug. 24, 1997, in the home of Bobby and Cheryl Barber, hosted by their children. He was born in Jayton, and she was born in Big Spring as Bennie Holland. They met by friends in Big Spring. They were married on Aug. 24, 1947, in Stanton by Justice of the Peace. Their children are Louise and Ron Huit, Bobby and Cheryl Barber, Sylvia Johnson, Hector Rodriguez, all of Big Spring, and Wayne and Brenda Barber, Greenwood. They have eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Barber have lived in Big Spring and Odonell during their marriage. They are both retired. Previously, he was a Borden's milkman and she had been a housewife. They are affiliated with College Park Church of God. He enjoys fishing and hunting, and she enjoys gardening and arts and crafts. This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage, "Going to church together, giving and taking."

Paredex

Eleno and Vidala Paredex celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a dance on Aug. 23, 1997, at La Vadera Club hosted by their children and grandchildren. He was born in Big Spring, and she was born in Marfa as Vidala Mata. They were married on Aug. 19, 1957, at Sacred Heart Church. They have five children, Cookie and wife Cindy Paredex, Joe and wife Melissa Paredex, and Beth, Sylvia, and Ben Paredex, all of Fort Worth, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Paredex live in Fort Worth, and formerly lived in Big Spring. He is in the construction business, and she is a bilingual clerk for the City of Fort Worth. They are affiliated with St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in North Richland Hills. They enjoy golf, reading and trips to Las Vegas. This was their comment about 40 years of marriage, "We have shared good times and bad times, but with God's help and guidance, we look forward to many more years together!"

Jones



MR. AND MRS. E.L. JONES, THEN AND NOW

E.L. and Betty Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23, 1997, with a dinner party with family and friends hosted by Lou Campbell, Donna Henry and Cindy Jones. He was born in Rising Star, and she was born in Big Spring as Betty Henry. They met in Big Spring, and were married on Aug. 23, 1947, in Sterling City. They have three children, Lou Campbell, Abilene, Donna Henry, and Cindy Jones, both of Big Spring, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have

lived in Temple, Brownwood, Dallas and Big Spring during their marriage. He retired from Civil Service at Webb Air Force Base in 1971. Previously he worked in the VA clothing room at Webb Air Force Base. He had also served in the Navy for four years and was in Civil Service work for 32 years. She previously worked with the Girl Scouts. They are affiliated with Hillcrest Baptist Church and in the DAV. They are Dallas Cowboys fans and enjoy their grandchildren.

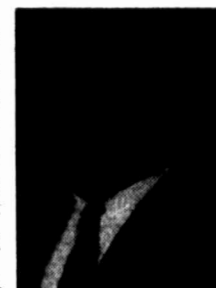
WHO'S WHO

Derek J. Tant was recommended again to receive honorary award recognition and to have his biography published in Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1996-97. As a Who's Who student, he may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from the \$175,000 to be awarded this year.



TANT

Hardin-Simmons University student Josh Bowerman recently gained first-hand knowledge of the legislative branch of the federal government when he spent his summer vacation in Washington, D.C. as one of four Omar B. Burleson Foundation interns in



BOWERMAN

Congressman Charles Stenholm's office. Bowerman, a 1993 graduate of Hamlin High School and a 1997 graduate of HSU, spent the month of July drafting constituent correspondence, researching legislative issues, assisting with daily office duties and attending congressional legislative committee hearings and special events.

Bowerman, the son of John and Grace Bowerman of Big Spring, is employed by Hendrick Health System, and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in education at Hardin-Simmons.

Big Spring resident Veresa Lia Jones recently graduated from Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

Porsche Gordon, age 11, the child of Mary C. Gordon of Big Spring, recently attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club, this camper participated in summer camp activities including horseback riding, swimming, field sports and a challenge course program.

Established in 1949, the Texas Lions Camp has given more than 40,000 children with physical disabilities the opportunity to experience the joys of summer camp.

IN THE MILITARY

Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, will be having a Dyess' Big Country Appreciation Day on Sept. 14. Gates open at 9 a.m. and flying activities begin at noon. More than 100 air and ground demonstrations and displays are planned.

Admission and parking are free and food and beverages will be on sale. Featured aerial demonstrations this year include Dyess' B-1 Lancer bomber and C-130 Hercules airlifter. A frontline fighter aircraft from Air Combat Command is also scheduled to fly. For more information call the 7th Bomb Wing public affairs office at (915) 696-2863.

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NEWCOMERS

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

Judy Gonzalez, daughter Rachel and sons Frank and Judah, Cortland, N.Y. She is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
Billy Boatwright, Midland. He is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center and works part time at Lee Medical Supply. Susan Wilcox and sons Jeremy and Jess, Odessa.
Jerry and Elizabeth Baker and his father Seth Baker, Andrews. He works for Steere Tank Lines.
Mary Gonzales, Lamesa. She works for Allan's Furniture.
James E. and Joyce Rogers and children Isaac, David and Charity, Santa Rose Beach, Fla. He is an ordained minister.
Tammy Lee, Phoenix, Ariz. She works for John Deere Tractors & Farm Equipment.
Willard Floyd, Midland. He is the manager at Family Dollar.
Zeith Daves, sons Sandy and Stephen and daughter Anna, Mendota, Calif. She is employed by Comanche Trail Nursing Center.
Lois Peters, San Angelo. She is retired.

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon. Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available in the editorial department.

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Despite Aug. 1 defeat, boll weevil fight continues

LUBBOCK (AP) — Still smarting after a resounding rejection by South Plains cotton growers, boll weevil eradication proponents on Wednesday discussed ways to prevent a repeat in South Texas this fall.

Farmers on the plains between Lubbock and Midland-Odessa voted this month against organizing a suppression program against cotton-destroying boll weevils. South Texas farmers will cast similar mail-in ballots beginning Oct. 1, and pro-eradication forces said they need to learn from their mistakes up here.

Attitudes were mixed among those attending a board meet-

ing Wednesday of the Abilene-based Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Uvalde board member Mike McHugh said the program already has been operating in South Texas and farmers have seen the benefits. "I really don't anticipate any problems in our area," he said.

Others weren't so optimistic. "Our public relations aren't making it," said Rick Kocurek, a cotton grower who made the trip from the Corpus Christi area. "A simple, one-time, feed-them-barbecue deal is not going to allay their fears. We need more people out in the field."

The state Supreme Court

declared the boll weevil program unconstitutional last spring, although fast-track legislation revived the foundation and placed it under the Texas Department of Agriculture.

By law, the four zones in which trapping and spraying were already under way must hold new referenda to affirm support for the program. Preelection meetings are scheduled throughout South Texas in September, but a similar effort did little to convince South Plains farmers last week. Turnout was less than 50 percent and balloting fell far short of the two-thirds majority required to activate the zone.

run from Oct. 1-20, while the San Angelo and Abilene areas will determine the fate of their eradication zones early next year.

Kocurek, a foundation supporter, said some growers are so opposed to the program that they walked out on him Tuesday when he brought up the subject at a Nueces County gin.

Kocurek asked for one or two high-ranking officials to make the rounds and speak with prominent anti-eradication farmers between the Rio Grande Valley and San Antonio. Growers must meet face-to-face with eradication

leaders, he said, not the field hands who know little about the statewide initiative to rid Texas of weevils.

"They're tired of dealing with \$5-an-hour employees," Kocurek said.

Board chairman Woody Anderson told Kocurek they'd seriously consider his request.

The board also discussed the messy business of extricating seven counties from the South Texas zone. Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton counties were removed from the program by their state senators.

Even though the area no

longer is part of the program, it's still responsible for \$4.9 million in debt the counties accrued while part of the foundation. Part of that debt includes \$523,000 in unpaid assessments from last year.

Those who farm the 190,000-acre cotton patch in those seven counties must pay \$18 per acre this year and about \$10 per acre next year to eliminate the debt. The foundation also has sold off half its 125-truck fleet and must pay off three-year office leases in El Campo and Rosharon.

"We're trying to liquidate our assets and lessen the liability for growers in that area," Anderson said.

RECEIVING A FACELIFT



City crews continue putting a new look on several city streets by either sealcoating or totally rebuilding them. This stretch along 21st Street between Joy's Hallmark and H-E-B is being sealcoated. Several other streets will be worked on in the next few weeks.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Texans in line for \$450 million premium cut

AUSTIN (AP) — Insurance premiums in Texas could drop by more than \$450 million in the next year under recommendations from officials at the Texas Department of Insurance.

Since 1995, insurance rates on nearly every type of policy are reviewed annually to determine if they should be lowered because of savings sparked by state laws limiting insurance-related lawsuits.

State lawmakers in 1995 said if insurance companies were going to be allowed to save money because lawsuits against them and their clients would be more difficult to file, they should be required to share the savings with Texas policyholders.

In 1995 and 1996, Texas insurance companies were ordered to reduce premiums by about \$450 million because of savings related to fewer lawsuits. That was considered to be about half of the total possible savings.

On Wednesday, officials from the department recommended higher cuts to Commissioner Elton Bomer, who will consider the proposals this month.

The total level of cuts, recommended in the form of percentages of total premiums, was not immediately available. But the recommended cuts for 1997 are higher than those set in 1995.

For example, in 1995 and

1996, insurance companies were ordered to lower premiums on bodily injury coverage on private auto insurance by 7.5 percent. Under the pending department recommendation, the cut would increase to 9 percent this year.

Dan Lambe, program director for Texas Citizen Action, a consumer group, said if Texans face more obstacles to get to the courthouse, they should at least get all the money saved because fewer lawsuits are being filed.

"The Department of Insurance should give Texas consumers and businesses the full \$864 million we were promised as a result of the so-called tort 'reforms,'" Lambe said. "If Texas citizens are going to be forced to live with limited access to the courts, they should at least get a full break on their insurance rates."

Jerry Johns, president of industry group Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said the rate cuts aren't unexpected.

"When you reduce the litigious nature of society, you also reduce the number of lawsuits affecting the amount we pay for insurance," Johns said.

He added, however, that the industry will be anxious to see the total dollar amount of the cuts to determine whether they are fair.

Cancer study dismissed by tobacco executive

MIAMI (AP) — A former tobacco executive dismissed a key study implicating cigarettes as a cause of cancer in 1953, saying the same skin lesions produced in mice could have developed using tomato juice.

"An excessive quantity of tomato juice would have done that as I recall," said Donald Johnston, president of American Tobacco Co. before it was bought by BAT Industries in 1994. "I have a general recollection of that."

Johnston's testimony came from a 1994 deposition and was read Tuesday to jurors by Stanley Rosenblatt, the attorney for nonsmoking flight

attendants suing the industry for \$5 billion over illnesses blamed on cigarette smoke in aircraft cabins.

Rosenblatt, in the deposition, asked Johnston about his tomato juice claim. "Who said that? I want to meet that person."

Johnston said he didn't know, but he thought inhalation tests done around the same time didn't produce cancer in lab animals.

The so-called mouse painting study prompted the industry to issue a statement in 1954 promising to fund research on connections between smoking and disease.

Rosenblatt considers the industry's "frank statement" a

seminal document giving the industry's position that no disease link has been proven and promising to pay for research on smoking and health.

But more than four decades later after more than 50,000 studies, industry witnesses have repeatedly testified the industry position is the same: no link has been proven and more study is needed.

"Until causation is proven, you don't know whether cigarette smoking is harmful or it not harmful," Johnston said. "We need research, continued research."

In other testimony from depositions, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. researcher Michael Ogden indicated the level of one tobacco carcinogen, nitrosamine, is 16 times higher in factory cigarettes than in Premier cigarettes, a low nicotine, smokeless cigarette that flopped in 1988.

Previous testimony covered a Philip Morris study by William Ray Morgan that detected

nitrosamine levels in Virginia Slims smoke that were 10 times higher than in smoke from factory cigarettes, which lack most additives.

"You don't know what he tested because he was ordered to shred the documents, correct?" Rosenblatt asked Richard Carchman, Philip Morris' group director of scientific affairs.

Carchman responded, "In his testimony, he alludes to that. I have no information of this at all."

Morgan's testing measured nitrosamine levels one hour after burning 30 Virginia Slims cigarettes in a chamber. Kathy Ellis, Philip Morris USA's senior vice president of research and development, testified other research showed nitrosamine levels peaked at about 5 hours.

A \$368 billion national tobacco litigation settlement pending before Congress would bring an end to class-action suits and 40 state lawsuits.

County fair both fun and a part of history

The County Fair has been around for more than 100 years in the U.S. and most of the reasons for having a fair back then still apply today.

It gave individuals an opportunity to showcase their crops, garden products and canned goods. It also provided an opportunity for youth to showcase their animal projects.

Many other crafts such as sewing, art and various others were displayed.

During the month of September, many county fairs are held. This year is the 25th anniversary of the Howard County Fair.

The county fair was fun 100 years ago and still is today. It's a family activity that is fun for

everyone.

The fair also gives a person involved with agriculture an opportunity to showcase his or her products. With more generations not having exposure to agriculture, it also gives those involved with agriculture an opportunity to share positive factual information about the business to those who don't know what it is and what it means to everyone.

Yes, that youngster that won the blue ribbon for his steer is proud and has learned something about agriculture. But just as important, that doctor that came to the fair and saw the exhibits, shows and displays learned something about agriculture that he may not ever have had the opportunity of learning if it had not been for the county fair.

Yes, the county fair has changed over the years, but one thing it has been and always will be is fun and educational. I hope each one of you will take time out of your busy schedules to attend the 25th Anniversary of the Howard County Fair Sept. 1-6.



David Kight
County Agent

FSA director resigns amid constant battles

LUBBOCK (AP) — Citing his battles with budget cuts and uncooperative lawmakers, the state executive director of the Farm Service Agency has resigned.

Harold Bob Bennett, who has farming interests in Castro County, between Lubbock and Amarillo, said he was probably too outspoken to keep the post he's held since June 1993.

"Some of my comments have offended some folks at the (U.S. Department of Agriculture)," he said. USDA officials did not immediately return a telephone message Tuesday left by The Associated Press.

This year, Bennett has criticized cutbacks in FSA programs and labeled U.S. Reps. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana; Dick Arme, R-Irving; and others as

"mortal enemies" of farmers.

Also, Bennett lamented that the state FSA committee has no representation from the South Plains or Panhandle regions. The committee is responsible for overseeing federal commodity and conservation policies.

The FSA used to be known as the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. It administers ag credit programs, price supports, conservation programs, crop insurance and several disaster assistance programs.

Bennett said he intends to return home to the Panhandle. He has been making regular return trips from his College Station office over the past four years.

High-tech Barney on toy market this month

NEW YORK (AP) — Just when you thought Barney mania had finally died down, the purple, prehistoric doll is back and he's got a new friend: Bill Gates.

Don't worry, Microsoft's new interactive Barney won't break out in a song of "I love Bill. Bill loves me." But he can play peek-a-boo, use the computer and watch Barney videos with your kids.

Hitting store shelves this month, this talking, plush Barney has a vocabulary of 2,000 words and a price tag to match: \$99 for the doll and \$60 each for the accompanying CD-ROM and video.

It's too soon to tell whether parents will spend that much on a toy for their easily-distracted pre-schoolers.

"I spent \$95 last year for a Tickle Me Elmo doll, and it doesn't even talk," said Stacey Lewis, who got her first glimpse of the new Barney at New York's F.A.O. Schwarz. "If it becomes a 'hot toy,' people will buy it."

That's what Microsoft is banking on with Barney, its first early learning toy. Two years in the making, Barney is supposed to make electronic learning fun for youngsters.

"It isn't just putting Barney on a motor and hearing him talk," said Microsoft vice president Rick Thompson, who said other dolls with the same technology would come in the next few years. "It's a friend, and someone kids can learn with."

Pinch his hand and this arm-swinging, wireless doll is ready to go. His hands control 12 activities; his feet control 17 songs. He can detect shapes and colors, count and

sing his ABCs. Cover his eyes, and he responds "I can't see you."

More sophisticated than past interactive toys like Teddy Ruxpin, Barney's smarts comes from the 2 megabyte computer chip and a radio receiver embedded in his body. He's fully battery operated, and doesn't need to be hooked up to the VCR or computer to work.

When used with a CD-ROM, the doll helps the child play computer games. With the VCR, Barney sings with the video and tells the child to dance.

"Barney is a plush playdate for kids. He doesn't just talk at kids, he gets involved with kids," said Joanne Oppenheim, a toy consultant in New York.

For Barney, which was created by a pair of teachers and a video producer who formed the Lyons Group in suburban Dallas, the Microsoft license provides a new sales outlet. While youngsters still love the purple dinosaur, the appeal of Barney merchandise has diminished somewhat the past two years.

"Barney was overpromoted and overexposed. People were repelled," said Oppenheim, who publishes the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio, an industry newsletter. "But this doll may be hard to resist."

QVC, the television retailer, first launched the doll Aug. 10, selling out 6,000 Barney dolls in 36 minutes. Stores nationwide began receiving the dolls this month.

Expect to see lots of Barney promotions once the crucial Christmas season begins.

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Clark, Becke L., 1004 S. Main, Monahans
Clayton, Ronnie, 1700 Settles, Big Spring
Davenport, Yolanda, 29474 Old Fredericksburg Rd., Boerne
Davison, Hote, 1001 Birdwell Lane no. 221, Big Spring
Deanda, Adela, 704 E. 15th, Big Spring
Deleon, Lena, 530 Westover No. 126, Big Spring
Deleon, Stacey, 2515 Gunter, Big Spring
Dennis, Laura W., 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
Diaz, Felix, Box 644 or 2703 Ave. J., Snyder
Diaz, Humberto, Jr., 3417 Midland Dr., Midland
Diabab, Donna G., 301 W. Washington, Rockwall
Fehr, John, 101 S. Gregg, Big Spring
Gamble, Jennifer, 602 E. 17th, Big Spring
Garcia, Raul III, 538 Westover No. 206, Big Spring
Gee, Kimberly Dawn, 1609 or 1509 Nolan, Big Spring
Gross, Thomas E., 4100 S. Hwy 87 No. 37, Big Spring
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Hernandez, Kenneth, 801 W. March No. 38, Big Spring
Hill, Valerie Joan, 2513 Gunter St., Big Spring
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Lesly, Kathy, P.O. Box 66, Coahoma
Lloyd, Staci D., 1408 1/2 Virginia, Big Spring
Lozano, Eneterio M., 1101 N. Bell, Big Spring
Mabrey, Tammy Jean, 539 Westover no. 213, Big Spring
Martinez, Augustin P., P.O. Box 7, Coahoma
Martinez, James, P.O. Box 269, Ft. Davis
Martinez, Rene N., 1905 Wasson No. 73, Big Spring
Oliver, Gary Wayne, Rt. 1 Box A20, Big Spring
Overton, Raymond, P.O. Box 2902, Big Spring
Paradez, Rhonda, 1508 Kentucky Way, Big Spring
Patridge, Vanessa, 2601 Albrook, Big Spring
Payne, Robin, 1109 Douglas, Big Spring
Pena, Laura, 510 Young, Big Spring
Ramirez, Shelleye, P.O. Box 252, Stanton
Rhodes, Mark, 311 Lawrence Rd., Big Spring
Schleich, Roger, 608 1/2 Douglas or 210 Brown St., Big Spring
Sherman, Dewayne, 810 N.W. Third, Big Spring
Summers, David, 1000 Stadium, Big Spring
Turner, Ernie, P.O. Box 2721, Big Spring
Ward, Jennie, P.O. Box 572, Coahoma
Winchester, James O., P.O. Box 3061, Big Spring
Yanez, Merce, 509 N.W. 11th Place, Big Spring

Howard County Clerk's Office:
Marriage Licenses:
Carlton Paul Guidry, 20, and Danielle Rene Deemer, 17
Charles Wenfield Scott III, 22, and Kimberly Anne Reed, 19
Esmael Santiago Munoz, Jr., 25, and Brandy Dawn Manigault, 16

County Court:
Court Records:
Judgment and sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Joseph Samuel Jackson \$400 fine and 180 days in jail, Alvin Lee McGowan \$300 fine, \$192 court cost and 60 days in jail, Frank Earl Borski \$500 fine and \$157 court cost, Mark W. Edwards \$300 fine, \$192 court cost and 20 days in jail

Probated judgment - deferred adjudication: Robert Kari Jones
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Albert Demerson, Jr. \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Gary L. Fox \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Samuel Martinez \$400 fine and 180 days in jail, Earl Perry Hanke \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Adelaido Martinez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment burglary of a vehicle/six counts: Cody Cantu \$500 fine and 365 days in jail
Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Robert O. Moralez \$100 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment DWI: John Calvin Wilson \$750 fine and 180 days in jail, Shirleen Davis Knox \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Luis Rios, Jr. (2nd offense) \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail
Judgment and sentence evading arrest: Christa Beth Brown \$200 fine, \$157 court cost

Judgment and sentence criminal trespass: Anthony Paul Munoz \$192 court cost and 30 days in jail
Order of dismissal: John Sealy, Federico Howard Salgado, Allison Redding, Diana Lynn Noble

Probated judgment criminal trespass: John Tidwell \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Ronda Parish Shaw, Lupe Hernandez, Cody Lynn Smith, Brenda M. Puga, Robert Edward Baker

Order: Ronda Parish Shaw, Lupe Hernandez, Cody Lynn Smith, Brenda M. Puga, Robert Edward Baker
Judgment and sentence DWI: James Cary Burke (2nd offense) \$600 fine, \$270 court cost and 60 days in jail
Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Diana Lynn Noble

Judgment and sentence sale of alcoholic beverages to intoxicated person: Adam T. Velli \$250 fine and \$192 court cost
Probated judgment DWLS: Jessie Cantu \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Luis Rios, Jr. \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Federico Howard Salgado \$350 fine and 180 days in jail

Judgment and sentence DWI invalid: Jessie Cuellar, Jr. \$250 fine, \$197 court cost and 7 days in jail
Judgment and sentence theft over \$50/under \$500: Diana Lynn Noble \$300 fine, \$192 court cost and 30 days in jail
Probated judgment DWI invalid: Don Lloyd Brooks \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment evading arrest: Adelaido Martinez \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment and sentence evading arrest: Gary Leon Jetton \$300 fine, \$192 court cost and 60 days in jail
Judgment and sentence fail to identify: Gary Leon Jetton \$300 fine, \$192 court cost and 60 days in jail

Dead Records:
Warranty Deeds:
grantor: Johnny Lee and Mary Palmer
grantee: John H. Walker
property: The west 15' of lot 16 and all of lot 17, blk. 10, Edward Heights Addition
filed: July 22, 1997

grantor: Garry Don and Robin L. Moore
grantee: Harold Dean and Johnnie Edna Holland
property: Lot 26, blk. 5, College Park Estates
filed: Aug. 11, 1997

grantor: Dale Allred Woodall and Belinda Sue Woodall
grantee: Harold and Ann Neagle
property: Lot 22, blk. 26, Monticello Addition No. 7
filed: Aug. 12, 1997

grantor: Fleet Mortgage Corp.
grantee: Federal National Mortgage Assoc.
property: A 0.92 acre tract of land out of the southeast 1/4 of section 20, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 12, 1997

grantor: Edsel Warren and Leola F. McCrea
grantee: Larry Pick
property: Being the surface estate only of a 0.87 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 43, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 12, 1997

grantor: Robby and Heather Atkinson
grantee: Brooks Bedell
property: All of lot 12, blk. 19, Monticello Addition
filed: Aug. 12, 1997

grantor: Patricia Gammons (formerly Patricia Atkinson)
grantee: Robby Atkinson
property: All of lot 12, blk. 13, Monticello Addition
filed: Aug. 12, 1997

grantor: Wilson C. Edwards, Sr.
grantee: William and Amy Smith
property: Being a 1.0 acre tract of land out of the south 1/2 of section 9, blk. 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co., a 19.0 acre tract of land out of the south 1/2 of section 9, blk. 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co., and a 30.0 wide road easement out of the north 1/2 of section 16, blk. 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 14, 1997

grantor: Jeffrey C. and Stacey Childers
grantee: Rhonda Smith
property: A 1 acre tract of land out of and part of the northeast 1/4 of section 43, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 14, 1997

grantor: Stanley D. and Jacqueline Knight
grantee: Jake Glickman
property: A 29.85 acre tract out of the north 1/2 of section 29, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 15, 1997

grantor: Richard Lewis Logan and Mary Calkin Logan
grantee: John Pudliner
property: All of lot 2, blk. 2, Highland Caprock, a subdivision out of 16.709 acre tract out of section 8, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 15, 1997

grantor: Myrtle Eller
grantee: Robert and Jean Eller
property: Lot 5, blk. 9, Stanford Park Addition
filed: Aug. 15, 1997

grantor: Kurt and Grace Sawyers
grantee: Mary Gonzales
property: All of lot 3, blk. 19, Saunders Addition to the City of Coahoma.
filed: Aug. 15, 1997

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:

Grantor: Francis Joseph Moy and Sharon Theresa Moy
Grantee: Donnie Willis Brantley, Jr., and Mary Lorraine Smith Brantley
Property: All of lots 6 and 7, blk. 10, Settles Heights Addition, all of lot 8, blk. 10, Settles Heights Addition, being all of lots 9-16, blk. 10, Settles Heights Addition
Date filed: Aug. 13, 1997

grantor: Dennis L. Noggler
grantee: Dennis Wayne and Jean Noggler
property: Tract 1 - all that certain tract or parcel of land out of and a part of the northeast 1/4 of section 45, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co., and tract 2 - A strip of land 200 feet long and 75 feet wide out of the northeast 1/4 of section 45, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 15, 1997

grantor: Dawn M. Privett
grantee: Guy Jason Privett
property: A tract of land designated as property "S" in plat on file in envelope 93A, plat records of Howard County and out of the southeast 1/4 of section 48, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 15, 1997

Quit claim deed:
grantor: Larry Marquez
grantee: Robert Jackson
property: A 0.145 acre tract of land out of a 6.03 acre tract in the west 1/2 of section 43, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Aug. 13, 1997

118th District Court
Court Filings:
Divorce:
Linda Kay Sappington vs. William Fred Sappington
Famers:
Salena Taylor vs. Cameron Seago
Heather Reeves vs. Alfonso Reeves
Annette Hilario vs. Anselmo Hilario
Christine Leib vs. Joshua Leib
Debra Shaeffer vs. Lonnie Scaggs
Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Sophia Olivares vs. Jackie Wells

Former physician takes battle over lost license to governor

AUSTIN (AP) — A former physician from Pasadena recently turned to Gov. George W. Bush for help in his 10-year battle to regain his Texas medical license.

Hugo Ramirez said he was in the wrong place at the wrong time in 1987. The Texas Board of Medical Examiners was under fire for not taking enough action against bad doctors when false and unconfirmed complaints were raised against him, the native of Colombia told reporters Monday.

He wants Bush to convince the medical board to reconsider its decision and asked the governor to appoint a special investigator.

"The medical board needed a scapegoat to show they were taking quick action," Ramirez said. "The medical board made a mistake from the beginning."

Dr. Bruce Levy, executive director of the board, said Ramirez's case has been fairly evaluated.

"The board decided it was not in the best interest of the public to reinstate his license," Levy said.

Ramirez was an OB-GYN who in 1985 began performing liposuction as a side business. He had performed 8,000 deliveries, 5,000 surgeries and 218 liposuction operations before losing his Texas license, he said.

According to Ramirez's account: — Five patient complaints were filed against him. Each involved the development of infections after liposuction operations, including what Ramirez calls the state's first two cases of the so-called flesh-eating bacteria.

In those cases, Ramirez and several other doctors were ruled negligent. The Medical Board said Ramirez was found grossly negligent, he said, adding that he's the only doctor involved to have lost his license.

Two other cases were dismissed in court and the fifth was a false complaint, which the alleged complainant says she never filed.

A federal judge reversed Ramirez's license revocation on appeal but was later overruled by a higher court that said the judge lacked authority to rule in the case.

A state district judge has said he's concerned about the case, but also said he did not have legal authority to act, Ramirez said.

State lawmakers have changed the medical licensing law to make clear courts can rule in such cases after administrative appeals are exhausted, Ramirez said. He is completing

that process now. "Dr. Ramirez's allies dropped off material with the governor's office," said Ray Sullivan, a Bush spokesman. "That will be reviewed to see if any further action is warranted."

Gil Gamez, head of the League of United Latin American Citizens in Austin said his organization is very concerned about Ramirez's case. LULAC joined Ramirez and other watchdog groups to urge the governor's involvement.

"When the Texas Board of Medical Examiners refuses to hear the testimony of one alleged complainant — who would testify that she did not file a complaint — it casts doubts on the credibility of the entire process," Gamez said.

Ramirez said he believes the board is railroading his case because to reverse it would be admitting the board knew about the so-called flesh-eating bacteria well before warning doctors and hospitals.

Ramirez said 16 people died between the time of his case and the time when the medical board told physicians to be aware of the bacteria. "The medical board was grossly negligent," Ramirez said. "They made a mistake and don't want to acknowledge they made a mistake."

The bacteria is a rare form of strep that quickly poisons body tissue. It infects up to 1,500 Americans each year and can be fatal.

Delays force PCA to stop taking new clients

AUSTIN (AP) — PCA Health Plans of Texas must stop taking new Medicaid clients and will be allowed to continue enrolling family members and dependents of current patients.

"This is a problem we were well aware of before the order," Dr. Don Gessler, president of PCA of Texas, said of the delayed payments. "We're already in the process of catching up with the backlog."

Gessler said PCA receives about 6,000 claims a day, roughly 20 percent from Medicaid clients. He said a delay in getting a new claims-processing computer on-line and a turnover in claims personnel caused the delays.


"Either one of them would have been difficult to deal with," Gessler said. "The money is not the issue. It is just a matter of processing the claims."

Managed-care plans require patients to have medical services coordinated by one physician and practice cost-saving measures in return for lower fees.

Charles Stuart, a spokesman for the commission, said PCA will be allowed to resume enrolling Medicaid patients after proving that its payment system has caught up with a backlog of overdue claims and can keep up with incoming claims.

PCA of Texas Inc. is an Austin-based subsidiary of Physician Corp. of America in Miami. It can take new Medicaid clients until Sept. 29

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The public hearing will be held on September 4, 1997 at Sands CISD Board Room

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