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Reflecting A Proud Community

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'Remembering the Settles' scheduled today from 5-7 at Heritage Museum

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

More than 500 persons are expected to attend today's "Remembering the Settles" program from 5-7 p.m. at The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry St.

The program is a joint function of the membership committee of the museum and Friends of the Settles, the group organized to help raise monies to place windows in the 1928-circa hotel.

Some 1,100 invitations were sent out for the function, although organizers were quick to point out that they knew there were persons in the community that were not on any of the mailing lists that were made available to them.

"We were trying to send out as many invitations as possible," said Friends of the Settles member Mel Prather. "We know we missed some people and we want them to know it certainly wasn't intentional... we want and need all of the support we can get for the project."

While Friends of the Settles will be seeking funds for the building restoration project, the museum will be seeking to increase memberships in the organization.

Persons attending the program will have the opportunity to view period photographs of the Settles in its hey-day as a hotel as well as other period memorabilia while being entertained with live music from the 1930s and 1940s.

Friends of the Settles has

committed to having all of the windows in the building's tower replaced by Saturday, Dec. 6, which is also the target date for having a new, neon sign placed atop the structure and lighted.

Moore Development for Big Spring has committed to placing the neon sign with eight-foot tall letters as part of its tourism attraction and development program.

To-date, approximately one-third of the more than 300 windows have been replaced in the building. It will require an estimated \$45,000 to replace all of the tower windows.

An initial mailing of nearly 700 letters soliciting contributions for the Settles project generated more than \$4,000 and

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REPAIRING THE HUEY



Buddy Alexander (left) and Jackie Tibbets work on the outside while Charlie Lewis is on the inside of the Vietnam Memorial's UH-1 Huey helicopter. The trio replaced the lower observation windows that were broken earlier this summer.

Steers march to best ratings in decade

Coahoma, Forsan join Steers band in advancing to regional contest

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard County marching bands acquitted themselves well in regional competition Saturday, advancing to within a step of the annual state marching contest.

The Big Spring High School Steer Band was a bit on the cocky side Saturday, and its director was loving every minute of the experience.

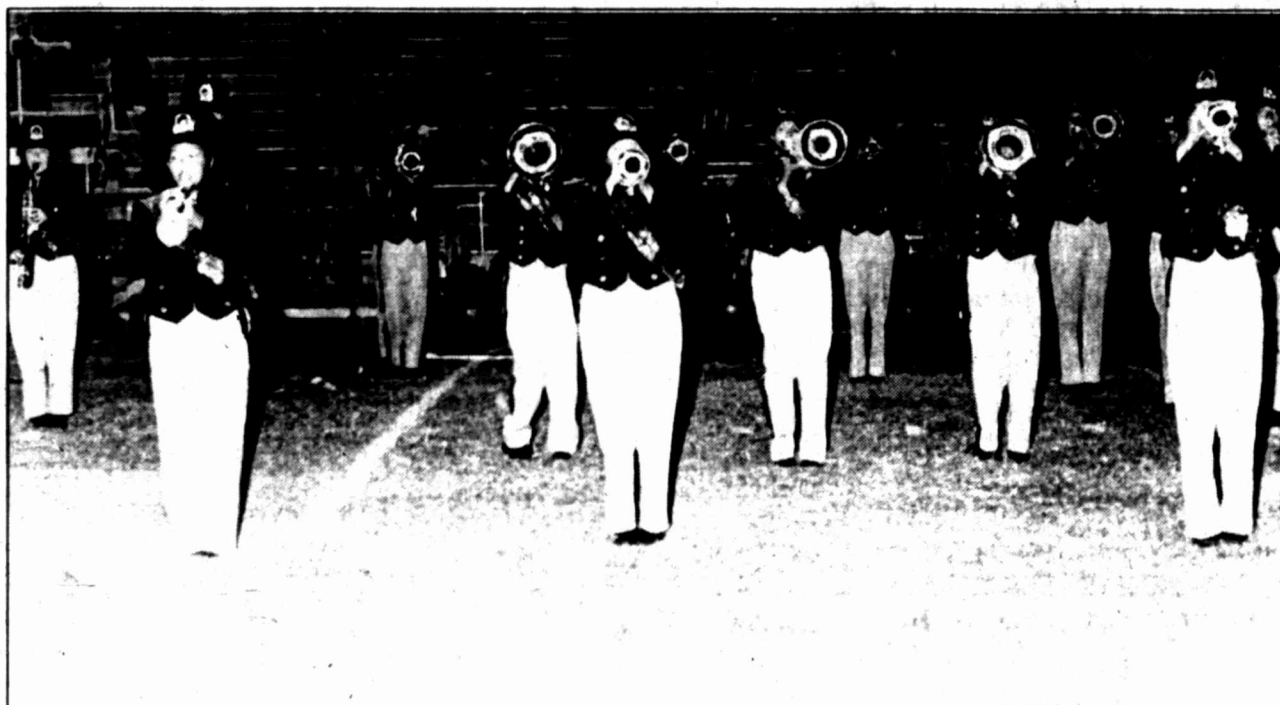
A confident, showy Steer Band turned in its best performance in 10 years at Saturday's regional marching band competition in Odessa, earning top rankings and a spot in next weekend's area marching contest.

The Steer Band under director Rocky Harris earned Division I rankings — the highest awarded — from all three judges at Saturday's contest.

The BSHS Band was the only 4A band at the contest to receive straight I's from the judges. Andrews received an overall I rating, but not from all three judges. Big Spring and Andrews both advanced to the area level of competition.

Last year, the band received a Div. II ranking from the judges. Harris said the band's attitude impressed him greatly.

"They showed a lot of confidence, and they were very showy in their performance,"



Big Spring High School's Steer Band performs during the halftime show at Snyder earlier this season. On Saturday, the band earned its best marching ratings in a decade at the UIL regional competition at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium.

he said. "I was very pleased... I thought they were showing off a little."

This marks the first time in six years that the band has qualified for the area contest, to be held Saturday in Amarillo. To qualify for the state competition, Harris' charges will have to be one of the top two 4A bands at the meet.

"Our goal now is on the perfection side of it," Harris said. "When we go to Amarillo, it won't be for a rating, but for ranking. We want to beat as many bands as we can."

The Steer Band last qualified for state marching competition in 1987.

Other area bands also quali-

fied for area competition Saturday.

The Coahoma High School band under co-directors Jeremy and Jincy Ross earned straight I's from the judges at the regional contest in Abilene, and will compete at the Class 2A area contest Saturday in Bedford.

Coahoma, Anson and Stamford all received Div. I ratings to qualify for Saturday's area contest at Pennington Field.

"My wife and both feel like (Coahoma) was one of the two best bands at the contest," Jeremy Ross said. "Our kids did a really great job."

Coahoma's goal at Bedford

Saturday will be to finish in the top three among 2A bands, thus earning a spot at the state contest.

"The way we look at it is that someone's got to be in the top three spots, and there's no reason Coahoma can't be one of the three," Jeremy Ross said. "We have every reason to believe we can do it."

Forsan's band, under director Jim Rhodes, received an overall Div. II rating from the judges in Odessa Saturday, but still qualified for the Class 2A area contest in Bedford.

Garden City's band received a Div. III rating from the judges in Odessa Saturday, as did Stanton High School.

Moore Board

Hope to have new executive director in place before Toone's Dec. 31 departure

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

If all goes well, the board of directors of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. hopes to have a new executive director in place before current director Danette Toone departs on Dec. 31.

"Ideally, we'd like to have someone in place a couple of weeks before Danette leaves so that we can have a smooth transition," Moore board member Terry Wegman said. "That may be a little ambitious at this point, but that's our goal."

Wegman and board member Phil Carruthers are heading the search committee charged with looking for a new executive director.

Toone recently announced her resignation so she may join her husband John Toone, former local TU Electric district manager, who has accepted a similar position in Temple.

Moore named Toone interim executive director in Nov. 1995 as the board searched for replacement for Carole Taylor. Toone was made executive director in May 1996.

Highlights during Toone's tenure include Big Spring landing Signal Homes this past spring, which currently employs about 115 people and recently completed its 100th manufactured home, and the announcement in August that Big Spring was one of four communities to land a Texas Veterans Home.

The Big Spring facility will be a 150-bed facility on about 25 acres on a site on the south side of the Big Spring State Hospital off of U.S. Hwy 87. It also means approximately 165 new jobs for Big Spring in a wide range of areas and an annual payroll of about \$3.5 million.

According to Wegman, the board has already begun the search for a replacement and will accept resumes for the position through Dec. 1.

One of the ads Moore is running for the position says qualifications should include economic development institute and or certified economic development accreditation; at least



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Terry Wegman
Board member

four to 10 years economic development experience; and knowledge of Texas incentives and funding programs.

Moore board president Joyce Crooker said filling Toone's shoes will be a challenge.

"It's going to take a person with a lot of experience in the economic development field," Crooker said. "Danette (Toone) had an accounting background when she came in and a lot of experience working with Moore through the Business Development Center."

"You need to have training for a position like this and she did," Crooker added. "We had an absolutely wonderful working relationship with Danette. She was always able to keep issues from reaching an argumentative stage."

As for the future of Moore and it continuing the successes it has had with Toone, Crooker said it will have to be a community effort.

Crooker was referring to the fact that several West Texas communities, including Colorado City, Abilene, Snyder, Sweetwater and Amarillo, also have economic development boards funded by sales tax dollars.

To the west, Midland and Odessa each have referendums on the Nov. 4 ballot that, if approved by voters, would create economic development boards in those cities as well.

Where Moore has an annual budget of about \$900,000,

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Some who dealt with Texcom.net getting refunds

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Several residents who lost money in their dealings with Texcom.Net have started receiving partial refunds for service and equipment taken when Texcom.Net owner Schell Walker closed the doors on the business in College Park Shopping Center.

Walker has been tracked to several locations in California, but other than a confirmation by fax that the Big Spring business was closed, has not

returned phone calls to the Herald.

Big Spring resident Debra Bogard, owner of Deb's Designs (a home-based business that specializes in making items such as wind chimes and bird houses) was one of the people taken in by Walker and was one of the residents to get some of her merchandise back — as well as a prorated check for services. "I recently received about a fourth of my pictures back and my catalogs," Bogard said.

Bogard has been working on her own to locate Walker because she had the designs to

her business, that if sold to someone else could ruin the business she has taken years to build.

"With my pictures back, I can now proceed with my business and that makes me happy, but I'm still insulted that I have been prorated for 20 days of Internet service I never received," Bogard added. "I guess I'll have to chalk this whole thing up to experience."

The check Bogard received was dated Oct. 10 for \$89.25 and the accompanying letter read, "Customer refund due to closure of business."

"Prorated or not, I think she (Walker) is still getting away with a lot of money belonging to other people," Bogard said.

According to Bogard, a search warrant executed by police didn't reveal anything significant to be left in the building. Bogard added she is still in touch with the state's Attorney General's office about criminal charges being filed.

The Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) is still investigating the case and, according to Det. Anthony Hill,

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Farm Bureau not happy with Amendment No. 8

EDITOR'S NOTE — Through 5 p.m. Monday, a total of 35 persons had voted early at the Howard County Courthouse in the Nov. 4 constitutional amendment election. Early voting continues from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through Oct. 31.

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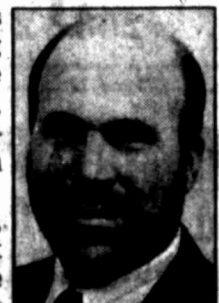
Not everyone in Texas is happy with all 14 of the proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, especially Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman where Amendment Eight is concerned.

Amendment Eight, which deals with home equity lending, reads: "The amend-

ment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

According to Stallman, Amendment Eight amounts to nothing more than throwing money at an issue making a bad idea sound good.

"Millions of dollars of advertising and message control have promoted this concept as a property rights issue for Texans," Stallman said. After all, we're the only state



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in the nation that does not allow this type of borrowing. In reality, if you want the loan, you'll use your home for collateral."

Surveys indicate that if Amendment Eight passes, the volume of home equity loans in Texas during its first two years will hit almost \$18 billion.

According to Stallman, the Texas Farm Bureau has always been against weakening the homestead protections in the Texas Constitution.

On Nov. 4, Texas voters will decide whether to turn their back on more than 150 years of Texas heritage and allow expanded home-equity lending, according

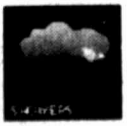
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WEATHER

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Tonight, cloudy. A slight chance of rain. Lows mid 40s to mid 50s. Wednesday, cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms or rain. Highs near 60 to near 70. Wednesday night, slight chance of rain. Lows in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Thursday through Saturday, Continued chance of showers. Lows in the 40s. Highs 70s Thursday and Friday, 60s Saturday.

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OBITUARIES

Lela M. Witte

Service for Lela M. Witte, 100, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1997, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Todd Witte, her grandson of Plattsburg, N.Y., officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Witte died Saturday, Oct. 18, in a local nursing home following a long illness.

She was born on Feb. 19, 1897, in Kosesko, Miss. She married Walter Witte on Oct. 9, 1915, in Cranfills Gap. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1992. She lived in Hamilton County from 1915 to 1927, in Muleshoe from 1927 to 1965, and moved to Big Spring in 1966. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one son, Walter Witte, Big Spring; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

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

Winnie Augusta Smith

Memorial service for Winnie Augusta Smith, 75, Big Spring, will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, 1997, at Living Water Ministries with Malcolm Pointon officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Smith died Monday, Oct. 20, in a local hospital.

She was born on Jan. 7, 1922, in Roscoe. She came to Big Spring in 1929, with her parents, Joe and Mary Frazier. She attended Big Spring schools. During World War II she was a member of the WACs and was stationed in Massachusetts and Iowa. After being discharged, she worked as a waitress at the Home Cafe on Third Street, which was owned by her future in-laws. She married Bill Williams in 1946, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1947. She later married George Frank Smith, Jr., in 1951 in Portales, N.M. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1971.

Survivors include: four daughters, Elizabeth Lambert, San Jose, Calif., Carol Lynn Smith, Mariann Williams Heffington, both of Big Spring, and Jo Ellen Guynes, Farmers Branch; two sisters, Ellen Eudy, San Angelo, and Helen Crowley, Longview; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family will be receiving visitors at 1209 S. Monticello. Arrangements under the

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Lela M. Witte, 100, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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306 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Winnie Augusta Smith, 75, died Monday. Services will be 3:30 PM Wednesday at Living Water Ministries. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Ruth Ramirez, 86, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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because people are beginning to receive merchandise and money back, it doesn't appear that criminal charges will be filed, but the BSPD still has to talk to prosecutors.

MOORE

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Midland would have an estimated \$3 million for economic development.

"We're going to have to have the support of all of the people in Big Spring because we can't compete with the big dollar in the bigger cities," Crooker said.

While Moore has a new slate of officers with Crooker as board president; Eddie Cole as vice president; and new member Charles Beil as secretary/treasurer, the overall goal is still the same, according to Crooker - service.

"Our main goal is to continue to serve the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County," Crooker said. "I want us (Moore) to have a good image and if that means people have questions I want those people to come to us with them."

SETTLES

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allowed an additional 20 windows to be ordered from Quality Glass.

Current plans are to install the windows one floor at a time so that members of the community can view the progress being made. After the windows project is completed, renovation will begin on ground level.

The windows project began when local insurance agent Tommy Churchwell sought a way to help the appearance of the Settles. Churchwell then approached Bill and Darlene Hipp at Quality Glass to see if they would be interested in helping out. The Hipps then developed a "basket" to allow a person to safely work while installing the windows.

Persons wishing to contribute to the program, but are unable to attend "Remembering the Settles" may send their contributions to Friends of the Settles, P.O. Box 2770, Big Spring, 79720. Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Settles.

FARM BUREAU

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to Stallman. Stallman adds he can think of several scenarios where someone is forced into signing a home-equity loan.

"When a farmer or rancher seeks to secure an operating loan for a particular year, personal assets such as equipment, land and livestock are typically used as collateral," Stallman said. "If in the lender's opinion not enough collateral is available to secure the loan, other sources of collateral must be found."

"For more than 150 years, the homestead protections built into the Texas Constitution have served the state and its people well," Stallman added. "Now is not the time to rewrite Texas tradition and common sense."

BRIEFS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF Retired Persons 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course is being planned for two Saturday sessions, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall to accommodate those persons ages 50 and over who are employed during week-day hours.

There are no tests or exams and the cost is \$8. Attendees receive a certificate for a 10 percent discount on auto insurance premiums, good for three years.

For further information and to preregister, call 267-2070. Also, any club, organization or church group wishing to have a class exclusively for their members may call the same number to make arrangements.

FLU SHOTS WILL BE available at Big Spring VA Medical Center lobby today through Thursday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for veterans eligible for health benefits, volunteers and employees of the hospital.

Unregistered veterans will be asked to present proof of eligibility, DD214.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 71.60, up 48 points; Nov. crude oil 20.60, down 10 points; Cash hogs steady at 25 cents lower at 45.25; cash steers steady at 66; Dec. lean hog futures 60.25, up 17 points; Oct. live cattle futures 59.20, up 107

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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
• 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.
• Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 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 Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus.

• Big Spring Band Boosters, 7 p.m., high school band hall. All band parents with students grades 6-12 are urged to attend these meetings. For more information call Rocky Harris at 264-3641.
• Big Spring Choir Boosters, 7 p.m., BSHS choir room.

• Senior citizens dance, Colorado City Civic Center from 7 to 10 p.m. The Country Five will provide the music and everyone is invited.
• College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane, Revival 7 p.m. with Dean Lawton. Everyone invited and a nursery will be provided.

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.
• College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane, Revival 7 p.m. with Dean Lawton. Everyone invited and a nursery will be provided.

HURSDAY
• 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.
• NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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1:05 p.m. - 700 block W. I-20, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.
3:02 p.m. - 900 block S. Johnson, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
3:24 p.m. - 2 miles N. on 176, traffic accident, patient transferred to SMMC.
3:39 p.m. - 100 block W 8th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
5:18 p.m. - 1400 block Lexington, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
6:05 p.m. - 600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
10:02 p.m. - 500 block Westover, traffic accident, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incident between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• LENA FLORES, 17, was arrested on local warrants.
• ADAM VALENCIA, 36, was arrested on a parole violation warrant.
• PAUL KELLY, 41, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE on the 2300 block of Gregg, the 2600 block of Ent and the 1400 block of Scurry.
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on the 100 block of Jefferson, the 1200 block of E. 17th, the 500 block of Westover and the 1900 block of Alabama.
• ASSAULT on the 1900 block of W. 16th.
• HARASSMENT on the 2600 block of Gregg.
• THEFT on the 1700 block of Marcy.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION on the 600 block of W. Sixth.
• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on the 1800 block of Gregg.

RECORDS

Monday's high 69
Monday's low 52
Average high 76
Average low 49
Record high 91 in 1939
Record low 31 in 1917
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.20
Month's normal 4.20
Year to date 17.86
Normal for the year 16.28
**Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Monday
12:34 a.m. - 1200 block S. Monticello, public service, service refused.
2:09 a.m. - 1200 block S. Monticello, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
7:13 a.m. - 1100 block N. Nolan, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
9:09 a.m. - 1900 block Simler, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
10:26 a.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.
11:02 a.m. - 500 block Donley, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
12:45 p.m. - 1500 block East 11th, medical call, patient

SHERIFF

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

• RICHARD GEE, 41, Midland, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
• DANNY KITCHENS, 22, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
• LEONARD MONACHINO, 27, no address given, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to identify.
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on Highway 350.
• BURGLARY on Gatesville Road.

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Sunday, 10-19-97 - Sears
Monday, 10-20-97 - Aladdin's Castle
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Friday, 10-24-97 - Casual Shop/VJS
Saturday, 10-25-97 - Family Dollar

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League of Women Voters suggests new constitution for Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Early voting for the Nov. 4 constitutional amendment election was under way Monday in all 254 Texas counties.

Under a new law passed by the 1997 Legislature, the voting period begins 17 days before Election Day. That law gave county clerks the option of starting voting as early as last Saturday.

While encouraging Texans to do their duty, the League of Women Voters suggested the time has come to overhaul the 121-year-old document and put an end to the long, involved amendment ballots.

"The League of Women Voters urges citizens to accept the challenge of becoming informed and voting on Nov. 4," said Julie Lowenberg, the group's president.

"But we also ask them to take the further step of contacting their legislators and the governor to let them know they are tired of long and complex ballots," she said.

The amendment election is the second held this year. Just 6.9 percent of

the state's 10.6 million registered voters cast ballots on Aug. 9 for an amendment raising the homestead exemption to provide \$1 billion in property tax relief over the next two years.

Since it was written in 1876, the Texas Constitution has been amended 365 times. Including those on the November ballot, a total of 550 changes have been submitted to voters for consideration, said Tom Whatley, director of the House Research Organization.

Lowenberg noted that the 19th-century constitution was written after the Civil War, with its authors seeking to sharply limit the state government's powers.

Because of that, amendments ratified by a statewide vote are needed to conduct much state business that legislatures in other states perform.

And this may be driving down voter participation, which hit an all-time low in the August constitutional amendment balloting.

By contrast, she said, the U.S. Constitution laid out a basic frame-

work for the federal government and has survived for more than 200 years, with only 27 amendments addressing critical issues such as the abolition of slavery and giving women the right to vote.

"We are the people. We are not the legislature. Public participation in government is critical to democracy, but it is not a substitute for representative government," Lowenberg said.

Public participation has been hard to come by in recent constitutional amendment elections. Secretary of State Tony Garza last week said turnout generally runs between 12 percent and 15 percent.

Being decided are:
PROPOSITION 1: Allowing a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

PROPOSITION 2: Permitting the Legislature to limit the maximum average annual increase in homestead appraisal valuations to 10 percent or more for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. Also would per-

mit school districts to retroactively apply the 65-and-over property tax freeze to a person's new homestead.

PROPOSITION 3: Allowing counties, cities, towns and other local taxing entities the power to grant exemptions or other property tax relief on property where approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

PROPOSITION 4: To update the Texas Constitution to reflect amendments to federal law, delete obsolete provisions and renumber provisions with duplicate numbers.

PROPOSITION 5: Allowing the Texas Supreme Court to hold sessions at any location in the state.

PROPOSITION 6: Repealing prohibition on Texas Growth Fund investment in companies that fail to disclose investment in South Africa or Namibia.

PROPOSITION 7: Allowing the Texas Water Development Board to consolidate existing voter-approved bond authorizations for water supply, water quality, flood control and other programs into a new fund.

PROPOSITION 8: Allowing home equity loans.

PROPOSITION 9: Permitting Harris County rural fire districts to increase tax rate.

PROPOSITION 10: Dedicating the crime victims' compensation fund and its auxiliary fund only for victim-related compensation, services or assistance.

PROPOSITION 11: Prohibiting the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from general revenue if the resulting annual payments would exceed 5 percent of the average general revenue available over the past three years.

PROPOSITION 12: To require the Texas Supreme Court to rule on a motion for rehearing within 180 days of its filing or have the motion deemed denied.

PROPOSITION 13: Making the state's prepaid college tuition program a constitutionally protected fund.

PROPOSITION 14: Authorizing the Legislature to establish qualifications for constables.

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Quote of the Day

"Evil spelled backward is live."

-Graffiti

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You can join in and help others make a difference

On Saturday, volunteers and service organizations across the country will work to make a difference in the lives of others.

That's what National Make a Difference Day is about.

The Salvation Army is spearheading our local observance, offering a fun and health fair for low-income residents of its surrounding neighborhood. The agency also plans its Project Household drive for that day, to collect personal hygiene and cleaning items for those who can't afford them.

But they want others to get in on the giving. How can you make a difference? Easy: Just do something for someone else.

Ideas and suggestions range from helping out a neighbor with a project to offering free babysitting to single-parent families. It doesn't matter how large or small the difference.

What matters is that, for this one day, people see that they can help someone else, that together we can heal many of our country's problems.

If you work with young people, it is especially valuable that they understand Make a Difference Day. Let them know that giving something back to the community does make a difference in all our lives.

On Sunday, we recognized some local residents who volunteer their time on a regular basis. There are many people in our community who have continued that type of service for years.

Some local residents make it a point to help someone else, every day. Why not join them Saturday?

It is just one day, but it is one that could change lives.

OTHER TEXAS VIEWS

The pace of execution is picking up in the United States, but this 40-year high appears to represent a cyclical phenomenon rather than a new trend in the efficiency of punishment.

The numbers on this "conveyor belt of death" as Amnesty International's secretary general calls it, are easy to document. Dwight Wayne Adanandus's execution last week in Huntsville brought the nationwide total to 57 executions year to date, the highest since 1957.

But what is harder to quantify reliably is the change in the quality of mercy the public feels for the accused and their families and the extent to which society embraces the death penalty as a solution to violent crime.

Two years after the nation racked up its record number of executions, two drifters entered the home of Herb Clutter, an affluent wheat farmer in Holcomb, Kan., and slaughtered a family of four after a futile search for a safe.

Richard Hickok and Perry Smith were arrested a couple of months later in Las Vegas. They had taken the lives of Clutter, his invalid wife and their two teen-aged children for the sum of \$40.

Execution in Texas is now a highly professional procedure, one almost entirely clean of the smell of vengeance and one that involves, at least for the public eye, suffering that is almost imperceptible to those standing at the bedside of the condemned.

The crowd of officials who watched Hickok and Perry die heard the snap of the rope as it broke their necks. They watched uncomfortably as the condemned's feet dangled above the ground for the 20 minutes before their deaths could be verified.

Execution, at least in Texas, is now relatively uneventful, though it is still, justly or unjustly, just as final. As the pace at which we exact this punishment climbs, does

indifference to human life also become more prevalent? If so, that would be evidence enough of the barbarism of the process.

THE HUNTSVILLE ITEM

In deciding to not resign from his state Senate seat despite his recent jail sentence, Sen. Drew Nixon might be serving his political interests.

He certainly is not serving the interests of his constituents.

The Carthage Republican was recently sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$6,000 for attempting to buy sex from an undercover female police officer and for illegally carrying a handgun. The incident occurred Feb. 18 in Austin during the legislative session.

Because he refuses to resign his Senate seat, he will remain in office until his term ends in 2001.

What purposes will that serve? We certainly can find none.

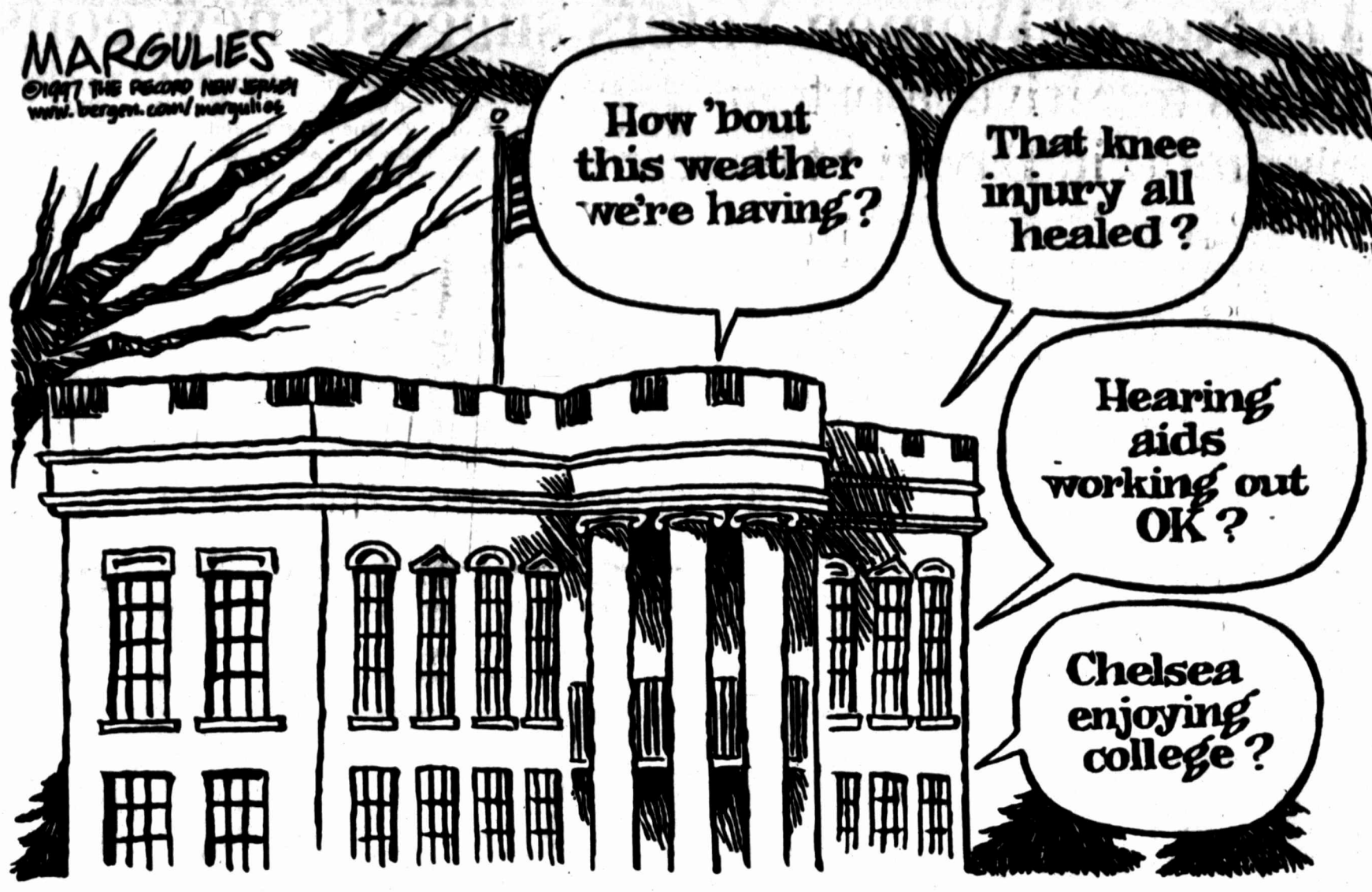
Certainly while the senator is serving his sentence, his ability to serve his district will be diminished considerably. Yes, most of his legislative work takes place in the biennial session, but his constituents deserve his attention year round.

And once he completes his sentence, can we really expect a senator with a jail term under his belt to be a forceful presence in the Legislature?

Had Nixon resigned, someone could have been appointed in his place in plenty of time to learn the ropes and prepare for the 1999 legislative session. Instead, this district will have a legislator crippled by his own personal problems.

Nixon could have ended his career on a higher note by doing the right thing. Now, he will be seen as just another politician clinging to power as long as possible. That's unfortunate not only for Nixon, but his constituents as well.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO INTERROGATES PRESIDENT CLINTON

Problems galore in Washington, D.C.

By ANN McFEATHERS
Scripps Howard News Service

All around the fenced-in, zealously guarded White House, are parking meters that don't work, men sleeping on sidewalk grates, mentally ill people begging for handouts and rats the size of cats hiding in the shrubbery.

All are testament to the undisputed fact that in an era acclaimed as one of remarkable prosperity, the nation's capital continues to fall apart.

Everybody knows — and ridicules — the city's pathetically incompetent mayor, Marion Barry, who went to jail for using crack cocaine, got out and ran again as mayor and won. Everybody knows the city is now in control of federally appointed overseers. Everybody knows that the public schools, the nation's most expensive per capita, couldn't open for three weeks under a judge's order because the repair work to bring the roofs up to code wasn't finished. Everybody knows about the police officers who use their own money to fill the gas tanks in their squad cars.

By now things were supposed to be improving. But there's no sign of it. The shell that houses some of the country's most glorious monuments and museums is decayed, its citizens are disheartened and the criminals that have gone down the city's most prestigious avenues knocking off the parking meters laugh at those who tell them not to do it. Laugh or stick a gun in their ribs.

New York has cut its crime rate, cleaned up its notorious trash problem and even come back from bankruptcy. Los Angeles is struggling with its race tensions but there's a new optimism that its problems, including fires, earthquakes, riots, mud slides and other disasters, may be on the wane.

But there is no optimism of vast improvement in Washington, merely the faint hope that the new quasi-managers, presided over by the eminent Andrew Brimmer, will be able to halt the decline.

Barry is still whining about being shoved aside by the congressional appointees hired to try to salvage the city. In an embarrassing display recently, he talked about the "rape of democracy." His neighbor, President Clinton, has thrown up his hands, noting that Washington is neither fish nor fowl, neither an autonomous city nor a federal protectorate nor a state.

For two decades, Barry has been successful in playing the race card, insisting that the

city must be permitted to make its own way, despite his outrageously bad governorship, because its people have the right to rule themselves. But Barry has made moot all honest arguments to make D.C. a state and has personally jeopardized its home rule status. The constant stream of resignations of high-minded officials in D.C.'s city government, unending allegations of corruption and cronyism and malicious meddling by his fourth wife, Cora Masters, have ended the patience of Congress even as it bails out the city financially.

The question is this: What can be done?

First, there have to be some signs of improvement, such as rat control programs, parking meters that don't get busted night after night and potholes that don't swallow cars.

Yes, the financial control board and Brimmer have to be given time to perform some miracles. Those include restoring the confidence of Congress that D.C. is viable and convincing its citizens that democracy is not dead in D.C. And yes its citizens have to recognize that Barry is a has-been who never should have been when it comes to running the city.

After all, they have such examples of Detroit and Cleveland to show what gifted, effective

black mayors can do. But until the middle class feels it can survive in Washington, the city is doomed — it's lost 30 percent of its population in the last quarter century.

Until the city with the nation's highest rates of infant mortality, TB and new HIV infections becomes healthier, why should families trust the city?

Until people feel safe on city streets, Barry's failure is all that matters.

Until the city's bureaucrats — nobody even knows how many there are — lose their sense of entitlement to high-paying jobs and their belief they don't have to answer to the citizens, nothing will change.

Until those parking meters, useless metal stalks that line the city streets like silent mourners, once again stand like beacons of a working city, 21 million tourists from around the world will continue to wander around here each year with their mouths open in incredulity. This, the capital of the most powerful nation in the world?

Meanwhile, Barry plots a run for a sixth term next year.

(Ann McFeathers covers the White House for Scripps Howard News Service.)

El Nino doesn't cause all weather events

Well, there's no doubt about it now. If it rains or doesn't rain, if it snows or doesn't snow, if the winds blow or don't blow, if the weather is warm or if the weather is cold, if the cat meows or the cows moo, journalists will blame them all on El Nino.

Give journalists, especially television journalists, a simplistic concept with a short, punchy name and they will go crazy. It's a modern absurdity. It's a good thing television wasn't invented earlier or human progress would have probably stopped at the Stone Age.

The warming of a band of water in the Pacific, which is called El Nino, is apparently a natural phenomenon that occurs on a more or less cyclical basis and very likely has

been occurring for millenniums, if not eons.

The only difference is, with the technology to measure the ocean temperature, we know about it now and before we didn't. What has changed is not the weather, but our understanding of it.

Learning why we have the weather we've always had over the centuries isn't quite as an exciting story as implying that some new and strange phenomenon — who knows, perhaps linked to politically correct global warming — is about to unleash its new fury on poor innocent people.

What nonsense. It was laughable to watch ABC's Ted Koppel, with his basest hound expression and oh-so-serious and grave voice, questioning climatologists about El Nino as if he were interviewing God on the impending doom of mankind. It seemed to me that one of his guests was having a hard time keeping a straight face as he patiently tried to explain that not every weather happening can be blamed on El Nino.

California's problems are not

weather phenomena. The weather pattern in California probably hasn't changed in several hundred years. What has changed is development. The normal fires during the normal dry season are now disasters because people have built homes in the brush and they burn down. The normal occasional rainstorms are now disasters because so much of California is under roof and asphalt that the land can't absorb the runoff fast enough. The normal earthquakes are disasters because instead of rocks and trees falling, high-rises, bridges and overpasses fall.

But the variable in all of this has not been the earth or its atmosphere or its weather, but man's presence and man's slowly growing comprehension of what's going on around him in the natural world.

The earth has been warming up and cooling off long before humans were numerous enough to have any effect on it. Official weather measurements only go back to about the 1880s. Nobody knows why the earth has had these cyclical warming and

cooling periods.

One of the ancient Greeks wrote that at one time a man could walk across North Africa from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean and never leave the shade of a tree. Now you can walk across that area and never find the shade of a tree.

Obviously something changed to create the Sahara Desert, but whatever it was, humans had nothing to do it.

Unless you are a pilot, I would advise you not to worry about the weather. There's nothing you can do to change it. It will either rain or not rain, sleet or not sleet, snow or not snow. The temperature will be comfortable or uncomfortable.

The one thing the Army taught me was that whatever you have to do outdoors you can do in the rain, snow or sleet just as well, if not just as comfortably, as you can in mild, sunny weather.

Advances in human understanding of climatology and other fields are interesting enough without embellishment, oversimplification and false melodrama.



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In 8-1 vote, high court refuses to revive abortion legislation in Bayou State

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, in a rare near-unanimous vote on an abortion question, refused Monday to give judges more power over young girls' decisions to end pregnancies.

The court's 8-1 vote left in shreds a Louisiana parental-consent law found by lower courts to unduly interfere with some girls' abortion rights.

Only Justice Antonin Scalia, one of the court's most fervent opponents of any constitutional right to abortion, voted to review the state's appeal and consider reviving the law.

Louisiana Attorney General Richard Ieyoub had argued that the case "cuts to the core of this nation's ability to protect the welfare of children."

Janet Benshoof of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy applauded the court's action. "Louisiana's passion over making a political statement on abortion far exceeds its ability to draft a law that will withstand constitutional scrutiny," she said. "But this is not the end of any story; it's the end of one episode."

The court's action was not a ruling and therefore set no national precedent. It continued, however, the court's five-year record of denying full review to any case dealing directly with abortion rights.

The court in 1992 barred states from banning most abortions, voting 5-4 to uphold the core of its 1973 decision in Roe vs. Wade that said women have a constitutional right to end their pregnancies.

Since then, the justices only have granted full review to disputes involving protests outside abortion clinics.

Several disputes more directly involving abortion rights have resulted in unsigned decisions issued without full briefing or oral arguments, and others have been turned away after languishing on the court's docket for months.

"The real question is, when is the court going to come out of the 'closet' on abortion and debate the issue in the open?" Benshoof said.

Most states have laws requiring unmarried girls under 18 to

get the permission of one parent before having an abortion, and the nation's highest court has upheld such laws.

But those past rulings have required a judicial bypass — letting judges act without parental consent to permit abortions for girls deemed mature enough to decide on their own or when telling a parent would not be in a girl's best interests.

Before 1995, Louisiana's parental-consent law said judges "shall" authorize abortions without telling a parent in those cases in which a girl's maturity or best interests are argued and proved in her favor.

The 1995 law said judges "may" authorize abortions in such circumstances.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the law, ruling in April that it unconstitutionally imposed an "undue burden" of young girls' abortion rights.

"Louisiana stands alone on this front," the appeals court said. "As far as we are aware, every state with a parental consent or notification statute has used the mandatory 'shall' language in their bypass schemes."

It added: "The plain language of (the state law) states that juvenile court judges within Louisiana have the discretion to deny an abortion to a minor even though the minor demonstrates that she is mature ... or that the abortion would be in her best interest."

Such a result, the 5th Circuit court said, "flies in the face" of past Supreme Court rulings.

In other matters Monday, the court:

- Agreed to clarify in an Ohio case when the government's management plan for national forests can be challenged in court.

- Said it will decide in an Illinois case whether the sentences given to people convicted of federal drug crimes involving more than one type of drug can be based on the most serious offense.

- Rejected efforts by the father of one of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer's victims to make Dahmer's probation officer legally responsible for his son's death.

Supreme Court Justices query sentencing in Texas death cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four of the Supreme Court's nine justices put Texas and its courts on notice Monday: They're carefully watching how the state lets juries choose between death or life in prison for convicted murderers.

The extraordinary warning came as the nation's highest court rejected the appeal of Texas death row inmate Arthur Brown Jr., convicted of four drug-related murders in Houston five years ago.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals had upheld Brown's death sentence.

In an opinion accompanying the order rejecting Brown's appeal, Justice John Paul Stevens criticized Texas' capital sentencing law — one that has helped make Texas the nation's leader in executions.

Of the 59 executions in the United States this year, 31 have been in Texas. Since the court ended a four-year legal moratorium on capital punishment in 1976, 417 have been executed — 138 of them in Texas.

"Although juries are required to assess a capital defendant's

'future dangerousness' before sentencing him to death," Stevens noted, "he is prohibited from presenting truthful information to the jury about when he would be eligible for parole if sentenced to life."

Stevens, whose opinion was joined by Justices David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer, noted that Brown would have had to spend 35 years in prison before being eligible for parole if sentenced to life.

Brown sought to have the jury learn of that fact but was prevented from that by Texas law.

Stevens' opinion cited a 1994 Supreme Court ruling that said convicted murderers can tell sentencing juries when there's no chance they could be paroled if sentenced to life in prison, and added "there is obvious tension between this rule and our basic holding" in that decision.

And he noted that under Texas law, juries considering punishments in cases not involving a possible death sentence must be told when a defendant would be eligible for parole.



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Cowboys' win over Jacksonville rekindling winning spirit?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Just when it looks like the Dallas Cowboys are headed for the last roundup they play with the kind of precision that won them three Super Bowls in 1992, 1993, and 1995.

The Cowboys defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars 26-22 on Sunday playing like they did in a season-opening 37-7 win over Pittsburgh.

Dallas had no turnovers, held penalties to only 40 yards, none in critical situations, and got big plays from backup for injured stars. The Cowboys also scored a rushing touchdown for the first time this season and batted

scored touchdowns on four sorties inside the 20-yard line after entering the game four for their last 20.

"We're not as dominating a team as we once were," quarterback Troy Aikman said on Monday. "Each game for us is going to be a struggle. That's something the media is not used to. But the players know how hard it is to win."

Aikman's 64-yard touchdown pass to 35-year-old Herschel Walker late in the fourth period may have saved the Cowboys' season. Instead of going to 3-4 the Cowboys moved to 4-3 just a half game behind the New York Giants in the NFC East.

Dallas has won five consecutive NFC East titles. But all three of their losses are in the division — to Arizona, the Giants, and Washington — a figure that could come back to haunt them in playoff tiebreakers.

It took big plays by Walker and rookie Omar Stoutmire to turn the game around while Daryl Johnston and Darren Woodson watched from the sidelines with injuries. Stoutmire's interception killed Jacksonville's final drive.

"I really respect Herschel," Aikman said. "I came in in 1989 and he was the only Pro Bowler on the team. He's a wonderful guy I looked up to in

junior high and high school. He bounced around awhile and then came back. He hasn't complained about anything. He just goes out and plays when he knows he can do more. We've put in some packages for him to take advantage of linebackers."

Walker said he plays for the NFL minimum of \$275,000 because he loves the game.

"I love to compete," he said. "I don't know how long I'll play this game. When it gets to the point of not being able to get up to work out at 5 a.m. then it's time to hand it up. All I want to do is play football. I just want to work hard to get a Super Bowl ring."

Walker doesn't have one while Aikman has three of them.

"Herschel gives us a different dimension when he is in the game," Aikman said. "We can hurt defenses if they don't adjust to him."

Johnston is out indefinitely with a neck injury and Aikman said Walker is a lot better blocker than people think.

"I think he's just trying to toot my horn a little bit," Walker said. "It drops off a great deal with me because D.J. is a rare breed. You're not going to find too many in the league who are going to do the things he's able to do for you."

Still fighting, Bills make history with 9-6 win over Colts

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Thurman Thomas gave the winless Indianapolis Colts plenty of respect, but no sympathy.

And why should he? The Buffalo Bills have their own problems.

"I don't feel sorry for them, because we have had some battles with them over the years. They've come out on top before," Thomas said after Buffalo's 9-6 victory Monday night, only the second game in NFL history played without a touchdown or turnover.

"We were lucky to get this one from them. They never really quit."

Thomas, who left the game briefly with a sore knee, had 42 yards on 10 carries and became the 10th NFL running back with 11,000 career yards.

"It will be something nice to tell my grandkids about, but I'm going to keep on going," the 10-year veteran said. "I still feel like I have some time left in this league. I'm still having fun."

It was no fun at all for the Colts (0-7), who have lost five games by a total of 17 points this season. They blew a 26-0 lead over the Bills last month, and last week they couldn't hold a 10-0 lead over Pittsburgh.

But Buffalo (4-3), blown out 33-6 at New England in its previous game, has had to fight for every victory.

"Obviously, if we lost here tonight, it would put us back. At least we're up in the right column there," said kicker Steve Christie, whose third field goal, a 27-yarder as time expired, gave the Bills their winning points. "It was a big win for us to get things rolling. We've got Denver next week, so hopefully we can play off this win."

The only other game to be played without a touchdown or a turnover was New England's 6-3 victory over Miami in 1988.

Rookie Antowain Smith, Thomas' heir apparent and the Bills' leading rusher this season, set up Christie's winning field goal with an 11-yard run to the Indianapolis 9.

DOUBLE TEAM WORK?



Big Spring cross country runner Pat Reagan (right) hands off to Andrews' Kade Chesshire during Saturday's 4x1-mile relay race staged at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Because neither Big Spring, nor Andrews had enough runners to field a four-man team for the event, Reagan was teamed with Andrews' three runners. Reagan and the rest of Big Spring's cross country runners are scheduled to take part in the Abilene Cooper meet Thursday afternoon.

Lady Yearlings end season with split at Colorado City

HERALD Staff Report

Punnels' Lady Yearlings closed their 1997 volleyball season Monday with a split with Colorado City teams, the Gold squad taking a 15-7, 15-13 win, while the Black team faltered in three games.

In the first match, Big Spring's "Black" team looked as if it would romp to a quick victory, taking a 15-0 win in the first game behind Ashley Newton's serving 14 straight points. Jessica Woodward added the Lady Yearlings' other point.

But Colorado City rebounded for 15-12 and 15-7 wins in the final games, leaving the Lady Yearlings Black with a 12-3 record.

Laci Hagg paced the scoring for the Black during the second game with five points, while Sherry Gent, Ashley Keener and Traci Beltran added two points each. Shiloh Fritz had one.

In the third game, Woodward served for three Rannels points, while Jesse Weir had two. Newton and Amber Mayes each added a point.

The Lady Yearlings Gold exacted some measure of revenge, taking a 15-7, 15-13 win that improved their final record to 10-5 on the season.

Latrisha Rollins and Paige King led the way in the first game, each serving for five points. Melissa Ray added four points to the total and Chelsea Churchwell served for one.

Tejal Patel and Leslie Hicks led the way in the second game, serving for four points each, while Brittany Bryant added three. Enchantra Lara had two and Chasiti Marshall and Rollins served for one each.

Marlins, Indians changing into longjohns

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The Florida Marlins can expect a chilly reception at Jacobs Field. Then again, so can the Cleveland Indians.

One look at the knit stocking cap David Justice wore in the batting cage Monday left no doubt about the big story at the World Series: the weather.

Temperatures are expected to drop into the 30s tonight for Game 3. It might be even colder, with snow, the next night, conditions so bad that Game 4 could be jeopardized.

Not that anyone is complaining. At least, not yet.

But several players wore gloves — not the kind made by Rawlings, either — during off-day workouts held on blustery afternoons in the 50s.

Quite a change from Sunday night, when the Marlins took batting practice in T-shirts and shorts in 77-degree heat before a 6-1 loss that evened the Series

at one win each.

"I grew up in Milwaukee, I went to school in South Bend, so this is outstanding weather," Marlins second baseman Craig Counsell said. "I can't wait to go out and play in it, to be honest with you."

"To me growing up, this is always what the World Series was played in, weather like this," he said. "It's the World Series, I don't care what the weather is going to be like. It's not going to be a factor from my standpoint. You've got to deal with it. If you let it affect you, you're crazy."

Charles Nagy, who will start for the Indians against Al Leiter, did not appear worried. "I don't mind it so much," Nagy said. "There's nothing you can do about it. You can't change the conditions."

"I've pitched in cold weather before, but nothing can really prepare you to go out there," he said. "It's going to be cold."

Agreed Leiter: "The biggest

problem with the cold is the slick feeling on the ball. The balls become like cue balls." Marlins manager Jim Leyland saw the foreboding sky, heard the grim forecast and sounded concerned. Not so much for the way it might aggravate Bobby Bonilla's hamstring or affect Leiter's grip, though.

"I'm more worried about the cold for my mom more than I am the players," Leyland said. "But I'm not going to buy her a fur coat today."

Leyland's 85-year-old mother, Veronica, plans to attend tonight. Wednesday night could see the first World Series game with snow since the 1979 opener in Baltimore between Pittsburgh and the Orioles.

"I found that this kind of weather is kind of a mind over matter," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "If you don't mind, it really doesn't matter."

But there are adjustments that need to be made.

"Probably the major effect is the grip the pitcher will have on the ball. Cold weather tends to dry out your hands and fingers a lot more than warm weather will, obviously," Hargrove said.

"Hitting a baseball in cold weather is not a lot of fun," he said. "If you don't hit it just right, it hurts."

Bip Roberts, likely to be in left field tonight when Justice moves to DH and Tony Fernandez takes over at second base, is not looking forward to the frosty conditions.

"I don't think anybody is used to playing baseball in 30-degree weather. I'm from California and it is never 30 degrees there. You just have to bear with it," he said.

And in the end, it's the same for both sides. Even though Cleveland and Miami have different climates, it's been a while since either team felt anything close to what's in the forecast.

Ganado planning early Halloween to clear decks for football

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

GANADO — If you don't think high school football is big in Texas, consider this:

The town of Ganado will hold Halloween a day early so trick-or-treaters don't get tangled up with the massive crowd expected for the Oct. 31 battle between the Ganado Indians and the Industrial Cobras.

"We're expecting a huge, standing-room-only crowd at the game and although we'll have law enforcement out in full force, it's only prudent that children not be allowed on the street Friday night," Mayor Dana Parks told The Victoria Advocate.

So Parks and City Council members are encouraging parents to observe Halloween early. Although compliance is voluntary, the die-hard Ganado fans will very likely comply and take their kids trick-or-treating Thursday so they can catch Friday's game.

Both Ganado and Industrial are currently 7-0, undefeated in District 28-2A, and are each favored in their next games prior to the big matchup. Ganado is ranked No. 4 and Industrial is No. 9 in Class 2A in the latest Associated Press state high school poll.

"You know nothing really exciting happens in a small town like Ganado, so when the football team is doing well it's really a big deal," said resident Sandra Green. "I sure hope we win because my husband farms in La Ward and he'll never hear the end of it if we don't."

When the Indians defeated Industrial last year in Vanderbilt, Green said her 83-year-old grandmother remarked to her, "I'm sure glad I lived long enough to see our team win a game against Industrial."

Green explained that a lot of Ganado school children had been going around town with long faces until they came home with a note from school

Wednesday declaring Halloween will be observed on Oct. 30.

"Mom and dad were going to the game," she said, "not trick or treating."

Dennis Bures of Ganado, who works at Formosa Plastics in Point Comfort, said the impending game is all the rage at work.

"Everybody is talking about it and lots of people from Victoria and elsewhere say they plan to attend."

He said that if both teams remain undefeated, the crowd in Ganado Halloween night may set a new attendance record.

Green added that Ganado's success has fostered mini-homecomings of many former residents who've returned home to support the team after years of absence.

Ganado schools Superintendent Donald Egg said he will be meeting with law enforcement representatives Tuesday to plan a crowd-control strategy.

UIL Legislative Council rejects central site

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — A proposal to create a central site for the state football championships has been rejected by the University Interscholastic League Legislative Council.

The council announced Monday that a survey sent to UIL schools in September was returned with superintendents voting 508-293 against establishing a common site.

The proposal was presented by the Fox Sports Southwest television network, which offered cash, hotel rooms and other incentives to participating schools.

In other action, the Legislative Council approved a proposal that would allow two conferences in both boys and girls soccer. That change would allow classes 5A and 4A to each compete for a state championship beginning in the 1998-99 school year.

Two items will be placed on a ballot that will be sent to superintendents in early December for a vote.

The first would allow three teams to advance into the playoffs in Class 2A and 3A in all team sports, meaning the football playoffs would have a Division I and Division II, just as 4A and 5A are currently structured.

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Sunday, Oct. 20
Baltimore at Cincinnati
Dallas at Philadelphia
Denver at Buffalo
Kansas City at San Francisco
Minnesota at Chicago
New England at Tennessee
Indianapolis at Jacksonville
Oakland at Seattle
Atlanta at Carolina
Open date:
Monday, Oct. 27
Green Bay at

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Here is a for the seven teams in the area for the next season:

FRIDAY, OCT. 24
BSHS at Fort Roscoe at Garden City
Eldorado at Garden City
Loop at Sandhills
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BSHS at Sweetwater
Grape Creek at Fortson
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NFL SCHEDULE

Sunday, Oct. 26
Baltimore at Washington, 12 p.m.
Cincinnati at NY Giants, 12 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 12 p.m.
Denver at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
Kansas City at St. Louis, 12 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 12 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 27
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 3 p.m.
Tennessee at Arizona, 3 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Open date: Detroit, NY Jets
Monday, Oct. 27
Green Bay at New England, 8 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

WORLD SERIES (NBC)
Saturday, Oct. 18
Florida 7, Cleveland 4
Sunday, Oct. 19
Cleveland 6, Florida 1; series tied 1-1
Tuesday, Oct. 21
Florida (Latter 11-9) at Cleveland (Nagy 15-11), 7:20 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 22
Florida (Saunders 4-6) at Cleveland (Wright 8-3), 7:20 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 23
Florida (Hernandez 12-3) at Cleveland (Hershiser 14-7), 7:20 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25
Cleveland at Florida, 7 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 26
Cleveland at Florida, 6:35 p.m. EST, if necessary

LOCAL BOWLING

Guy's & Dolls
Rosters - Mechanical over Federal Oil, 6-2; Flo's Yellow Rose over Big Spring State Park, 6-2; Kelly's Cafe over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Head Hunters Beauty Salon over The Ghost Team, 4-2; hi so game and series (men), Bub Sigmon, 193, Ken Beeler, 504; hi hdp game and series (men), Bub Sigmon, 238, Jim Reese, 631; hi team game and series, Head Hunters Beauty Salon, 631, and 1772; hi game and series (women), Ariene McMurtrey, 176, Velma Campbell, 454; hi hdp game and series (women), Christine Sparks, 224 and 604; hi hdp team game and series, Big Spring State Park, 811, Flo's Yellow Rose, 2339.
Standings - Flo's Yellow Rose, 50-22; Head Hunters, 48-24; Federal Oil, 42-30; Kelly's Cafe, 40-32; Hesters Mechanical, 36-36; Big Spring State Park, 34-38; Fifth Wheels, 30-42.

AREA SCHEDULE

Here is a composite schedule for the seven high school football teams in the Crossroads County area for the remainder of the regular season:
FRIDAY, OCT. 24
BSHS at Fort Stockton, 7:30 p.m.
Roscoe at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Eldorado at Forsan, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Van Horn, 8 p.m.
Garden City at Christoval, 7:30 p.m.
Loop at Sands, 7:30 p.m.
Dawson at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCT. 31
BSHS at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
Grape Creek at Coahoma, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Ozona, 8 p.m.
Iran at Stanton, 8 p.m.
W Valley at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
SAS at Klondike, 7:30 p.m.
Wellman at Grady, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOV. 7
Andrews at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Roscoe at Forsan, 8 p.m.
Stanton at Anthony, 8 p.m.
Bronte at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Grady at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Declined to exercise the contract option on

RHP Shawn Boskie for the 1998 season.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Steve Abney, Henry Cruz, Chick Ricci, Bill Schudlich and Rob Walton area scouts and Butch Metzger as scout.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Named Gary Jones first base coach, Brad Fischer bullpen coach, and Bob Alcio strength and conditioning coach.
American Association
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS—Named Darryl Keith director of advertising, Brad Morris business manager, Randy Lewandowski director of operations, Tim Harms assistant ticket manager and Suzy Pavone group sales director.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Traded G Sherman Douglas to the Denver Nuggets for G Greg Graham.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Waived G DeJuan Wheat.
INDIANAPOLIS PACERS—Waived G Rick Brunson.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK JETS—Placed LB Pepper Johnson on injured reserve, signed LB Chris Wing from the practice squad, waived G Shane Hannah from the practice squad, signed P Nick Gallery and LB Craig Guest to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
International Hockey League
ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS—Signed D Marc Dupuis to a one-year contract.

UTAH GRIZZLIES—Signed LW John LeBlanc. Announced the retirement of LW Jim Storm.
COLLEGE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE DIRECTORS OF ATHLETICS—Named Minnesota athletic director Mark Dienthart, Colorado-Corona Springs athletic director Theo Gregory, Catonsville C.C. athletic director Brian Farrell and UCLA associate athletic director Detsy Stephenson to the executive committee. Named Ohio Athletic Conference commissioner Tim Gleason parliamentary.
BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE—Named James Companion assistant commissioner.
WENTWORTH TECH—Named Karen Callaghan and Eddwena Wright women's assistant basketball coaches.

TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Oct. 18:

Rank	Team	Record
1	Nebraska (33)	6-0
2	Penn St. (26)	7-0
3	Florida (9)	6-0
4	North Carolina (2)	7-0
5	Michigan	6-0
6	Florida	6-1
7	Washington	5-1
8	Tennessee	5-1
9	Oho St.	6-1
10	Washington St.	6-1
11	Auburn	6-0
12	Oklahoma St.	6-0
13	UCLA	5-2
14	Kansas St.	5-1
15	Michigan St.	5-1
16	Georgia	5-1
17	LSU	4-2
18	Iowa	5-1
19	Virginia Tech	5-1
20	Texas A&M	5-1
21	West Virginia	5-1
22	Purdue	5-1
23	Arizona St.	5-2
24	Toledo	6-0
25	Mississippi	4-2

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

'Meet the Hawks' set for Thursday

Howard College will have its "Meet the Hawks" program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The event will begin with a Lady Hawks basketball scrimmage. The college's rodeo and baseball teams will be introduced following that game and then the Hawks will take the court for a scrimmage. According to Hawks coach Tommy Collins, the four Hawks players, all starters, arrested earlier this fall on possession of marijuana charges have been dropped from the team.

Tournament to benefit United Way slated

The staff, family members and friends of the Big Spring State Hospital will take part in a golf tournament benefitting the United Way of Howard County on Oct. 24 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The four-person best ball event will begin with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fees are set at \$27.50 per person and registrations must be completed by Thursday. Any player managing a hole-in-one on a par 3 hole will win a mountain bike. In addition, a set of wood covers will be awarded to the man and woman turning in the longest drives on No. 3. A set of iron covers will go to the player getting closest to the hole on No. 10, and the player making the longest putt on No. 6 will receive a sleeve of Titleist balls. For more information, contact Joe Simons or Maria Saracho at 267-8216, extension 7781.

YMCA forming swim team

A swim team to be coached by Harlan Smith is being formed by the Big Spring YMCA. The team meets from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, and anyone between the ages of 6 and 16 who can swim one length of the pool and is willing to learn the

four competitive swimming strokes is welcome to join. For more information, contact the YMCA by calling 267-8234.

Coahoma Booster Club meeting today

The Coahoma Booster Club's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. today in the high school's faculty dining room. The club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and each meeting includes a brief review of the previous Friday's game film. All Bulldog fans are encouraged to attend.

Local chapter needs softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games through West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this spring. For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.

CGA sets last tournament of year

Big Spring's Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its final tournament of the year, the third annual Charlie Gonzalez Memorial Tournament for Saturday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The event will be a four-man scramble, with players to assemble their own teams. Tee times for the tournament will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Entry fees are set at \$15 per person. For more information, interested persons may call 263-7741 or 264-2366.

Quarterback Club meeting tonight

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the Big Spring High School Athletic Facility's film room. The club meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. to review films from the previous week's Steers game. All Steers fans are encouraged to attend.

YOUTH SOCCER

Heath York was virtually unstoppable Saturday, as he led the Big Green to a 5-3 win in Under 6 division play in the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association. York scored all five of the Big Green's goals, while Macy Briggs and Chad Bowles led the defensive effort. Briggs was credited with four saves in goal, while Bowles had three. Luke Lewis had two saves, while Alix Ortega had one as well.

In another Under 6 game, Evan Burton scored three goals and Reagan Rotan added two more in leading the Hot Shots to a 7-1 win over the Cowboys. Jaze Neighbors and Mikael Hill rounded out the scoring for the Hot Shots, while Isabel Ortiz paced the defensive effort.

In Under 8 play, Zack Dawson scored two goals and Jake Cerda and Callie Partee added solo scores in leading the Hot Shots to a win over the Gold.

Macee Gonzales and Emily Hanes provided outstanding defensive play in limiting the Gold to just one goal. Tyler Dunn scored two goals in leading the Big Green Machine to a 3-0 win over the Orange in Under 10 division action.

Jake White added the third goal for the Machine, while Kyle Porterfield and Jacob Nichols combined for the shutout in goal.

Other strong defensive play was provided by Jonathon McGregor, Lance Cross, Ryan Harris and Ryan Tannehill.

Despite suffering a 4-1 loss at the hands of the Eagles, the Shockers' Taylor Parks turned in an impressive performance in goal, chalking up a total of 15 saves.

Joshua Childers provided the Shockers' only goal, while Corey Douglass, Brady King and Joshua Chu also played well.

UIL

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The second proposal would create a regional tournament in boys and girls basketball in Class 4A. Currently, 4A is the only class without a regional tournament.

If the proposals are approved on the ballot by a simple majority, they would be enacted.

Other proposals rejected Monday by the Legislative Council include:

— Adding gymnastics as a UIL activity.

— Adding rodeo as a UIL activity.

— Allowing private and parochial schools to join the UIL.

— Allowing home school children to participate in UIL activities.

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TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in COWBOYS game.

TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Baltimore at Washington	Tennessee at Arizona
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants	Indianapolis at San Diego
Dallas at Philadelphia	Jacksonville at Pittsburgh
Denver at Buffalo	Oakland at Seattle
Kansas City at St. Louis	Atlanta at Carolina
Minnesota at Tampa Bay	Green Bay at New England
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Recognizing restrictions and being loving about them can serve you far better than trying to break the status quo. A soft touch goes much further today with a family member or domestic issue. However, an element of confusion continues to lurk. **Tonight: Stay home.**

(April 20-May 20)
TAURUS Ask questions when you feel something is off. A sensitive exchange is likely. You feel overly defensive again. Open up to all possibilities. It is important to keep confusion from dominating the scene. Keep inquiring, and seek answers. **Tonight: Expect a change in plans.**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You want a loved one to open up and share. Through this, you discover an inner sense of commitment and direction. The two of you build a stronger bond. Use extra caution with money matters. Another doesn't see eye-to-eye with you at all. **Tonight: Pay bills.**

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be trying too hard to please everyone. Recognizing your restrictions is key. Co-workers are special; share their willingness, support and cooperation. A partner is distracted, and might not be giving you a true reading. **Tonight: Beam in what you want.**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Maintain a low profile. Be more understanding with the forces around you. You still might be having trouble looking at the big picture, though another is most indulgent. Stay open; creativity and love can bloom. Much is going on behind the scenes. **Tonight: Slow down.**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Aim for what you want, be clear and direct. Friendship, meetings and that proverbial pot of gold all have you preoccupied. You feel a strong sense of caring from a partner. Reciprocate feelings. A bonding

on the home front is likely. **Tonight: Laugh at what happens.**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your gentleness helps another. Effectiveness is highlighted. Your conversations elicit feedback and help another feel appreciated. Discussions with that grumpy associate could mellow out for now. Don't let others pressure you. **Tonight: Do what you want.**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take time to buy a gift or spend something on a co-worker or friend who enhances the quality of your day-to-day life. Check out what is really being said behind the words; others could mean something totally different from what you think. **Tonight: Toss plans in the air.**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are frisky and appealing. Another might not agree with your assessment of a romantic situation. You actually might have reached a stalemate. Be careful with expenses, risks and funds. Confusion marks finances for now, but a decision is forthcoming. **Tonight: Snuggle in.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others defer to you, much in the way you like. But you are unsure which direction you want to take. A new purchase or item for your home could make you happy and comfortable. A family member cares for you. **Tonight: You are unsure about what is going on around you.**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have an unusually heavy workload. Unexpected news upsets you. Lighten up about demands. In some way, you might be making mountains out of molehills. A friendship is very important; make calls. A discussion is necessary and perhaps heavy. **Tonight: Mellow out.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) What you assume is a given, isn't. Pull back, make associations and be direct. It is quite apparent that a loved one has boss he wants to share. The boss smiles on you, supporting you. Now is the time to ask for that raise. **Another is responsive. Tonight: Find the fun.**

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Mom makes too much room for boy close to girl's heart

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son, "Josh," has been dating a 20-year-old girl, "Jessica," for about 10 months. Josh graduated from high school in June and left for the Army three weeks later. Just before he left, Jessica's mother gave him the family engagement ring, in case he "wanted to use it" before he went.

Josh's father and I were very upset. We talked and talked, and finally convinced our son that he doesn't know Jessica well enough to marry her, and he has no idea where his commitment to the Army will lead him.

Besides, he is simply too young to marry. Finally, after four days of emotional turmoil, Josh returned the ring to Jessica's mother.

My son now informs us that Jessica and her mother are fixing up the basement of their home for him when he comes home on leave.

There is no end to this woman's presumptuousness. The extent to which she is going in order to snag my son for her daughter is making me ill. I have written to Josh expressing my feelings, but it hasn't helped. He plans to stay at their home when he returns. My husband says to let him go, but I am hurt and frightened. What

can I do? — ILL IN PA.

DEAR ILL: Remind Josh that marriage is far too serious a commitment for a fellow his age. Most young men that age are in no great rush to get married, although they do get involved in some romantic encounters. Trying to come between the two will only drive them into each other's arms.

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DEAR WONDERING: I wouldn't.

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