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Overton leaving BSHS for Midland

Wes Overton, who guided Big Spring's Lady Steers to the Class 4A regional semifinals during both of their first two seasons of play in UIL fast pitch softball competition, has been named the new softball coach at Midland Lee High School.



OVERTON

Overton, whose Lady Steers fashioned a 54-12 record, tying for the District 4-4A title in 1997 and winning it outright in 1998, announced he was taking the Lady Rebels job Monday afternoon.

"It was a difficult decision to make ... I don't have the words to describe how hard," Overton said.

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What's up...

TODAY

□ Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

THURSDAY

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. For more information call Billy T. Smith at 267-6479.

□ Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Bob Noyes at 267-5811.

□ West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library. Call 264-2260 for more information.

□ Big Spring Newcomer's Club, call Karen Brewer at 268-9944 for time and location.

FRIDAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co.

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Gov. Bush names Howard among 207 drought-stricken counties

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

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In numerical terms, a little more than 81 percent (207 of 254 counties) of the state of Texas is little more than a tender box waiting for a match, which is why Gov. George W. Bush announced an emergency proclamation Monday to help combat the current drought and increasing danger of more wildfires.



BUSH

Bush's proclamation also included an appeal to President Bill Clinton for federal assistance in placing

fire-fighting equipment in the areas most vulnerable to fire.

The proclamation also means that the 207 counties are urged by Bush to consider following the example already set by 50 Texas counties and enact outdoor burning bans until the danger and threat of fire has passed.

In issuing the proclamation Bush said, "Texas is already dry and we face a long hot summer. Already in June we are seeing August-like conditions with the bulk of the summer still ahead."

During the month of May, wildfires burned more than 100,000 acres of grass and brush in the western one-third of Texas, according to published reports

and the Texas Forest Service (TFS). A TFS fire prevention team was recently dispatched to complete a survey of 53 counties to determine wildfire activity and to identify counties that have enacted burning bans.

Results of the survey in Southwest Texas, Far West Texas and Big Country counties show that 343 fires have burned 118,000 acres since May 1.

The West Texas counties enacting burning bans prior to Bush's proclamation or those counties that are considered drought-stricken include: Howard (Big Spring), Martin (Stanton), Andrews (Andrews), Jeff Davis (Fort Davis), Mitchell (Colorado City), Dawson (Lamesa), Nolan (Sweetwater), Ector (Odessa), Midland (Midland), Tom Green

(San Angelo), Upton (Rankin) and Ward (Monahans).

Several other counties are considering similar bans, and Bush's proclamation may help speed up their decisions.

Residents are asked to help themselves and local fire departments by taking extra precautions to insure that their actions don't spark wildfires. Local and state fire officials advise using extreme caution when using spark-producing equipment around dry grass.

Officials also urge removing vegetation from a working area or spraying an area with water, which lessens the chance of a flying spark reaching dry grass.

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Charlotte Zahn walks her goat across the ring as judge Lee Burch looks on during the final day of the Howard College Goat Camp. More than 300 persons were on campus through today to learn about showing and displaying goats for shows.

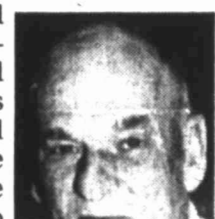
HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Budget Crunch

County faces dilemma: raise taxes or cut costs

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A projected loss of \$25 million in mineral values means Howard County will be facing the same scenario it faced three years ago — raise taxes or cut expenses.



CHOATE

Howard County Commissioners began budget work sessions during Monday's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court and one of the items discussed was the upcoming county budget.

"We're projected to lose about \$25 million of our tax base because of the decline in oil and mineral values," Commissioner Sonny Choate said.

Last year, the county mineral values stood at \$331 million around budget time and this year's projection is for that figure to be about \$280 million, according to Choate.

Gains in industrial activity and in real estate help to offset the decline, which is actually about \$51 million, but the gains in other areas leave a net loss of \$25 million.

"That calculates out to about a \$120,000 loss in revenue for the county for the 1998-99 budget year," Choate said. "Things are simple from where I sit. When your income goes down, you either have to raise taxes or cut expenses and I don't want to raise taxes."

"We're going to have to tighten our belts more," Choate added. "I plan to look at every department in the county that can pos-

sibly withstand a cut." The county did make a start Monday, according to Choate, by deciding to limit the funds the county gives to outside agencies.

Commissioners had a little easier time putting together the current budget because of a slight increase in mineral values, but the decline of recent years has come back, according to Choate.

Last year, commissioners approved the current county budget in September, which totaled a little more than \$9.3 million.

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, the county ended the 1997-98 fiscal year with the following fund balances (as of Oct. 1, 1997): general fund, \$1.75 million; road and bridge fund, \$400,000; and equipment operating fund, \$1.1 million.

The overall carryover to the current budget from the 1996-97 budget year was just over \$3.6 million.

Coming into the current budget year, the county expected revenues for the new budget to include \$5.7 million to the general fund, \$1.3 million in the road and bridge fund and \$40,000 to the equipment operating fund.

The county had also projected an ending fund balance (as of Sept. 30, 1998) of \$1.89 million, which Olson says she hopes will be a little higher.

One area of concern for Choate is the county tax rate.

Where the tax rate is concerned, the county's effective rate for the current budget year is \$0.44554, meaning the county used the effective rate to generate the same revenue it did for

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Dry conditions to continue, says NWS

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

No relief from dry weather conditions is likely to come in the next 10 days, the National Weather Service said Monday.

This week's cooler temperatures are the result of a normal and expected shift in the heat dome that enveloped the Permian Basin last week, Midland-based Meteorologist George Matthews explained.

But no long-term cooling effect — and more importantly, very little moisture — is expected in the near future.

"It looks like we'll be staying out of the triple digits for the next five days," said Matthews, "and there is a slight chance of thundershowers through the end of next week."

Thus, the state of emergency in 207 of 254 counties, declared by Governor George W. Bush on Monday, is not likely to end anytime soon.

All crossroads area counties — Howard, Borden, Dawson, Glasscock, Midland, Martin, Mitchell, Scurry, and Sterling — are being asked to conserve water and avoid any outdoor burning, Bush said.

Five days flashed record-breaking highs last week — May 30, 31 and June 1, 2 and 3. June 3 was the hottest day, with a peak temperature reported at Midland International Airport of 111 degrees.

Three days later, on June 6, a record-breaking low (the lowest temperature on that day for the past 70 years) of 55 degrees was reported.

"It's pretty common for record-breaking highs to be followed by record-breaking lows," said Matthews.

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Little touch of Boydston added to new junior high building

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Historic stones from the old Boydston Elementary returned home last week.

The stones had been stored in the Big Spring Independent School District's bus barn since the razing of Boydston on the site of the new junior high building.

Last week, workers placed about 30 stones of between 400 to 500 pounds each into two entryways.

"It looks really nice," said Al Valdes, longtime board member. "We put a little touch of the Boydston school there — it's sentimental."

When the new junior high was

approved, local people who had attended Boydston felt that a part of their history was being demolished, Valdes explained. The stones are "nice to remember the Boydston school," he added.

Placing the stones was part of the completion of major exterior work on the first three sections, or lower portion, of the new junior high.

"They're getting the lower sections of the first three sections to a point where they can secure them with windows and doors," said Ron Logback, assistant business manager.

Once the lower sections are secure, Logback explained, finish work will begin. The finish work is expected to be launched in about a week, Logback said.

Carpentry, installation of lavatories, ceiling grids, partitions, and restroom details such as mirrors, toilet roll fixtures are part of the finish work to be done.

"There's also quite a lot of mill work to be done in the classrooms," Logback added, "counters, closets and cabinets."

Two more bricklayers were hired in the past two weeks, said Milton Smith, job superintendent. About 20-25 bricklayers are needed, at least, he explained, to finish the building as quickly as required.

Potentially weakened mortar in sections of the building were the foundation for disputes between the district and Monterey Construction at the beginning

of the year.

Delays followed the district's request for repairs to splashes of mortar that appeared to have hardened too quickly and become too brittle.

Terraza floors and ceilings in the first section are still being put in place, Smith said. "It still will take quite awhile," he added.

Monterey expects to advance to the second section of the building in about six weeks.

"We'll complete the second section as soon as we can complete the outside of the first section," explained Smith.

The new junior high is still expected to

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Small school districts stand tall with TAAS test results

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Small is better, it seems — at least when it comes to Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test results.

A roundup of area TAAS scores, released by the Texas Education Agency last week, shows that rural school districts scored well above state averages. In-town school districts, such as Big Spring and Stanton, tended to perform, overall, at about the state's average level.

Sands Consolidated School District had the highest scores overall, qualifying again this year for exemplary school sta-

tus. The Glasscock, Forsan and Coahoma districts overall scored about 10 points above state averages.

Stanton scores swung from higher-than-average results in the fifth, seventh and eighth grades to lower-than-average results in the 10th and sixth grades. Big Spring's scores were steadier, showing the improvement typical across the state over last year.

"All of our schools held their own, and most of them improved," said Murray Murphy, BSISD assistant superintendent.

Big Spring schools echoed statewide trends, showing

1998 AREA TAAS RESULTS								
Grade	Texas	Big Spring	Coahoma	Forsan	Glasscock	Stanton	Sands	Grady
3	76	75	88	92	82	73	100	85
4	78	78	81	78	76	80	100	88
5	83	87	82	92	97	87	89	92
6	79	77	86	81	100	69	95	79
7	78	74	83	87	96	87	85	93
8	72	74	92	80	77	76	73	72
10	72	77	85	94	82	60	95	58
SNP	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

EDITOR'S NOTE — These numbers reflect the percentage of students passing all required tests. SNP = Seniors not passing. Source: Individual school districts

steady gains in the number of students passing the test each

year. In 1996, between 61 and 69 per-

cent of all Big Spring students See TAAS, Page 2

OBITUARIES

Hubert Neff

Service for Hubert Neff, 68, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Randy Sikes, of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Neff died Monday, June 8, in a local hospital. He was born on July 19, 1929, in Howard County. Mr. Neff grew up in Vealmoor and attended school at Knott. He served in the Marines during the Korean Conflict. He worked at several jobs including farming, as a carpenter and as a rural route carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He moved to Shallowater in 1954 and returned to Big Spring in 1991.

Survivors include: five sisters, Velma Morris of Houston, Viola Hodnett and Ann Lou Stewart, both of Big Spring; Patsy Humphrey of Austin, and Ruth Stepp of Holley-Navarre, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Rube R. McNew

Rube R. McNew, 87, Big Spring, died on Monday, June 8, 1998, in a local hospital. Service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Flynn Long, retired Presbyterian minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1910, in Dawson County, and married Ruby Boatler in 1934 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on May 5, 1992.

Mr. McNew was raised in the Knott Community and had lived in Knott and Big Spring for 65 years. He had worked for Cosden refinery for over 40 years and was a member of the 25 year club. He had also ranched most of his life. He was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include: one daughter, Linda Whitefield of Big Spring; one son, Gary McNew of Streetman; two sisters, Sally Campbell and Bell Hogg, both of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Michelle Threadgill of Garland, and Hillary McNew of Streetman; and three great-grandsons, Joshua Bolding, Brandt Bolding and Drew Threadgill, all of Garland.

The family suggests memorials to: Parkinson's Disease

Foundation; William Black Medical Research Bldg.; Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center; 640 W. 168th St.; New York, N.Y.; 10032 or to: West Texas Boys Ranch; 10223 Boys Ranch Road; San Angelo; 76904-9989.

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

Myrtle E. Moore

Service for Myrtle E. Moore, 85, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, June 9, 1998, in a local hospital.

Margaret Jones

Service for Margaret Jones, 78, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Monday, June 8, 1998, at her residence.

SCHOOL

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be finished in December, Logback and Smith affirmed. It was to have been completed in time for the first classes to start in August.

"The school is going to be a tremendous asset," Valdes said. "It looks good and it's big."

DROUGHT

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Smokers can also prevent fires by disposing of their smoking materials in vehicle ashtrays or by using their foot to crush cigarette butts in bare soil.

Ranchers and other rural residents can minimize danger to their homesteads by establishing fire breaks around their property and by creating open space around their homes.

The last burn ban in Howard County was in June 1996, just prior to the Fourth of July holiday, in which the fear among county officials was that they drought at that time had left too much of the county susceptible to sparks from the fireworks people traditionally use to celebrate the holiday.

TAAS

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passed all portions of the TAAS test. This year, between 74 and 87 percent of all Big Spring students passed the test, Texas Education Agency figures show.

Statewide, the overall passing rate for grades 3-8 and 10 rose from 55 percent in 1994 to 77

percent this year — a slightly stronger gain than the Big Spring schools over the same time period.

Big Spring fourth graders' scores jumped 11 percent this year, and eighth grade scores leapt eight points.

A new math program and more time on mathematics dramatically boosted Marcy Elementary's scores, said Principal Rey Villarreal.

Despite its above-average performance, Coahoma Superintendent Michael Hartman vowed to continue to boost scores next year. "They're OK," Hartman said about this year's results, "but it's not the improvement I would like to have seen."

Forsan's TAAS administrator, counselor Bob Evans, was pleased with this year's results. "We're proud of them," he said of the district's students. "They did well."

Sands High School Principal Billy Barnett attributed his district's success to its compact size. "We're in a unique situation, because we're so small," he said. "There's a lot of one-on-one and a lot of aides and that helps tremendously."

The eighth grade class did not perform up to expectations, however, Barnett said. "I'm not real pleased with my eighth grade bunch — several were on the borderline, though, and although they failed, they were very close."

Since the past several years have been dry, this year's shortfall has a stronger impact, Matthews emphasized. "We Texans should also look out for cloudier skies this summer. Because of the still-flaming fires in Central America and Mexico (caused by extreme drought conditions in those areas), the typically brilliantly blue Permian Basin skies will be noticeably hazier."

DRY

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Warm air tends to settle into an area, forcing the cooling winds of the West-East jet stream to flow around it. A warm bubble develops, and the area trapped under the dome cooks, much like an oven. Record-breaking high temperatures often result.

Eventually, however, a cold front or jet stream winds gather enough force to push the bubble aside. Record-breaking lows result from the cooler air sweeping through the area.

Next week's forecast shows isolated, patchy thunderstorms, Matthews said.

"I'm looking at a 6-to-10 day map," he explained. "No high pressure dome or heat wave seems likely to form. I would think a few people each day might get some rain."

A system large enough to refill parched livestock ponds and sprout this year's newly planted cotton crop, however, does not seem to be developing.

If rain fails to fall soon, growers in the area will be unable to get a crop out this year. Farmers are planting this week, despite lack of soil moisture, to meet a June 10 deadline imposed by insurance agencies.

Most insurance plans, however, compensate farmers for a fraction of the total crop losses. Howard County may be looking

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

at as much as a \$30 million in damages from this year's drought.

Ranchers are also struggling with shrinking stock ponds and withering grasslands. They need a hard driving rain to fill watering holes, and a steady rain to revive dusty pastures.

So far this year, 4.5 inches of precipitation have been recorded at the USDA's Big Spring Research Station, 2.99 inches below average. To-date for the month of June, one-one-hundredth of an inch of rain has been recorded against a normal to-date average of .59 inches.

"We're way behind," he said. "Hopefully it won't last much longer."

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BUDGET

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the previous budget year. The effective tax rate for the 1996-97 budget year was \$0.45118.

For the 1996-97 budget year, commissioners took the effective tax rate and added three percent for a tax rate of \$0.46471 or 46 cents per \$100 valuation.

The 1996-97 budget year was the first time in three years that commissioners were able to lower their tax rate, considering the steady decline in the county's mineral values.

The county also had the option of adding three percent to the effective tax rate (\$0.45890) in 1997, but would have had to post a public notice and call for a public hearing on the tax rate.

Such a move could have generated a tax levy of \$5,307,855, meaning an additional \$154,528 in revenue for the county.

Without having to post a notice and call for a public hearing on the tax rate, the county explored opting for a 1 percent tax increase (\$0.44999) to produce a tax levy of \$5,204,798 and additional revenue of \$51,471 or a one cent tax increase per \$100 valuation (\$0.45554). This would have produced a tax levy of \$5,268,992 and additional revenue for the county of \$115,665.

By department, the 1997-98 budget estimated revenues at \$5.8 million for the general fund and \$1.36 million in the road and bridge fund. Total revenues are estimated to be \$7,581,062.

By percent, revenue for the 1997-98 fiscal year was generated by 68.09 percent taxes, 9.58 percent in license and permit fees, 0.58 percent intergovernmental, 11.32 percent from charges for services, 4.65 percent from fees and fines, 3.48 percent from miscellaneous sources and 2.31 percent from donations.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY •Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 5,4,6
CASH 5: 11,15,17,31,34

Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

"Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

"Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

"The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

"Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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

"Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

"Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

BRIEFS

EX STUDENTS AND FRIENDS of the Cagle School (1904-1953) are meeting in the Elbow School cafeteria on Saturday, June 13, at 10 a.m. for fellowship and a covered dish meal at noon. Members of your families are welcome also.

We feel you might be more comfortable with folding chairs so if you have these, please bring them. Please share this information with others who may not receive information because of incorrect addresses.

MARKETS

July cotton 74.70 cents, down 69 points; July crude 14.39, down 16 points; Cash hogs steady at 45.00 cents higher at 43.50; cash steers steady at 64; June lean hog futures 63.02 up 7 points; June live cattle futures 65.50, up 117 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including Index 9035.72, Volume 167,849,820, ATT 62 +%, Amoco 42% -, Atlantic Richfield 81% +, Atmos Energy 30% -, Calenergy Inc. 30% -, Chevron 80 - 1, Cifra 15% to 15%, Coca Cola 81% +, Compaq Computer 29% +, Cornell Correc. 20% +, De Beers 19% -, Diagnostic Health 9% +, DuPont 78% -, Excel Comm. 24% -, Exxon 70% - 1%, Fina 65% nc, Halliburton 46% -, IBM 118% -, Intel Corp 69% +, Medical Alliance 3% nc, Mobil 77% -, Norwest 36% -, NUV 9% +, Phillips Petroleum 50% -, Palox Inc. 9% nc, Pepsi Cola 41% -, Parallel Petroleum 4% -, Rural/Metro 19% -, Sears 63% +, Southwestern Bell 40% +, Sun 38% -, Texaco 58% -, Texas Instruments 54% +

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CORRECTION

The Big Spring Police Department said Tuesday that Paul Hildreth, 28, was not arrested for criminal mischief as was reported in Monday's Herald. The man actually arrested for that crime gave officers a false name. Police did not provide the Herald with the real name of the man arrested.

RECORDS

Monday's high 101
Monday's low 66
Average high 93
Average low 67
Record high 107 in 1988
Record low 49 in 1949
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.01
Month's normal 0.65
Year to date 4.50
Normal for the year 7.55

POLICE

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

• TERRY WARD, 27, was arrested on Del Rio warrants.

• SCOTTIE MARTIN, 26, was arrested on Del Rio warrants.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 800 block of Creighton, the Park Scout Hut, the 1400 block of Sycamore, the 1700 block of Gregg, and the 1600 block of Gregg.

• FORGERY reported in the 1400 block of Gregg.

• RUNAWAY reported at the police station.

• BURGLARY OF BUILDING reported in the 400 block of Main.

• BURGLARY OF VEHICLE reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster and the 1200 block of Gregg.

• BURGLARY OF HABITATION reported in the 800 block of West Gregg.

• THEFT reported in the 200 block of West Marcy, the 900 block of Willia and near the intersection of 11th and Settles.

• ASSAULT reported in the 1100 block of Gregg.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY
8:05 a.m. — 900 block Goliad, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:45 p.m. — 1100 block Broadway, Stanton, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 w. 11th Place
263-1211

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Barbara Johnson died Thursday. Services will be 3:00 PM, Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Iatan Cemetery.
Mrs. Charley (Jewell) Nipp died Saturday. Services were 10:00 AM, today at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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1992 Clinton memo is link between foreign money and campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 1992 memo telling Bill Clinton that international banker James Riady had "flown all the way from Indonesia" to make a six-figure donation and take a car ride with the Democratic presidential nominee is providing investigators fresh evidence of a foreign money trail.

Riady, the Indonesian billionaire, wrote out a half million dollars in checks to the Democratic Party after the five-minute car ride scheduled with Clinton in August 1992 just weeks after he won the Democratic nomination.

Bank statements and memos reviewed by investigators show one of the 1992 donations from a Riady company was directly covered by foreign money. The rest were drawn on a personal account that appears to have been replenished with foreign funds.

Some money went to the Democratic Party's accounts that directly help federal candidates.

Riady "will be giving \$100,000 to this event and has the potential to give much more," Clinton was told in a memo Aug. 14, 1992, that advised he would share a car ride that day with the Indonesian billionaire after a fundraiser.

The memo, obtained by AP, was written by Melinda Yee, the Democratic Party's outreach director for Asian-

Americans. It said Riady, whose family controls the Lippo banking and industrial empire, wanted to talk to Clinton "about banking issues and international business" and the car ride was "a courtesy call."

Clinton's schedule for that day says Riady greeted Clinton at the door of a California restaurant where the two attended a Democratic fund-raiser and then took a five-minute car ride.

The memo, schedule and checks were brought to the attention of the Justice Department months ago by congressional investigators.

Attorney General Janet Reno has resisted naming an independent counsel to investigate fund raising although the chief of her campaign fund-raising task force and FBI director Louis Freeh have urged such an appointment. The chief of the task force, Charles LaBella, is writing a report and will make a final recommendation.

Riady had a permanent green card and was a Clinton acquaintance from the 1980s when Riady worked in Arkansas. After Clinton's election, Riady was an occasional visitor to the White House, where he got direct access to Clinton.

White House officials said Clinton had no reason to suspect the donations.

"Mr. Riady ... owned and continues to own American financial institutions

that generate U.S. income," White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said. "In 1992, he was a lawful permanent resident and eligible to contribute to any political party."

"Thus there was no basis for anyone to believe that Mr. Riady's contributions to the DNC might be illegal. To suggest that, based upon the routine briefing memo to then-Governor Clinton, is truly absurd."

The AP made a weeklong effort to reach Riady, but a spokesman said Monday he was still unavailable for comment. In the past, Riady has said he believes his donations were legal.

Federal law forbids U.S. candidates and parties from accepting foreign money. The law allows foreigners who are legally and permanently residing in the United States to make donations. U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies can only donate if they use funds generated inside the United States.

The memo to Clinton clearly noted that Riady had moved from the United States. "He has flown all the way from Indonesia, where he is now based, to attend the fund-raiser," it said. And some of the donations were written from Lippo Bank in California on what appear to be starter or counter checks lacking the normal numbering of a personal checkbook.

Trevor Potter, a former member of

the Federal Election Commission, said the issue of green-card holders who donate while outside the United States is untested but that a "careful reading of the law suggests a green-card holder must be residing in the country to donate."

Potter said in 1992, most fund-raisers would have accepted a green card as reason enough to accept a donation. But the memo and checks "should have raised a red flag," he said.

Spokesman Rick Hess said Monday the Democratic National Committee has instituted stricter scrutiny of donations since the controversy erupted, but he said even "the most careful vetting procedures" wouldn't have raised questions about Riady.

Copies of checks show Riady immediately made good on his \$100,000 pledge.

He and his wife, Aileen, wrote two checks totaling \$30,000 from a personal account to the DNC's hard money accounts. The couple wrote an additional \$10,000 in checks to the California Democratic Party's federal accounts.

Those checks were dated Aug. 13, 1992, the day before the car ride, but weren't cashed for several days.

Bank statements reviewed by federal investigators show the California account received a string of \$9,000

credits in the three weeks before the donations were made, according to government sources who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The statements have notations suggesting two deposits came from Jakarta, the Indonesian capital, and the rest from somewhere inside Lippo, the sources said.

In addition to the checks, a Lippo subsidiary, Hip Hing Holdings, wrote out a \$50,000 check the week of the car ride to the DNC's soft money accounts.

Three days after the check, Riady assistant John Huang wrote Lippo headquarters in Jakarta asking that it "please kindly wire" the money to cover the \$50,000 donation. A Hip Hing official has confirmed to Senate investigators the money was reimbursed from foreign accounts. The DNC has since returned the money.

The Riady's followed with several more donations to state Democratic parties in the weeks before Clinton was elected, including: \$85,000 to Arkansas, \$75,000 each to Louisiana, Michigan and Ohio; and \$50,000 each to Georgia and North Carolina.

The last donation is recorded in campaign records on Oct. 27, 1992. Three days later, Riady's bank statements suggest his account was replenished with \$330,000 from Jakarta, the sources said.

TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONAHANS — Every kid knows this simple rule of childhood: "Finders, keepers."

But the battle between seven boys and city officials over a 2 pound, 11 ounce space rock has devolved into another chorus of youth: "It's mine. No, it's mine."

The boys were headed to the Monahans city council today to argue that they should be able to keep the rock that plunged to Earth while they played basketball on March 22. Officials contend it fell on public property and therefore belongs to City Hall.

"We want to tell them why we think the meteor is ours," said 11-year-old Alvaro Lyles. "We should get to keep it because we found it. They just can't take it away."

Monahans city manager David Mills says, childhood logic aside, the only claim the boys might have to the rock would be if it landed on one of their parents' property.

SAN ANTONIO — Former Congressman Albert Bustamante has been released from federal custody after serving 35 months of a 42-month prison term for racketeering and bribery.

Bustamante, a former four-term Texas congressman, was released from home confinement Monday.

He said that a coalition of Hispanic organizations in California is seeking a presidential pardon for him.

He was defeated at the polls in 1992 following publicity surrounding a federal investigation into his activities. A federal court jury convicted him in 1993 on charges of racketeering and using his office to solicit a bribe or illegal gratuity.

Bustamante served his term at the Federal Prison Camp in El Paso and was returned to a halfway house here last February. He was released to home confinement soon afterwards although he had to wear an ankle bracelet for electronic monitoring of his activities.

McALLEN — Rio Grande Valley watermaster Cindy Martinez often goes to bed to the strains of The Weather Channel.

What the Valley official is looking for — or praying for — is some rain, preferably right over the area's two reservoirs. No such luck. The area managed to accumulate only a trace a rain during May, a dry month for the entire state.

And there's no relief in sight. "I look at the weather and it doesn't look good," Ms. Martinez said.

Meanwhile, the latest figures available show Lake Amistad and Falcon Dam far below their normal levels. Falcon Dam's levels have been nearly as low as during a devastating drought in the 1950s.

So, it was no surprise that the main counties in the Valley — Cameron, Hidalgo, Willacy and Starr — were all among 207 counties that Gov. George W. Bush put under an emergency proclamation Monday due to drought and extreme wildfire danger.

JASPER — District Attorney Guy James Gray says the brutal death of a black man who was chained to a pickup truck and dragged appears to be a random hate crime.

Gray said Monday night that James Byrd Jr., 49, was chained to a pickup and dragged to death after he was seen hitchhiking Saturday night.

Asked if it was a hate crime, Gray told the Beaumont Enterprise, "It's a little early to get concrete on it, but it does look that way, yes."

Three white men were in custody Monday night on unrelated charges and the FBI has been called in to investigate, Gray said.

Phil Denney, the county's death investigator, said preliminary autopsy results indicate Byrd died from multiple traumas to his head and body, injuries which were inflicted as he was yanked along behind the truck.

AUSTIN — Marisa Salazar just completed her first year of law school at Notre Dame, a law school some might argue is better than the University of Texas.

But Ms. Salazar, who is Hispanic and was rejected at UT last year, would still like to be studying law in Austin.

She was listed among several minorities and minority groups Monday in a court motion seeking to intervene in UT's new appeal of an anti-affirmative action ruling known as Hopwood.

Salazar said if the UT Law School had considered race in its admissions when she applied, she would have been admitted.

She blames her rejection on the school's increased reliance on test scores after the 1996 Hopwood ruling by the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which effectively ended consideration of race in admissions, scholarships and financial aid in Texas.

ELSEWHERE
FIVE LIVES: A 30-year-old Arlington woman gave birth to quintuplets Monday — four boys and a girl. It's the first time quints have been born in the Dallas area since 1975. ... LIE DETECTOR: Darin Routier, the husband of death row inmate Darlie Routier, says he was set up when he agreed to take a lie detector test. When he failed, Routier's family said they felt betrayed by the man who arranged the test. ... JUDGE DIES: Frank L. McClendon, a lawyer and former Tyler municipal judge, died Monday at age 91 after a lengthy illness. His sister, reporter Sarah McClendon, is a longtime White House correspondent. ... CUSTODY BATTLE: Two young brothers who admitted they helped beat and sexually assault a 3-year-old girl will remain in protective custody. A judge ruled Monday the 7- and 8-year-olds should not return to their parents.

State Farm to repay \$891.6 million to auto policyholders in 35 states, D.C. as claims fall

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. will return \$891.6 million to its policyholders in 35 states and the District of Columbia — the second refund in seven months — as accident claims continue to fall.

The nation's largest auto insurer announced Monday that lower claims and a slowdown in the growth of medical costs are behind the refunds, which will

be paid by check or a credit to accounts upon renewal of policies.

Company spokesman Steve Witmer said the reduction in claims is offsetting the higher expense of medical care and auto repairs.

The refund amounts vary greatly from state-to-state, depending on the number of policies and the accident claim rate in each state.

The Bloomington, Ill.-based company recently completed distributing \$651 million to policyholders in 29 states and the District of Columbia. It also cut policy rates by an average 1.6 percent last year in 34 states and has cut rates again in 21 states so far this year.

Insurers across the nation have been enjoying record profits as cars get safer and aging drivers become more cautious,

reducing claims. The cash surplus and intense competition have led many to lower rates or refund money.

States that will not get a dividend under the returns announced Monday are: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont and West Virginia.

Prosecutors: Jury should hear school shooting details

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — Luke Woodham is willing to get to the point and admit he pulled the trigger at Pearl High School. Prosecutors say no: They want the jury to know every grisly detail of the spree that killed two students.

One day before Woodham's trial was to begin, prosecutors on Monday rejected defense offers to admit the 17-year-old suspect pulled the trigger.

Had they agreed, there would be no need for traumatized and wounded students to identify Woodham as the gunman. The trial would have gone straight to testimony about whether Woodham was sane when the students were gunned down and seven other people injured with a hunting rifle on Oct. 1.

Jury selection was to begin today. Woodham was convicted

last week of murder in his mother's death and sentenced to life in prison.

Defense attorney Leslie Russell said testimony about whether Woodham shot his schoolmates is not needed. He said skipping it would shorten the trial and eliminate a prejudicial element of emotion.

"Emotion isn't supposed to play a part in a trial anyway," he said outside the Forrest County Courthouse, where the proposal was rejected in a closed-door meeting with prosecutors and Circuit Judge Samac Richardson. "We wouldn't have any credibility if we came in here and said Luke didn't do it. The facts are what they are. Luke went in there and pulled the trigger."

Rankin County District Attorney John Kitchens said he

refused the deal because the jury should hear the story of the entire episode from the mouths of the teens it terrified.

The jury will see "every picture, every witness, the gun, everything we've got," Kitchens said.

He said his first witness will be a student who arrived at school about the same time as Woodham and followed, horrified, as a trail of carnage was created.

Woodham is charged with murder in the deaths of ex-girlfriend Christina Menefee and her friend Lydia Dew, and with aggravated assault.

He was sentenced to life in prison for fatally stabbing and bludgeoning his mother, Mary Woodham. Convictions in the school shootings would bring at least two additional life terms.

Woodham, carrying a Bible as he arrived for processing at the courthouse Monday, told reporters, "I have something to live for now."

His lawyers say Woodham is a pitiful young man who is mentally ill, easily manipulated and can't be held responsible for his actions.

A sobbing Woodham claimed during a videotaped confession that he shot fellow students as instructions from the alleged leader of a cult-like group echoed in his mind. Several members of the group face conspiracy charges related to the school shootings.

Prosecutors have called Woodham bloodthirsty and self-absorbed.

The Pearl High School shootings were the first in a series around the nation

Convicted rapist freed despite warnings he would rape again

BRIDGEWATER, Mass. (AP) — Napoleon Crepeau Jr. was convicted of kidnapping and repeatedly raping a teen-age girl, and later told psychologists he wouldn't stop attacking women if released from prison.

On Monday, he walked down the steps of the Treatment Center for the Sexually Dangerous a free man after 16 years behind bars. Carrying a large bag of laundry to conceal his face, Crepeau climbed into a car with his father behind the

wheel and drove away. Officials now are waiting to see where Crepeau goes and where he registers as a sex offender so they can keep track of the man they believe is still a danger to the public.

The controversial release came after Massachusetts' highest court ruled that Crepeau did not meet the state's standard for a sexually dangerous person. He had spoken about sexual violence in prison but had not acted it out.

Defense attorney Mark Gillis said Crepeau made those statements because he wanted to be transferred out of the general prison population. "The doctors had serious doubts about whether he was fabricating them," Gillis said.

Gillis also pointed out Crepeau had been jailed longer than his sentence of 12-14 years.

Crepeau was convicted in 1983 in the kidnapping and rape of a 17-year-old girl in Dartmouth, Mass. He had already spent

seven years in prison and Bridgewater State Hospital, when, in 1989, he was committed indefinitely to the state treatment center.

The Supreme Court ruled last month that Crepeau no longer meets the state's standard for a sexually dangerous person because he had not acted out any sexual violence in prison.

"The defendant's statements simply are not sexually assaultive behavior," the ruling said.

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OUR VIEWS

Monies nearly in for finishing first stage on Settles

Once upon a time, she was the grandest dame between Fort Worth and El Paso ... the tallest of the tall ... the most beautiful of them all ... a true lady in a land that could turn as harsh as hades in the blink of an eye. Along the way, as we all do, she grew older. And as she aged and began to lose some of her youthfulness, the attention she was paid lessened. The times were hard on her and before all was said and done, she was homeless ... the city's downtown bag lady that everyone tried to avoid. There were carportbaggers who came to town and tried to woo her and the community, but all they did was take advantage of the few things she had left to offer. Instead of helping her along, they stripped her of the last bits of her dignity and left her to fend for herself against the ravages of time ... alone and uncared for as people turned their heads to avoid eye contact when they passed her on the street. But a new day is dawning for grand dame Settles. No, she does not stand in the opulence of decades past and her very heart and soul still lies in disrepair, but there is a facelift under way on her body. Now, instead of passersby turning their heads to keep from looking at her, people go out of their way to gaze at her returning beauty ... they take out-of-towners by to show them that the community's grand old lady is fully in recovery and they proudly talk of what could be.

The Settles window project, started by Tommy Churchwell and continued through the Friends of the Settles with the able assistance of Bill and Darlene Hipp at Quality Glass, is in its final stages. With State National Bank and its employees purchasing all of the windows in the penthouse, and with the Dora Roberts Foundation providing the funding for all of the ground floor windows, all that is left is for the community to come through with the money for the final eight windows in the tower. This has been a community-wide project, a project of pride ... a project where people have joined in because of what downtown could be "only if" something were done with the Settles. It was a nickels and dimes and dollars project that involved both the youngest and eldest of our community. Money came from all corners of the community from around the country — from Big Spring High School exes as well as former airmen stationed at Webb Air Force Base. Once the final monies are raised and the windows replaced, the immediate eyesore of torn and tattered curtains will be gone ... the vision of pigeons flying in and out of open windows will be past ... and the appearance of the Settles as a tombstone towering over downtown will be no more. Remember, though, that the windows project is but the first rung on the ladder to turn the Settles into something useful and beneficial to the community. The second rung on that ladder is to turn the ground floor and mezzanine into areas that can once again be used by this community. That, too, will be a project that will rely on the support and belief of the members of this community that the Settles and downtown is something worth saving. A part of our history worth preserving. A chance to move into the 21st Century with a new attitude that we can't afford to pass up.

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High-tech law enforcement going too far?

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most law-abiding Americans may be willing to sacrifice some personal privacy for enhanced safety. But at a time when technology allows police to hear through walls, Washington lawyer Sheldon Krantz worries about reaching a point "where nothing about any of us is private any more." "The era of Dick Tracy has arrived," Krantz says. "There's a need for greater public understanding of the new technology available to law enforcement. There ought to be a debate about it." Adds Houston lawyer Samuel Guiberson: "It's critical that we continue to evaluate each generation of technology — risks as well as rewards." Both men are members of an American Bar Association task force proposing standards for police snooping, or "technologi-

cally assisted physical surveillance." The task force's 10 pages of recommendations are to be voted on by the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates in August. If adopted, they would be added to the group's Criminal Justice Standards on Electronic Surveillance, which was drafted in the 1960s to deal with wiretaps. The report recognizes a need for high-tech surveillance and a possible need to regulate it. "Technologically assisted physical surveillance can ... facilitate the detection, investigation, prevention and deterrence of crime, the safety of officers and citizens, the apprehension and prosecution of criminals and the protection of the innocent," the report states. Use of that same technology "can also diminish privacy, freedom of speech, association and travel, and the openness of society," it adds. "It thus may

need to be regulated." When and how much to regulate are decisions the report leaves to law enforcement agencies, state legislatures, the courts and the public. The benefit to law enforcement and the invasiveness of the surveillance must be factors. For example, about two dozen prisons across the nation are using a contraption called Secure 1000, which can detect weapons, explosives, drugs or cash concealed under someone's clothing without physically touching them. Visitors are scanned electronically before being allowed to see inmates. Probably a good upgrade for airports, right? How about scanning students at the start of the public school day? How about scanning visitors who want to use public parks? "I would hate to see the day when department stores routinely subject shoppers to such scans," says Guiberson. Others

might disagree with where he draws the line. Baltimore is one big city that decided to harness technology for law enforcement by mounting fixed video cameras in 16 downtown locations. Crime rates fell precipitously, says Frank Russo, director of the coalition of government officials and civic leaders responsible for the innovation. The videotapes are disposed of every four days if no crimes are reported, he said, alleviating concerns about an electronic archive maintained by police. Also, the cameras are on poles with signs clearly identifying their purpose. Good idea for a public street? How about in a public housing project? How about on the street where you live? The new report says the public should have a chance to decide.

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Education has become form of politics

There seem to be three main reasons why reforming public education is such a failure: the lack of will to enforce discipline in the classroom; no definition of success other than a score on an essentially academic test; and a refusal to recognize differences in intelligence. The matter of discipline is obvious.



CHARLEY REESE

Administrators fail to enforce it because of fear of lawsuits, because many bad parents prefer to make charges of racism or discrimination than acknowledge their children's bad behavior and because of general timidity. The problem with the test as the only standard is that we now know people have different "intelligences." Actually, we used to call them "talents." But someone, for example, may be dumb when it comes to dealing with language but smart when it comes to dealing with music, art or mechanics — or vice versa. (In my case, it is definitely vice versa.) Unfortunately, the current bureaucracy is geared to pronounce those with musical, artistic or mechanical talents as failures if they don't measure up to tests of language and numbers.

More tragically, many of these children labeled failures may never know just how "smart" they are in music, art or mechanics. It is stupid to pretend that some magic system or program is going to make children with a general intelligence quotient of 90 perform as well as those with IQs of 120 or more. Yet we give both the same tests and pronounce those with the lower IQs failures, even though they may in fact be good people of fine character. There's no need to argue over the question of whether IQ is hereditary or environmental. It is enough to recognize that there are variations. It is as dumb to hold all to the same academic standard as it would be to expect that you could tinker with a 286 computer processor and make it perform on a par with Pentium. Institutionalization invariably breeds standardization, but humans don't come in a standard model. The variations in IQ, health, family background, energy levels, motivation and talents are practically infinite. To dump all those variables into one classroom and expect one teacher to succeed with one standardized curriculum is probably a mistake in itself. Teachers deserve to be designated heroes just for trying. The original error was the decision to educate everybody for the same length of time. Much of the current educational model is more political orthodoxy than education. The idea, for example, that students

must not drop out is political orthodoxy. Why shouldn't they drop out if the institution is not providing them with any useful skills or knowledge? Bill Gates dropped out of Harvard and has done quite well. Many famous Americans are dropouts. For one thing, we have allowed the bureaucrats to extend artificially the length of education. We should rethink the whole process. Children not bound for college should probably finish at 15 or 16 and enter the world of work. Those going to college should be out by 20. As it is today, "childhood" has been extended practically to the age of 30. Many of the most productive years of a human life are wasted sitting in institutions. As with most things, results are forgotten and everyone gets bogged down in the process. The means become the ends. The result of education ought to be to equip a young man or woman with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue his or her particular brand of happiness. That means education has to be tailored to life after education. Today, the political orthodoxy is that education must be lifelong. If you can afford it, you would do well to abandon public education because it will be lifetimes before it is changed for the better. It is a form of politics.

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IN SHORT

Stallings finishes second in 800 meters at Boston

Former Stanton High School and University of Florida track star Jeremy Stallings, running for Elite Athletes, finished second Saturday in the 800 meters at the New Balance Northeastern Twilight Track & Field Meet in Boston.

Stallings was clocked at 1:48.18 in only his third 800 race this season.

His next outing will come during the USA Track & Field Championships set for June 19-21 in New Orleans.

Summer swim team opens practice Monday

The Big Spring Summer Swim Team will begin practices at 8 a.m. Monday at the City Pool in Comanche Trail Park.

The opening practice is set for one hour. Practice sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The team, which will be coached by Harlan Smith and Jill Brode, is open to all interested swimmers between the ages of 5 and 18.

The summer season will last through Aug. 6. The program's cost will be \$30 for one youngster and \$45 for two or more children from the same family.

For more information, call Smith at 267-1305 or Brode at 263-5359.

Coahoma hoops camp has been rescheduled

The Coahoma Super Hoops Basketball Camp has been rescheduled for June 15-19 at Coahoma High School.

Open to players between the ages of 9 and 14, the camp's sessions will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Registration fees are set at \$50 per camper.

For more information, call Kim Nichols at 394-4755 or 394-4535.

USGA co-ed ragball touney starts Friday

The fourth annual Big Spring USGA Co-ed Ragball Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at the Roy Anderson Softball Complex.

Team fees are \$10 per player with each team having no more than 15 players and no less than 12. Teams should have an equal number of male and female members 12 years or older.

For more information, call Jo Ellen Canales at 263-3623.

Slow pitch softball touney set in Stanton

The first ever Old Soreheads Trades Day Softball Tournament is set for Saturday and Sunday at Tommy Walker Field in Stanton.

For more information, call Eddie Rodriguez at 459-2639.

Rodeo golf touney to benefit crisis fund

A golf tournament, held in conjunction with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo will be held Thursday, June 18, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Each team will be composed of A, B, C and D players, as well as a PRCA performer. Fees will be \$35 per player.

For more information, call course superintendent Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

ON THE TUBE

BASEBALL — Boston Red Sox at Atlanta Braves, 6:35 p.m., TBS, Ch. 11.

Texas Rangers at Colorado Rockies, 8 p.m., LIN, Ch. 98.

BOXING — Champion Tony Marshall vs. Darren Maciunski, NABF junior middleweight championship; Junior lightweights, Derrick Garner vs. Orlando Soto, 8 p.m., USA, Ch. 38.

HOCKEY — IHL Playoffs, Chicago Wolves at Detroit Vipers, 6 p.m., FXS, Ch. 29.

NHL Playoffs, Washington Capitals at Detroit Red Wings, 7 p.m., FOX, Ch. 3.

Lady Steers coach leaving for Midland Lee softball job

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Wes Overton, who guided Big Spring's Lady Steers to the Class 4A regional semifinals during both of their first two seasons of play in UIL fast pitch softball competition, has been named the new softball coach at Midland Lee High School.

Overton, whose Lady Steers fashioned a 54-12 two-year record, tying for the District 4-4A title in 1997 and winning it outright in 1998 with a perfect 10-0 slate, announced he was taking the Lady Rebels job Monday afternoon.

"It was a difficult decision to make ... I don't have the words to describe how hard," Overton said after informing Athletic Director Dwight Butler of his

decision to leave Big Spring.

"The whole process took a couple of weeks," he added, "and I didn't get much sleep in those two weeks."

Overton said it would not only be difficult to leave the school system where he'd coached nine years of his 14-year career, but would be extremely hard to leave the players in the Lady Steers program.

"The Big Spring Independent School District has been wonderful for me the last nine years," he explained, "but the hardest part will be leaving these girls. They've always worked hard for me and I'm going to miss them a lot."

"I've gotten to the point where I think of them as my girls ... like their my daughters," he added. "It really is hard to leave them."

Overton, who began his coaching career with a four-year stint at Sands High School and spent one year in McCamey before moving to Big Spring as a junior high coach, said he'd initially applied for the Midland Lee job, but

turned it down when it was first offered to him.

"I'd decided not to take the job, but they (Midland ISD) officials called back a couple of times after that," he explained. "It just got to the point where I decided this was something I needed to do."

Butler said he was surprised by Overton's decision to take the Lee post and admitted it will be difficult to replace him.

"Wes has done a super job for us and we weren't expecting to lose him," Butler said. "It speaks highly of our program when bigger schools like Midland Lee come in and take our people ... kind of a two-edged sword, I guess."

Butler noted that Overton fit well into the Big Spring coaching staff's team philosophy. "He's an extremely hard worker," he continued. "Wes put everything he had into every assignment ... from being the head football coach to coaching freshman football. It's hard to find people like that."

"But he's got our program on a firm foundation," Butler added, saying he has already begun seeking a replacement. "We've got lots of talented players coming back, so whoever comes in will have a competitive team."

At Midland Lee, Overton's only coaching responsibilities will be in softball.

"That's going to take some getting used to," he admitted. "It will be the first time since I was in the seventh grade that I haven't either played or coached football."

Overton inherits a program that finished third in District 4-5A behind Abilene's Lady Eagles and Midland's Lady Bulldogs, but reached the Class 5A regional semifinals before bowing out of the 1998 playoffs with a loss to Irving Nimitz.

"We're going to have six or seven starters back from last year's team," Overton said of the Lady Rebels. "And all of our pitching will be back, so we'll be extremely competitive right off the bat. I believe it's going to be a good move for me."



OVERTON

Expos take Minor League crown

Clutch hits provide 7-5 comeback

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

After getting off to a shaky start, the National League Expos settled down and methodically rallied to take a 7-5 win Monday over the International League Yankees, laying claim to the championship of the Little League Minors City Tournament.

As a result, the Expos, who went through the tournament undefeated and finished the season with a 16-1 record, became the first National League team to ever win the minor league city championship.

Nobody could have been more thrilled with the title than Expos manager Jim Wilson who said he never doubted his team would be able to come back from the 5-run hole they dug themselves in the top of the first inning.

"It seems like we've done that a lot this year," Wilson said after seeing the Expos explode for three crucial hits, two of them for extra bases, and capitalize on a Yankees error to score three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to secure the win.

"We always start weak and finish strong, it seems like," Wilson said. "I felt like we'd be able to come back, though. We had three games in the city tournament that we won by one game."

"This bunch just never gives up," he added. "These kids were excellent all year long. They paid attention in practice and it paid off for them today."

At the outset, however, it appeared as if the Yankees were on their way to run-ruling the Expos and forcing a second game to decide the championship when they turned two hits and an Expos error into five unearned runs in the top of the first inning.

After getting lead off hitter



Courtesy photo

Here are the 1998 City Minor League champion Expos from the National Little League. Front row, from left, are: Jacob Murphree, Dylan Yarbrough, Brady King, Matt Makowsky, Jonathan Moore and Joe Noble. Back row: Charles Downing, Justin Wilson, Manager Jim Wilson, Cody Schoonover, Coach Tony Wingo, Cody Wingo and Kegan Lewis. Not pictured is Chase Musgrove. The Expos, who finished the season with a 16-1 record, went undefeated in the city tournament, closing out the title run Monday night with a 7-5, come-from-behind win over the International League Yankees.

Abraham Franco to ground out, Expos pitcher Matt Makowsky issued a walk to opposing pitcher Donnie Garcia and uncorked a wild pitch before giving up an infield single to Michael Bermea.

A double steal left the Yankees with runners at second and third and John Franco drew a walk to load the bases.

Makowsky struck out Rocky Garcia and seemed to have escaped the threat unscathed when Joey Young lofted a fly to right field, but error charged to Expos outfielder Kegan Lewis allowed three runs to score and left Rocky Garcia standing on third.

The rally would continue when Joseph Martinez and Nicholas McMahan drew back-to-back walks to again load the bases, setting the stage for Timothy Edens' single up the middle that made it 5-0.

The Expos, however, were not intimidated.

Even after Donnie Garcia opened the bottom of the first by striking out Cody Wingo and Chase Musgrove, the Expos seemed determined to

get back in the game. Makowsky worked the count full before drawing a base on balls and scored moments later when Jacob Murphree hit a grounder that got past Yankees third baseman Young and left fielder Martinez.

The double error allowed Murphree to reach third and allowed Charles Downing to make the most of his first chance, as he slapped an RBI single to right.

Makowsky settled down from the second point on, and faced just two batters more than the minimum required the rest of the way. He would give up just one more hit in the distance-going, three-hit win and allowed just one more walk while striking out a total of nine batters.

Donnie Garcia would finish the game with 12 strikeouts and would walk just four, but would give up five hits and be victimized by his teammates' six errors.

Although the Expos managed to put two runners in scoring position in the third inning, it was the fourth before they got

back on the scoreboard, again with a two-out rally after Garcia had struck out the first two batters he'd faced.

Jonathan Moore got things started with a walk and promptly swiped second and scored when Joe Noble singled up the middle.

Noble then swiped second base and when he faked a steal of third, Yankees catcher Abraham Franco threw wildly to third, allowing him to score, trimming the Internationals lead to just one run.

The Expos game-winning rally started with an infield single by Wingo, but he was erased from the base paths when Musgrove grounded into a fielder's choice play.

Musgrove, however, swiped both second and third, but the comeback bid seemed threatened when Garcia struck out Makowsky.

Murphree ripped a double to left, tying the score. Moments later, he provided the winning run when Downing tripled to center. Downing scored an insurance run on the Yankees' sixth error.

Rangers edge Rockies

DENVER (AP) — Aaron Sele was pitching in Coors Field for the first time. Yet, he showed a veteran's approach to conquering the mile-high thin air.

"You have to stay aggressive," Sele said after the Rangers won for the seventh time in 10 games, beating the slumping Colorado Rockies 3-1 Monday night. "If you are too careful or tentative with any of your pitches, you have a tendency to hang them."

"When I threw a good pitch, it broke like it should," he said. "When I didn't quite get a good pitch, it spun. But as long as you are aggressive with it, it is down, and that is where you want it if you miss."

Sele (9-8) went eight innings, limiting Colorado to five hits and a first-inning run to join Atlanta's Greg Maddux as the only nine-game winners in the majors. He struck out six and walked four for his first win in three starts.

"We weren't sure Sele's curveball would break at this altitude," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "He threw lots of good curveballs, and the score of the game reflects how well both teams pitched."

"Aaron looked really good," Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez said. "He worked in and out with his pitches and his breaking ball was pretty good."

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 17th save in 18 chances.

The Rangers are off to their second-best start in franchise history after 62 games (38-24), one game behind the division-winning 1996 team.

Domingo Cedeno homered and drove in all three Texas runs.

Cedeno, who went 3-for-4, tied the game with an RBI single in the fifth and gave Texas the lead with a solo homer in the seventh. He added an RBI single in the ninth.

Texas tied the game when Rodriguez doubled and scored on a bloop single by Cedeno.

Rangers sale, not Marlins' deal, expected to be taken up by major league owners

SEATTLE (AP) — Major league owners have decided not to consider the sale of the Florida Marlins when they meet this week.

Instead, the owners are expected to approve on Wednesday or Thursday the \$250 million sale of the Texas Rangers by a group headed by Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Rusty Rose to media magnate Tom Hicks. No opposition to Hicks is expected.

On Monday, the commissioner's office said the Marlins' sale topic had been scrubbed. National League president Leonard Coleman said last week that he supported a bid by team president Don Smiley to purchase the Marlins from Wayne Huizenga.

Smiley "continues to work diligently to complete the transfer and I expect he will be prepared to bring it to the clubs for a vote in the near future," interim commissioner Bud Selig said.

It appeared the Smiley deal was delayed because it wasn't ready to be presented to the owners.

Smiley declined comment, but the delay wasn't a surprise. Aides to Smiley said earlier that the purchase by his group might not be completed in

time for this week's meeting.

Huizenga, who has extended his deadline for selling the team several times, did so again.

"The deal hasn't progressed to the point where the owners can vote on it, so the deadline has been extended a couple of weeks," said Stan Smith, a spokesman for Huizenga.

The next owners meeting is at Milwaukee on Sept. 15-17, but they could approve the sale before then in a conference call.

A source close to the negotiations said last week that some Huizenga aides are uncertain whether Smiley can finance the purchase. Smiley's group is expected to pay \$169 million for the team, but Huizenga and his family would likely retain an interest of \$25 million to \$50 million — 15 to 30 percent. Whit Hudson, Huizenga's brother-in-law, is part of Smiley's investment group.

Big Spring, Coahoma players dominate Black Gold division

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring and Coahoma players dominated play in the 14-16 age group division of the Big Spring stop on the Black Gold Tennis Circuit at the Figure 7 Tennis Center during the week end.

Big Spring's Aaron Langford took a 6-4, 6-4 win over Coahoma's Derek DeHoyas in Saturday's 14-16 boys' singles championship match.

Langford's title win was much simpler than his semifinals match in which he took a 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 win over Coahoma's Jarred Rowden. He survived the third-set tiebreaker by a 7-4 margin.

Midland's Chris Compton took the 14-16 boys' singles consolation title with a 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 win over Aaron Sanders, taking the third-set tiebreaker 7-3.

DeHoyas and Rowden came back to dominate in boys' 14-16 doubles play, however, going undefeated in a round robin format.

In girls' 14-16 singles, Ame Blacketer took the round robin championship, going undefeated.

Midland's Beth Ann Kahlich finished second in the 14-16 girls' singles, while Big Spring's April Ward finished third.

Players from Howard County drew competition from Seminole, Midland and Hobbs, N.M., during the tournament.

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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) Intuition keeps you on the right path. Venture into a different way of thinking. Take a risk, and eliminate a restriction. Use your high energy to not only clear your desk, but to initiate another project. Long-distance calls prove profitable. Tonight: Handle business.***

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You feel the building energy; others might appear frenetic to you. A full moon throws you into the midst of others people's dilemmas and pleasures. Unexpected insights result. Break past what has held you

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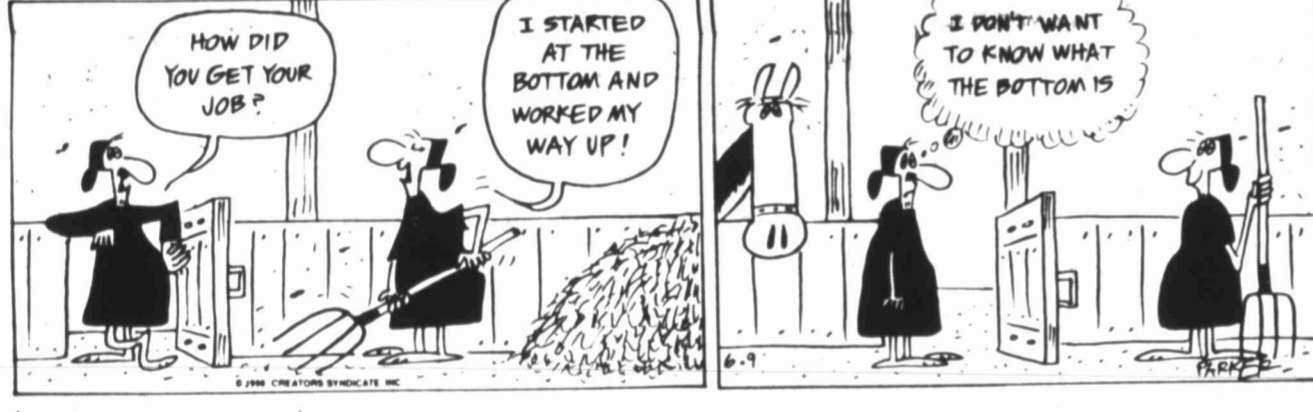
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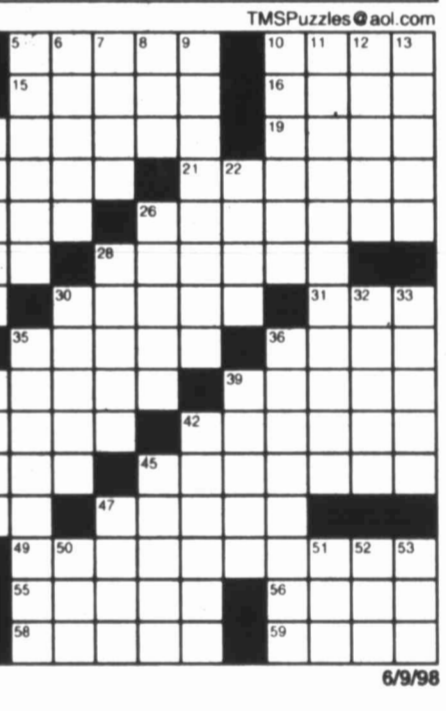
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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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England. In 1940, Norway surrendered to the Nazis during World War II. In 1953, about 100 people died when a tornado struck Worcester, Mass. In 1954, Army counsel Joseph N. Welch asked Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir?" during the Army-McCarthy Hearings. In 1969, the U.S. Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren. In 1973, Secretariat became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years by winning the Belmont Stakes. In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood. In 1980, comedian Richard Pryor suffered almost fatal burns at his San Fernando Valley, Calif., home when a mixture of "free-base" cocaine exploded. In 1985, American educator Thomas Sutherland was kidnapped in Lebanon - he was released in November 1991 along with fellow hostage Terry Waite.

Ten years ago: The House ethics committee met in closed session to discuss whether to formally investigate charges that Speaker Jim Wright's financial dealings may have violated House rules. Five years ago: As millions of Japanese watched on television, Crown Prince Naruhito wed commoner Masako Owada in an elaborate Shinto religious ceremony. The Montreal Canadiens won the Stanley Cup in Game 5 against the Los Angeles Kings. Actress Alexis Smith died in Los Angeles at age 72. One year ago: Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston gave up his fight to become chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, his candidacy doomed by the clamor over his admission that he'd had an adulterous affair years ago.

Today's Birthdays: Guitarist Les Paul is 83. Former World Bank president and former defense secretary Robert S. McNamara is 82. Actress Mona Freeman is 72. Broadcast journalist Marvin Kalb is 68. Comedian Jackie Mason is 64. Actor Joe Santos is 64. Author Letty Cottin Pogrebin is 59. Rock musician Jon Lord (Whitesnake; Deep Purple) is 57. Baseball player Dave Parker is 47. Actor Michael J. Fox is 37. Actor Johnny Depp is 35. Jazz musician Wayman Tisdale is 34. Actress Gloria Reuben is 33.

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