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Make A Wish officials say card solicitation campaign a hoax

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Local residents should be aware that a letter circulating in the area requesting business cards for a cancer-stricken boy is an apparent fraud.

The letter, brought to the *Herald* by an alert reader, is reported to be circulating in the area.

It asks those receiving it to send their business card to a boy named "Craig Sheford" in

Letter from 'cancer victim' making rounds in Big Spring

Atlanta, Ga.

The boy, according to the letter, suffers from terminal cancer and is trying to get an entry in the "Guinness Book of World Records" for the most business cards.

The letter makes reference to the "Make A Wish Foundation" as sponsoring the boy's campaign.

Officials the Odessa office of

the Make a Wish Foundation referred questions about the letter to the national office in Phoenix, Ariz.

A hotline has been established to deal with the letter, which is apparently so widely circulated that it generates a huge volume of calls daily for the agency.

The hotline can be reached by calling 1-800-722-WISH.

According to a recorded message on the hotline, the boy does not exist.

The plea for business cards is an outgrowth of a 1989 story involving a boy with a similar name who was actually requesting greeting cards.

That boy, according to the message, has long since been listed in "Guinness Book of World Records" for receiving 15

million greeting cards.

The message said he has had his cancerous tumor removed, has had no recurrence, and yet still receives the cards daily from all over the world.

Letters were circulating locally in health agencies, banks and other businesses, according to reports.

The letter asks that each person send their business card to

the boy at "Children's Perimeter Center" and 10 copies of the letter to other businesses people.

Attempts to obtain a telephone number for the address in the letter were unsuccessful.

A directory-assistance operator in Atlanta said there was no "Children's Perimeter Center" listed.

The Make A Wish Foundation says it did not originate the letter, and has not ever been involved in such a request.



(Deaf)



(Awareness)



(Week)

SWCID staff, students at centerpoint of week-long celebration

Growing up, Kay Amos can remember children taunting her because of her deafness and being told she couldn't do many things because of her condition.

But this week, she'll feel something else — pride.

Amos and the rest of her colleagues and students at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will be at the centerpoint of the local observance of Deaf Awareness Week, which will be celebrated locally beginning Monday.

The deaf community has come a long way from the days when the condition was consid-

ered a major handicap. Although some misconceptions still remain, Amos said she's as qualified to do a task as the next person.

"The only thing I can't do," she said, "is hear."

That growing sense of self-reliance is one of the major messages SWCID officials hope to get across during the next few days.

"I would say this is a time when we all recall the contributions deaf people have made to education and society in general," SWCID Provost Ron Brasel said. "There's nothing deaf people can't do, given the opportu-

nity."

It is an attitude that is shared by almost everyone at SWCID, be they administrator, teacher or student.

Amos, a learning assistant/tutor at the school, was born deaf and both of her parents are deaf. The only time she was made to feel uncomfortable about her deafness was when hearing students would ridicule her at the mainstream schools she attended in Nebraska.

"The difficulties came when people made fun of me because I was deaf, or because I had an accent, or I had a hearing aid or I signed. So, I was mocked at a lot."

Even the mockings of children, however, served a positive purpose, she said.

"It made me a stronger person, so I don't let it bother me anymore," Amos said.

Because of SWCID's existence, Amos said Big Spring residents, by and large, have been very supportive of the deaf community.

"A lot of hearing people think that all deaf people can't write

English. And a few people, I'm said to say, think deaf people can't drive," she said. "And some people think deaf people can't read or fend for themselves. But I don't get that feeling here."

Jeff Anderson, an instructor at SWCID, agreed with Amos.

"In the 17 years I've worked here, I've not really found any big problems in the community," he said. "We can go to Wal-Mart or Furr's, and when they find out we're deaf, they have people who can (interpret). The police also have people who can sign."

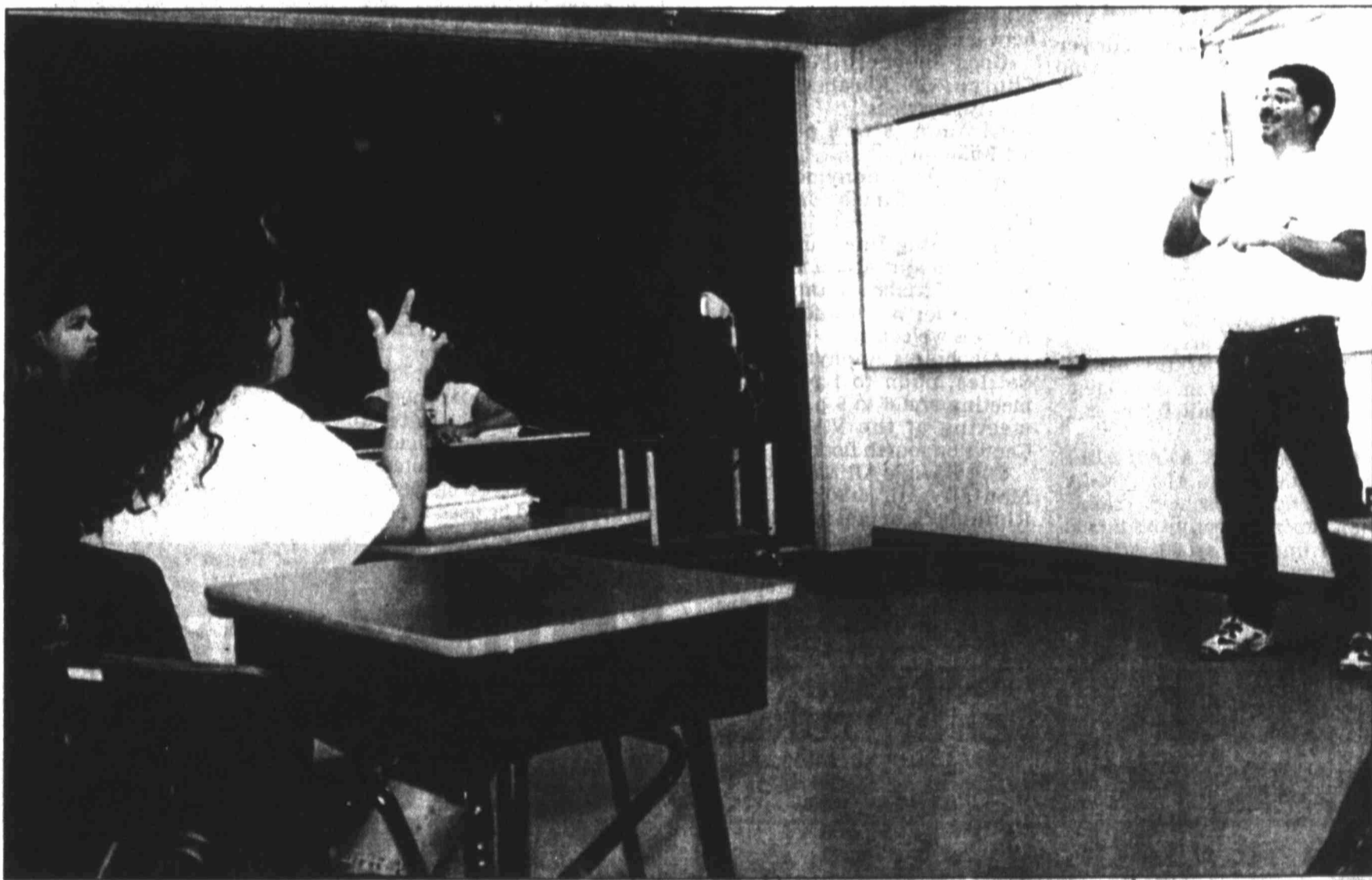
"It's nice to work in a place

like this," added SWCID counselor Katrina Rogers. "It's nice to meet hearing people who can sign."

Officials with the Howard County Junior College District, SWCID's parent organization, said the institute has been an important part of the district for years and will continue to be so in the future.

The next few months will see either the completion or start of three significant construction projects which should help the school entice students to make the trip to Big Spring.

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Deaf Awareness Week at SWCID Schedule of Activities

- Monday**
10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. — Opening ceremony in main lobby.
Noon-4 p.m. — Movies shown on TV in cafeteria and lobby.
7-8 p.m. — SWCID softball game at Hogan Park in Midland.
- Tuesday**
1:30 p.m. — Groundbreaking ceremony.
8 p.m. (tentative) — SWCID volleyball game at Big Spring YMCA.
- Wednesday**
Noon-4 p.m. — Movies shown on TV in cafeteria and lobby.
7-8 p.m. — SWCID softball game at Hogan Park in Midland.
- Thursday**
Noon-4 p.m. — Movies shown on TV in cafeteria and lobby.
6:30-7:30 p.m. — Drama of deaf experiences at student union.
8-9 p.m. — Wheel of Fortune at student union.
- Friday**
10 a.m. — Closing ceremony in main lobby.

WEATHER



Today, cloudy with a chance of light rain. Highs 65 north to 75 south. Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Lows 55 north to 70 south. Monday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs 70-80. Extended forecast, Tuesday through Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows 55-60.

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City to begin search for new police chief

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The process of trying to replace Police Chief Jerry Edwards, who succumbed to heart problems Sept. 8, is expected to begin in earnest this week, according to City Manager Gary Fuqua.

The city is not in a rush to begin the process because of the staff in place at the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD).

"We've made Capt. Lonnie

Smith acting police chief and beginning this week, we'll be taking applications for the position and should continue the process for about 30 days," Fuqua said.

"We're going to take out time and find a good person for the position," Fuqua added. "Capt. Smith and the lieutenants and sergeants do a good job, so we have time to go through the process. It was such a shock when we lost Chief Edwards. We hadn't anticipated having to go through this process again for quite a while."

According to Assistant City Manager and Personnel Director Emma Bogard, the position of police chief has an annual salary in the range of \$48,000.

The process of selecting a new chief will be similar to that used in hiring Edwards in March 1994.

A total of 114 applicants sought the job following the resignation of Joe Cook as chief.

Being named acting police chief has not totally made Smith decided to toss his name

into consideration for the top job.

"I've been talking with the personnel here to see if I would have their support," Smith said. "I've been captain for 14 years and served as acting chief in the past and you can't do the job of police chief without the support of the staff."

According to Smith, if he sees he has the support of the majority of the BSPD staff, he will submit his application for consideration when the city begins its search for a new police chief.

OBITUARIES

Willard R. (Will) Miller, Sr.

GLENDORA, Calif. — Willard R. (Will) Miller, Sr., 64 years, died Aug. 14, 1997, at Glendora, Calif. from complications of brain cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Marie Miller and a brother, Charles W. (Wee) Miller.



MILLER

Will leaves his wife, two daughters, Connie and Angel, two sons, W.R. (Skip) Miller, Jr., and Andrew, two stepdaughters, Ricky Dykes and Gina Owens (Miller), two granddaughters, Nicole and Tammie, two sisters, Bobbie Sullivan and Doris Cannon, nephews and nieces and a host of friends.

Will attended school at Forsan, enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean conflict, worked in the oil fields after discharge from the service and for the past 30 plus years had worked in various phases of the oil industry in many countries and seas of the world. He started out as heavy equipment operator and worked and studied his way up to Barge Captain. He loved the seas and his request was that his remains be scattered upon them.

Arrangements under the direction of McKenzie Funeral Home, Signal Hill, Calif.

Paid obituary

Marjorie Taylor Williams

ODESSA — Marjorie Taylor Williams, 81, of Odessa and formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 19, 1997 at Westwood Medical Center in Midland following a lengthy illness.

Service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Gorman Cemetery in Gorman, Eastland County, with Scott Sheppard, minister of Gorman Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Taylor was born Aug. 15, 1916 in Gorman and married C.M. "Clarence" Williams on Nov. 3, 1934 in Gorman. He preceded her in death on Oct. 2, 1991.

A member of the Church of Christ, she moved to Big Spring in 1942, moved back to Gorman in 1970 and returned to Big Spring in 1991 before moving to Odessa in 1993.

Survivors are three sons: James of Kerens, Johnnie of Sand Springs and Don of Stephenville; two daughters: Judy Brandon of Odessa and Jean Teague of Midland; one brother: Earl Taylor of Brownfield; three sisters: Jolene Bennett of Big Spring and Maudell Poyner and Merle Boyce, both of Gorman; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Alfred Bruce Prather

GREENWOOD, S.C. — Alfred Bruce "Al" Prather, 46, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 1997 at his home.

Born in Laurens, S.C., he was a U.S. Army veteran of Vietnam, he was an electrician and a Baptist.



Survivors are his father, Alfred David Prather of Charlotte, N.C.; a son, Robert Bruce Prather of Big Spring, Texas; a daughter, Traci Elaine Prather of Big Spring, Texas; two brothers, Tolly David Prather of Stratford, Va. and Eddie Lee Prather of Frankfort, Ky.; a half-brother, Craig Prather of Charlotte, N.C.; two sisters, Teresa Anne McKellar and Wanda Amelia Prather both of Greenwood, S.C. and a granddaughter, Miranda Prather, of Big Spring, Texas.

Service will be at 3:30 p.m. today at Hawley Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Billy Cole officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

John H. Hensley

John H. Hensley, 68, Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 1997 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Born Sept. 17, 1929 in Spur, he was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, retiring from the Cosden/Finley Refinery after 32 years' service.



HENSLEY

A Baptist, he was a member of Cosden's 25 Year Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having served his country as a member of the United States Army in Korea.

Survivors are his wife, Ruth, whom he married in 1960; two step-sons: Richard Kitchen of Big Spring and Michael Bickford of Germany; three step-daughters: Sally Ardire, Laura Severding and Sharon Bickford, all of Garland; and four grandchildren.

Service will be 4 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL class of 1962 is having a reunion during the Homecoming celebration of Oct. 3-4. The following list is of missing classmates. If you have any information on any of the people listed, please call Pat Rutledge at 263-3436 or write to her at: 2101 E. 25th St., Big Spring.

Cecil Baker, Elnora Baker, Adalina Baker, Gilbert Barraza, Kenneth Billings, Pat Bishop, Cal Boardman, Gayle Bratcher, Eric Brewster, Charles Brumley, Leahmon Bryant, Don Bynum, Joe Cagle, Jeri Cain, Nancy Carlisle, Kay Carter, Bill Case, Janice Chandler, Clementine Chatman, Richard Clark, Barbara Cole, Sue Cole, Carol Crowder, Gary Cunningham, Sandra D'Auntonio, Larry Deighton, Virginia Ditto, Kenneth Eubanks, Lonnie Evans, Shirley Ezell, Paula Faubion, Owen Frost, Margaret Fuller, Richard Gibbs, Thomas Green, Michael Halverson, Jan Hamilton, Gerald Harrison, Sam Hartfield, Jay Hatch, Don Heath, Jerry Henderson, Clarence Henkell, Roger Henry.

Alice Henry, Rosemary Herrera, Vervyla Hewitt, Connie Hinijos, Diane Jones, Karen Kendrick, Rick King, Steve Kite, R.C. Knightstep, Jimmy Knous, Sena Jo Goodlett Leese, Tommy Leslie, Mike Lowke, Pat Martin, Ed Martinez, Ernest Mata, Bettie McPherson, Ray Minks, Donald Mitchell, Jerry Moore, Harold Morrison, Sara Manuel Mott, Marianne Mullins, Dianne Musgrove, Rita Nelson, Sandra Nichols, Carol Ann Ogburn, Margaret Oliver, Linda Page, Judy Parker, Gene Patton, Johnny Paul, Minnie Payen, Greg Peay, Elton Perkins, Iva Mae Perkins, Lana Plescher, Bobby Pryor, Mary Puga, Gloria Raspberry, Linda Richardson, Bowman Roberts, Mildred Roberts, George Ryan, Buddy Shepherd, Carla Smauley, Chester Smith, Danna Smith, Wyetta Smith, Peggy Smith, Donna Steadmon, Marcus Sweatt, Robert Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Perry Thompson, Guadalupe Tovar, Erlene Trantham, Sharon Tubb, Jerry Tucker, Jimmy Turnbow, Margaret Turnbow, Jan Turney, Leola Vance, Leonilda Webb, Richard West, Linda Whitefield, Troy Wilhite, Lynn Wood, Lynn Worthan, and Margaret York.

BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB is observing National Dog Week through Friday with a display at the Howard County Library. The display is "Dog Heroes of Fact and Fiction."

Other Kennel Club information available at the library are resource materials for choosing a particular dog breed, and the AKC Gazette.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY CLASSES BEGIN Sept. 30, in Coahoma at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and will continue every Tuesday until Easter. Starting time is 7:30 p.m. The classes will be conducted by a team of Catholic church leaders.

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

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

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER will have a community blood drive Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 263-1211 ext. 463 for an appointment.

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

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

BIG SPRING VA MEDICAL CENTER will be giving flu and pneumonia shots to all veterans eligible for VA care, volunteers and employees of the center, Sept. 23-25, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the center's main lobby.

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.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

THE BIG SPRING YMCA offers its facilities for a party, celebrating a birthday, holiday or family reunion. It includes use of an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and a room for refreshments.

Prices vary according to the length of the party, number in the group and facilities used. Call 267-8234 for information.

SPRINGBOARD

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

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

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) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Encourager's support group (for widows and widowers); 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels, covered dish dinner and a program about Saudi Arabia. Enter through north door. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 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.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building). Call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Scenic Mountain Medical Center community blood drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., first floor.

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classroom. Call 263-1211 ext. 463 for an appointment.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.
•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.
•"Healthy Horizons," an educational seminar provided by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Home HELath, 600 Main. Call 267-1314

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Police search for clues after train crash

LONDON (AP) — Police teams picked through piles of twisted metal heaped on a mainline London rail track Saturday, searching for clues to the cause of a train crash that killed six people and injured more than 150.

Six of the 13 people who suffered serious injuries in Friday afternoon's collision remained hospitalized, two of them in critical condition.

Huge cranes maneuvered into position at Southall station in west London to shift the crushed and twisted cars of a passenger express and a freight train that collided at 1:20 p.m. (8:20 a.m. EDT) Friday.

Wreckage was strewn across the main rail line from western Britain to London and service was suspended until it could be cleared.

Two mangled passenger cars lay on their sides and a third sat piggy-back on freight cars.

Three investigations were under way — by British Transport Police, by Railtrack, which is responsible for the track, and by the government's Health and Safety department.

Police declared the site a crime scene, so workers had to wait until officers completed a minute daylight search before the cranes could be used to shift

the wreckage and free the rail line for weekend traffic.

David Eves of the Health and Safety department said his team had gathered evidence including signal box recordings that could provide information on conversations between drivers and signal staff, as well as the signals each train was given.

Each of the train's drivers survived the crash.

British Transport Police arrested the driver of the passenger train Friday evening for investigation of a manslaughter charge. He was questioned about the circumstances of the crash before being released on bail shortly after midnight. Police said he had passed an alcohol breath test and was not charged with anything. His identity was not released.

Police finished searching the crash site early Saturday afternoon and freed the area for cleanup, but the heavy work to be done by the cranes could not begin right away because they required hours of assembly.

The last three bodies were removed from the wreckage overnight. Among the six dead was one of Sweden's most famous broadcast journalists, Marcus Olander.

POLICE

Because of computer problems, the Big Spring Police Department activity log for Friday and early Saturday was not available.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

• **CODY FREELAND**, 19, Boerne, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces and theft.

• **CALEB LEE ROBERTSON**, 20, 1109 Runnels, was arrested on charges of fleeing and theft.

• **DIANE NOBLE**, no age or address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **PRECILIANA GONZALES**, 23, no address given, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• **CODY JEAN CARLILE**, 19, 4304 Connally, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on Salem Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported on Old Colorado City Highway.

CORRECTION

In Friday's Weekend Ticket, it was reported that the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fall Fest would be held Saturday.

The Fall Fest will be held today.

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Chamber seats five new board members

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

During its October meeting, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors will vote to officially accept the slate of five new board members to serve three-year terms on the board.

Chamber First vice president Cavan McMahon says the new slate of board members represents a well-rounded group of individuals coming in to help represent Big Spring.

New board members include Richard Steel, vice president of State National Bank; Randy Phillips, owner of Phillips Fabrication; Amber Rich, director of business development for Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Mel Prather, owner of Arts and Crafts Shows; and Greg Brooks, manager of Blum's Jewelry.

Steel lives in Big Spring with his wife and two children. He has been with State National Bank for eight and a half years.

His community service commitments include directors positions with the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and the

United Way; serving as second vice president of the United Way; service on the budget committee of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc.; and membership in the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club and First United Methodist Church.

Phillips is also half owner of P.W. Machine in Big Spring. He is a native of Big Spring and has a wife and four children.

Phillips has been in business in Big Spring for nine years and spends his time working with children through coaching Little League Baseball and football, activities he has been involved in for several years.

As for being nominated to serve on the chamber board, Phillips is ready for the challenge.

"I'd like to be able to help the community grow and I'm willing to help anyway I can," Phillips said.

Rich is a native of Big Spring and lives here with her husband.

She has been with Scenic Mountain Medical Center for about a year and a half.

Rich is no stranger to the

chamber, having served on the Convention and Visitors Bureau's Advertising Committee. She is currently on the Retail Development Committee and is co-chairperson of the Health Task Force.

Rich is also a graduate of the Leadership Big Spring program.

"As a chamber board member, I'd like to represent the younger professionals in Big Spring," Rich said.

Prather is well known to everyone in Big Spring who enjoys arts and crafts.

He spends much of his time traveling to various locations putting on arts and crafts shows, including a spring and fall show here in Big Spring.

Prather is currently chairman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau and has worked with the CVB for several years.

Prather is a member of the chamber and serves as an Ambassador, Big Spring welcoming committee to new businesses.

Prather's other community activities have included serving on the board of trustees for the heritage Museum and as a member of the West Texas Ag

Expo Committee.

Brooks was born in Apple Valley, Calif., but has spent the majority of his life in Big Spring. He and his wife and two sons make Big Spring their home.

Brooks has served as manager of Blum's Jewelry for 18 years and is on his second stint as a chamber board member, having served out an unexpired term in 1985.

He is a member of the chamber's small business committee, a Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center board member and is past president of the Symphony Association.

He also serves as president of the Westside Community Center and Westside Daycare Center.

"I feel like the responsibility of a chamber board member is to foster a better business atmosphere for Big Spring," Brooks said.

The new slate of board members will serve through 1999 and will replace outgoing board members Clarence Hartfield Jr., Kathy Higgins, Ray Kennedy, Chuck Williams and David Wrinkle.

DEAF

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"(The projects) will basically prepare us for the next 20 years," Howard College President Cheri Sparks said. "It's also going to increase opportunities for recruitment."

Amos has no doubt as to SWCID's importance. "If there wasn't a SWCID in Big Spring," she said, "I wouldn't be in Big Spring."

-STEVE REAGAN

On the cover

At top, from left to right, SWCID students Jenny Bowlin, Luz Montelongo and Eric Martinez use American Sign Language to say "Deaf Awareness Week." At bottom, SWCID instructor Jeff Anderson, right, teaches a government class at the school. Story and photos were by Steve Reagan.

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Tarn Lopez helps her son, Robert, on the rings at Kids' Zone at Comanche Trail Park Saturday.

Wolf: Mir no haunted house

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With only days remaining until he flies to Russia's rickety Mir, astronaut David Wolf finds himself reassuring family, friends and even his boss that he'll be just fine on his four-month mission.

No, it's not the worst job in America, as one TV show voted.

No, it's not a suicide mission. And no, "I'm not playing Russian roulette or spinning dice to see how many times I can do it before something bad happens."

The hardest sell is to his mom.

"I wouldn't mind if they canceled the whole thing," said Dottie Wolf.

Despite her fears, Mrs. Wolf didn't try to talk her firstborn out of going to the ruptured, accident-prone space station when he visited her.

She trusts her son and she trusts NASA.

"When a fellow's mother looks you in the eye and asks if

everything will be OK for her son, you know the answer had better be the honest truth," shuttle-Mir program director Frank Culbertson told the House Science Committee on Thursday. "I told her everything will be OK and if I ever discover that it's not, he won't go."

The 41-year-old Wolf, a doctor and engineer, is scheduled to leave Thursday night aboard space shuttle Atlantis, barring another Mir catastrophe or a change of heart by NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin.

On Tuesday, nine days before flight, Goldin called Wolf and demanded that he be honest.

"I want to hear from you, unpressured, how you feel about the safety, whether you really want to do this or not," Wolf said Goldin told him.

Wolf assured Goldin that he was willing and eager to replace colleague Michael Foale and become the sixth American to live on Mir.

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OUR VIEWS

Food drive planned to help Big Spring's needy at Thanksgiving

The Carriage Inn's Adrienne Shott-DeLeon has experienced it. Max Webb of the Northside Community Center and Danelle Castillo of the Salvation Army have seen it.

Hunger is the reason those three have joined forces. They plan a canned food drive for the needy this Thanksgiving.

Shott-DeLeon, who experienced hunger as a child after her father, a police officer, was shot in the line of duty, has organized such drives before. She's sure it will be a success locally.

And she already has an encouraging show of support from several businesses. But more is always needed.

The aim of the drive is children, although entire families will benefit. Collection sites will be set up in businesses throughout Big Spring beginning Oct. 27. Cans and other non-perishable food items will be collected until just before Thanksgiving.

The food will be divided between the Salvation Army and the Northside Center, which both serve the hungry all year long, and especially at the holidays.

What is needed now are businesses to commit to the drive, to set up a collection site and encourage employees to contribute food. Also needed for a successful drive are volunteers who can periodically pick up and deliver the donations.

Volunteers will be needed for other jobs, also. Just contact Shott-DeLeon at Carriage Inn and let her know you are ready to help.

She says there is no reason we should have one even hungry child in our community.

We agree. Let's go to work and prove it.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Yes, Pete Rose did break the rules, but why is his gambling on games, but he did not play in, so there is no way he could have a hand in the outcome, any worse than the ball players such as Darrel Strawberry, who has more than once used illegal drugs and is still allowed to participate in the game of baseball.

Pete just wants reinstatement for the Hall of Fame, which he did earn, not to come back on the playing field and national television.

You know there is a good chance Darrel Strawberry could wind up in the Hall and many have less an opinion of him than they do Pete.

I have yet to talk to anybody over the last years that believe it fair to exclude Pete and not the druggies. There are states in which gambling is legal, but I don't know of any in which drugs are legal, though I'm still not to sure about that blue grass in Kentucky.

Hope to read other comments.

DANNY JACKSON
Big Spring

EDITOR'S NOTE: Actually, as manager of the Reds when he allegedly bet on games, Rose was in the best position of all to influence the outcome of a contest. After all, he made up the daily lineups, made the substitutions and decided when — and if — to pull a pitcher in trouble.

To attempt to justify Rose's reinstatement by using Darryl Strawberry to make a point is like saying the peel on a grape is different from that on a banana... you aren't comparing apples to oranges.

Pete Rose broke the rules of baseball and is being punished. Rather than worry about getting into the Hall of Fame, he should worry about addressing his gambling problem — which, according to published reports, he has yet to do.

As to Darryl Strawberry's making the Baseball Hall of Fame, less hope that that's a bad dream at best. Of course, he could still take up professional wrestling.

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Tip toe through the turmoil to confirmation

We don't want the same thing happening to you that happened to William Weld.

We know what you're thinking: "But the president of the United States is never going to nominate me to a high office that requires Senate confirmation." Wrong.



Dale McFeatters
"Just Dessert"

The process by which the Senate approves nominees has become so unpleasant, so humiliating, so devastating that fewer and fewer people are willing to accept appointment to top government jobs.

The talent pool is dwindling so fast that it is statistically probable — no, inevitable — that one day a president will nominate you as a Cabinet secretary, agency head or even ambassador to Mexico now that Weld isn't going to get the job.

Don't make the same mistakes he did. Follow these fool-proof rules.

1. Grovel, grovel, grovel and then grovel some more.
2. Weld came to town, as one observer put it, "leading with his chin." Once the president announces your appointment,

there is only one way to come to town: On your hands and knees.

No presidential nominee has ever crawled up the Capitol steps, wailing his unworthiness and lashing his back bloody with a leather whip like those Spanish religious penitents, but if one did, the members of Congress would pause only long enough to comment approvingly on the higher caliber of nominees the president was sending up.

2. Every senator is a combination of Hammurabi, Solomon, Solon and Demosthenes and must be treated as such (see rule 1).

Of course, this is nonsense. Some of them couldn't hold a job in a car wash and others would wander off into the night if their staffs didn't look out for them. But they believe a plurality of votes in a jerkwater state confers the mantle of Cicero on them and you better too.

The senators can't help it. Take any 12 people off the streets, put them in the Senate for two months and 10 of them will sport silver pompadours and talk like Robert Byrd.

Weld believed that he was as smart as the average senator and probably smarter than most. That was true, but he let it show and his chances were doomed (see rule 1).

3. Qualifications don't matter. In fact, qualifications may

hurt if the senators feel they suffer by comparison.

Weld was well qualified to be ambassador to Mexico — Spanish speaking, well educated, a successful governor and the kind of high-profile public figure the Mexicans like. He made the fatal error of mentioning this.

Suppose you are a defrocked quack who can't tell a pancreas from a pancake yet have been nominated U.S. surgeon general. A senator raises your long history of losing malpractice suits. Your response:

"Senator, your brilliant work in this area is well known and I look forward to working closely with you on these issues so vital to our country..." (see rule 1.)

4. Never, never answer a question.

Robert Bork was a brilliant jurist, far and away qualified to be a justice of the Supreme Court. During his confirmation hearing, he was asked a question about the right to privacy. Foolishly, he answered it. If Weld had gotten as far as a hearing, he too would have answered questions and met the same fate.

Your role model should be Ataollah Mohajerani, a controversial choice for a senior Cabinet post in the Iranian government. At his confirmation hearing, he was asked: Would he or would he not kill author Salman Rushdie on

sight? Yes or no. Mohajerani talked for 45 minutes without ever answering the question and was overwhelmingly confirmed.

The senators rarely have time to read their briefing papers so unless you are a high-profile nominee the senators at your confirmation hearing probably have no idea who you are or why you are there. Their questions are designed not to elicit information but a tone of voice — soothing, diffident, reverential, obsequious. (see rule 1.)

5. Do not quit your day job. Weld should never have resigned as governor of Massachusetts to devote full time to the confirmation process. The day he quit he was road kill.

As long as you hold onto your original career, even if it's working a squeegee at an intersection, the senators are forced to entertain the nagging suspicion, which they dare not voice, that maybe, just maybe, you don't need them. Better, they reason, to confirm you to a job where you can be regularly forced to appear for oversight hearings.

How do you handle an oversight hearing? (See rules 1 through 4.)

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

Civilized behavior in an uncivilized world

By SHARON RANDALL
Scripps Howard News Service

Having recently returned from a week of camping, dog tired, but pretty much in tact, I should like to share a few of my rules, if you will, for basic campground survival.

I am not what you'd call an avid outdoorsperson. But in my vast experience with camping — which spans 25 years, three children, several monsoons and one evacuation due to a fire (for which we were not held responsible) — I've picked up a few pointers, along with a fair share of poison oak.

My grandmother always said that if you don't enjoy doing something, try to learn from it, and if you can't learn from it, get a divorce.

So I try to learn something every time my husband drags me camping. I listen to Nature — the babble of her river, the

whisper of her wind, the chatter of her ground squirrels as they rip corn chips from my hands.

Mostly what I hear her say is two words: "Go home."

This time, however, I heard a new message. I'll share that with you, too, free of charge, after the rules for survival.

- (1) In campsites with close proximity (10 miles or less) to other campers, children who scream to get what they want should be given what they want when they want it.

I call it the Thomas Rule in honor of an otherwise winsome toddler, who for seven long days and longer nights, tortured our campground with his shrieks while his parents tried hard to ignore him.

The Thomas Rule applies to any public place, but most especially to campgrounds where people try to sleep and may have access to an ax.

- (2) Never keep food of any

kind in your campsite (or your tent, your car, or God forbid, on your person) as it attracts bees, squirrels, raccoons, bears and toddlers named Thomas. Eat indoors only, on the sly if you have to, even in places where eating is banned and where, if caught, you don't mention my name.

- (3) Young campers who think they're old enough to stay out past curfew should take care when sneaking into camp late at night not to make a peep (let alone, get a leg caught in an aluminum camp chair) lest they awaken a Thomas.

(4) After dark, carry a flashlight en route to the latrine or you might trip over a raccoon which you could mistake for a bear, causing you to scream your lungs out, awaken Thomas and embarrass yourself to no end. Take my word for it. It could happen.

- (5) Finally, when driving to or from campgrounds on nar-

row, winding roads, stay in your lane; never try to pass across double yellow lines.

I thought of that rule as I was driving us home and met head-on a car whose driver had decided for whatever reason to pass on a blind hill.

It happened, as they say, so fast. A split-second of recognition, cars swerving left and right, tires screeching, gravel raining like gunfire. Then it was over and no one was hurt, grace of God. And my husband and son, who'd watched helplessly as it happened, were saying, whoa, what a good driver I was.

And that is when I heard it, an old message spoken with entirely new meaning, not by Nature, maybe, but by Life.

Two words: Pay attention. (Sharon Randall is a winner of the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors and the Best of the West commentary awards.)



Republic of Texas seperatist arrested

HOUSTON (AP) — Richard Frank Keyes III's capture was not as he had once imagined it, and the Republic of Texas fugitive didn't look like the same man who'd eluded law officers this summer by slipping into the mountains.

Bearded at Fort Davis when the armed separatists held a weeklong standoff, Keyes was clean-shaven when FBI agents cornered him Friday near Houston.

Keyes, 22, was caught off-guard and surrounded, said Chris Swecker, FBI assistant special agent in charge in Houston. He said Keyes, who had stashed unopened supplies in a national forest, was unarmed and didn't have a chance to flee.

Keyes' arrest satisfied the couple who identified him among a group that had taken them hostage in the Davis Mountains four months earlier.

"I can't wait for them to get his butt out here to the Presidio County Jail to be with his Republic of Texas friends, let the criminal justice work on them a bit," said Joe Rowe, president of the Property Owners' Association at the Davis Mountains Resort where the standoff occurred.

Keyes' fate was a far cry from when he resurfaced after the standoff, telling a magazine that New Mexico militia members aided his escape.

"Now I'm in a place that's armed to the teeth," he told Mother Jones this summer. "If we have to make a stand, we can."

Keyes was arrested at 2:25 p.m. while walking along Farm-to-Market Road 1375 in the Sam Houston National Forest near New Waverly, about 55 miles north of Houston, the FBI and Texas Department of Public Safety said.

After FBI agents, assisted by the Texas Rangers and DPS' special crimes unit, made the arrest, Keyes was brought to Houston and booked into the Harris County Jail about 6 p.m., said Sgt. E.D. Owen of the Harris County Sheriff's

Department. Federal officials who had kept Keyes under surveillance have charged him with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

Keyes was also detained without bond on three state charges: engaging in organized criminal activity and two counts of aggravated kidnapping with a deadly weapon.

Owen said arrangements for taking Keyes back to Jeff Davis County in West Texas will likely be made on Monday.

Rowe, who was held hostage with his wife by a group that allegedly included Keyes, said the FBI confirmed the fugitive's identity to him late Friday and asked him to help with the identification.

Formerly of St. Marys, Kan., Keyes bolted from the separatist group's Fort Davis mountain hideout on May 3, the day Richard McLaren and five followers surrendered to Texas troopers after a week-long standoff.

Keyes is wanted on the three charges stemming from the hostage-taking of Rowe and his wife, M.A. Rowe, that began the stalemate on April 27.

Dr. Richard Keyes of Vincennes, Ind., grandfather of the Texas fugitive, was reached Friday night by telephone in Bicknell, Ind., about 100 miles southwest of Indianapolis.

"Thank God he's alive. That's all I care," said Dr. Richard Keyes of Vincennes, Ind., the suspect's grandfather. "We'll take all the knocks we have to take."

"I'll plan to go with him," the grandfather said.

No one answered phone calls at the home of Richard Keyes Jr. A neighbor who was contacted by The Associated Press said he had no comment.

The grandfather said that as of last Sunday, no family member had spoken with Richard Keyes III since his escape, but added that he has "been working very close with the FBI up here in Vincennes, Indiana."

Report: INS slowed voter fraud probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foot-dragging by immigration officials in Washington has hindered a federal probe examining whether foreigners registered to vote in Texas, a federal prosecutor complained recently.

The FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Dallas are examining whether noncitizens are among Dallas County's registered voters. Noncitizen voting or voter registration is a criminal offense with maximum penalties of deportation or imprisonment.

That investigation has been slowed because Immigration and Naturalization Service officials at Washington headquarters refused to cooperate, a prosecutor wrote in correspondence obtained by The Associated Press.

"Because the INS officials in Washington have, so far, been uncooperative, their lack of prompt attention to this matter has caused an unnecessary delay in the investigation," Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Uhl wrote in an Aug. 7 letter requesting help from the head of the INS Dallas district office.

Accompanying the letter to INS District Director Arthur Strapp were computerized tapes containing the names of those who voted in Dallas County in the November 1996 and May 1997 elections.

Uhl wanted Strapp's office to compare the election tapes against INS's computerized records to determine if noncitizen voting occurred. Uhl's letter suggested the arrangement had been worked out earlier by Strapp and U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins.

But in an Aug. 22 reply to Uhl, Strapp denied any agreement existed to compare the computer tapes in Dallas. Strapp said he was advised "by more highly positioned INS managers that personnel and equipment available only at our HEADQUARTERS in Washington, D.C. could somehow run 'matches' of Dallas County election records versus INS records."

"Accordingly, and with regret, I have no choice but to return the 'tapes' to you and the FBI," Strapp wrote, suggesting that the FBI work through "appropriate channels" at INS headquarters.

Neither Strapp nor INS officials in Washington returned calls Friday.

Coggins, Uhl's boss, said the INS "is still on the team."

"They have been cooperating with us in the past and I anticipate they will continue to cooperate with us," Coggins said in an interview. Asked if that statement covered both the Washington and Dallas INS offices, he said: "The Dallas office is all I'm aware of."

A frequent INS critic chided the agency for its apparent unwillingness to assist investigators.

"I think it shows pretty clearly that the (Clinton) administration is not interested in the integrity of the electoral process," said Rosemary Jenks of the Washington-based Center for Immigration Studies.

Agency officials "don't want to open that can of worms," she said. "If the INS found a couple of cases where there was serious voter fraud, Congress would want the INS to look into it more closely."

Preoccupied by implementation of a massive new immigration law and huge surges in citizenship applications, INS

became ensnared in the voter fraud arena after last November's elections. Deposed California Republican congressman Bob Dornan is contesting his defeat, alleging that his 984-vote loss to Democrat Loretta Sanchez resulted from noncitizen voting.

From California, the voter fraud question shifted east last spring when INS investigators in Dallas compared a list of 400 registered voters against agency files.

That preliminary check turned up five noncitizens registered to vote.

Strapp halted the internal probe. An INS investigations supervisor, in internal memos obtained by reporters in June, suggested the inquiry was stifled because of superiors' concerns about "political ramifications."

Some suggested quick results from Dallas could have proved embarrassing to INS leaders. The agency, under orders from Congress to produce a list of noncitizens who voted in Dornan's race, argued that such computer runs are inherently error-prone and too complex to conduct.

FBI subpoenas DISD record

DALLAS (AP) — Evidence collected in a Dallas school official's lawsuit against Superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez has been subpoenaed by the FBI.

Why federal authorities want the information is unclear, however.

John Bickel, who represents Matthew Harden Jr. in his lawsuit, said he was told the FBI wants to see if there are indications of criminal wrongdoing in the tapes and documents.

"It includes their investigation into allegations that Dr. Gonzalez was involved in misappropriating DISD funds, that's what they specifically told us," Bickel said.

But Dan Hartsfield, Mrs. Gonzalez's attorney, said the FBI investigation does not target his client or any alleged misappropriations and rather involves how the information was gathered.

"I was specifically told by the FBI agent that the subpoena

was in furtherance of the general investigation initiated by Dr. Gonzalez," he said.

"We were told that the FBI was inquiring into the method that these surreptitious recordings were made to determine a possible violation of the wire-tap act."

FBI officials could not be reached for comment.

Bickel denied that any tapes were illegally obtained and said Harden was a party to all the conversations he taped.

The attorney said he couldn't comment on the contents of the tapes and documents.

However, a source familiar with those materials told The Dallas Morning News that they include information about whether a check from the settlement of an asbestos suit was misappropriated.

Harden filed a civil lawsuit Sept. 12, claiming that Mrs. Gonzalez sought to destroy the careers of people she doesn't like and sexually harassed him.

Mom and Dad,

Fifty years ago you began your life together as partners, lovers, and friends. As time went by your three children grew up, watching and learning from your examples. You taught us the art of love and laughter and gave us the tools of hope and determination. We learned from you that our lives are what we make of them, as are our relationships. Because of you we know that with lots of love and hard work our lives and our families will be ones we can be proud of. Our lives have not been without tragedy. The loss of your son and our brother have changed our lives forever. Our faith and our strength comes from you. You are an inspiration to us and we are very proud to have you for our parents.

Congratulations!!

All our love,
Your children,
Tania and Trisha

GOP: Nixon may retain Senate seat

AUSTIN (AP) — State Sen. Drew Nixon, who pleaded guilty to prostitution and weapons charges, is considering hanging onto his Senate seat rather than resigning, a Republican source said Friday.

Facing a jury's recommendation of six months in jail, Nixon, R-Carthage, could become the first state legislator to serve in office and jail at the same time.

Nixon, who pleaded guilty on Monday, has stayed mum about his future.

His spokesman, Austin consultant Bill Miller, said Nixon won't answer questions until after his formal sentencing on Oct. 1.

"There have been no discussions," Miller said. "I would assume, given the state of affairs, that every consideration is being given to every option. Only he knows, and we'll all find out on Oct. 1."

A GOP source, speaking on

the condition of anonymity, said the East Texas lawmaker has discussed remaining in office with associates. The Legislature's next regular session doesn't begin until January 1999, and the second-term lawmaker doesn't stand for election again until 2000.

"The current thinking is to stay in office, ride out the storm and face the voters again in 2000," the source said.

Nixon was convicted on misdemeanor charges of soliciting an undercover policewoman posing as a prostitute and illegally carrying a loaded pistol. The convictions don't automatically disqualify him from serving in the Legislature, however.

Several Texas legislators have been convicted of crimes and resigned, while others have been convicted after leaving office. But according to the Legislative Reference Library, Nixon apparently would be the

first to serve jail time while in office.

The state Democratic Party chairman has urged Nixon to go; his local GOP county chairman has said he should stay.

Both Gov. George W. Bush, a Republican, and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a Democrat who presides over the Senate, have said it's Nixon's call.

"It's a decision that needs to be made by Sen. Nixon, his family and those who live in that Senate district," Bullock spokesman Tony Profit said Friday, in words nearly identical to those of Bush's spokesman earlier in the week.

Several political factors appear to weigh in the decision.

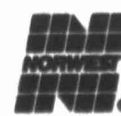
First, Nixon's East Texas district is viewed by both parties as a pivotal battleground. Once solidly "Yellow Dog" Democrat country, GOP candidates increasingly have made inroads there.

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Museum attack threatens Egyptian tourism industry

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Hundreds of tourists streamed into the Egyptian Museum today to view the King Tut exhibit and other treasures, a day after a deadly attack that killed nine foreign tourists.

Thursday's firebombing of a tourist bus outside the museum raised concerns that Egypt's tourism industry, the country's second-largest source of foreign currency, would suffer.

It also called into question government claims that it has largely isolated militant attacks to the rural south. Muslim militants are being blamed for the attack on the bus, which was parked at one of Cairo's busiest squares at midday.

"Our security officials have to stop parroting their routine boasting: 'Terrorism is vanquished! We have annihilated its remainder!'" editor Samir Ragab wrote in the English-language Egyptian Gazette.

Galal Dwaidar, editor in chief of the Al-Akhar newspaper, said in a front-page editorial today that the attack was "a criminal act aimed, of course, at dealing a blow to the tourism movement and destroying the rising Egyptian economy."

Despite the concerns, tourists crowded today into the courtyard of the Egyptian Museum's reddish-brown, two-story building while security guards with assault rifles patrolled the area

and plainclothes policemen and high-ranking security officers stood by the museum gates.

A museum ticket collector said that 1,800 tourists visited during the morning, normal for a Friday, the Muslim sabbath.

"I personally think it's much more violent in the United States than here," said Lois Lee, a visitor from Springfield, Mo. "I would have been horribly disappointed had we not been able to come here."

"How could you come to Egypt and ... not see the King Tut exhibit?" she added.

Egyptian officials immediately sought to play down the impact of Thursday's attack. Tourism Minister Mamdouh

Beitagi sent a message Thursday to tourist agencies in Egypt and abroad that Egypt was safe to visit and suggested the assailants were not members of an established militant group.

Early in the five-year campaign by Muslim militants to overthrow the secular government of President Hosni Mubarak, tourism fell sharply as attackers fired on trains and Nile River cruises. But it has recovered in the last few years.

Almost 450,000 foreigners visited Egypt in August, the highest figure ever for a single month. Four million tourists visited Egypt last year and officials had said they expected

even more this year.

Tourism is Egypt's second-largest source of foreign currency behind money sent from Egyptians working abroad, and provides income that is badly needed as the government pursues aggressive plans for economic privatization.

Interior Minister Hassan el-Alfy had boasted Wednesday in Assiut, a hotbed of Muslim extremism, that five years of political violence that had left more than 1,100 people dead was drawing to a close.

But on Thursday, the stench of gasoline and burned rubber filled the air outside the museum, home to one of the world's greatest collections of golden

Pharaonic treasures, mummies and papyrus.

Witnesses said three men in white shirts and ties walked up to a bus parked outside the museum as German tourists were climbing aboard, and hurled gasoline bombs and fired rifles.

Nine Germans and the Egyptian bus driver were killed. Twenty-four people were wounded.

After the attack, two bodies, one riddled with bullets, lay across the stairs of the bus. Others were sprawled across the inside aisle.

Police wounded and captured two of the gunmen. Police said the third suspect also was shot.

Clinton draws line on testing standards

Battle looms between GOP, president over education bill

SAN CARLOS, Calif. (AP) — Foreshadowing their next budget battle, President Clinton told congressional Republicans on Saturday to expect a veto if they pass an education bill that lacks student testing standards.

"I'll have to give it the failing grade it deserves," Clinton said. "We all know we have to do more to improve the quality of public education."

But Republicans held firm, saying they would not allow Clinton to force parents and teachers to surrender their authority to nameless bureaucrats. "It's offensive to suggest that parents and teachers don't have children's best interest in mind," said Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash.

The president and Congress traded jabs in separate weekly radio addresses. Between verbal

swings, Clinton stopped by Lucile Salter Packard Children's Hospital in Stanford, Calif., to visit Patty Sturtevant, 11, an outpatient who is being treated for terminal leukemia.

Afterward, Clinton announced \$40 million in grants for charter schools during a visit to the San Carlos Learning Center, one of the country's first such schools. Education Secretary Richard Riley said more than 420 charter schools nationwide receive federal support.

"Charter schools are established by educators with less red tape, but higher expectations," Clinton said. "This is an innovation we cannot afford to lose."

Charter schools — public schools run under contract by teachers, parents or community leaders — are a part of Clinton's education strategy. The grants announced today would provide first-year costs for charter schools in Pennsylvania, South Carolina and two schools in Hawaii, and second-year or third-year costs in 20 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico.

The president's education

plan also establishes testing standards for fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math, an idea opposed by conservatives who argue that it creates an avenue for federal control of local schools.

In his address, Clinton defended testing standards as a way to "ensure that no child leaves our schools without mastering the basics." He promised a veto if Congress passes "partisan legislation that denies our children high national standards or weakens our national commitment to stronger schools."

Gorton, in the GOP radio response, said Clinton essentially is telling parents and teachers "I don't trust you" to make sure that American children are learning.

"Well, I believe the president is taking the wrong position," Gorton said. "Those in Washington D.C., guard their power jealously and they won't give it up easily."

The House rejected testing standards Tuesday in voting down spending bills to carry the Education, Labor and Health and Human Services departments through the 1998 budget

year. The Senate earlier approved its version of the spending bills, after attaching Gorton's amendment to convert many education programs into block grants to states.

"In effect, they've cast their votes against better schools and for a status quo that is failing too many of our children," Clinton said.

He condemned the Senate amendment as a careless act that would toss federal education money into one pot "and distribute it in an arbitrary way."

"We must strengthen our schools, raise our standards, insist that our students master the basics and demand excellence at every level," Clinton said.

But Gorton said the Senate changes reflect a desire to restore the traditional role of parents and teachers in educating America's children.

"Teachers, parents, principals and school boards know what's best," Gorton said. "Bypassing federal and state bureaucracies ... means more authority and more money for local educators."

U.S.-North Korea talks stalled again

NEW YORK (AP) — The diplomatic campaign to bring North Korea into four-way peace talks has bogged down, and U.S. officials say it is up to the North Koreans to revive it.

After two days of meetings in New York, U.S. officials said Friday the North Koreans insisted that they would attend a peace conference only if the negotiations address the withdrawal of the 37,000 American soldiers in South Korea.

The meetings — including the United States, China and North and South Korea — were to pave the way for a peace conference in Geneva to replace the 1953 armistice that ended the Korean War. The Korean peninsula is one of the last flashpoints of the Cold War.

During the latest round of preparatory talks, the North Koreans repeated demands they made during the opening session last month, asking for firm guarantees of food aid and a separate peace treaty with

Washington, excluding South Korea.

The United States and South Korea long have rejected those conditions.

After a daylong meeting, a U.S. official told reporters Friday that no further preliminary talks were scheduled. The official said they would not resume until North Korea signals it is willing to compromise.

"We will be looking to the North Koreans for some serious sign," he said. "Regrettably, the North Korean side did not seem to be in a position to deal in a serious manner."

The chief North Korean delegate said they simply needed more time.

"We have failed to reach agreement on the agenda of the conference," but not because of a lack of will, Vice Foreign Minister Kim Gye Gwan said. "The only thing we require here is patience and time to settle these issues."

First daughter strikes out on her own

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — When she woke up, she was the adored only child of the president, living in the glamour and privacy of the White House.

But when she went to sleep, Chelsea Clinton was just another freshman at Stanford University, sharing a modest room in an ordinary dorm.

President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, helped Chelsea move into her new home Friday, sat through a welcome-to-college ceremony and then — proudly and sadly — said goodbye.

But Clinton didn't stray far from his daughter. He returned to the Stanford campus this morning to start his day with a run on the university's track before moving on to other scheduled appearances in the state.

Because they wanted to be like any other parents, the Clintons kept the crowds of eager reporters and photographers at an emphatic distance Friday. Other parents enduring the same rite of passage said they understood their emotions.

"I started crying at the dorm," said Pamela Terry of Macomb, Ill., who also said goodbye to her only daughter. "I'm thrilled for her. I hope she and Chelsea and all the other freshmen

enjoy it."

But Chelsea, despite her closeness to her parents, has been eager to strike out on her own — and chose a university 3,000 miles from home. Family friends say the 17-year-old contemplating a medical career was literally counting the days until her departure.

Chelsea was one of some 1,600 freshmen who arrived at campus for orientation before classes start Wednesday. On Friday, she moved into her room in a large dorm complex that Stanford students consider only average in desirability. The president asked aides for a tool box so he could hang his daughter's pictures.

Like all parents, the Clintons

wore beige name tags. The president's read, "Bill Clinton."

While Chelsea met the other students living in the coed dorm, her parents went to a discussion of campus life and attended a lunch for parents. Reunited with Chelsea, the Clintons visited a computer demonstration.

The Clintons then joined the rest of the class of 2001 and their families in the campus' main quad — a stately plaza surrounded by the sandstone buildings graced by arches and tiled roofs — to listen to welcoming speeches.

Student Blake Harris remembered how his mom could not resist "that last little bit of mothering."

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FOR the proposal: Debbie Burt, Cynthia Breyman, Dale Humphreys & Sammy Anderson
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Two early wins put Cowboys ahead of last year's pace ... well, sort of

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — For the first six quarters this season, the Dallas Cowboys looked like champs. For the last six quarters, they've looked like they chumps.

So, which is it?

"I think we're a good team that can contend, but I don't think we're a championship team right now," safety Darren Woodson said.

The Cowboys, who are off this weekend, are 2-1 and could just as easily be 1-2 — or 3-0.

Dallas opened the year with an

impressive all-around game in Pittsburgh, pounding the Steelers 37-7.

Troy Aikman had a field day throwing to Michael Irvin and Anthony Miller, while a surgically repaired Emmitt Smith seemed content to share the offensive burden. The defense was swarming.

Things carried over for the first half of the following Sunday's game in Arizona. The Cowboys led the Cardinals 22-7 early in the third quarter, then collapsed to lose 25-22 in overtime.

Heat and mental mistakes, mainly dumb penalties, were blamed for the meltdown. Less attention was paid to

Dallas' inability to score from inside the 20 and the problems the offensive line had handling the blitz.

Philadelphia noticed those deficiencies and nearly capitalized last Monday night.

Bobby Taylor forced Aikman to fumble on two cornerback blitzes, leading to an Eagles field goal and a touchdown as they took a 17-3 lead in the second quarter.

The Cowboys kept getting close to the end zone, but not in it. They settled for five field goals until a late fourth-quarter drive featuring miraculous catches by Eric Bjornson and Anthony Miller put the Cowboys up

21-20 with a minute to play.

Then Ty Detmer drove the Eagles 80 yards in 47 seconds to set up a 22-yard field-goal try for former Cowboy Chris Boniol with four seconds left.

The snap was good, the ball was down ... then it wasn't. Holder Tom Hutton had trouble teeing it up, so he tried running. That didn't work, either, and Dallas escaped with the victory.

"This early in the season, a loss wouldn't have been the end of the world," veteran Bill Bates said. "But it is a lot nicer to be 2-1 at this point than 1-2."

Actually, being 2-1 is very important

to Dallas coach Barry Switzer.

Switzer has made a point of telling his players they must do better than the 2-3 start they had last year while Irvin was suspended.

Even though the Cowboys won eight of their last 11 once Irvin returned, the slow start cost them the chance to host a second-round playoff game, not to mention home-field advantage throughout the postseason.

Dallas did get to host wild-card Minnesota, but then had to go to Carolina to play the Panthers. The Cowboys lost, ending their season short of the NFC championship game for the first time since 1991.

Hobbled Buffaloes fall, 27-21

By DONNA PARKER
Herald Correspondent

STERLING CITY — Just 44 seconds after Forsan's Buffaloes had tied the game a 21-all in the fourth quarter, Patrick Mithum broke loose for a 40-yard romp that gave Sterling City's Eagles a 27-21 win Friday.

The Eagles, now 2-1, might have figured to get somewhat of a break with the Buffs' starting running backs out of commission, but Steve Park's reserves showed there's plenty of depth in the Forsan backfield this season.

Backups Justin White, Chris Rios, Cory Walker, Daniel Smith and Derek Wash combined for 165 overland yards that drew rave reviews from their coach.

"Our young men stepped up and met the challenge," Park said following the narrow loss. "They came back and kept coming back all night long. That's all a coach can ask for."

Forsan drew first blood, as Rios capped a long march with a 2-yard romp with just 38 seconds remaining in the first quarter. That drive, which started deep in Buff territory was sparked by key pass completions — perhaps the biggest coming when quarterback Cade Park found Ferrol Voight for 18 yards on a third-and-long situation.

Park would finish the night completing 10 of 20 passes for 124 yards, while using the talents of seven different receivers.

Sterling City was quick to retaliate following the Buffaloes' score. Eagles quarterback Brad McDaniel engineered three scoring drives in the second period and had a hand in capping all three.

McDaniel knotted the score less than two minutes into the period when he broke loose on a 17-yard keeper. He added another one-yard run and then dialed Roger Leja's number for 16-yard scoring pass with just 40 seconds remaining in the first half.

Trailing 21-7, the Buffs mounted their comeback when Park hit Brian Fleider with a pass from 2 yards out, narrowing the Eagle lead to just 21-13.

The defensive unit got in on the act when it appeared as if the Eagles answer. The Buffs staged a goal line stand that forced a Sterling City turnover inside the Forsan 10, setting the stage for another long march which culminated in a 26-yard touchdown run by White, who added the two-point conversion run.

White would finish the night

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Stanton proves too much for 'Dogs

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer



Coahoma back Kurt Bennett (7) tries to avoid the tackle effort by Stanton's Kory Williams (2) during Friday night's action. The Buffaloes proved to have too much firepower for the injury-riddled Coahoma team, as they cruised to a 51-7 win over the Bulldogs.

STANTON — The results were about what one would have expected.

The winless Coahoma Bulldogs, hobbled by the loss of five starters, visited the talented, deep and undefeated Stanton Buffaloes Friday night. What followed was an exercise in predictability.

The Buffaloes, led by the passing of Kyle Herm, the running of James Jenkins and a swarming defense, overwhelmed the Bulldogs 51-7.

Stanton (3-0) just had too much of everything for the Bulldogs: Too much Herm, who completed 7 of 9 passes for 119 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score; too much Jenkins, who gained 131 yards on 13 carries; and way too much defense, which limited Coahoma to only 5 yards of total offense.

The Bulldogs (0-3) were forced to go with several young players because of the loss of proven starters such as all-district tight end Blake Nichols and Jerry Mann, but Stanton was not in a merciful mood Friday.

Stanton head coach Mark Cotton had pregame reservations about facing Coahoma's

single-shot offense — an alignment his team hadn't faced before. But he responded by packing the line of scrimmage with eight and nine-man fronts and simply turning his players loose.

"Defense is the strong point of our football team ... Going into the game, we decided we were just going to line up and let our kids play football," Cotton said. "And, for the entire game, they played very well."

Stanton's size and speed advantage, especially on defense, was overwhelming. Coahoma's runners simply had nowhere to go, and ended the night with minus-23 yards rushing.

And Coahoma quarterback Vincent Garcia fared little better when he dropped back to pass. He completed only 4 of 14 passes for 28 yards, was intercepted once, and was sacked three times for 30 yards in losses.

While the defense was doing its Great Wall of Stanton imitation, the Buffs' offense was moving the ball almost at will. Stanton scored on its first four drives of the night and was averaging a touchdown every three plays midway through the second quarter.

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Mustangs hold off Ropes comeback for 64-53 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Sands scored early and often Friday night in outlasting Ropes' Eagles for a 64-53 win that improved the Mustangs' record to 2-1 on the season.

Mustangs coach Billy Barnett may have had some question about his running backs going into the game, but after seeing the trio of Anthony Cantu, Robert Cisneros and Robin Sands come up with six touchdowns against the Eagles, his concerns should be somewhat relieved.

Those scores were sorely needed, as were the three scored by Mustangs quarterback Jerrod Beall, as the Eagles' lightning-quick Greg Knight virtually conducted a clinic — rushing 16 times for 176 yards and two touchdowns, as well as passing for three more scores.

The conflict in the two teams' styles — Sands opting for a methodical power running style, while the Eagles attempted to counter with the "big play" — kept fans on the edge of their seats most of the night.

Worse still, the stadium's scoreboard clock malfunctioned before the game began, leaving everyone but the official keeping time on the field guessing whether or not the Eagles would have time enough to

mount a comeback.

Cantu gave the Mustangs a first-quarter lead when he capped an eight-play, 42-yard drive with a one-yard run midway through the stanza.

The Mustangs added a 62-yard march late in the quarter to take a 14-0 lead when Robert Cisneros scored the first of his three touchdowns from six yards out.

Ropes erased the goose egg on its end of the scoreboard two plays into the second quarter when Chris Medrano broke loose on a 37-yard run, but Robert Cisneros answered with his second one-yard burst to paydirt on the Mustangs' next possession.

Not to be outdone, Medrano gathered in a pass from Knight and set sail on a 48-yard scoring play two possessions later. Another Knight touchdown pass, coming just before half-time, sandwiched Beall's first score — a 23-yard burst.

While Knight was hands-down the game's individual offense leader, Beall and Robert Cisneros were right on his heels. Beall finished the night with 116 yards on 13 carries and the three touchdowns, as well as picking off an errant Knight pass.

Cisneros paced the Mustang ground game with 131 yards on 14 carries, while Cantu would

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Sands running back Robin Cisneros (35) breaks away from the arms of a would be Ropes tackler en route to a fourth-quarter touchdown against the Eagles. Cisneros' touchdown was just one of seven scored in the final 12 minutes of play. The Mustangs took a 64-53 win, improving their record to 2-1.

Wildcats chalk up first win behind Garza, Hinojos

HERALD Staff Report

IMPERIAL — Grady's Wildcats chalked up their first win of the season Friday, breaking open a deadlocked game with 27 fourth-quarter points to outdistance Buena Vista's Longhorns, 50-36.

The game featured a spectacular game of oneupmanship between Grady running back Frankie Garza and his Buena Vista counterpart, Zach Braden.



GARZA HINOJOS
Garza and Braden scored five touchdowns apiece, leaving it to Grady's Jed Hinojosa to provide the difference, scoring on a 1-yard run in the first quarter and adding a final burst of 2 yards with just 34 seconds remaining.

Braden opened the game's scoring less than four minutes into the contest when he dashed into the end zone from 8 yards out and the conversion kick left the Longhorns with an 8-0 lead that would last less than three minutes.

Garza answered with his first score on a 1-yard run with 5:29

showing on the clock. A failed conversion attempt left the Longhorns clinging to an 8-6 lead.

Hinojosa scored his first touchdown at the 2:21 mark and Grady went on top by a 14-8, only to see that advantage erased with 1:04 left in the quarter when Braden broke loose on a 12-yarder that left the score deadlocked at 14-14.

Braden added another touchdown midway through the second quarter with a 3-yard run,

only to see Garza answer with a 6-yarder with 40 seconds left in the half.

Following the intermission, it was Garza who struck first — breaking loose on a 12-yard scoring burst, but Braden answered with an 8-yard run less than five minutes later. The conversions following both touchdowns were good, leaving the score knotted at 28-28 with just 12 minutes to play.

Garza was again first in the tit-for-tat battle in the final

stanza, scoring from 20 yards out with 8:58 remaining, but Braden turned in a 20-yarder of his own at the 6:28 mark. Buena Vista's conversion left the Longhorns with a 36-34 edge, but Garza and Hinojosa weren't yet through.

Garza saved his best for last, breaking loose on a 70-yard jaunt with just less than five minutes to play and Hinojosa capped things off with his 2-

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'Fish stories' don't apply to one's age

Late winter and early spring is the time when many fishermen get the urge to hit the road for a favorite fishing hole, and the year 1993 wasn't any different for me.

It was unusually warm late that winter, and my Dad, brothers Charlie and Crockett, along with brother-in-law Bennie Blissard, met for a carp fishing trip to Lake Nasworthy.



Boyce Hale
Outdoors

This lake is located about 10 minutes from downtown San Angelo on Knickerbocker Road.

After arriving we decided to fish in the basin immediately behind the dam. Using dough ball from my mother-in-law Wilma Fisher's formula, we fished more than three hours without catching a fish.

"I thought carp always bit," I said to Dad. To which he replied, "I believe there is too much wind."

The wind had already whipped clouds of dust, so I suggested that we move to another location.

Everyone agreed that we should find a more sheltered cove if possible. So while reeling in our lines, a game warden approached.

"Good morning fellows - catching anything?" he asked.

Dad replied, "No, the boys haven't caught a thing." Implying that he wasn't fishing because he did not have a license.

"May I see your fishing licenses?" the game man asked. "Sure, sure," we answered in a chorus.

While checking my license, he turned to Dad and asked him if he was over 65.

"Not yet," was his answer. Before checking Dad, the warden turned to Bennie and asked, "Your license please."

While Bennie was thumbing through his billfold, the warden again asked Dad, "You sure you're not over 65?"

Because Dad didn't answer him, he turned to Bennie again and asked if he found his license.

Bennie couldn't come up with a license, so the warden started writing him a citation. While doing so, once more he turned to Dad and said, "You know that if you are 65, you don't need a fishing license, don't you?"

Kind of peeved, Dad said, "I told you once I'm not 65, so go ahead and give me a ticket." He then gave the warden his driver's license.

"Hang on a minute," replied the warden as he finished Bennie's citation. "It'll be right with you."

Finishing with Bennie, the warden took Dad's license, and, after checking it said, "You know Mr. Hale, I would have accepted your word."

Dad probably would have fibbed a little about the size of a fish, but he would not do so in a matter of this nature.

On that day, he was 64 years and nine months old.

Steer netters post 'doughnut' win over Fort Stockton

HERALD Staff Report

A doughnut ... not something you dunk in your coffee, but every bit as satisfying if you're Ralph Davis or any of the youngsters on Big Spring's Steers tennis team.

The doughnut, in this case, is the zero in Big Spring's 18 matches to none win over Fort Stockton in District 4-4A team tennis play.

"That was our first doughnut of the year and considering that we had to shuffle our lineup quite a bit, that's really something," Davis said, noting that Monica Villarreal, the Steers' top girls' singles player and co-captain was playing in a USTA super majors zone tournament in Fort Worth and could not accompany her teammates Saturday and

that No. 2 boys' singles player Drew McKimney became ill on the trip to Fort Stockton and was unable to play.

"With them not available, we had to juggle four different entries ... not just their singles matches, but their doubles as well," Davis explained.

Not only was it the Steers' first "doughnut" of the year, but also marked the first district varsity match wins for Brent Schroder and Zach Smiley, who were pressed into action when McKimney became ill.

Smiley was inserted as the No. 6 boys' singles entry and took a 6-2, 6-0 win over Fort Stockton's Lando Yarez. Schroder was teamed with Kayne Stroup in the No. 3 boys' doubles match, and they took a 6-1, 6-2 win over the Panther tandem of Johnny Burgess and Brad Coronado.

With Villarreal gone, Kim Dominguez moved into the No. 1 girls' singles slot Saturday and took a 6-3, 6-1 win over Nicole Holguin.

In other girls' singles matches, YuChing Li took a 6-1, 6-1 win over Alynna Marquez; Stephanie Lewis was a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Pam Tavarez; Christina Vera defeated Diana Falcon, 6-1, 6-3; Kylee Welch was a 6-4, 6-0 winner over Sabrina Ruiz; and Meredith Tissue took a 6-4, 7-6 win over Kristi Lawson in what would be the day's most contested match.

In boys' singles, No. 1 Hsiao-Hsuan Li took a 6-0, 6-3 win over P.J. Haney, while Stroup took out Fort Stockton's No. 2 player, Luke Epps, with a 6-1, 6-1 thrashing.

Jeff Castle was a 6-4, 6-3 winner over John Wayne Bailey in the No. 3 match,

while Devon Swafford took a 6-0, 6-2 win over Chris Yarbrough and Sterling Hillman was a 6-2, 6-1 winner over Burgess.

Li and Swafford had no trouble in taking the No. 1 boys' doubles win over Haney and Epps, posting a 6-0, 6-2 decision. Castle and Hillman took a 6-4, 6-1 win over the No. 2 Fort Stockton team of Bailey and Yarbrough.

And in girls' doubles, Li and Dominguez raced to a 6-1, 6-0 win over the Panthers' No. 1 tandem of Holguin and Marquez; Lewis and Vera were 6-2, 6-1 winners over Tavarez and Falcon; and Welch and Tissue defeated Ruiz and Lawson by a 6-2, 6-4 score.

The Steers netters will continue 4-4A action Saturday when they post Pecos at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Aggies let up a little in 66-0 rout; Nebraska upsets Huskies

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas A&M Coach R.C. Slocum thought his Aggies slumped a little in the second half against Southwestern Louisiana.

It could have been exhaustion from piling up a 45-0 halftime lead as the Aggies went on to beat the Ragin' Cajuns 66-0 on Saturday, to avenging an upset loss of last year.

"I was pleased we came out in the first half and executed well," he said. "I thought we lost a little bit of our focus in the second half, but overall I was pleased."

Texas A&M (2-0) was ready this time for the Cajuns, who used eight Aggie turnovers in a 29-22 upset last season in Lafayette, La.

Brandon Stewart passed for two touchdowns and ran for two and Dante Hall returned a punt 70 yards.

The Aggies, who haven't allowed a touchdown in two games, left no doubt, scoring on seven of nine first-half possessions for a 45-0 halftime lead. It was Texas A&M's biggest victory margin since a 73-0 thumping of Missouri in 1993.

USL's Brandon Stokley caught five passes for 60 yards and became the school's all-time leading receiver with 176 career catches, breaking the record of 172 by Wayne Butler (1989-1992).

But he injured his left knee on an incomplete pass late in the second quarter. The news on his condition after the game was not good.

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"They told me I probably tore my ACL (anterior cruciate ligament), so I probably won't be playing any more this season," Stokley said.

USL played without injured quarterback Barton Folse, sidelined with a broken finger. His backup, Brian Soignier left the game in the second quarter with a bruised knee and Lance Domec finished the game.

Stewart, who threw four interceptions to the Cajuns last season, got the rout started with a 1-yard dive with 11:36 to go in the first quarter. Hall had a 1-yard touchdown run, Stewart hit Chris Cole with a 41-yard touchdown pass and Kyle Bryant kicked a 42-yard field goal to complete the first quarter.

Hall's second career punt return for a touchdown highlighted the second quarter with 7:15 left in the period. Hall had a 69-yarder last season against Iowa State.

Florida 33 Tennessee 20

Doug Johnson threw for three touchdowns and safety Tony George picked off one of Peyton Manning's many hurried passes and returned it 89 yards for a touchdown as No. 3 Florida continued its dominance over No. 4 Tennessee with a 33-20 victory on Saturday.

The Gators, playing before a raucous record crowd of 85,714

at Florida Field, beat the Volunteers for the fifth straight time and improved their record at "The Swamp" to 44-2 under coach Steve Spurrier.

Johnson, making his third start, handled the pressure of a big-game situation just like his predecessor, Danny Wuerffel. Johnson, a 6-foot-2, 212-pound sophomore, completed 14-of-32 passes for 261 yards, with two of his TDs coming in the first half as the Gators built a 20-7 lead.

He led them on two second-half drives that resulted in field goals of 37 and 42 yards by Collins Cooper before hooking up with Taras Ross on a 30-yard TD pass with 6:33 left that put the Gators ahead 33-14.

In the first half, Johnson had TD passes of 11 yards to Jamie Richardson and 19 yards to Jacques Green, who had eight catches for 185 yards. Fred Taylor chipped in with 134 yards, including 111 in the third quarter.

Manning, meanwhile, was on the run all day, finishing 29-of-51 for 353 yards, with three touchdowns and two interceptions. He was sacked twice (George had one), fumbled twice (the Vols recovered both), knocked to ground at least a dozen times while passing and hurried on nearly two dozen occasions.

But it was George's interception with 16 seconds left in the first quarter that helped put the Gators (3-0, 1-0 SEC) in a familiar spot — in control of the SEC East and still alive for a second straight national title.

And once again, the Vols (2-1, 0-1 SEC) are looking up at the Gators, knowing their title chances have vanished before the end of September. Coach Philip Fulmer is 45-10 at Tennessee, with five of the losses against Florida.

Florida St. 35 Clemson 28

Peter Warrick scored three long touchdowns, including a Deion Sanders-style 90-yard punt return, as fifth-ranked Florida State squeezed past No. 16 Clemson 35-28 Saturday and gave Bobby Bowden his 200th win as Seminoles coach.

The Seminoles (3-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 21-17 a minute into the fourth quarter when Warrick chased a punt deep over his shoulder, slithered right and broke free for the first Death Valley return since Neon Deion did it for Florida State in a 1988 victory.

After Clemson's injured quarterback, Nealon Greene, connected for a 17-yard touchdown pass with Brian Wofford — and made a 2-point conversion to cut Florida State's lead to 28-25 — Warrick zipped down the

right sidelines for an 80-yard touchdown catch to restore the double-digit lead.

Nebraska 27 Washington 14

Nebraska's fans booed Scott Frost in Lincoln last week. On Saturday, the few thousand fans wearing red in the sellout crowd of 74,023 wildly cheered the Cornhuskers' quarterback at Husky Stadium.

Frost scored on runs of 34 and 30 yards in the first quarter as the No. 7 Huskers, underdogs for the first time in four years, beat No. 2 Washington 27-14.

Ohio St. 28 Arizona 20

Andy Katzenmoyer picked off a shovel pass and returned it 20 yards as ninth-ranked Ohio State scored 14 points in 14 seconds of the second quarter on the way to a 28-20 victory over Arizona on Saturday.

Ohio State, 3-0 for the seventh year in a row, had to recover an onside kick and pick up a first down on a third-down running play with 1:30 left to lock up the victory.

LOSS

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run by Melanie Flenniken and a four-point service run by Juanita Valdez.

Unable to maintain control, the Lady Steers saw Fort Stockton tie the score at 10-10, took the lead 11-10, saw the scored tied again at 11 then fell behind for good.

"We were too busy playing defense in that first game," Pierce admitted. "We didn't have time to play offense and we didn't pass the ball well."

In game two, the Lady Steers played the offense that Pierce had been unable to find in game one.

Valdez served seven straight points to open the game with big hits coming from Honey Belew and McWherter while McWherter and Jessica Cobos teamed up for a pair of strong plays at the net.

A pair of sides out put the ball in Belew's hands for two quick points to make the score 9-0 at that point and Fort Stockton never challenged the Lady Steers.

As they had in game one, the

Lady Steers fell behind to open the last game as Espino sent home three well-placed spikes to help the Prowlers open a 4-0 lead.

Big Spring battled back, however, regaining the serve for Mandi Lance after a Keesha Lott spike. Lance served five straight points to give the Lady Steers a 6-5 lead before the teams traded sides out again.

The lead saw-sawed back and forth after that, with the scored tied at 6-6, 7-7, 9-9, 10-10, 11-11 and 12-12 before the game slipped through the Lady Steers' fingers.

An Espino block at the net made the score 14-12 before Big Spring pulled to within one at 14-13 when McWherter tipped the ball past an attempted block by Espino.


On the next serve, it was Espino's turn to return the favor, setting up the game-winner when she blocked a spike at the net to make the score 15-13.

The loss puzzled Pierce.

"If it's there in one (game), it should be there in the other," she said, almost as if she was asking a question. "They didn't change people ... we didn't change people ... they played the same people all three games ... we played the same three ... it doesn't make sense."

Big Spring now plays host to Sweetwater Tuesday night in Steer Gym. Sweetwater was a 15-12, 15-4 loser at home Saturday to Pecos. In District 4-4A's only other match Saturday, San Angelo Lake View lost 15-11, 15-12 to Andrews.

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Sunday, September 21, 1997

Best FRIENDS

Dogs deserve our affection, but require our respect

Pet's attack shocks local teen

Only recently has Jenny Williamson begun to feel safe around a dog again.

The Forsan High School student was attacked by a labrador-chow mix in June at the home of her fiancé. Although the dog, which was put to sleep after the attack, had been around Williamson before, its sudden aggression was a shock, she said.

"The dog was sometimes real jealous of people inside the house," she said. "But this one time, he came up to me."

When her fiancé began petting the animal, it attacked Williamson, causing three lacerations to her head. She received about 70 stitches.

"The only thing we could think was that he was jealous," Williamson said. The attack was particularly devastating to Williamson, who has always liked animals.

"When it first happened," she said, "I was petrified of all dogs. Now, I'm still afraid of bigger dogs if I don't know them."

Williamson said she has had a labrador for several years, and is still comfortable around that dog.

"My dog, I think she sensed that I was afraid. But we're very close and she acted real calm around me. That helped me."

Williamson's story is not that unusual. In fact, CNN recently reported that in the U.S., someone goes to the doctor for a dog bite every 40 seconds. The same report said 306 people have died of dog bites since the mid-1970s.

Because of their size, children are most often the victims of dog aggression, and experts said although not all dog bites can be prevented, there are steps that can be taken to minimize such problems.

The American Dog Owners Association, and the Big Spring Kennel Club, are observing National Dog Week beginning today. The local group is using this week to call attention to the need for safety around dogs, and responsible ownership.

"We want people to make appropriate decisions when they choose the type of dog they get for their family," said Carole Owen of the Kennel Club.

She said her preferred dog breed, Scottish Terriers and terriers in general, have a strong chase instinct that — if a family is not aware — might cause problems around very small children.

For those wanting to purchase a dog, Owen recommends contacting the national breed clubs. Howard County library also has a videotape, donated by the Kennel Club, that gives information about choosing the most suitable breed.

Although anyone could be the victim of aggressive dog behavior, children are especially vulnerable, partly because of their size. A child who is at the dog's eye level is not seen as dominant by the dog, according to experts.

Here are some tips for children, and adults, for proper behavior around dogs to prevent problems:

•Approach dogs slowly, and request permission of the owner before petting a strange dog.

•Don't bother a dog's food or toys.

•Families should select a dog breed for its suitability around children. The local Kennel Club, which sponsors a breeder referral service, can offer help with this.

•Adults should supervise children around dogs.

•If possible, use a puppy behavior test to check the temperament of your new pet.

•Put your dog through obedience training, so that it can more easily be controlled.

•Control your dog with a leash when walking outside the yard. Otherwise, keep it in a secure, enclosed area.

•Have your animals vaccinated and keep the records of those shots available in case of a bite.

•Spay or neuter your dog. It will not only prevent unwanted puppies, but as a general rule, a neutered animal is not as aggressive.

If you are attacked or challenged by a dog:

•Stop, turn sideways from dog and don't look him in the eye.

•Try to control him by sternly saying, "No!" "Down!"

•If you have something in your hand, put it between you and the dog.

•Do not freeze, back away slowly. A trained guard dog will intensify his challenge until you stop.

•Talk to the dog while retreating in a low, calming tone.

•If you have a child with you, keep him behind you.

•If the dog leaps at you, cover your face and neck with the back of your hands and arms. Don't turn back or scream. Try to bring a knee into the dog's chest.

•If knocked down, curl into a fetal position, be quiet and still.

•If bitten, wash with soap and water, seek medical attention.

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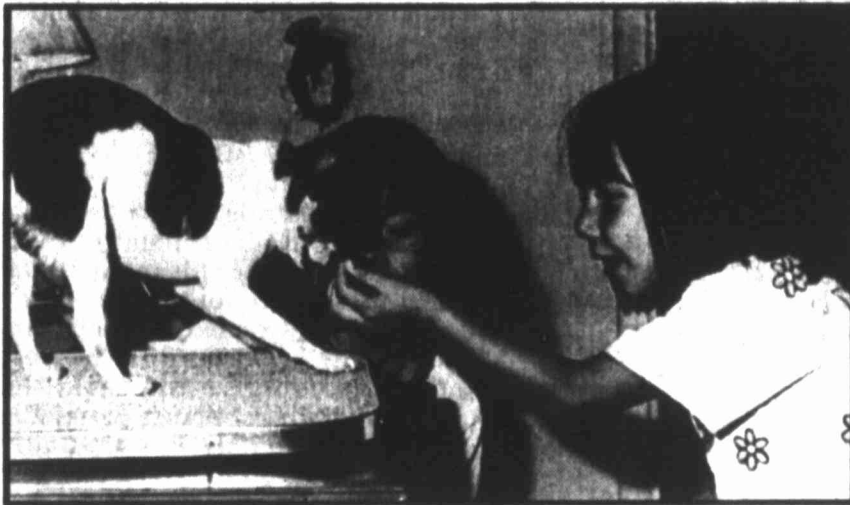
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In the photo above, the Emerson boys, from left, Nicholas, Tony and Alex, have a best friend in Oliver. At left, Tony gives Oliver a pat while working on his homework. At right, Gina Rodriguez, 9, cuddles a puppy owned by her grandmother Hazel Baker. Below, Hilary Rodriguez, 5, gives a treat to one of her grandmother's dogs under the watchful eyes of her sister.

Photos by Jonathan Garrett
Stories by Debbie L. Jensen



Get along, little doggie ...

Lisa Emerson and Hazel Baker have something in common — their devotion to the family dog.

Emerson, who owns a mixed-breed dog adopted from the Big Spring Humane Society, and Baker, a Coahoma breeder of Chihuahuas — have each been offered \$1,000 for their canine pet.

Both declined.

Baker was offered \$1,000 for a favorite of her many Chihuahuas, and she refused, even though she sells other dogs regularly. Emerson was offered the loot for Oliver, the pet of her three young sons.

Another thing Emerson and Baker have in common is that their dogs spend plenty of time around children. And they get along fine.

Baker is a member of the Big Spring Kennel Club, which is observing National Dog Week beginning today by spreading the word about responsible dog ownership.

Carole Owen of the club said she wants to highlight safe interaction between dogs and children.

"Anybody who has little children especially," said Owen, "should understand that dogs are animals, that follow their instincts. Parents can choose the right breed for them, or may even delay getting the dog."

"If they do get a dog when their children are little, people should supervise the pet and the child."

Owen said some dog breeds get a bad reputation for aggression when they are just following their natural instincts.

Emerson said Oliver, who plays with Nicholas, 2, Alex, 6, and Tony, 10, has never shown anger to the boys.

"(They) will aggravate him, I know," she said. "But Oliver will never growl or snap."

Baker said her grandchildren spend a lot of time around her dogs, and even help to make the puppies better pets.

"I invite a lot of children to be around my dogs," she said. Baker is doing a presentation for a Coahoma kindergarten class this week.

She described Chihuahuas as "Dobermans in a small size," and admitted they might rarely snap if angered.

But she said she believes any dog, if not socialized and trained to behave, might become aggressive.

"If you leave a dog at home alone all the time, and don't expose it to people," said Baker, "you're going to have problems with it."

At right, Oliver finds a quiet spot to rest when he gets tired of rough-housing with the kids in the Emerson family.



At right, Baker shows off three Chihuahuas from the latest litter.



Hazel Baker brushes the teeth of a show dog, "Brown Bagger." He gets his teeth brushed nightly.

WEDDINGS

ROSS-SCHNEIDER

Deana Alaine Ross, Abilene, and Christopher Mack Schneider, Coahoma, were united in marriage on Sept. 6, 1997, at Central Church of Christ in Abilene with Rev. Jim Fields, of Sand Springs First Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Reggie and Kelley Ross, Abilene, and Teresa and Alan Vail, Rosenberg.

He is the son of Mack and Sheryl Schneider, Coahoma.

The couple stood before an archway covered in peach colored roses, baby's breath and ivy.

Mack and Sheryl Schneider, Connie and Roy Carter, Scott Robinson, Derrick and Kirk Ross, Becki, Shawna and Kasey Robinson, were the vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown gathered at the waist with a full skirt and a long train. Lace covered the sleeves, bodice and back.

She carried a bouquet of peach colored roses with baby's breath, ivy and eucalyptus, hunter green and peach ribbon and lace.

Maid of honor was Megan Ross, sister of the bride, Abilene.

Bridesmaids were Andi Schneider, sister of the groom, Krissi Hayes, cousin of the bride, both of Coahoma, and Amanda Teichelman, Abilene.

Jackie Swatzell, cousin of the groom, San Angelo, was the flower girl, and ring bearer was Chase Petty, cousin of the bride, Red Oak.

Josh Hord, Dallas, was the best man.

Jimmy Low, Big Spring, Wes Rowell, Coahoma, and Brady Cobb, Midland, served as groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER MACK SCHNEIDER

William Tucker, cousin of the groom, Tony Tucker, cousin of the groom, both of Coahoma, and Shaun Carter, cousin of the groom, San Angelo.

Rachael Ross and Daniell Robinson, cousins of the bride, were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of Dusty Rhodes in Abilene.

The bride's cake was a three tiered angel food cake decorated with peach roses and ribbons. The table was covered with peach lace and punch was served from a two tiered fountain.

The groom's table was decorated with Star Wars memorabilia and featured a chocolate Star Wars cake.

The bride is a graduate of Abilene High School and is employed by Sally's Beauty Supply.

The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School, Howard College and Hardin Simmons University. He is employed by Auto Zone in San Angelo.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in San Angelo.

Stillwell's life was colorful, true tale

Hallie Stillwell passed away in the latter half of August 1997 just shortly before her 100th birthday.

Many of you readers may be familiar with her life history, but my guess is that many more of you have never heard of the name.



Myrtle Griffith
Columnist

Who was she? A talented Texas pioneer, teacher, housewife, mother, ranch hand, author, lecturer, restaurant manager, justice of the peace, news reporter to name a few of her many accomplishments. I'd like to dedicate this month's column in honor of her memory and all the other courageous pioneer women who helped to make Texas the great state that it is.

But let me tell you a little bit about her life. I'm sure you will agree that a tribute to her memory is appropriate and interesting.

She was born in Waco in 1897, and was raised to be a proper lady. This was not a background suitable to the life

she later lived in the rugged Rio Grande area. In 1916 she taught school in Presidio. She was 19 years old at the time. This was a dangerous place for a young woman. Poncho Villa had taken over Ojinago, Mexico, just across the river. She carried a pistol hidden in her skirts at all times. She had learned to shoot it with accuracy.

Incidentally she took this job much against her father's wishes, but they could use the extra money at the time.

I met and talked with Hallie at the Stillwell ranch and R.V. park in 1992. She was 94 at that time, as bright and active as a woman half her age. My visit with her was a pleasure and an honor. I had previously read her book "I'll Gather My Geese," which is more or less a biography of her colorful life as a ranch woman.

In 1918, she married Roy Stillwell, a rancher with holdings on both sides of the river. Due to her tender upbringing she was ill equipped for the rugged life of a ranch wife, but was a fast learner, and within six months had gained the respect of the cowhands. She learned to ride, shoot a rifle and shotgun, wear spurs, men's pants and work as well and as much as any cowboy.

At first they had only a one

room home. Roy once told her, "There's a loaded rifle in each corner of this house, if need arises get the nearest one, and shoot to kill, not to frighten."

Remember this was a lawless, rough country. They had troubles with outlaws, cattle rustlers, and bandits from Mexico. Roy had to rule his ranch with an iron hand.

During her ranch career she hunted down a marauding mountain lion and killed him. She also shot a black bear. In addition to her ranch duties and other activities she gave birth to three children, two boys and a girl. In later years Roy was killed in a tragic ranch truck accident and Hallie was left to carry on and keep the ranch going, which she did with great courage and determination.

When we were at the Stillwell ranch in 1992, Hallie left, accompanied by her daughter, on a lecture tour to El Paso, Dallas and several other cities. Just as they got into the car she remarked, "I'm glad to get started. I can rest now, and I can't do that here." I think she is the only person I have ever known who thought a tour of that kind a place to rest. Connected with the tour she was inducted into the cowgirl hall of fame. Remember she was 94 at this time.

Also at some time, I'm not sure just when, the cattle business became non-profit and they had turned to the tourist trade. They built a supply store, established a small RV park, opened some areas of the ranch for primitive camping and built a small museum, called Hallie's Museum, with numerous collectibles pertaining to her life. They offered fishing, rock hunting and guided jeep tours through the Maravillas Canyon. The jeep trip and museum is worth the drive down there. It gets too hot in summer to do these things, however. The location is 46 miles southeast of Marathon on FM 2627 off Highway 385.

Hallie and her granddaughter wrote another book which will be, or has been published. I'm eager to read it.

Hallie's book title was inspired by her father when he told her upon learning she was going to teach school in Presidio that she was "going on a wild goose chase," and she replied, "Then I'll gather my geese." She told us when we were there that the other book would be called, "My Goose is Cooked."

If you ever plan to go down there, it might pay to call the ranch first. We hope to go again sometime!

Conflict over baby's name is sign of big trouble ahead

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Sad Mom-to-Be," whose husband insists on naming their firstborn son after both his grandfathers, missed the point completely. The problem is not that Mom and her husband can't agree on a name; the problem is that her selfish, inconsiderate husband has decided he doesn't feel like

secondhand, but somehow I seriously doubt that the man is flexible on many things at all. He seems pretty much like a control freak. Unless the situation is far different than pictured, I'm afraid that "Sad Mom-to-Be" is in for a long and difficult road. — VICTOR H. JUNG, M.D., YUBA CITY, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Please inform "Sad Mom-to-Be," who thinks she has no say in naming her firstborn child, about a fact of life of which she may not be aware. In most, if not all, places in the United States, the mother fills out the birth certificate, and signs it.

So cheer up, honey. You have the tactical advantage in getting your authoritarian husband back to the bargaining table to reach a compromise you can both live with. — EVELYN WALZER, HUDSON, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Sad Mom-to-Be," who was upset that her husband insists on naming their new baby after his two grandfathers. You forgot one very important remedy to their situation — two middle names. They can give the child the grandfathers' names as middle names, and select a mutually agreeable first name. The best example I can think of for this is: George Herbert Walker Bush. — JANET BEHNING, MESQUITE, TEXAS

DEAR JANET: Now, why didn't I think of that!

As much as I would have liked to print more of the fascinating responses I received on this subject, space limitations doot permit it.

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Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

being flexible on an issue that his wife considers very important. What a cruel way to treat a pregnant wife!

I have shared this bitter experience, Abby. My now ex-husband also insisted on naming our baby for his relatives, and I foolishly gave in. What I failed to understand at the time was that my husband's controlling, domineering behavior masked his underlying hostility toward me.

In the years after our baby was born, his mistreatment of me turned physical, and I had to get a court order to force him out of our home. (By the way, the relative for whom my son is named all but abandoned the child after our divorce.) My son is now stuck with a name that means nothing to him. What a shame. — BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR BEEN THERE: You are not the only reader who disagreed with my answer to "Sad Mom-to-Be." I have received a mountain of mail from men and women who were appalled by the husband's attitude. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am frankly astounded at the attitude of the husband — and I say this as a husband and father, not as a fellow mom-to-be. Of course, we're getting the information

Nature is latest front in cancer battle

By MEREDITH RAINE
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — As the owner of a Corpus Christi health store, Connie Lane regularly sees the desperation cancer can cause.

Patients come in with clippings from newspapers and medical journals touting what scientists think might be ammunition for the fight against cancer.

"Most of the time, they are searching for a backup to the conventional treatments for cancer," said Lane, who operates the Herb Kitchen, 4942 Everhart Road. "I think it reassures them and gives them hope that they'll get better." Similar pursuits outside the realm of traditional medicine for protection against cancer are gaining popularity in the medical community.

In recent years, many scientists have begun to turn their focus from research into cancer treatments and are studying herbs, foods and vitamins that may contain cancer-fighting elements. Their hope is that the perfect product for preventing cancer is already in the kitchen pantry waiting to be discovered.

"Therapy hasn't been as successful as everyone hoped it would be, and we are finding out that prevention may be a much more fruitful way to beat cancer," said Dr. Michael J. Wargovich, a chemoprevention researcher at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Onions, garlic, soy, citrus fruits, wheat bran and tea leaves are among some of the dishes on the smorgasbord of research being conducted in the United States.

At M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, researchers have begun the first human trials in the United States to study green tea as a cancer-fighting agent.

"There is tremendous interest right now in using natural substances to treat and prevent

disease," said Dr. Waun Ki Hong, chairman of the Department of Thoracic, Head and Neck Medical Oncology at M.D. Anderson.

"Green tea has been shown to inhibit many kinds of cancer in laboratory and population-based studies in Japan, and since it appears to have very few side effects, it has tremendous potential for widespread use," Hong said.

Dr. Katherine Pisters, the principal investigator of the study, said she hopes findings from the study will validate beliefs that green tea may prevent cancer or shrink tumors.

"In Japan, what studies have shown is that people who consume more than 10 cups of green tea a day have a lower incidence of all types of cancers or developed it late in life," Pisters said.

The first phase of the research will determine how much green tea extract a cancer patient can take before experiencing significant side effects, she said. Then they will see if green tea can prevent cancer in patients who are at high risk for developing the disease.

"Right now there is a lot of interest in diet and its relation to cancer," Pisters said. "Hopefully in the next year we'll be able to shed some light on what we've learned in this area."

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GETTING ENGAGED



Jeannie Rachel, Hobbs, N.M., and Kyle Carroll, Midland, will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 27, 1997, at American Baptist Church, Hobbs, N.M., with Chris Barnett, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of John and Kathy Rachel, Hobbs, N.M. He is the son of Jarrell and Betty Carroll, Big Spring, and Pam Carroll, Midland.

STORK CLUB

Rayna Marlene Rodriguez, girl, Aug. 19, 1997, 1:25 p.m., seven pounds 13 ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Charlie V. and Marlene F. Rodriguez, Jr.

Grandparents are the late Andres M. and the late Leona Rodriguez, and Charlie V. and Hope Rodriguez, Sr., Big Spring.

IN THE MILITARY

Army Sgt. 1st Class Eric A. Fisher has arrived for duty in Amarillo.

Fisher is a station commander assigned to the Amarillo Recruiting Station.

He is the son of Joseph M. Fisher, Des Moines, Iowa, and Cleonia Burger, Big Spring.

The sergeant is a 1978 graduate of Saydec High School, Des Moines, Iowa.

Air Force Cadet Rawley M. Mims has been placed on the Dean's List at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., for academic excellence with a 3.0 or better grade point average at the end of the semester.

Mimms is the son of Rickey D. and Brenda E. Mims, Stanton.

He is a 1995 graduate of Grady High School, Lenora.

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Ross



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT S. ROSS, THEN AND NOW

Robert S. and Margarita Ross celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 20, 1997, at the home their daughter in Eules. The dinner was hosted by Robert S. Ross, Jr., Irma Chavez, and Yolanda Murray and their families.

He was born in Del Rio, and she was born in Coahoma as Margarita Carrillo. They met in 1947 at a picnic in Big Spring. They were married on Sept. 20, 1947, at Sacred Heart Church in Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have three children, Robert S. Ross, Jr., of Grand Prairie, Irma Chavez of Big Spring, and Yolanda Murray of Eules. They also have eight grandchildren. They have lived in Big Spring during their entire marriage.

He is semi-retired, working in the lab at Malone & Hogan Clinic part time. He worked at Cowper Clinic for 37 years and at the VA Hospital. Margarita is a housewife. They are affiliated with Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Robert was a musician for 25 years, and Margarita enjoys knitting, sewing, and spending time with family.

This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage, "We've been happy, have comprehended each other."

Fuller

Mattie and Holbert Fuller will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 27, 1997, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the 14th & Main Church of Christ with an open house; friends and relatives welcome. The event will be hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wegner, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott, and Laverne Coates.



MR. AND MRS. HOLBERT FULLER

He was born in Quitman (Wood County), and she was born as Mattie Buckalew in Shepherd (San Jacinto County). They met in Colorado City when Holbert would drive by Mattie's house when he would pull cotton in his "stripped down to the gas tank" Model T Ford. He would invite her to ride with him but she always refused. When he got his 1926 Model T-Ford, she was ready to go. That's when the courtship began. They were married Sept. 27, 1927, in the home of Brother Elliot, the preacher, in Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have four children, Sherry Wegner of Big Spring, Don Fuller of Garland, Laverne Coates of Marshall, and Joann Scott of Odessa. They also have 18

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

LUNCH
MONDAY - Charbroiled steak; macaroni salad; potatoes; broccoli; milk/rolls; fruit.
TUESDAY - Chicken; potatoes; broccoli; fruit; milk/rolls; pudding.
WEDNESDAY - Fish; rice; spinach; coleslaw; milk/rolls; fruited gelatin.
THURSDAY - Chicken salad sandwich; soup; lettuce; tomatoes; milk/bread; cake.
FRIDAY - Roast; potatoes; carrots; salad; milk/rolls; fruit.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL

LUNCH
ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; whipped potatoes; glazed carrots; pear halves; hot roll milk.
TUESDAY - Deli sandwich; potato rounds; lettuce & tomatoes; mixed fruit; raspberry jello; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito; corn; pinto beans; salsa; orange wedges; milk.
THURSDAY - Chili dog; potato wedges; carrot sticks; cherry freeze cup; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger; salad; french fries; western style beans; lemon pie; milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOL

LUNCH
MONDAY - Veal cutlets; cream potatoes; green beans; fruit cup; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Chef salad; baked potato; cheese; sour cream; Jello with pineapple tidbits; Saltine crackers; and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef tacos; cheese; lettuce; tomato; taco sauce; pinto beans; wacky cake; taco shells; and milk.
THURSDAY - Pot pie; tossed salad; black-eyed peas; pear halves; milk.
FRIDAY - Ham and cheese; sandwiches; corn chips; pickle spears; oranges; apples; sandwich bread; and milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburgers; lettuce; tomatoes; pickles; french fries; wacky cake; milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken strips; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; jello; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Frito pie; cheese; pinto beans; salad; cornbread; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Bar-be-que ribs; potato salad; ranch style beans; cobbler; hot rolls; milk.
FRIDAY - Fiestados; salad; corn on cob w/butter; fruit; milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

LUNCH
MONDAY - Soft burritos; Ranch Style Beans; cheese/salad; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; spinach; oatmeal cookies/fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hot dogs; pork & beans; chips; salad/relish/onion; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Roast beef sandwich; French fries; salad; ice cream; milk.
FRIDAY - Braised beef tips; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; jello with fruit; milk.

COAHOMA

LUNCH
MONDAY - Salisbury steak, brown gravy, macaroni and cheese, green beans, milk, fruit, pullapart bread.
TUESDAY - Chicken tenders with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, hot rolls, Jell-o w/fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Enchiladas, ranch style beans, Spanish rice, cherry cobbler, crackers, milk.
THURSDAY - Pizza; French fries; salad; milk; (Teachers only) - chef salad or baked potato.
FRIDAY - Hamburgers, fried, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, milk, freeze bars.

GRADY SCHOOLS

LUNCH
MONDAY - Tacos; beans; fruit; dessert; milk.
TUESDAY - Corn dogs; tater tots; fruit; dessert; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Baked potatoes; peas; fruit; dessert; milk.
THURSDAY - Ham & cheese pockets; okra; fruit; dessert;

STANTON

LUNCH
MONDAY - Hot dot/chili or chicken nuggets; french fries; coleslaw; apple wedges; fruit drink or tea; milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti or baked ham; corn on cob; tossed salad; applesauce gelatin; french bread; fruit drink or tea; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Nacho grande or baked potato; refried beans; lettuce/tom salad; pineapple cup; cornbread; milk; fruit drink or tea.
THURSDAY - Baked fish or pigs in a blanket; macaroni & cheese; mixed vegetables; fruit gelatin; hot roll; milk; fruit juice or tea.
FRIDAY - Sub sandwich or grill cheese; potato rounds; sandwich salad; apple wedges; yogurt freeze; fruit drink or tea; milk.

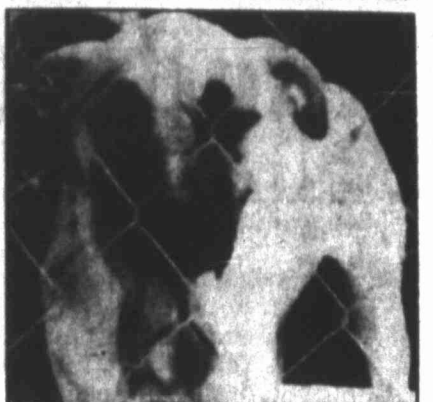
WESTBROOK

LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza; corn; tossed salad; pineapple tidbits; milk.
TUESDAY - Corndogs; mustard; pork & beans; potato wedges; cherry crunch; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oven fried chicken; creamed potatoes; green beans; sliced bread; pears; milk.
THURSDAY - Nachos; cheese; meat; pinto beans; peaches; cornbread; milk.
FRIDAY - Hotdogs; chili; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickles; French fries; chocolate chip cookies; milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL

LUNCH
MONDAY - Corn chip pie; Ranch Style Beans; salad; cheese; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Hot dogs; pork & beans; corn chips; jello fruit salad; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Taco bowl/meat and cheese; corn; salad; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Barbeque on bun; potato wedges; salad; pickle; milk.
FRIDAY - German sausage; pinto beans; potato salad; fruit; hot roll; milk.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Hercules" year old, tan male, Great Dane mix, large and playful, neutered.

"Ben" 2-year-old neutered large male Beagle.
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"Benjita" year old spayed, cream Terrier mix.
"Spot" 2-year-old neutered male, Dalmatian mix, very small.
"Girl" 2-year-old female Rottweiler mix, has all classic markings with a tail.
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"Red" Red chocolate lab, 2-years-old, spayed, female, very beautiful.

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WHO'S WHO

Alex Edgemon, playing "The Second Piano Concerto" by Sergio Rachmaninoff, won third place in the 13-17 year age group at the Permian Basin Fair and Expo Talent Show in Odessa, on Sept. 13. Alex is the son of Connie Edgemon. He is a third year piano student with Vicki McDowell of Big Spring and is a student at Rannels Junior High.

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'Rabbi' really should leave town

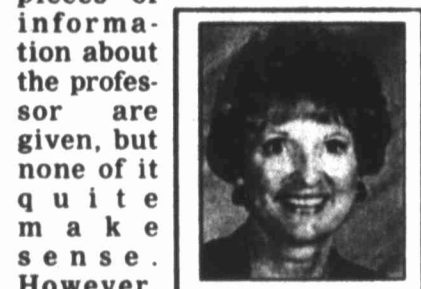
"The Day the Rabbi Left Town." Harry Kemelman. Ballantine Books, New York, New York. May, 1997. 263 pages. \$5.99.

After a series of "daily" events in the life of Rabbi Small, Harry Kemelman decided to take his continuing character into a new phase of life, and away from the synagogue. After being the primary teacher of the synagogue for the past 25 years, Rabbi Small feels it is time for him to move on to something new in his life.

He accepts the position of Professor of Judaic Studies at a small college in Boston. The Rabbi's job is to teach only one course, and to assist in the development of other courses that would be of interest to students. Kemelman writes very little about what goes on in the Rabbi's class and the students that are mentioned by name, never seem to have much to do with the major problem presented in the story.

As part of the college faculty, there is an incompetent, but well known, English professor who has received both power and tenure in his job because of his marriage. His wife was the daughter of the college's

major benefactor. As the story develops, little pieces of information about the professor are given, but none of it quite makes sense. However, in the middle of a major snow storm, the professor is found dead in a snowdrift on the lawn of the new Rabbi. Because of close personal relationships in the small town of Barnard's Crossing, everyone in the story seems to become involved in searching for the answer of how it could have happened.



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

And, of course, Rabbi Small offers sage advice to whoever asks or will listen. Kemelman's Rabbi Small needs to retire - and not just from the synagogue. The reader seems to be exposed frequently to the gentle arguing of the Rabbi and his wife, Miriam, about whether the

Rabbi should drive his car into the city, or if he drives which route he should take, or if he should take the bus. After haggling about whether the couple should stay in their house in Barnard's Crossing, and if they did, whether it would be a good thing to do with a new Rabbi in residence, and how the congregation would feel about it, the reader begins to not care what they decide.

It is much like being and eavesdropper in the home of someone who can't make a decision without it being a major occasion.

The mystery and solution of the professor's death seem incidental in the book to the many teachings, customs, and religious demands of Judaism that are written. While these are interesting facts and can make the reader more sensitive to other's beliefs and actions, so much of it seems out of place in a book that a buyer would pick up as a piece of entertainment.

Maybe the next book in the series will be when the Rabbi leaves and no one knows where he went!

Rating: (*) one out of four = Save your time and money!

NEWCOMERS

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

- David and Karen Dearick, daughter Ashley and sons Nichols and Chase, Odessa. He is employed by Axelson
- Lance and Sandra Sanders, Rogers, Ark. He works for Walmart.
- Reta La Rocque, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. She is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- Johnny and Joni Woodard, sons Tommy and Devin and daughter Anna, Mt. Sterling, Ky. He is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Jeff and Holly Meeks, Midland. He is self employed, and she is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- Brad and Tammy Rannels and daughter Whitney, Snyder. He is self employed.
- Tabitha Mills and daughters Tori and Breana, Lubbock. She works for Mountain View Lodge.
- Daltry and Mildred White, Odessa. They are retired.

Recipe Corner

This monthly feature runs the second Wednesday of each month in the life section. Submit recipes to Recipe Corner, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Or drop them by the Herald office, or fax to 264-7205. Include your name and phone number.

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Finding the ideal salesperson for a small business

By PAUL TULENKO
Scripps Howard News Service

The salesperson you hire to expand your business can either be the star that puts you over the top or the fizzle that puts you in the Dumpster.

Here are some guidelines to locate the star and avoid the fizzle:

Achievement:
Ask your potential salesperson: "What's the most exciting thing you've ever done?" The answer you're looking for must contain a large measure of "excitement of achievement." The answer may reference "closing the biggest sale of the year," or it may be "making the highest salary out of 10 salespeople" or something similar.

The key is excitement. If there's no sense of accomplish-

ment, no feeling of "I'm great!" or "Look what I did!" then you're talking with an individual who is not going anywhere and will take you along with them.

To be successful in sales, your applicant must exhibit a very high degree of excitement and be able to tie that excitement to an achievement.

Risk-taking:
Your best sales applicant will have had at least one major failure in his or her life; two is better. Look for someone who has met and conquered adversity. If your applicant started a business of their own and failed and they're back in there swinging for the home run once again, you have found a person who doesn't give up, someone who will bounce back to try again and again.

Look for the person who is

willing to step outside of their comfort zone and take a risk. With that kind of history, you can be assured that minor (or major) setbacks won't discourage the person from getting up, brushing themselves off and starting all over again. You need that.

Motivation:
The best applicant is driven by a sense of achievement (and money, but we'll talk about that later). You are looking for someone who achieves first, then enjoys the money and other perks that come along with that achievement. You want a person that has a burning desire to win the top prize ... to whom second-best is not acceptable.

What you are listening for is a passion for winning, and winning big. Along with that you must listen for the satisfaction

of how they spent the rewards for winning, and the telling should be accompanied by a sense of excitement.

For example, your applicant might tell you of winning the company's expenses-paid Florida trip along with the golf, shows and other perks of the win. He or she should be able to pass on that feeling of excitement of accomplishment and the sense of achievement of being a winner.

Rewards:
As we said earlier, look for a salesperson who is driven by money as well as achievement; and not promises of money in the future, but money right now! The best salespeople want instant recognition in the form of high commissions for high performance, and a bonus at the end of the month or every

other month for outstanding sales.

These are the goals of the high achiever, what he or she is willing to work for. Promises of rewards in the future are fine if large enough (the Florida trip, for example), but the true achiever wants instant money for instant performance.

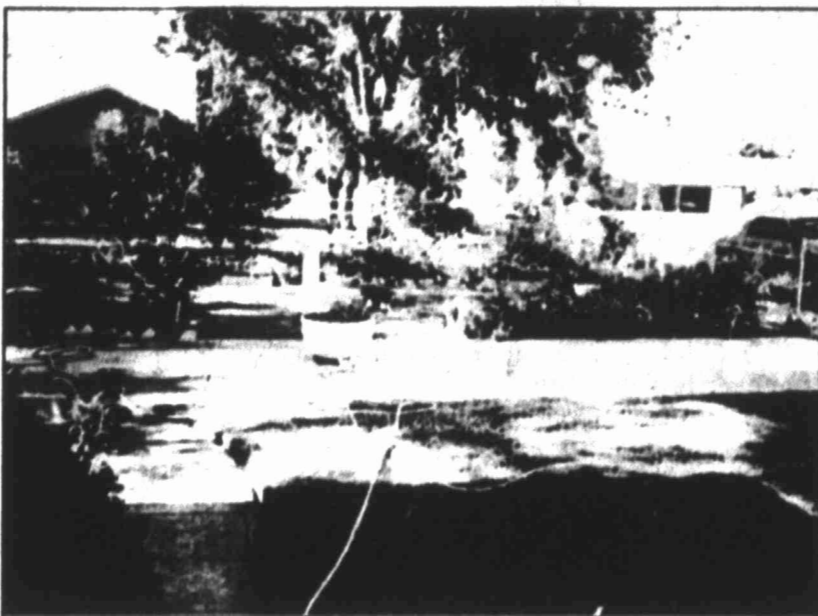
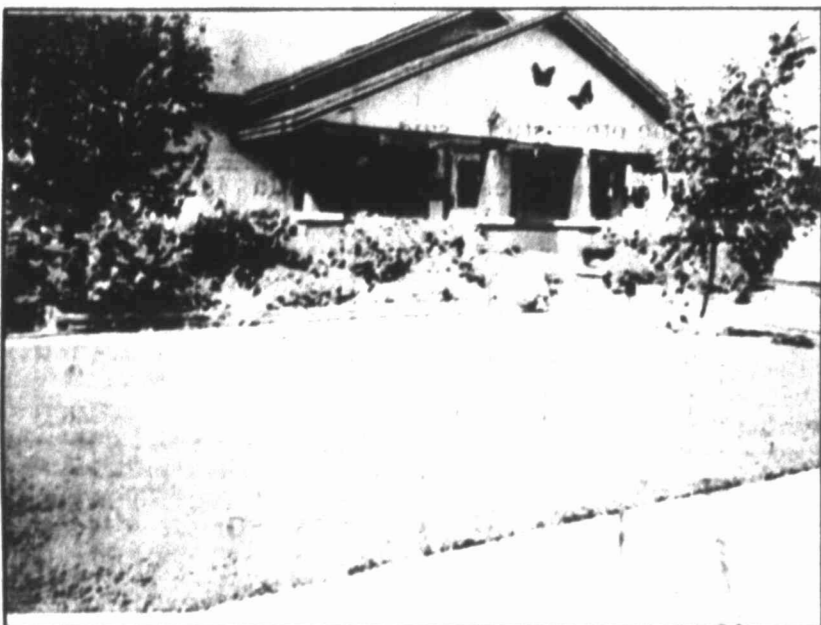
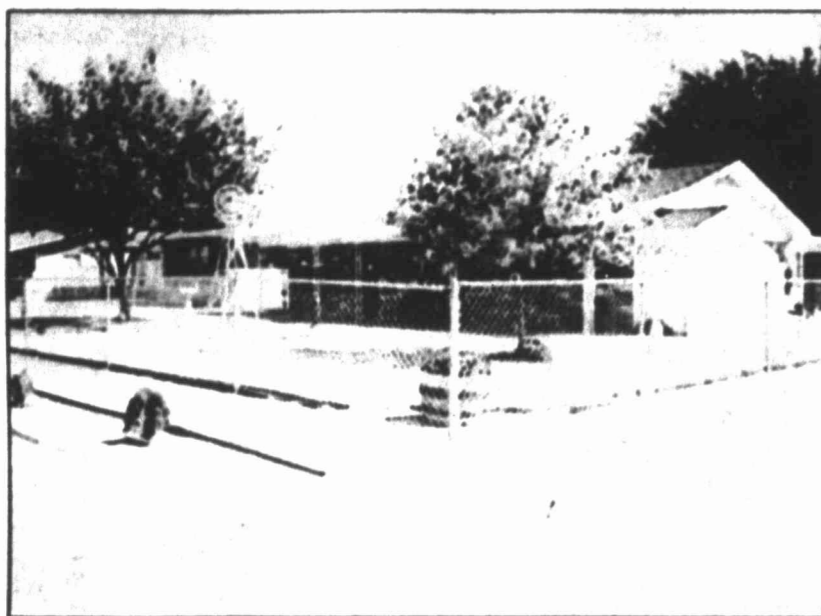
Recognition:
Absolutely equal to money is recognition. Look for a salesperson who thrives on recognition of their efforts. Constant recognition for success is imperative if you expect constant success in sales, so search out the person whose ego is way up there. The best salespeople want to see their name up there in lights, to see themselves as the best.

Company help:
You need to assure yourself that the salesperson you hire

will want you to help them close the major sales. You may actually end up doing most of the selling occasionally, but if you want to build that winning attitude, that sense of achievement and success in your salesperson, you will let them have the glory and the money that comes with it.

Personality:
The final thing to look for is a powerful presence. When that potential salesperson comes into your office, they should be the center of focus. The room should look brighter. They should sit on the front edge of the chair, radiating confidence and power. You should have a feeling that this person has the answer you've been looking for, that they can conquer the world — and while they're doing that, make you a winner.

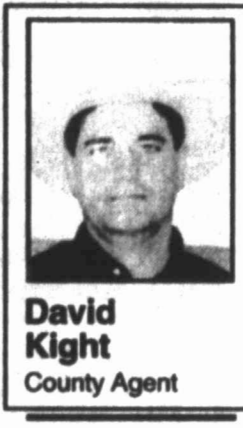
YELLOW ROSE CERTIFICATES



Clockwise from top left, the homes of Raul Rios-Rios at 3609 LaJunta Dr.; Mrs. Johnny Lane at 1604 Nolan; Jack and Georgina Clinkscales at 1300 Lincoln; and new business Blackberry Fields at 2110 Scurry were among the recent winners of the Big Spring Code Patrol's Yellow Rose Certificates for the care they have given the landscaping around their homes. Pat Simmons coordinates the program and plans to recognize local residents and businesses in this way each month. Johansen Landscape and Nursery will also present winners with a gift certificate. To make a Yellow Rose nomination, residents should call 263-4607.

Cool temps signal fall planting season

With the cooler temperatures arriving, it's time to start thinking about planting a fall garden. The soil should be free of large rocks, sticks and other trash. The soil should also be tilled 10 to 12 inches deep, and fertilizer should be added, approximately one cup for every 10 feet of the row of a balanced fertilizer such as 10-20-10.



David Kight
County Agent

Beds should be made six inches to eight inches tall and 18 inches to 24 inches apart. Fall crops such as turnips and mustards should be planted eight weeks before frost. The average freeze date for Big Spring is Nov. 7. The ideal planting time would be around Sept. 1 to Sept. 15.

When planting turnips or mustard plants on top of the bed, keep it moist for the first seven days to enhance germi-

nation and establishment of the plant. Mustards and turnips should be in full sun. After planting and establishment keep plants free of weeds and water the crop on a weekly basis if it does not receive rainfall regularly.

If plants become crowded within the row, thin out the plants by pulling the plants. Mustard plants should be six inches apart. Turnips should be three to four inches apart.

To have good dark color to greens or turnips they will need to have a good source of Nitrogen. About one half cup of Nitrogen per 10 feet of the row should be applied four weeks after planting. In times of extremely wet conditions some fungus related problems may occur. This can be treated with any fungicide.

Mustards and turnips are high in minerals and vitamins A and C. Greens can be stored several days in the refrigerator and turnips can be stored in a cool area for several weeks. If you have any further questions about this topic or others, please contact the local Agricultural Extension Office at 264-2236.

New rules to mend, not break affirmative action

AUSTIN (AP) — Racial considerations remain part of proposed new federal highway contract rules for disadvantaged businesses as a reflection of today's society, the nation's top highway official said Thursday.

"The world within which transportation operates is not one that is race-neutral," Acting Administrator Gloria J. Jeff of the Federal Highway Administration told a conference for small businesses that are owned by minorities and women.

"The president's year-long initiative on race clearly indicates this administration's belief that on race, this society is not colorblind and that it is a hindrance to ... access to opportunity," she said.

Proposed changes in disadvantaged business programs are being offered in response to a federal court decision regarding minority contracting and "the mood of the country, as reflected by individuals, by businesses involved in transportation as well as the members of Congress," she said later.

"For firms that have been disadvantaged in the past by virtue of race or gender, it is focusing on continuing the programs that we've had in the past but mending them so that indeed we begin to focus on those who have truly been disadvantaged ... so they can become part of the mainstream and achieve the opportunities that Americans should have in being entrepreneurs," she said. The proposal takes a two-pronged approach, in which race-neutral measures such as economic factors initially would be looked at and then race or gender would be considered, she said.

"The current rules were primarily focused on the issue of race and gender. Under the new rules, we would propose to look not only at race and gender but more importantly, economic factors in looking at these race-neutral measures," she said.

The appearance by Ms. Jeff, who is black, comes after a controversy over racially charged comments at the University of Texas by law professor Lino Graglia concerning affirmative action in education.

Graglia has been under fire after saying black and Mexican American students can't compete academically with whites in selective institutions.

Ms. Jeff indicated in response to a question that she hasn't encountered similar sentiments overall when it comes to minority business competition in the transportation industry.

"What we hear is that what people want are people who can get the work done, and what they are enthusiastic about is the opportunity that these new entrepreneurs bring to them in terms of fresh ideas, fresh opportunities ...

"We have found that some of the brightest lights in moving transportation forward have been individuals who come from diverse backgrounds," she said.

About Graglia, she said, "I think that in America today we find that democracy is a challenge. It is one that permits me to have my point of view, permits him to have his point of view, and yet to have us all exist in a country where we all have an opportunity to be better than our individual positions and become a greater whole."

New 7-Up to be launched in 1998

DALLAS (AP) — Coming up for the "up thing" will be a new taste.

A reformulated 7-Up will be launched next year. Dr Pepper/Seven Up Inc. told bottlers on Monday at a convention in San Antonio.

The new version will be a "better blend of lemon and lime flavors," according to Todd Stitzer, president and chief executive of the company, which is owned by Britain's Cadbury/Schweppes PLC.

Stitzer said the sweetness levels of the new 7-Up remain unchanged.

"Our aim was not to mimic Sprite, and we did not, as anyone will know after making their own comparison," Stitzer said.

But he said consumers rated the taste of new 7-Up "comparably with Sprite" in taste tests in which consumers weren't told which brand they were sampling.

Seven-Up, which once marketed its product as "the uncola" and more recently as "an up thing" will get a new advertising campaign called "refreshing moments" to go along with the new version of soft drink. Two of the ads are slated for November, while three will follow at the beginning of 1998. New packaging graphics will feature a lemon and a lime, as well as a 20-

ounce proprietary bottle.

The changes to 7-Up have been propelled by the soft drink's difficulty in the beverage battle for "throat space."

In the 1940s, 7-Up was the third best-selling soft drink in the world. By last year, 7-Up had dropped to the eighth best selling soft drink with about 2.4 percent of the market, according to the trade newsletter Beverage Digest. Sprite was fourth at 5.8 percent.

Because of 7-Up's market decline, there is probably less risk in reformulating the drink, said John Sicher, editor and publisher of Beverage Digest.

"This is a classic case of without risk there is no reward. They need to do something to jump start this brand, give it a shot in the arm," he said.

Still, reformulating soft drinks can be risky. Coca-Cola altered its recipe for Coke in 1985 and quickly had to bring back the old flavor under the name Coca-Cola Classic.

Marc Cohen, an analyst who covers Coca-Cola for Goldman Sachs, said he's taking a wait-and-see attitude about 7-Up's reformulation because the soft drink maker failed to get consumer reaction in a test market.

"That's exactly what Coca-

Cola did. They did consumer taste testing and made decisions based on that, but they never went into the marketplace to see consumer reaction," said Cohen.

Sicher said he thinks the reformulation will work, even without testing consumers.

"Coca-Cola is a virtual icon of American culture, 7-Up is not. So there is less of a chance for

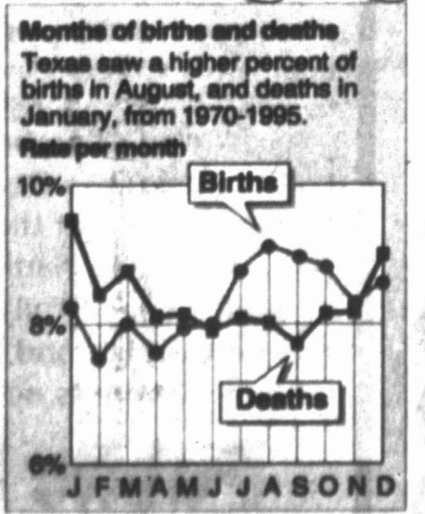
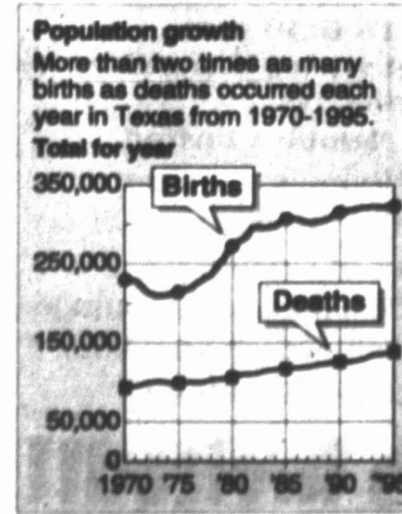
an emotional reaction to changing the flavor of 7-Up. Having said that, is there some risk of unhappy consumers? There is some risk, but they have what they believe is a strategy to minimize it," he said.

That strategy is to market the soft drink as an enhanced 7-Up, rather than a new version. The bottle does not carry the word "new" anywhere on it.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas' population boom

No wonder it looks like Texas is booming—from 1970 to 1995, the state averaged 274,729 births and 113,454 deaths each year. More new Texans came into the world in August, while more departed in January.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Department of Health.

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grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: A 0.20 acre tract of land out of and conveyed by C.M. Curry and Mary Curry to Della June Counts on April 1, 1941 and recorded in volume 109, page 303 Deed Records of Hord County, and the south part of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Sept. 11, 1997

grantee: Carol and Linda Winterbauer
grantee: Bonnie Bennett
property: East 1/2 of lots 9-12, blk. 9, Boydston Addition
filed: Sept. 12, 1997

grantee: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.
grantee: HUD
property: All of lot 4, blk. 1, La Loma Addition
filed: Sept. 12, 1997

grantee: Joe and Jodie Wright
grantee: Carolyn and Emory Horvath
property: A 0.50 acre tract of land out of a 1.0 acre tract out of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Sept. 12, 1997

grantee: Huberto O. and Gordie Gilbert
grantee: Andrew and Dorella Jo Lopez
property: Lot 4, blk. 3, Wright's Second Addition
filed: Sept. 9, 1997

grantee: Ricky Spencer Enterprises, Inc.
property: All of lots 1-3, except the northeast part of lot 1 conveyed for highway purposes all in blk. 36, Government Heights to Bauer Addition
filed: Sept. 10, 1997

grantee: John E. and Sun Fulesday
grantee: Leo H. and Patricia R. Engle
property: A 1.0 acre tract of land out of a 2.209 acre tract out of the southeast 1/4 of section 4, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Sept. 11, 1997

grantee: First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma
grantee: Eimer and Paulette Lindsey
property: Lots 9 and 7, blk. 5, Saunders Addition, Coahoma
filed: Sept. 11, 1997

grantee: Terry J. Sandridge
property: A 0.20 acre tract of land out of and conveyed by C.M. Curry and Mary Curry to Della June Counts on April 1, 1941 and recorded in volume 109, page 303 Deed Records of Hord County, and the south part of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
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Trustee's deed:
grantee: Gregory William Flynn and Rebecca Ann Flynn
beneficiary: Lula Mae Freeman, Scottie Lee Freeman and Layton Earl Freeman
property: A 1.50 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 27, blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Sept. 9, 1997

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Kathrina Faye Blaine vs. John C. Blaine
Jennifer Ann Green vs. Jonathan M. Green
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Sylvia Martinez vs. Lawrence "Larry" Martinez
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Rosemary L. Smith vs. Walter "Les" Lindenschmidt
Vicki Sittig vs. Richard Russell Sittig, Jr.
Divorce:
Shawn Kimberley Wright vs. Wayne Patrick Wright
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Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Michael Mendez vs. John Edward Carter and Ace Hardware Corp.
Accounts, notes and contracts:
Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Weidon B. and Tina G. Broughton
Chaparral Contractors, Inc. vs. Crestar Hospitality, Inc. and Big Spring Hospitality, L.P. dba Days Inn, Big Spring, Texas
filed: Sept. 9, 1997

grantee: Scotty Ray McNew
grantee: Tonya Lei McNew
property: A 4.95 acre tract of land out of and part of the east part of section 36, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Sept. 8, 1997

grantee: Inez H. Owen
grantee: Jimmy Ann Harvell
property: Lot 2, Denton Subdivision of a 16.29 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 44, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Sept. 9, 1997

grantee: Greta Renshaw and Wanda Arecibia
grantee: Robert Wayne Walker
property: The south 100' of the southwest 1/4 of blk. 36, College Heights Addition
filed: Sept. 9, 1997

grantee: Robert Wayne Walker
grantee: Aubrey M. Weaver, Jr. and Marci Weaver Rogers
property: The south 100' of the southwest 1/4 of blk. 36, College Heights Addition
filed: Sept. 9, 1997

grantee: Jarvis Doyle Rainer
grantee: Desiree Marie Thompson
property: The east 1/2 of a 6.90 acre tract out of and part of the southwest 1/4 of section 32, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: Sept. 10, 1997

grantee: Tahita Holloway, Belynda Campbell, David Ray Blake and Donald Craig Blake
grantee: Melvin Dean Blake
property: A 9.85 acre tract of land out of and part of the east part of section 3, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: Sept. 11, 1997

Female pilot admits not documenting complaints

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A female pilot suing Continental Airlines, accusing it of doing little to halt sexual harassment, admitted Wednesday that she made no written complaint on the issue before a contentious meeting with her immediate supervisors.

Capt. Tammy S. Blakey maintained, however, that she made repeated verbal protests about pornography strewn about the airline's cockpits for two years before that meeting. The testimony came on Blakey's first day under cross-examination by a lawyer for Continental. The trial started last Wednesday, and she has been on the stand since Thursday, asserting that the Houston-based airline failed to keep cockpits free of offensive material and retaliated when she complained of sexual harassment.

The giant carrier denies the charges, and on Wednesday got its first chance to advance its arguments that her complaints only began when her schedule changed due to seniority and the company raised concerns about poor attendance.

Blakey, 38, has said that in January 1990 she became the first woman at Continental Airlines — and possibly the nation — to attain the rank of captain of an Airbus A300, a widebody jet that carries up to 272 passengers.

Blakey, of Arlington, Wash., had testified she was hired in January 1984, but the jury on Wednesday learned that was during a pilot's strike, which

defense lawyer Robert Bernstein suggested contributed to her speedy rise through the ranks.

Blakey flew a regular schedule from Newark International Airport here, one of Continental's major hubs. Airline pilots "bid," or request promotions and assignments, which are given — assuming the pilot has the requisite experience and passes the tests — to those with the most seniority.

Striking pilots lost seniority, until December 1991, when an arbitrator's decision forced Continental to restore their places on the seniority list.

As a result, Blakey was outbid for a schedule, and got a less desirable assignment, as a "reserve" captain for the A300 fleet at Newark, she said.

Reserve pilots are on call 18 hours a day on days they are assigned to work, forcing Blakey to commute from her home near Seattle and wait at or near the airport in case she was needed, she said.

Blakey has testified she made repeated complaints to her supervisors about "rampant" pornographic pictures in cockpits, as well as other indignities she said she suffered from male pilots. She made the complaints in 1990 and 1991, to little effect, she said.

But she acknowledged Wednesday that she was aware of Continental's formal grievance procedures, as well as other avenues, that she did not pursue until Dec. 29, 1992, when she wrote a letter to

Frank Tullo, Continental's vice president for flight operations.

Tullo is above Blakey's chief pilot and assistant chief pilot, with whom she met the day before in Newark, she testified. They called that meeting to discuss her absences, and Blakey — with their permission — tape-recorded the meeting, telling the jury she feared for

her job. Blakey is to continue her testimony Thursday. She has been on unpaid "administrative leave" since July 1993, several months after filing her lawsuit here. The trial, before U.S. District Judge William G. Bassler and a jury of six women and two men, is expected to continue for another month.

Keeping an eye on Texas
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The number of students in grades 7-12 who dropped out in the 1994-95 school year declined. Still, Texas lost nearly 30,000 students in those grades during the 1994-95 school year.

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'89-'90	70,000
'90-'91	65,000
'91-'92	60,000
'92-'93	55,000
'93-'94	50,000
'94-'95	60,000

Ethnicity of dropouts 1994-95 school year, grades 7-12

Ethnicity	Number
White	9,367
Hispanic	14,928
African American	5,130
Other	493

Ethnicity as a percent of total dropouts, 1987-95

Year	White	African American	Hispanic	Other
'87-'88	11.5%	15.0%	13.0%	1.5%
'88-'89	11.5%	15.0%	13.0%	1.5%
'89-'90	11.5%	15.0%	13.0%	1.5%
'90-'91	11.5%	15.0%	13.0%	1.5%
'91-'92	11.5%	15.0%	13.0%	1.5%
'92-'93	11.5%	15.0%	13.0%	1.5%
'93-'94	11.5%	15.0%	13.0%	1.5%
'94-'95	15.3%	8.5%	86.2%	0%

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Education Agency.

Book offers dozens of tips on management skills

By L.M. SIXEL
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — It's not easy being a manager. You've got to figure out how to get your employees motivated, how to keep your boss happy and how to get all the work done.

Lots of companies don't have the money for training so it's up to you to find your way — and that's especially tough if you're new on the job.

Each year, kazillions of business books are published to lead you on your way. Many are pretty bad — full of useless flow charts or crammed with trite advice.

But there are some good books out there and human resource managers, executives, professors and the like have weighed in with their favorites.

For the new manager, grab a copy of "The Manager's Survival Guide: How to Avoid the 750 Most Common Mistakes in Dealing With People" by Allan Krief.

"It explains many of the things managers need to know," said Roger Walter, human resources manager for Stewart & Stevenson in Houston.

It includes a lot of don'ts: Don't show favoritism and don't be insensitive. And it also includes the important: How to break bad news, Walter said.

Walter also likes "The High-Value Manager" by Florence M. Stone and Randi T. Sachs. It explains what kind of managers the organization of the future is looking for and how to best develop yourself so you're a key player in your department and your company, Walter said.

Getting ahead isn't just technical knowledge: You've got to know political skills. H. Joan Ehrlich recommends that managers read "Skills for Success" by Adele Scheele.

"It teaches you how to network and how to let other people know your accomplish-

ments," said Ehrlich, district director of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Houston. Women especially need that kind of help because they don't tend to toot their own horn.

When Marcie Zlotnik is faced with a tough personnel problem, she reaches for "The Manager's Troubleshooter," by Clay Carr and Mary Fletcher.

It examines 125 tough supervisory problems, and suggests why the problems may have cropped up and what to do about them, said Zlotnik, president of GST TotalNet, a telecommunications company in Houston. The book also explains how to get on with other managers.

To learn how to understand behavior at work, Michael Hitt favors "Organizational Behavior," a popular textbook written by Don Hellriegel, John Slocum Jr. and Richard Woodman.

The text explains how to motivate and lead others, said Hitt, professor of business at Texas A&M University at College Station. And it's written clearly, he added.

Business coach Sandy Vilas likes "Love & Profit: The Art of Caring Leadership" by James Autry.

The book explains how to combine management skills with a philosophy about caring for employees and their families, said Vilas, who owns Coach University, an organization that trains business coaches.

Several managers pointed to

Stephen Covey's "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" as their favorite road map.

"It teaches the importance of figuring out what you can change, focusing on that and ignoring the other stuff," said Angela DeNist, director of the Center for Human Resource Management at A&M.

Bambi McCullough, senior vice president of human resources at Sterling Bank in Houston, said the classic helped her better organize her time and reinforced the importance of teamwork.

Women's Care Update
By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology
OF PRIMARY INTEREST
Women who make it a point to schedule an appointment with their gynecologists once a year may wonder if the visit qualifies as an all-around health checkup. The answer is that it can, as long as the patient makes it clear to her physician that she would like to schedule a full exam, which includes the standard screening tests. Most OB/GYNs can meet their patients' needs as primary care physicians on the basis of having been trained during medical school to perform comprehensive physicals. And, while they can treat such minor illnesses as strep throat and mild hypertension, it's best to discuss their thoughts on acting in a primary care role before making any firm decisions.
Some doctors stipulate that their practices are "limited to obstetrics and gynecology", which may be a clue, but it's probably best to ask the physician in person. Certain insurance companies, understanding the close professional relationship women often have with their OB/GYNs, allow women to have both a general medical doctor, such as an internist, and an OB/GYN acting as primary care physicians; with both having the ability to refer patients elsewhere for additional treatment and/or tests. Please call our offices at (915) 522-2222. We see patients at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, here in Big Spring every Tuesday morning.

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