

BIG SPRING HERALD

Reflecting A Proud Community

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August 29, 1997

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After 24 years, 'Fathah' won't be at the fair mike

"Attention, Fairgoers, we have prizes to announce..." For the past 24 years Howard County Fair attendees have heard these hour-to-hour messages in deep, ringing tones from the p.a. system. This year they will still hear the words, but the stentorian voice will be absent. "Fathah" won't be in the office.

Since the rebirth of the annual county fair in the early 1970s, Arnold Marshall commandeered the Fair Board sound system from the office in the southwest corner of the main barn. He was a natural for the job.



Marshall was a vocalist for the Hardin Simmons Cowboy Band

when he attended school there during the '30s. When a local radio station broadcast from downtown Big Spring, he announced and had a program of religious songs, sponsored by Mead's Fine Bread. According to his widow Peggy, "Arnold was called as a soloist for weddings, funerals, parties...all over West Texas. He sang at a party for the opening of Cosden here, and he even was asked to sing for the Governor."

When the Howard County Fair reorganized, Marshall was on the board. "He loved the

county fair," emphasizes Mrs. Marshall. He was president of the Fair Board in 1987-88. As others died off or drifted away, he became the elder statesman of the group. For several years he was teasingly referred to as "Father" (usually pronounced "Fathah"), with affection and respect.

The 1997 Howard County Fair won't be seeing the elder statesman, and strollers through the exhibits won't hear the same commanding voice they have in the past. But something tells me that "Fathah" will be there.



Nancy Howard, left, and Janeice Barnes of the Howard County Fair board of directors, scoop homemade ice cream during a supper Thursday night.

Paving job

\$46,000 added to project for striping on arterial streets

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Community Development and Utilities Director Todd Darden asked for and received approval from the Big Spring City Council earlier this week to add a \$46,174.10 change order to the city's street paving project.

Part of the change order calls for stripes to be added on several streets involved including Birdwell, Goliad and Wasson.

Specifically, the change order includes the addition of pavement markings to Birdwell from Fourth Street to 25th Street, Goliad Street from Fourth Street to Highland Street, Wasson from FM 700 to Randolph Street and 66 linear feet of curb and gutter at the Kentucky Street and Purdue Street intersection.

With the addition of the change order the project cost has been adjusted to \$817,994.60.

The original cost of the project was \$852,184.75 less a previous change order of \$80,364.25 approved last month of the council, which adjusted the total project cost to \$771,820.50 until the most recent change order was added.

The \$80,000 change order included the deletion of valley gutter improvements on Settles Street and a change in responsibility for laboratory testing.

This week's change order includes 50,322 linear feet of four-inch wide yellow pavement markings at a cost of 55 cents per linear foot or \$27,677.60; 630 four-inch reflectorized buttons at a cost of \$10 each or \$6,300; 13,650 linear feet of four-inch wide white pavement markings at a cost of 55 cents per linear foot or \$7,507.50; 586 four-inch non-reflectorized white traffic buttons at a cost of \$5.75 each or \$3,369.50; removal of 66 linear feet of curb and gutter at the Kentucky Street and Purdue Street intersection at a cost of \$5 per linear foot or \$330; and the addition of 66 linear feet of curb and gutter at the Kentucky Street and Purdue Street intersection at a cost of \$15 per linear foot or \$990.

The entire project is the result

of a bond issue passed in 1993 by Big Spring voters.

Price Construction is already in the process of putting the final touches on several streets as the project continues.

The specific areas included in the paving project include the Rebecca & 25th intersection; Settles and Sixth to Ridgeroad; Douglas Street in front of McDonald's; the intersection of 18th and Scurry; Johnson and Third to Fourth; and the Second and San Jacinto intersection.

The second phase of the project includes streets that have been in need of repair for quite a while: the Kentucky and Purdue intersection; Goliad and N.E. 10th to N.E. 12th; N.E. 11th and Nolan to Goliad; Fourth and Lancaster intersection; Hearn and Hwy 87 to Vicki; Main and First to Sixth; Lincoln and 11th to a half block south (east branch of Lincoln); West 19th and Lancaster to Gregg; West 20th and Lancaster to Gregg; Eighth and Owens to State; Johnson and Second to Third; West Ninth and Gregg to Scurry; Young and 16th to 18th; and the N. Second and Benton intersection.

Darden said the city should also save more money because of credits due.

"The city has some credits coming on concrete removal because a couple of sections did not have concrete to be removed," Darden said. "It has not been determined how much at this point but we think in the neighborhood of \$30,000."

The street about to be completed should last the city for quite a while.

"We expect a life of about 15 to 20 years on these streets," Darden said. "These streets won't have to be in the sealcoating cycle for another 10 years."

City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council Tuesday that the city has also completed its sealcoating project this year and has so far sealcoated about 18 miles to 20 miles of city streets.

As the city continues to pave and sealcoat streets, Fuqua said the city hopes to also eliminate approximately three miles of dirt road.

Labor Day brings closings

All city, county, state and federal offices will be closed Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

All financial institutions will also be closed on Monday. In addition, Citizens Federal Credit Union will also be closed Saturday in observance of the

holiday. All area schools will also be out for the holiday.

The Herald offices will be closed, although the circulation department will be open in the afternoon.

The newspaper will be delivered as scheduled.

DOWNTOWN LIGHTS

The Downtown Beautification Project is moving along as the lightpoles are being put up by M&M Ditching. Shawn Shawver (left) and Jason Wilk put the finishing touches Thursday afternoon on the bases of the poles on 3rd Street.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett



Stanton, Glasscock trustees adopt budgets

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

STANTON — Stanton ISD trustees adopted a \$5.5 million budget for the 1997-98 year after a public hearing on the package Thursday night.

No one spoke either for or against the budget during the hearing.

The new budget is similar to 1996-97, the major difference being state-mandated teacher pay raises of about \$100,000, Superintendent Jim White said. "This budget is pretty much the same as last year, except for the teacher raises," White said. "That's really the only major difference this year."

Now that they have a budget to work with, Stanton trustees

will now turn their attention to setting a tax rate to fuel the package. White said the board would tentatively set a new rate during their regular monthly meeting on Sept. 8.

White expressed confidence that the tax rate will remain at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation for the fourth year in a row.

The major reason for White's optimism is that property valuations rose for the first time in 13 years. Stanton, which is about 75 percent dependent on mineral valuations for tax revenue, has seen its tax rolls dwindle by more than half in the last decade and a half.

With the district valuations on the upswing, White said the trustees will probably avoid a tax cut so that they can rebuild the district's cash surplus,

which has been all but eliminated by three straight years of deficit spending.

White said keeping the tax rate at \$1.50 would give the district a budget surplus of about \$60,000 this budget year.

"People would probably think (a tax cut) would be nice, but I think the board has done a super job the last four or five years," White said. "This is the first time in three years that our budget is in the black."

About 16 cents of the tax rate is dedicated toward repayment of the district's 1988 bond, he added.

Glasscock ISD

GARDEN CITY — Glasscock ISD trustees tentatively OK'd a three-cent cut in the district's

tax rate during their special meeting Thursday night at the board room.

Trustees agreed to a tax rate of \$1.32 per \$100 valuation for the 1997-98 budget year, down from \$1.35 the previous year. That translates into a savings of about \$10 for the owner of a medium-priced home.

A public hearing on the proposed new rate will be Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in the board room.

A huge upsurge in property valuations this year allowed trustees to adopt a budget with \$1 million more in expenditures and still cut the tax rate, Superintendent Charles Zachry said.

"Our values went up, so we were able to pass a rate reduction along to the taxpayers in our district," Zachry said.

City addresses Morgan Park alcohol issue

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Complaints to city officials about the presence and use of alcohol in Morgan Park has prompted city officials and the Big Spring City Council to tighten up an ordinance concerning alcohol in and around city parks.

The ordinance passed Tuesday by the council amends

chapter 2, Section 2-7 of the city code prohibiting the possession of alcoholic beverages and open containers of alcoholic beverages in all city parks.

The council reasoning for taking this action is because members feel like the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at city parks would adversely impact the health and safety of those using park facilities.

According to City Attorney

Jim Finley, Section 2-7 entitled, "Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages within certain areas of Comanche Trail Park," is amended to include all city parks.

The amended ordinance reads, "A person commits an offense if they consume an alcoholic beverage as defined in Section 1.04(1) of the Alcoholic Beverage Code or possess an open container that contains an alcoholic beverage while in any

public park or along any street or road that is adjacent to a public park."

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said the ordinance basically addresses the issue of new parks when they are built because the old ordinance specifically mentioned Comanche Trail Park.

"We don't think this has been a big problem, but we wanted to clean up the ordinance," Bogard said.

Local residents now have access to SBA's 504 loan program through local bank

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Local residents now have access to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 504 commercial mortgage loan program through Lubbock-based Caprock Business

Finance Corporation.

Congressman Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, recently announced the program for businesses in the Permian Basin.

In announcing the program, Combest also announced the appointment of the Permian Basin Loan Committee, which will have the

responsibility of reviewing the 504 loan applications before they are submitted to the SBA.

Members of the committee include Big Spring's O.L. Cooper of First Big Spring Banking Center, State National Bank of West Texas.

WEATHER

Tonight: Sat: Sun: Mon:

Tonight, fair. Lows 65-70. Saturday, sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday night, fair. Lows 65-70. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, sunny days and fair nights. Lows 65-70. Highs in the mid 90s.

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MDA activities highlight weekend ticket

HERALD Staff Report

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

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

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

WEEKEND TICKET

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

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

• Country and western dance, tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company.

• Teen Night, tonight from 7-

11 at the Eagles Lodge on West 3rd. This is the final teen night of the summer.

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

• Model train display, today and Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and 2nd and Main in downtown Big Spring.

• The Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 510

Scurry.

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

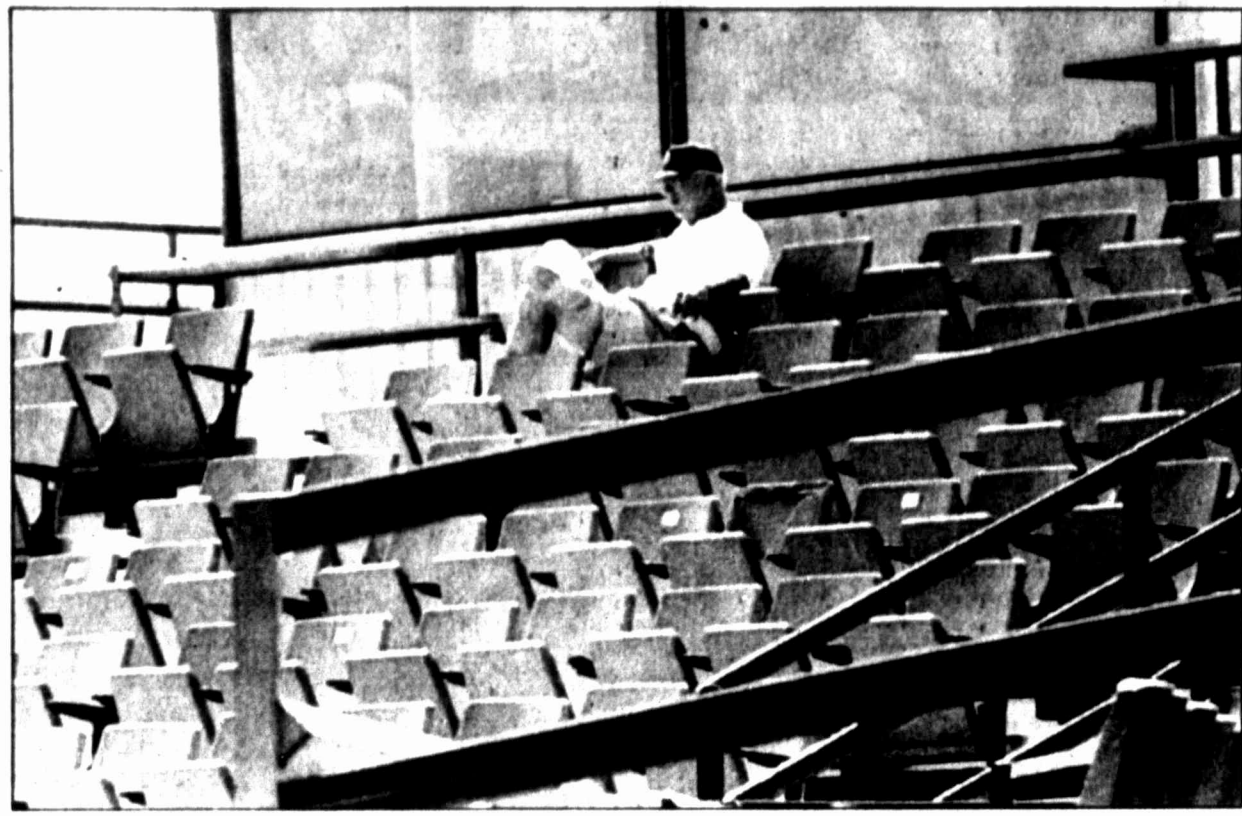
• The Potton House, a restored historic home, is open Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. and 200 Gregg.

• Jones Valley Reunion, begins Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge.

• Fill the Boot, Saturday at the

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LONE FAN



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Some fans can't get enough baseball and Putt Fleming, from Duncanville, is one of those people. He watches the Howard College Hawks practice at Hawk Field.

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 6,6,2
CASH 5: 2,3,9,14,15

•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.
•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.
•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

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.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Casey, 267-8542 or 267-7236.
•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.
•Lady Steer booster club meeting, 6 p.m., Athletic Training Center meeting room.

FRIDAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.
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SATURDAY
•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
•Open birthday night, covered dish, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. birthday meeting, 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA Sobriety yearly birthdays.

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

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.
•Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

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 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.

Hammonds, president of Food Marketing Institute, an association of 15,000 supermarkets. Retailers are not cutting prices on beef any more than a usual holiday weekend, Hammonds said. Prices for beef products have remained about the same as last year, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The E. coli contamination was traced to a Hudson Foods Inc. plant at Columbus, Neb., where the U.S. Department of Agriculture is now investigating. The contaminated meat is believed to have come from an outside supplier.

While there have been no deaths or serious illness reported, the plant has been shut for a week and 25 million pounds of beef was recalled.

"Most people see this as an isolated incident," said A. Dwayne Ball, a marketing professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln who specializes in consumer research.

That's the case for Robert DeBuck, an electrical contractor from Edgewood, N.M., who was having lunch Thursday at a Blake's Lota Burger in Albuquerque.

"I would be more concerned about being struck by lightning. I think more people die from lightning and bumblebee stings than from eating a bad hamburger," said DeBuck, chomping into his burger.

In New Orleans, Ira Hayes stocked up for the weekend at a local grocery.

"I've given some thought to it but I've got to eat meat," Hayes said. "I've got to have it. I'll just make sure it's well done and hope for the best."

Hammonds said the recall has made consumers more aware about how to safely cook meat.

"I think people do understand that ground beef needs to be properly cooked and if it's properly cooked it kills the E. coli bacteria," he said. Food safety experts recommend cooking ground beef to 160 degrees to kill the bacteria.

Burger King, which saw sales drop after the scare, is heading into the Labor Day weekend hoping meat lovers will go for the new Big King sandwich it introduced Thursday. It has 75 percent more beef than the Big Mac.

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| IBM | 102 1/2 + 1/8 |
| Intel Corp | 92 1/2 + 1/8 |
| Laser Indus LTD | 17 1/2 + 1/8 |
| Medical Alliance | 3 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Mobil | 72 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Norwest | 57 1/2 nc |
| NUV | 9 1/2 nc |
| Phillips Petroleum | 47 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Palex Inc. | 12 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Pepsi Cola | 36 - 1/8 |
| Parallell Petroleum | 5 1/2 + 1/8 |
| Rural/Metro | 27 1/2 nc |
| Sears | 56 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Southwestern Bell | 54 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Sun | 38 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Texasco | 115 1/2 + 1/8 |
| Texas Instruments | 114 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Texas Utils. Co | 35 nc |
| Unocal Corp | 38 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Wal-Mart | 35 1/2 - 1/8 |
| Ampac | 15.76-16.72 |
| Euro Pacific | 28.16-29.88 |
| I.C.A. | 29.30-31.09 |
| New Economy | 19.79-21.00 |
| New Perspective | 21.04-22.32 |
| Prime Rate | 8.50% |
| Gold | unavailable |
| Silver | unavailable |

POLICE

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

• COREY DEWAYNE DYER, 20, 1410 Johnson, was arrested on local warrants.

• EUSEBIO MENDOZA SAIZ, 58, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• CLASS C ASSAULT was reported on the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported on the 1300 block of Sycamore and the 3900 block of W. Highway 80.

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported on the 1200 block of Gregg.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 100 block of Gregg, 2600 block of Albrook and 500 block of Sunset.

• THEFT was reported on the 800 block of E. Interstate 20, 2300 block of Wasson and 1400 block of Wood.

SHERIFF

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

• ARON LINN SALAZAR, 25, 808 W. 17th, was arrested on a charge of revocation of probation for possession of a controlled substance.

• EVERETT PARTON, 33, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on Kay Road.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on Hooser Road.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 95
Thursday's low 73
Average high 90
Average low 67
Record high 102 in 1951
Record low 58 in 1961
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 2.87
Month's normal 1.20
Year to date 17.33
Normal for the year 11.85
**Statistics not available

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 72.50 cents a pound, down 73 points; Oct. crude oil 19.65, up 7 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 50, cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 64; Oct. lean hog futures 70.40, down 10 points; Oct. live cattle futures 67.05, down 17 points. courtes: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Despite beef scare, Americans will grill

By SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press Writer

Labor Day is prime time for beef — and that won't change this year despite a possibly deadly bacteria that caused the nation's largest-ever meat recall.

"It hasn't scared me," said grocery shopper Jack Holland of Atlanta. "I haven't made a big change in my buying habits. As a matter of fact, I'm going in to buy something to grill out for the weekend."

Americans traditionally consume 57.5 million pounds per day, or nearly a quarter-pound for every person in the country, over the Labor Day weekend. That's 20 percent more beef than the average daily consumption of 46 million pounds.

Beef sales in stores across the country have remained strong in spite of the E. coli outbreak that sickened more than a dozen people this month in Colorado, said Timothy

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.

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BIG SPRING SOCCER ASSOCIATION sign up continues at the YMCA, 801 Owens, throughout this week.

DAY CARE IS AVAILABLE for students at the YMCA, before and after school. Trained staff supervise activities including swimming, sports, arts and crafts and field trips. Sign up at the Y or call 267-8234 for more information.

TICKETS FOR SKILLET IN concert are available at the Karat Patch, Cornerstone Christian Resource Center and Spanky's. Performance by the Christian rock band is Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Comanche Trail Amphitheater.
Cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the gate Monday night.

THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL BARBECUE sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5 at the Big Spring High School cafeteria. Cost is \$5 per person and advance tickets are on sale now. Plates to go are available.
For more information, call Squeaky Thompson, chairman at 267-2759.

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H CLUB is sponsoring its annual omelet 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.
THE FOURTH ANNUAL DON McKinney Float Fly of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7 at Comanche Trail Park Lake.
No landing fees are required. Pilot's prizes will be awarded and raffle prizes will be available. AMA membership is required. Call Steve Gay for information at 263-6148.

A TALLEST WEED CONTEST is planned at the Howard County Fair with a \$100 first prize and \$49 second places in each division.
Entries will be accepted in the activities building at the fairgrounds Tuesday from 5-6:30 p.m. only. Weeds will be judged beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Entries must include the name of the exhibitor and where the weed was grown. Bring the actual weed to the KBEST booth on the first day of the fair — no photographs will be judged.

THE PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM PIONEERS is planned for Friday, Oct. 31 at Holiday Inn Country Villa in Midland. The group is open to persons engaged in some phase of the oil and gas industry in the Permian Basin at least 30 years before Oct. 1, 1997.

RETIREMENT CLEARANCE WHEAT Furniture & Appliance Co. 115 E. 2nd 267-5722

TICKET

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Gregg Street bridge over FM 700. Local firefighters will participate in a nationwide effort to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

•Benefit dance, Saturday at 7 p.m. at Dr. Morgan Park. Proceeds from the \$5 admission will go to benefit the Venora Williams Community Center.

•Big Spring Harley Owners Group MDA fund-raiser, Monday at Big Spring Mall Activities beginning at 11 a.m. include two live bands and motorcycle games.

•25th Howard County Fair gets under way at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Fairgrounds.
•Omelet Supper, Monday from 5-7 p.m. at the Fair. Tickets for the annual project of the Howard County 4H Club are \$4 in advance.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING FIREFIGHTERS WILL be conducting "Fill the Boot" Saturday to collect for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Firefighters will accept contributions near the intersection of Gregg Street and FM 700 by Wal-Mart and the Big Spring VA Medical Center.
Their goal for the day long drive is \$2,500.

HARLEY OWNERS GROUPS WILL have a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association all day Monday, Sept. 1, at the Big Spring Mall. There will be two bands, bike show (with the winner being determined by the most donations, sandwiches and Coca-cola).
From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Wild Texas will play, from 2 to 4 p.m. motorcycle games and from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. CW & Co. will be playing.

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION IS being taken now at the Big Spring Family YMCA. Classes designed for fun, exercise, parent education and safety begin Tuesday. Call 267-8234 for information.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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Missing woman identified as one of victims in yard

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Human bones unearthed behind a San Antonio house have been identified by DNA testing as those of the missing woman who lived there and three other people, police said Thursday.

Among the bone pieces found in the home's backyard over a period of several weeks are some that belonged to Monika Rizzo, 44, who has been missing since May, said Deputy Police Chief Albert Ortiz.

Identities of the other three people have not been determined.

Police have steered clear of saying the human remains are the work of a serial killer. But Ortiz spoke Thursday of a possible scenario.

"I don't think that it was just someone that showed up at the house and somehow or another got into a rage. I think this is calculated," Ortiz said.

Earlier this month, Ortiz said some of the bone fragments discovered at the home were so small they appeared to have been sawed or chopped up.

No arrests have been made. Mrs. Rizzo's husband, 45-year-old Leonard Rizzo, remains one of the suspects, Ortiz said. Rizzo says he doesn't know what happened to his wife of 26 years.

Leonard Rizzo would not comment on the latest developments in his wife's disappearance. His attorney, Bruce Smith of Beaumont, did not return phone calls.

Reverse DNA testing — DNA

taken from Mrs. Rizzo's husband and one of her two sons to determine her DNA profile — was used to make the match.

News of the match jolted the missing woman's parents.

Monika McKinney said she was at home and her husband was playing golf when the police called.

"My stomach just flopped," she said.

She said officers had told her and her husband "they found part of her leg and it matched, but not 100 percent."

The couple said they didn't need DNA tests to be 100 percent accurate to convince them of what they already believed: that their daughter was dead.

"Our hope was down to 10 percent, but now it's down to zero," Monika McKinney said. "Until now, I'd hoped they'd find Monika and I could hug her."

Police investigators found the first batch of bones at the Rizzos' middle-class brick home in early July after receiving an anonymous tip that Mrs. Rizzo's body could be found there.

DNA testing indicated those remains, including a skull, belonged to as many as three unidentified people, but not Mrs. Rizzo.

The skull was determined to have been from an adult woman. A Texas Department of Public Safety lab in Austin is doing artistic reconstruction to figure out what the face may have looked like.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Despite a "credible and serious" threat from a man claiming to be with Mexico's largest drug cartel, drug policy chief Gen. Barry McCaffrey made a planned border visit — albeit escorted by hundreds of guards from both countries.

Security officials asked McCaffrey to cancel his Thursday visit to Tijuana, Mexico, but he refused, federal officials told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity. McCaffrey said he would not be intimidated.

He made the trip guarded by reinforcements from the U.S. marshals' office that were supplemented by some 200 Mexican soldiers and police officers.

The threatening call was placed to the FBI Tuesday while McCaffrey was in Laredo, Texas, on a tour of the Southwest border.

The caller, who spoke in Spanish, told the FBI field office in Houston the slaying would be carried out with a missile attack, the AP learned.

DALLAS — A former employee of a major Dallas hospital has been indicted on charges that she sickened a dozen of her co-workers last year by injecting bacteria from a hospital laboratory into muffins and doughnuts.

Diane Thompson, 26, a former employee of St. Paul Medical Center, was indicted Thursday on three first-degree felony charges of tampering with a consumer product. She faces a maximum sentence of life in prison on each of the charges if she is convicted.

"The seriousness of these offenses is reflected in the penalty range that's attached to them," said Assistant District Attorney Mike Gillett.

Thompson, who worked in a laboratory at the hospital, had been indicted earlier on charges of tampering with a govern-

ment record and aggravated assault in connection with an earlier case in which she allegedly altered a boyfriend's hospital lab specimens after planting bacteria in his food.

She remains free on \$15,000 bond on those charges. No bail has been set in the new cases.

FORT WORTH — A 16-year-old boy has become one of the youngest Tarrant County residents ever sentenced to federal prison when he was given a four-year term for bank robbery.

U.S. District Judge Eldon Mahon Thursday sentenced Alberto Alvarado to just more than four years and ordered him to pay about \$9,000 in restitution.

Court officials said that Alvarado is the youngest Tarrant County person to be sentenced to federal prison in about 25 years.

"For young people who are contemplating something like this, it's a high price to pay for this type of criminal conduct," said Fred Schattman, an assistant U.S. attorney.

BURLESON — One of the perks of being a cheerleader at a Texas high school for years has been the privilege of wearing the uniform to school on game day.

But that tradition has ended abruptly in this Johnson County town because the short skirts are too short to comply with a new student dress code.

In order to comply with the dress code and still get to wear the uniform to class on game day, the girls will have to special order double-knit black pants with white stripes.

But the school-day uniforms are hot, non-traditional and ugly, the girls say.

"I think they look kind of geeky," freshman Michelle Holland said of the pants. "The design and stuff, they don't really remind me of cheerleaders."

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WASHINGTON — Southwest Airlines remains "passionately neutral" regarding federal flight restrictions at its home base — despite the fact that its chief attended a fund raiser for a senator determined to undo the Wright Amendment.

Southwest chief executive Herb Kelleher this week attended a Dallas fund raiser organized by Sen. Richard Shelby, who is chairman of the Senate transportation appropriations subcommittee.

Shelby issued a statement on the day of the fund raiser promising he'd work to repeal the Wright Amendment. The Alabama Republican termed the flight restrictions "obscure, oppressive and outdated."

Kelleher's attendance wasn't linked to Shelby's effort to eliminate the flight restrictions, Southwest spokeswoman Linda Rutherford said Thursday.

"It was coincidental," she said. "We remain passionately neutral about the Wright Amendment."

Researchers at Texas Medical Center testing green tea as cancer fighter

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While there were numerical reductions seen in colon cancer, they were not statistically significant, the researchers reported.

A recent study in the scientific journal Nature showed that a component of green tea called epigallocatechin gallate, or EGCG, binds an enzyme called urokinase, thus preventing it from carrying out its mission. Urokinase is an enzyme that has been shown to have a connection with cancer's spread, Hong said.

The family of chemicals to which the EGCG belongs seems to have some anti-tumor effect, said Dr. Katherine Pisters, the assistant professor at Anderson who will lead the study.

The first study, planned for 30 patients with advanced cancer of

the lung, breast, prostate, ovaries or head and neck, will determine if the material is safe and how much patients can tolerate, Dr. Pisters said.

The patients will receive capsules of green tea equal to six or seven cups, Hong said. Doctors will increase the dose if they don't see any side effects.

Using capsules makes it easier

to determine how much tea and chemicals each patient receives.

Hong believes the capsules will prove more effective in preventing cancer than in treating it.

Dr. Pisters said patients aren't given false hopes.

"We tell them we have a new and interesting compound that we are testing. We say it might be a reasonable thing for them to

try," she said.

She hopes the study, which is being conducted with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute in New York, will be completed within two years.

It is being funded by ITO-EN Central Research Institute in Shizuoka, Japan. ITO-EN is the largest manufacturer of green tea in Japan.

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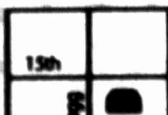
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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"The most important office is that of private citizen." -Louis D. Brandeis

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

- This week we salute:
• KAKI MORTON, recently honored for 26 years of service at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.
• HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONER SONNY CHOATE, who recently turned down a pay raise.
• CHARLIE GARCIA and SUSIE HERNANDEZ, the men's and women's champions at last weekend's Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships.
• BRANDON MCGINTY, the new assistant Howard County agriculture agent.
• BOB SCOTT, who recently stepped down from Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. after serving a three-year term on the board of directors.
• DREW MOUTON and his staff, for collecting delinquent taxes at a record rate.
• THE HOWARD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT and the CITY OF COAHOMA, for winning three water program awards from the Texas National Resource Conservation Commission.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor: Quality education for all students is the primary goal of the Big Spring Independent School District, and attendance is a major factor in relating to that goal.

We are asking for your assistance in increasing attendance and decreasing excessive absences. The following suggestions are ways that you can help:

- Schedule appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) after school hours.
• Ensure that your child is present on time each morning (classes begin at 8:15 a.m.). Excessive tardies, like excessive absences, will be reported to the district attendance office.
• Children that are ill or contagious do not need to be in school, however, children with minor aches or pains need to be present.
• All circumstances that prevent your child from being in attendance are discouraged (vacations, errands, etc.). This does not include emergencies such as a death in the family.
• The attendance office requires that a parent call their child's school office on the day of the absence if possible (some do not have a phone); send a note dated and signed with the child when he/she returns to school with the reason(s) why the child was absent, and if a doctor's visit was made, especially out of town, send a verification of that visit (a copy of the appointment, but not the diagnosis) to the school office.

Please remember that our mutual concern is caring for your child. We need your help in keeping your child in regular attendance. This is primary in achieving excellence in our schools. Rudy Gutierrez

Title I Parental Involvement Coordinator and Attendance Officer Big Spring ISD

To the Editor: I wish to comment on a "to the editor" letter written by Mark Day, a convict at FCI Big Spring, appearing on Aug. 22.

He names several people associated with both FCI and Howard College as being instrumental in his obtaining his Associates Degree later this year. I have no doubt that some of those mentioned are nothing less than dedicated professionals.

Convict Day, however, seems to have neglected people far more deserving of mention, you and I, the American taxpayer. We are the people, sometimes unwilling, but mandated to pay taxes so he can eat three good meals a day (not school lunches), provide him with clothing and shelter, as well as high quality medical and dental care. Keep in mind that I am talking about a person convicted of committing a crime against those same taxpayers.

I am a father of two teenage children. My wife and I have often wondered how or if we will be able to financially send one or both of our children to college. No doubt there are many parents reading this that could not afford college, and in all reality, without extreme sacrifice, can afford to send their children to college. There are also many parents reading this that cannot provide their children with food or medical care equal to what this "student" is receiving.

I don't know how the other readers feel, but I feel that SOMETHING IS WRONG IN THIS COUNTRY. Tim Hatcher, Big Spring

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The one place crime is still on the rise...



LOCAL TV NEWS

An entire generation of heroes are passing away

By BLACKIE SHERROD Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Sooner or later, if you look both ways before crossing the street and avoid fatty foods, you will become a regular reader of obituaries. It is a fact of later life.

During your whippersnapper years, you don't have enough time to notice random deaths. There are too many pretty girls to whistle at and too many car-buretors to soup up. Later, there are house payments, braces and college funding.

Then suddenly one day, you're on the patio and flipping through the newspaper, and a familiar name catches your eye. I'll be danged, old Benny Southstreet just bought it. Haven't seen that rascal in years. How old was he, 74? Well, he had a full one.

Then you start reading the funeral notices every day, more out of curiosity than any morbid sense of foreboding. You remember George Burns' old line: "Every morning I read the obituaries in bed. If my name isn't in there, I get up, shave and go to work."

I admit one gripe about obituaries, a gender-correct protest. I hate to see one of those small-

type notices that kisses off a lady as "a homemaker." You know the drill: "Mary Thompkins, a homemaker, passed away July 7. She was born in 1917 and is survived by..." The simple phrase "homemaker" is terribly incomplete. A fellow dies, and his notice identifies his trade, education, business connections and lodge affiliations, whatever. The lady is dismissed as a mere homemaker. It says here there ain't nothing mere about a homemaker.

At any rate, just the other day, this habit of reading obituaries brought the realization that an era is passing without noticeable fanfare.

There was a lengthy account of one Butch Neil, who died at 81. As an infantry lieutenant, he defied retreat orders and led a limping platoon to the capture of 350 Germans in two bloody engagements in France. Gen. George Patton applauded. His honors included the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Purple Heart and Croix de Guerre.

Out of curiosity, I scanned the other obituaries on the same page of The Dallas Morning News. Doug

Clanahan, age 64, Army veteran in Korea. Tom Connelly, 84, "served in South Pacific during World War II." Bill Engle, 70, served in the Merchant Marines and Army. And J.D. Fairchild, whose obit included "served in the Navy during the Korean War." Almost every death had a wartime background.

Bud Spaulding "served his country in World War II as an officer in the Navy Air Corps." Col. Bert Ezell was a horse cavalryman and "hero of the Battle of the Bulge." He received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre. Dr. William Monell, a staffer at San Diego Naval Hospital. Charles Reinhardt, Army from 1946 to 1948.

Not just men. There was the obituary of Dorothy Marie Sullivan, "who served her country in the U.S. Navy during WW II." Also, Betty Shaw, Army veteran of World War II.

The curiosity carried over to the NEXT day's obituary page. There was Gary Lee Carter, who "served honorably as captain in the 100th Airborne Rangers." John Berrett, U.S. Army 1942-45. Jay Van Houten of Arlington, Navy during

World War II. Jim Massey, three years in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Bob Parrish, a B-24 pilot on the legendary bomb raid over Poland.

On and on. There were so many that one realizes those troops are dominating the obituary pages these days. It may even surprise some acquaintances to read of the military backgrounds.

Lieutenant Neil's obituary, his daughter said her father seldom mentioned his wartime adventures. You would probably find the same trait in these other chaps. There is an old combat saying: For the first 20 years, you don't talk about it. After that, you'll talk about it, but nobody will listen.

It is hard to associate that old goat with the hedge clippers, belt loosened and watery, faded eyes with anything other than calm, even hum-drum days. Or the bent geezer with a tremor in his fingers, sitting on his folding stool and sadly watching his cork in the water. It is almost impossible to imagine this old codger wading ashore at Iwo Jima or parachuting behind the lines at Normandy. But he did.

Farrakhan, Chavis not worthy of leadership label

By CARL ROWAN

"The most challenging moment as a columnist is when your soul tells you to write something that you know will not be truly popular anyway. My soul won the struggle in Oct. 1995." - Carl Rowan

WASHINGTON — Many people are asking why I haven't endorsed (and will not go with in miles of) the "Million Man March" sponsored by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and former NAACP executive director Benjamin Chavis Jr.

My straightforward answer is that I would never follow the lead of anyone as homophobic, as anti-Semitic, as anti-female, as anti-white or as universally bigoted as Farrakhan. And I would never walk two seconds behind Chavis, a notorious womanizer whose pursuit of women other than his wife almost wrecked the NAACP. I would never pay a march fee to hear Chavis tell me how to be a

responsible black husband and father, no matter how great the pressures for "black solidarity."

My honest answer is that I expect this march to be tragically counterproductive, with the only black men benefiting to be Chavis and Farrakhan. They could collect millions of dollars from troubled but gullible black men, and also take on the far-from-deserved aura of national "black leaders."

Chavis didn't just undermine the NAACP through stupid, wasteful policy decisions. He hired limousines at colossal costs so he and a friend could cruise the streets of Washington and Baltimore where the "chicks" might be lured.

He harassed and abused women employees at NAACP headquarters, in one case paying and promising a total of \$332,400 from the NAACP's dwindling coffers to a woman who sued the NAACP on charges that Chavis fired her after "an adulterous relationship" ended.

What gain can come from a million, or even a hundred,

black men giving money to Chavis and Farrakhan? If they each gave \$10 to the NAACP, they would have some chance of freeing American black men from the historic racism that denies them jobs, or hope, and throws an unconscionable number of them into jails and prisons. But march money given to Chavis won't liberate one black soul.

Farrakhan has tried to mute his bigotry until this march is over, but he is such a loose cannon that he cannot long mask his hatred of white people — and of blacks and black groups that cooperate with and get the support of white people. He (recently) said on the "Donahue" show that he would raise \$1.2 billion for the NAACP from black people so (it) "will never have to be beholden to corporate America or white philanthropy."

Farrakhan, who espouses a separate black America in which he expects to be king, said the NAACP would be "strengthened if it's not beholden to the Ford Foundation, the

Rockefeller Foundation or any white philanthropy." The record shows that Farrakhan's plan for economic apartheid has so far benefited only Farrakhan.

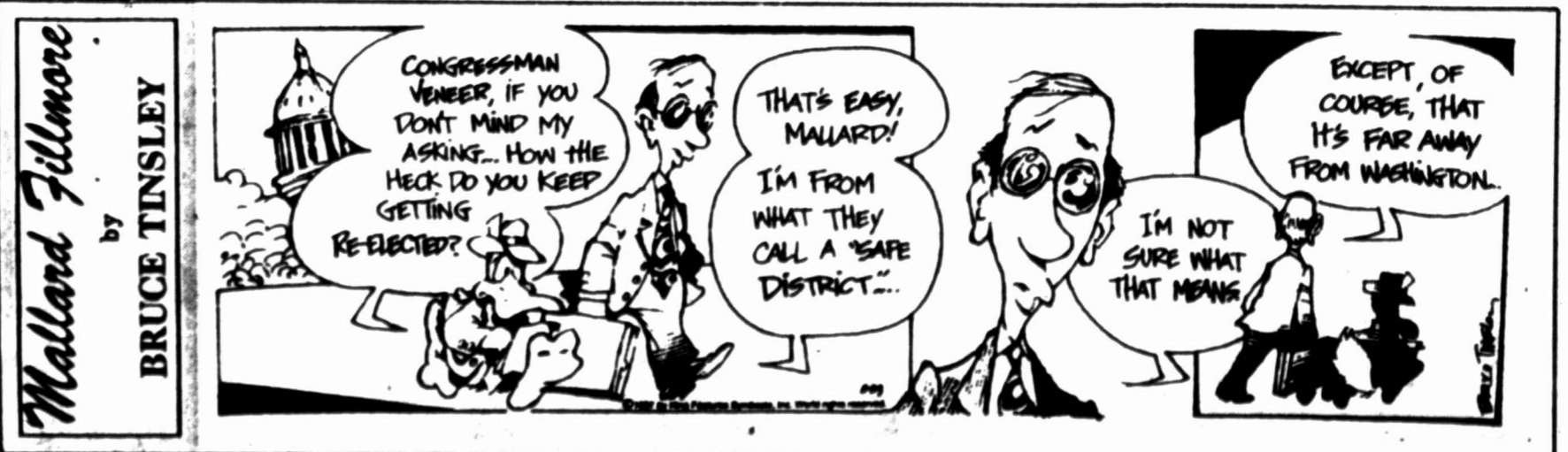
Minister Farrakhan is a posturing, preening merchant of hate who cleverly turns his venom off when it serves his purposes. Like now.

But I don't need to embrace him or his views to prove either my blackness or my manhood. I am a devout protector of First Amendment rights, so I insist that Farrakhan be allowed to speak wherever any audience wishes to hear him.

Tragically, the white media is driving otherwise sane black men to (next Monday's) exercise in symbolism and futility. Millions of us black people are outraged that white people want to say who is a black leader.

Some Jews want to decree to blacks whom they dare not invite to their meetings or campuses.

Right-wing whites declare again and again that "inferior" blacks are incapable of self-help.



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States intensify scrutiny of Columbia, adding separate probes

NEW YORK (AP) — Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp., beset by a federal probe for allegedly cheating Medicare, faced new inquiries into overbilling of health programs for the poor in 10 states. Investigators in Arkansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nevada, Utah, Washington and Wyoming told The Associated Press this week they are examining whether the company overbilled state Medicaid programs. More than a quarter of the 32 states that host Columbia hospitals have begun inquiries into the nation's largest publicly-traded hospital chain. Alabama, Florida and Texas

officials confirmed earlier this month that there were inquiries in those states. "We're still sifting through loads of documents. But I suspect that, in the end, we will find some state interests that need to be addressed," said Lt. Col. Earl Morris of Utah's Division of Criminal Investigations. Columbia said Thursday that it is going to sell the bulk of Value Health Inc., which it purchased earlier this year for \$1.1 billion. Value Health manages specialty benefits programs to companies employing 78 million workers. The company also has decid-

ed to suspend about \$750 million worth of projects to acquire or construct hospitals in the next few months, The New York Times reported in today's editions. Chairman Dr. Thomas Frist Jr. told the Times that the company would expand and reconstitute its board over the next few months. He decided that a change in leadership was necessary to keep the company from possible collapse. "I finally realized that if things didn't change, that it would all come down under its own weight," Frist said. "The government actually did us a favor because it let us address

the underlying issue, and that was the way you go about running this kind of company." The states pursuing separate inquiries into Columbia join federal prosecutors, the National Association of Securities Dealers and private insurers in examining the way the company does business. While the federal investigation focuses mainly on Columbia's billing of the government's Medicare health insurance program for the elderly, preliminary inquiries launched by the states center on the chain's billing of Medicaid, the health program for the poor.

Columbia spokesman Jeff Prescott said it's not surprising states would start their own probes. The federal investigation has resulted in the indictment of three mid-level managers in Florida on Medicare fraud charges. "We're certainly willing to cooperate with states that are interested," he said. "And we hope to find anything ourselves through our internal review that might need to be done differently." If state prosecutors pursue charges against Columbia or its managers, the company would have a strong incentive to seek a broad agreement with all

prosecutors, as tobacco companies are trying to do to settle a series of state lawsuits. "From the company's perspective, they're going to be looking for some type of global workout," said James B. Burns, who served as the U.S. Attorney in Chicago until last week. "If you were going to work out any type of plea arrangement with the feds, you're going to try to get any other prosecutors involved." Columbia has 342 hospitals in 32 states, with other health care facilities in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Tucker co-defendant admits fraud discovered by Whitewater probe

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A former business partner of ex-Gov. Jim Guy Tucker admitted he helped conduct a sham bankruptcy to avoid \$2 million in taxes on profits he and Tucker reaped from a 1980s cable television deal. Boston businessman William J. Marks Sr. pleaded guilty to fraud Thursday in federal court, agreeing to cooperate in the case against Tucker and his lawyer, John Haley — scheduled for trial March 9 — in exchange for assurances that he won't go to prison. Tucker and Marks were indicted June 5, 1995, on charges of lying to obtain a \$300,000 loan. They and Haley also were accused of hiding profits from the sale of cable television systems Tucker and Marks owned. The alleged plan was uncovered by a grand jury investigating President Clinton's busi-

ness dealings, but the charges have nothing to do with the Whitewater land development at the center of the investigation. Prosecutors said the \$300,000 loan was obtained from a firm run by Whitewater figure David Hale. Marks, Tucker and Haley, who was Tucker's personal attorney, were accused of conducting a sham bankruptcy so Tucker and Marks could reduce their federal tax liability. Haley received \$100,000 for his work, prosecutors said. The men held purchase agreements for the cable systems' sale, but documents filed in bankruptcy court in 1987 made it appear the systems were worth much less. Marks could have faced five years and a \$250,000 fine on the conspiracy charge to which he pleaded guilty. U.S. District Judge Stephen Reasoner

delayed sentencing until after Tucker and Haley go to trial, but indicated Marks would not have to go to federal prison. Marks and his lawyer left the federal court house through a rear exit and avoided reporters' questions. His plea appeared to be a blow to Tucker, already under home detention and probation as part of a bank fraud conviction last year. "Buddy" Sutton said Marks' change of heart would not alter Tucker's defense. Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who is guiding the Whitewater investigation, said the agreement was "fair and just," and told Reasoner that prosecutors already had benefited from Marks' cooperation. Marks is expected to testify against his former associates.

Drug cartel threatens drug czar

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Despite a "credible and serious" threat from a man claiming to be with Mexico's largest drug cartel, drug policy chief Gen. Barry McCaffrey made a planned border visit — albeit escorted by hundreds of guards from both countries. Security officials asked McCaffrey to cancel his Thursday visit to Tijuana, Mexico, but he refused, federal officials told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity. McCaffrey said he would not be intimidated. He made the trip guarded by reinforcements from the U.S. marshals' office that were supplemented by some 200 Mexican soldiers and police officers. The threatening call was placed to the FBI Tuesday while McCaffrey was in Laredo, Texas, on a tour of the Southwest border. The caller, who spoke in Spanish, told the FBI field office in Houston the slaying would be carried out with a missile attack, the AP learned. FBI officials refused to com-

ment. Asked about the threat as he toured the Tijuana border crossing, McCaffrey said: "We're aware there have been more than 200 acts of violence against U.S. law enforcement just last year along this border and more than 200 Mexican law enforcement officers murdered. So we're aware that public officials on both sides of this frontier have to confront this violent situation." He spoke to Mexican and U.S. reporters at a think tank south of Tijuana on Thursday evening as hundreds of Mexican guards stood by. "I think the security arrangements have been first-rate and we very much appreciate that the Mexicans have taken first-rate precautions," McCaffrey told the AP. While McCaffrey receives "hate mail like any other public official," one of the sources traveling with him said, "this was the first call of this caliber from a drug-trafficking organization targeting him." Sources told the AP the caller

said he was associated with the cartel formerly run by Amado Carrillo Fuentes. Carrillo, known as "Lord of the Skies" because he used jets to ship massive loads of cocaine to the U.S.-Mexico border, died July 4 after complications from plastic surgery. Mexican and U.S. officials have been concerned about competing drug organizations filling the power vacuum. Carrillo's operation raked in tens of millions of dollars weekly, according to Mexican law enforcement officials. At least 11 people have been killed in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, in what is believed to be drug-related violence since Carrillo's death. "The concurrence of violence associated with this change of succession, which is (seen) not only in their murdering each other in large numbers, but they're also unfortunately attacking U.S. and Mexican law enforcement," McCaffrey said at a news conference here Thursday.

Villagers say at least 300 killed in latest Algerian massacre

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Attackers massacred at least 300 villagers early today, slitting their throats, decapitating many of them and then burning their bodies in the worst such attack since an Islamic insurgency began five years ago, witnesses said. The heads of some victims were placed on the doorsteps of their homes in the village of Rais in the Sidi Moussa region just south of the capital. Hooded and armed with knives and axes, the attackers arrived at 1 a.m. in trucks and cars. They spent five hours in the village, entering homes to rouse victims from their sleep, killing them, burning dozens of bodies and setting off explosives at some homes before they left. "They took their time to cut throats and to burn the bodies," a 35-year-old man who would only give his first name, Amar, said in a telephone interview. The attackers also kidnapped about 20 young girls and stole clothes and money from the houses they raided, the residents said. Journalists arriving at the scene today saw at least 100 bodies lying in the streets. But villagers, who refused to give their names for fear of reprisals, said at least 300 had been killed. The villagers' accounts could not be independently confirmed. Earlier, hospital officials said dozens had been killed. About 1,500 people have been killed in attacks attributed to Islamic insurgents since early June, when the military-backed government swept Algeria's first-ever multiparty elections with promises to crush the bloody insurgency. Muslim militants have been trying to overthrow the government since the army canceled the last parliamentary vote in 1992, when it appeared the now-banned Islamic Salvation Front — a coalition of religious parties — would win. The insurgency has left more than 60,000 people dead. Despite the continuing bloodshed, President Liamine Zeroual claimed in a nationally televised address last week that the Islamic insurgency was nearly stamped out. The gov-

ernment rarely comments on specific attacks and had no reaction today. Many massacres have occurred in Sidi Moussa in the last two years. No one has claimed responsibility, but authorities have attributed them to the Armed Islamic Group, the most violent of the Islamic militant factions in this North African country. The attacks usually target vulnerable areas such as isolated farms and villages. As the bloodshed has worsened in the past few months, civilians have increasingly been leaving the region. "Where are we going to go now?" asked one villager who spoke on condition of anonymity. Sidi Moussa, 15 miles south of the capital, is in the heart of what Algerians call the Triangle of Death for the many

massacres that occur in the area. It sits at the base of mountains that are home to strongholds of the Armed Islamic Group. Rais used to have about 1,000 inhabitants, but half have left in the past two years because of the violence. After today's massacre, none of the 200 villagers left are expected to stay. Brutal government offensives have been unsuccessful in stopping the militants, and efforts by Algeria's leaders to cultivate an image of normalcy are continually thwarted by new shootings, slashings and bombings. In a bold change of tactics this summer, the government for the first time introduced concessions to break the stalemate. In July, it freed two jailed leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front.

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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.



Kathleen "Kaki" Morton measures the knee of her patient Rich Anderson at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center recently. Morton has served the center as physical therapist 26 years, and will be honored by an open house Saturday, Sept. 6.

Daily dedication

Morton's career to be honored by Dora Roberts Rehabilitation

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A few times in Kathleen "Kaki" Morton's 26 years as a physical therapist, she has considered a complete career change.

They were very brief moments, and very few.

Morton will be honored Saturday, Sept. 6, for her years of service to Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. DRRC plans an open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a cookout for the community.

"There have been moments I've considered I'd rather do almost anything else at all," Morton said. "There's a certain amount of burnout when you are not successful."

But all that changes very quickly when Morton sees the result of her work.

"All it takes is for one of my kiddos to do something they've never done before," she said, "and I'm up again."

In physical therapy, those moments can be very common. Morton's treatments for injuries, diseases and wound

care can work what seem like miracles.

Patients who couldn't walk due to their injuries, will. Patients who have had joint replacement surgery will recover to use the knee or hip again without pain.

But there are also the patients who need the treatments although they won't ever recover. Morton said the care she gives them often just keeps limbs and muscles flexible enough to prevent further damage.

It's a career that is nothing if not unpredictable.

"My day is just as varied as the people who need the therapy," she said.

And in her close to three decades in the field, Morton has seen a revolution in treatments. When she began her career, joint replacement surgery meant a huge cast and an immobilized joint for weeks.

"At that point, we didn't understand the implications of immobilizing a joint," Morton said. "Now they don't immobilize a joint unless they absolutely have to."

Most patients now begin physical therapy right away and recover in a few weeks, she said.

Another change is that electronic equipment, not even invented when Morton graduated from college, is now in common use. She keeps her training current with continuing education.

Morton's work takes her to local schools for therapy with kids of all ages. She also treats those from babies to senior citizens.

At present, she is extremely busy because Dora Roberts Rehab is looking for another physical therapist to hire. The extreme growth in the physical therapy field means recent program graduates have many opportunities from which to choose.

Dora Roberts Rehab director Wesley Beauchamp said Morton's dedication is a rare find.

"It's remarkable not only for the years," he said, "but ... she works hard and she cares about her patients. She worries about them."

a beaming Aaron said as he smoothed his hat's brim and eyed his name stamped on the leather band.

Family and friends joined him at San Francisco International Airport for a western-style sendoff.

"I didn't tell him about the trip too far in advance because I wouldn't have any peace," said Judith Wooley, Aaron's mother, who will accompany him to Selkirk.

Aaron's rustic agenda includes greetings by ranch hands and fellow cowboys, a cookout and a meeting with his new sidekick — a horse named Penny.

"You get to ride the horse," Aaron said.

In a rut? Try adding habit of enthusiasm to your life

"Enthusiasm makes the difference!"

If you had to choose the most important ingredient in any new undertaking, what would it be? Planning? Money? Background knowledge? All these are things of relative importance, but the thing that is of utmost importance, in my mind, is enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm comes from two little Greek words, en, which means, literally, "inside," and theos, which means "God."

Enthusiasm, as it was conceived, means to have "God," or "Godlike excitement" inside yourself. When you are enthusiastic, it truly is a great, good, happy, and Godlike thing. Enthusiasm makes the difference.

Suppose you are shopping for a certain item. You know that store A and B have almost exactly the same items. You go to store A and the clerk brushes the cobwebs off to get up and ask you, slowly and lethargically, "What do you want?"

You look for the desired item, but you seem to know more than the clerk, who seems to be insecure and lackluster. Then,

suppose you go into store B, where the clerk smiles at you, seems to have spark and zip in her personality, and she confidently asks you, "How can we help you, sir?"

Which of the two stores will you go back to? Probably store B — enthusiasm makes the difference. And the lack of enthusiasm does too, unenthusiastic people often see their projects dry up and blow away.

Enthusiasm is magnetic. Many a young lady has captured the heart of a young man because she was enthusiastic in her approach to life, and the young man was almost magnetically attracted.

Many a sportsman has discovered that if you put some enthusiasm into the sport, you will attract the forces that will bring about the win. Many a

worker has discovered that working at a project with enthusiasm brings the resources and the money to get the project done.

If you're in a rut in life, try becoming more enthusiastic. I'm not saying to become a wild-eyed fanatic. Just start the habit of putting new spark and enthusiasm into your life.

When you rediscover that God is counting on you to be an extremely special person in the world where you live, that in itself ought to help get your "enthusiasm juices" flowing! You'll see a change in yourself.

One of the things that strikes me about the New Testament is how enthusiastic Jesus was about his work. I see a person full of life, brimming over with enthusiasm, full of joy. And I think Jesus wants us to be that way too. Be filled with exciting spirit of a loving God. Grow into an enthusiastic person, both in front of and behind the scenes. You'll better, all the way around.

Ed Williamson is pastor at First United Methodist Church.



Ed Williamson
Guest Columnist

Illustrator is rising star in Christian books

By KAREN AUGE

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — As a little girl, Liz Bonham was determined to become a famous artist.

She's on the right track. It's just a different track than she planned.

What she had in mind was painting her way to fame, becoming the toast of galleries from San Francisco to Paris, and seeing her work hang in the Louvre.

Instead, it stands on the shelves at bookstores.

But it doesn't stand there long.

Bonham, a lifelong artist who lives in Euless, recently became an illustrator of Christian children's books. She is a rising star in a rapidly growing genre.

The first book she illustrated, "The Crippled Lamb" by Max Lucado, has sold 280,000 copies since its 1994 debut, according to figures compiled by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

It won the association's Gold Medallion award for best gift book of that year, said Amy Williams, publicist for Thomas Nelson Publishing Co. in Nashville, Tenn., which owns "The Crippled Lamb."

Her third book, "The Priest With Dirty Clothes," about a medieval priest who falls in the mud on his way to an appearance before a king but is wrapped in clean clothes by a Christlike prince, is scheduled to be released in September.

And contracts for more of her work are stacking up.

The field of children's book illustration is highly competitive and tough to break into, Williams said.

It is one that Bonham hadn't sought to be part of.

She got into it accidentally, by handing out invitations to her Fort Worth gallery opening

to parents of children in her Sunday school class at Richland Hills Church of Christ.

What Bonham didn't know was that one of the parents worked for Word Publishing, an Irving-based Christian publishing house that was later bought by Thomas Nelson Publishing.

Bonham said she didn't know that the woman worked for Word, because the woman doesn't like to advertise the fact, worrying that she will be inundated by people who have written books or are aspiring illustrators.

When the woman approached Bonham about illustrating, Bonham wasn't enthusiastic. The idea was a job to her artist's pride, she said.

The classically trained artist was, after all, preparing for a gallery showing and anticipating more. She said she considered being an illustrator less purely artistic.

Obviously, she decided to give it a try, and in the process, cultivated respect for the taxing work of illustrating.

"I have to make it the art work pretty and classical so Mom and Dad'll buy it," as well as make it entertaining for children, she said.

And her work has to fit the story in two ways: Not only does it have to illustrate the tale, it has to leave room for blocks of type.

"When doing children's books, I run it by as many children as I can find," starting with her daughter, Lauren, 8.

Each illustration takes 20 to 50 hours to complete, with most leaning toward the high side of that range, Bonham said. "By the time I finish a book, I'm totally exhausted," Bonham said.

Bonham said she now considers illustrating her calling, a way to put her faith to work for her passion — art.

CHURCH NEWS

First Christian Church

The Christian Women's Fellowship of First Christian Church will begin their 1997-98 year with a covered dish-luncheon at noon, Thursday, Sept. 4, in the fellowship hall of the church. Guest speaker will be Karla Moses, who recently returned from a missionary trip to Russia, where she assisted in the renovation of an orphanage. All women of the church are urged to attend. The women who work are asked not to bring a covered dish. You will be free to leave at any time in order not to be late returning to work.

Reminder: No youth meetings this Sunday, Aug. 31. Also the church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day.

First United Methodist Church

"Climbing High To Touch The Sky" (Mark 9:2-9) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday, Aug. 31, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how God helps us make progress up the challenging pathways of life. Services are 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. The church home page is <http://www.xroad-stx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

On Sunday, Aug. 31, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Jim and Jean Lancaster will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception after renewing their marriage

Please see CHURCH, page 7A.

Life as real cowboy is ill boy's wish

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A rough and tumble cowboy has headed out for Montana. Cattle rustlers there should be on the lookout for his trademark black hat, swirling lasso and a few chocolate cake stains on his shirt.

With strains of "El Paso" playing in the background, 4-year-old Aaron Alexander set out over the horizon Wednesday for the sprawling Selkirk Ranch in Dillon, Mont., courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Stricken since birth with sickle cell anemia, the San Francisco boy became the 50,000th child to have his wish granted by the Phoenix-based organization, which has 81 active U.S. chapters.

Since 1980, the foundation has granted wishes to children under 18 who have life-threatening illnesses. The number of requests has increased each year, with 6,490 granted in 1996 — from children who wanted to visit Disneyland to a little boy's dream of running an ice cream company.

President Herbert Paine said Aaron's wish was selected because it reflects what the foundation is all about.

"The ones who say 'I want to be something.' They want to aspire. It's very All-American," Paine said. "Who hasn't wanted to be a cowboy?"

Aaron wanted to head out to the range ever since a pony ride at a birthday party.

"Hey, that's my cowboy hat,"

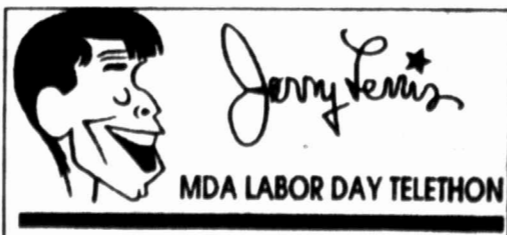
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LOCAL MDA BENEFIT

Mall scene of MDA benefit Monday

Big Spring Firefighters, the Harley Owners Group and local businesses will take part in a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association all day Monday, Sept. 1, at the Big Spring Mall. There will be performances by two bands, a bike show (with the winner being determined by the most donations) food and drinks. Workers from Pizza Inn will be manning the phones for MDA donation calls during live broadcast of the Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon. Phones will be donated by College Park Cellular One.

Many people have pitched in to work on the event, but organizers say more help is needed. Call Mitch Gill at 267-3200.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Group meets Sept. 8

Promise Keepers will meet on Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene. There will be a time of prayer and fellowship.

Benefit dance at new park

A benefit dance is slated for Dr. Morgan Park, 7 p.m. Saturday. Local DJ Danny Sherman will play music for the event. The dance will benefit Venora Williams Community Center. Admission is \$3 per person.

THE LAST WORD

I like work. It fascinates me. I can look at it for hours.
Jerome K. Jerome

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.
Aldous Huxley

Happiness is beneficial to the body but it is grief that develops the powers of the mind.
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Married to Mir

Astronaut's wife has unique outlook

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Rhonda Foale made a deal with her daredevil husband long before either of them knew he'd be flying to Russia's ragged space station Mir: First tell me you're fine, then break the bad news.

It all goes back to the day Michael Foale crash-landed his plane.

He and a fellow NASA astronaut were coming in for a landing at the Galveston, Texas, airport when the single engine failed. The Grumman Tiger four-seater belly-flopped into Galveston Bay and, luckily, did not overturn. The pilots were rescued by boaters.

Foale left this message for his wife on the answering machine: "Hello, I'm fine. But, um, we landed the plane in the water. But I'll be home soon."

That was it.

Mrs. Foale laughs as she recalls that day back in 1993.

"We always joked about that," she said, "that how if anything happened to him, I'm fine, but this happened to me today."

So whenever a new problem crops up on Mir and her husband's safety is threatened, she remembers Galveston Bay. So does he.

Foale sent this soothing message to his wife of 10 years right after a cargo ship plowed into Mir on June 25, rupturing the station and reducing it to half-power. "This is like other things that have happened to me."

She understood. "It's just like landing the plane in Galveston Bay," explained the cool-headed woman behind the cool-headed man.

Besides, she said, "I don't feel too nerve-racked because we expected lots of things would happen because lots of things happened" during the previous astronaut's Mir stint.

Mrs. Foale understands the perils of spaceflight better than most.

She worked for NASA for eight years as an engineer, specializing in the shuttle robot arm. She quit after their second child was born in September 1994, and accompanied her husband to the cosmonaut-training center in Star City, Russia, a year later. They returned to their Houston-area home just before space shuttle Atlantis flew him to Mir in May. The shuttle is supposed to return for him in late September.

Mrs. Foale misses him, as do their two children. But she realizes that spaceflight is his dream; he'd love nothing more than to fly to Mars. And both feel strongly that joint U.S.-Russian space efforts like this are essential.

"I just say my prayers, you know? All I can do is say my prayers," Mrs. Foale said in a phone interview last week. "I know the managers are doing a real good job, they're trying to keep those guys safe. And they've always got the Soyuz they can come down in."

Without a doubt, she says, her husband's positive attitude and winsome ways have helped him through the tough times on Mir, as they did in his grueling preparations for this, his fourth and by far longest spaceflight.

"The Russians are so proud of him," Mrs. Foale says. "That is really something for a Russian to accept you and say, 'You're almost like us.' They gave him that compliment even when we were living over there."

REV. SHERIFF?



The Rev. Stephen Grace is shown in his costume as the sheriff from the church's Western Roundup Kids Crusade. Kids from the program will have commencement Sunday during 10:40 a.m. service, reciting memory verses and singing songs they learned during the program. Special object lessons and a puppet show will be presented. The public is invited.

Man maps history through state's old cemeteries

By ROBBIE GOODRICH
The Daily Sentinel

NACOGDOCHES — Jim Martin has recently uncovered some interesting tidbits of information in some unlikely places.

As the president of C&M Cemetery Services, Martin maps old, rural cemeteries for churches, cemetery associations and funeral homes.

"It started out more as a

hobby — an avocation instead of a vocation," he said. "But after I retired, I found this was a way to continue the hobby and make some money."

Martin is retired from Panola College where he taught forestry technology for 18 years. While he was still teaching, someone asked him if he could provide a map of grave sites at a Panola County cemetery that had recently undergone renovations and alterations. Martin was asked to

provide documentation in map form of names on tombstones and their locations so visitors to the cemetery could easily find their loved ones' final resting places.

"There had been a lot of alterations and changes made to this old country cemetery," Martin said. "As old-timers came back to the cemetery, they couldn't find grave sites."

That was in 1984, and during the past dozen-plus years since then, Martin has mapped and

documented 15 rural cemeteries, seven of which were done this year alone.

The maps are put under Plexiglas and placed at the entrance to the cemeteries. In addition to the maps, Martin has also started doing alphabetized directories that accompany the maps.

People who visit family grave sites aren't the only ones who benefit from the maps, Martin said.

"The maps help funeral

homes know where family units are located, and they help flower shops delivering flowers locate a particular grave quickly," he said. "Typically, plots aren't sold in country cemeteries. You might reserve an area, but you don't have a deed to a plot."

People doing genealogy research often visit cemeteries, and the maps provide quick access to the grave sites they are looking for, Martin said.

Grandfather, 91, taking first class in computers

WACO — Technology and the computer age aren't leaving Bill Garrison behind.

At 91, this grandfather is taking his first computer class at McLennan Community College so he can make use of his own new computer and keep up with grandchildren who live everywhere from Louisiana to New Mexico.

"That's what I'm really interested in," Garrison said about e-mail and other Internet features.

As for returning to school after decades of not stepping foot in a classroom, Garrison had a little help from his daughter.

"It was sort of his idea," said Billie Thibodeau, 67, who is taking the class with her father.

"Now I'm just trying to keep up with my children and my father," she added with a chuckle.

The father-daughter team is enrolled in "Keyboarding 1" through MCC's Continuing Education program. Their instructor, Pat Bliss, couldn't be more pleased to have Garrison as the oldest student she's ever taught.

"I just think he's wonderful," she said. "And I think it's awesome that he's out here doing this."

Garrison said he had heard about e-mail, but he didn't dream he'd be getting on-line with his own computer.

"I thought that was great," he said of communicating via the Internet. "But I had no idea I was gonna get a computer."

CHURCH

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vows during Eucharist.

Jim and Jean met in Arp, where Jean grew up. They were married Aug. 2, 1947, in Gladewater. They have lived many places including Florida, Arkansas and Texas. Since 1962, they have been residents of Big Spring. They have two children, Stephen Lancaster and Pamela Lancaster and three grandchildren. They attribute the 50 years together to respecting each other and to maintaining a sense of humor.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church junior and senior high youth who want to attend the "Skillet" concert Monday night at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater are asked to meet before the concert at the monkey house.

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Jones Valley pals will gather Saturday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When the old neighborhood gang gets together, a lot of memories get tossed around.

That's the plan for Saturday's Jones Valley Reunion, when between 75-100 former residents of the Jones Valley area in West Big Spring will meet for the fifth time.

"I sent out 191 cards about it," said Reba Fortner, who grew up in the Jones Valley area. "My address list is growing every year."

In 1993, 60 people gathered, and by the next year it had grown to more than 100. The third and fourth years averaged about 75. Fifty have made reservations for the catered lunch at this year's event.

The Jones Valley gang will gather Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third Street. Lunch is catered by Al's Barbecue and needs to be reserved in advance.

Anyone who has not made a reservation is welcome to attend the reunion, but may

not be guaranteed a meal, Fortner said.

Plans for the reunion will include memorials to former Jones Valley residents who have died in the last year, as well as awards for attendees in various categories.

Mostly, however, there will be a lot of visiting about the good old days.

"In Jones Valley in those days," Fortner said, "if something happened to somebody, everybody in the neighborhood would pitch in and help."

One thing many families in the area had in common, Fortner said, was "they did what they could with what they had."

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Wild ninth inning gives Rangers 11-5 win over Giants

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — With his Rangers trailing by a run in the ninth and Giants closer Rod Beck on the mound, Texas manager Johnny Oates simply hoped his team could score once to tie the game.

Instead, the Rangers scored seven times in the inning that began with a catcher's interference call.

Texas' biggest inning of the season, including a three-run double by pinch-hitter Mike Simms, rallied the Rangers to an 11-5 victory over the San Francisco Giants in an interleague game Thursday night.

"It was kind of a wild inning. It

started out in a weird way and every pitch just followed that," said Simms, who was promoted from the minors on Monday. "Beck's an All-Star, he's one of the top relievers in the game, and to score seven runs off him is something."

The loss dropped San Francisco 2 1/2 games behind first-place Los Angeles in the NL West, the farthest back the Giants have been all season. The Giants had been 62-1 when leading after eight innings.

"It smarts as much as any loss in a long time," said Giants manager Dusty Baker, whose team led the Dodgers by six games at the All-Star break. "It seems like when we make a mistake it haunts us."

Pinch-hitter Marvin Benard's single in the eighth gave the Giants a 5-4 lead, and Beck — who leads the NL with 34 saves — took over to start the ninth.

Jim Leyritz appeared to open the inning by grounding out, but was awarded first base because his bat nicked the glove of catcher Brian Johnson, who had just entered the game.

With one out, Ivan Rodriguez doubled pinch-runner Damon Buford to third and Rusty Greer was intentionally walked, loading the bases. Juan Gonzalez drew a walk that forced home the tying run, and Simms doubled for an 8-5 lead.

Fernando Tatís followed with an RBI

double, and Domingo Cedeno and Buford added run-scoring singles. Beck (4-3) ended up with his sixth blown save.

Leyritz, a catcher, said he had never been awarded a catcher's interference call before.

"I felt like I was pretty well on the pitch, and all of a sudden the bat stopped. I saw Brian shaking his glove and I started yelling at the umpire, 'Hey! Hey! Hey!'" Leyritz said. "I knew by the sound that he had hit my bat."

Oates said it had been decades since he had seen a batter awarded first on a catcher's interference call.

"I hadn't seen that on the major league level. That happened to me in

high school," Oates said. "I thought it was a check swing."

Matt Whiteside (3-1) was the winner. Barry Bonds hit his 31st homer and J.T. Snow hit his 22nd, both solo shots, for the Giants. Jeff Kent added a run-scoring double, his 100th RBI of the season, and Stan Javier hit a bases-loaded walk.

Texas starter Bobby Witt hit a lead-off double and the Rangers scored five times in the sixth on an RBI ground out by Benji Gil and a two-run single by pinch-hitter Alex Diaz.

The game attracted 18,852 fans, below the Giants' home average of 19,564 this season. San Francisco had averaged 36,871 in its previous four interleague home games.

NFL's version of The Stones will win it all

You don't have to be a rocket scientist, or even one of those guys who worked on Mir, to figure out who wins next January's Super Bowl. Based on the number of arrests, fist fights and over-the-top displays of team spirit that made this preseason more memorable than most — not to mention more destructive — it could only be the Dallas Cowboys.

With a few notable exceptions, the 1997 NFL regular season kicks off Sunday looking very much like 1996. There are 10 new coaches, but seven of them bring all-too-familiar faces to the jobs. And because teams were throwing very little money around, fewer free agents took off in pursuit of loot, although one of them, Jeff George, migrated from Atlanta to Oakland with no grander purpose in mind than to drive a

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Park believes Buffs learned needed lesson

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Although a couple of defensive breakdowns allowed O'Donnell to forge a 2-2 scrimmage tie with his Buffaloes, Forsan coach Steve Park said he was satisfied with much of what he saw Thursday night.

"With the exception of those few breakdowns, we pretty well shut them down," Park said. "We only went about 30 plays and then a timed quarter under game conditions. Once we made some adjustments, we pretty well controlled things."

"I really think the film from this one will help us," he added, noting that there are still some lessons the Buffs need before next Friday's season opener when they play host to Garden City. "There were some chances where we didn't play very good technique. When you

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"I really wasn't all that happy with the way we'd played," Park said. "I'd stayed up late and watched the film several times. I don't think I said when contacted Thursday night. "We didn't play good. I'd felt we had what we wanted out there on the field."

Smith admits he's somewhat critical because he's coach of about the Wildcats' opponent.

"Ropes has so much talent that's going to make the game one awfully tough," Smith said. "We're going to have to play pretty near perfect ball."

Sands 2, Amherst 2

While the Mustangs moved the ball well, Sands coach Billy Barnett says a lack of consistency kept them from dominating the Bulldogs.

However, Barnett says a lot of that inconsistency was attributed to his decision to start a large number of players.

"We've been playing a lot of kids offensively, but we've had a couple of areas where we've needed to see who can play to depend on."

Barnett said he was particularly pleased with the performance shown by his center and tight ends, Robert Cisneros and Robert Robert.

The Mustangs have not been able to determine their own signal calling system, though.

"They both bring some things different to the table," Barnett explained. "Robert is a sophomore. He's new to the game, but he really moved the ball smoothly and runs well."

"Robert's a senior and he's pretty much most of our offense," Barnett added. "He's never played quarterback before, but he's at his best when he's out there scrambling around and making things happen."

Both quarterbacks have been throwing arms, Barnett said, and added that when the youngster doesn't play well, back will most as a backup and a place in the Mustangs' lineup.

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Proverbs 16:9

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

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Wild ninth inning gives Rangers 11-5 win over Giants

The ASSOCIATED PRESS SAN FRANCISCO — With his Rangers trailing by a run in the ninth and Giants closer Rod Beck on the mound, Texas manager Johnny Oates simply hoped his team could score once to tie the game.

started out in a weird way and every pitch just followed that," said Simms, who was promoted from the minors on Monday. "Beck's an All-Star, he's one of the top relievers in the game, and to score seven runs off him is something."

Pinch-hitter Marvin Benard's single in the eighth gave the Giants a 5-4 lead, and Beck — who leads the NL with 34 saves — took over to start the ninth.

double, and Domingo Cedeno and Buford added run-scoring singles. Beck (4-3) ended up with his sixth blown save.

high school," Oates said. "I thought it was a check swing." Matt Whiteside (3-1) was the winner. Barry Bonds hit his 31st homer and J.T. Snow hit his 22nd, both solo shots, for the Giants.

NFL's version of The Stones will win it all

You don't have to be a rocket scientist, or even one of those guys who worked on Mir, to figure out who wins next January's Super Bowl.



Jim Litke Associated Press

With a few notable exceptions, the 1997 NFL regular season kicks off Sunday looking very much like 1996. There are 10 new coaches, but seven of them bring all-too-familiar faces to the jobs.

HE'S IN THERE



Howard College's Chris Williamson slides safely into third base as John Eric Munneke awaits the throw from left field. The Hawks are practicing for the fall season which begins in September.

Klesko rediscovers home run stroke in Braves' 4-2 victory over Houston

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Ryan Klesko rediscovers the art of hitting home runs — and he didn't forget an old trick. Klesko homered for the first time in more than a month Thursday night and once again showed his knack for drawing the catcher's interference call.

NL ROUNDUP

enough to know not to go up there and try to hit a home run," he said. "It's a big park. You have to drive in runs when you can."

leading the majors. He led the majors in that category last year, too, drawing three catcher's interference calls.

Park believes Buffs learned needed lesson

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

AREA SCRIMMAGES

Although a couple of defensive breakdowns allowed O'Donnell to forge a 2-2 scrimmage tie with his Buffaloes, Forsan coach Steve Park said he was satisfied with much of what he saw Thursday night.

"With the exception of those few breakdowns, we pretty well shut them down," Park said. "We only went about 30 plays and then a timed quarter under game conditions. Once we made some adjustments, we pretty well controlled things."

"I really think the film from this one will help us," he added, noting that there are still some lessons the Buffs need before next Friday's season opener when they play host to Garden City.

In other scrimmages involving area teams Thursday, Grady took a 4-1 win over Ira, while Sands and Amherst battled to a 2-2 tie at Meadow.

Tonight, Big Spring's Steers will travel to Midland and face Midland's High's Bulldogs; Coahoma travels to Tahoka and Stanton travels to Wink. All three scrimmages are slated to start with junior varsity action at 6 p.m.

Forsan scored its first touchdown Thursday when Matt Gamble capped a 70-yard drive. The drive's big play was Cade Park's 42-yard pass to Brian Fielder that set the Buffs up at the O'Donnell 20-yard line.

The second Buff score came during the timed quarter when Ferrell Voight intercepted a pass and returned it 50 yards for the touchdown.

Grady 4, Ira 1

When tailback Frankie Garza broke loose for a 45-yard touchdown romp early in the scrimmage, the Wildcats never looked back and were somewhat unkind hosts.

Coach Roger Smith, however, said it took him some time to be convinced that his team had played all that well.

"I really wasn't all that happy with the way we'd played. I'd stayed up late and watched the film several times," Park said when contacted Thursday night. "We didn't play a bad game. I'd felt we had what we needed out there on the field."

Smith admits he's somewhat critical because he's concerned about the Wildcats' opponent.

"Ropes has so much talent that's going to make the game one awfully tough," Smith said. "We're going to have to play pretty near perfect ball."

Sands 2, Amherst 2

While the Mustangs moved the ball well, Sands coach Eric Barnett says a lack of consistency kept them from outscoring the Bulldogs.

However, Barnett says some of that inconsistency was attributed to his decision to use a large number of freshmen.

"We've been playing a lot of kids offensively, but we've had a couple of areas where we've needed to see who we're going to depend on."

Barnett said he was particularly pleased with the play shown by his center, and the tightbacks Cody and Robert Custer.

The Mustangs have not been able to determine a signal at the signal calling position, though.

"They both bring something different to the table," Barnett explained. "Cody is a sophomore. He's not a senior, but he really moves the ball smoothly and runs the game well."

Robert's a senior, and he's pretty much a senior, too," Barnett added. "He's not get to play last year, but he's ever played a quarter back."

Both quarterbacks are throwing arms, Barnett said, and added that when the youngster doesn't play, the back will most assuredly have a place in the Mustangs' offense.

Aikman optimistic this season can't be as bad as last

The ASSOCIATED PRESS IRVING — Troy Aikman fades back and launches a ball into the barrel of a tank gun. This was one of those dramatic, stretch-the-truth television advertisements by a shoe company.

He had 12 touchdown passes and 13 interceptions. Even without a passing game, and injured running back Emmitt Smith loping along at two-thirds speed in the NFL's 24th-ranked offense, the Cowboys managed to win their fifth consecutive NFC East title.

by not bouncing back quickly from knee surgery in June but played in the last preseason game, showing his blazing speed.

again save for guard Nate Newton's don problems. The only question is center Clay Shiver, who is replacing Ray Donaldson.

That's where the Cowboys' experience will prove decisive. They may trash their San Diego hotel rooms before setting out for the Stadium-Formerly-Known-As-Jack-Murphy to meet the New England Patriots in the season finale. And they may even lose coach Barry Switzer on the short trip over, especially if there is a metal detector posted somewhere along the route.

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DALLAS COWBOYS
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AREA SCHEDULES

Here is a composite schedule for the seven high school football teams' season openers in the Crossroads Country area.
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Ohio State earns little respect with 24-10 win over Wyoming

The ASSOCIATED PRESS



COLUMBUS, Ohio — Thanks to a stout effort from the defense, ninth-ranked Ohio State turned back four-touchdown underdog Wyoming in the Eddie Robinson Football Classic.

"We were real sloppy," Cooper said of his team's offensive execution. "We were wallowing around and we weren't blocking."

leg. Cooper said it was unlikely that either would play again this season. Ohio State's high-octane offense of a year ago appeared to be ready to roll from the outset when Jackson completed a 38-yard pass to David Boston on the Buckeyes' first snap.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports
Annual Football Barbecue scheduled
The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will have its Annual Football Barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, prior to the Big Spring-Monahans football game.

End of season touney slated

The "End of Season Softball Tournament" will be played Sept. 6-7 at Cotton Mize Park in Big Spring. Entry fees are set at \$90 per team and the deadline for all entries will be Sept. 4.

Grady Booster Club meeting scheduled

The Grady Booster Club will have its first meeting of the football season at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in the board room at the Grady School.

YMCA starting co-ed volleyball league

The Big Spring YMCA will start a co-ed recreational volleyball league this fall and has scheduled an organizational meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the YMCA.

Mini Cheer Camp scheduled

Howard College's Mini Cheer Camp has been scheduled for Sept. 6 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration fees for the camp, for first through sixth graders, are \$20 per participant.

1997 Property Tax Rates in Coahoma ISD

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for Coahoma ISD. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year.

Table showing property tax rates for 1997. Columns include: Last year's tax rate, This year's effective tax rate, This year's rollback tax rate. Rows include: Last year's operating taxes, Last year's debt taxes, Last year's total taxes, Last year's tax base, Last year's total tax rate, etc.

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

Table with columns: Type of Property Tax Fund, Balance. Row: General Fund, 2,200,000.

Schedule B 1997 Debt Service

Table with columns: Description of Debt, Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes, Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes, Other Amounts to be Paid, Total Payment. Rows include: Total required for 1997 debt service, Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A, etc.

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AIKMAN

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20 touchdowns, the second fewest behind Super Bowl champion Green Bay.

Fullback Daryl Johnston puts it this way: "The defense carried us (the offense) last year. This season we're going to have to return the favor, particularly early in the season, when the defense is trying to get things together."

Leon Lett, one of the NFL's top-rated tackles, is suspended for the first 13 games.

The Cowboys hope that Syracuse rookie Antonio Anderson can add depth to the starting unit of Chad Hennings and Tony Casillas.

Safety George Teague and linebacker Darrin Smith hit the free agent road. Brock Marlon takes over Teague's spot and rookie Dexter Coakley out of

Appalachian State will start at weakside linebacker.

Cornerback Deion Sanders hasn't been available for any preseason games and will be thrown into the opener at Pittsburgh battling back problems. Wendell Davis is being prepared to play for him.

"We have to be ready to replace Deion in case Superman's cape is in the laundry," coach Barry Switzer said. "We can't always depend on Superman jumping out of the phone booth."

Defensive coordinator Dave Campo said he expects teams to test the Cowboys' run defense, which was 10th in the NFL last season.

"We know teams will come at us until we can prove we can stop them," Campo said. "We might have to do some blitzing and we might have to use some

eight-man fronts. With the cornerbacks we have in Deion and Kevin Smith we can let them play man coverage and sellout to stop the run."

On special teams, Herschel Walker returns again for the NFL minimum to return kickoffs. Sanders and rookie Kevin Mathis will return punts.

Despite the usual off-field distractions — including Switzer's arrest for carrying a gun in an airport, Newton being accused of rape in a case proceeding before a grand jury and the trashing of their training camp dormitories — the Cowboys appear poised to make another run at the Super Bowl.

"An attitude of confidence exists at Valley Ranch," Switzer said. "There's that swagger of a team that has confidence in itself. I feel better about this team than any since I've been here."

NCAA

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year ago, giving up 439 yards a game. Yet Ohio State had minus-5 yards of total offense in the second quarter.

The Buckeyes broke it open in the third quarter. On consecutive carries, Pepe Pearson slanted off left tackle for 25 yards, and Wiley broke outside for a 32-yard touchdown.

The next time they touched the ball, the Buckeyes made it

24-3 on a six-play, 85-yard drive capped by Jackson's play-action pass to Miller.

Dimel said Wyoming had nothing to lose, and proved that on its only touchdown drive.

On fourth-and-4 at the Wyoming 13, punter Aron Langley raced 25 yards. On the next play, backup tailback Mike Jenkins broke free from a tackle at the line and gained 37 yards before being tackled by Antoine Winfield.

The Cowboys went for it on fourth-and-1 at the Ohio State 17, with Jeremy Silcox bootlegging left, but he fumbled when he was hit by linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer. Wyoming guard Jeff Smith fell on the loose ball, however, and on the next play Jenkins bounced up the middle for an 11-yard touchdown run.

"We didn't come in here to play this game close," said Dimel, a native of suburban Columbus.

Both Sampras, Hingis beat rain, opponents

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NEW YORK — No. 1 is a big target. Pete Sampras and Martina Hingis, both ranked No. 1 in the world and seeded No. 1 in the U.S. Open, know their opponents, especially in the early rounds, can be dangerous. After all, they have gone through the same thing.

"I remember when I played Mats Wilander here in '88 or '89, I had nothing to lose," Sampras said. "He was the defending champion, he was still ranked pretty high at the time. I remember I had nothing to lose ..."

"Then once you kind of get into the match, he had all the pressure. I ended up winning the match. That match always stands out as, you know, kind of an underdog coming through, nothing to lose."

Sampras has something to lose now — his U.S. Open crown. So he wasn't really surprised at Patrick Baur's game.

"He was serving huge," Sampras, seeking his third straight and fifth career U.S. Open title, said of his German opponent. "He came out with nothing to lose. He served real big, moved well, especially at the net."

Sampras, however, had the answers, defeating Baur 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 on Thursday night to advance into the third round of the year's final Grand Slam tournament. It was the second straight qualifier he has beaten this week — Baur is ranked 338th in the world — but that didn't stop Sampras from letting loose a rare show of emotion.

He caught Baur leaning one way and ripped a backhand pass in the other direction to close out the second set. He then punched the air several times and roared his approval.

"There's always a time and a place for that," Sampras said. "This is the time and this is the place to show some emotion. Once I knew I won, that point, that was pretty much the match."

Hingis had little problem knocking off Denisa Chladkova of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-2, but admitted she was a little taken back at the start of the match.

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"In the first set, she played really well the first two games," Hingis said. I was like really surprised, she started hitting really hard.

"Later on, when she was making so many errors, I was like, 'OK, just be more aggressive, play my own game.'"

In a day that saw the start of play delayed five hours because of rain, only one seeded player fell. Olga Barabanshnikova, a 17-year-old from Belarus, registered her biggest victory by knocking off the fastest server in the women's game, No. 13 Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, 6-3, 6-3.

Also advancing were No. 3 Jana Novotna, No. 6 Lindsay Davenport, No. 7 Conchita Martinez, No. 10 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 12 Mary Joe Fernandez and No. 16 Kimberly Po.

In the men's side, No. 6 Alex Corretja, No. 9 Gustavo Kuerten, No. 12 Felix Mantilla and No. 16 Petr Korda joined Sampras in the third round.

Thirty-six matches were played — 31 of them were singles — while there were 30 matches postponed — all doubles or mixed doubles. The rain also caused a number of matches to be moved to different courts. Sampras, who was supposed to play in Arthur Ashe Stadium during the day, wound up at night in the old grandstand. And when Hingis wrapped up the first night match in the new arena, there were still some day matches being played at the National Tennis Center.

In what was described before the match as a battle of teen-agers, 15-year-old Mirjana Lucic of Croatia sailed through her second-round meeting, crushing Brie Rippner of Chico, Calif., who is two years her senior, 6-0, 6-1.

"She has nothing to lose," Hingis said of Lucic, one of her practice partners and a friend. "She goes for each of the matches, just trying to win everything. She doesn't look like a 15-year-old and she doesn't handle all the things like a 15-year-old."

Hingis is No. 1 and knows these things. She's also 16 and understands.

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under the weather. And as the Carolinas of this world are about to find out, learning to handle distractions is a skill that is easily underestimated.

The Panthers knocked the Cowboys out of the playoffs last season, setting off a round of firings and hand-wringing by established franchisees wondering why they couldn't do in a decade what Carolina did in two years.

Now the Panthers, like their AFC counterpart Jacksonville Jaguars, did some very shrewd free agent buying and they benefited from the fact that salary cap-strapped teams couldn't afford to keep backups like quarterback Mark Brunell on

the bench.

But the older franchises may also have forgotten just how lucky the Panthers were last season. Already this preseason, sack leader Kevin Greene walked out the door and quarterback Kerry Collins will be missing in action for the first four regular-season games because of a broken jaw.

Collins suffered the injury in a preseason game, against another team, as it turned out. But the way things were going, it only seemed like a matter of time until Collins got clocked by somebody.

One of his own linemen, Norberto Davids-Garrido, decked him in a bar fight and another teammate, wide receiver

er Muhsin Muhammad, probably thought about doing the same when Collins overstepped the bounds of propriety by using a racial epithet jokingly.

That last incident took place during a dorm party celebrating the end of training camp. Meanwhile, the Cowboys celebrated the end of their training camp in a show of great unity; they all trashed their dorm rooms together, in a show of unity, like they were the Rolling Stones, or something.

They'll have only slightly less fun taking apart the Panthers in the NFC Championship game before partying seriously in preparation for winning their fourth Super Bowl in six years.

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save, striking out Russ Johnson with runners at second and third.

"Neagle was no tougher than usual," Jeff Bagwell said. "He's not going to overwhelm you, but he keeps you honest, off balance. I think the main reason he's won 18 games is he's throwing his change for strikes

when he's behind in the count."

Neagle had three walks and four strikeouts before he was lifted for a pinch-hitter, having thrown 117 pitches on a warm, muggy night. On a staff with three Cy Young winners, he is solidly in contention to be the fourth.

"I'm no dummy. I know my name keeps getting thrown

around," Neagle said. "The best thing I can do is keep things simple. If you start thinking about 20 wins and Cy Young awards, it's easy to go on a three- or four-game losing streak."

Atlanta starters have not allowed more than three earned runs in their last 16 appearances, and they managed to hand Kile (17-4) his first loss since a June 14 interleague game against Minnesota. His last defeat to an NL team was April 30 at Montreal.

"The catcher's interference didn't beat me," said Kile, who allowed seven hits, walked four and struck out five in his sixth complete game. "I didn't do my job. My pitch stayed in the middle of the plate and Javy did his job."

The Braves won the season series from Houston 7-4. All 11 games between the division leaders were decided by two runs or less, a compelling number because the teams would meet in the first round if the standings remain the same.

Cardinals 11, Expos 5
Mark McGwire hit his 42nd home run and St. Louis bounced back to beat Montreal at Busch Stadium.

The Expos scored five times in the first inning against Andy Benes (9-7) before the Cardinals rallied.

McGwire hit a solo home run and a sacrifice fly. Since being traded from Oakland to the Cardinals on July 31, McGwire has 15 hits — eight of them home runs.

Royce Clayton and Tom Paganzzi each had three hits for St. Louis.

1997 Property Tax Rates in Forsan ISD

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

Last year's tax rate:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Last year's operating taxes | \$ 2,743,574 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$ 0 |
| Last year's total taxes | \$ 2,743,574 |
| Last year's tax base | \$ 195,272,200 |
| Last year's total tax rate | \$ 1.405 /\$100 |

This year's effective tax rate:

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|--|-------------------|
| Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$ 2,652,638. |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property) | \$ 207,522,639. |
| = This year's effective tax rate | \$ 1.27824 /\$100 |
| x 1.03 - maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing | \$ 1.31650 /\$100 |

This year's rollback tax rate:

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| Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1997-98 student enrollment | \$ 2,403,867. |
| + This year's adjusted tax base | \$ 207,949,152. |
| = This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR 1996 maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above) | \$ 1.15698 /\$100 |
| + \$0.08 | \$ 1.48500 /\$100 |
| + This year's debt rate | \$ 0.0 /\$100 |
| + Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education | \$ 0.0 /\$100 |
| = This year's rollback rate | \$ 1.48500 /\$100 |

For a school district with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

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

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Type of Property Tax Fund | Balance |
| General Fund | 2,318,021 |

Schedule B

1997 Debt Service

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

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

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

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