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TODAY 105°-110°
TONIGHT 70°-75°

Mitchell sprints past competition

Tory Mitchell, who won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes last month at the University Interscholastic League state track and field meet, stepped up in competition this weekend.



MITCHELL

The Big Spring High School senior-to-be won both the 100 and 200 meters at the United States Junior National Track and Field Championships in Edwardsville, Ill.

Mitchell ran the fastest time ever in the United States for anyone under 20 when he won the 100 meters in a 10.12 clocking on Friday night.

He came back on Saturday to win the 200 in a time of 20.59.

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WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Vales at 263-6810

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

□ Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome. For more information call Monika at 263-6729.

□ Howard/Glasscock Chapter of American Cancer Society is offering a free blood test to detect prostate cancer at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

THURSDAY

□ Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Big Spring Mall, the room near Hallmark and Bealls. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or e-mail at drkbigspring@xroadstx.com

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No relief in sight for oven-like heat, NWS confirms

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

100-plus temperatures enter 12th straight day

You were right if you thought Saturday was one of the hottest days of the year.

At 6 p.m., the time and temperature display at Government Employees Federal Credit Union read a 120 degrees. It showed 118 at both Citizens Federal Credit Union and Security State Bank while the Internet site for State National Bank registered 115 degrees.

And unless something changes in a hurry, June 1998 will go down as one of the hottest and driest months in Big Spring history.

Through Saturday, 21 of the 27 days this month — including a current string of 12 days in a row — have registered high temperatures of 100 degrees or bet-

ter. Based on the recorded high temperatures, the average high for June through Saturday has been 103.6 degrees. The average high temperature for the month is 89.7 degrees.

And there's no relief in sight, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

Temperatures the remainder of the week are expected to hover around the 105 degrees to 110 degrees range, creating an oven-like atmosphere.

Add to that the fact only three-tenths of an inch of rain has been officially recorded at the USDA's Big Spring Station, and the heat problem is compounded.

Year-to-date rainfall for Big Spring stood at 4.79 inches through Saturday, just more than half of the 98-year average of 8.17 inches.

"You've got more of the same (coming)," explained NWS hydrometeorologist John Frazar in a Saturday afternoon telephone interview.

Frazar said the weather conditions that have trapped the hot air are unlikely to change in the near future.

"There's a high pressure ridge aloft that's dominating the weather scene," he explained. "It's not letting anything change."

He said the prospects for change are slim while the prospects for relief from the heat are slimmer still.

Area agricultural producers are also facing prospects for a slim year.

Most cotton producers have already zeroed out their crops, which had to be in the ground by June 10 to qualify for crop insurance.

Spotty rainfall that moved through southeastern Dawson County, southern Borden County and northern Howard County last Sunday night did little to provide relief.

While rainfall totals in the Patricia area rose as high as 6 inches, most of the region received just enough precipitation to settle the dust — certainly not enough to add significant moisture to the ground.

One Knott-area producer said the gin there normally processes about 36,000 bales of cotton, but that farmers "will be lucky if they bring in 2,000 this year."

Technological advancements go sky high

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Notice that towering pole on Runnels Street Friday? That was a 200-foot antenna, set up to measure the signal strength for a new type of portable telephone.

Poca Lambro, a telecommunications and fiber optics company based in Tahoka, ran a signal test in Big Spring, preparing to bring their products, called Personal Communications Services, or PCS, to Big Spring.

"We're building a network in Big Spring that will reach to Midland and Odessa, and within six months reach into Abilene, Brownwood, San Angelo, and at some point Austin," Brian Turner, contractor with ComSerge, said.

PCS, he said, are wireless telephone services with technological abilities that supersede cellular telephones.

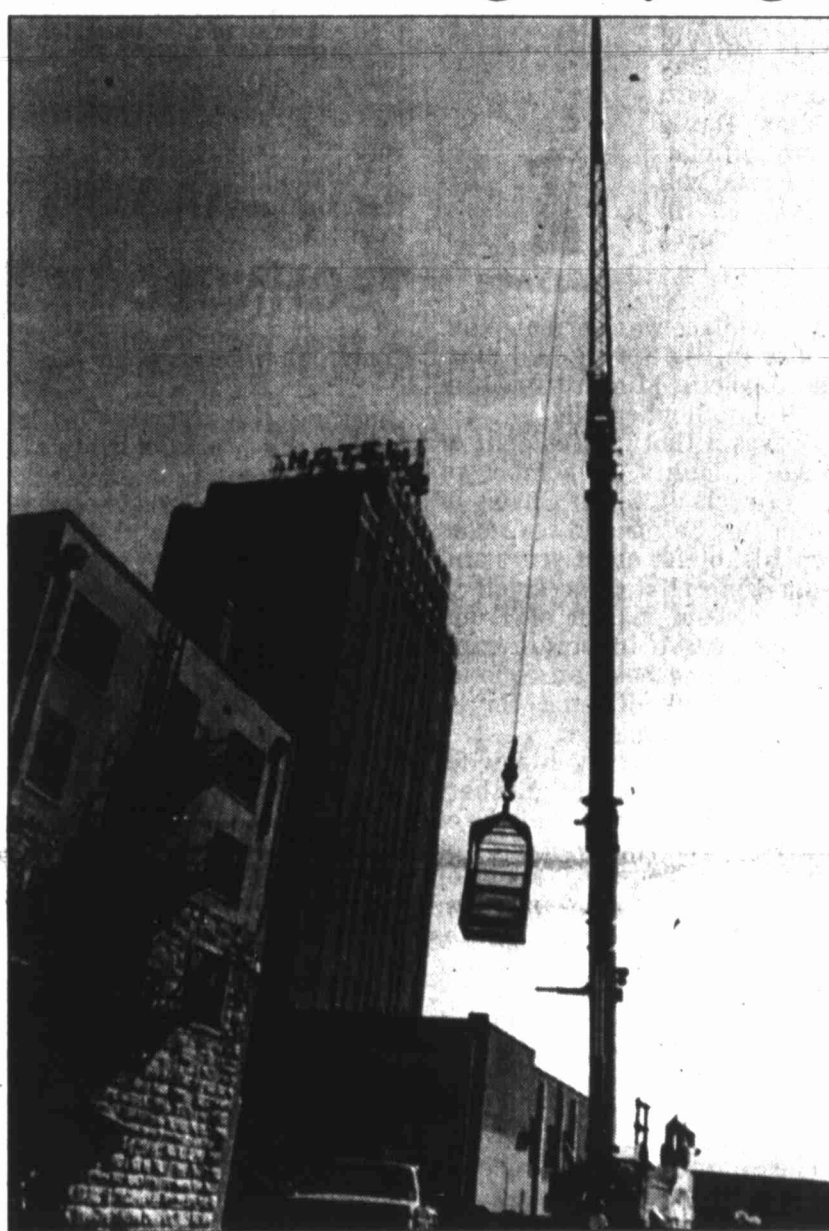
"There is a real advantage to PCS. It has improved digital abilities, which provides increased voice clarity. It's encrypted, which provides privacy.

"That means that no one may eavesdrop on your conversations, because the signal is scrambled, like a government secret code," he said.

"And in the future, it will be possible to be sitting in your car, plug your lap top computer into the PCS phone and you'll be plugged into the Internet," Turner said.

PCS also provide pager messages and caller identification services that cellular telephone do not, he added.

Turner and two engineers brought the low power transmitter to Big Spring to test the



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Poca Lambro, a telecommunications and fiber optics company based in Tahoka, erects an antenna to run a signal test in Big Spring.

local reception and judge how strong the signal is in various parts of the city.

Locally, some topographical disturbances might hinder reception, such as Scenic

Mountain, he said. He conducted a drive test, which meant he cruised around town in his pickup.

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Pops in the Park

Music, fireworks return to amphitheatre Friday

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Symphonic music and fireworks return to the Amphitheater at Comanche Trail Park for the first time since 1992 Friday night when the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale will perform patriotic music in conjunction with a Fourth of July fireworks display.

The program is being presented by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Symphony and the City of Big Spring.

"We're looking for a great evening of entertainment," said Archie Kountz. Kountz is chairman of the July Fourth Foundation. The foundation was organized to raise funds to finance the performance and plan the production.

Kountz said despite the fact burn bans are in effect in Howard County, the first fireworks display in the city since 1995 will not be affected.

"The city has a permanent ban against the firing of fireworks inside the city limit, but because this is an organized production with fire protection on-hand, that ban won't apply," Kountz said.

Activities will get under way in late afternoon when vendors open arts and crafts and food and beverage booths.

"We wanted to try and make this a family affair, so we have

some arts and crafts booths and some food booths," Kountz said. Kountz said vendors in the park will be by permit only and persons wishing to set up a booth must contact Pam Welch at 264-6032.

Gates at the Amphitheater will open at 6 p.m. with activities set to start around 8:30.

Members of local Boy Scout troops will carry in United States flags to be placed around the Amphitheater prior to the start of the evening's activities.

A military flyover will occur in conjunction with the start of the evening's music at about 8:45. At about 9:30, a fireworks display will begin being discharged from a location near the old Boy Scout Hut on Lone Star Lane in the park.

The display will use Class C fireworks and the highlight of the display will be the firing of a 12 foot by 20 foot American flag.

Members of the Big Spring Police Department as well as the Citizens Police Academy will handle traffic control for the evening, and four parking areas have been set aside to handle the crowd.

Kountz said presenters and organizers are hoping for a crowd of between 6,000 and 10,000 persons.

"We're advising folks to get there early and to bring something soft to sit on," Kountz said. "With the weather fore

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Hansen 70th person to take charge of Downtown Lions Club

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club had a changing of the guard last week as Danny Flenniken stepped down as president and Terry Hansen took office.

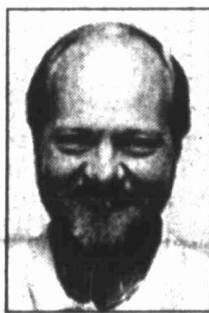
Hansen, controller for Howard College, is now the 70th person to accept the office in Big Spring.

He'll officially take office on July 1. The installation took place at Howard College's Cactus Room.

"I've known Terry for about four or five years," said Flenniken.

"He's a very competent person, and I believe he's dedicated to any of the tasks at hand. The Lions Club will be in good hands with him.

"I believe it's been a good year. We've accomplished a lot of the goals we set out after, and



HANSEN

made progress in a lot of areas. The year wasn't nearly as hard as I had anticipated, and went by in a real hurry."

State Rep. David Counts, a Lion for more than 40 years with a perfect attendance record of more than 34, also installed Guy Teague as first vice president, Ray Kennedy as second vice president, Donnie Baker as third vice president, Sandra Waggoner as secretary-treasurer and Ken Tunstill as Liontamer.

Tommy Mills, Lyndon Smith, and Johnny Earp, Tailtwisters; David Drake, Jimmie McCain,

Howard Salisbury, Lane McMillan were installed as directors.

Counts reminded those attending the spouses night affair that Lions International, with its 1,430,000 members, is the largest service organization in the world.

"One of the things we are really proud of is the fact that the Downtown Lions Club has never had the same person as president twice," said Flenniken.

"We've been around over 60 years, and I'd say that is quite an accomplishment."

Flenniken attributes this to a good turnover rate in membership.

"We have members that die or leave, but don't seem to have any trouble keeping our numbers up."

Last year, according to Counts, Lions International added 43,000 new members, including 17,000 during membership month.

Also, the Lions Club and the Jaycees have worked together on many different projects, with the Jaycees urging graduating members to become part of Lions International.

Workforce study on drawing board

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

A possible workforce study of Howard College was the topic last week when Moore Development for Big Spring met with representatives from Economic Development Services.

Jerry Conner, president of Economic Development Service, made a presentation to the Moore Development board of directors during the board's regular meeting.

"Prospective businesses want real numbers when they are considering a community," said Conner.

"They used to just take the word of the development com-

pany, but these days they want independent reports."

Moore Development board members, who are charged with the attraction of new businesses to Big Spring, listened as Conner explained the process.

"According to studies, it takes at least 400 completed surveys to get an accurate view of the community. Our staff conducts the interviews, and then tabulates the information, which tells us the strengths and weaknesses of the area's workforce," said Conner.

Executive Director of Moore Development Kent Sharp supported the idea of having the study conducted.

"I don't want to see a prospect go with another community

because we don't have a workforce study," said Sharp.

According to Conner, the study is an indispensable marketing tool.

"The Texas Workforce Commission no longer collects the data that companies like to see when they are looking at a prospective site," he said.

Sharp, who is concerned about the area covered by a survey, would like to see it include a wider area than Howard County alone.

"I'd really like to see this survey cover Midland as well," said Sharp. "There are so many people who already commute here from Midland, I think it would

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Garrett Stuteville, left, and Jeff Moss, recently found a way to beat the heat by taking private swimming lessons at the city pool.

OBITUARIES

Bonetta Franklin-McDonald

Bonetta Franklin-McDonald, formerly of Riverside, Calif. and Big Spring, died Thursday, April 9, 1998, of an aneurysm at Havasu Samaritan Hospital in Lake Havasu, Ariz. She was 86.

Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Monday, June 29, 1998, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. McDonald, who was born in Big Spring, lived in Riverside, Calif., for 25 years before moving to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., one year ago. She was a homemaker and enjoyed playing the piano, reading and creative writing.

Mrs. Franklin-McDonald is survived by: a daughter, Bonnie Wilmore of Riverside, Calif.; three sons, Cedell of Bakersfield, Calif., Johnny of Houston, and David of Washington; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Joe Franklin of Tulare, Calif., and Clifford Franklin of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to: The Friends of the Settles, c/o Choate Company; 1318 E. Fourth, Big Spring.

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

Paid obituary

Pete Briones

Rosary for Pete Briones, 58, Odessa, will be 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Odessa Funeral Home Angeles Memorial Chapel. Funeral will be Monday, June 29, 1998, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Odessa. Burial will be in the Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mr. Briones died Wednesday, June 24.

He was born on March 14, 1940, in San Antonio. He married Lusinda Briones.

Survivors include his wife, Lusinda Briones of Odessa; two sons, Ben Briones of Odessa, and Eric Briones of San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, Valente Briones of Dallas, and Benny Briones of Midland; one sister, Beatrice Briones of Lamesa; and one grandson.

Arrangements under the direction of Odessa Funeral Home Angeles Memorial Chapel.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Elton Wallace, 67, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM, Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dotsy Jones, 80, died Friday. Grave side services will be 9:15 AM, Monday at Trinity Memorial Park, followed by a memorial service at 10:00 AM, At First Presbyterian Church.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory

906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Raymond L. Cooper 77, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Sunday evening from 7:30 to 9:00.

Marie Ash, 75, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM Monday, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Patsy Statham died Friday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Dotsy Jones

Dotsy Jones, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 26 at Comanche Trail Nursing Home.

Graveside service will be 9:15 a.m. Monday, June 29, at Trinity Memorial Park, followed by a memorial service at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Flynn Long officiating.

Mrs. Jones was born on Oct. 23, 1917 in Granbury and married Truman Jones on Oct. 11, 1943 in San Diego, Calif.

She moved to Big Spring in 1948 from Odessa and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was a life master of the American Contract Bridge League and a volunteer counselor in the youth division at Big Spring State Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Truman Jones of Big Spring; one daughter, Libby Jacobus of Midland; one brother, George B. (Pete) Jones of Grapevine; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Marie Ash

Marie Ash, 75, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 27, 1998 in an Odessa hospital.

Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 29 at Trinity Memorial Park, with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mrs. Ash was born on Sept. 26, 1922 in Fluvanna. She married Hubert Patton in 1941. He preceded her in death. She later married Bob Ash in September, 1981.

She was a Big Spring resident from 1946 to 1981, when she moved to Odessa. A homemaker, she was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Ash of Odessa; two daughters, Melva Shearin of Big Spring and Pam Beck of Abilene; one son, Gene Patton of Gehe, Texas; two step-sons, Link Ash and Matt Ash, both of San Antonio; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring. Arrangement under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Raymond Cooper

Raymond L. Cooper, 77, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, June 27, 1998, in a local hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 29, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church and Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 16, 1920 in Goldthwaite, Texas and married Melva Ballard on July 20, 1946 in Center Point, Texas.

He worked as the laundry superintendent at the Veterans Administration hospital at Kerrville and Big Spring and retired after 37 years.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Melva Cooper of Big Spring;

daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Wayne Dowe of West Monroe, Louisiana; grandchildren Renee Dowe, Jeremy Dowe and Timothy Dowe, all of West Monroe, Louisiana; a great-grandchild, Nathan Dowe of West Monroe; sisters Montzalee Shiffer of Dallas and Alene Orsack of Waco; a brother, Bill R. Cooper of Odessa; three brothers-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday evening from 7:30 to 9.

The family suggests memorials to: Trinity Baptist Church, 810 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Elton Wallace
Elton Wallace, 67, of Luther, died Wednesday, June 24, 1998 at Senic Mountain Medical Center.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 29 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop David Mohn officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Wallace was born on Nov. 2, 1930 in Big Spring and married Jeanette Miniard on July 22, 1950 in Stephenville.

He was a lifetime resident of Howard County, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served as local bishop for eight years and a counselor in state presidency. He was scout master of Troop 187 and active in prison ministry and had been an accountant for Texas Electric for 33 years. He also farmed.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Wallace of Luther; three sons, Dewayne Wallace of Kermit, Texas, Wallace of Georgia and Douglas Wallace of Provo, Utah; three daughters, Lisa Bernet of San Antonio, Marsha Meeks of Lake Whitney and Aimee Wallace of Luther; and one sister, Marie Ervin of Austin; and 23 grandchildren.

Mr. Wallace was preceded in death by a daughter, Emily Edith Wallace.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

STUDY

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important to include them." The survey, which would take an estimated three months to complete, has already been used by cities such as Abilene and Lubbock, and their outlying counties.

"Businesses are tired of opening up new facilities in areas where there isn't any labor available. Recent changes in the

way companies look at new sites has mandated changes in the way the information needed is gathered and processed," said Cotter.

The survey will be under consideration by the board, which is scheduled to meet again Wednesday, July 22.

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cast, we're also advising that you dress appropriately." Kountz said people should be aware that the entire evening's activities will take place within Comanche Trail Park and that the fireworks will not be fired from either South Mountain or Scenic Mountain, as they have in the past.

"The fireworks will be able to be seen easily from the Amphitheater, so that will be a perfect spot for listening to music and watching the fireworks," Kountz said.

Kountz said the foundation's goal of \$27,000 has almost been met, with more than \$26,000 pledged and more than \$20,000 in-hand.

"The community's support has been excellent," Kountz said.

A map showing the park and the parking areas appears on Page 3A of today's Herald.

TECHNOLOGY

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checking the signal emitting from the transmitter on Runnels Street, he said.

Poca Lambro plans to open an office in Big Spring in the near future, Turner said.

Police cuff 64 in drug sweep

SHERMAN (AP) — More than 60 people have been arrested in a Grayson County drug sweep that started Friday and continued into the weekend.

Authorities sought 82 people in all and had arrested 58 adults and six juveniles by Saturday night.

"This is to show the drug dealers and drug thugs we won't take this in Grayson County," said Grayson County Sheriff J. Keith Gary.

The raid is the result of a five-month undercover investigation involving local, state and federal law enforcement.

"A total of 115 officers from 10 different law enforcement agencies made up of 15 arrest teams were involved," Gary said.

"This is one of the largest operations of its kind and magnitude invol this many officers and agencies in this area."

A special Grayson County grand jury returned indictments June 18 charging all of the suspects with delivery of controlled substances. The indictments involve 82 people, including the six juveniles, for a total of 119 cases.

The majority of cases are based on the delivery of crack-cocaine, said Grayson County Attorney Bob Jarvis. Other cases involved the delivery of methamphetamine and other drugs.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY
•A1-A Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, 6:30 p.m., 2410 Wason Dr., the house behind the 7-11 store. For more information call 267-2800.

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Survivors of Suicide, support group for those grieving a suicide loss, will meet Monday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. Dr. Alan Williams will lead the discussion.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

Big Spring Police reported the following activity between the hours of 8 a.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday:

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Klan march ends with one arrest; officers stop confrontations

JASPER (AP) — White-hooded Ku Klux Klan members demonstrated Saturday in this Southeast Texas town, separated from gun-toting black militants by hundreds of law officers who made at least one arrest.

The arrest occurred as a scuffle broke out between departing Klansmen and militants who also gathered at the noon rally to protest the Klan's presence following the savage slaying of James Byrd Jr., who was black.

Ringed by state troopers in riot gear, Klansmen waved Confederate flags at the courthouse square and shouted racist slogans as some spectators jeered. But law officers stepped in to block any confrontations.

"Jasper is part of the invisible empire," said Rick Anderson, grand titan of the Knights of the White Kamellia, based in near-

by Vidor. "Make no mistake about it, this is Klan country." About a dozen armed black militants failed twice to pass through a police barricade. One militant, former Nation of Islam spokesman Khalid Muhammad, threatened law officers after he was rebuffed.

"Black people, we can take these bastards," he yelled. "We can run over the damn police and take their ass. Who's with me?"

But Muhammad retreated to a point about a block away from the Klan march where black militants were allowed to keep their guns. But militants then circled the barricade, confronting Klan members who were departing the square about 1:30 p.m.

The arrest came, law officers said, when several militants began rocking one of the five

vehicles carrying Klan members. Officers in riot gear body-blocked militants to keep them away.

A lone Klansman on a motorcycle was struck by ice thrown by a black Jasper resident.

"They needed cooling off," said Letha White, a 38-year resident who also criticized law officers. "They've been telling us where to go all the time. I'm sick of it."

A black Muslim activist from Houston who tried to chase one Klan vehicle on foot failed to stop it from leaving the courthouse area.

Shouting "black power," militants pointed shotguns, rifles and other weapons in the air as they marched double-time. But a white spectator yelled, "Let it go. Let it go."

About 20 Klan members paraded at the square, with tem-

peratures reaching the 90s in high humidity.

"To hell with the Negroes and their special programs," one marcher shouted.

But a black woman, 42-year-old Diane Scott of Jasper, called the Klan cowards.

"They may have their kingdom, but what are they going to say when the Lord turns them away?" she asked.

About 50 black militants arrived in 10 carloads shortly before noon and unloaded rifles and other weapons from trunks. The militants are affiliated with various anti-Klan activists, including the New Black Panther Party.

"These men are here to freely exercise their divine and, yes, constitutional rights after building this country for 400 years to defend ourselves and carry armed and loaded weapons to

defend the black community against this murderous and hypocritical outfit known as the Ku Klux Klan," Malik Z. Shabazz, an attorney for the New Black Panthers, said.

After a white man in the audience jeered, law officers rushed in to prevent a confrontation in the town where a black resident was dragged to his death.

"You're here to start trouble," the heckler told the militants.

Authorities roped off a two-block radius around the square near the courthouse. Texas Rangers, FBI agents and other law officers patrolled the area. Two white Texas Department of Public Safety buses and ambulances were parked nearby.

Friday night, the victim's family issued a statement urging peace.

"Let this horrendous violation of the sanctity of life not be a

spark that ignites more hatred and retribution," the statement from Byrd's family said. "Rather, let this be a wake-up call for America — for all Americans. May it spark a new cleansing fire of self-examination and reflection."

Some Jasper residents dreaded the showdown.

Through clenched teeth and highway marquees, they voiced their contempt Friday for Klan leader Michael Lowe as he staged impromptu news conferences to hype the rally.

At the Democratic State Convention in San Antonio, the Rev. Jesse Jackson echoed Byrd's family's sentiment and said he hoped Jasper residents would stay away from the Klan rally.

"They need an audience, and people in Jasper ought to go fishing," he told reporters.

Persistence lands woman, 5 kids, VIP treatment

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A Brownsville woman showed her five children the value of persistence in the face of bureaucracy, and Gov. George W. Bush helped put an exclamation point on the lesson.

When Leticia Sanchez heard that Bush was coming to Brownsville for the 16th Border Governors' Conference, she tried unsuccessfully to find out from local government agencies when he was arriving.

At each stop, including the governor's office, she said, she was rebuffed.

She was told the arrival time was confidential because of security considerations.

Angered, Mrs. Sanchez wrote a letter that was published in Thursday's Brownsville Herald.

"Governor Bush is an excellent role model and I want my children to see him, our future

president," she wrote. "I am frustrated! I do not understand. When our president, Bill Clinton, was in town, everyone knew of the arrival time. So it was safe for him, but it is not safe for Gov. Bush?"

Mrs. Sanchez eventually found out Bush's schedule and loaded up the kids, but just missed his arrival at the airport on Thursday.

Determined to see the governor, Mrs. Sanchez drove to Jacob Brown Auditorium where five Mexican and four United States governors were meeting for a welcome reception and private dinner.

She and her children — Marcelo, 3; Heidi, 5; Carla, 6; Paul, 9; Carole, 12 — picnicked under a tree in front of the auditorium while waiting for Bush. Security officers asked her to move along.

"I said, 'Look, please don't make us move into the hot sun. All we want to do is wave to the governor when he drives in. Let us stay in the shade,'" Mrs. Sanchez told The Monitor newspaper of McAllen.

Minutes later, Brownsville Police Chief Ben Reyna listened to the woman's complaints. He went back inside the auditorium and then "a woman dressed in red came to us and apologized."

"The next thing I knew, they were telling us to go inside and that we could watch the whole event from the balcony," she said.

"Ben Reyna was super, extra nice. He said, 'You don't have a tag so just call us when you need anything.' It was just super exciting."

"We felt like VIPs," Sanchez said.

When Bush concluded his speech and was walking out the door, someone from his staff pointed Ms. Sanchez out to him and said, "Oh, this is the lady who wrote the letter to the editor."

"He hugged me and all of my kids and I don't want to take a bath for a year," Ms. Sanchez said.

"He asked my kids, 'Are you reading?' 'Yes.' 'Are you listening to your Mom?' 'Yes.' Then he gave us all cards with his autograph and I just couldn't believe this. He didn't act like a governor to us. He was just down to earth."

She was impressed when she discovered on Friday that people paid \$5,000 each to be with Bush earlier in the month at a fundraiser in Washington, D.C.

"We got to see him (for free) and we saved \$30,000," she said.

War veteran hopes tooth can identify missing soldier

BEDFORD, Ind. (AP) — A disabled Vietnam War veteran hopes a tooth, dog tag and a photograph of bones help identify one of his comrades.

Al Tolbert, 54, hand delivered the items to aides in Rep. John Hostettler's office Thursday in Bloomington with the hope it leads to the identification of an American pilot shot down over Vietnam in 1968.

"It was kind of a heavy burden to think I might be hanging on to the remains of a fellow veteran, a veteran that needs to come home," Tolbert said.

He first learned about the mystery nearly a year ago, when the pilot's remains came up in conversation with friend Mike Alston.

Alston, a Vietnamese refugee who ran a store in the same Bedford shopping mall as Tolbert, approached him last August. He told Tolbert that relatives in the southern part of Vietnam who were sympathetic to the U.S. cause had found and hidden the remains of American pilot's body during the conflict.

Tolbert, himself a disabled Vietnam veteran and president of the Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living, called Hostettler's office with the news.

Aides at Hostettler's office were intrigued, but needed proof. "We have to be really careful with these kinds of things," said Chris Crabtree, a Hostettler aide. "It could be fraud. We don't want to scare someone's family into thinking their loved one may have been recovered."

Alston, who now lives in El Paso, flew to Vietnam and brought back the dog tag and the tooth. His relatives wanted to bring the matter to a close, he said.

They tooth finally arrived at Hostettler's Bloomington office on Thursday, and will be sent to the MIA-POW Commission in Washington, D.C. on Monday for testing.

DNA testing on the tooth should provide the necessary scientific evidence, Crabtree said, but results could take months. The name on the dog tag will not be released until the tests are made. "It could be a Vietnamese body, it could be an American body — it's unidentified at this time," he said.

Welfare rolls shrinking; other states lead in placement

DALLAS (AP) — Texas families are getting off welfare in greater numbers but still having trouble landing jobs, according to a federal government report.

The average number of Texans on welfare in any given month shrank by 20 percent to 219,579 since 1995, the General Accounting Office found in its

review. The study provided one of the first detailed assessments of welfare changes by Texas and other states in the past two years.

Welfare caseloads have dropped 23 percent nationwide since 1996, when President Clinton and Congress ended the federal guarantee of cash assis-

tance for poor families.

But Texas officials have found jobs for a smaller share of their welfare recipients since the state's welfare overhaul in 1995. Other states had large increases in job placement rates in the study released late last week.

"We did have, for lack of a better term, a loss of momentum," David Beshear, a Texas

Workforce Commission spokesman, told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions.

The Texas agency administers its welfare program.

But the state failed to fill 170 welfare-related staff positions last year after the Legislature did not alter funding to match changes in federal welfare

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OUR VIEWS

Plenty to be proud of on fun-filled, patriotic weekend

Our July 4 weekend is shaping up as an activity-packed celebration of our freedom and community pride. The excitement begins Friday evening, with our unique Pops in the Park event in the Comanche Trail Amphitheatre. This Big Spring symphony and chorale concert with a professional fireworks display, supported by funding from the community, promises entertainment for the whole family.

In addition to the patriotic program and displays lighting up the sky, there will be arts and crafts and food booths available. Organizers say they are expecting between 6,000 to 10,000 people from all over the area to attend.

Saturday will continue the fun with parades both in Big Spring's Highland South neighborhood and in Coahoma. Starting time for both is 10 a.m., so get there early for a good vantage point.

Both parades welcome participants on a variety of vehicles or floats. Highland's parade often features a large number of children riding on skates, decorated bicycles and such. The neighborhood also conducts a mailbox/yard decorating contest for the occasion, so it should be a very festive celebration.

In Coahoma, the parade will be followed by a patriotic program in the high school auditorium with Rep. David Counts as speaker. A craft and antique/rummage sale will continue all day on the stadium parking lot.

That evening, Coahoma will top off the celebration with a dance in the Dairy Queen parking lot.

This is the weekend for Coahoma's all-school reunions, so that community is expecting large crowds for its entire slate of July 4 events.

This weekend offers plenty to feel proud about. Let's all take part, and bring our out-of-town visitors to show them our community knows how to celebrate!

And while you are celebrating the weekend, be courteous to your friends and neighbors, and remember to honor the local fireworks ban.

Let's all plan for a fun, safe weekend.

OTHER VIEWS

Monetary authorities in Japan and the United States have begun a concerted intervention in the foreign exchange markets to put a stop to the sharp decline in the value of the yen. ... The concerted intervention is a first step forward. But successfully drawing the United States into foreign exchange market rescue operations does not mean the malaise that caused the 'sell-off of Japan' has been cured. Unless the rot is removed as soon as possible, there will be renewed pressure to sell the yen.

Steps for restoring confidence in Japan must be taken promptly, taking advantage of this brief grace period. The most urgent among them is to liquidate the bad loans saddling the banking system — a move that is long overdue.

We want the prime minister, after coming up with a concrete timetable for dealing with the bad loans, to declare that he has the political will to enrich people's lives by eliminating their fears about the future. He should do this by changing his approach to precious budget allocations.

ASAHI SHIMBUN, TOKYO

Those who said the two referenda, North and South, held last month to ratify the Good

Friday Agreement, would be the beginning rather than the end of a process were very prescient. ...

Hard-line elements on the fringes of the republican movement are still determined to resort to violence to defeat what they see as a sellout. Similarly and this is a far more serious threat sizable segments of the Unionist opinion are either very lukewarm about aspects of the agreement and the machinery flowing from it, or are openly opposed to it.

The strength of that opposition will be tested in a very crucial manner tomorrow with the elections for the 108 seats in the new Northern Assembly. The outcome still looks good for the parties backing the agreement, but matters have not been helped by the insistence of Unionists in the North and the Conservative Party in London to link the release of prisoners with the decommissioning of paramilitary arms.

Two developments would help matters considerably and advance the cause of peace: a clear and unambiguous declaration by Sinn Fein that the 'armed struggle' is over, and the adoption on the Unionist side of a realistic attitude to decommissioning.

As I leave the the Herald, I still have questions that I will forever contemplate (possibly

THE CORK (IRELAND) EXAMINER

Politicians finally entering world wide web

Junk e-mails have replaced junk faxes! The other day, there were 17 e-mails on my computer and when all was said and done, 14 of them wound up in the trash. E-mails have even made their way into politics.

Former Secretary of State Tony Garza is even surfing the web for new supporters. The Railroad Commission candidate has established a web site so that persons interested in his candidacy can find more about him. The web location www.garza98.com includes pol-

icy information, recent press releases and copies of current campaign releases.

Garza said the Internet offers him "an outstanding way to stay in contact with the voters of our state. ... With my Garza98 web site, I'm able to connect with Texans from the Panhandle to the Rio Grande Valley and all points between" But not all politicians are sold on the idea.

Take California gubernatorial candidate Al Checchi, for example.

Checchi spent millions trying to woo Californians by TV, radio and mail — but stopped short of buying ad space on the World Wide Web.

While corporate America has embraced Internet "banner" advertising, politicians have been slow to see the potential of going online.

It's true even in hyper-wired California, the home of Silicon

Valley. "Politicians are behind the eight ball," said Michael Tchong, editor of Iconocast, an Internet marketing newsletter. "They listen too much to their moneyed constituency, who tend to be older and also less Net-savvy."

Their reluctance comes despite the fact e-mail and Web advertising offer so much of what politicians crave: It invites users to interact with advertisers, responses to ads can be tracked precisely and users tend to be highly educated and likely voters.

Since the first banner ads appeared 31/2 years ago, spending on Net advertising has increased, to \$900 million last year, according to the IAB.

Yet the first banner ads for candidates are just appearing.

Before California's June 2 primary, state Sen. Tim Leslie ran banner ads in his success-

ful bid for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor. "We got a lot of bang for our buck," said campaign spokeswoman Jane Barnett, citing increased traffic on Leslie's Web site and a surge in e-mail.

But Checchi, a former airline executive who spent some \$40 million on his campaign and lost the Democratic nomination to Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, wouldn't even give it a try.

"It was a very intriguing idea, but we would have been breaking new ground and there just wasn't a lot of interest in putting money into this," said campaign manager Darryl Sragow, who also rejected a proposal to e-mail campaign ads to voters.

Let's see ... maybe if there had been more interest, there would have been a corresponding voter interest in candidate Checchi as well.



JOHN H. WALKER

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Had a window seat on the rest of the world

How often does a person actually get a job doing what he wants to do before he actually finishes training for it?

Probably not too often, but in my case, I was blessed.

During the last four years, I have had the opportunity to cover a variety of areas and issues for the Big Spring Herald, in particular, the areas of city and county government, the chamber of commerce and economic development issues as well as agriculture.

The most difficult thing to do in those four years was covering the capital murder trial of Levy Lee Edmondson Jr., who was convicted of killing DPS Trooper Troy Hogue on Dec. 30, 1994.

The most enjoyable experience in those four years was teaming up with former Herald reporter Kellie Jones as we explored the issue of teen pregnancy in a series of articles during the fall of 1996. It was enjoyable because it was and still is an issue that needs to be addressed in Big Spring as well as all over America. But it was even more enjoyable because we were able to shed some light on this particular area.

As I leave the the Herald, I still have questions that I will forever contemplate (possibly

to no end) such as:

- How does the world end up with people like Susan Smith and Timothy McVeigh?
- How soon would anyone other than O.J. Simpson have been convicted of the double murder of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman?
- Why do we as voters continue to put up with political witchhunts?
- Why was it so important that Karla Faye Tucker be put to death?
- Why do people continue to complain about politicians, but we rarely have an election with more than a 10 percent voter turnout?
- Why, when all else fails, do we humans always seem to want to pull out the race card?

I had a friend tell me recently that the dragging death of James Byrd in Jasper (because of the color of his skin) was typical of the racist attitude that persists in America.

I had to disagree with that statement because it's too easy to label one group of people based on the actions or words of one or two individuals.

I certainly wouldn't want the rest of society to judge me because of O.J. Simpson or Mike Tyson.

What I have learned from the people, places and things in Big Spring and Howard County in the last four years is that hometown and family mean a lot.

Big Spring is about history and the things that made it what it is. A lot of people are of the attitude that if you don't like it here, leave.

I like that attitude. A hometown is a place you should have pride in.

Despite having had the

opportunity to meet U.S. senators, state senators, state representatives and various state and local figures including Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the most interesting character I've met in the last four years died in 1997, but not before he helped me really realize that there is more to Christmas than toys and a little part in all of us that looks forward to seeing Santa Claus on Christmas Eve — Toxey Cathey.

I have met a lot of people in my capacity as a reporter, but one person I met along the way that made me proud to be able to cover the events and happenings in and around Big Spring is Max Webb, executive director of the Northside Community Center.

Dedication is just a word to most people, but Max Webb knows how to wear it so that people can see what a lot of hard work and caring for those in need can do.

More people like Max would make the society we live in more people friendly.

As a member of the Herald staff I have learned a great deal about the society in which I live. The best thing about being a reporter is the window seat I have had on the world.

The day the Oklahoma City federal building exploded, I was coming out of a chamber of commerce meeting. I happened to turn on my truck radio and there it was.

Needless to say, I was instantly reminded of the morning the Space shuttle Challenger exploded in 1986. Within a few moments of the shuttle explosion, there wasn't a soul anywhere that didn't know what had happened.

Being able to have fun at

what you're doing is what we would say is the ideal job, but sometimes fun is not possible. As a reporter, I have also learned that people will not always agree with what you write, but I have always tried to do it in a fair manner. One the other side of the coin, I have also learned that people, on occasion, will not always be truthful to you.

That comes with the territory when you're in this business, but wouldn't it be nice if truth were as desirable as ambition.

It's never easy to leave one career path for another, unless you feel that you're being pulled in that direction for a reason. I feel like going into special education is like landing on Gilligan's Island — I know quite a lot about it, but it's still an area with a lot of uncharted territory.

To the many coworkers I have enjoyed knowing, it will be very easy to keep in touch with you, but for now thank you for keeping the workplace interesting, even as I took on the Titanic search for a mate.

After all, when I started at the Herald in 1994, I had a girlfriend. That didn't work so I got another one. That didn't work so I swore off women.

That was the wrong thing to do because God was right around the corner with a wife for me — to who I have been happily attached to for two and a half years.

Thank you Big Spring for a very unique, challenging and educational four years.

Editor's Note: Carlton Johnson's last day with the Herald was Friday. He leaves to pursue a counseling career with the public schools in Midland.

Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY



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Gov. Bush grants reprieve to confessed serial killer

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Henry Lee Lucas' lying ways have won the one-eyed former drifter a commutation of the death sentence that was to have taken place in a matter of days.

Lucas once confessed to killing 600 people, but later recanted.

In 1984, a jury in San Angelo, Texas, believed him and convicted him of capital murder in the death of an unidentified woman whose body was found in 1979 in a ditch off Interstate 35 near Georgetown, 25 miles north of Austin.

Gov. George W. Bush on Friday accepted a recommendation from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to commute the sentence to life in prison.

The board reviewed the conviction at Bush's request.

Lucas is the first Texas inmate to have a death sentence commuted since Phillip Daniel Tompkins was spared in July 1990 by Gov. Bill Clements. At 62, Lucas would have become the oldest person executed by the state.

"I take every death penalty case seriously and review each case carefully," said Bush, in Brownsville for a conference of governors from U.S.-Mexico border states.

"The first question I ask in every case is whether there is any doubt about the individual's guilt or innocence. This is the first case since I have been the governor when the answer to that question was yes."

Bush said he's hesitant to second-guess a jury's verdict, but added that in this case "the jury did not know and could not have known that Henry Lee Lucas had a pattern of lying and confessing to crimes that evidence later proved he did not commit."

Lucas' confession, now recanted, was the only evidence that

"As a supporter of the death penalty for those who commit horrible crimes, I feel a special obligation to make sure the state of Texas never executes a person for a crime they may not have committed."

—Gov. George W. Bush

linked him to the crime, Bush noted.

The defense had sought an appeal based on work records that purportedly showed he was in Florida the day of the "Orange Socks" killing.

The victim, believed to be a hitchhiker, was wearing only orange socks when her body was found.

Lucas, upon hearing of his commutation on death row, said:

"I can only thank them for believing the truth and having guts enough for standing up for what's right."

While sparing Lucas from lethal injection, which had been scheduled for next Tuesday, Bush made sure Lucas would never be released from prison.

Lucas faces six other life sentences and 210 years in prison for three other murders. The governor said the new life sentence will begin after all of Lucas' other life sentences are served.

"As a supporter of the death penalty for those who commit horrible crimes, I feel a special obligation to make sure the state of Texas never executes a person for a crime they may not have committed," the governor said.

Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, who's running again for the job, praised Bush's decision. Mattox launched an investigation in 1986 that raised questions about

Lucas' guilt.

"I think the governor made the right decision. I think it took some political courage to do so. He is a Republican and I'm a Democrat, but I'd be quite



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willing to stand to defend him against anybody that challenged his decision," Mattox said.

"I think he strengthened the death penalty today. Had Lucas been executed ... I think every single time a prosecutor stood before a jury, they would not know whether the state really believed an individual was guilty."

In 1960, Lucas was convicted of second-degree murder for killing his mother in Michigan and was sentenced to 20 to 40 years in prison.

He was transferred in August 1961 from a Michigan prison to a state hospital in Ionia, Mich., and was discharged in 1975.

Lucas says now that's the only murder he committed.

Lucas began issuing his elaborate confessions in June 1983 after being arrested on a weapons possession violation.

Mary Desrosiers of San Angelo, who was on the jury that convicted Lucas and condemned him to die, said shoddy police work is at the root of the controversy.

"The only reason there is doubt in the case is because of Lucas' confessions to other crimes that he didn't do," she

said.

"Police should have figured out that he was lying right away, but they just wanted to believe whatever he said. If it wasn't for those confessions, we probably would have stopped hearing about this case a long time ago."

Another juror, David Lindemann, said:

"We didn't just sit there for two weeks in that courtroom for our health. We talked it over every which way. And with the evidence put in front of us, there is no way he was not guilty of the crime."

**From the Family of
Kenneth Eugene Richardson**

We all knew how special we thought Kenny was, but we never knew the magnitude of the people he touched, until his tragic accident. It is unbelievable how his and our friends turned out with support for us during this time. The food, cards, calls, visits and prayers has made this time much easier for us. We would like to take this time to thank all of you who have shared with us your thoughts of Kenny and also for the food and support you have given us.

May the Lord bless you for your help.

*Ray, Barbara, Michael
and Stefanie*

San Antonio man executed for frenzy that left four dead

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Leopoldo Narvaiz Jr. quietly went to his death in sharp contrast with the frenzied knife attack that left his four victims fatally slashed 10 years ago.

Narvaiz, 30, declined to make a final statement Friday evening as he became the 11th convicted murderer to be executed in Texas this year and the third in as many weeks.

Seven minutes after the drugs began flowing into veins in his arms, and after a short grunt and a longer gasp, he was pronounced dead.

"I think Texas should be ashamed of itself," said Narvaiz' attorney, Greg McAulay, who witnessed his client's death. "The criminal justice system is a farce. The police found a scapegoat, put him on rails and road him to the death house."

But Fred Rodriguez, the former Bexar County district attorney who prosecuted Narvaiz, said he was convinced Narvaiz was the killer.

"I have absolutely no doubt in my mind this was the perpetrator of this horrendous crime," he said.

Narvaiz was convicted of using butcher knives to hack to death his former girlfriend, her two sisters and a brother — all ranging in age from 11 to 19 —

in what San Antonio authorities described as the worst crime carnage ever seen in the city.

The victims were stabbed more than 100 times, causing some of the knife blades to snap inside their bodies.

High on cocaine and after downing three six-packs of beer in the early hours of April 15, 1988, Narvaiz barged into the trailer home of his ex-girlfriend, Shannon Mann, 17, and killed her along with her sisters, Jennifer, 19; Martha, 15; and brother, Ernest Jr., 11.

Their slashed and bloody bodies were strewn throughout the southwest San Antonio home. His fingerprints were found on one of eight knives at the scene.

Narvaiz, then 20 and a ninth-grade dropout, blamed the slayings on two mysterious men he met at a pool hall who asked him to take them to the Mann home.

On the night of the attack, a mortally wounded Shannon Mann called 911 and identified Narvaiz, whom she had known for three years, as her attacker. She had broken off their relationship about two months earlier.

"My boyfriend just beat us up," she told the emergency operator. "He's killed my little sister. Please hurry. Please hurry."

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Lewinsky goes west; Justice Department, White House differ

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Monica Lewinsky signaled that an immunity deal with prosecutors is not imminent, legal papers disclosed that the Justice Department disagrees with President Clinton about shielding White House lawyers from giving grand jury testimony.

Ms. Lewinsky flew to California on Friday to visit her father, and people familiar with her plans say there is no date set for her return.

She will be in Los Angeles "through the Fourth of July at least," said one person familiar with her plans, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Her lawyers in Washington, Jacob Stein and Plato Cacheris, likely will continue negotia-

tions with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office while she is away, one source said.

However, it is unlikely that during her absence, any deal would be finalized to grant her immunity in return for her cooperation.

Prosecutors, meanwhile, are preparing for a busy time before the July Fourth holiday.

On Monday, they will argue before the U.S. Court of Appeals that presidential lawyer Bruce Lindsey should be compelled to testify before Starr's Whitewater grand jury.

On Tuesday, the prosecutors are expected to call their star witness so far, Linda Tripp, before the grand jury.

Her 20 hours of tape recordings of her conversations with

Ms. Lewinsky triggered the current phase of Starr's investigation.

The independent counsel is trying to determine whether Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky lied under oath about a sexual affair with Clinton in a now-dismissed sexual harassment lawsuit brought by Paula Jones. They also are investigating whether the president, his friend Vernon Jordan and others asked Ms. Lewinsky to lie, tried to obstruct the investigation or tampered with witnesses.

On Friday, the appeals court released papers — with secret grand jury material removed — that were filed in advance of Monday's arguments on Lindsey's testimony.

The papers revealed that the Justice Department agrees with a ruling by Chief U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson.

She concluded that a White House lawyer can be forced to testify before a grand jury if information needed for a criminal investigation outweighs the need to protect confidential conversations between a president and a government attorney.

The Justice Department did not specifically take a position on Lindsey's testimony. But it said that in its own criminal investigations, "it would be rare for the attorney general to strike the balance against obtaining" information from a government attorney.

Supreme Court clears some fog about sexual harassment

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's 1997-98 term provided important road maps for navigating the legal landscape of sexual harassment on the job and in school. There was good news for workers, but the court laid out a daunting trek for families of students victimized by teacher misconduct.

"There's a dichotomy. The court has given employers incentives to be aggressive in combating sexual harassment in the workplace but also has given school officials incentives to put their heads in the sand when it comes to students being sexually harassed and abused by teachers," said Marcia Greenberger of the National Women's Law Center.

Interpreting the federal law that bans discrimination in employment, the court made employers easier targets for lawsuits, even if they were unaware of the sexual harassment.

The court also ruled that such misconduct can be illegal even if the harasser and the victim are of the same sex.

The justices interpreted a separate federal law, banning sex discrimination in education, to shield school districts from responsibility when teachers harass students unless administrators knew and did nothing about it.

The grouping of that many — four — decisions on sexual harassment in one October-to-June court term was extraordinary.

Administration pulls back home health rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is withdrawing a bonding requirement aimed at keeping unscrupulous companies out of Medicare's home health business but called too harsh by critics.

The rule pulled back Friday was intended to ensure that funds would be available from a bond in case overbilling was discovered after a health care agency went out of business.

But faced with moves in Congress to repeal the rule, the Health Care Financing Administration that runs Medicare decided to move on its own.

"Now we have an opportunity to get a better rule," said a lead-

"Our goal is to preserve home health for seniors who need it."

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ing opponent, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Aging Committee. "Our goal is to preserve home health for seniors who need it."

Home health agencies have come under intense scrutiny by Congress and the administration.

Last year, President Clinton imposed an unprecedented moratorium on new home care services after auditors disclosed that home care received 16 percent of all improper Medicare

payments.

Home health is Medicare's fastest growing benefit. Just in this decade, government spending increased from \$3.1 billion to \$18 billion. Also, the average number of home care visits to elderly people more than doubled.

The regulation, part of last year's balanced-budget agreement, was meant to keep fly-by-night businesses out of the program by requiring companies to post surety bonds of \$50,000 or

15 percent of the annual Medicare payments they receive.

Half the companies that do business with Medicare already met this requirement.

But critics complained that it was too onerous for small businesses and would cause problems for the elderly, particularly in rural areas, who rely on those companies.

The home health industry praised the retreat, calling the regulation "shortsighted and heavy-handed."

"We are delighted to hear that reason has finally prevailed," said Val Halamandaris, president of the National Association for Home Care.

Ex-soldier disputes parts of CNN's nerve gas report

NEW YORK (AP) — A former military officer quoted in a CNN report alleging that U.S. forces used nerve gas to hunt down defectors during the Vietnam War says his account was misrepresented. The New York Times reported today.

Robert Van Buskirk said the report aired by the Cable News Network on June 7 was basically accurate. But he denied telling CNN that the gas dropped to protect his Special Forces team in Laos in 1970 was the internationally banned chemical sarin, the newspaper said.

Van Buskirk, a former lieutenant, said he didn't know at the time what the gas was. He said only later did he learn it was deadly.

"I don't think CNN was wrong," Van Buskirk told The Times. "Maybe they edited our words to go along with the line they wanted to take. But they didn't put words in my mouth."

The report on 1970's Operation Tailwind, in which two U.S. defectors supposedly were killed, has come under fire from former military officers who accused CNN of ignoring evidence that refutes its account of the assault.

Van Buskirk also disputed CNN's report that he confronted and killed an American defector during the raid. He said he told CNN's producers that he thought his victim was a blond Caucasian, possibly Russian, but had no proof.

However, Van Buskirk was quoted in the CNN report of the incident saying, "This is a G.I."

The reports allege the U.S. military dropped sarin on a Laotian village in efforts to kill American defectors.

Deluge swamps seven states; 5 die

VERMONT (AP) — Fierce thunderstorms swamped parts of seven states early Saturday, bringing severe, sudden flooding requiring helicopter rescues. A train derailed and spilled fuel in the extreme weather that killed at least five people.

In Vermont's Mad River Valley, the mountain river — usually docile in summertime — lived up to its name, jumping its banks to wash out roads, destroy homes and send terrified residents scrambling into trees to escape rising water.

A 9-year-old girl was killed and her 8-year-old friend injured by a lightning strike in Baltimore. Another man was

killed in Ohio, electrocuted by fallen power lines, while two other victims were swept away by raging rivers.

High winds reaching 60 mph downed trees and knocked out electricity to tens of thousands of homes. Campers in Vermont gathered for the annual Ben & Jerry's One World One Heart Festival at Sugarbush had to flee to higher ground and Saturday's show was canceled.

Thunderstorms Friday dumped nearly 4 inches of rain in northern New York that weakened the ground around a rail trestle near Port Kent, causing a freight train to jump the tracks and sixteen cars to spill their cargo.

About 3,000 gallons of diesel fuel leaked into a stream just 200 yards from Lake Champlain, but cleanup crews were able to contain most of it before it could reach the lake. No serious environmental damage resulted, said Gary Sheffer of the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Another car carrying 58,000 gallons of whiskey fell into the stream, but the liquor seeped out slowly and appeared to pose little environmental threat, Sheffer said.

Helicopters came in to pluck people from treetops and rescue others stranded on the roofs of their homes in New York and Vermont.

Ex-firefighter convicted of murder, arson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In one chapter from a 350-page manuscript, a firefighter-turned-firebug sets businesses across California ablaze.

A fictional Pasadena hardware store goes up in flames. Five people are killed. Among them are a woman and her 3-year-old grandson, Matthew.

The unsold novel is titled "Points of Origin." On Friday, its 49-year-old author, John Leonard Orr, a once-respected arson investigator, was found guilty of four counts of murder and multiple murder by arson. At his sentencing, Orr could receive the death penalty. That phase of the trial begins Tuesday.

Prosecutors said Orr torched a South Pasadena hardware store in 1984. Four people died, including a woman and her 3-year-old grandson — Matthew.

Jurors who deliberated two weeks also convicted Orr of 20 counts of arson for a series of brush and house fires in 1990 and 1991. One burned down "The Waltons" set on the back lot of Warner Studios in Burbank. Another destroyed

more than 67 hillside homes in Glendale; Orr conducted the initial investigation.

Orr already is serving 30 years in federal prison for setting a string of fires similar to those in his manuscript.

Many of the fires were sparked by a time-delay fuse made from a rubber band, a cigarette and matches. Similar devices were described in Orr's book, which was discovered when he was arrested in 1991.

Orr was convicted the following year of setting three fires at fabric and hardware stores in

the San Joaquin Valley on his way home from a 1987 arson conference.

In 1993, he pleaded guilty to setting three other blazes, two of them while at another conference. At the time, Orr was a Glendale Fire Department captain and arson investigator.

The blaze at Ole's Home Center in 1984 was the only fire traced to Orr in which people were killed: Carolyn Kraus, 26, and Jimmy Cetina, 17, and customer Ada Deal, 52, and her young grandson, Matthew Troild.

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Summit leaders air differences - direct to the people of China

BEIJING (AP) — In a gripping summit debate beamed to hundreds of millions of homes across this vast country, President Clinton and President Jiang Zemin treated China to an uncensored airing of differences Saturday on human rights, freedom, trade and Tibet.

The leaders gave no ground in their 70-minute news conference, eagerly jumping in after each other to get the last word. It was spirited but cordial. "You can see that neither one of us are shy about being strong about how we believe," Jiang said.

Bringing attention to a key area of difference — religious freedom — Clinton will worship Sunday at Chongwenmen Church, China's largest Protestant church.

Human rights groups say dozens of Protestant and Catholic leaders are imprisoned or held in Chinese labor camps for refusing to bow to government control. Clinton and Jiang agreed to exchange visits of religious leaders to further understanding on spiritual matters.

After church, the president and his family head off on a day of sightseeing at the palaces of the Forbidden City and China's most famous landmark, the Great Wall.

American officials applauded China's willingness to broadcast Saturday's

news conference across the land, from the temple-dotted capital of Tibet in Chinese Central Asia to the flashy financial center of Shanghai at the mouth of the Yangtze River.

The exchange also was telecast in

"You can see that neither one of us are shy about being strong about how we believe."

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America, but for China, it was an unprecedented look at their leader standing side by side with the American president, both men unflinching on areas of controversy and disagreement.

"I think President Clinton is a strong defender of the American interest, and I am a strong defender of the Chinese interest," Jiang said. "But despite that, we still can have very friendly exchanges of views and discussion." Switching languages, he added in English, "And I think that is democra-

cy." Sandy Berger, Clinton's national security adviser, said the exchange between Clinton and Jiang demonstrated the wisdom of engagement with China. He said Jiang "not only was willing to engage but seemed almost eager to engage in that dialogue."

Speaking afterwards, many Chinese expressed satisfaction with the summit and the televised appearance.

"For us Chinese, it really is new to see two presidents speaking face-to-face, with reporters asking questions, on live television," said Andrea Yang, an insurance company employee in Beijing. "I hope we can see more of that in the future. This is quite big progress."

Clinton's critics back home weren't so happy with his performance.

"He reduced it to a disagreement. It's more than a disagreement," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said he treated the massacre around Tiananmen Square as a "historical episode."

Both Clinton and Jiang played to their domestic audience as well as one another.

Clinton said the United States and China still disagree about the Tiananmen crackdown nine years ago and that "the use of force and the tragic loss of life was wrong." He said some

of the pro-democracy advocates arrested then for nonviolent activities are still in prison. "Is there something that could be done there," Clinton wondered.

Jiang did not answer that point but said — as he has in the past — that "resolute measures" were necessary in 1989 to insure China's stability. He said China and the United States "have different means and ways in realizing human rights and fundamental freedoms" because of differing social systems, ideology, traditions and cultures. "It is nothing strange that they should have some differences of views on certain issues," the Chinese leader repeated later in a state dinner toast. Clinton, in his toast, made no explicit mention of differences and said, "Mr. President, the American people admire the great strides that China has taken."

Clinton and Jiang spent 11 minutes in Tiananmen Square, reviewing military troops and standing at attention for national anthems. Clinton said that in his brief visit — heavily criticized in advance back home — "I could hear and see the many echoes of China's past and the call of its promising future."

The two leaders agreed not to aim nuclear missiles at each other's country — a move Clinton said eliminates

the possibility of an accidental launch toward American soil. Jiang said the pact demonstrated that China and America "are partners, not adversaries."

The leaders also announced a string of accords on energy, environmental matters, arms control and American and Chinese exchanges. Clinton praised China for resisting pressure to devalue its currency, a move many fear would worsen Asia's financial crisis. But the leaders could not agree on terms to allow China entry into the World Trade Organization, which sets global trade rules.

Just before the news conference, Clinton learned Beijing had agreed to broadcast it live. He took the opportunity to speak to huge audiences, emphasizing a message of human rights.

"The forces of history have brought us to a new age of human possibility, but our dreams can only be recognized by nations whose citizens are both responsible and free," the president said.

Meeting with Jiang last October, Clinton said China's government "is on the wrong side of history" on human rights. In Beijing, he retooled the phrase and said China and the United States "must go forward on the right side of history for the future sake of the world."

U.N. envoy's plane vanishes en route to the Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — A chartered plane that disappeared while carrying the U.N. envoy to Angola crashed into a swamp outside the Ivory Coast capital of Abidjan, a French diplomat said Saturday.

The plane was spotted from a helicopter near the town of Bingerville, about 12 miles from Abidjan, said the diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity. He said rescuers, who had so far been unable to get to the aircraft, saw no signs of life. He had no further details.

Alloune Blondin Beye left Lome, capital of the West African nation of Togo, on Friday night in a Beechcraft 200 after meeting with Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema to try to win support for his efforts to advance the peace process in Angola.

The control tower in Abidjan lost contact with the plane about 13 miles from the airport, and search-and-rescue operations were launched, the mission said. Eight people, including two crew members, were aboard, said a statement from the U.N. Observer Mission in Angola.

Togolese Foreign Minister Koffi Panou said from Lome that the small plane was believed to have crashed into the Atlantic Ocean on Friday night while on approach to the airport in Abidjan. He said seven people, including three crew members, were aboard.

There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy in reports on the number of people aboard.

Beye, who is from the West African nation of Mali, has been traveling through Africa trying to get support for the troubled peace process in Angola, which is on the continent's southwest coast.

The plane dropped out of contact six minutes before it was to land, at about 8 p.m. local time, said U.N. spokeswoman Judith Modeste, speaking by telephone from New York. She had no further details.

Ivorian and French teams were searching for the plane, with the office of the American defense attache in Abidjan working in a support role. Western diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.


Panou said the other three passengers were Togolese Foreign Ministry employee Koffi Adjovi, Senegalese journalist Moktar Gueye and Baendegar Dessandre, who is from Chad.

Former Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali appointed Beye special representative for Angola in 1993. Since then he has been mediating the Angolan peace process from his base in Lusaka, Zambia.

Beye, 59, threatened to resign from his post last month, saying the Angolan government and former rebel movement UNITA lacked the "political will" to see the peace process to its conclusion.


In 1994, Beye mediated the peace pact signed in Lusaka. An earlier peace accord, signed in Lisbon in 1991, collapsed the following year when UNITA — a Portuguese acronym for the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola — rejected its defeat in the country's first ever elections and returned to the bush.

Lingering hostility between the government and the rebel movement UNITA, which held about half the country when the 1994 peace was signed, have stymied the implementation of the pact, which is running more than a year behind schedule, and the UN's patience is growing thin.



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1 in 8 teenage boys claim abuse

NEW YORK (AP) — More than one in eight high-school-age boys said they have been physically or sexually abused, with the highest rates of both found among Asian-Americans and Hispanics, The New York Times reported today.

A new study, based on questionnaires filled out by 3,162 boys in grades five to 12 in nearly 300 schools across the nation, found that physical abuse of boys was far more common than sexual abuse, the Times reported.

Two-thirds of the physical abuse was by a family member in the home, the study found.

Abuse was reported the most by Asian-American boys: 9 percent reported sexual abuse and

17 percent reported physical abuse.

Seven percent of Hispanic boys said they had been sexually abused and 13 percent said they had been physically abused.

Among blacks and whites, the reported sexual abuse rate was 3 percent; 10 percent of blacks and 8 percent of whites said they had been physically abused.

"We were surprised by these differences between ethnic groups," said Cathy Schoen, an author of the study. "We didn't find those ethnic differences when we looked at abuse among girls."

The study, conducted by Louis Harris and Associates

Inc. for The Commonwealth Fund, compared boys' responses with those collected in a matching sample of girls whose responses were analyzed in a report last fall.

Almost half of the abused boys said they had not talked to anyone about it, compared with 29 percent of the abused girls.

And one in five adolescent boys said there had been a time when he needed medical care but did not get it, with uninsured or abused boys most likely to have been in that situation.

The questionnaires did not define abuse, asking simply whether the respondent had ever been sexually or physically abused.

Cycles vroom onto high art scene

NEW YORK (AP) — Some wore Brooks Brothers, others wore leather.

Hundreds of motorcyclists roared up Park Avenue to the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum on Thursday for a rare meeting between high culture and chrome fenders, handlebars, tailpipes and kickstands.

The museum's famous circular ramp was lined with 114 motorcycles — from 19th century bicycles with engines to roaring metallic monsters, including the most famous of all: a replica of the Harley Davidson Chopper straddled by Peter Fonda in "Easy Rider."

"We thought the motorcycle was the perfect metaphor for the 20th century," Thomas Krens, director of the Guggenheim foundation, told the crowd of about 1,000 gath-

ered for a preview of the exhibit.

"It embodies so many themes of this century — technology, speed, rebellion, transformation."

The new exhibit, which runs through Sept. 20, examines the motorcycle's societal impact, its advancement as technology changed and its role as modern art.

A young Marlon Brando in leather, pictured on a bike in the 1954 film "The Wild One," represents youth alienation in the 1950s and was adopted as a symbol by the counterculture of the 1960s. A classic Triumph Twenty-One 350 along with other bikes of the time are displayed on an undulating white wooden floor — a representation of a turbulent time.

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motorcycles, such as the monstrous Yamaha Vmax built in 1989, represent the me-me-me decade, the 1980s.

For the 1990s, it was Arnold Schwarzenegger's robotic Terminator atop a monstrous motorcycle that combined retro and revolutionary elements.

The Guggenheim was founded in 1937, and its landmark building was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. It opened a downtown branch in 1992.

Jeffrey Carpenter, 28, drove all the way from Boston on his 1995 BMW R1100R to get one of the first looks at the museum's collection.

Finley decries Supreme Court 'indecent art' ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — Smeared with chocolate and wearing little more than a pink boa, performance artist Karen Finley was anything but happy with the Supreme Court ruling that said government need not subsidize art it deems indecent.

"Who's going to be deciding what's decent or indecent?" asked Finley, who incorporated a news conference into Thursday night's performance of "The Return of the Chocolate Smear Woman." "Is it a banana going in someone's

mouth? Is it covering your body with chocolate?"

The court ruled 8-1 to restore a law that requires public values to be considered when handing out government grants. Lower courts had struck down the law, saying it was too vague and violated artists' free-speech rights.

The decision was praised by some who had criticized the National Endowment for the Arts for giving money to several high-profile makers of risqué art. Others, including Finley,

said the ruling could chill creativity.

Finley garnered national attention in 1990 when her performance art piece, "We Keep Our Victims Ready," featured her coating her naked body with chocolate to symbolize the oppression of women.

The show was seized upon by conservative lawmakers, particularly Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who used it as an example of "indecent" art being funded by the federal government through the NEA.

The controversial law requires the NEA to judge grant applications on artistic merit, "taking into consideration general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public."

The decency standard was set by Congress in 1990 after the endowment gave money to work such as the homoerotic images of Robert Mapplethorpe and Andres Serrano's photograph of a crucifix immersed in urine.

It was challenged by Finley


and other artists, who were backed by the ACLU.

In asking the court to reinstate the law, the Clinton administration argued that the government has the right to use "highly selective" rules to decide which projects and programs deserve taxpayers' support.

Finley said she wept when she was told of the ruling in the case that bore her name: National Endowment for the Arts vs. Finley.

"I was shocked," she said

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Town wonders, 'Is there life after Keiko?'

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — It may be a case of the killer-whale blues.

Ever since the 22-foot-long star of "Free Willy" arrived here 2 years ago, millions of tourists have turned this fishing village into one of Oregon's top destinations.

With the orca scheduled to be taken to its native Icelandic waters this fall, those who staff the motels, restaurants and shops surrounding the Oregon Coast Aquarium are wondering if profits are going to swim away, too.

"I think it's going to hurt," said Cyndi Gallington, a sales clerk at the Main Sail Gift Shop. "A lot of people say they come to Newport just to see Keiko."

Many wonder whether tourists will be eager to shell out the \$8.50 admission fee to the aquarium once its 20-year-old star attraction has moved on to colder waters.

Who, after all, wants to pay to see regular, run-of-the-mill jellyfish, frogs, eels — all rather puny animals that never starred in their own movie?

"Potentially, we could have a down cycle after Keiko leaves," said Fran Mathews, owner of Marine Discovery Tours, an excursion boat business. "But we do think people are going to come back to Newport."

Keiko, Mathews admitted, "really helped put us on the map."

People inspired by the movie

led a fund-raising drive to move the ailing killer whale from a cramped pool at a Mexico City amusement park to a spacious tank here, all with the goal of someday returning him to the sea.

By some estimates, this coastal town of 10,000 saw a \$75 million jump in tourism income in the first year after Keiko's arrival. Newport, 90 miles southwest of Portland, now draws up to 4 million visitors a year.

"If they gained \$75 million from the whale, then my wild guess would be that they might lose \$50 million after he leaves," said Bill Conerly, a Portland economist. "It's going to be a definite hit."

Controversial books moved in library

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Two children's books depicting families with homosexual parents will be shelved in a juvenile nonfiction section of the Wichita Falls Public Library instead of the picture-book area meant for younger children.

The First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls and several religious groups had sought the removal of "Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate" or placement on adult bookshelves.

However, Librarian Linda Hughes said it's inappropriate to put the books in the adult section "because children are looking for these books now because of the furor."

She added: "They are very curious. They want to know what is going on. Sending them to the adult area would mean browsing through very graphic texts that were written for adults."

The city's library advisory board reviewed the books after the Rev. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the First Baptist Church, sharply criticized the books.

The board recommended that "Heather Has Two Mommies"

be moved to the juvenile section, the Wichita Falls Times Record News reported in Friday's editions.

But Ms. Hughes had the final say.

She said she decided children who wanted the books could find them in the social sciences area for juveniles. The juvenile section is geared toward children in grades 3 to 7.

Jeffress was out of town and not available for comment on Thursday.

But earlier in the week, he promised to take the matter to the City Council if the books were placed where children would have access to them.

But Nancy Horvath, pastor of the Wichita Falls Metropolitan Community Church, praised Ms. Hughes' decision.

Ms. Horvath is raising one child with her female partner of 11 years.

Since the controversy began, interest in the books has exploded.

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Mitchell scorches national course in 100, 200

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Tory Mitchell, who won both the 100 and 200 meter dashes last month at the University Interscholastic League state track and field meet, stepped up in competition this weekend.



MITCHELL

School senior-to-be won both the 100 and 200 meters at the United States Junior National Track and Field Championships in Edwardsville, Ill. Mitchell ran the fastest time ever in the United States for anyone under 20 when he won the 100 meters in a 10.12 clocking on Friday night. He came back on Saturday to win the 200 in a time of 20.59. "If he had had a good start, he would have broken the national record," explained Mitchell's high school track coach, Randy Britton. "I know it sounds crazy, but he had

his two worst starts of the year here," Britton added. Mitchell had finished second in his preliminary in the 100 with a 10.31 clocking. "I got just a little tired," Mitchell said. "I think it was probably the heat and humidity that got to me." Mitchell, who now holds the United States Junior National championships in both events, just missed setting national records because the wind was over the allowable. Mitchell's time in the 100 was the best in the nation for an under-20 this

year, while his 20.59 would have been the second fastest in the nation had it not been for the wind. Britton said the wind might keep Mitchell from being ranked as the No. 1 sprinter in the nation in the 100 and 200, but that one thing is certain: "He's the USA National Champion in both events." Mitchell said he didn't know if he wanted to go to Paris, France to run in the World Junior Games or not. "It doesn't seem like track season," he explained. Britton said he told his sprinter that

whatever he decided to do, that the decision should be his. "I know what I would do as a coach, because this opportunity may never come his way again and he could become the world champion," Britton said. "But that's Tory's decision to make." Britton said he told Mitchell to take a week off from running while he makes his decision in regards to the World Games. "If he runs track at college or in the Olympics, he'll have to realize it's a long season," Britton said.

IN BRIEF

Women's Club planning benefit golf tournament

The Big Spring Women's Club will host a benefit golf tournament on July 18 at the Big Spring Country Club. Proceeds will be used to pay for improvements to Kid's Zone. The tournament will be a four-person scramble with teams made up of A, B, C, D handicaps. The entry fee is \$40 per person, plus cart rental. For more info, call 267-5354 or 263-7664.

Coahoma coed ragball toumey Friday, Saturday

The annual Coahoma coed ragball tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at the Coahoma softball complex. Entry fee is \$10 per person. There is no limit to the number of players on each team, but there must be at least five men and five women on the field. For more information, call Cindy or Troy Kerby at 394-4748.

Crossroads Summer play continues Monday night

Play in the Crossroads Girls Summer Basketball League continues Monday at 5:30 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Stanton (3-4-1) will play Sterling City (2-5) at 5:30 followed by Big Spring (1-7) vs. Sweetwater (8-0) at 6:30. The third game of the night will pit Odessa (5-3) vs. Sands (6-1), followed by Grady (7-1-1) and Ira (1-6) and Coahoma (2-5) vs. Garden City (4-4). Five games are played each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 5:30 with the final game of the night beginning at 9:30.

Sidewinders meet results not reported to Herald

Results from the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders at the national gymnastics meet in Hanover, Pa. were not reported to the newspaper either Friday or Saturday. The Sidewinders were defending national champs.

ON THE AIR

- BASEBALL**
12:05 p.m. — Toronto Blue Jays at Atlanta Braves, TBS.
3 p.m. — Texas Rangers at San Francisco Giants, Fox Sports Southwest.
7 p.m. — New York Yankees at New York Mets, ESPN.
- GOLF**
1:30 p.m. — Senior PGA, ESPN.
3 p.m. — PGA Western Open, CBS.
- TENNIS**
1 p.m. — Wimbledon (taped), NBC.
- SOCCER**
9:30 a.m. — World Cup, round of 16, ABC.
2 p.m. — World Cup, round of 16, ABC.
- AUTO RACING**
11:30 a.m. — Watkins Glen International, ESPN.
1 p.m. — New Hampshire International Speedway, CBS.
3 p.m. — Sears Point Raceway, ESPN.

Hedges-Birdwell lead 'Best' play

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Steve Hedges and Jack Birdwell combined to shoot an 8-under par 63 Saturday to take the first round lead in the championship flight of the Best of the Rest Golf Tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament continues today at 8:30.

Hedges and Birdwell will take a one-stroke lead over Ben Garcia and Felix Martinez and Jimmy Roger and Carlos Dimidjian into today's final round.

"I think I shot even, but my partner shot 3-under," Birdwell said.

"I picked up my ball a lot of times when my partner had already knocked it (his ball) in," Birdwell added.

Garcia was one-half of last year's championship flight winners. His partner from a year ago had already committed to another tournament, keeping the team from defending their title.

Any of five teams have a shot at winning the championship flight. In addition to the top three teams, Don Osborne and Ronnie Broadrick are at 66, while Pat Gent and Daniel Silen are at 67.

The championship flight is two-man, low-ball. A total of six teams are in the flight and will resume play at 12:30 today.

In the first flight, Fred Leonard and Jimmy Stewart shot a 63 to take a four-stroke lead into the club house following the first 18 holes.

Three teams trail at 67 in the flight, which includes 11 teams, while another is at 69.

The first flight will also see a new champion this year, as defending champions Benny Martinez and Jerry Roach did not enter.

In the second flight, Allen Parrish and Chris Pirkle shot a 63, as did the Colorado City duo of Jim Theibaud and Wadkins, to lead the 14-team field.

One team is at 64 and another at 65 in the flight.

In the third flight, John Swinney and Jason Phillips and Danny Heacox and Art Valencia shot one under par 70s to lead the 14-team flight.

One team is a stroke back at



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Ronnie Broadrick chips onto a green during the first round of the Best of the Rest Golf Tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Broadrick and his partner, Don Osborne, shot a 66 to end the day in fourth place in the championship flight.

- 71, followed by another at 72, one at 73 and three at 74.
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- Championship Flight**
63 — Jack Birdwell-Steve Hedges
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65 — Jimmy Roger-Carlos Dimidjian
66 — Don Osborne-Ronnie Broadrick
67 — Pat Gent-Daniel Silen
72 — Cecil Adams-Casey Adams
- First Flight**
63 — Leonard-Stewart
67 — Shaeffer-Hammonds
67 — Birdwell-McKee
67 — Roberts-Park
69 — Barr-Nichols
70 — Newsom-Smith
70 — Carroll-Touchstone
71 — Ayres-Farmer
71 — Spivey-Spivey
73 — Palmer-Palmer
77 — Alvarez-Hatfield
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- Second Flight**
63 — Parish-Pirkle
- Third Flight**
63 — Thiebaud-Wadkins
64 — Hecker-Hecker
65 — Welch-Welch
67 — Staats-Epenson
68 — Wash-Everett
68 — Decker-Pirkle
69 — Spivey-Phillips
69 — Leal-Barber
69 — Ramirez-Reyna
69 — Diaz-Diaz
70 — Parker-Rodgers
71 — Brown-Smith
74 — Summerself-Billabia
- Fourth Flight**
70 — Swinney-Phillips
70 — Heacox-Valencia
71 — Battle-Battle
72 — Bustamante-Franco
72 — Klaus-Fields
73 — Pirkle-Crane
74 — Neff-Brumley
74 — Tilley-Gunselman
76 — Bolles-McCullough
77 — Campbell-Strain
77 — Payne-Brown
77 — Satcher-Yan
83 — Churchwell-Chalker
84 — Darling-Rowden

Wimbledon

Monica Seles, Martina Hingis win amid fire, rain

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Monica Seles welcomed the latest deluge at Wimbledon on Saturday. At least it cleared the air of choking smoke hovering above the stadium from a flat fire.

Nor were Todd Martin, Todd Woodbridge and fans watching them put off much by the evacuation of Show Court 18, the one closest to the blaze in a 12-story building across the street, as a precaution against cascading cinders. After all, within a few minutes every court was empty and covered with puddles on top of the tarps.

Thunder rocked Wimbledon louder than any applause, and the prettiest sight was not a lob or a volley but a gorgeous double rainbow arching across the sky. It was that kind of day at the All England Club.

In the interludes between showers — seven or eight, by unofficial count, that kept the tarp crews busy — some tennis did get squeezed in before play was abandoned with defending champion Pete Sampras up 6-3, 5-5 against Thomas Enqvist, and Venus and Serena Williams waiting to play on different courts.

Defending women's champ Martina Hingis floated easily into the round of 16, 6-2, 6-1 against Elena Likhovtseva, and the No. 6 Seles did the same, 6-2, 6-3 against Yayuk Basuki.

Former champion Conchita Martinez, seeded No. 8, was less lucky in the resumption of a match suspended Friday as she fell 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 to England's Samantha Smith, a 26-year-old who had never gone beyond the first round in five previous Wimbledon.

Martinez called the loss the most disappointing of her career.

"I didn't feel that I could get ready for a match because the courts did not open until 10 a.m., and then they give you a call," she said. "I was rushed the whole morning and that showed in my whole mood ... I should have won that in two

sets easy."

For the exhilarated Smith, the match was the thrill of a lifetime and the biggest victory by a British woman in a decade. "I played some of the best tennis I think I've ever played at the right time," Smith said. "She got a little bit tentative, a little bit nervous, and I just went for it and took my chances."

In men's play, Australian Open champion and No. 3 seed Petr Korda advanced 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 7-5 past Jerome Golmard, and No. 12 Tim Henman beat Byron Black 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

On a day when the play was unspectacular, and the results not at all unusual except for Martinez's defeat, the fire, showers and rainbow drew most of the attention. No one was injured in the ninth-floor apartment where the blaze began, but several residents of the building were treated for smoke inhalation and shock. No one was injured at Wimbledon, where a picnic area near the building also was evacuated.

Seles, for one, was relieved to take refuge after her match.

"I think I had yesterday about 10 warmups when we thought we would go on, but they said we had to wait," she said. "Today (we had) about three or four. And with the fire in the beginning, it was just so strange to be out there. I was hoping it's OK to breathe the air in. But in the end the rain came, and it was a good time for that."

Seles said the smell of the smoke was "pretty bad," enough so that "both Yayuk and I felt we should stop. But at the end it was probably better to just go on because it doesn't matter. We've seen everything today."

Seles reached the Wimbledon final in 1992, the year before she was stabbed in Germany, and she's in good position to make another run for the title this year now that seven-time champion Steffi Graf is gone from her

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Jordan says he won't stick around if Chicago rebuilds

GREENVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Michael Jordan is taking Phil Jackson's departure as a sign the Chicago Bulls are rebuilding. And he wants no part of that.

"I don't want to start over. I'm pretty sure losing Phil is a sign of that," Jordan said Saturday at a news conference before teeing off at the Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic. "So I can tell you where my mind is leaning in some respects. ... I don't want a rebuilding process."

Jordan once said he would only play for Jackson, though he softened that stance toward the end of the season. And when the coach made good threat on his season-long Monday to

leave, Jordan said his decision also depended on the future of teammates Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman.

Jordan, Pippen and Rodman are free agents, as are six other players on Chicago's 12-man playoff roster. Pippen, believing he's been undervalued and underappreciated by Chicago management, has said repeatedly that he wouldn't return to the Bulls. But he, too, has wavered, saying after Chicago won its sixth championship that he would be open-minded if everyone else came back.

Rodman wants to return, but only if Jordan and Pippen do.

While Jordan said Saturday he might be leaning one way, he

wants to weigh his options and hasn't reached a final decision.

"My decision is coming very quickly. And I know this time I want to evaluate all options, and I don't want to make a rush judgment," he said. "Yes, I've said all along that if Phil is not my coach there's no way I can play. And I'm pretty firm with that."

"But before I make that decision ... I've got to see what the team is going to do in terms of their choices. But I've felt strongly, I still feel strongly about it, but I just don't want to make a rush judgment or career-ending decision."

Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said during the NBA Finals that

he wants to keep the same team as long as its winning championships, and general manager Jerry Krause repeated that Saturday.

"It's like I've said before, we want to try and bring the team back. But we don't control that," Krause said during a rookie-free agent camp.

"Jerry and I will talk about it, and we'll go from there."

Jordan's decision could be swayed by whom the Bulls hire as a coach, but Krause said that move could be at least two weeks away. And before the Bulls hire anyone, Krause said Jordan will be consulted.

While former Seattle coach George Karl and Iowa State

coach Tim Floyd have been mentioned, Krause has not ruled out keeping the current coaching staff, with Frank Hamblen as head coach.

Krause has also made it clear that Chicago's decision to draft Corey Benjamin — the first shooting guard the Bulls have drafted since Jordan in 1984 — doesn't mean they're getting ready for life after Jordan. Benjamin, who left Oregon State as a sophomore, has a lot of learning to do and will be brought along slowly, Krause said.

Jordan said he has not discussed his future with Bulls management since the team won its sixth NBA title.

Vijay Singh's putter puts him in Western Open lead

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Vijay Singh is one of those players who's always peeking at the leader board, and he likes what he sees now.

Singh shot a 65 Saturday to take a two-shot lead in the Western Open with a 15-under-par 201 after the third round on Cog Hill's Dubsread course.

Greg Kraft, the first-round leader, shot a 66 and was two

strokes back at 13-under 203 in the \$2.2 million, Motorola-sponsored event. Joe Durant, the second round leader, was at 11-under 205 after shooting a 70.

"I've got a four-stroke cushion on third place. I can't worry about that too much," Singh said. "I'll just try to hit lots of fairways and greens and let my putter do the rest. I'm not going to push anything."

U.S. Open winner Lee Janzen was five strokes back at 206 after a birdie on 18th to finish with a 69. Tiger Woods, in danger of missing the cut after a dismal first round, had a second good round, but still lost ground. He shot a 3-under 69 for 212, 11 strokes behind Singh.

"If the leaders can stay around 10 or 11, I've got a shot at it. If it's 14 or 15, it's out of

reach," said Woods, the defending champion. "You have to hang in there and hang in there and grind it out. You might get hot and get back in the ball game."

It was another steamy day at Cog Hill, with the temperature in the upper 90s and humidity making it feel like it was 107. After three straight days of playing in oppressive heat, the

players have adjusted to it as best they can.

But the caddies, lugging around heavy bags for 41/2 hours, are struggling. Mark Hensel, Kraft's caddy, collapsed with heat stroke after the 17th hole. A marshal carried Kraft's bag the last hole and Hensel was taken to a hospital for IV fluids. He's expected to be back today.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Called up INF OF Richie Season from Buffalo of the International League.
Optioned LHP Ron Villone to Buffalo.
DETROIT TIGERS—Recalled RHP Brian Powell from Toledo of the International League. Placed RHP Bryce Florie on the 15-day disabled list.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed INF Andy Stankiewicz on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 24.
NEW YORK METS—Placed LHP Al Leiter on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of RHP Jeff Tam from Norfolk of the International League.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Acquired C Jim Dowd from the Calgary Flames. C Sebastian Bordeleau from the Montreal Canadiens. D Jan Vopat and D Kimmo Timonen from the Los Angeles Kings. F Sergei Krivonozov from the Chicago Blackhawks and C Darren Turcotte from the St. Louis Blues, for future considerations.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Traded G Dominic Roussel and D Jeff Staples to the Nashville Predators for a seventh-round pick in the 1998 NHL entry draft. Traded D Paul Coffey to the Chicago Blackhawks for a fifth-round pick.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—Rodriguez, Texas, .362; Williams, New York, .352; Morris, Kansas City, .345; Walker, Minnesota, .342; Thome, Cleveland, .335; Segui, Seattle, .333; O'Neill, New York, .331.
RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 68; Thome, Cleveland, 62; Rodriguez, Seattle, 59; Edmonds, Anaheim, 59; Dieter, New York, 57; Durham, Chicago, 57; JuGonzalez, Texas, 57.
RBI—JuGonzalez, Texas, 96; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 70; Thome, Cleveland, 66; Rodriguez, Seattle, 63; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 63; Ramirez, Cleveland, 60; Belle, Chicago, 60; King, Kansas City, 60.
HITS—Rodriguez, Seattle, 109; Erstad, Anaheim, 107; Rodriguez, Texas, 102; MVAughn, Boston, 101; JuGonzalez, Texas, 97; O'Neill, New York, 97; McCracken, Tampa Bay, 94; Segui, Seattle, 94.
DOUBLES—Thome, Cleveland, 29; Edmonds, Seattle, 26; Erstad, Anaheim, 25; Rodriguez, Texas, 25; Justice, Cleveland, 25; CDeigado, Toronto, 24; Edmonds, Anaheim, 23; JuGonzalez, Texas, 23.
TRIPLES—Offerman, Kansas City, 9; GarciaParra, Boston, 6; Durham, Chicago, 6; Dieter, New York, 5; GAnderson, Anaheim, 5; O'Leary, Boston, 5; Williams, New York, 5.
HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 31; Rodriguez, Seattle, 26; JuGonzalez, Texas, 24; Canseco, Toronto, 23; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 22; Thome, Cleveland, 21; MVAughn, Boston, 21.
STOLEN BASES—Henderson, Oakland, 34; Lofton, Cleveland, 25; TGoodwin, Texas, 25; Rodriguez, Seattle, 21; BLHunter, Detroit, 21; Canseco, Toronto, 21; Knoblauch, New York, 20.
PITCHING (10 Decisions)—PMartinez, Boston, 10-2, 833. 3.02; DWells, New York, 10-2, 833. 3.92; Cone, New York, 10-2, 833. 4.64; Helling, Texas, 11-3, 786. 4.17; Sele, Texas, 11-4, 733. 3.95; WWilliams, Toronto, 8-3, 727. 3.30; Wakefield, Boston, 8-3, 727. 4.46.
STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Seattle, 146; PMartinez, Boston, 137; CFiney, Anaheim, 122; Clemens, Toronto, 102; Erickson, Baltimore, 98; Colon, Cleveland, 94; Sele, Texas, 92.
SAVES—Percival, Anaheim, 24; Gordon, Boston, 23; Wetteland, Texas, 22; RAhlers, Toronto, 22; MRivera, New York, 19; MJackson, Cleveland, 17; RHernandez, Tampa

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Friday's Games

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Rows for Cincinnati 4, Detroit 3, Cleveland 4, Houston 2, Montreal 9, Baltimore 4, Boston 6, Florida 1, Philadelphia 7, Tampa Bay 0, Toronto 6, Atlanta 4, Milwaukee 2, Chicago White Sox 1, Minnesota 5, St. Louis 1, N.Y. Yankees 8, N.Y. Mets 4, Kansas City 6, Chicago Cubs 3, Colorado 12, Oakland 6, Arizona 13, Seattle 8, San Diego 6, Anaheim 3, Texas 7, San Francisco 3.

Saturday's Games

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Rows for N.Y. Yankees 7, N.Y. Mets 2, Houston 9, Cleveland 5, 11 innings, San Diego 5, Anaheim 1, San Francisco 6, Texas 5, 10 innings, Atlanta 2, Toronto 0, Montreal 3, Baltimore 1, Boston 9, Florida 4, Milwaukee 10, Chicago White Sox 5, Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 4, Detroit 1, Chicago Cubs at Kansas City (n), St. Louis at Minnesota (n), Oakland at Colorado (n), Seattle at Arizona (n).

Today's Games

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Rows for Cincinnati 4, Detroit 1, Houston 7, Toronto 12, Cleveland 12, Toronto 4, Atlanta 4, Baltimore 12, Montreal 16, Tampa Bay 21, Philadelphia 12, St. Louis at Minnesota (n), Oakland at Colorado (n), Seattle at Arizona (n).

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GVaughn, San Diego, 25; Galaraga, Atlanta, 25; Castilla, Colorado, 23; Lopez, Atlanta, 19; Chjones, Atlanta, 18; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 18.
STOLEN BASES—EYoung, Los Angeles, 31; Womack, Pittsburgh, 28; Renteria, Florida, 24; Biggio, Houston, 24; Clayton, St. Louis, 17; DeShields, St. Louis, 17; OVeras, San Diego, 16.
PITCHING (10 Decisions)—GMaddux, Atlanta, 10-2, 833. 1.75; Glavine, Atlanta, 10-3, 769. 2.72; Ruetter, San Francisco, 9-3, 750. 4.05; KBrown, San Diego, 9-3, 750. 2.77; Hampton, Houston, 8-3, 727. 2.80; Wood, Chicago, 7-3, 700. 3.48; Hamlich, Cincinnati, 7-3, 700. 2.95; RMartinez, Los Angeles, 7-3, 700. 2.83.
STRIKEOUTS—Schilling, Philadelphia, 167; Wood, Chicago, 126; Stottlemire, St. Louis, 112; KBrown, San Diego, 109; Estes, San Francisco, 99; New York, 96.
SAVES—Hoffman, San Diego, 24; Nen, San Francisco, 23; Shaw, Cincinnati, 20; BWagner, Houston, 18; Urbina, Montreal, 18; JFranco, New York, 18; Beck, Chicago, 17.

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NY (A) 000 300 400-783
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Pettitte, Buddie (7), Stanton (7) and Posada; B.Jones, Pulsipher (7), Wendell (8), Hudek (9) and B.Jones, 6.5. HR—New York (A), T.Martinez (11).

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Lima, D.Henry (7), B.Wagner (9), R.Harris (11) and Ausmus; Gooden, Plunk (7), Shuey (8), M.Jackson (10), Mesa (11) and Borders. W—B.Wagner, 2.2. L—Mesa, 3.4. HRs—Houston, Bagwell (15), Everett (8), Ausmus (4), Cleveland, Justice (12), M.Ramirez (15), Whiten (5).

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Padres 010 002 11x-8102
Oliveras, Hasagawa (7) and Nevin; Hitchcock and Leytz, New York. HRs—Houston, Bagwell (15), Everett (8), Ausmus (4), Cleveland, Justice (12), M.Ramirez (15), Whiten (5).

Texas 032 000 000 0-5 10 5
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Burkett, Gunderson (7), X.Hernandez (7), D.Patterson (10) and Haselman; Ruetter, Tavares (3), S.Reed (7), Nen (9) and B.Johnson. W—Nen, 5-1. L—D.Patterson, 1-3. HRs—Texas, W.Clark (12), Haselman (3).

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Braves 000 000 20x-2 4 0
Guzman, Person (8) and Fletcher; G.Maddux and Edd Perez. W—G.Maddux, 11-2. L—Guzman, 4-10. HRs—Atlanta, Tucker (11), Klesko (13).

Mil 005 001 040-10 10 1
Chicago 000 300 002-5 7 1
Woodall, D.Jones (9) and Hughes; B.Banks (9), Fordham, C.Castillo (3), Eyre (8), Foulke (8) and O'Brien. W—Woodall, 4-2. L—Fordham, 1-1. HR—Chicago, F.Thomas (14), M.Olson (9).

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Brazil sambas into World Cup quarterfinals, joining Italy

PARIS (AP) — Brazil and Italy. Sounds familiar. The finalists from the 1994 World Cup were the first two teams into the quarterfinals of France 98. They did it in divergent styles Saturday, with Brazil routing Chile 4-1 and Italy surviving the heat to beat Norway 1-0. For the brilliant Brazilians, it never was a contest against their South American rivals. Two-time world player of the year Ronaldo hit the net twice, and also put shots against the crossbar and the goalpost. Teammate Cesar Sampaio, a defender who manages to get quite involved in the flowing attack, had the other two goals. "We were a bit nervous at the start, but once we settled down the team showed its experience," coach Mario Zagallo said. "Then the goals came. "We won't stop until the final"

The Italians, who lost to Brazil in a penalty kick shootout for the title four years ago, struggled in temperatures near 90. But a goal in the 18th minute by Christian Vieri held up, ending Norway's 18-game unbeaten streak. "We have the merit to have defeated the team which had stunned the world champions, the great Brazil," coach Cesar Maldini said. Today, host France plays Paraguay at Lens, then Olympic champion Nigeria faces Denmark at Saint-Denis. Italy gets the winner of the first game and Brazil takes on the winner of the second.

FIFA's president condemned what he termed "acts of terrorism" committed by fans outside of games, but praised police and French tournament organizers for keeping things calm inside the stadiums. "We have seen the incidents in Marseille and the extremely serious incidents in Lens. They were closer to acts of terrorism than acts of hooliganism," Blatter said. "This violence is not of football, it is of society as a whole. These people use the World Cup as a launching pad."

He emphasized that the games themselves have been free of trouble. "I hope this is what we will see from now on, with no more individuals disrupting the event," Blatter said. "I hope we will have the same joy and enthusiasm in the stadiums that we have had." Blatter, who caused a furor earlier in the tournament when he said referees weren't being tough enough — the officials then went overboard with handing out red cards — defended them Saturday. "Leave the referees alone!" he said. "Leave them to do their work, and they will do it properly."

While Blatter sought to close the book on officiating, another running problem for the organizer popped up again in a prominent place. A stadium volunteer in Lens was arrested for allegedly selling tickets in the VIP section. Brazil 4, Chile 1 Cesar Sampaio got the first two goals, then Ronaldo ended Chile's chances by converting a penalty kick in first-half injury time. Chile's goal was by Marcelo Salas, his fourth, then Ronaldo finished it off. Italy 1, Norway 0 Vieri scored on a classic counterattack in the 18th minute. Midfielder Luigi Di Biagio sent a long pass and Vieri outraced defender Dan Eggen, driving a right-footed shot past goalie Frode Grodas.

WIMBLEDON

Continued from Page 9A half of the draw. Seles, who reached the French Open final earlier this month a few weeks after her father's death from cancer, is playing with increasing confidence and less on her mind. She plays next against Sandrine Testud, who beat her last year at Wimbledon and this year on clay at the Italian Open. "I just have a peace of mind in terms of I'm happy where I am right now," Seles said. "I don't have doubts and I don't feel guilt on my part that I'm not where I feel I should have been. So that makes it a lot easier. I just know what my day is about, and I have my schedule back like I used to, and that gives me peace of mind. I think that translates out on the court, too."

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TPW: Present heat, dry spell no threat yet to state's wildlife

HOUSTON (AP) — This Texas spring was drier than ever, and when April ended the weather went directly to August without stopping at May, June or July. The state has suffered a month liberally sprinkled with triple-digit temperatures, still little or no rain, and not much prospect of anything appreciable unless something ugly boils out of the Gulf.

For some people, 1998 is dredging up ghosts of the drought year of 1996, or, worse, 1980, the hottest, driest summer most living Texans ever experienced.

And while hunters living in Houston watch their lawns shrivel to crisp brown even as their water and electricity bills climb like the mercury in their back-porch thermometers, it's hard for them not to worry about how this months-long siege of hot, dry weather is affecting wildlife throughout the state.

After all, the scars from 1996, when scorching drought took a terrible toll on many wildlife species, are still tender.

But this isn't 1996. And it certainly isn't 1980. At least not yet.

"It's something to watch, of course. But I'm a long way from being panicked," Dr. Jerry Cooke, program director of upland wildlife ecology for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said of the hot, dry conditions' impact on most wildlife.

But he added: "If this keeps up for a couple of more months, though, then it might be time to start worrying a little."

This latest spell of over-heated, under-watered weather across most of the state is having a negative effect on some wildlife, but the current situation is far different than the one faced a couple of years ago and in the benchmark 1980 summer.

In those years, drought hung on for months — the 1980 drought lasted 14 months in some areas and the 1996 drought began in autumn of 1995 and continued until August 1996.

Those droughts saw deer fawns die in heaps. Quail evaporated. Rio Grande turkey produced almost no young. The effects lingered. After the 1979-80 drought, it took three years for the South Texas deer herd to return to pre-drought distribution, Cooke said. And the low fawn production in 1996 will really begin manifesting itself this autumn, when those 1996 fawns will be two-year-olds and carry much of the hunting and breeding pressure.

This year, things are different — at least so far. This rainless stretch has been relatively brief (only three or four months) and, in most of the state, it follows more than a year of lush conditions in which wildlife thrived.

A wet year in 1997 and a mild, very wet winter is giving some species of wildlife a kind of cushion against the hot, dry conditions of the past three months or so.

Right now, things aren't really that bad for wildlife in most areas, wildlife biologists across the state said.

There are exceptions. "Ground-nesting birds — quail and Rio Grande turkey — are a concern," Cooke said. "It's probably going to be a real tough year for them."

And in the Trans-Pecos, which has been suffering drought conditions for five of the past six years, pronghorn antelope and mule deer are having a very hard time. The Trans-Pecos pronghorn population, in particular, has just about had it; it's at a record low and getting lower, with no relief in sight.

But white-tailed deer, the most important game animal in the state, are doing just fine in most areas of the state. And the dry weather actually could be a

boost for Eastern turkeys.

Rio Grande turkey and quail probably are going to suffer the most from the hot, dry spring.

The ground-nesting birds face two problems when spring and early summer see prolonged hot, dry conditions, Cooke said.

If there's little or no soil moisture to temper heat during nesting season (March-May, depending on area of the state), eggs tend to get too hot during incubation and not hatch at all. Or the heat can cause the fluids around the young bird to thicken and "stick" to the shell, making it nearly impossible for the developed embryo to peck its way into the world.

Even if the eggs hatch, the dry, hot conditions could doom the chicks and poults.

Quail chicks and turkey poults depend on insects, and lots of them, for forage. If the spring and early summer are too dry and don't produce adequate vegetation to support a healthy population of leafhoppers, grasshoppers, beetles, crickets, etc., survival of young birds is seriously threatened.

The situation is much more serious for quail than Rio Grande turkey. Because of their short lifespan and high turnover, quail populations depend heavily on yearly production. One bad year can see quail number drop off the charts.

But Rio Grande turkeys can much better handle a bad year of production. The birds are relatively long-lived (at least compared to quail) and suffer much lower annual mortality.

"If Rio Grande's have one really good nesting season

every four years, they're OK," Cooke said.

Plus, Rio Grande turkeys pulled off a tremendous hatch in 1997. Those birds will do a lot to mollify any drop in production this year.

The hyper-dry spring could actually help Eastern turkey production, said Clayton Wolf, Jasper-based district leader for TPWD's wildlife division. There is evidence that eastern turkey nesting success is much higher during dry springs than during the usual wet spring in the region.

Theories for this include less predation during dry years.

"A wet hen is a lot easier for a predator to smell than a dry hen," Wolf said.

Also, many eastern hens nest in river or creek bottoms, or in bottomlands subject to flooding. A dry spring means those nests don't get flooded out.

Whatever the reason, eastern turkeys in East Texas seem to thrive under drier than normal spring and summers. In 1996, when Rio Grande took it on the chin, Texas' eastern turkeys enjoyed one of their best-ever years for production.

The reverse was true for white-tailed deer in much of the state during 1996; fawn survival was pitiful in many areas of the state, with some regions seeing fawn survival estimates of as little as 10 percent.

And with this year's fawns hitting the ground right now (most fawns in Texas are born in May and June, with South Texas seeing many of its fawns born in July), some folks are concerned about a repeat of what happened two years ago.

Fawn survival probably will be affected, biologists said. But the situation is not as acute as it was a couple of summers ago.

"It's dry and hot, and there's not much ground moisture to produce forbs and a lot of the vegetation is wilting," Cooke said. "But there's still pretty good water out there. If you drive around, you see brown grass, but most of the stock tanks are full."

Deer will move to where they can find food, Cooke said. And that could mean abandoning open areas where they normally find forbs and concentrating around water or in areas where trees, with their deep root sys-

tems, are still finding enough water to flourish and produce browse.

"The population will do what it has to do to get along," he said.

In East Texas, it seems, a lot of those deer, particularly does with new fawns, are moving closer to human dwellings where sprinklers and rose beds and garden patches look pretty good.

"We're seeing a lot more people picking up fawns than normal," Wolf said of the annual problem of the public discovering a fawn and falsely believing it abandoned. "I think the conditions have something to do with that; the deer are moving closer to houses because they

can find food there."

The parched conditions in eastern Texas could cause some fawn mortality if it continues through the summer, Wolf said. But any loss of fawns this year won't have that large an effect on the deer herd.

This past year, when conditions were excellent, fawn counts in East Texas were as high as they have ever been, Wolf said. That big slug of deer will overcome any drop in production this year.

Antler development?

In most areas, hunters won't notice any quantitative drop in antler size, even though the drought probably will affect some individual animals and some areas more than others.

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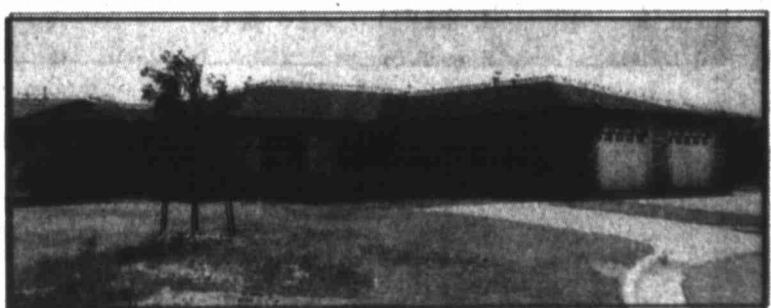
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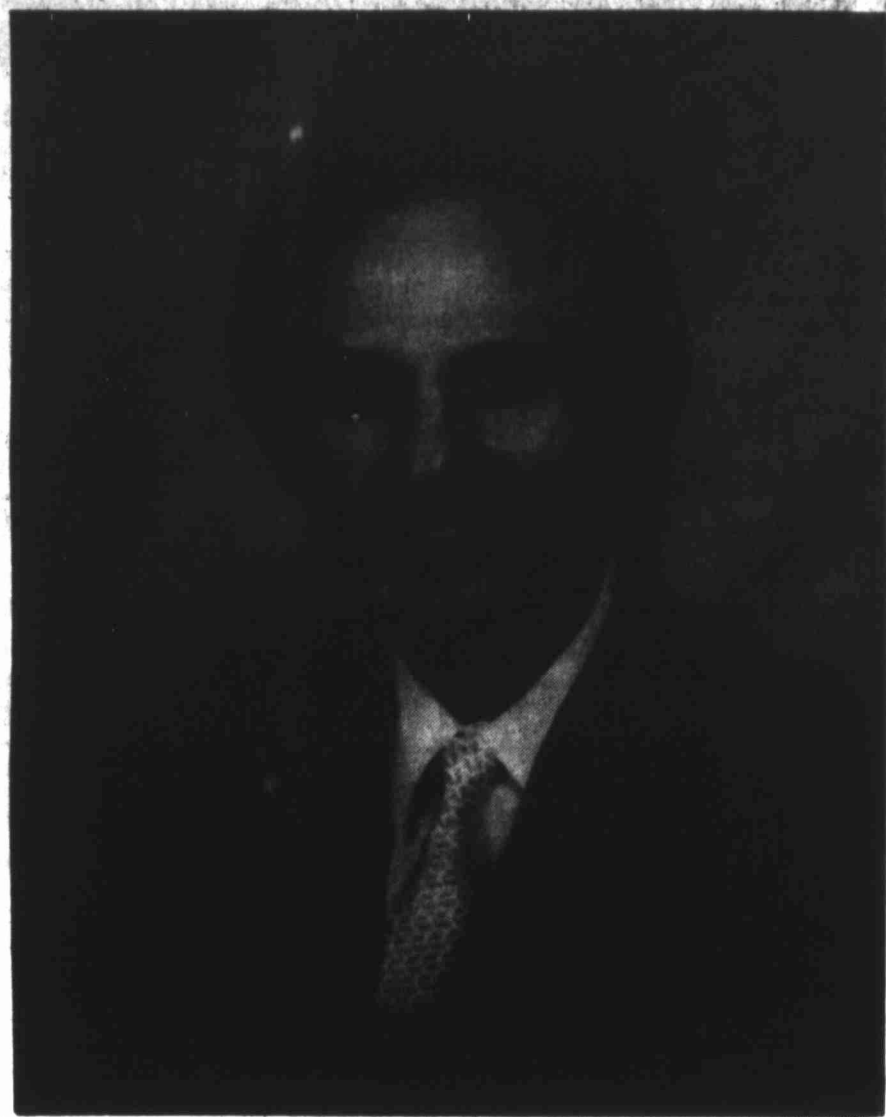
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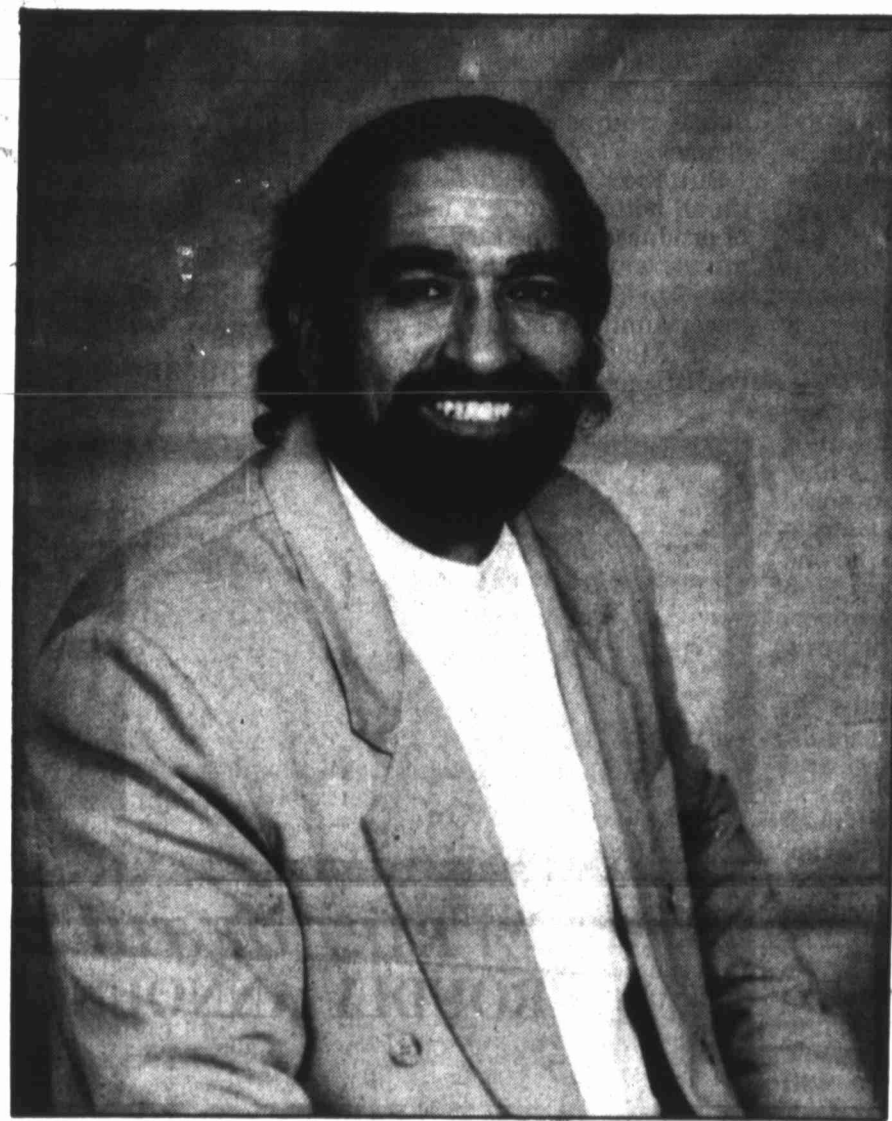
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Gone... and almost forgotten

Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

At the first part of this century — or perhaps earlier — a small patch of West Texas prairie dotted with prickly pear and surrounded by barbed wire was known as "the burying ground."

Dozens of adults and children found their final resting place at the Luther cemetery, although no one now knows how many graves are there. Buried by families living in the farming community, or those passing through, most of the graves were marked only with carved pieces of wood that deteriorated in the harsh weather.

These days, only a few carved tombstones remain, alongside several metal temporary markers that long ago lost any form of identification.

In the early 1900s, Velma Lloyd's family was one of those that decided to settle in West Texas. Soon after moving his wife and children here, however, her grandfather J.C. Graves died suddenly. His is now the oldest marked grave in the plot, dated 1910.

"It was the only headstone there for so long," Lloyd, now 95, remembered. "I've often wondered what's going to happen to it, and to the whole cemetery."

Lloyd cannot visit the grave of her grandfather much now, but she is concerned about what the future holds for this almost-forgotten place. She's not alone.

Others in the Luther community say they, too, are worried about the fate of the local landmark. No longer in use, it nevertheless holds history, they say, and for the families of the people buried there, it offers comfort.

"I hate for things like that to get lost," said the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, a resident of Luther who has served as minister at Luther Bethel Baptist Church. The church is adjacent to the cemetery, and in the 1920s was deeded the property.

Now, the congregation of a half-dozen elderly women, most widows, has responsibility for upkeep of the land. In recent years, they have had help from Boy Scouts, and are looking for other ways to keep the cemetery mowed and cleaned.

Today, the plot is nearly overrun with thick prairie grass. It has no sign, just a large iron gate made by oilfield workers a few years ago.

Inside, there are marked graves of several children, a family of three, and Graves. There is a grouping of three dilapidated fence posts where church members say at least two children were buried. The plots are marked only with bricks.

Several temporary metal markers are tied with faded ribbons, and stacked with trinkets — a ceramic angel, seashells. Their glass facings are cracked and broken, long since having lost the paper inserts that identified who was buried there.

Members of the church say they have searched county records and checked historical volumes for mention of the cemetery and its occupants.

"We've tried to find out anything, and we've just not had any luck," said Dorothy Coleman, a 21-year resident of the community and member of Bethel Baptist. The best source for information church members

have found is the memories of their friends and neighbors.

"There's just no starting point that we can find," Coleman said.

Although he's moved on to another church, Wheat still searches for information about the cemetery. He has started a list of people buried there, and is seeking out family members who can help him gather more information.

"We've got bits and pieces, just nothing solid," Wheat said. "This is one of the things that happens to small, rural cemeteries."

Church members said that one Sunday in 1960, they were surprised to see a burial taking place at the cemetery just as worship services ended. It would be the last one: Elsa Mae Crane was buried next to her husband, who had died in 1958, and son, who had died in 1935 at age 15.

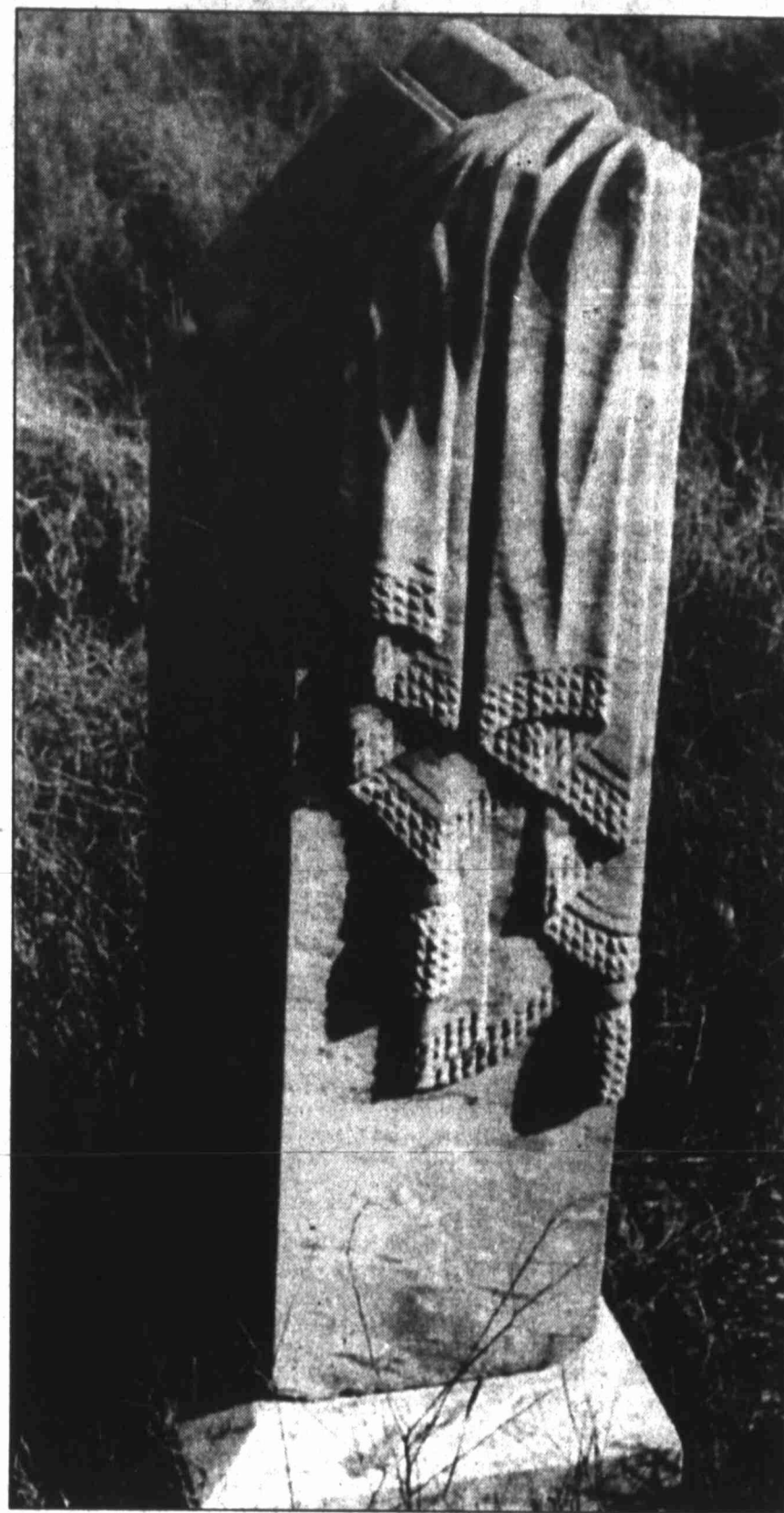
Buddy Heckler, who will turn 90 next month, has lived in the community her whole life.

She remembers many burials, and the stories that went along with them.

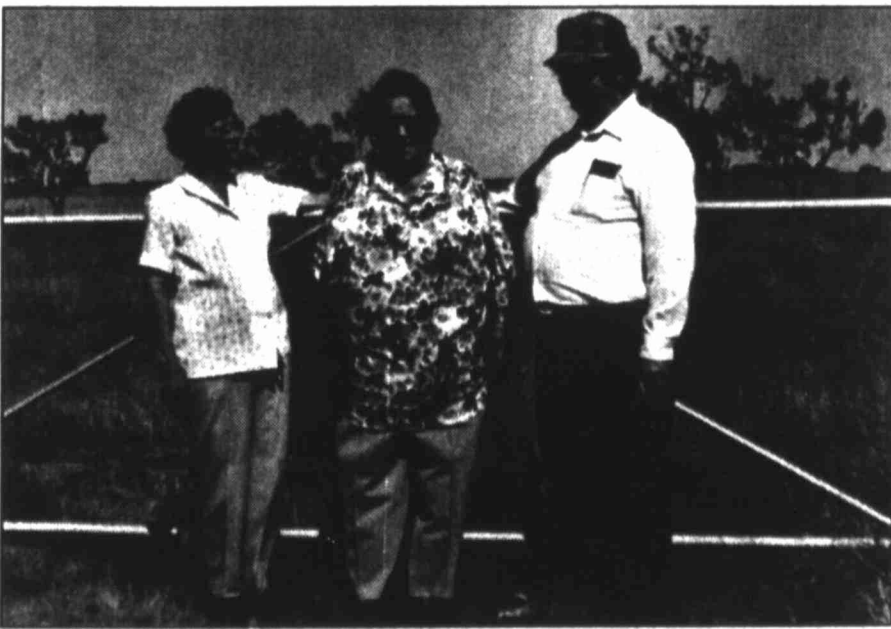
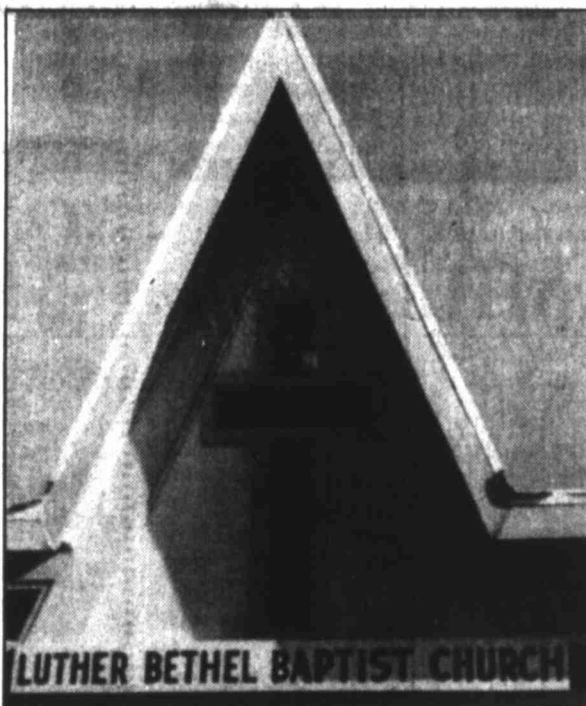
A man came to get her father for help late one night when one of his wife's newborn twin babies died.

Another baby buried there was said to have been accidentally smothered by his father while sleeping.

A man, believed to be named Jim Simpson, was burned while branding cattle. Heckler said he had a seizure and rolled into the See **FORGOTTEN**, Page 2B



Above, the oldest marked headstone at the Luther Cemetery is that of J.C. Graves, grandfather to Canterbury resident Velma Lloyd, 95. At left, the church that owns the cemetery land has a regular Sunday attendance of less than 10, most of them elderly women. Below, left, Dorothy Coleman, Lennis Couch and Dwayne Wheat gathered at the cemetery's iron gate recently to discuss the fate of the small, but historic plot. Below, this metal temporary marker long ago lost any identification, but still holds the small ceramic figurines left at its base.



American Sovereignty: "This is my own, my native land"

Sir Walter Scott expressed his love for Scotland, his homeland, in a poem called "The Lay of the Last Minstrel." One verse describes the feeling I hold in my heart for America. Scott wrote:

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It is good to honor America's founders and our soldiers and veterans. It is not good, to give up without a whimper, those things they fought and died for.

In the past few years there has been a subtle shift away from American sovereignty, and toward, a "new world order." Decisions with detrimental effects to America are made without debate.

Under Executive Order 13061, President Clinton plans to take tax money from 12 federal departments in order to fund The American Heritage Rivers Initiative. The initiative will

place all the private property in the river valleys under federal zoning and land-use controls. International Conservation standards will follow.

A spokesman from the State Department predicts that under this Executive Order, America's rivers will be designated United Nations Historic Sites. At that point, he says,



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"U.N. control will pass from 'implied' to 'actual.'"

In the same article, from the Bluebonnet Express in Kerrville, the spokesman adds, "The Empire State Building, Yellowstone, and several other national parks are already under U.N. control through the Historic Sites designation."

There is no constitutional or legislative authority behind this Executive Order or the plan to fund it. Using money Congress appropriated for other purposes is illegal, but, Clinton plans to give up 10 rivers this year, and 20 more by the year 2000.

I called congressman Stenholm to see if he was a co-

sponsor of a bill introduced by Rep. Helen Chenoweth of Utah, to forbid the funding. He is not.

He did, however, co-sponsor a bill passed by the House in October of 1997. Called, The American Land Sovereignty Protection Act, HR 901 invalidates prior and future designations to U. N. Historic Sites status, without Congressional approval by vote, the bill must pass the Senate before becoming law.

Stenholm spokesman, Andy Johnson, says he is unsure if any Texas rivers are involved.

What I am sure of is this: they are all American rivers. And all the national parks are American parks.

We did not object when members of the United States military were required to serve under foreign officers.

We did not object when U.S. Army medic, Specialist Michael New, was court-martialed and given a bad conduct discharge for refusing to serve under the insignia of the United Nations.

And we did not object when Vice-President Al Gore said to the parents of Americans killed in the air over Iraq, "...they should be proud that their sons died in the service of the United Nations."

I object to anything which weakens America or the United

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WEDDINGS

Herm-Jordan

Laura Janae Herm and Dustin Loyd Jordan, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage on June 27, 1998, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Herm, Stanton, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Herm of Ackerly, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Louder of Tarzan.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Jordan of Meadow.

Harpist was Carol Reid, and vocalists were Reggie and Kristi Franklin and Loyd Jordan, father of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Jasmine-Haute couture design gown of dulcette satin. The extensively beaded alencon lace blossomed over the bodice of the off-the-shoulder gown. The back was adorned with tiny covered buttons, and an applique bow and scalloped glittering hemline lace completed the dramatic look of the cathedral train.

She carried a round bouquet featuring pink and white roses and baby's breath.

Matron of honor was Sande Melton of Abilene, and maid of honor was Pepper Hinkle of Lubbock.

Bridesmaids were April Jordan, sister of the groom, Shannon Low, sister of the groom, Traci Moore, Kindra Woodfin and Kristen Wyckoff.

Karlye Weaver, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl, and Ethan Zant, cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Jeff McCallister, Lubbock, was the best man.

Kyle Herm, brother of the bride, Jason Gandy, Shane Louder, cousin of the bride, Sean Low, brother-in-law of the groom, Eric Martel and Ladd Winn served as groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were



MRS. DUSTIN LOYD JORDAN Jeremy Louder, cousin of the bride, and Jody Louder, cousin of the bride.

Seth Doege, cousin of the bride, and Quinn Markham, cousin of the groom, were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered rolled fondant icing cake with a cascade of pink and white gumpaste roses. Tow gumpaste bows intertwined completed the cake.

The groom's cake was a two-tiered chocolate basket weave cake featuring a plaque on top with the groom's initials.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Stanton High School and will graduate in May 1999 from Texas Tech. She is employed by Texas Tech Athletic Ticket Office.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Meadow High School, and will graduate in December from Texas Tech. He is employed by Knowlton and Associates.

Following a wedding trip to Disney World and a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

ANNIVERSARIES

McChristian

Howard and Hauna McChristian celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Nashville, Tenn., where they visited the Grand Ole Opry with Vince Gill as a surprise guest.

They then went on a river cruise and did many things at the Opryland Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. McChristian recently were honored with a crawfish boil at the home of Jimmy McChristian.

The couple was married on May 30, 1958, in Big Spring. They have been residents of Denham Springs, La., for 22 years. They have five children and 15 grandchildren. Both Howard and Hauna grew up in

the Big Spring area. He graduated from Forsan High School, and she graduated from Big Spring High School.

Howard was employed with Sid Richardson Carbon Company for 30 years as an instrument technician. He is presently employed with Venture Transport in Gonzales, La. Mrs. McChristian was the owner of Hauna's Answering Service until recently.

They travel all over the United States and Canada. When they are not traveling, they enjoy being with their children and grandchildren.

They are street rodders and members of the Church of Christ.

Shaw

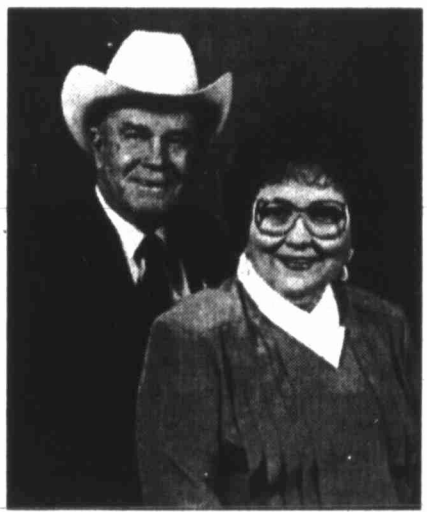


MR. AND MRS. SHAW, THEN AND NOW

Larry and Bertie Shaw will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 28, 1998, from 2 to 4 p.m. in their home hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Knott, and she was born in Ackerly as Bertie Faye Hinson. They met at a basketball game in Ackerly. They were married on June 26, 1948, at the First Baptist Church in Ackerly. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have two children, Linda Johnson of Albuquerque, N.M., and Larry Don Shaw of Austin. They also have five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have lived in Knott during their marriage. He is presently a farmer and



she is a homemaker. They are affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Knott. They are members of the Howard County Democratic Club and the Farm Bureau. They enjoy scrapbooking, birdwatching, politics and community service.

This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage, "We have had a good and happy life together. God has blessed us with wonderful children and super grandchildren. We enjoy being together and are best friends. We thank God in sincerity for the blessings he has allowed us."

All friends are invited to celebrate with us at the reception.

WHO'S WHO

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Spring 1998 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Among those listed were: Casey Cook, Melissa Ann Shanks and Tina L. Sherrod, all of Big Spring.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Ariz., is pleased to announce that Glenn Nutting has been named to the

prestigious Honor Roll for the 1998 spring semester. Students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49 to be eligible for this honor.

Nutting is the son of Suzzan and O.K. Nutting of Big Spring. He is a 1995 graduate of Globe High School and is currently a junior majoring in Aeronautical Science.

Bonnie Braden from Garden City High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1998-99.

Approximately 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1998-99, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, have been awarded to qualified high school seniors.

NEWCOMERS

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

Nathanael Carrasco, Odessa. He works for GPM Gas Co.

Lana Williams, Wichita Falls. Joseph and Sandra Esposito and son Joey, Ft. Belvoir, Va. He is retired from the U.S. Army.

Wayne Dodson, Snyder. He is self employed.

Joshua Romolo, Lubbock. He works for Conoco.

Elena Senaz and son Elser, Jupiter, Fla. She is employed by Walls.

Jarrod Morrison, Abilene. He works for Champion Dechnologies.

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Mitchell-Place

Dallas H. Place, Buckeye Lake, Ohio, and Karen G. Mitchell, Coahoma, were united in marriage on June 21, 1998, at the First Community Church in Ohio with pastor David Moody

officiating.

He is a truck driver and she is employed at Western Container. They will make their home in Buckeye Lake, Ohio.

FORGOTTEN

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fire.

There were also suicides, an outbreak of influenza and other illnesses. The burying ground became a reminder to many that life could be cut short without warning.

Situated near a school and later the church, the cemetery was a place people passed, often several times a day.

"There were more graves there than you can imagine," Heckler said. "They were just wooden markers, didn't last too long."

While attending a nearby school, Heckler remembers her teacher dismissing classes at least once so the students could attend a burial service. At another graveside, no minister was available, so the teacher said a few words.

Opal Barber, a long-time Luther resident now living in Big Spring, has a niece and two nephews buried in the cemetery.

"When I was a kid, we found 18 graves that weren't around the ones you can see now," Barber said. "None of them had markers."

Her father was a carpenter,

and he gave pieces of wood so that Barber and her friends could mark the graves.

"We didn't have names or anything," she said. "But we did mark them. Those markers just didn't last all that long."

Family members have returned over the years to visit the graves of loved ones, often armed with instructions for finding the unmarked plot. Some of them, Wheat said, know only that their loved one is buried "so many feet from this, so many feet from that" inside the fences.

Church members said they have almost given up hope of locating the names, much less marking the graves of everyone at Luther Cemetery. Some of the families were just passing through on a wagon when someone died, and didn't stay long enough to do anything more than set a brick or stone at the site.

But Heckler said she is confident that the cemetery's residents can nevertheless rest in peace.

"I guess when Jesus comes back," she said, "He'll know who they are."

IN THE MILITARY

Navy Airman William B. Bitner, son of Debra L. Crawford of Colorado City, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 15, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The 1997 graduate of Colorado City High School joined the Navy in June 1997.

CHOATE

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States Constitution. Anyone who presumes to divert my allegiance elsewhere, without the consent of my fellow countrymen, is, to me, flying under false colors.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. I am profoundly grateful to those who founded, and fought for, this country. America. This is my own, my native land.

Take time out for yourself... READ.

ON THE MENU

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TUESDAY-Stew, green beans, gelatin salad, cornbread, milk, pie.

WEDNESDAY-Catfish, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/cornbread, pudding.

THURSDAY-Meatloaf, macaroni, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, milk, cake.

FRIDAY-CLOSED

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

MARCY, BAUER, MOSS
MONDAY-BBQ sandwich, potato rounds, pear slices, cookie, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, spiced apples, roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Pig in a blanket, fried okra, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Nacho grande, pinto beans, sliced peaches, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken strips, French fries, lima beans, mixed fruit, roll, milk.

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Community support, volunteers offer much to hospital's patients

BSSH patients were guests of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Association during the 85th year of the rodeo. The rodeo association always invites our patients out for one of the biggest events of the year. The Volunteer Council donated money so that each patient would have \$5 spending money.

Each year after the Denim and Diamonds fundraiser, the volunteers use profits to sponsor a Patient Summer Fun Day. Every patient is given a cap, T-shirt, sunglasses and refreshments. Throughout the summer, they provide refreshments, decorations, and games for special days, Father's Day, July 4 and the most recent, a Coffee House. This is a new activity that is set up like a coffee house with karaoke music and poetry readings. The volunteers provided blended coffees, and other refreshments.

In June, Westbrook Baptist women took two hospital units to Comanche Trail Park for a picnic. The ladies provided homemade sandwiches, cakes, cookies, and they were all gone very fast. Home-made is a real treat for all of us and these ladies know how to do it. We are in need of another group to sponsor a picnic. If your group is interested, call Community Relations, 268-7535.

Thursday, July 2, TPEA will hold a pre-Fourth of July barbecue. It will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Alfred Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Proceeds will help send delegates to conventions and subsidize Christmas care baskets. Call Woody Jumper ext. 7639 or Sue Keller ext. 7277 for more information.

Hospital employee David Fisher graduated May 16 from TTUHS with his BSN. He was on the President's list,

Dean's list, and was inducted into Sigma Theta Fau International Honor Society for nurses. David credits his accomplishments to the support and mentoring he received from staff, friends, and family. His own determination and hard work are qualities that make him an exemplary employee at BSSH. Congratulations David for a job well-done.

As we strive to meet the demands of decreasing length of patient stay, there are increasing demands on BSSH treatment teams and unit staff. The number of patients with self-harm symptoms has increased and in an effort to serve this population, the Quality Improvement Council approved the hiring of 13 additional registered nurse positions and 28 direct service positions.

Superintendent Ed Moughon stated "I appreciate everyone's 110% effort to serve this population of patients, and I would still like to ask that we try to keep unscheduled leave to a minimum. We do a great job together, but it takes all of us to get the job done."

There will be a Blood Drive July 9, 8:30 am-noon at BSSH. The mobile unit will be at the Community Relations Office. Call the office for more information.

As this is going to press, the office is filled with 12 volunteers addressing Christmas Appeal letters. They have finished 1000 envelopes this morning. A few stopped for a quick lunch, some left for a church meeting, then on to a line-dancing class, and then on to their volunteer jobs at other sites.

These ladies are the busiest, most productive citizens in our community. They never stop looking for ways to help others and they tirelessly give of themselves. From the sound of the laughter in the next room, it keeps them happy and young at heart. The success of our BSSH volunteer program belongs to them.

Kathy Johnson Higgins, is the Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital, which includes the Volunteer and Public Information Department.



KATHY HIGGINS

Reader's enjoyment of this novel is no secret

"Secrecy." Belva Plain. Dell publishing, New York, New York. May, 1998. 422 pages. \$7.50.

"Secrecy" is one of those stories that leaves you with a tear in your eye, and a good feeling of love in your heart. However, these emotions are not easily won. The author manages to develop wonderfully rich characters with an interesting plot as a background.

The first section of the story takes place in 1986 when Charlotte Dawes is 14 years old. A very bright, but quiet girl, Charlotte's wisdom acknowledges the unrest of her parents' relationship against the bright and pleasant front they present to the world.

While the young girl does not seem personally threatened by the parental warring, she is aware that in order to maintain are relationship with them, she

must adapt her behavior to the needs of the adults, helping them maintain a facade within the home.

During this year Charlotte experiences one terrible incident that is to affect her for the rest of her life.

Even though her parents are aware of the occurrence, their pattern of behavior is to avoid public notice and to keep the secret within themselves.

The story jumps to the time when Charlotte accepts a job after finishing college. While she is a pleasant and successful young woman, every facet of her personal conduct is colored by the secret she refuses to share with anyone.

As she matures and ventures out, she comes to realize that those she cares for and trusts most have a secret they, too, have carried; these hidden nuggets of the soul determine

how each carries on the business of life.

Belva Plain has developed her characters with such poignancy that she makes it impossible not to identify with some aspect of each person. She also writes in a confident manner, never shrinking away from the description of hurt, fear and sadness, allowing the reader to feel the pain and passion of the moment.

While "Secrecy" is a work of fiction, Plain's writing can be interpreted as teaching her readers two gentle lessons for real life.

The first is a reminder that there is always cause and effect; within the plot she is careful to always place a result or consequence for each action taken. The second lesson is the well-worn admonition that it takes many falsehoods to cover up just one lie, and we never are sure how far-reaching or how much damage is done, even with the best of intentions.

The conclusion is clever. Just as the reader assumes things are to be worked out one way, Plain switches gears and capably finishes off secrets that have been buried within the story. It's hopeful that "Secrecy" will give each reader a measure of sensitivity, hopefulness, and understanding. Take time for this superb story.

RATING: (****) four out of four = Not to be missed!



PAT WILLIAMS

HUMANE SOCIETY



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"Cilla" female, short hair tabby, 1-2 years old, spayed.

"Jamila" female long hair tabby, 3 months old.

"Linus" male, short hair, yellow and white, 2-3 years old, neutered.

"Jackie" female, short hair, grey and white, 1-2 years old, spayed.

Lots of kittens!!!! These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots.

STORK CLUB

Jesse Steven Luna, boy, June 12, 1998, 6:25, six pounds 13 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Blanca and Gilbert Luna.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Escobar and Felicita Luna, Odessa.

Alston Cole Roper, boy, June 14, 1998, 2:49, four pounds 10 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Brandy and Jimmy Roper.

Grandparents are Betsy and Wesley Coleman and Maxine Roper, all of Big Spring.

Michael Rielly Shubert, boy, June 14, 1998, 1:40 a.m., five pounds six ounces and 18 1/2

inches long; parents are Michael and Elisha Shubert.

Grandparents are Teresa Brumley, Johnnie Brumley, Mike Thompson, Susan Thompson, Rosa Roberts and Bill Shubert, all of Big Spring.

Marcy Marie Hernandez, girl, June 15, 1998, 1:10, seven pounds three ounces; parents are Sonya Perez and Raymundo L. Hernandez.

Grandparents are Mary Lou Ybarra, Denver City, and Pete Perez, Mathis.

Hannah Brooke Valencia, girl, June 16, 1998, 2:02 p.m., six pounds seven ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are Ray and Lisa Valencia.

Grandparents are Linda Paredes and Raymundo and Maria Valencia, all of Big

Spring.

Kiowa Turee, girl, June 17, 1998, 1:42 p.m., six pounds 12 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Connie Lesser and Richard Lesser.

Grandparents are Gene and Billie Wood, Big Spring, and Bernie and Diane Lesser, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Samuel Dixon Barnes, Jr., boy, June 18, 1998, 3:15, eight pounds and 22 inches; parents are Sammy and Heather Barnes.

Grandparents are Sarah Morris and Ralph and Linda Buxton, all of Florida.

Seth Myers, June 23, 1998, 9:33, seven pounds and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Steve and Christy Myers.

Cons and cable, song and dance about a song

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A state lawmaker has a captive audience watching to see how he fares with his bill to raise cable rates for some customers. They're in prison.

State prison inmates pay less for cable television than do subscribers on the outside, said Rep. John Lawless. The difference is due to the bulk rates negotiated by prison officials.

"Right now, if you commit a crime, you get a break on your cable bill. It's outrageous," he said.

A spring survey found that prisoners pay an average of \$6 to \$10.25 monthly for basic service, compared with individual subscribers who pay \$11.08 to \$25.78, Lawless said Monday.

A convicted murder at the state prison in Somerset is paying \$13.40 for basic cable and three movie channels. A work-

ing couple served by the same cable company pays \$34.55 a month.

While Lawless' measure seeks to raise the cable rates for prisoners, he cannot legislate that cable companies pass savings on to customers.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A 55-year-old woman suffered the flip side of her accusation that a little girl stole her song, "Santa Got Stuck in a Chimney."

A federal judge in Pittsburgh ruled Tuesday that the woman herself ripped off a version of a 1950s tune that was copyrighted in Nashville, Tenn.

"It must have resulted from copying and cannot be mere coincidence" that the songs are so similar, U.S. District Judge Gary Lancaster said from the bench, abruptly ending Kathy

Mollica's lawsuit against the parents of Jewel Restaneo.

Jewel was 5 when she sang the song on television and recorded it on a compact disc in 1996.

Lancaster ruled after officials from Milene Music Inc. of Nashville presented evidence of a 1953 copyright for the song, which was recorded back then by little Jimmy Boyd.

Mollica contended that she wrote the song and copyrighted it in 1993. Her lawsuit claimed she first learned of Jewel's recorded when the girl's father called to praise the song.

Mollica and her attorney declined to comment. Jewel's mother, Christine Restaneo, said the little girl was delighted.

"She was looking out the window when I came home and she said, 'Mommy, we won.'"

GETTING ENGAGED



Debra Gene Spain and Bryan Neal Vincent will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 15, 1998, at Calvary Baptist Church, Odessa, with Bro. Doug Shelley and Bro. James Bishop officiating.

She is the daughter of the late Margaret Spain. He is the son of Robert and Tina Vincent, Vernon.



Laran Elizabeth Steiter and Todd Robert Harris, both of Dallas, will be united in marriage on Aug. 29, 1998, at the First Methodist Church in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Steiter of Lubbock, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Creighton of Big Spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews Harris of Dallas.



Heather Hendrickson and Brian Sanderson, both of Lubbock, will be married Aug. 1, 1998, at the Baker Building in Lubbock. She is the daughter of Fred and Wanda Hendrickson, Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Grady and Dean Gaskins, Big Spring. He is the son of Michael and Brenda Carthel, Plainview, and Don and Yvonne Sanderson, Odessa.

Photos used in Sunday life! should be picked up within 30 days of publication.

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with son Gareth and new baby Jason
Big Spring, Tx

FasTrax is off to the races in Big Spring, lots of family fun

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

FasTrax, the Family Fun Center, specializing in go-carts, offers an alternative for family entertainment in Big Spring.

Located at 11th and Scurry streets, FasTrax owner Hubert Barber, along with his sons Phil and Mark, also plan to expand into downtown Big Spring with a laser tag arcade and a 50s restaurant, Mark Barber said.

"This has been a dream of my dad for a long time, and he's been planning this for a long time. This gives the kids in Big Spring something else to do," FasTrax Manager Mark Barber said.

Remodeling for PasTymes, the new arcade and restaurant, should begin next month. Located in the old downtown movie theater, Barber expects the facility to have about 6,000 square feet, he said.

PasTymes should open in the fall, Barber said. Completion of FasTrax took longer than was expected because of property purchases, he said.

FasTrax sports 550' of safe, durable track, Barber said. The brand new, Pacer and Indy race car style go-carts are able

to travel at 18 to 22 miles per hour. Double-seater go-carts are also available.

Anyone 56" or taller may ride the single seat go-carts, and those under 56" may ride free with another ticketed customer in the double seaters, Barber said.

"We have very responsible employees, and we really enforce the rules, especially when children are on the track," Barber said.

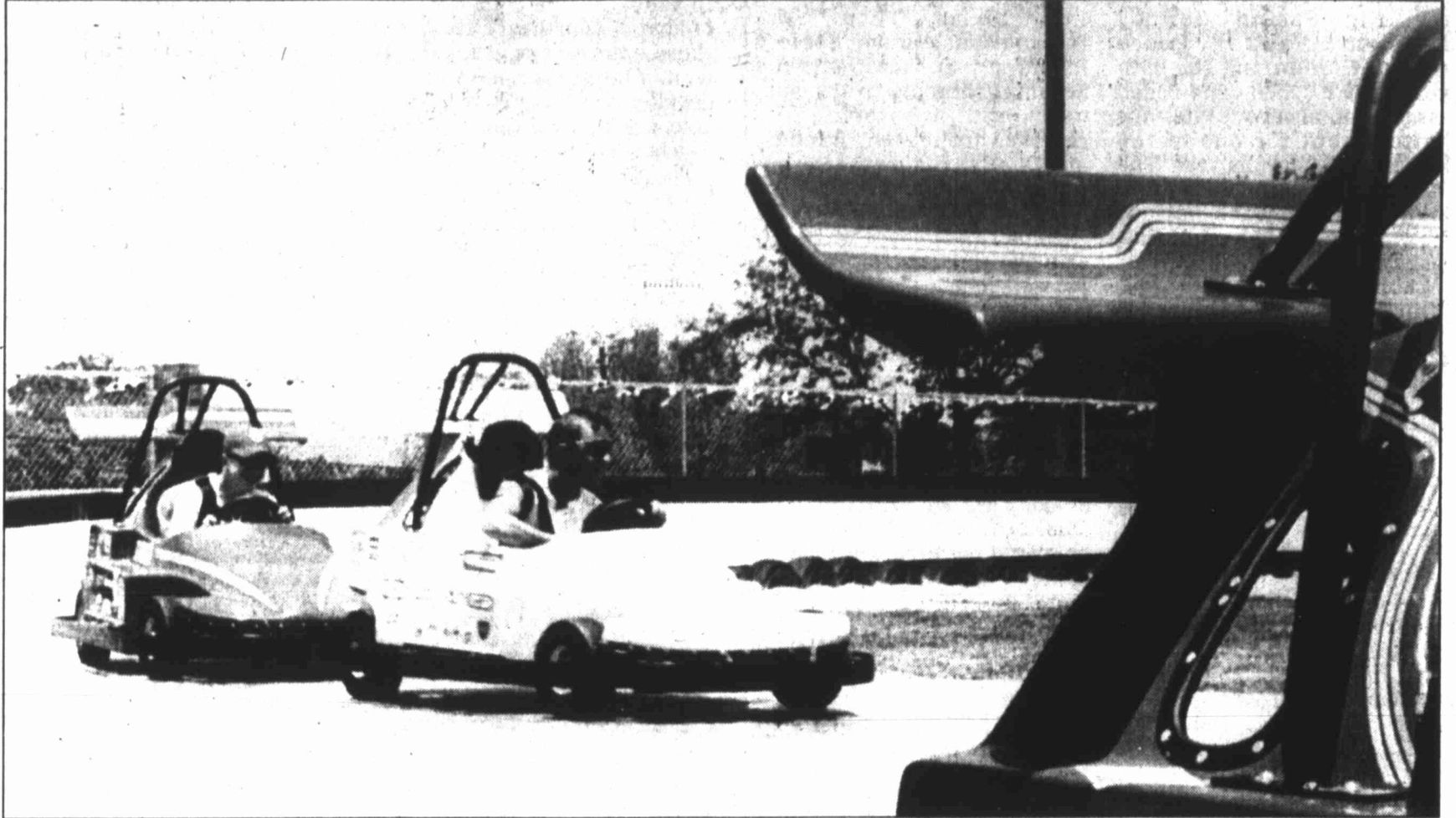
The center employs 12 persons, mostly high school and college students, he said.

The gasoline-powered go-carts have Honda 6.5 horse power engines, complete with all necessary safety equipment, including roll bars and brakes. Soon, the center plans to include kiddie carts that are controlled by acceleration only, he said.

"If you take your foot off the gas, they stop," he said.

Each ride lasts five minutes. Usually the children jump out of the carts and race to buy another ticket, he said.

Tickets are sold for one ride, \$4; three rides, \$10; and five rides, \$15. Wednesdays and Thursdays are special discount days. For more information call 267-FAST (267-3478).



Big Spring's newest fun place is FasTrax Family Fun Center at 11th and Scurry. FasTrax is a project that was two years in the making, but is now open to offer Big Spring residents Go-Kart racing at its finest. Here, two area youth enjoy a race. FasTrax is open during the summer from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 4 p.m. to midnight Thursday and Friday; 1 p.m. to midnight Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Shrinking oil industry still vital to Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Bumper stickers in the wake of the apocalyptic 1980s oil crash said it all: "Dear Lord, send us another oil boom. We promise we won't screw this one up."

Prices bottomed out in 1986-87, an industry that had fattened on seemingly boundless prosperity was forced to streamline and modernize. Meanwhile, cities worked hard to diversify their economies.

The result: Another oil bust would hurt, but not as much as in the bad-old days.

"You can forget 1987," said Bill Gilmer, senior economist

with the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

"That was an exception. There was speculative excess and greed out of control. Some businesses built up on expectations that markets would be good forever."

Figures released earlier this month by the state comptroller's office show that oil and gas production will be worth \$72.2 billion to Texas this year, or 11.3 percent of the state's gross product. Seventeen years ago, oil and gas accounted for 25.2 percent.

State economist Gary Preuss

research estimates that oil and gas will dwindle to 6.7 percent of the Texas economy by 2020.

"Today's Lone Star economy is driven by growth in a wide variety of economic segments — from high-tech manufacturing to business services to health care," economist Ray Perryman wrote in his April 1998 report. "Many of these industries actually perform better in a cheap-energy environment."

For example, Perryman estimates that Dallas-based Southwest Airlines alone saves \$8.4 million a year for every penny decrease in jet fuel per gallon.

Gilmer estimates that oil and gas accounts for about half of the Houston area's industrial output, about the same as it did a decade ago, with traditional production making up roughly two-thirds of that. The key difference now is that makers of downstream products, such as petrochemicals, comprise the other third, a much larger market share than they enjoyed 15 years ago.

That downstream piece of the pie, which uses petroleum as a raw material to make other products, actually benefits from the current cheap oil climate. However, a strong dollar has made those products expensive in Asian markets, crippled recently by a financial crisis.

Decreased sales in Asia mean lower profits for many of the petrochemical plants that line the Houston Ship Channel.

The strong dollar's damaging effect on exports had been mitigated by a hot U.S. economy

and sturdy oil prices. Now that oil prices have slipped to below-profitable levels for the first half of this year, Gilmer said the Houston economy could suffer.

OPEC producers vowed this week to slash production in an effort to reduce worldwide supplies, but Texans are wary about similar past promises that haven't panned out.

"It's like the boy who cried wolf one too many times," said Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Midland-based Permian Basin Petroleum Association. He added that non-OPEC countries, such as Mexico and Norway, also must muzzle production to increase prices.

In the 1980s, gluts touched off high unemployment in energy-dependent places such as Midland-Odessa. Now, lower-paying service jobs are replacing lucrative oil positions that are disappearing or being moved to Houston.

Meanwhile, West Texas rigs that were in hot demand just a few months ago are beginning to sit idle again. When local oil prices plunged to around \$9.50 a barrel — \$3 to \$4 below break-even for most producers — producers stopped drilling and repairing wells.

New York Mercantile prices topped \$20 per barrel last fall, but by January they'd plummeted to nearly \$15. This month, the free fall continued to below \$12, a price floor producers hadn't seen in 12 years.

Ban continued on new royalty system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heading pleas from the oil industry, Senate budget writers agreed Thursday to extend a ban on changing the way the government collects royalties for oil pumped on federal lands.

On a 15-11 vote, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved an amendment to bar the Interior Department from making its desired changes to the royalty system until at least October 1999.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, the author of the original, short-term ban, applauded the committee's action on the proposal by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

But critics contend the ban amounts to a windfall for the oil industry, which stands accused of underpaying royalties by hundreds of millions of dollars over the last two decades. For every year Interior is blocked from implementing its new royalty system, taxpayers will lose \$66 million, they say.

The battle isn't over, opponents vowed.

"I am prepared to fight this on the floor," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who teamed last month with Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., to denounce Mrs. Hutchison for slipping the ban language into an emergency spending bill.

"We are talking about losing over \$60 million a year to the

federal treasury and rewarding wealthy oil companies who are drilling for oil on taxpayer-owned land," Durbin said in an interview.

Boxer spokesman David Sandretti said his boss also is determined to block the provision when the Interior appropriations bill, in which it is contained, comes to the Senate floor.

Mrs. Hutchison said the ban was necessary to prevent Interior's Minerals Management Service from proceeding with a policy change she believes only Congress should make.

"Keeping royalty rates and valuations at present levels will assure continued revenue for the government, keep people working and help keep America from becoming even more dependent on foreign oil," she said.

Ironically, the current royalty system is unpopular with both sides.

The government contends it isn't being paid for the full value of oil pumped from federal lands.

And oil companies have their own problems with the system, which has exposed some of them to lawsuits charging that they've undervalued their royalty payments. Earlier this year, the Justice Department sued four major oil companies. Texas and other states also have filed lawsuits.



The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Dr. Michael D. Stephens to the Big Spring business community during a ribbon cutting ceremony for Scenic Mountain Multispecialty Clinic, just northwest of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Dr. Stephens is joined by employees Dana Darden and Sherry Bailey as they cut the ribbon.

HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Despite drought, nursery plants thriving with irrigation

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Even as the drought brings misery to many agriculture related businesses, Texas nurseries are still getting by, the Texas Agriculture Extension Service reports.

Charles Hall, Extension economist, said Texas nurseries are doing well despite the lack of rain the past few months. Shrubs, small trees, flowering plants, bed plants and potted plants — plants commonly used in landscaping — are reporting to be selling at, or close to, their average rate for this time of the year.

"Nursery growers have the capacity to irrigate, so as long as they have access to water, then the drought really won't impact them dramatically," Hall said.

Gary Mucha, owner of Shadeview Nursery in Bryan/College Station said the drought has had little effect on the plant sales at his small nursery.

"I have been in this business since 1976, and people typically do not buy a lot of plants in June."

Mike Swayze, manager of Nelson Watergardens and

Nursery located in far West Houston, said nurseries almost always see slightly lower sales in the months of June, July and August.

March, April and May are consistently their biggest months because it is a prime time to plant, he said. It is cool enough to work outside and an excellent for the plants themselves.

"It is just too hot in general, whether we have a drought or not, to be working in the yard in the summer, especially for the older customers," Swayze said.

Swayze said the usual increasing cost of water and the labor of watering during the summer months is having a greater effect on his West Houston nursery than the drought.

However, Mucha said the cost of water and related problems often have nothing to do with the drought.

"I have a big problem with the amount of sodium in the water here, and I am just not as worried about getting water as I am about getting good water," he said.

"The bad water could cause

much more damage to my plants than no water," Mucha said.

Hall said the lack of rain means plant retailers must water more often to keep the plants adequately watered.

"Obviously, you have to keep the plants watered at the retail level, and so you might see some slight increases in the cost of labor," Hall said.

At the retail garden center level, the customer may see some increased costs associated with the labor used for watering, Hall said.

A few places across the state may have gotten rain this past week, but the drought still lingers.

In the Rolling Plains, district Extension Entomologist Emory Boring, III, said lack of rain is still hurting the crops.

"The area remains extremely dry and in need of a good rain," Boring said.

He added that the peach crop is doing surprisingly well despite the drought.

"Much of the area has the best crop in several years but the hot, dry conditions are limiting production," Boring said.

In the Panhandle, Bob Robinson, district Extension Director, said the wheat harvest is 80 percent complete.

"Yields are running higher than expected, especially dryland wheat, and the test weights have been exceptional," Robinson said.

He also said other crops in the area are doing good despite the conditions, but like the rest of the state, they need rain too.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture very short to short. No beneficial rainfall; heavy irrigation. Sorghum and cotton are rated fair to good; need moisture soon. Wheat harvest is 80 percent complete; yields higher than expected. Range conditions declining. Cattle good condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture very short to short. Harvesting of wheat continues. Pastures, ranges in poor to fair condition. Corn in good condition; growing well. Cotton in fair to good condition. Sorghum, soybeans in good condition. Peanuts growing

well.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture very short. High winds damaging; area remains dry. Cotton planting nearly complete; stands show water stress. Irrigated peanuts good. Pecan set good. Wildfire potential is high across area. Grasshoppers heavy in parts of area.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Pastures, ranges in poor condition due to lack of rain. Some insect problems with cotton, sorghum. Corn harvest is good in comparison to other parts of Texas. Harvesting of peaches continues; excellent quality.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture very short. Pastures, hay fields extremely dry, short; hay yields well below normal. Livestock conditions fair to good; some supplemental feeding. Non-irrigated vegetables in severe stress; sweet potatoes in critical condition.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short. Pastures, ranges extremely dry. Irrigated cotton in poor to fair condition. Some ranchers are destocking.

Hot, dry winds not good for cantaloupe. Onion harvest nearing completion. Pecans making good growth.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Livestock conditions fair to good; rainfall has greened up ranges. Early planted sorghum is up, but in poor condition. Grasshoppers are a big concern. Fungal disease has set in on many irrigated crops.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Pasture grasses are drying down. Some cattle being fed hay; stock water levels are getting low. Corn and grain sorghum yields reduced to hot, dry weather. Cotton beginning to stress due to drought.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: soil moisture very short. Some areas without rain for 100 days. All of corn and 50 percent of cotton lost in Brazoria County. Insect pressure on rice; difficult to flood rice.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Scattered rainfall in northwestern part of district. Rain filled stock tanks; farmers can now reduce irrigation schedules.

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Phillips, Tim, P.O. Box 561, Coahoma
Reed, Donna Marie, P.O. Box 2193, Big Spring
Richardson, Sheila, 510 E. 17th St., Big Spring
Rodriguez, Arel, 4302 Monty Dr., Midland
Rodriguez, Laura, 805 E. 15th, Big Spring
Rodriguez, Mrs. Domingo, 1320 Mobile, Big Spring
Schlegel, Charlie, 2612 Ninth St., Wichita Falls or Rt. 3, blk. 62-N, Big Spring
Thompson, Sharon, P.O. Box 607, Big Spring
Thurman, Dewayne, 700 W. Fourth, Big Spring
Usuey, Gloria, HC 76, box 23, Big Spring
Zettler, Patricia M., 1849 Jackson, Abilene

Howard County Clerk's Office:
Marriage Licenses:
Robert Flores, Jr., 25, and Miriam Sartin, 20
Joe Michael Mata, 19, and Agustina Gonzalez, 22
Patrick Stone Justiss, 25, and Terese Renee Anderson, 23
Nicholas Clay Adams, 29, and Mary Ann Siler, 23
James S. Winfrey, 20, and Amy Lynn Yanoz, 22
Jerry Lin White, 29, and Lilo Cummings, 29
William C. Arnold, Jr., 46, and Cynthia Richter Gulley, 44

County Court:
Receivables:
Order of dismissal: Michelle L. Hartley, Cynthia Elaine Johnson, Tiffany L. McCallister, Sylvester McNight, Ronnie J. Coleman, Leal Renee Thompson, Magdalena Enriquez, William Odell Fulton, Christy Lynn Rains, Andrew Willborn, Ismael Rodriguez, Rafael Velez Velez, Jose Hernandez Gomez, Christy Rains (Morgan), Lydia Carbajal
Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Rigoberto Zamora \$219.25 court cost and 3 days in jail, Jose Angel Gomez \$219.25 court cost and 3 days in jail
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Armando Oviedo Ramos
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Johnny Ray Payne, Jr. \$300 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment DWLS: Robert Ray Coyle \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWI: Raul Piaz Martinez \$500 fine, \$234.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
Order: Armando Oviedo Ramos
Order continuing defendant on pro-

bation and extending period of probation: Melissa G. Young, Francisco S. Bustamante
Deeds:
grantor: Leola M. Edward and grantee: William M. Jr. and Cindy J. Atchley
property: lot 3, blk. 5, Coronado Hills Addition
filed: June 15, 1998
grantor: Vivian Gross and grantee: Leslie Lloyd
property: lot 10, blk. 2, Settles Addition
filed: June 16, 1998
grantor: Erlene Hans Williams and grantee: Ricky Nelson Prater and Jennifer Michelle Prater
property: lot 5, blk. 27, Monticello Addition
filed: June 16, 1998
grantor: Paul Eugene Payne and grantee: 700 Properties, Inc.
property: all of lot 2, blk. 1, Manning Addition
filed: June 16, 1998
grantor: Harris Lumber & Hardware, Inc.
property: 0.82 acre tract of land out of Spring Creek Subdivision, a 3.065 acre tract in the east 1/2 of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: June 16, 1998
grantor: Aline Marichen Hermann 1/4 a Aline Howard
grantee: Jimmy W. and Valerie U. Avery
property: tract 2, blk. 4, Thorp Subdivision of tract 14, Kenneberg Heights Addition
filed: June 16, 1998
grantor: Mary Helen Yater Clemm and grantee: Moses Flores and Eduarda (Evelyn) Flores
property: the north 155' of the west 80' of lot 1, blk. 3, Lockhart Addition
filed: June 18, 1998
grantor: Johnny R. Munoz and grantee: Agustin Zavala and Rosa Maria Zavala
property: north 1/2 of lot 1, blk. G, Moore Heights Addition
filed: June 18, 1998
grantor: Martha Munoz and grantee: Agustin Zavala and Rosa Maria Zavala
property: north 1/2 of lot 1, blk. G, Moore Heights Addition
filed: June 18, 1998
grantor: Suzanne L. Pearson and grantee: Carole J. Stevens
property: lot 3, blk. 29, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
filed: June 18, 1998
grantor: Craig A. and Jackie S.

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grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: all of lot 19, blk. 15, Monticello Addition
filed: June 18, 1998
grantor: Gene L. and Lana L. Piercedfield
grantee: Ernest Eugene and Donna Jeanne Todd
property: lot 1, blk. 5, Cedar Ridge Addition
filed: June 18, 1998
grantor: Clara Campbell West
grantee: Carroll W. Campbell, Mark K. Meadows and Wanda Elaine DeBruin
property: north 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of section 29, blk. 32, T-3-N
filed: June 19, 1998
Warranty deed with vendor's lien:
grantor: Beverly Rice
grantee: William Pope
property: north 56' of the south 76' of lot 3, blk. 6, Wrights Second Addition
filed: June 15, 1998
grantor: Patsy Jean Porter aka Pat Porter
grantee: The Decorator's Center, Inc.
property: lots 1 and 2, blk. 5, College Heights Addition
filed: June 16, 1998
grantor: Mary Jane Phillips
grantee: Charlene Ray Ogle
property: north 13' of lot 7 and all of lot 8, blk. 2, McDowell Heights Addition
filed: June 17, 1998
grantor: JO Ann Butler 1/4 Jo Ann Butler Anderson
grantee: Kim J. Anderson
property: 1.0 acre tract out of the northwest 1/4 of section 25, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: June 18, 1998
grantor: Darrel G. Burris and Bonnie Jean Burris
grantee: Billy Ray Stewart
property: lot 9, blk. 3, Stanford Park Addition
filed: June 18, 1998
Quit claim deed:
grantor: First National Bank of Lamesa
grantee: Record Title Holder
property: north 2500 acres of section 32, blk. 35, Bauer & Cockwell Survey
filed: June 15, 1998
grantor: Wendt Jean Koonce White
grantee: Jo Ann Butler
property: 1.0 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 25, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: June 18, 1998

Deed without warranty:
grantor: Lele Hansen
grantee: Charles W. Lusk
property: lot 19, blk. 11, Washington Place Addition
filed: June 15, 1998
grantor: Michael Paul Sparks
grantee: Jane Michelle Sparks
property: lot 5, the north 6' of lot 4 and the north 6' of lot 6, blk. 2, Central Park Addition
filed: June 18, 1998
118th District Court
Rulings:
Carmen Prieto Hernandez vs. Mickey Loya Hernandez, family law
Felicia Lucili Green vs. Darin E. Green, family law
Manuela Bernal vs. Martin Gonzales, family law
Donald E. Brown, Jr. vs. Diana Brown, family law
Seizure of certain contraband vs. James Lee Woodard, Gregory S., judgment-ANC
Carolyn Littlejohn vs. Charles D. Littlejohn, family law
Patricia Ross vs. Dondre M. Hall, family law
Randy Johnson vs. Michael Baxley and Cory Glenn, judgment-ANC
Charlene Delagarza vs. Tony Delagarza, family law
Dolores Hinojosa vs. Oscar F. Enriquez, family law
Linda Paredes vs. Joe Herrera, family law
Howard County, Et Al vs. Simon Balderas, Et Al, dismissed-tax
Coetilla Energy, L.L.C. vs. Bruce Wilkinson, Carolyn Wilkinson, dismissed-ANC
Karen L. Thurman vs. Richard G. Thurman, dismissed-divorce
Frances Beatriz Gomez vs. David Gomez, Sr., granted-divorce
Joey Martinez, Jr. vs. Julie Ann Martinez, granted-divorce
Nicole Garcia vs. Guadalupe Ruben Garcia, dismissed-family
Elizabeth Watson vs. William Jack Watson, dismissed-family
Mary A. Sturges vs. McDonald's Restaurants of Texas, dismissed-DO
Dora L. Myshin vs. Mark Allen Hazelwood, dismissed-family
Lisa Ruiz vs. Melsyki "Spanky" Edwards, Jr., dismissed-family
Debie Stuteville vs. Dennis Bolt, dismissed-family
Andrea Cevallos vs. Adam Wayne Edmondson, dismissed-family
Seizure of Certain Contraband vs. Fred Rubio, judgment-ANC
Blanca Diaz vs. Carlos Diaz, dismissed-family
Rebecca Renea Feaster vs. Tony Leon Feaster, family law
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Maria and Freddy W. Hagins, judgment-ANC
Geronimo Gonzales vs. Petti Ebrahimi, dismissed-ANC
Patricia Hogg vs. Raymond Hogg,

granted-divorce
Seizure of certain contraband vs. Arthur Jackson, dismissed-other
Big Spring Education Employees vs. William R. Colley, judgment-ANC
Coahoma ISD vs. Tammy Jon Tompkins, Et Al, dismissed-tax
Rawlie O. Gamel vs. Charle Gamel, granted-divorce
Seizure of certain contraband vs. Annette Coker, judgment-ANC
Barbara Ruth Humphries vs. Darren Emil Humphries, judgment-divorce
Seizure of certain contraband vs. Stephen D. Foster, judgment-ANC
Adella Rivera vs. Nicholas Nindling, family law
Seizure of certain contraband vs. David Sean Hallburton, judgment-ANC
Adam C. Hernandez vs. Marsha Dee Hernandez, granted-divorce
Lance Eric Smith vs. Tabatha Lynn Smith, granted-divorce
Kristi Dian Rodgers vs. Kevin O. Rodgers, granted-divorce
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Jose Manuel Holguin, judgment-ANC
Kathy Dawn Bradberry vs. Gabriel A. Barraza, family law
Mary Garza Johnson vs. James Earl Johnson, granted-divorce
Donna Dee Fann vs. Jimmy Ted Fann, granted-divorce
Ruby Nell Smith vs. Dennis Ausble, family law
Willard Royce Hawkins, Jr. vs. Helen Rose Hawkins, granted-divorce
Penelope Iris Moran vs. Justin Holly Moran, granted-divorce
Ronda Shaw vs. Jimmy D. Shaw, family law
Vanessa Malu-Helguin vs. Joe Torres, family law
Sylvia Martinez vs. Jose Luis Ontiveros, granted-divorce
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Anita Valle vs. Reuben Rios, family law
Susan Alice Garza vs. Robert Mitchell, dismissed-family
Amanda Renea Bingham vs. Gary Lee Cronin, family law
Janie Jurez vs. Lee Cortez, family law
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Cas Custom Farming, Inc., dba vs. Derrell Froman, family law
Sears, Roebuck & Co. vs. Jessele Wood, judgment-ANC
Co-Ex Pipe vs. Ranger Gathering Corp., judgment-ANC
Howard Coombes et al vs. Brian Ray Harris, dba Kwik Kar, dismissed-tax
Darrel E. Canada vs. Lindsay Canada, dismissed-divorce
Liz Lowery vs. Darren Sorley, family law
Elvira Brito vs. Robert Freeman Jackman, family law

Houston's energy industry energized with new blood

HOUSTON (AP) — The glass skyscrapers that form Houston's striking skyline were built on barrels of Texas' century-old oil industry. As crude's fortunes ebb and flow, those buildings are now filled with the new players in Texas energy. "The way we would define energy is probably a lot larger than 10 to 15 years ago," said Rusty Braziel, chairman of Altra Energy Technologies Inc., whose software products drive much of the nation's energy trading. "Then it was defined as the oil business. Now you could definitely crown Houston the energy capital of the world, and that includes oil, gas and electric power." Altra doesn't own one inland oil well, offshore gas rig or power plant. Instead, it develops software systems used to manage gas and electricity inventories and provide traders with up-to-the-second market information. The company estimates that

more than \$2.5 billion in energy trades have been brokered over its systems since the beginning of 1997. At least a half-dozen other Houston software companies also serve niche energy sectors opened by deregulation. Over the last decade, gas trading has evolved from a business dominated by dozens of small companies into major corporate enterprise. One such company, Enserch Energy Services Inc., runs one of the 30-odd full-fledged energy trading floors located throughout Houston. EES director Jim Ortenstone said Houston is a natural cradle for the natural gas market and the emerging electricity market, which is being deregulated one state at a time. "This is the energy Mecca," Ortenstone said. "Your talent pool is here, your resources are here, everything is here." The era of deregulated gas and electricity has promoted the diversification of pipeline

and other energy companies eager to gain or retain a piece of the marketing pie. Chuck Watson, chairman of trading giant Dynegy, said the old-guard oil companies are still vital to the Texas economy, but the future is much broader. "Chevron, Texaco and Shell probably had their best years in 1997, but it's fair to say the new energy businesses involving natural gas and (electric) power marketing are really what's driving employment, particularly in the high end," Watson said. Watson's company — called NGC Inc. until a name change this summer — sprang from an unremarkable 30 employees a decade ago to 900 and growing today. The trading arms of other companies also have seen exponential growth, almost all of it attributable to deregulation.

Striking workers canceling vacations and clipping coupons

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — General Motors employees Phyllis and Don Van Huss had a choice: Wyoming or Las Vegas. Would they take their July vacation in God's Country or Sin City? The Missouri couple had saved eagerly for their trip, which they scheduled to coincide with GM's annual summer shutdown. But soon after the start of two strikes earlier this month by the United Auto Workers at separate parts plants at Flint, Mich. — eventually idling nearly 152,000 workers at GM plants across North America, including about 1,400 in Texas — the couple's vacation choice was made for them. Instead of open skies or slot machines, they'll likely spend much of the summer clipping coupons as they cut costs at their home in the suburbs of Kansas City. For the Van Husses and thousands of laid-off GM workers nationwide, the summer of 1998 figures to be a long and costly one. For the Van Husses, it could be especially hot: They've turned off the air conditioning

indefinitely to save cash. "We'll probably exhaust our savings later this month or early in July," said Mrs. Van Huss. She is an exterior inspection worker at GM's Fairfax plant,

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The Howard County Farm Bureau is proud to announce that Mike Bagwell has joined their staff as an agent with Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in Howard, Glasscock and Reagan Counties. Mike is a native of Howard County and a graduate of Forsan High School. He is also a graduate of Tarleton State University and Texas Christian University's Ranch Management Program. "Mike is a great asset to our team," said local Farm Bureau Manager Brandon Luce. You can see Mike at the Howard County Farm Bureau Office at 1205 E. 11th Place or call him at 267-7466.
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Windows 98 creates carnival atmosphere for CompUSA

DALLAS (AP) — It was more than midnight madness that drew the crowd to the nation's largest computer-store for the rollout of Windows 98. Give-away prizes, promotional gimmicks and free food — as well as promises of software improvements — tempted throngs to the store for Microsoft's successor to Windows 95. Dallas-based CompUSA remembered the empty shelves three years ago and anticipated the buying spree for the new system.

Their North Dallas store planned to sell 500 upgrades in the first hour. Those projections were confirmed as more than 400 people stood in the check-out lines just minutes later eager to take their new upgrades home. "It's a lot crazier than I anticipated," said Doyle Haley CompUSA retail manager. The line formed early Wednesday with spirited shoppers. Sharon Greco dragged her blue velvet recliner to the store entrance and spent 12 hours in

scorching heat for a \$98 computer equipped with the new software. The technical recruiter said the wait was worth it. "Tonight I'll probably spend \$600 and I would have spent \$2,000," Ms. Greco said. Ms. Greco's long wait paid off as she was able to buy one of the \$98 computers. The new version boasts repairs to Windows 95 and promises greater stability and improved multimedia performance.

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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) Reach out for someone. Animated discussions prevail on the home front. You need a change. Consider rearranging furniture or adding a home office. Take the overview. Brainstorming produces solutions. Be more accepting of the unusual. Tonight: Attend a meeting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make that extra effort with new people. Co-workers appreciate your questions and ideas. Willingly accept new technology; don't fight the inevitable. A benefit is likely to come through your superiors, who express their approval of your work. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others' ways sometimes challenge you. Refuse to get involved in something you don't want to. Stay open to unusual information. There is more than a kernel of truth here. Others can trigger your emotions, but keep the conversations going. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You express yourself in a more vital and direct way. Discussions are focused. Look at a possible change in patterns. Your health and work benefit as a result. A partner surprises you. You pull the wild card financially; it's time to buy a lottery ticket. Tonight: Fit in exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) our vibrant nature blossoms. Over the next few weeks, you are likely to say exactly what you think. Be aware that your diplomatic skills might be lacking. A new love interest or child could be contentious. Avoid a power play. Tonight: Fun with a favorite friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stay centered, and visualize more of what you want. Surprise! A partner or friend does everything in his power to make it happen over the next few weeks. Redecorate, clean house or create a home office. Your domestic life recharges you. Tonight: Put your feet up!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Starting up a conversation is easy; ending one is another story entirely. Traveling or a long-distance call brings good news. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. Someone definitely cares about you, and shows it. Go with a spontaneous idea; you'll have fun. Tonight: Breeze around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Indulgence and moneymaking are closely tied. Pull back, and look at what you are doing. You hear news that presents another slant or new information. Avoid gossip, and make an adjustment accordingly. Security comes with your home and family. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Nothing can stop you, but don't think a partner won't try. Laughter and humor mix. Say

what you think, but be reasonable. Someone responds. Unexpected developments light up the day. Work with spontaneity. Others admire changes you made. Tonight: Call the shots!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take a deep breath. You might not be sure about where someone is coming from, but you certainly are going to find out. Listen carefully to others, who will let you know more than you wanted to. Use your intuitive abilities regarding money, then proceed cautiously. Tonight: Take a much-needed break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Zero in on what you want. Do not do anything halfway, especially involving work. Listen carefully to someone's feedback. Your ability to incorporate great ideas into your plans makes you a winner.

DEAR ABBY: I am 17 years old, and like any other teenager I like to laugh, play, study, party and be carefree. There is one part of my life, however, that makes me very different from other girls my age. I became a mother at age 16. I made a bad decision to have sex too young, without thinking of the consequences.

Tonight as I write this, I am missing the party of the year because I can't afford a baby sitter, not to mention a new dress. I am also a year behind in school and on home studies. I thought my boyfriend loved me, but my baby boy is almost 2, and I haven't seen his father since I told him I was pregnant.

I own two pairs of pants and three shirts, and my shoes are off the bargain table at the discount store because the baby's needs are expensive and constant. For those of you who think having a baby will turn you into a "free" adult, it won't. Here's what you get to do:

1. Wake up for a 2 a.m. feeding. (For months, I didn't have more than five hours sleep a night.)

2. Wake out of a sound sleep to care for a sick or frightened baby when you can't even think straight yourself.

3. Lug a diaper bag, baby stroller and irritable baby everywhere you go.

4. Never have a penny to spend on cute new clothes or makeup.

5. Lose your friends and disappoint your family. I am begging all teen-agers to think twice before having sex. See the world first. Go to college. Above all, enjoy your teen years. The opposite sex will always be there, but you can be a teen-ager only once. — TEEN MOM WITH A MESSAGE

DEAR TEEN MOM: You present a powerful case from a perspective only a teen-age mother could have. I hope your letter reaches other young people who need to hear it like it really is. Bless you for writing.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Stella," and I have just returned to the United States after having lived abroad for 15 years. She and I come from very different backgrounds. I have only one living relative, Stella, on the other hand, comes from a large extended family of brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, assorted cousins and grandparents. Family gatherings, especially around the holidays, are large, festive and noisy.

Here is my dilemma: I am asthmatic and allergic to cigarette smoke in any form, even on people's clothing. Needless to say, I try to avoid it as much as possible and don't go out to eat very often, unless there is no smoking at all in the establishment. Neither Stella nor I smoke, nor do our sons. However, Stella's sister and her husband (as well as other family members) are heavy smokers. Her sister's daughter is also slightly asthmatic and has other respiratory problems. While I, as an adult, can avoid this smoke, the child can't.

My closest friends and associates know about my health con-

Open up to new possibilities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Work is demanding yet forces you to mobilize your creativity. In the next few weeks, you'll push hard to come up with ways to circumvent red tape. A boss's demands could substantially change. Listen to feedback, especially about a diet. Tonight: Attend a must-show event.

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Girls just want to have fun and this teen mother can't



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cerns and are very considerate of me, and the ones who smoke refrain from doing so in my presence. The few times that we have visited my sister-in-law, everyone smokes around me. Stella has mentioned my condition to her family many times, yet no one seems to care or understand how this affects my health.

Now I am faced with two choices — avoiding these people and creating tension among my wife's family, or jeopardizing my health. Recently, Stella's family has been asking her why we have been avoiding them. How can we best handle this without hurting feelings and alienating family members? — SMOKE GETS IN MY EYES (AND LUNGS)

DEAR SMOKE: Why not tell them the truth?

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Feeling Worthless in New Hampshire," who wrote that her husband didn't value her because he brings in the money while she stays home managing the household and caring for the children.

As a child and as a teen-ager, I watched my mother care for my siblings and me and didn't think anything of it. Now the tide has turned. Because of an injury, I remain at home while my wife works. I had never realized how exhausting it can be to handle everything at home. I have a newfound respect for all women who remain at home while the "man of the house" works, not to mention those women who work and manage their homes, too. Even though my wife is tired after a day at the office, she pitches in around the house far more than I did when I was working on the outside. I wonder how many men come home and consider giving their wives a break by helping out.

"Worthless" should be proud that she manages one of the most important "corporations" in the world — the family. My hat is off to all stay-at-home mothers. I now have more respect for them and for what I took for granted all those years. — STAY-AT-HOME DAD

DEAR DAD: My hat is also off to them, and to YOU as well, for saying so!

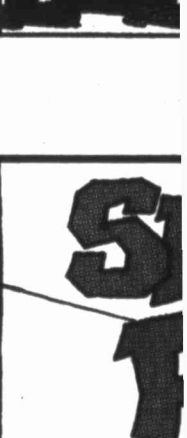
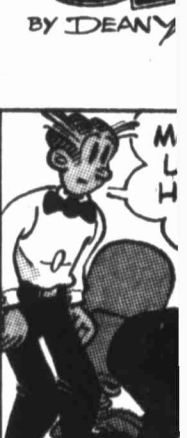
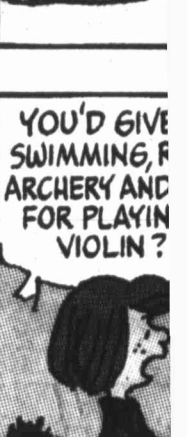
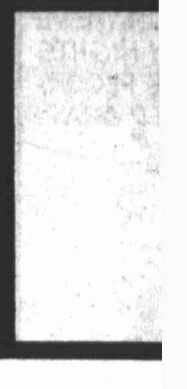
DEAR ABBY: There are a few words in our wonderful language that irritate me, and I would think your many readers have their pet peeve words as well. Why don't you take a reader survey on the subject? Maybe I'm not the only one whose blood pressure goes up from certain words.

For starters, here's a short, homemade poem: There are words in English that lrk us all, From me you'll get no quibbling. And the one that drives me up a wall Is when a kid is called a "sibling."

— CHARLES F. YARHAM, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO DEAR CHARLES: Cute! Readers?

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