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Finishing touches being applied to Business Showcase

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The finishing touches are being applied to Big Spring's first ever Business Showcase and Thursday area residents will get to take advantage of what retailers learned during this summer's chamber of commerce-sponsored retail development seminar.

Thursday's Business Showcase, scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center and is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The showcase will include shopping opportunities, door prizes, demonstrations

and food samples.

According to Amber Rich, director of business development at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and a member of the chamber's retail development committee, the showcase can be tied to the earlier seminars with nationally acclaimed consultant Kent Burnes.

Small business owners learned the definition of good customer service; the top 10 rules to implementing a service program; added value services that work; programs that make employees want to be customer friendly; how to spot and fix customer service breakdowns; and services that customers will want to pay for.

"With the seminars, we were trying to

prepare the retailers for the Christmas season," Rich said. "The showcase is in place of a fourth Business After Hours function because not everyone (businesses) is big enough to participate in Business After Hours."

More than 40 area merchants have signed up to have booths at the showcase, which will feature hundreds of Christmas gift ideas.

Some of the items at the showcase will include clothes, unique sports gifts, electronics, cellular phones, computers, Coca-Cola items, food gift baskets, gift certificates, skin care products, and bed and bath

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Let us not forget those who served our country, both in war and peace, and especially those who gave their lives in the fight to help maintain the American way of life.

Veterans Day salute

Goliad Middle School's Cavaliers joined with representatives of the Texas Army National Guard in a Veterans Day salute this morning. At right, Joshua Hernandez starts to run the flags up the pole with the help of Jess Pierson. In the bottom photo, Steve Aalasz and Pierson tell the Cavaliers about the history of the flag. The Cavaliers are a student service group at the school.

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Crowded jails

Sheriff works to avoid problems with Jail Standards Commission

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

One thing Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings wants to avoid is having the Texas Commission on Jail Standards come to town and yank the certification of the jail because of overcrowding.



JENNINGS

Monday's meeting agenda of the Howard County Commissioners' Court was short, but one of the issues discussed was jail overcrowding.

"The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) has stopped taking paper-ready inmates," Jennings told commissioners. "There are 15 parolees in the county jail right now."

The reason Jennings brought the subject up at Monday's meeting is because the county jail, which has the capacity for housing 48 inmates, reached a population of 51 inmates last Thursday.

Jennings said the situation was remedied because of cooperation between County Judge Ben Lockhart and District Judge Robert Moore, which allowed for some rearranging of housing in the jail.

Overcrowding is not a new issue, and Jennings said his purpose in addressing the commissioners' court was to let them know what's coming.

At one point in 1995, Howard County faced the same problem and was paying several thousand dollars a month to Limestone County to have its overflow of inmates housed.

"I'm just letting you know what's being done at the jail and I wanted to let you know what's coming and what's already here," Jennings said.

Commissioners were vocal in 1995 about the capacity of the jail as well as its age, and with the space problems the state is experiencing, the issue seems to have come back in full force.

One of those commissioners was Bill Crooker who said, "We started this process several years ago and progress has been slow. We're bleeding badly and we need to do something about it."

In order to paint commissioners a clearer picture of the situation, Jennings told commissioners that in March he sent a bill to TDCJ for a state inmate

who was housed in the county jail for 183 days.

There are currently six paper-ready inmates in the county jail ready to be transferred to TDCJ, according to Jennings.

"We haven't taken anyone to TDCJ in three weeks now," Jennings said.

According to TDCJ Spokesman Glen Castleberry, the State Board of Pardons and Paroles was pressured to increase its approval of inmates eligible for parole in an effort to make room for worse inmates back in the early 1990s because of overcrowding.

Then, approximately 79 percent of all eligible parolees (56,000 inmates) were approved. In 1996, following completion of the TDCJ expansion, the parole approval rate was down to 20 percent.

During the overcrowding period, several inmates were paroled in absentia (meaning they never left the county jails they were detained in to reach TDCJ prison units).

This could happen again, but in the meantime, Jennings, commissioners and the county is left with the bill for increased food costs, medical care and other inmate related expenses.

At one point in the summer of 1995, every backlogged inmate had been removed from county jails and the state's inmate population stood at 123,000.

As of June 30, TDCJ had an inmate population of 136,500 and a total capacity for 144,000 inmates, which Castleberry said was an indication of what Jennings and other county officials in Texas face today.

"Under state law, we have to accept paper-ready felons in 45-days or less," Castleberry said. "In large areas like Harris County, we may have buses there three times a week because we pick up so many, but in rural areas we may pick up inmates once a month at a specific location."

TDCJ missed by several weeks a prediction made earlier this year that by Jan. 1, 1998, it will have reached its inmate capacity. That capacity will be reached by April as the current inmate population in the state system is 139,300.

"When the system is full next April, we will slow down our pick-up of inmates from county jails and start building toward our 45-day limit," Castleberry said. "This process should carry us through the end of 1998."

Chamber helps advance community projects

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

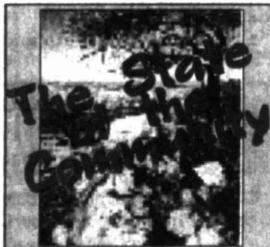
Although the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is considered the pulse of the Big Spring-Howard County business community, the chamber has a number of secondary roles that are just as vital to its success in the community.

Chamber Executive Vice President Terri Newton says the chamber is a cooperative of businesses and individuals working together to advance the civic, economic, cultural and social betterment and interests of the people of Big Spring and Howard County.

"The chamber works at maintaining awareness of key issues at the local, state and federal level by coordinating with the Texas Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce," Newton said.

Several of the ongoing programs of the chamber benefit the community in a number of ways, according to Newton.

"Leadership Big Spring is a



Big Spring and Howard County's elective and appointed leaders take an in-depth look at the community. WEDNESDAY: Chamber, part two.

program designed to prepare and orientate potential community leaders while increasing leadership skills," Newton said. "The program also opens networking opportunities among business people in the community."

Business After Hours is also designed to network and show-

case sponsors.

"The sponsors open their business to the public to display what they have to offer," Newton said. "This program is drawing an average of 150 participants per gathering."

"The Health Fair, held in April each year, is an exhibition of all areas of the medical industry," Newton said. "Attendance at this function has been around 2,000 people in each of the last two years."

The chamber also hosts two community luncheons each year, which focus on a particular area of the business sector to display their talents while recognizing their contribution to the community.

The annual Ag Expo is an exhibition of the agricultural industry which brings area farmers and ranchers together for networking opportunities. The appreciation luncheon and naming of Ag Producer of the Year are annual by-products of the Ag Expo.

Participants are always encouraged to bring a friend and plenty of business cards.

The year's first three Business After Hours programs were in March at Security State Bank, June at Signal Homes and September at Elrod's Furniture drawing an average of 150 participants per gathering.

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WEATHER

Tonight:



Wed:



Thur:



Fri:



Tonight, cloudy. Slight chance of rain. Lows near mid 40s. Wednesday, becoming partly cloudy. Highs to mid 60s. Wednesday night, increasing clouds. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast, Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs in the 50s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs 45-55. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows 25-35. Highs in the 50s.

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Stanton school trustees OK 1996-97 audit report

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

STANTON — Stanton school trustees put their stamp of approval on the 1996-97 audit report during their regular meeting Monday night at the school administration building.

The audit report, compiled by the Stanton accounting firm of Stallings and Herm, showed that Stanton ISD, which has had a rocky past few years because of plummeting valuations, weathered the past school year in good shape.

"It was a good report, we're in good financial shape," school business manager Rob

Roberson said. "We managed to hold our heads above water."

The district will now submit the report to the Texas Education Agency for its review.

The past few years have not been especially kind to Stanton ISD's finances. The prolonged slump in the oil industry hit the district's tax rolls especially hard, sending them into sharp decline for most of the 1980s and '90s.

Stanton's tax rolls — heavily dependent on oil and gas valuations — dwindled by more than half in the last 15 years.

However, that slump suddenly reversed itself this year, and district property valuations jumped for the first time in 13 years to about \$127 million.

The stabilization in the tax rolls led to a budget this year in excess of \$6 million. Of that figure, \$5.107 million was dedicated to general fund expenditures, \$1.11 million in special revenues and \$189,000 in debt service.

In addition, the school district managed a fund balance in excess of \$2 million. The district's fund balance is its nest egg, a hedge of sorts against any sudden financial bad news.

Roberson said he was hopeful that this year's good news was the start of a positive trend for the district.

"We did a small increase in the tax base (this year)," Roberson said. "Maybe this will give us a chance to catch our breath."

OBITUARIES

Ida C. Lucero

Rosary for Ida C. Lucero, 38, Big Spring, will be 6:30 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1997, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor, officiating.



LUCERO

Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ms. Lucero died Monday, Nov. 10, in a local hospital.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1959, in Tularosa, N.M. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Alvino Noyola, Big Spring; one son, Marcos Correa, Big Spring; three daughters, Alicia Correa, Olivia Rodriguez and Kenzie Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; her father, Felipe B. Lucero, Big Spring; five sisters, Josie Chavez, Rosie Stapp, Virginia Franco, all of Big Spring, Gloria Cameron, Winfield, W.V., and Anna Lucero, Bremerton, Wash.; three brothers, Valentin P. Lucero, Mesquite, David P. Lucero, Ruidoso, N.M., and Rueben P. Lucero, Grants, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Felix Garza, Sr.

Rosary for Felix Garza, Sr., 55, Lenorah, will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor, officiating.



GARZA

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL. 24th & Johnson 267-8288. Leola "Polly" Conway, 73, died Sunday. Graveside: 3:00 PM. Today at Veal Station Cemetery, Springtown, TX. Beatrice Mitchell, 46, died Monday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home. Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory. 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331. W. E. "Bill" Hanson, 96, died Monday. Services will be 3:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Ida C. Lucero, 38, died Monday. Rosary will be at 6:30 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Felix Garza, Sr., 55, died Monday. Rosary will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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COMMUNITY

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The annual banquet at the beginning of each year is the highlight event for the chamber and outlines the coming year for the chamber.

"The annual banquet is a community driven evening event designed to introduce the incoming officers of the chamber as well as present the goals for the upcoming year," Newton said. "During this event, the Man and Woman of the Year for the previous year are named in honor of their outstanding citizenship, contributions and hard work they have given to the community."

According to Newton, the chamber is continuously working to offer expanded support and education that will benefit businesses and individuals.

As for the future of the chamber, the good things happening now are the things the chamber will look to continue in the future.

"The chamber will continue to be a continuous coop designed to lead the community toward a better quality of life for the citizens of Howard County," Newton said. "The chamber will continue to focus on innovative ways to educate, support and provide networking for all business and individual sectors of the community."

The chamber also hopes to increase the involvement of individuals to help support, enhance and promote the many great things the community has to offer, according to Newton.

"The chamber will continue to work with the Convention and Visitors Bureau in marketing Big Spring and Howard County for Tourism," Newton said. "We will also continue to welcome visitors and prospective residences to the city and provide current information to them enhancing their visit and encouraging relocation."

Work will also continue with Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. in promoting location of prospective industries and governmental entities to Big Spring, according to Newton.

"The chamber will continue to work with the master plan to make Big Spring and Howard County a better place in which to visit, live, work and engage in business," Newton said.

BRIEFS

A WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION Day ceremony will be held beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday in Room 212 at the Big Spring Veteran's Administration Hospital. The keynote program, a slide show on Somalia, will be presented by Amy Marcotte of the Social Work Service.

A special portion of the program will feature the presentation of the Women Veterans sculpture by Jay Capps.

CHOIR BOOSTERS FOR BIG Spring High School choir will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the choir room. For more information about this group, call Linda Lindell at 264-3641.

A COMMUNITY-WIDE PEP rally will take place Friday at Big Spring High School Steer gym, beginning at 7 p.m. It will be a "black light" pep rally and

Monday-Friday 9 AM-8 PM Saturday 9 AM-5 PM CLOSED SUNDAY MEDICAL CARE PLAZA 264-6860 1300 GREGG

Big Spring Specialty Clinic of ORH ODESSA REGIONAL HOSPITAL Dr. Morehead, OB/GYN will be in the Clinic on Wednesday, Nov. 12th For appointment call (915) 267-8226 616 So. Gregg St. Big Spring, Texas

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

participants are urged to wear white.

The senior class will be selling glow-in-the-dark necklaces beginning at 6 p.m.

SHOWCASE

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Chamber Vice President of Retail Development Sue Bagwell said the showcase is as important to the public as it is to the merchants.

"People need to know that there is help out there for the small business," Bagwell said.

Businesses participating in Thursday's event include Phillip's Tire, Neal's Sporting Goods, Spirit of the West, Le' Carousel, The Candied Apple, Al's and Son Bar-B-Q, Brushworks, Carol Berry and her artwork, State National Bank of West Texas, Norwest Bank, Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union, Nannie's Attic, Coldwell Banker-Sun Country Realtors, The Byrd House, Sugg's Hallmark, Y.E.S., Santa Fe Sandwiches, Allan's Furniture, Merle Norman Cosmetics, Big Spring Mall, Best Home Care, Cellular One and The Carrot Patch.

Also participating will be Simpler Pleasures, Crossroads Communications, Greenhouse Foods, Mason's, The Running 'R,' Delta Corporation, Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Franklin and Son, Flo Light Screen Printing, Pollard Chevrolet, Bob Brock Ford, Fiesta Dodge, Mary Kay, Big Spring Symphony, Big Spring Health Food Store, Bob's Custom Woodwork, Greenhouse Photography, West Texas Flooring, Johansen's Nursery, Vision Makers, Harley Davidson Shop, Shea's, Concho Business Systems and the Do-It-Center.

"Not only will there be some of Big Spring's oldest and finest businesses represented, there will be a chance to see many of Big Spring's newest shops — all in one place," Bagwell said. "We have tried to keep the cost for businesses very low, and we're hoping for a big turnout."

"Not only will this give the retailers a pre-Christmas boost, but I think it will be great fun for the public," Bagwell added.

Because the bulk of the Christmas shopping season is just around the corner, area residents will also have an opportunity at the showcase to find out more about this year's Shop Big Spring Campaign.

"Home for the Holidays," is the theme for this year's Shop Big Spring campaign and we will have a table set up at showcase for people to preview this event," Rich said.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 70.15, up 22 points; Dec. crude 20.52, up 12 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 44.50; cash steers steady at 69; Dec. lean hog futures 61, down 15 points; Dec.

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patients transferred to SMMC. 1:46 p.m. — 1400 block Scurry, medical call, service refused.

2:33 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, service refused.

3:24 p.m. — 1700 block Purdue, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

3:15 p.m. — 3900 block Gail Hwy., medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

6:14 p.m. — 700 block N. Lancaster, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

8:00 p.m. — 300 block N.E. 10th, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

8:06 p.m. — FM-700 and Virginia, car fire, extinguished by responding units.

8:15 p.m. — 300 block Davis Road, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

10:13 a.m. — FM-700 and Virginia, extrication.

10:23 p.m. — 1900 block Owens, medical call, service refused.

11:16 p.m. — 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

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

• KATHY FOSTER, 35, arrested on local warrants.

• ERNEST KERR, 33, arrested on local warrants.

• GERALD ROSS, 33, arrested on charge of no driver's license.

• NANCY DIAZ, no age given, arrested on local warrants.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE on the 2600 block of Crestline, the 900 block of E. 16th and the 1100 block of Mesa.

• ASSAULT on the 1500 block of Tucson.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on the 4200 block of Muir.

• THEFT on the 500 and 1100 block of Birdwell, the 3200 block of Parkway and 1700 block of E. Marcy.

• FORGERY on the 500 block of Scott and the 2000 block of N. Scurry.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS on the 1900 block of Nolan and the 3600 block of Hamilton.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on the 2000 block of Gregg.

SHERIFF

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

• ASSAULT on Jonesboro Road.

RECORDS

Monday's high ** Monday's low ** Average high 66 Average low 40 Record high 84 in 1927 Record low 16 in 1950 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.79 Month's normal 0.26 Year to date 18.45 Normal for the year 17.37 **Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: Monday 12:17 a.m. — 3000 block Old Highway 80, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 10:13 a.m. — Virginia and FM-700, traffic accident, three

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Judge frees English au pair, decision outrages child's family

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A judge reduced Louise Woodward's murder conviction to manslaughter and set the English au pair free Monday in hopes of bringing "a compassionate conclusion" to a case that threw a spotlight on everything from working moms to the American legal system.

As the world watched, Judge Hiller B. Zobel sentenced Woodward to the 279 days served since her arrest last February in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. The maximum sentence for involuntary manslaughter is 20 years. There is no minimum.

The round-faced 19-year-old showed no reaction in court, not even the enigmatic smile that crossed her lips from

time to time during testimony. Her lawyers said she would have no comment. Accompanied by her parents, she got into a vehicle with tinted windows in the basement parking garage and left with a police motorcycle escort.

Hours earlier, the judge ruled that she killed the baby by shaking him violently but that her actions did not constitute second-degree murder because she did not act with malice. Second-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 15 years.

"In selecting the sentence here I do not denigrate Matthew Eappen's death nor his family's grief," Zobel said. But he added: "It is, in my judgment, time

to bring the judicial part of this extraordinary matter to a compassionate conclusion."

Cheers went up outside the courthouse and inside a pub in her village of Elton, England. "Thank you Judge Zobel — Elton," said one sign held by a supporter. Others drank champagne.

Vicky Woodward, the au pair's younger sister, said she talked to Woodward on the phone. She said her sister had expected the judge to sentence her to 10 years in prison.

"She wants to say thank you to everybody," she said. "I just can't wait for her to come home."

The baby's parents, Sunil and Deborah Eappen, reacted with anger to Zobel's decisions.

"What is Judge Zobel thinking? What does that say about justice? Does it say that you can kill a baby, and that your youth and inexperience with cranky babies counts for more than a child's life?" Mrs. Eappen told The Boston Globe from an undisclosed location in New Hampshire.

Sunil Eappen said he wondered how the judge could find Ms. Woodward guilty of manslaughter, but set her free.

"He mentioned in his decision that he was a grandfather," Eappen said. "What if Matthew had been his grandson? Doesn't he get it? Someone killed Matthew. He acknowledges on the one hand that someone killed Matthew, and on the other hand he frees her. It

makes no sense." In suburban Chicago, the child's grandmother said the decision upholds the essence of the jury's finding.

"It still proves that she's guilty," Achamma Eappen said from her home in Hinsdale, Ill. "All that we wanted was for us to know what has really happened, and this still shows that she's guilty."

The child's grandfather, a pediatrician also named Sunil Eappen, told the BBC that the family was "outraged and disappointed" and that Woodward's sentence was "totally inadequate."

Prosecutors said they would appeal the reduction, and Zobel ordered Woodward to stay in Massachusetts until a court decides she can leave.

UP chairman admits 'terrible service'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Union Pacific (UP) has provided "terrible service" to its customers, but is improving, says the troubled railroad's chairman.

Dick Davidson took over as chairman on Jan. 1 and has been at the helm during a glut of serious railroad accidents, two federal safety probes and the throbbing beat of complaints from large and small customers.

"I have worked half of my life and not seen this number of accidents in such a compressed period of time with such severity," Davidson told local government leaders and San Antonio businessmen on Monday.

"We've really provided terrible service to our customers,"

he said. He urged patience to give his recovery plan time to work.

"Since that plan has been put in place, we've seen substantial improvement in the operation of the railroad," he said. "We're not perfect yet, we're not satisfying the customers yet, but there is substantial improvement."

Davidson, 55, has been in the railroad business since 1960, when he worked through college as a brakeman and conductor for Missouri Pacific.

Most of his job is now devoted to damage control.

Shipping delays should be eased because the company is going to divert more business to competitors, he said. The rail-

road is also spending \$1.5 billion, \$250 million than it planned, to improve tracks owned by Southern Pacific, which it acquired last year.

His remarks did not satisfy customers in the audience.

"(But) We want to think they are going to correct problems and we have to give him the benefit of doubt," said Wes Bonifay, vice president of Capitol Aggregates.

Davidson says UP is operating at 65 percent efficiency, a marked improvement over the 40 percent low point.

Bonifay says he wants a return to 100 percent and did not hear enough details about how the performance will be improved.

Clinton's lawyers challenge Jones' move

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President Clinton's lawyers say Paula Corbin Jones is trying to change her lawsuit from an attempt to clear her name into an attack fueled by rumors and gossip.

After questions about her own character were raised, Jones asked a federal judge for permission to drop all defamation claims and to list new allegations against the president. Clinton's lawyers objected Monday.

If granted, Jones' past would be off-limits and her lawyers would be able to explore her new claim that women who allegedly "succumbed" to Clinton's sexual advances benefited.

That would "make it not a trial about Paula Jones and what did or did not occur at the Excelsior Hotel in May 1991, but rather, a trial about the rumors and gossip concerning the president's alleged contact with other women," Clinton's lawyers wrote.

They also said Jones' attempt to withdraw her defamation claim and add new charges indicates

her goal is to harm Clinton and not to restore her reputation.

Jones claims Clinton propositioned her while she was a state worker and he was governor. Her sexual harassment suit claims state trooper Danny Ferguson helped arrange the meeting.

Clinton initially wanted the trial delayed until he was out of office, but Jones told courts she needed a speedy trial "to restore her injured reputation." She also said she had no interest in "political embarrassment or financial gain," Clinton's lawyers wrote in their filing.

The Supreme Court ruled last May that Jones deserved her day in court in a timely manner. In her original lawsuit, Mrs. Jones said Ferguson damaged her reputation by claiming she was eager to be Clinton's mistress.

Less than two weeks after Ferguson lawyer Bill Bristow began interviewing people about Mrs. Jones to "determine what her reputation is," she asked to drop the defamation claim.

Clinton's trial is scheduled for May 27.

CPS defends use of gays as foster parents

DALLAS (AP) — There is no bias in the Child Protective Services agency favoring gay parents in the adoption of abandoned, abused or neglected children, a spokeswoman says.

But neither is there anything to prohibit the agency from placing children with gay couples, single gays or lesbians who are licensed foster parents, Linda Edwards said Monday.

Her remarks came in response to a threatened lawsuit by an employee who says she was demoted from her job as a CPS supervisor because she removed a child from the home of two lesbians.

"What we look for when we evaluate potential foster or adoptive parents is their ability to protect, to nurture and parent a child. That's our primary criteria," Edwards said.

Rebecca Bledsoe, a 10-year employee, has threatened to sue the agency if it doesn't change its practice of allowing children to be placed with gay and lesbian couples.

Bledsoe filed a grievance concerning her Nov. 1 demotion.

She claims she was sanctioned for going against CPS support of "gay culture" and alleged that some CPS supervisors are biased because of their own sexual orientation.

In the grievance, Bledsoe said she told caseworkers to remove the infant boy because "homosexual conduct is against the law in Texas."

"Just as you wouldn't put a child into a family where there were known shoplifters or worse, you shouldn't put them into a place where they are expressly violating the law," said Bledsoe's attorney, Roger Evans.

A Texas law, which has been challenged, makes "homosexual conduct" a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

The demoted CPS employee also questioned the practicality of placing a black infant boy with two white lesbians.

"The idea of having homosexual conduct modeled for a boy as he grows up, she didn't think was the best thing," Evans said.

Edwards said Bledsoe's supervisors did not agree with her assessment. She said they demoted Bledsoe because she failed to follow the rules in abruptly moving the infant.

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About the au pair and the dead 8-month-old

Judge Hiller B. Zobel came about as close to being Solomon as a man can Monday when he reduced nanny Louise Woodward's conviction to involuntary manslaughter and sentenced her to the time already served in jail.



Carl Rowan
Syndicated Columnist

British au pair had deliberately and with malice killed 8-month-old Mattheus Eappen while his parents were at work. Nothing in trial testimony or Woodward's demeanor suggest that she is mean enough or mentally imbalanced enough to snuff out the life of a child left in her care.

Yet the jury was convinced that Woodward had done something wrong and caused the death of baby Mattheus. So, ordered to consider only first- or second-degree murder, jurors chose the latter rather than let the young babysitter go free.

neighbor, mumbled "Gag that brat!" when a baby cried and cried and cried?

A lot of lessons flow from this case. Not among them is the idea expressed by social conservatives that mothers of young children must stay at home. Mattheus Eappen's mother, Deborah, is a practicing physician, as is her husband. The contributions of women in the workforce are so important to most families that one or a few child tragedies will not drive mothers back into the home.

But this case should make millions of Americans more careful about whom they choose to care for their children. No au pair from Britain or anyplace else is a dedicated child-care expert, and none comes to the United States to become one. Judge Zobel noted that Louise Woodward was "inexperienced and immature," as most such nannies are. So we learn from this case that it

can be disastrous to expect too much of any babysitter.

Another lesson is that a working parent should inspect his or her child at the end of every day, no matter what day care the child receives. There ought not be any circumstance where there is a weeks- or months-old injury with no one certain as to when, where or how it happened.

Some think a lesson from this trial is that parents should hire detectives or install hidden cameras to keep track of their babysitters. It seems to me that when suspicions grow that great it is time to get another nanny.

Louise Woodward has done 279 days of jail time, she has a felony on her record, and she cannot go anyplace until after the prosecution appeals. Given what we know for sure about her conduct, that seems to be enough.

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HC learned lesson in Tech-related case; Too bad Tech didn't

It's bad enough when one school gets hit with a scandal. But when that scandal reaches out and touches another school, you then have a nightmare on your hands.

Howard College found itself an indirect target of public scorn and ridicule last week when the NCAA released a letter of inquiry after investigating alleged misdeeds at Texas Tech University.

The NCAA charged Tech with 18 violations, but two were of specific interest to Howard and its supporters. First, the letter stated that former Howard men's basketball coach Jeff Kidder had paid for and arranged for Tech recruit Nate Jackson to receive credit for a Spanish course he never took.

When that charge was first leveled in 1995 by the *Houston Chronicle*, Howard launched an investigation into the matter, finding that professor Harlen Thornton had given Jackson credit for the course, even though he never attended any classes. The recruit told *The Chronicle* that he was asked only to answer answer about six questions over the phone to receive the credit.

This revelation should have repulsed local residents. Nobody has ever said junior college courses should be equivalent to Harvard master's degree studies, but they shouldn't be the mockery Kidder, Thornton and Jackson made them, either.

Howard College officials received a lot of criticism over that episode, and rightly so.

Just as telling, however, is the second NCAA charge against Tech concerning Howard, in which the NCAA chided the Lubbock university for saying no rules violations had occurred, even when a separate report from Howard said they had.

In other words, Howard messed up, then fessed up, so to speak. Having made a mistake, college officials studied the situation, admitted their misdeeds, then took steps to rectify the situation.

Tech didn't — and look at the mess that school is facing.

Howard College officials were wrong back in 1995, but their subsequent actions were right. Too bad Texas Tech couldn't have been as forthcoming.



OTHER VIEWS

It's perfectly understandable that Congress set its sights on fleeing Washington well before Thanksgiving and of staying out of town for a longer winter recess than any Congress since the 1960s. After all, why linger around the scene of your crimes and risk detection? Why not get out while the getting is good?

To be sure, the misdeeds have been more on the order of omission than commission. Congress could have dealt with the tobacco deal reached by the industry and a number of states, but instead averted its gaze. The Republicans, who control the place, could have enacted reforms of the Internal Revenue Service. Despite last-minute backing by the White House and obvious public support, they didn't.

A prime example of dodging responsibility was the congressional failure this past weekend to vote on giving President Clinton fast-track authority to negotiate trade treaties. Clinton had once had this legal right, as did the four presidents immediately preceding him in office, but the law lapsed. Using all sorts of bogus arguments, the president's own labor-bought party mostly deserted him, and an opportunity to strengthen the American economy through increased free trade has been postponed.

Congress did do a few things this past year, of course, such as commendably passing a bill expediting the Food and Drug Administration's process of approving new medicines. Congress is especially proud of an earlier bill supposedly balancing the budget in five years. The bill would do no such thing without a number of hard decisions by future Congresses, but an obliging, strong economy is whittling the annual deficit down. Now, astonishingly, some members of Congress are debating how to spend the surpluses.

Well, sorry, ladies and gentlemen of the Hill, but the deficit is not as low as you might think and any surpluses will be short-lived, thanks to another of your omissions. The 1997 deficit, according to the White House, will be \$22 billion. However, that's not counting the \$66 billion the government borrowed from Social Security's surplus to spend on other projects. As baby boomers start retiring in another decade or so, those Social Security surpluses will become deficits, and the government will be faced with an unfunded Social Security liability of literally trillions of dollars. Here is an issue as big as any the government faces, and what did Congress do about it this past year? Nothing.

In December, President Clinton and congressional leaders propose to name a bipartisan commission to devise a Social Security solution. The options are all already well-known. The commission will be nothing more than political cover. At the end of a century known as the American century, when this country emerged as the world's only superpower, many of America's top leaders don't lead. They just skip town.

—SCRIPPS HOWARD

Iraq, Israel and nukes in Middle East

By LEONARD LARSEN
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American leaders are again talking tough at Iraq's Saddam Hussein while lesser politicians and media warriors have resumed the demand for Saddam's removal, most seeming to favor Saddam's death by war or assassination, however it might be arranged.

As that prospect is heated up by President Clinton, Senate Republican leader Trent Lott and others — the possibility of an American attack not just to punish Saddam but to actually kill him and whoever else gets in the way — criticisms are renewed that former President Bush should have finished off Saddam at the end of the Persian Gulf war. Easy as that.

This brave and threatening talk by politicians — whose sons and daughters won't be among those ordered to go finish off Saddam — renews the old complaint that Saddam is refusing to cooperate with United Nations inspectors, now in the sixth year of a mostly barren search for what have become known as Iraqi-held "weapons of mass destruction." Seemingly able during all those six years to stay a step or two ahead of the UN inspectors assigned to get the goods on him, Saddam is said by his accusers to be manufacturing and concealing not only chemical and biological weapons but facilities for building and delivering nuclear weapons.

The well-publicized prospect of such Iraqi armaments wedded to missiles and poised for launch against neighboring Middle East countries (one media warrior has said even America could be in Saddam's

sights) is a constant concern, escalating — as now — when Saddam's ongoing obstreperousness reaches another outrage.

The frightening threat is seldom dimmed by questions from American leaders or the media at the lack of hard evidence found in more than six years of UN searches and inspections to expose Iraqi programs of research, development and production of weapons of mass destruction.

Periodic reports, as now in the charged atmosphere when Saddam vows to bar Americans from UN inspection teams and threatens to shoot down U-2 surveillance aircraft, have contained conclusions that materials believed to have been imported by Iraq might be used to produce weapons systems barred to Iraq.

Recent reports of UN evidence-gathering noted Iraqi import of "suspicious goods" from Europe, including Teflon pipes "that could be used to enrich uranium" and glass pipes and chemical "precursors for making poison gases" and filament winding machines "for building nuclear centrifuges and ballistic missiles." The "suspicious goods" apparently led to no discoveries of enriched uranium or poison gases or nuclear centrifuges, but the reports of the "goods" have helped spur on the six-year search and helped needle the frightening prospects.

Two points might be raised: One is that if Saddam is attempting to produce and store weapons of mass destruction, there's not much to suggest — at least in six years of UN inspections — that he's had much success. The other point

— if it's assumed Iraq or other countries in the Middle East are trying to acquire chemical, biological or nuclear weapons — is why those mostly poor and backward countries would seek such armaments.

On that second point of "why," the quickest explanation concerning Saddam is that he's a monster, an international aggressor and terrorist who intends to dominate the entire region and defy the West. Saddam and other "extremists," in the Middle East, it's almost invariably said, seek weapons of mass destruction, first to attack and destroy the state of Israel and to confront Israel's protector, the United States.

There's much of that theme in the newest call to punish Iraq and to kill Saddam with whatever American force is necessary.

What's rarely examined is the prospect that Iraq's Saddam, vicious and threatening as he is, and other Muslim states in the Middle East are essentially naked and defenseless in any confrontation with the region's single nuclear power, Israel, whose military is also believed to be armed with chemical and biological weapons.

Some day, probably after Saddam is gone or disposed of, it might be permissible for discussion in the UN or elsewhere of the unsettling regional threat of all those weapons of mass destruction, not only weapons sought by tyrants like Saddam but those held in readiness by Israel and other nations of the Middle East.

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Cowboys realize they've only taken a small step on long road back

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — Six hard games to go. The Dallas Cowboys have put themselves into a deep hole with a 5-5 record in an underachieving year. To a man, the Cowboys realize their 24-6 victory over Arizona Sunday was just a small step toward saving a season turned sour. Next up are the Washington Redskins, who beat the Cowboys earlier this season. "If we had played every week like we did against Arizona we'd be 10-0 right now," wide receiver Michael Irvin said. "One win doesn't get us off the hook. We need to be under fire

every week. Being under fire isn't that bad." The Cowboys play four of their next six games at home, including a Texas Stadium date with the Redskins on Sunday. Against the Cardinals, Dallas played a strong second half. That was not the case against San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington and the New York Giants. "I can't remember when we played as well in all three phases of the game," quarterback Troy Aikman said Monday. "On offense we were very balanced. There's no question if this offense had scored three touchdowns a game this year we would be undefeated.

It's nice to come into the locker room after a victory. It's a game we felt we should win and we did. But we still have a long way to go." Dallas scored three touchdowns from inside the Arizona 20-yard line. The Cowboys had been the second worst team in the NFL in red-zone scoring. They also had two rushing touchdowns and produced nine sacks. "If that's not a confidence boost for them (the offense) then I don't know what they need," said defensive tackle Chad Hennings. "Now we have a must win against a divisional opponent. We can't afford any more mental let-downs." Offensive coordinator Ernie

Zampese opened the offense and even put in one exotic, a flea-flicker, into the game plan. Not that it worked. Aikman took a handoff from running back Emmitt Smith, but Anthony Miller was covered by the Cardinals and the ball fell incomplete. "We kind of messed that one up," Smith said. "I wasn't supposed to be in the game. I have a bad thumb and I started to keep the ball. But we went ahead and ran it." Smith said he was glad Sherman Williams spelled him. "I couldn't have lasted the whole game just carrying the ball over and over," Smith said. "I had a little trouble getting outside. I couldn't go to my

fourth and fifth gear." Darren Woodson, a safety on the NFL's No. 2-ranked defense, said it was good to see the offense control the ball for a change. "It's a whole lot easier on the defense when the offense can move the ball," Woodson said. "It puts them in passing situation and that's just where our secondary wants them." Coach Barry Switzer said the Cowboys can't afford to stumble against Washington. "The pressure is on, but I believe Washington will bring out the best in us," Switzer said. "Sometimes when teams don't have any slack they play pretty well."

BSHS dominates all-district picks

Li, Villarreal lead the way in team tennis

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
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Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers netters chalked up eight first-team berths, including three doubles tandems, when District 4-4A's coaches made their all-district team tennis selections. Andrews managed four first-team selections, while Sweetwater had two of the top spots and San Angelo Lake View had the other. Not surprisingly, Big Spring's senior co-captains Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Monica Villarreal led the way, earning first-team honors in the boys' and girls' first flight in singles. In addition, Li and his doubles partner, Devon Swafford, were first-team selections in the second doubles flight. Swafford was also a double first-teamer, taking the top spot in the fourth flight in



boys' singles. Villarreal and doubles partner Christina Vera were second-team picks in the first flight of girls' doubles. Vera, however, was a first-teamer in the fifth flight of girls' singles. The Lady Steers' other doubles tandems — Kim Dominguez and Yu-Ching Li in the second flight and Kylee Welch and Stephanie Lewis in the third — were first-team selections. Li, Welch and Lewis were also first-team singles picks — Li taking the top spot in the third flight, Lewis in the fourth and Welch in the sixth. Dominguez was an honorable mention selection in the second flight of girls' singles. Other first-team girls' selections were Lake View's first flight doubles entry of Edna Carrillo and Melissa Stokes and Andrews' second flight singles player, Christi Overbeck. The only other Big Spring boys' player to earn first-team honors was Sterling Hillman, who was the leading vote recipient in the sixth singles flight. Hillman was a second-team selection in singles, as were Kayne Stroup, Drew McKimney and Jeff Castle. In addition, Stroup and McKimney received honorable mention in the balloting for the first flight in boys' doubles. Andrews' first-team boys' spots were claimed by the third-flight doubles tandem of Vin Fisher and Boone Hill, Fisher also taking the first-team singles honor in flight three, and Andrew Farrer who took the top singles spot in the fifth flight. Sweetwater got both of its first-team selections in the boys' division, where Brandon Hix was the top pick in second flight singles and doubled up with Daniel Howard as the leading vote recipient in the first flight of boys' doubles.

Bufs remain No. 4; Runge caps season at No. 1 in Class A

From staff and wire reports

With none of the three teams ranked above them in the Associated Press Class 2A schoolboy football poll losing in the final week of the regular season, Stanton's Buffaloes served only to cement their No. 4 spot in the final poll with their 77-0 win over Anthony. Regardless of their ranking, the Buffs have their sights set on Friday night when they get an opportunity to avenge last season's first-round playoff loss to Shallowater.

The Buffs will take on the Mustangs in the bi-district playoff at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Lamesa.

In just his second season as a head coach, Ricky Lock saw his Runge Yellowjackets win all their regular-season games and, on Monday, move up to No. 1 in the final Class A rankings.

But he was in no mood to celebrate.

Runge goes into the postseason uncertain whether it will have star running back-linebacker Alonzo Esparza, who partially tore his left anterior cruciate ligament on the opening kickoff two weekends ago.

"We were doing pretty well until then," Lock said.

The Yellowjackets began the year ranked fifth and moved up to second early on. They remained there until the year's final balloting, when a loss by Wink opened up the top spot. Wink fell to seventh.

Otherwise, the last poll of the season looked a lot like the second-to-last ranking with Longview, Denison, Sealy and Elysian Fields entering the postseason ranked No. 1 in Classes 5A-2A.

Sealy was the only team among the five to go wire-to-wire at No. 1. None were ranked lower than No. 6 in the preseason.

All 50 ranked teams will be in the playoffs. Joining the poll this week were Arlington Lamar (No. 10 in 5A), Schertz Clemens (No. 10 in 4A) and Rankin (No. 10 in 1A).

Falling out were Aldine Eisenhower (No. 9 in 5A), defending 4A Division I champion Grapevine (No. 9 in 4A) and Cross Plains (No. 6 in 1A). Also, Rockdale fell from a 10th place tie in 3A.

Five weeks from this weekend, champions will be crowned for Division I in Classes 5A and 4A and in 1A. Runge goes into that race as the team to beat, but even Lock isn't sure whether that is worthy without Esparza.

"I'm planning as if he won't be back," Lock said. "His fami-

SCHOOLBOY POLL

The final Associated Press high school football poll of the 1997 regular season, with first-place votes in parentheses. Voting is by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcast-ers.

Class	Rank	Rec
Class 5A		
1. Longview (13)		10-0
2. Austin Westlake (4)		10-0
3. Killean Ellison (2)		10-0
4. Abilene Cooper		9-1
5. North Mesquite		9-1
6. Garland		9-1
7. Humble		9-1
8. Haltom (1)		10-0
9. Victoria		9-0
10. Arlington Lamar		9-1
Class 4A		
1. Denison (13)		10-0
2. Sweetwater (2)		10-0
3. CC Calallen (2)		10-0
4. Texas City (3)		8-1
5. Jacksonville		10-0
6. West Orange-Stark		10-0
7. Terrell		9-1
8. Dumas		9-0
9. Waxahachie		9-1
10. Schertz Clemens		10-0
Class 3A		
1. Sealy (15)		10-0
2. Commerce (1)		10-0
3. Crockett (3)		10-0
4. Breckenridge		10-0
5. Eriana		10-0
6. Vernon		10-0
7. Alamo Heights		10-0
8. Lyano		10-0
9. Eustace		10-0
10. Cuero		8-2
Class 2A		
1. Elysian Fields (14)		10-0
2. Alto (5)		10-0
3. Italy		10-0
4. Stanton		10-0
5. Industrial		10-0
6. Lexington		10-0
7. Quannah (1)		10-0
8. Crawford		10-0
9. Ganado		9-1
10. Lockney		9-1
Class A		
1. Runge (11)		10-0
2. Celeste (6)		10-0
3. Tenaha (3)		9-1
4. Windhorst		9-1
5. Granger		8-1
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7. Wink		9-1
8. Springlake Earth		9-1
9. Alvord		8-1
10. Rankin		8-1

49ers feast on Eagles' mistakes in 24-12 win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Hall and Oates, the halftime entertainment, played their hit song "Maneater." By then, the San Francisco 49ers were already well-fed. Feasting on mistakes by the Philadelphia Eagles, the 49ers pulled out to an 18-point lead after two quarters and coasted to a 24-12 victory Monday night. The 49ers' NFC-best record improved to 9-1, and San Francisco can clinch the NFC West title if they beat Carolina on Sunday. "That was one of our goals this season," first-year coach Steve Mariucci said. "We have a chance to do that." Not many people gave the

49ers a chance to do it so early in the season after they lost their season opener. "I'd like to dig up all the articles from the first two weeks of the season," quarterback Steve Young said. "There was not a soul that I heard who said we'd finish over 8-8." Young didn't have a great game, finishing 13-of-23 for 103 yards. And the rest of the San Francisco offense wasn't much better, gaining only 213 yards. But a lot of offense wasn't needed, as Eagles coach Ray Rhodes pointed out. "There was a touchdown scored before our defense even got on the field," he said. Ricky Watters gave San Francisco its first touchdown when the game was barely a minute old.

Lee Woodall knocked the ball out of Watters' hands on the game's fourth play. The ball stayed on the ground for a second or two before anyone seemed to realize it was a fumble. Merton Hanks then scooped it up. "The ball hit and stuck like a magnet," Hanks said. "On turf, you expect the ball to go somewhere, or bounce away, and that ball just hit and died." The Eagles offered little resistance as Hanks ran 38 yards for the touchdown. Philadelphia's defense did its job, shutting down the 49ers on their first three possessions, and the Eagles managed to move the ball into position for Chris Boniol's two field goals that made it 7-6. Then the Eagles' dreadful spe-

cial teams, already penalized on two kickoffs, helped the 49ers put the game away. Freddie Solomon signaled for a fair catch on a punt, but he, Eagles teammate Tim McTyer and San Francisco's Curtis Buckley arrived at the same time at the spot where the ball came down. Solomon didn't catch the ball cleanly, and Buckley hit McTyer, who was knocked into Solomon, jarring the ball loose. Buckley recovered the fumble at the Eagles 26. "Usually when a guy is close to the ball, they clear out," Buckley said. "But if the guy is in front of the returner, you can run through him. It's seldom you see that happen, but some guys don't know the rules."

Clemens first AL pitcher to win four Cy Young Awards

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens had a personal reason for wanting Cy Young Award No. 4. And it had little to do with baseball. "I got one for Koby and Kory. I got one for Kasy, and I needed one for Kody," he said of his four children after winning the award Monday. "It kind of takes the pressure off dad a little bit." Clemens, who in his first season with Toronto became the first pitcher to lead in the AL

in wins, ERA and strikeouts since Detroit's Hal Newhouser in 1945, became the first AL pitcher to win four Cy Youngs. He got 25 of 28 first-place votes and three seconds for 134 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Clemens went 21-7 with a 2.05 ERA and a career-high 292 strikeouts in 264 innings, topping 11 wins for the first time since 1992 and reaching 20 for the fourth time. His ERA was the lowest among AL starters who won the Cy Young since Ron Guidry's 1.74 in 1978.

He didn't gloat that the Red Sox made a bad decision in allowing him to leave, saying again that Duquette was the cause of his departure, but not the motivation for his season. "That's one guy I don't want assessing my baseball abilities, especially sitting in front of a computer," Clemens said. Randy Johnson was second with two first-place votes and 77 points after returning from back surgery to lead Seattle back to the AL playoffs. He missed four late-season starts because of tendinitis in a finger.

"I think it was a big factor," Clemens said. "I think Randy would have been right there and we would have knocked heads." Clemens also won the award with the Boston Red Sox in 1986, 1987 and 1991. The only other pitchers to win four Cy Youngs were in the NL: Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux. The six-year span between Cy Youngs matched Gaylord Perry for the largest gap. And the 12 seasons between Clemens' first and last Cy Youngs is the most ever, one more than Carlton, who won his four from 1972-82.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

'Meet the Bulldogs, Bulldogettes' slated

Coahoma's "Meet the Bulldogs and Bulldogettes Night" has been scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

The event, which is designed to let community members meet the players on the high school's girls' and boys' varsity basketball teams, is being sponsored by the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club.

Benefit golf tournament scheduled

A four-person scramble golf tournament to benefit the Big Spring High School golf team has been scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees for the event, sponsored by the BSHS Booster Club, are \$25 per person and include cart rental.

The tournament is scheduled for a 9 a.m. Saturday shotgun start and the deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call the Big Spring Country Club pro shop at 267-5354.

TP&WD officials offer recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season opens Nov. 1 and continues through Jan. 4, 1998.

The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks.

Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending

that hunters not harvest antlerless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-20.

For more information concerning deer harvest rates, wildlife management procedures and Big Game Awards, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.

Local chapter needs softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout 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.

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, call 267-8234.

Quarterback Club meeting on Tuesday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Facility's film room.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Nov. 11, the 315th day of 1997. There are 50 days left in the year. This is

Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Canada. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I came to an end with the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany.

On this date: In 1620, 41 Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, anchored off Massachusetts, signed a compact calling for a "body politic." In 1831, former slave Nat Turner, who had led a violent insurrection, was executed in Jerusalem, Va. In 1889, Washington became the 42nd state. In 1921, President Harding dedicated the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. In 1939, Kate Smith first sang Irving Berlin's "God Bless America" on network radio. In 1965, Rhodesia proclaimed its independence from Britain. In 1966, Gemini 12 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., with astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. In 1972, the U.S. Army turned over its base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese army, symbolizing the end of direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War. In 1981, stuntman Dan Goodwin scaled the outside of the 100-story John Hancock Center in Chicago in nearly six hours. Ten years ago: Following the failure of two Supreme Court nominations, President Reagan announced his choice of Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who went on to win confirmation. Five years ago: By letter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin told U.S. senators that Americans had been held in prison camps after World War II and some were "summarily executed," but that others were still living in his country voluntarily. The Church of England voted to ordain women as priests. One year ago: The Army reported getting nearly 2,000 calls to a hot line set up after revelations of a sex scandal at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Meanwhile, a Pentagon official said the Army was ready to take action in another case of alleged sexual misconduct at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., is 82. Actor Stubby Kaye is 79. Author Kurt Vonnegut Jr. is 75. Comedian Jonathan Winters is 72. Jazz singer-musician Mose Allison is 70. Actress Bibi Andersson is 62. Country singer Narvel Felts is 59. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is 57. Singer Jesse Colin Young is 53. Golfer Fuzzy Zoeller is 46. Pop singer-musician Paul Cowsill of The Cowsills is 45. Rock singer-musician Andy Partridge of XTC is 44. Singer Marshall Crenshaw is 43. Rock singer Dave Alvin is 42. Rock musician Ian Marsh of Human League and Heaven 17 is 41.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Monday's Puzzle solved: A grid with words filled in, including SLOB, ATBAT, QUAD, WITH, BRASH, URGY, ALIA, RICKI, OGGIE, PICKWICK, COVERS, TIDE, OKRA, COOING, SPEEDIER, AMI, DEBAR, SIDLE, TALC, SARAH, SLEW, CHEER, NAHUM, ENE, HARRIDAN, AOUADAD, EVEL, ERRS, CARMEN, SLATHERS, OREG, VATIC, EXEC, WEAN, EDITH, RITA, LADY, RAREE, STET.

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