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TONIGHT TODAY 70°- 75° 97°-99°

Burn ban still in effect here

Howard County residents are reminded that a burn ban is still in effect.

The ban also includes the discharge of aerial fireworks in the county. The City of Big Spring has an ordinance against the discharge of fireworks.

Due to drought-like conditions, Howard County has been under a burn ban since May 7. The county has received only minimal rainfall for almost two months now.

In inacting a ban on outdoor burning, Howard joins most of the other counties in the state.

WHAT'S UP ...

MONDAY

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

Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland, and Colorado City.

TUESDAY

Park 'Pops' with pure enjoyment By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor

Pops in the Park came off with a big bang Friday night! An estimated 10,000 persons filled Comanche Trail Park Friday afternoon and night to picnic, play, listen to patriotic music and view fireworks as part of the Pops in the Park program.

An estimated 5,500 persons filled the Amphitheater to nearcapacity while the remainder kept the park filled with music listening and fireworks watching parties.

Families began arriving in the park as early as mid-afternoon and by 5 p.m. there were few, if any, picnic spots left as dreams of members of the July Fourth Foundation came true. "This is what we were hoping for," one foundation member

said. "We had hoped families would come out and take advantage of the opportunity to turn this into a family outing." It clearly was that.

Despite 100-degree heat during the day, temperatures cooled into the lower 90s and then into the 80s as the sun set behind the Amphitheater. A light breeze kept things pleasant as the crowd streamed into the 1930s-era facility up until the moment the program start"Reflecting a proud community"

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 SUNDAY

More than 10,000 people - 5,500 in the amphitheater alone - crowded into Comanche Trail Park Saturday evening for the Pops in the Park concert and fireworks show. Organizers said the event was so well received, plans are already being made to hold it again next

year.

ed. And it was evident the audience appreciated the effort put forth by the Big Spring

"This was great ... ya'll did a great job," said Tony Lester.

gram. "My father-in-law has been all "This was wonderful. I'll bet we over the world and he said this have even more people here was really good ... that's something," Lester added. The program began with Copland's "Fanfare for the Florida and enjoyed the pro- Common Man" followed by See ENJOYMENT. Page 2A

John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March." As the symphony began "Fanfare," a brief volley of aerial bombs were fired, reminding the audience that it was to





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.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

Coahoma Senior Critizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Book Club meeting, 7 Howard County p.m., Library. "The Gift of Fear," by Gavin Debecker will be discussed.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

• Optimist Club, 7 a.m.; Howard College Cactus Room

THURSDAY

Tabernacle Spring 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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Symphony, under the direction of Gene Chartier Smith, and Chorus, under the direction of Stan Haynes.

next year.'

Lester said his in-laws had come to Big Spring from

Visitors awed by Pops in the Park

As you walked around the Amphitheater Friday night, you discovered there were people from all over - St. Petersburg, Fla., Sherman, Andrews, Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, Dallas, El Paso.

And one thing was certain ... to a person, they enjoyed the program.

"It had a wonderful small town feel, but the presentation was anything but small town,' said Lois Weathers of El Paso. "There's no doubt I enjoyed this more than I would have anything in El Paso."

Weathers said the atmosphere of the Amphitheater, where the audience and performers are in close proximity, added to the evening's pleasure.

"The music and fireworks were first class," she said.

Weathers said she wound up in Big Spring for the weekend when she decided she "had to get out of El Paso.'

She said she called a friend and advised them she was on her way.

"I'm glad I invited myself," she said with a laugh.

For Walter and Mary Lee of Coahoma, a trip to the Amphitheater is not unusual, even though the facility is not used on a regular basis.

· "This was really enjoyable," said Lee, who serves as pastor of Coahoma's First Presbyterian Church and presents the **Coahoma** Community Concert Series annually.

"This setting is so wonderful and they did an excellent job with the music," he added.

2-year-old Andrew For Sanders, the evening got off with a bang — and he hit the deck.

When the aerial bombs exploded at the start of "Fanfare for the Common Man," young Andrew took cover.

"It scared him to death," explained his father, Lyle. "He's usually not afraid of anything. but this caught him by surprise.'

As the evening progressed, Andrew moved around like any "It had a wonderful small town feel, but the presentation was anything but small town."

2-year-old. But any time it seemed as if there could be fireworks, he took cover --- such as during the "1812 Overture."

By the time the actual fireworks display got started, Andrew had made it to the walkway behind his father and was sitting with his back to the stage.

"He was getting as far away as he could," his father said.

But as the chorus started singing "This Land is Your Land," more fireworks took to the night sky.

But there was something different about these - they were quiet and colorful.

And Andrew liked them. He moved between his mother and father and started to point to the sky. And just like the rest of us in the Amphitheater, he began to "ooh" and "aah" with each successive display.

But Andrew knew something we didn't.

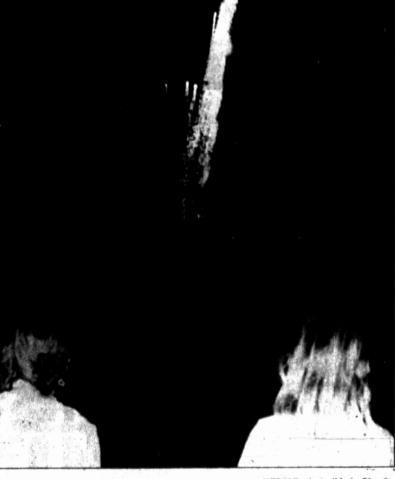
As the music switched from "America the Beautiful" to 'Stars and Stripes Forever" he started waving "bye-bye" to the fireworks he had so quickly grown to enjoy.

But Andrew shouldn't worry about missing the fireworks, for the success of Pops in the Park guarantees that it will back next year.

-JOHN H. WALKER



Thousands watched as the fireworks included a large flag display visible to those seated in the amphitheatre.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Pops in the Park goers described Saturday evening's concert at Comanche Trail Park as a "wonderful," "enjoyable" and "impressive" event.

Huge turnout has officials having to turn vehicles away

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

"Overwhelmed."

In a single word, July Fourth Foundation chairman Archie Kountz[®] summed up Friday night's Pops in the Park at the **Comanche Trail Amphitheater.**

"I was very, very impressed ... but impressed is not a strong enough word ... it was great,' he said. "I was overwhelmed at the turnout."

Kountz said Lt. Stan Parker of Spring Police Big

Comanche Trail Park was closed at 9 p.m., just moments after the Big Spring Spring Symphony and Chorus began its performance.

Department told him access to

"He (Parker) said at that time that all parking spaces were full and that there was no room in the park for any more vehicles," Kountz said.

City park personnel and police estimated there were 10,000 persons in Comanche

See TURNOUT, Page 2A



OBITUARIES

Kenneth **D. Holcombe**

Services for Kenneth D. Holcombe, 71, of Stanton were at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 4, 1998 in the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. David Harp and Rev. Duane McClure officiating. Burial was in Trinity

Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction Gilbreath of Funeral Home. He died Thursday, July 2, 1998 in

Stanton. Kenneth was born Aug. 6,

1926 in Gainesville, Texas. He moved to Stanton 52 years ago from Glasscock County.

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He was married to Ruth Glaspie on April 8, 1950 in Courtney.

He retired from Holcombe Industries, Inc. in 1997.

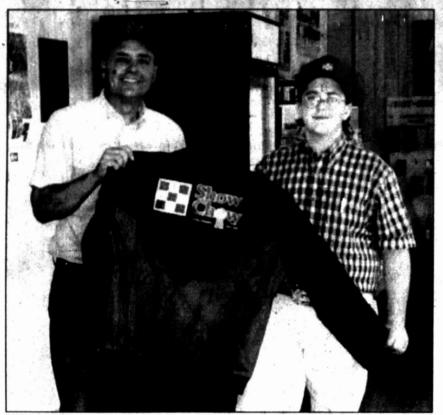
He was a veteran of World War II; served on the Stanton Independent School District board from 1970 through 1972; was a member of the Stanton Lions Club, American Legion and the First Baptist Church where he was a member of the LLL Senior Adult Group.

He was preceded in death by a son, Kerry Holcombe.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Holcombe of Stanton; a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Charles Butz of Greenwood; two sisters. Olive Pearson of Fort Worth and Thelma Brake of Newark, Calif.; two brothers, Hugh Holcombe of Fullerton. Calif. and Wayne Holcombe of Patterson, Calif.; three grandchildren, Ryan, Melanie and Samantha Johnson and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Bud Glaspie, Rusty Allred, Johnny Paul, Charlie Pinkerton, John Griffin, Richard Doggett, Delbert Dickenson and Brad Speir.

Honorary pallbearers were Art Twiss, Kevin Glaspie, Craig Fryar, Mike Glaspie, Mark



Courtesy photo

Don Bowles, left, of Howard County Feed and Supply, presents Cody McCann with his Purina champion lacket. McCann showed the grand champion helfer at the Howard County Jr. Livestock Show earlier this year.

the orchestra put in front of the stage, the Color Guard made its way to the stage for the presentation of colors and the singing of the anthem by the combined voices of the chorus and the 5,500 or so in the Amphitheater. Following the posting of the colors, the music switched to a salute to the armed forces, with musical tributes played for the Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force and Navy. Other music performed prior

to the start of fireworks included Sousa's "The Liberty Bell March," a tribute to Irving Berlin, including "Easter Parade," "White Christmas" and "God Bless America," and a tribute to Cohan.

Listeners also got to hear Anderson's "Bugler's Holiday" before the first portion of the program concluded with "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "1812 Overture."

It was during Tschaikovsky's work that the fireworks began again, with aerial bombs fired in place of cannons in the music.

And it was those fireworks that got the crowd ready for the big show.

Opening with "This Land is Your Land," the program an bebase steep address

"The first guy walked in three hours before everything got started, at 5:45, and I knew we were going to be OK," Kountz said.

Kountz said the organizing committee would meet within the next week to evaluate this year's program and presentation and develop a plan for next vear

"I had some people come up to me and talk about (donating) money for next year," Kountz said. The budget for this year's project was \$27,000. More than 100 individuals and businesses made donations to fund the pro*iect*

He said some of the materials used this year can be used in successive years.

The frame for the American flag, for instance, was made out of metal which will allow us to use it over and over.

'We'll keep those things we can use over and over as we develop this into an annual tradition. I think it will just grow and grow."

MEETINGS

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Appraisal District: Consider approval of an employee handbook;

Settles.

LOCAL

· Consider approval of bids on a van.

on Oct. 9-10. We need your help in locating SUPPORT GROUPS the following classmates: Thomas Land, Johnny Perez,

Wilkes McNallen, Glenda Johnetta McCullough Morris. SUNDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Nancy Ivie, Mario DeLeon, Jeff Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting Phares, Mike Warren, Kathy Molpus, Delores Williams, Gary and 7 p.m. open meeting. MONDAY Lagerstrom, Wanda Ball, Paula Ramirez, Donna Ferguson, •Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Patty Goodman, Janice Morris,

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., Kay Aton, Sheila Tidwell, Craig St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Frank, Dana Baker, Jill Lewis, 10th and Goliad. Open to all Billie Mike Eggleston, Debbie substance abusers. **Reaves and Brenda Smith.** •TOPS Club (Take off pound Please call Jeanie Johnson

sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and Knocke at 263-1757 or Vivian meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Dickson Glickman at 267-6808 if Lane Church of Christ you have any information about •Project Freedom, Christian

any of the names listed. support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-Class of '88 is going to be having 5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times its 10 year reunion in October. of upcoming groups. The following is a list of miss-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

ing classmates: Settles, noon open meeting. Manuel Alvear, Thomas •Encouragers Support Group Ashley, Juan Baldwin, Kenneth

(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 Wasson 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 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

 Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of

TEXAS LOTTERY

uled. Call the Permian Basin

POLICE

The following activity was reported by the Big Spring Police Department for the period ending at 7:30 a.m. today:-

 KRISTINA HEMBREE, 24, arrested on local warrants. JASON MOSKOE, 18,

arrested for DWI. • LINDA SMITHWICK, 21.

arrested on local warrants. MARIO YANEZ, 17, arrested on local warrants.

 RAYMUNDO GONZALEZ, 27, arrested for possession of cocaine.

• MICHAEL BIRMELIN, 17, arrested on local warrants.

 PRISCILLA BARRERA, 24. arrested for failure to identify. • JOHN FIERRO, 21, arrested

for public intoxication. · ANTHONY INGRAM, 31,

arrested for public intoxication. WELDON CUNNINGHAM, 19, arrested for public intoxica-

tion. · DAVID HUMPHREY, 33,

arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

JEFF YEAMAN, 46. arrested for public intoxication.

· ROSS McCORD, 31, arrested for driving with invalid license.

 INDECENCY WITH A **CHILD** reported at the Howard County Library. Incident occurred on Thursday, July 2. **•** BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION reported in the 2000

block of Johnson. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 500 block of NW 11th.

 INVESTIGATION OF SUS-**PICIOUS ACTIVITY** reported in the 1500 block of East 11th, 3300 block of W. Hwy. 80, 3600 block of Hamilton, 1400 block of State, 1900 block of Allendale and at 3rd and Owens.

DOMESTIC DISTUR-**BANCE** reported in the 1900 block of Wasson, 2000 block of Johnson and the 1000 block of Goliad. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT reported in the 900 block of East 6th and 100 block of Hearn. JUVENILE PROBLEMS reported in the 1300 block of Harding and at 11th and Scurry. • THEFT reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place, 1700 block of East Marcy (two instances) and 600 block of Tulsa. MINOR ACCIDENTS reported in the 1000 block of South Main, 200 block of West Marcy, 500 block of Westover. 500 block of Main and at 6th and Scurry and U.S. 87 and FM 700. · ASSAULT reported in the 3300 block of W. Hwy. 80.

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Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Stanton, Greenwood Baptist Building Fund or Allison Cancer Center.

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ENJOYMENT

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be a night of music and fireworks.

Following completion of the "Washington Post March," the symphony began the transition for the presentation of the colors by the Big Spring Police Department Color Guard as the symphony performed the "Star Spangled Banner."

It was during the transition that members of local Boy Scout troops, led by members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, took part in a processional of American flags down the outside aisles of the Amphitheater. As the flags were gathered in

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moved along almost problem free. Only during the playing of "This is My Country" was there an unexpected lull in the fireworks — which were fired after completion of the song as members of the symphony turned

and looked back over the top of the Amphitheater stage to watch along with the audience. The music continued with "America," "Texas Our Texas," "The Yellow Rose of Texas."

"Deep in the Heart of Texas," "God Bless America," "America the Beautiful" and "Stars and Stripes Forever.'

Throughout the night, during both musical segments, the audience rose collectively to its feet to recognize the efforts of the symphony and chorale especially during the performance of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "An Beautiful" and "America the "Stars and Stripes Forever.'

It was during the playing of "America the Beautiful" that a 12-foot high by 20-foot wide America flag made of 846 fireworks lances, was fired, again bringing the crowd to its feet.

But the biggest ovation of the night came as the symphony performed "Stars and Stripes Forever" and the fireworks' grand finale got under way.

"It was really something special," said one person. "We'll be back next year."

The program was presented by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Symphony and the City of Big Spring. In addition, more than 100 persons and businesses contributed more than \$27,000 to fund the program.

TURNOUT

Continued from Page 1A Trail Park.

Kountz said that before the program started, his biggest fear was that no one would show up.

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SANDS ISD

The Sands CISD board of trustees will meet in regular session at 8 p.m. Thursday in the board room in Ackerly.

Among the items the board will consider will be the hiring of a head boys basketball coach. in addition to accepting other resignations and/or recommendations for personnel.

Other items to be considered include:

Consider approval of Athletic Handbook as an administrative directive;

 Consider setting the date to hold the first public hearing for setting the 1998-1999 school year tax rate;

Consider approval of new valuation from Martin County

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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.

SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING. PLEASE



THE BSHS CLASS OF 68 is having a 30 year class reunion

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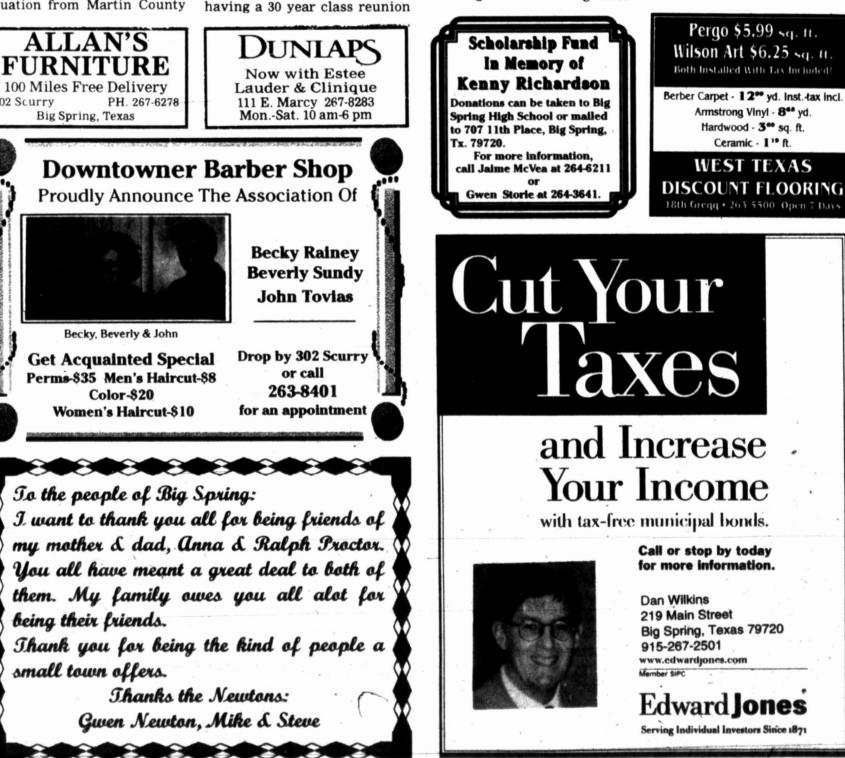
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If anyone has any information on the missing classmates, please contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe: 2513 Central, Big Spring; or call 268-9587; or Leslie Patterson Stevens; 2717 Carol Drive; Big Spring; or call 267-6620.

THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging needs volunteer ombudsman in Big Spring nursing homes to visit and monitor nursing home residents. A new training session is being sched-



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GENERAL NEWS

Court says leniency promises for witnesses illegal

DENVER (AP) — In a decision that could affect the appeal of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and change how prosecutors investigate criminal groups, a federal court has ruled that it is illegal for the government to promise leniency to witnesses in exchange for testimony.

In a 3-0 ruling, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the practice amounts to buying testimony.

The court, however, said Wednesday's ruling will not "drastically alter" the government's practices

Prosecutors and defense lawyers strongly disagreed.

"This is a bombshell," said Larry Pozner, a Denver defense attorney. 'This hits the government right where they live. This is how the government is operating, and we have said for 40

years, if you say to somebody in crim- attorney inal trouble, Til give you a free pass, Two of or I'll let you go if you tell me the story ing - Circuit Judges Paul J. Kelly Jr.

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"This is a bombshell. This hits the government right where they live."

I want to hear,' they'll tell you whatever they need to say to get out of trouble."

The decision could have implications for McVeigh's appeal, since the government's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, Michael Fortier, testified against McVeigh after cutting a deal with prosecutors. "Somewhere tonight there is indi-

gestion in the Department of Justice," said Stephen Jones, McVeigh's former and David M. Ebel - are assigned to McVeigh's case. A decision on the appeal is expected this summer.

McVeigh is awaiting execution for the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people, the deadliest act of terrorism ever on U.S. soil.

Mike Norton, a former U.S. attorney in Denver, said if the court's decision stands, it will have "a tremendously negative impact on the government's ability to investigate and prosecute trafficking, money laundering, securities fraud and health care fraud."

Norton said prosecutors routinely work their way up the chain of command in a criminal organization, offering immunity or plea bargains to lower-level participants in exchange for testimony against their superiors.

Judge Kelly said such deals violate federal law.

"The government may still make deals with accomplices for their assistance other than testimony, and it may still put accomplices on the stand; it simply may not attach any promise, offer or gift to their testimony." the court said.

The law states that anyone who directly or indirectly "gives, offers or promises anything of value to any person for or because of testimony ...

crimes by groups - conspiracy, drug shall be fined ... or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both," Kelly said.

> The ruling came in the case of a Wichita, Kan., woman accused of being part of a cocaine trafficking ring.

> Her conviction was based in large part on the testimony of another person involved in the conspiracy, Napoleon Douglas.

> The government did not specifically tell Douglas that it would seek a reduced sentence for him, but promised it wouldn't prosecute him for other offenses and would tell both the sentencing judge and his parole board about his cooperation, the court said.

> The appeals court said Douglas was promised leniency in exchange for his cooperation and testimony.

Army engineers build barricades to stop Protestant march

PORTADOWN. Northern Ireland (AP) - British army engineers strung barbed-wire fencing and dug a moat through farm fields today to deter thousands of Protestant Orangemen from overwhelming them and marching through a hostile Catholic area.

The work of about 700 soldiers, using bulldozers and backhoes, demonstrated British authorities' determination to block Portadown's Orangemen when they try to march today from the rural Drumcree Anglican church to this staunchly Protestant town through its main Catholic area. The Catholic protesters, led

by former IRA prisoner Breandan MacCionnaith, said they couldn't trust the British security forces to stop the Orangemen. They pledged to form a round-the-clock human barricade today on Garvaghy Road, which runs through their area.

The Drumcree rector, the Rev. John Pickering, said the expanding army barricade saddened him at a time when, through April's compromise agreement on how Northern Ireland should'be governed, "I an tensions with their annual thought we were beginning on parade. the way for peace.'

"But this barrier across the ed similar fortifications surfields of barbed wire is a great rounding the high-steepled

division, and it's symbolic of church. the division in Northern But determined then as now Ireland," he said. "... I appeal to

people to pray to almighty God

Soldiers and police also

blocked all other roads leading

into the Catholic area with

armored cars and steel barri-

The scale of today's army

operation was bigger than 1996,

when the government last

ordered the town's 2,000

Orangemen not to raise sectari-

Two years ago, soldiers erect-

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cades.

to get their way, Northern 80,000-strong Ireland's Protestant brotherhood massed in their tens of thousands at the church and blocked roads across Northern Ireland.

After five days of escalating mayhem, the police gave in, forcing Catholic protesters off Garvaghy Road.

In 1997, authorities permitted the parade and saturated Garvaghy Road with riot police and soldiers, sparking four nights of widespread Catholic rioting.

This year, the government passed responsibility to a new

Parades Commission, which even before the march. again ordered Orangemen to avoid Garvaghy Road.

Since 1807, the march on the first Sunday of July has provided a *rallying point for Portadown Protestants.

But Saturday, the leader of the Presbyterian Church, Northern Ireland's largest Protestant denomination, appealed to Orangemen not to confront police or soldiers with violence.

The Rev. John Dixon said the Gospel calls on Christians "to obey the lawfully constituted authority, to show a gentle attitude towards everyone."

• This year, for the first time, the sectarian hatred has begun Arsonists attacked 10 Catholic churches starting Wednesday night, followed by retaliation on a Protestant church, an Orange hall and other properties.

Early Saturday, Orange halls in Belfast, 30 miles to the northeast, and Cookstown, 15 miles north, suffered minor damage from gasoline bombs.

Details also emerged earlier Saturday of intensive but unsuccessful shuttle diplomacy between MacCionnaith's Garvaghy Road Residents Coalition and the Portadown leaders of the Orange Order.

The talks involved intermediaries and senior politicians.

Cooler economic

WASHINGTON (AP) — The summer forecast? Stormy and a lot cooler. Not the weather, the economy. Analysts see the United States headed for a dramatic slowdown in growth because of troubles in Asia. And that is the best-case

versions, economists fear the Asian crisis could spiral out of control, bringing down first Japan. then China and in Nigerian government's invitashort order engulfing the whole world in a global recession. While that doomsday scenario is considered only a remote possibility, most analysts believe a substantial reduction in U.S. growth is not only a virtual certainty but has already begun. Unemployment is inching up, orders for manufactured goods are falling and the trade deficit is setting records

Clinton administration, encour-

personal appeal to Gen. Abdulsalam Abubakar to go a

step further and arrange for a transition to elected civilian rule. The State Department's thirdranking official, Thomas Pickering, was flying to Nigeria this weekend for a meeting Tuesday with Abubakar at the

Pickering will arrive just set to leave for Nigeria to try to decided not to make the trip. before the end of the 30-day mourning period for the late head of state, Sani Abacha. When that period ends, Abubakar may announce whether he intends to reinstate democratic rule.

"There is a moment of opportunity here," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Thursday in announcing of several the administration hopes that Abubakar will use Pickering's visit. He will be imposed to show displeasure that date to usher in an era of accompanied by a delegation of with Abacha's rule. viewed here diplomatic, military and foreign as corrupt, heavy-handed and

A month ago, Pickering was

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persuade Abacha to turn over the government to elected civilians.

However, Pickering canceled the trip after Nigerian authorities served notice that his delegation would be received only if the United States reinstated the revoked U.S. visas of Nigerian officials. That sanction was one

Abacha died unexpectedly and was replaced by Abubakar, also an Army general.

Abacha had set an Oct. 1 dead line for a transition to civilian rule, but it became clear before his death that he intended to transform himself into a nominally civilian president.

The Clinton administration genuine democratic change. Nigeria has been under military rule for 28 of its 38 years of inde-

Abubakar has surprised and pleased the Clinton administration by releasing some political prisoners and pledging that soon all will be freed, including Mashood Abiola, who was the apparent winner of presidential elections held in 1993.

Nigeria's military refused to allow him to take office and he has been in detention since 1994

"We've always believed that the release of political prisoners could be a key step in the tran-

U.S. envoy hopes to steer Nigeria toward democracy WASHINGTON (AP) - The

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"The United States and

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nearly two years. And on Thursday, the government said the unemployment rate edged up to 4.5 percent last month with the weakness led by a third straight monthly decline in factory payrolls.

Hardest hit have been companies with a heavy focus on Asia. Nike, the world's biggest shoe manufacturer, said this week it had lost \$67.7 million in the fourth quarter as its Asian revenues declined sharply.

Asia buys one-third of all U.S. exports. For April, America's trade deficit climbed to an all-time high of \$14.5 billion as U.S. farm exports fell to their lowest level in 3 1/2 years.

Analysts said worse numbers are yet to come with America's trade deficit in goods alone expected to hit a record \$230 billion this year. Bad as those figures are, many believe the rising trade deficit does not represent Asia's biggest threat to the U.S. economy. The bigger threat would be if Asia's financial' troubles seriously harm America's high-flying stock market.

Clinton seeks stronger food safety regulations WASHINGTON (AP) -Saturday for tighter food safety rules and new government research on preventing contam-

ination. Clinton said he wanted to use his weekly radio address, recorded before he flew home from Hong Kong, to relay "what I'm doing to make sure the food and drinks we serve our families this Independence Day and

every day are safe.' He announced a plan to create, with the Agriculture and Health and Human Services departments, a joint institute of food safety research that would coordinate all federal research programs, including those conducted with the private sector and academia.

It is anticipated the institute

President Clinton called foodborne hazards, and more effective ways of preventing contamination at each step of food production.

> Congress for \$101 million to implement his broader foodsafety initiative, including expanded surveillance, inspection and early-warning systems. Thus far, the House has voted to provide just \$16.8 million of the president's request. The Senate Appropriations committee approved only \$2.6 million.

Following up on a 2-month-old Food and Drug Administration announcement that unpasteurized juices would soon be required to carry warning labels, Clinton said work on the federal regulation is completed



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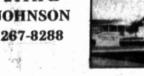
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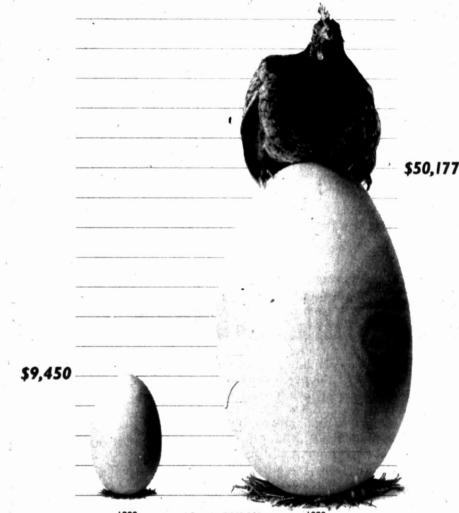


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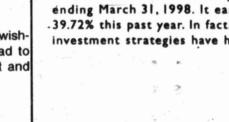
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OUR VIEWS

Weekend full of events to put a smile on your face

here are a few things in life that put a smile on person's face, and we in the Crossroads Country got to enjoy several of them Friday and Saturday.

Take, for example, John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," or Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Consider, if you will, a glowing American flag made

of fireworks as the strains of Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner" lift across the night. Think about the laughter of a child during a Fourth

of July parade and the red, white and blue decorations that remind of what that grand old flag of ours stands for.

The red, white and blue colors and their arrangement in

the flag are often interpreted as expressing the very character of our nation.

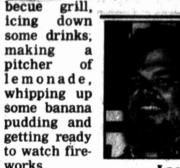
It was 221 years years ago that the Continental Congress of 1777 declared that the white stars in the field of blue shall represent a "new constellation." George Washington described the white in the flag as symbolizing our desire for liberty — the land of the free. We say the red signifies the courage and sacrifices of the nation's defenders, and the blue has been likened to the loyalty and unity of our citizens.

So, take a moment this weekend to give pause, if you will, and to look to the heavens and thank the Good Lord for allowing us the privilege to be Americans. No, our system is not perfect, but it is the best sys

Do we remember the holiday - or the family

oy, I love fireworks and the Fourth of July! To me, there's nothing like gathering around a bar-

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works. As a kid in Н. the WALKER Mississippi

remember how my cousins and I used firecrackers.

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Back then, you couldn't buy fireworks around the Fourth, because it wasn't a holiday that was widely celebrated in Mississippi, since that was the same day Vicksburg fell to Grant's siege during the Civil War (better known below the Mason-Dixon Line as the War of Northern Aggression.).

So we always bought bundles of fireworks around Christmas and made them last.

That wasn't hard to do around our house, because daddy either grumbled, "Put those damned things up" if you shot some without asking or mumbled "hell, no" as he read the newspaper when you asked if you

could shoot them. So what the cousins, as we came to call ourselves, would always do would be to store several bundles of firecrackers at

Granny Walker's. When we gathered, which was just about every weekend, we would go out in the pasture just beyond the lane and play war.

We were all on the same side, of course, as we fought the Nazis and Japs as they threatened our lines.

There were shouts of "I got you" interspersed with "No you didn't" as the battles raged on for hours out in the gullies that were hidden by pin oaks, pines and pear trees. The soil in the pasture was a

sandy loam, with just a little gray clay mixed in. In the South, that gray clay was better known as "gumbo" because of the way it stuck to everything. We'd take those firecrackers and stick them in "hand

grenades" we had made by grabbing a handful of that sandy loam and gumbo mix and forming a ball. We'd take that ball and light

the firecracker and then lob them over the enemy positions. The object, of course, was to

see how much mud and muck we could get on one another as we ran to and fro, ducking for cover from a sniper in a tall, pine tree. My cousins and I - Dudley

and Don, brothers who were

We all had fathers and uncles who had either served in World War II and Korea or had built Japanese and German interment camps during World War II, and so there was always dis-

both claimed by brain tumors a

year apart; Tommy, Jimmy

Howard, Keith and Benny

had pride in America.

were raised in a time when you"

cussion about what had been when America went to war. I remember our Uncle Ray and Uncle C.L. talking about when they went into the Navy and how they "learned" to swim by being given the opportunity

to jump in and swim around the

ship. I remember the medals that were kept in a round canister up on the very top of the fireplace mantel in Granny's living room and how we kids would slide a cane bottom chair over by the mantel and climb up in it ... reaching carefully for that canister.

The medals displayed phrases such as "Remember Pearl Harbor" while the patches and badges were from the units in which our fathers and uncles had served their country.

It was a simpler time then. Television was an infant, still crawling as it tried to gain its feet. Radio broadcast programs, such as mysteries and westerns, and was still something that could hold you in awe if you tried to figure it out.

Movies were big and on a Saturday afternoon, we'd all leave Uncle Ray and Aunt Mary's variety store to held toward the Melroy Theater. Along the way, we'd stop in Miss Nannie Gambrell's store to get a cold drink from her refrigerator.

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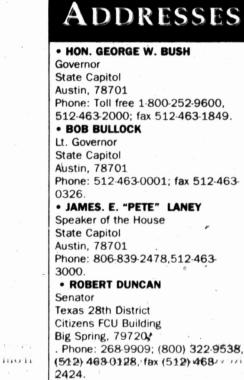
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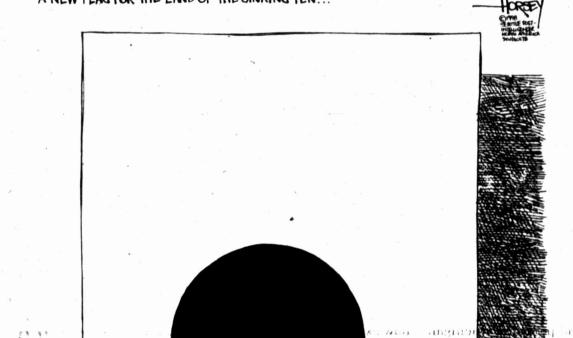
You know, the more I think about it, it's probably not the memory of the fireworks that make the Fourth special for me ... it's the memories of Dudley and Don and Tommy and Benny and Jimmy and Howard and Keith and all the wonderful times we had together.

Almost a half-century later. our ranks have thinned. The brothers Walker, our fathers -Horace, Howard, Ray and C.L. are gone and are now just memories that we share on the Internet.

But that's the wonderful thing about times like those we had as youngsters growing up in the land of kudzu and sugar cane and high cotton, we'll always have our memories - even if we no longer have one another.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald.)





A NEW FLAG FOR THE LAND OF THE SINKING YEN ...

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tem that can be found in the world.

And yes, some of the very freedoms we have that make our country so great are some of the things that irritate us the most.

Where else in the world, for example, can someone climb atop a soap box and speak against the government of their own country without fear of retribution? Only in America.

Where can a young man grow up in a split home, father unknown and mother an alcoholic, and yet have the opportunity to become president of the greatest country in the world?

Only in America.

So, as this holiday weekend winds down, take a break from your revelry and give thanks that you and your loved ones are citizens in the greatest country in the world.

Happy Fourth!

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

In reply to the arguments about the Moss Lake and the water skiers versa fishermen and ladies, is a very complex job. I have been fishing on the rivers in Houston and was disturbed by boats and folks on those long skinny boards with someone riding, pulled with a long rope and the fish would not bite. They make lots of noise and make big waves in the water. Also, your cork begins to bounce and you think that a fish is on your line and you go to all the trouble to lift it from the water and it is very tiring and wasted energy.

The simple solution is very simple. Designate a time for each group to met there when the other is not there.

They will not be there at the same time, and this way they will never fight.

J.W. ABERNATHY **Big Spring**

TO THE EDITOR: Fireworks, picnics and parades echo the spirit of independence we celebrate on Independence Day, and during our celebrations, a cold beer is one way many people toast the freedom we enjoy. After all, beer is as much a part of the Fourth of July as the excitement of a parade and backyard get-togethers.

Whether you're celebrating at the lake, at the ballpark or with family and friends this year, Standard Sales Co., Odessa's distributor of Anheuser-Busch beers, hopes you'll be guided by one of the cornerstones of our democracy: individual responsibility.

So when you raise your glass to toast the architects of independence, remember to also accept the responsibilities that dome with liberty: "Know When To Say When" this Fourth of July weekend.

> **Alcohol Awareness** Coordinator **Standard Sales Co.**

KAREN K. GRIFFIN Odessa

America must fight to stay free

'm beginning to believe in circles. More than two centuries ago American indepen-

sought and fought for. For decades. it was genuinely celebrated. Then CHARLEY REESE

is once again a living political

Oh yes, folks, there are people who think that the nationstate is a dead relic and should, for all practical purposes, be abolished in favor of some form of world government. They work to achieve that.

Europe were meeting to decide on whether or not to establish a permanent international criminal court. The World Trade Commission, which Congress foolishly voted to accept, chips away at American independence. Membership in the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization chip away

at American independence. Perhaps it would be a good idea to review the matter of independence so Americans can decide if they wish to remain Americans or become citizens of some supranational organization.

United States and its people answer to no laws other than those enacted by themselves. That means, of course, that we should withdraw from the WTC and vote against and disavow the international crimi-

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nal court. An independent America would never allow one of its citizens to be tried by an international court. An independent America would never allow an international bureaucracy to

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United States goes to war only in defense of the United States and only, as our Constitution dictates, upon a declaration of war by Congress.

Instead, Americans are posted in more than 100 foreign countries on missions for the United Nations. When a young American soldier, Michael New, declined to wear a U.N. uniform and serve under a foreign officer, he was court-martialed. To its shame, Congress did not rise up in his defense, though some individuals did. More than 100,000 Americans have died in combat in unde-

clared wars since 1945. Independence means that U.S. foreign policy is determined only by U.S. interests. Today, the second most powerful lobby in Washington is that of a foreign country, Israel, and it succeeds often in persuading the government to act not in American interests, but in the interests of Israel It is wrong, for example, for

the United States to queer its relationship with Russia over the issue of Russian investment in Iran simply because Israel chooses not to make peace with its neighbors and therefore fears them. George Washington, in his

farewell address, spelled out what's wrong with foreign influence: 1. It creates an illusion of

common interests where there are none.

2. It involves the United States in the favored foreign nation's quarrels and wars. 3. It leads to granting favors to the favored foreign nation, which results in ill will in other nations denied the favors.

4. It encourages those acting on behalf of the foreign nation to mislead public opinion and to tamper with domestic factions.

5. It allows the foreign agents to smear those loyal Americans who resist it.

Of course, Americans no longer interested in independence will have little interest in the father of that independence.

On the other hand, those who appreciate and love America will never surrender its independence peacefully, nor will they view as other than enemies those who advocate its loss.

Sometimes, like Col. William Barrett Travis at the Alamo, you just have to draw a line in the sand. Lines, of course, are too thin for compromise.

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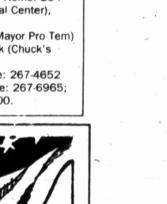
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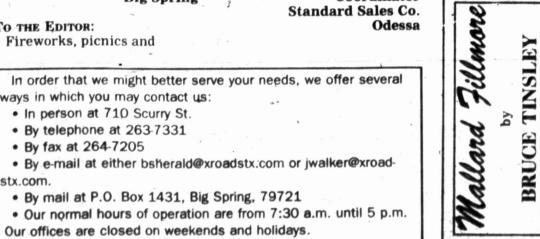
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Like a war zone' — in Florida, thousands out of home

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FLAGLER BEACH, FIa. (AP) Sitting on a beach picnic table, Lawrence Small was homeless and irritated a few hours after he and thousands of others fled in the face of fires sweeping across northeastern Florida.

Small was told to turn around three times as the evacuation of Flagler County - more than 45,000 residents — became a bumper-to-bumper mess on roads that were sometimes closed and sometimes not.

"We need somebody to tell us something," Small complained before those who sought refuge on the beach were told they could get away to the south. With fires closing in from

three directions, charring brittle pine trees and brush as they

came, residents in Flagler County packed up pets and family heirlooms and left for safer ground.

More than 120,000 people in Flagler, Brevard and Volusia counties were under evacuation orders, according to the latest state figures. Some were allowed back in, but many communities were virtual ghost towns early today.

"From what I have heard it's like a war zone," Helen Allen said as she unpacked her car near Mims.

Though many Volusia County residents were told they could return home, many are afraid to do so, said Joe Wooden, a county emergency spokesman.

"Now that we feel comfortable with letting them go back, they're saying 'No way. We don't want to go back,'" he said today. "This is the Hurricane Andrew of wildfires ... People are terrified.

Early today, firefighters in Brevard County gathered a few miles north of Titusville, a city of 42,000 threatened by fire.

"If the sea breeze changes it could go directly through Titusville," said Rich Wiederhold, district chief for **Brevard County Fire Rescue. "If** it gets away from us, there's nothing else between it and the (Indian River).

"Titusville is on the wrong side of the river."

The Red Cross opened 40 emergency shelters, mostly at high schools, with 3,000 people expected overnight. Evacuees and firefighters also took shelter at what was going to be a hospitality pavilion and other buildings at the Daytona International Speedway, where today's stock car race was canceled.

Motorists turned on their headlights at noon Friday as they made their way through smoke that cut visibility to a quarter-mile at the Daytona Beach airport. Traffic on State Road 100, lined with American flags in anticipation of holiday celebrations now on hold, was backed up for miles.

About 1,500 members of the National Guard were ordered to help with traffic control and provide security for evacuated areas. Nearly 600 Guardsmen are already fighting fires.

Since June 1, some 2,000 wildfires have scorched 453,000 acres - more than 10 times the size of Washington, D.C. - in drought-stricken Florida. Nearly 200 homes have been damaged or destroyed and 55 people, many of them firefighters, have been injured. No deaths have been reported.

Walt Disney World and other resorts in Orlando, about 50 miles south of the worst blazes, were largely unaffected. By Friday evening, the humidity rose and the sea breezes kicked in, slowing the spread of the fires.

"That gives the people a better chance of defending structures, defending themselves and curtailing the fires," said Ray Geiger, chief of field operations for the Florida Division of Forestry. "We're still losing structures, we still have people in jeopardy, but it's not nearly as bad as we thought."

Still, the forecast didn't hold much hope for rain.

In Flagler County, where a squirrel with its tail singed to a nub ran along a road Friday, most residents had left. Larry Scovotto, executive director of Florida Fire Chiefs Association, said the evacuation was successful, if not pretty.

"Any time you evacuate an entire county it's going to be perceived as disorganized because some people aren't going to know what to do," he said. "We are doing the best we can with the limited resources we have '

Agency asks Texans to conserve water

DALLAS (AP) - Water, water everywhere - and that's the problem.

With scorching temperatures in the 100s and no rain, Texans are using lots of the wet stuff these days to cool themselves and their yards.

But water systems are having a hard time keeping up with the demand, so the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is asking folks to conserve.

"In short, it's time for action, and that means we need to put water conservation as a top priority," Commissioner John Baker said Friday. "We ask all citizens of Texas to use water and no shortage is imminent.

wisely this time of year."

The shortage is especially bad in Northeast Texas, where 11 counties are having water demand problems. More than 30 systems from Cass County in the north to Cherokee .and Anderson counties in the south are under mandatory or voluntary rationing.

At least two North Texas cities have gone a step further. **Residents of Plano who ignore** water use rules face fines up to \$1,000. In Coppell, fines for violations range from \$50 to \$200. Despite preventive measures, officials stress there's plenty of water in North Texas lakes,

Most cities have enough water in reserve to cover a few high-use days, but during extended periods of hot weather or drought, those reserves run out quickly.

And Texas is in the grip of a long-running drought that is draining billions of dollars from the state's economy and prompting farmers to abandon scorched crops.

Janell Mirochna, a spokeswoman for Dallas Water Utilities, said water use estimates are crucial for making sure there's enough for everyone

"The system's not a yo-yo, and you can't just ask for more

water one day and then go back to the old amount the next," Ms. Mirochna told The Dallas Morning News.

The TNRCC has these tips for saving water:

- Wash clothes and dishes only in full loads. Soak dishes before washing instead of running water over them.

 Never keep water running while brushing your teeth.

 Water your plants and lawn only when necessary and only on designated days, if you live in an area where rationing is in effect. Never water during the hottest part of the day.

- Put off washing your vehi cle if possible.

Nader consumer group sues FAA over aircraft certification

Nader's aviation consumer group is suing the Federal Aviation Administration for certifying the Boeing 777-300, the world's longest commercial airplane, without holding a fullscale passenger evacuation test.

"The FAA has moved into the world of regulatory virtual reality, choosing simulation of passenger evacuation testing over real-life confirmation," Nader said. "This lawsuit is designed to bring the FAA back into the real world of injury prevention.'

The FAA certified the plane based on an evacuation test of

WASHINGTON (AP) - Ralph just the new passenger compartment added to the airliner. plus an analysis of data gleaned during full-scale passenger evacuations on shorter versions of the airplane.

> The 33-foot fuselage section added to the plane increases its capacity from 440 passengers to 550

> Paul Hudson, executive director of Nader's Aviation Consumer Action Project, said evacuation problems increase exponentially when a plane is lengthened, and the only way to determine these problems is with evacuations of the entire aircraft.



LANSING, Mich. (AP) - Dr. Kevorkian mocked Jack Michigan lawmakers after learning they had passed a bill outlawing assisted suicide, calling the Legislature a "tool of the Inquisition."

The bill was approved Thursday and Gov. John Engler said he will sign it. Effective Sept. 1, it would make assisted suicide a crime punishable by \$10.000 fine.

Prosecutors have been asking the Legislature for a clear haw ever since a 1992 temporary ban on assisted suicide lapsed four years ago.

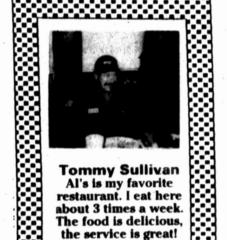
The measure "ought to put Jack Kevorkian out of business and end that sorry spectacle that's been playing out these many years." Engler said.

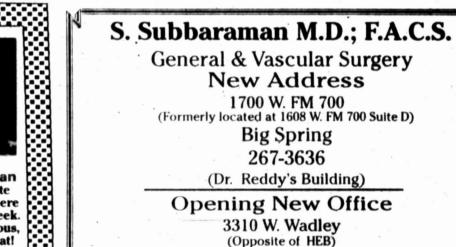
State Sen. William Van Regenmorter said: "This is an up to five years in prison and a important step in our efforts to protect the people of Michigan from the gruesome works of Jack Kevorkian and others like him.' However, Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair said that the law would help prosecutors in only some cases, because juries may still sympathize with terminally ill patients leading miserable lives. O'Hair unsuccessfully tried Kevorkian in 1994, a case in which he had Kevorkian confessing on television to assist-

ing in a suicide. The jury acquitted him anyway.

"The problem with Jack Kevorkian is, he's been careful not to leave behind a prosecutable case," O'Hair said.

Kevorkian has acknowledged assisting in more than 100 suicides since 1990. He has been brought to trial four times in six deaths since 1990 and escaped conviction every time. Two trials were based on the





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"Don't you know you cannot legislate morality? You cannot do that," he told The Oakland Press of Pontiac.

"Tell them we will go to trial immediately after that law goes into effect. The Michigan Legislature is a tool of the Inquisition. It is a lie. They would burn us at the stake if it wasn't for a jury," he said.

now-expired suicide law that had been passed specifically to stop him. A third was based on a 1994 Michigan Supreme Court ruling that assisted suicide could be prosecuted under common law - the traditions and precedents that are the foundation of much of modern law. A fourth case ended in a mistrial. "I think he has demonstrated he is going to defy the law and authority," O'Hair said. "I don't

think making this ban effective Sept. 1 or tomorrow is going to stop him."

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Suspect also wanted for murder in Texas

gunman who shot at police on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge has emerged as the prime suspect in the murder of a Texas investment banker, police said Friday.

Sergai Taio Daigre Jr., 20, was in fair condition Friday after surgery for neck, face and hand wounds. Police said he shot himself in the head during the pre-dawn standoff that closed the nation's busiest toll bridge for 3 1/2 hours.

Daigre, from Dallas, was under arrest for attempted murder of a police officer. Charges were to be filed early next week. Police first spotted the gun-

man before 5 a.m. Thursday in a gray Porsche parked at Yerba Buena Island, which divides the bridge

A computer check showed the car was stolen from a murdered Texas investment banker June 26. police spokesman Jim Deignan said.

As two officers approached the car, Daigre ran into the bridge tunnel, waving a 9 mm

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The gun at commuters and yelled at them to stop.

"All I know is this guy was pointing a gun toward me," James Thompson said. "He was right there, he could almost touch the windshield with his gun." Thompson escaped by racing his car backwards.

The gunman exchanged fire with police before hiding behind a concrete barrier in the tunnel. He then turned the gun on himself, police said.

The dramatic shootout closed the lower deck of the Bay Bridge for hours and stalled traffic for several more.

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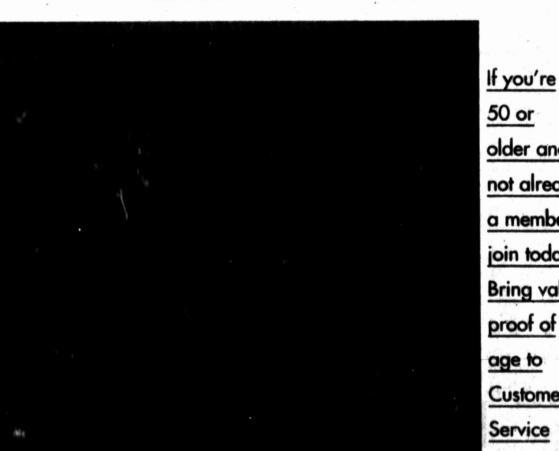
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Attendant's patriotism won't fly with airline

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - For years, United Airlines flight attendant Anne Miller wore a small American flag pin on her uniform as a sign of her patriotism.

Now a new San Francisco supervisor, a retired Air Force office, has told her the pin has to go because it violates the airline's dress code.

Ms. Miller, who has flown with troops on special tours to Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, has contacted her union to protest. She also has started handing out American flag pins to fellow flight attendants.

"It's terrible," she told the San Francisco Chronicle. "It's just not very American as far as I'm concerned.'

The airline does ask flight attendants who speak a particular foreign language to wear identifying flag pins. Just not the American flag.

Mary Jo Holland, a United spokeswoman in Chicago, said the airline insists that employees adhere to basic standards.

"There is some uniqueness of style allowed for flight attendants, but a uniform is a uniform - and we try to be consistent across the board," Ms. Holland said.

Mime grabs loot during bank robbery

LAFAYETTE, Colo. (AP) — The all-points bulletin may have gone this way: Well-dressed street performer with plenty of loot. Appears mute.

Police are looking for a man who dressed as a mime during a robbery at a bank.

"I was astounded by what he looked like," said Paulette Montrose, who saw the suspect flee the Bank One building. He was wearing a tuxedo or dark suit, a white mask and carried a gun/

The mime abandoned the traditional no-talking policy long enough to order a teller to give him cash. The suspect then jumped into a getaway car driven by an accomplice.

Police hope to put the mime in a real box when they catch up with him

Sticky situation makes movie-goer irate

BELLEVUE, Neb. (AP) - A man who sat in gum at a movie theater quickly turned the film into an R-rated evening when he ripped off his pants and threw a tantrum while clad in his under wear

The 43-year-old man settled into his seat at the Southroads Mall theater for a show Tuesday night when he found gum stuck to his pants

Irate, the man got up from his seat and began hollering for the manager. As his voice rose, his pants dropped.

The 5-foot, 380-pound man began walking through the theater in his underwear, yelling for the manager, police Capt. Herb Evers said.

Holding out his gum-splotched pants, the man walked into the lobby and yelled at a clerk behind the concession stand, Evers said. When the manager did not immediately arrive, the man still in his underwear — punched out a glass case displaying a movie poster

Theater employees called police, who cited the man for disturbing the peace and criminal mischief. He was released on his own recognizance.

WASHINGTON (AP) - All men and women are created equal, said the resolution passed 150 years ago this month at the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. But the laws said otherwise, and women could not even vote to change them.

Today, women's rights advocates can point to major advances, including the right to vote and own property and laws promising equal employment and education opportunities.

"The legal framework of rights for women has been transformed in the last 150 years," said Kathy Rodgers of the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. In those days, "when you were married you became one person and that one person was the husband," she added.

"I think (the early feminists) would be thrilled that we've made as much progress as we have and they would be committed to continuing the advance toward true equality," said Susan Deller Ross of the Georgetown law school's sex discrimination clinic.

The challenge in 1848 was a huge one, as spelled out by the convention's Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions, modeled after the Declaration of Independence.

The document accused men of

The

WASHINGTON (AP) ---

government is warning con-

sumers to avoid using heating

pad-style devices sold as a way

to help the overweight sweat off.

pounds. Regulators say the

devices can catch fire and have

Personal Electro-Saunas, also

called the Moulding Body

Electrical Body Belts, were

recalled by a Miami company

that goes by the names Body

Fitness Inc. and the TV Store

Corp., the Food and Drug

Administration said.

seriously burned some people.

It was not until 1967 that Texas allowed married women to control their own property or run a business without their husbands' consent.

Long road to equal rights for women

seeking "absolute tyranny" over women by denying them the right to vote, own property and keep their own wages. Married women had no legal rights, and divorce and child custody laws favored men.

Women were denied college educations and access to "nearly all the profitable employments" and were forced to live under a double standard for moral behavior.

"We insist that (women) have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of the United States," the document said.

Therefore, the document declared that laws that placed women "in a position inferior to that of man are of no force or authority.

In many ways, but far from all, the goals of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and the women have been other reached.

FDA: weight-loss device can cause burns

The right to vote came nationwide in 1920. Federal laws barring sex discrimination in employment and federally funded education programs came in the 1960s and 1970s. There is a new emphasis on prosecuting domestic violence cases - an issue foretold by the 1948 convention's complaint that men had the legal right to "administer chastisement" to their wives.

Many rights for women were provided through a patchwork of state laws, not federal laws, including changes in divorce and child custody standards.

It was not until 1967 that Texas allowed married women to control their own property or run a business without their husbands' consent.

The Supreme Court, which in 1961 let states automatically exempt women from jury duty, a decade later began ruling that a number of laws that treated the sexes differently violated

he Constitution's equal-protection guarantee.

But women's rights advocates say they consider the agenda unfinished.

'They've charted a course that we haven't been fully able to complete," said Marcia Greenberger of the National Women's Law Center.

She and others say the best jobs still are dominated by men and there are not enough women in elective office.

Nonetheless, "the progress is real," said Abigail Stewart, director of the University of Michigan Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

"The world we inhabit is a different world in regard to gender. It's very important to acknowledge what they did and remember it."



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WASHINGTON (AP) - Hand nation/were flying at half-staff do," he said. "That's my job."

of their members of Congress to House voted to end the flag-wav-

Consumers should stop using the "weight-loss pads" at once, the FDA said. The product resembles a heating pad that can be wrapped

around the waist, thighs or arms The devices were sold nationwide - without FDA approval via television, mostly on Hispanic channels, the agency said. The product also was sold

in Puerto Rico and Canada. The company agreed to write all customers beginning last

recall, the FDA said, but the agency issued its own warning Thursday to stress the hazards. The FDA learned of the "weight-loss pads" when a fire department and an insurance company reported suspicious apartment fires.

FDA inspectors discovered the devices were being sold without government approval and that the company had failed to report serious customer injuries in violation of federal law, says an FDA warning letter week to inform them of the sent to Body Fitness last week.

over hand, William Warley hoists an American flag up a rooftop pole at the U.S. Capitol. It flaps in the breeze for a few seconds and then Warley runs it back down, folds it and boxes it. Hand over hand — up; then down. Fold. Box. Repeat.

Since the program started in 1937, more than 2.4 million flags have been flown over the Capitol and then sold or given away as souvenirs.

Each comes with a certificate marking the date that it flew in the Capitol breeze and the name of the person for whom it was flown.

'We just send it up, let it blow three or four seconds and then bring it down," said Warley, one of several workers who together hoist an average of 250 to 300 flags a day except in rain or snow. "This is priority, so if we're doing another job and emergency (orders for) flags come up, we have to stop what we're doing and come do this."

The banner year was 1991 when 154,224 flags were flown. Maybe Americans were feeling patriotic because of the Persian Gulf War. Nobody knows for sure

The biggest single day for flagflying was July 4, 1976, the U.S. bicentennial.

'We did 10,471 that day," said Christine Benza, who has worked in the flag office for 38 years. "We worked round the clock to make sure all those flags were flown.'

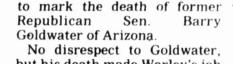
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"Not really," said Warley. Especially not on a day last month when flags around the



but his death made Warley's job more difficult.

He had to run each flag all the way to the top, back down in memory of halfway Goldwater, back up to the top and then back down. That's flag-raising protocol.

"That's what you've got to

The flag-waving operation began after a member sof Congress asked for one of the flags that had flown over the Capitol and was being replaced due to wear

Soon, the rising number of requests for flags prompted Congress to begin flying smaller flags, furnished by members or constituents, from special poles . costs. erected on the Capitol's roof.

day or graduation.

request a flag, sometimes asking that one be flown over the Capitol on a date that marks a special occasion such as a birthalso stopped.

Prices range from \$6.94 for a 3by-5-foot nylon flag to \$18.75 for a 5-by-8-foot cotton flag. There also is a \$3.30 flag-waving fee and various shipping

In 1995, when Republicans Nowadays, people contact one took control of Congress, the

ing operation as part of a pack age of austerity measures.) Door-to-door delivery of buckets of ice to 391 House offices

The flags kept going up and down the poles: The Senate refused to halt an operation that legislators like because it's so popular with their constituents. Flag-waving fees cover the

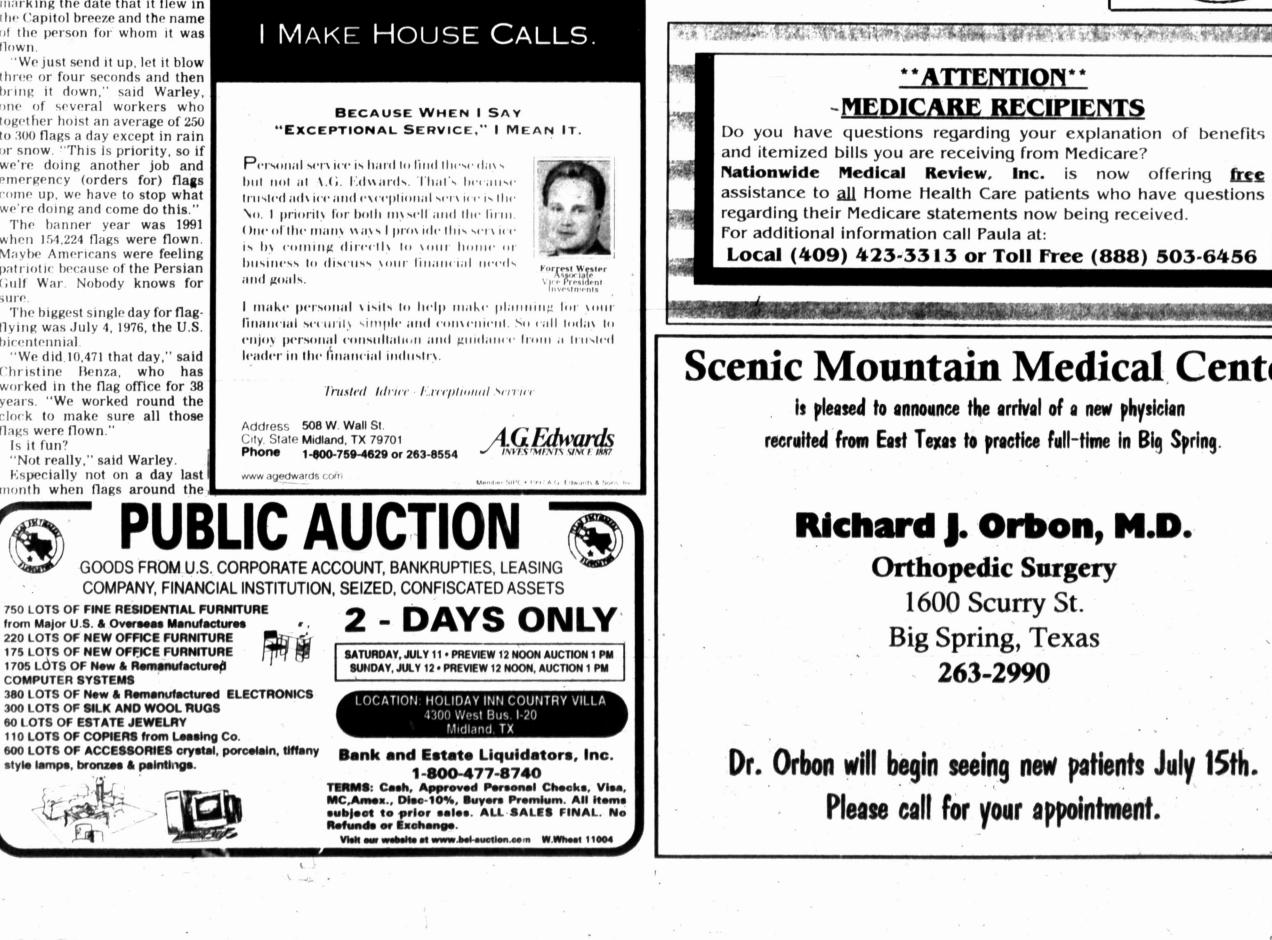
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Howard College slates

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Howard College's Girls Basketball Camp has been

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Women's Club planning

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The Big Spring Women's

Club will host a benefit golf

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The four-person scramble

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C, D handicaps. The entry fee

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Sampras, Ivanisevic head into men's final at Wimbledon IN BRIEF

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - It's no surprise to find Pete Sampras back in the Wimbledon final. After all, he's won the title four of the last five years.

But Goran Ivanisevic? Two weeks ago, Ivanisevic wasn't even considered among the serious title contenders. He'd won only one match in his five previous Grand Slam tournaments and had slipped to No. 25 in the world rankings.

Ivanisevic was lucky to be seeded (No. 14), a favor from tournament organizers in recognition of his past record as a two-time finalist.

But the 26-year-old Croat has surprised everybody by returning to the final for a

third time and challenging again for after squandering two match points something he's never been able to achieve: a Grand Slam title.

"A lot of people say, 'He's gone, he's never going to be back," Ivanisevic said. "I knew that I had a bad six months and Wimbledon came at the right time. I put these six months behind me. I was practicing hard for the last month trying not to feel sorry for myself, and now it's paying off."

Most surprising about Ivanisevic is the way he has held his temper, concentration and composure - a sharp contrast from his reputation for self-destructing. He never lost his head in Friday's semifinal against Richard Krajicek, even while serving at 5-4, 40-15 in the fourth set, or going down a break at 3-2 in the fifth set.

Ivanisevic didn't rant and rave. He didn't smash any rackets. He just kept pounding his left-handed serve and outlasted Krajicek in a marathon 28-game final set to win 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-7 (7-5), 15-13.

"I don't think anybody bet on me when lost the fourth set," Ivanisevic said. "Everybody said, 'Maybe it's going to be 6-2 or 6-3. He's gone, he's going to lose it.' But I did win it. I was just very mentally strong. I was never like this in my life. I just believed I was going to win it.'

It will take more than self-belief to beat Sampras. Facing his toughest test so far, Sampras reasserted his grass-court superiority to turn back Tim Henman, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3

Do you have an interesting item or story idea for sports? Call John Moseley, 263-7331, Ext. 233.

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Today's match will be a rematch of the 1994 final, which Sampras won in straight sets. Sampras will be favored to win his fifth title in six years, which would tie him with Bjorn Borg for the most Wimbledon wins in the Open era.

"I think I have a good chance," Ivanisevic said. "He's going for the record, I'm going for my first. ... I think this year I have the best chance. I think I can do it and I would be very disappointed if I don't do it."

Mitchell already a top recruit

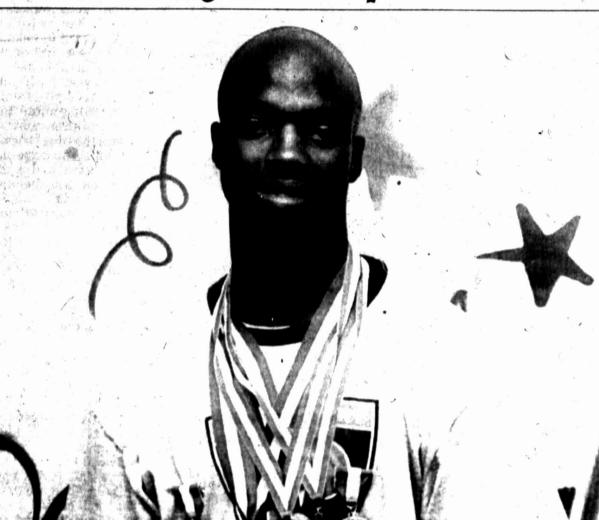
spending nights in the dorms.

Big Spring High School was visited by more than 40 major college football recruiters last spring, showing more than just interest in Steers running back and track phenom Tory Mitchell.

And Mitchell was only a junior, a player with a year of high school eligibility remaining the recruiters could not directly contact.

are aware that interest will only grow this fall as Mitchell, fresh off establishing record times in the 100 meters and 200 meters at the National Junior Track and Championships a week ago, heads into his final schoolboy

high school sprinter and a welltrack last weekend.



Mariners have long memory

ARLINGTON (AP) - In their last visit to Texas in May, the Seattle Mariners were victims of a three-game sweep by the Rangers.

The Mariners let the Rangers know they haven't forgotten. with Friday night's 8-2 victory.

'They got us the last time, but we can't let that happen again," said Seattle's Ken Griffey, who went 2-for-4 and drove in a run.

Jeff Fassero pitched 7 1-3 shutout innings in 96-degree heat, and Edgar Martinez and Alex Rodriguez each drove in three runs as Seattle extended Texas' losing streak to'a seasonhigh six games.

The Mariners' bullpen gave up two runs in the ninth, but Seattle's offense had established a big enough cushion to compensate for an inconsistent relief corps.

Fassero (7-5) allowed only six hits as the Mariners won their third straight. Bothered by leg

assistant coaches, high school coaches and members of the Lady Hawks basketball team. Also open to overnight campers, the camp will be supervised at all times and By JOHN A. MOSELEY nightly activities for those Sports Editor Registration fees are set at The rush has already begun. \$100 for day campers and \$210

Dwight Butler and his staff Field football season.

Mitchell, the state's premier known commodity in West Texas, erupted on the national track scene with his dominating performances on the Southern Illinois University

duct a volleyball camp July 27-31 at Big Spring High School's Steer Gym.

Camp sessions for girls in the fourth through sixth grades July 27-29 from 9 a.m. to noon, while those in the seventh through ninth grades will have a 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. session on July 29 and 9 a.m. to noon sessions on July 30-31. Registration fees for both groups will be \$80.

For those in the 10th through 12th grades, the sessions will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the entire five-day run of the camp. Fees for the older group are \$95.

Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

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AUTO RACING 1 p.m. - NASCAR Grand National Die Hard 250, TNN. Ch. 35.

BASEBALL

12:05 p.m. - New York Mets at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11. 1:30 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29. 7 p.m. — Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

2 p.m. - U.S. Women's Open Championship, final round, NBC, Ch. 9. 3 p.m. — Greater Hartford Open, final round, CBS, Ch. 7. 4:30 p.m. — State Farm Senior Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TENNIS

-8 a.m. - Wimbledon, men's championship final. NBC, Ch. 9.

MONDAY BASEBALL

7 p.m. - Major League All-Stars Home Run Derby, ESPN Ch. 30

BOXING

8 p.m. - Fight Night at the Forum, FXS. Ch. 29.

RODEO

3 p.m. --- High School Finals, FXS, Ch. 29.

His considerable talents had a number of collegiate track coaches advising him not to play football.

But that's not something Mitchell wants to hear.

"Yeah, there was a coach there last week that told me I shouldn't play football." Mitchell said following Thursday's reception honoring him at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. "I just kind of blew him off. I don't pay much attention when they start saying stuff like that.'

While Mitchell will admit that he'd like to run on the United States' team at the 2000 Olympic Games in Melbourne. Australia, he's already made it clear he's not interested in attending any college that won't let him play football and run track.

Although he hasn't shown the kind of promise on the football field that he has on the track, **Butler notes Mitchell possesses** the one thing college football coaches literally drool over blistering speed.

"There's an old saying in coaching," Butler explained. "You can teach a kid to do lots of things, but you can't coach them to be fast. That's a Godgiven talent and Tory's got lots of it."

In fact, Butler noted that Florida State coaches who arrived in Big Spring in the

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Big Spring Steers football and track star Tory Mitchell poses with just a few of the first-place medals he earned this year in 100 meters and 200 meters races. Mitchell, who set records in both events at the National Junior Track and Field Championships last week, is already one of the nation's top **Division I football prospects.**

spring compare Mitchell's natural ability to Deion Sanders' when the NFL All-Pro cornerback was a high school junior. Not surprisingly, Mitchell says he would like to play cornerback when he reaches college. In almost the same breath, however, he displayed something coaches savor when he said he'd be willing to play any position his coaches asked him

to play. "That's one of the great things about Tory," Butler acknowledged. "He's just a tremendous kid. He's smart ... has a good head on his shoulders and he's extremely coachable."

Those are qualities that make him even more desirable in the eyes of college programs.

"Every major college football program in the country wants him," Butler acknowledged.

for what's fixing to happen, but there's really no way to understand what it's like to be heavily recruited by the Division I schools until you're in the middle of it all.'

One of the ways in which Butler plans to begin preparing his stellar speedster is to have former Steers standout and current University of Miami tight end Daniel "Bubba" Franks explains some of his experiences.

The difference, of course, is that college coaches learned of Franks while looking at game films of a Midland High School player they were recruiting.

"Daniel was kind of a wellkept secret until people saw him on tapes of a game we played against Midland," Butler explained. "He wound up being

"We're trying to prepare him heavily recruited, but that's nothing like it's going to be for Tory. He's a known commodi ty.

But Mitchell, somewhat shy and reserved by nature, says he's not even giving the recruiting crush much thought at the moment.

"When school starts, I'll sit down with Coach Butler and the other coaches and start narrowing down the possibilities, he explained after announcing he was passing up on an expenses-paid trip to France for the World Junior Track and Field Championships. "But for right now, I'm just going to take a little a little time to rest. I've got about a month left before two-a-days start. There's plenty of time to decide where I'm going to go to school later this year.

cramps since the fifth, he was pulled with one out in the eighth and a runner on first when he told manager Lou Piniella he could no longer drive off his left leg.

"I lost a lot of fluids and four or five pounds out there,' Fassero said. "Then my leg started to cramp up and I couldn't push off anymore. I didn't want to take any chances.'

Fassero said he's done a better job of mixing his pitches in his last two starts, resulting in consecutive victories.

"I've been locating the fastball in and out and I'm not throwing any two off-speed pitches in a row the same.' Fassero said. "After I was able to establish my pitches, then I was able to get them to chase some pitches.'

Despite a 1-3 start against the Rangers this season, the Mariners are 38-14 overall against the Rangers since the start of the 1994 season.

"It's a long season," Piniella said when someone reminded him of the Rangers' sweep in May.

Seattle is 3-0 in July following an 8-20 June.

"We had a rough June," Piniella said. "But in July our fortunes have turned around. If we can get a streak going, it'll really help us (going into the All-Star break)."

Little Leaguers, area high school all-stars ready to shine the Region I. Class A girls' regional League all-star teams will open the This week will be a busy one for a sium

number of area athletes, as youth baseball district tournaments get under way and high school all-star games are staged in Lubbock and Arlington.

Two Big Spring High School athletes, Krissi McWherter and Melissa Martinez, and Sands' Mendi Floyd will be among the state's standout performers showcased in the Texas High School **Girls Coaches** Association's (THSG-CA) all-star games in Arlington.

McWherter, Amarillo Tascosa's Laura Estes and El

the only true West Texans on the Division II West All-Stars volleyball team - the remainder of the team's personnel coming from San Antonio, Arlington, Austin, Cleburne and Coppell.

Floyd, who led the Lady Mustangs to

finals, will play on the Division I North All-Stars basketball team that's more geographically correct.

Martinez, the leading hitter on the Lady Steers' regional semifinalist softball team, will play third base on a West All-Stars team that has a heavy Permain Basin flavor.

Joining Martinez on the West squad will be Andrews' Holly Fields at shortstop, Midland Lee's Jennifer Aman at second base and Midland High left fielder Crystal Sheldon.

The West softball squad is still far from geographically true to its name, however, as other members of the team will come from Flower Mound, Denton, Waco, Brenham, Colleyville and Irving. Eight area players will take part in

showcase games during this week's Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Week in Lubbock.

Sands' Hollie Zant and Katle Gaskins will join Grady's Cheyenne Romine on the West Girls' All-Star basketball squad that will take on a team of East All-Stars at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Lubbock Monterey High School gymna-

Grady's Brady Peugh will be on the West Boys' All-Star basketball team that will play the East All-Stars at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Monterey gym?

The West All-Star Six-Man football squed will include two players from Sands' state quarterfinalist Mustangs squad, as well as two stars from Borden County's state champion Coyotes.

Jerrod Beall and Jesus Porras will be the Mustangs two representatives on the West squad that will take on the East All-Stars at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Monterey High School. They'll be joined by Borden County's Oscar Baeza and Brvce Dve.

Individual game tickets for all the TSMCA All-Star events will be \$5 per person and will be available at the gate one hour before the start of each session. Those wishing to take in the earlier session, which begins with North-South All-Star basketball action on Friday night, will want to purchase an "all-star pass" that provides admission to all sessions. Contraction of Contractor

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week's activity Monday night with the start of District 3 tournaments in both Odessa and Midland.

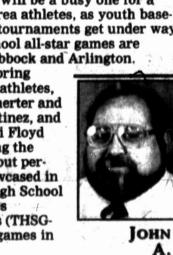
The District 3 Minor League Tournament will get under way at 6:30 p.m. with Coahoma's All-Stars taking on Midland Tower; Big Spring's American League All-Stars facing Midland North Central; and Big Spring's National League All-Stars taking on Midland's Northern Blue All-Stars

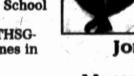
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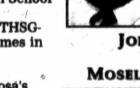
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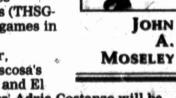
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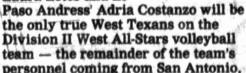
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Sports Extra

FRANSACTIONS

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CINCINNATI REDS-Traded OF-INF enny Harris to the New York Mets for HP John Hudek. COLORADO ROCKIES-

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Larry Walker from the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of RHP David Wainhouse from Colorado Springs of the PCL. Optioned INF Jason Bates to Colorado Springs. FLORIDA MARLINS—Sent RHP Donn

Pall outright to Charlotte of the international League. Acquired LHP Geoff Goetz from the New York Mets to te an earlier trade for Mike Piazza

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All-Star Rosters

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Catcher—Ivan Rodriguez, Texas. First Base—Jim Thome, Cleveland. Second Base—Roberto Alomai Third Base—Cal Ripken, Baltimore. Shortstop—Alex Rodriguez, Seattle Outfield—Ken Griffey, Jr., Seattle

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Stars ink Hull to 3-year, \$17.5 million contract

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Dallas system, Hull answered:

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When asked if he would step

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DALLAS (AP) - Brett Hull has shaken his Blues. The "Golden Brett" landed in

SPORTS

Dallas on Friday after an acrimonious split with his longtime team, the St. Louis Blues. And the Stars rolled out a three-year, \$17.5 million contract to welcome him just two days after he went on the market.

Dallas won the derby for the "I play my own game. I play most sought-after player in this within a team system with my year's free-agent market, hopown energy, and I think I'm a ing the 33-year-old Hull will bolguy who uses a lot of brainpowster a Stars offense that faltered er rather than (body checks)." in the Western Conference career points against Dallas. finals.

His new contract with the Stars includes a no-trade clause, a one-year option and, Hull hopes, a chance to win his first Stanley Cup.

"The main thing is to win and to be a champion," Hull said. "They (the Stars) were as close as anybody to winning a Stanley Cup, and to have them want me to be a part of that, I thought, is a great honor."

Hull, a 13-year NHL veteran with 554 career goals and 987 points in 801 games, turned down a \$15 million contract in March with the Blues because it didn't include a no-trade clause. "I lost a home and a career

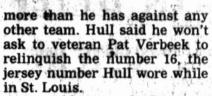
over it, so that was the stickler for me," Hull said. While the negotiations to

bring Hull to Texas took only two days, starting with the opening of the free agency period Wednesday morning and ending late Thursday, Stars owner Tom Hicks made it clear that he's had his eye on Hull.

Though Hull is coming off a disappointing season where he scored a career-low 27 goals, it is Hull's offensive skill that Dallas coveted most.

"We believed we needed to improve our goal scoring, and I think we did that," Hicks said. Still in question is the chemistry between Hull and his new

teammates and Hull's application to Dallas' defense-first system. Hull has earned a reputation as a self-centered player



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NATIONAL LEAGUE STARTERS

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Third Base Chipper Jones, Atlanta Shortstop—Walt Weiss, Atlanta. Outfield—Tony Gwynn, San Diego Barry Bonds, San Francisco; Larry Walker, Colorado. RESERVES

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duties in recent years. General manager Bob Gainey was confident that Hull would be a valuable asset. A knee injury to center Joe

quick to shirk his defensive

the Stars. "We think he'll blend and mesh with the team we have," Gainey said. "As an athlete, he is capable of participating in a lot of different ways with our team."

Nieuwendyk in the first game of

the playoffs severely hampered

There was no word yet on whether Hull will play on the left side, as he did for much of last season, or whether he will stay at right wing.

tance of defense in Dallas' system, but had no illusions about why he was brought to Texas.

"Whatever coach Hitchcock wants me to do, I will, but I've spent a lot of years in this league scoring goals, and I think that's my job," Hull said. Stars coach Ken Hitchcock was on vacation.

But don't expect Hull to make like new teammate Mike Modano, who has shaken his

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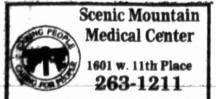
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complex. Coahoma's All-Stars will face Big Spring's National League All-Stars at the same time on an adjoining field. The Big Spring American

All-Stars drew the Major League Tournament's bye, and will face the winner of Monday's Midland Tower-Midland Eastern game at 8 p.m. Tuesday. That game will be played at Floyd Gwinn Park.

Junior League (13-year-olds) and Senior League (14- and 15year-olds) tournaments don't begin until Wednesday.

Big Spring's Junior League All-Stars, the defending District 3 champions, will again host this year's tournament at the Roy Anderson Complex, while the Senior League All-Stars will open at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Odessa's Sherwood Park.





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SPORTS

Austin swimmer plans to cross Atlantic to honor deceased fat

Marie Jean-Paul Lecomte's mind, which promises to be a very fascinating place for the next few months, he is a man without a country. It is not France, where he was born, raised and Sorbonne-educated. nor the United States, to which he migrated seven years ago. Not ready to give up his Gallic citizenship, not ready to leave his home in Austin, "I'm somewhere in between," he explains.

For 80 days beginning in mid-July, the 31-year-old adventurer will put his body where his mind is, trekking the 3,395 miles from Cape Cod, Mass., to Brest, France, powered in nearequal parts by his freestyle stroke and the fortuitous current of the Gulf Stream. This is like swimming the distance from Austin to Houston and back - 10 times - and is precisely why his mind holds such intrigue.

Swim what?

For what?

"People get interested," says the 5-foot-9-inch, 151-pound Lecomte, who avoids quizzical looks by going by Ben in lieu of his full name. "They think, 'The guy's crazy,' but I'm doing it for a good cause."

One would assume that anyone who would wade into the 55degree water off Hyannis Port, Mass., on or about Bastille Day

— and swim at least 20 miles a day with only the aid of a wet suit, fins, snorkel and support boat for nearly three months must have something substantive torturing him.

AUSTIN (AP) - In Benoit Lecomte, whose ancestors long ago mandated that all in the family lineage would take Marie as a middle name to persuade the Virgin Mary to watch over them, does not carry family photos in his wallet. "A picture is very static," he says. "I like images in my mind. They're much more alive."

This is how he makes his father, Pierre, live again, seven years after the cancer Pierre appeared to have beaten took his life at age 49. When the boredom of staring into the ocean starts creeping in along with the lactic acid, Lecomte plans to do what all super-endurance athletes do: disassociate. It's what he does when he experiences sharp pain on dry land, when he thinks of swimming and its comforting, soundless and visionless numbness.

What then, when you have more soundless and visionless numbness than you know what to do with and the same stimulatory deprivation that salves the pain creates it? As those moments turn to hours, days, weeks and even months, he'll think of his family: his mother Liliane back home in the Paris suburb of St. Ouen L'Aumone and his brothers Christophe, a 2-hour, 30-minute marathon runner; and Fabien, a competitive skier. But mostly he'll think of his father.

He'll think of how, even months before colon cancer was first diagnosed, Pierre intuitively sold his lucrative recreation business and vowed to slow his pace. He'll recall how, when they found the cancer, Pierre one else," he says. bravely fought it, and how when it came back'six months later, he spent his time hunched over his accounting books, verifying the only thing he would have left to give after he was gone, his fortune.

Ben will recall how his family, wanting to answer his father's every need, put a bell by his bed and gave him instructions that no request was too trivial; how Pierre would fight to stand and slowly shuffle wherever he needed to go, IV stand in tow, and how the bell never rang.

Those memories would drive him, but he also remembered reading in L'Equipe, the French sports daily, about the exploits of men who rowed and windsurfed across the Atlantic, and how he had wished they'd worked a little altruism into their motivation. And the ideas he had long held were nurtured: to come to the United States, to leave behind a still-grieving mother who had bravely gone back to school to become a teacher, to learn the English language and fulfill a lifelong goal, and most of all, to do something to honor his father and help others.

It would be built around swimming, the sport he embraced when running wore out his knees. It would involve endurance, and it would involve the Atlantic Ocean, ridiculously challenging yet - in his mind also perversely doable.

"I wanted something to come from me, not dictated by some-

Still, there are edges to be had, and Lecomte has spent the better part of the last seven years finding them. He contacted Eddie Coyle, a kinesiology professor and director of the Human Performance Lab at the University of Texas, for dietary advice. Coyle, who had worked with athletes competing in ultra-endurance events as long as 24-hour runs, was initially cautious.

"In any major feat, when you look at it in its entirety, it looks impossible," Coyle said, "but when you break it down into small steps, it becomes possible. What he's attempting is physiologically possible. Now it's a matter of not becoming sick, maintaining nutrition and avoiding accidents.'

Working with Coyle and Jennifer Macaulay, a graduate student in sports science and nutrition, Lecomte formulated a diet heavy on carbohydrates for energy, but with significant amounts of fat and protein for the long haul, to replace the estimated 7,000 to 8,000 calories he'll burn per day.

Though it's difficult to simulate in practice the rigors he'll face on the open ocean, Lecomte has invested four to six hours per day in training and has completed two 24-hour swims, taking a minute or so every 20 minutes to rest and gulp down some fluids and food. Lecomte plans to swim six to eight hours per day in two-hour blocks, stopping to eat.

"We have a general idea of

what his needs are, but since what he's doing is so different, we'll have to let him figure out what works for him," Coyle says. "It's like an experiment in progress."

Physically, Coyle expects Lecomte to swim his way into better shape during the first few weeks of the journey as his body adapts and he finds the

optimal nutrition and rest cycles. Finding the right equipment also requires trial and error.

Especially when it comes to sharks, who aren't big on giving second chances. Rather than swim in a cage, Lecomte will entrust his safety to a Shark **Protective Ocean Device. It does** not deter jellyfish, however.

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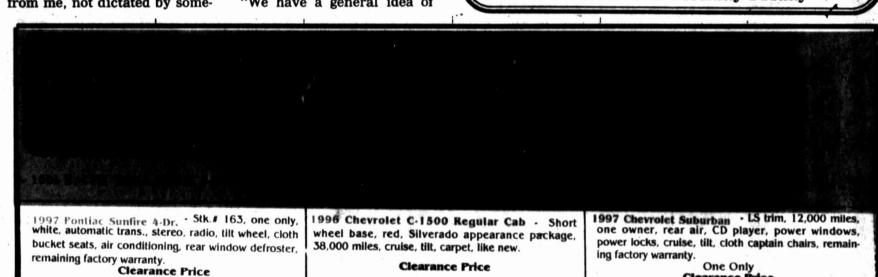
"Short Dog" Montgomery fought Lou Gehrig's disease played football.

never lost a fight on the field rosis (ALS) and the G. with the Houston Oilers or Montgomery

HOUSTON (AP) - Glenn his wheelchair and pictured those memories."

Montgomery had planned a with the same tenacity that he tour of NFL training camps this summer to educate players He was proud of the fact he about amyotrophic lateral scle-Foundation,

which supports research into



Seattle Seahawks — so don't tell his friends that Montgomery lost his battle with the degener ative disease when he died early last Sunday.

"I don't say he lost, he won because he's in a better place," said former teammate Cris Dishman. "It's hard to fight a disease like that but God took him at the right time. He was tired of suffering.'

Montgomery, 31, was remembered at a memorial service on campus at the University of Houston, his alma mater. His funeral will be Monday in New Orleans and Montgomery will be buried in Gretna, La.

Montgomery was short (6-0) by NFL defensive line standards but he made up for his lack of size with a fierce field presence that included his "Short Dog Freeze" dance after each sack.

"A lot of people didn't realize that he was a fun guy because around the game he was so intense," Dishman said. "He didn't have his fun on the field. He was mean and structured. But he joked and played practical jokes. "The fondest memory for me

the causes of the disease. Montgomery was hesitant to speak about the disease because he didn't want fans feeling sorry for him. But former teammate Sean Jones convinced Montgomery he could help other ALS victims by speaking

out. Montgomery talked about his disease last November in New Orleans, where he was reunited with his Seahawks teammates.

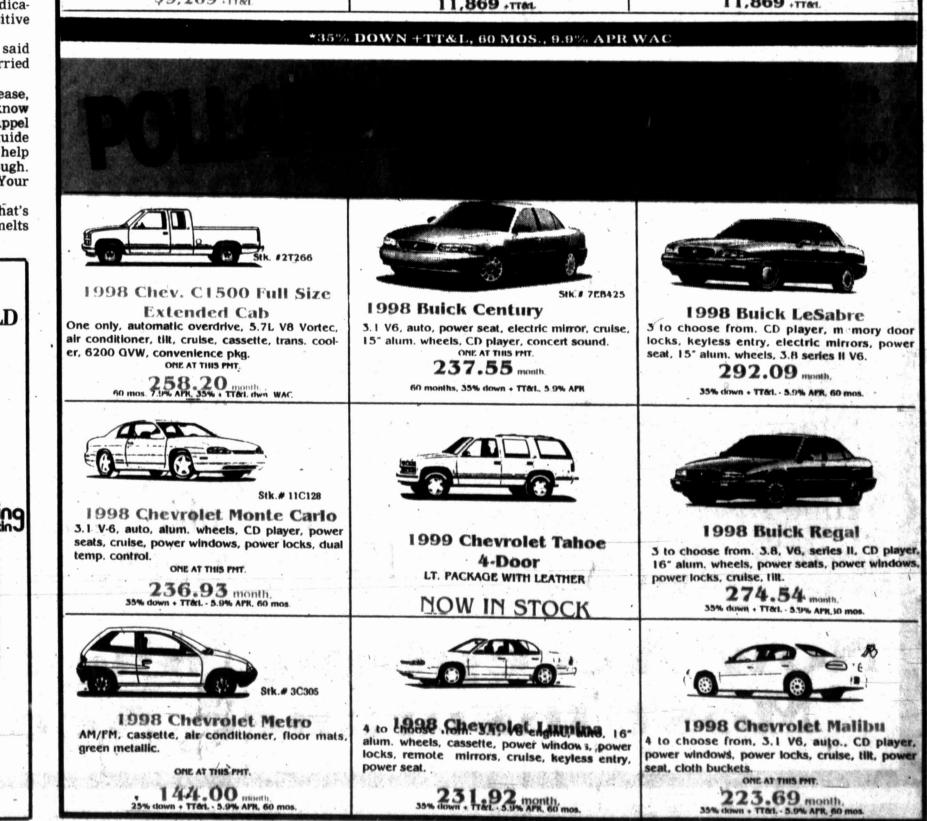
"I think I'm dealing with it fine," Montgomery said. "My whole attitude and approach is the same as when I played in the NFL, with a lot of dedication, motivation and positive thinking."

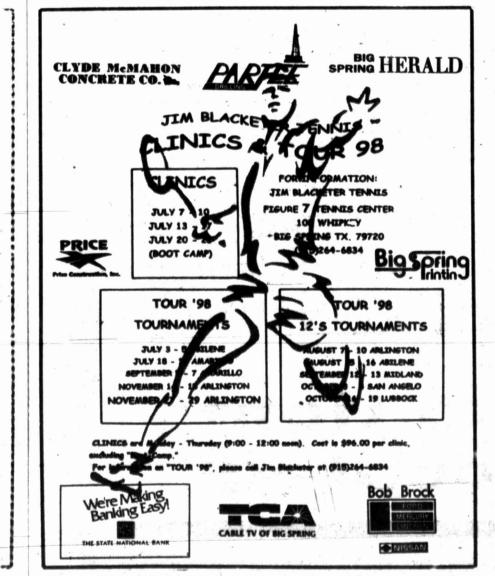
Dr. Stanley Appel said Montgomery was more worried about helping others.

"When you get this disease, your friends don't always know how to approach you," Appel said. "He almost had to guide them in ways for them to help what he was going through. This is a tough disease. Your brain is intact.

"You know everything that's going on, your body just melts was the Freeze. I'd see him in away."

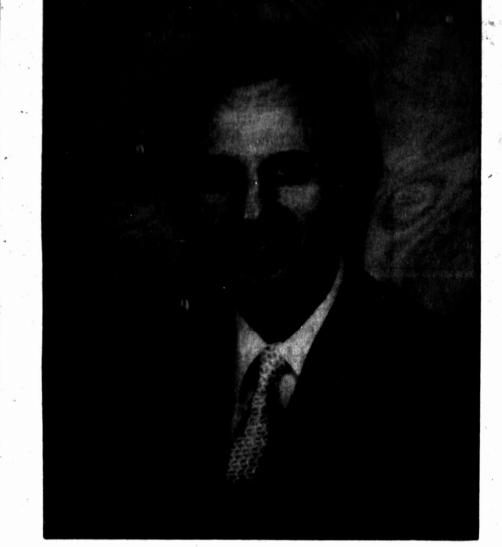
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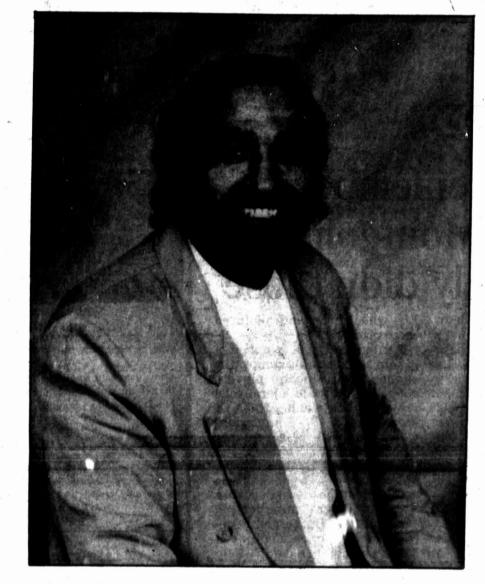
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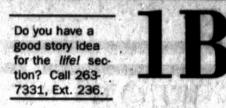
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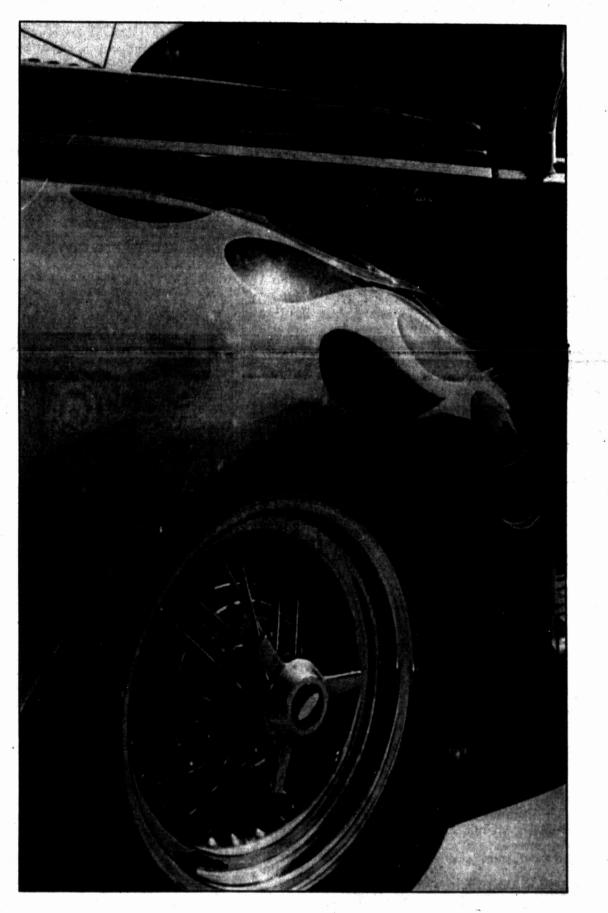


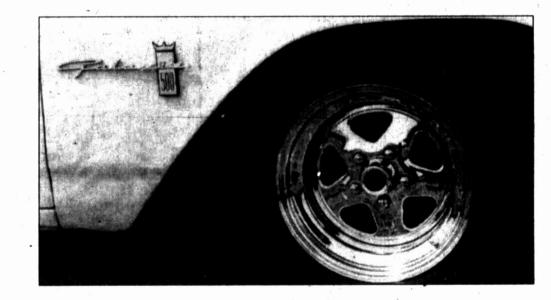
At left, a 1970 Ford Torino, owned by John Gustin. Below, the 1940 Ford Sedan Delivery owned by Raymond Hogg.

Fins and mags move chrome and steel With passion for the past. Classic cars evoke a feel Of youth gone by too fast.

What about them stirs us so? What fuels this love affair? Desiring to again make new, To polish and repair.

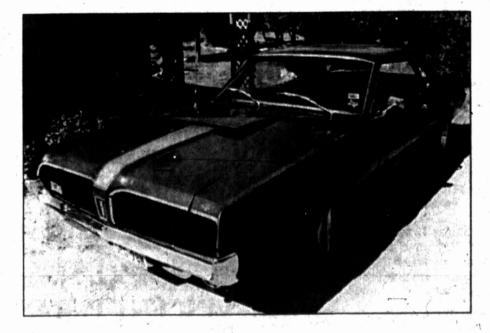
Perhaps we honor better days, A simpler time indeed. Or maybe we just "dig the ride" And feel the need for speed.







Photography and text by Linda Choate



Above, this 1967 Mercury Cougar is owned by John Gustin.

Above, both photos are of Larry Valverde's prized 1963 Ford Galaxy.

The 1958 Chevy Del Ray at right is owned by Meianie Gambrell.





WHO'S WHO

Michael Hall of Big Spring earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Spring Quarter at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

'Hall, a student in the Integrated Digital Image **Communications** Technology program, is the son of Linda Hall of Big Spring.

The Dean's Honor Roll recog nizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 for the quarter.

Jan P. Havens, daughter of Dorothy Earhart and a student at Sul Ross State University. and Linda Christine Torres, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Torres and a student at West Texas A&M University, have been selected for the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges, an annual directory first published in 1934. A campus nomination com-

mittee and editors of the publication have included the names of these students based on their academic activities and potential for continued success.

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Texas A&M University Kingsville has released the students who made the Dean's List and Honor Roll for the spring 1998 semester.

To make the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.65 (on a 4.0 scale) on all work attempted for the semester with a minimum of 13 semester hours completed.

Among those listed was Heidi Erin McIntyre of Big Spring. ...

Big Spring area residents were among those receiving diplomas from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in May.

The graduates are Linda J. Best of Coahoma with a bachelor's degree in management, Charla S. Lewis with a master's degree in education administration, Stacey L.

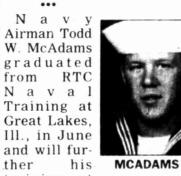
IN THE **MILITARY** Seaman E-2 Joshua R.

Rainey, son of Wanda and Parry

Gamble of Big Spring, graduated from Great Lakes Naval Recruit Training Center. He will attend school at

Pensacola RAINEY Naval Base in Florida.

Rainey is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School and joined the Navy in April. He is the grandson of Jerrye and Buford Hull, Gorman and Shirlene Rainey, Shirley and Nannie Lee Walker, Rose Gamble and Joe and Mildred Gamble.



Naval Training at Great Lakes, Ill., in June and will furtraining at

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Pensacola, Fla. He is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School, the son of Don and Kay Cook and Terry and Lori McAdams, all of Big Spring. McAdams is also the grand son of Ray and Lorrie Weir of Big Spring, and Betty and Earl Cota of Granbury

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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Torrence L. Garza, whose wife, Amanda, is the daughter of Rodney Fuqua and Terri Fuqua, Big Spring, recently participated in Baltic **Operations (BALTOPS) '98** while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Vella Gulf, Norfolk, Va. He joined the Navy in August 1993. ...

Pfc. Marine Pablo Rodriguez, son of Paul and Mary Rodriguez, Stanton, recently completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course at

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· Faye Kellerman brings back Peter Decker and his wife, Rina Lazarus, in her current story "Serpent's Tooth." Decker, a lieutenant in the Los Angeles Police Department, is drawn into a case involving a mass murder in a

local restaurant. The killing is thought to have been the purposeful act of a deranged man, but no one is immediately aware

of the reasons behind the murders.

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with the original theory of there being a single killer. The man identified as the gunman is killed in the melee, and some of the victims have gunshot wounds entering their bodies from two different directions.

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HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Fancy Pants" Female Dachshund/Terrier mix, 1 year old.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Damon" Male German Shepherd, 2-3 years old,

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"Betsy" Female Collie mix, 1 1/2 years old, spayed. "Chance" Male liver spotted Pointer, 2-3 years old, neutered.

"Chocolate" Male chocolate Field Spaniel, 6-7 years old, neutered.

"Toto" Male medium size mix breed, $1 \ 1/2$ years old, neutered.

"Hound Dog" Female black and tan Coon Hound, 2-3 years old, spayed.

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. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

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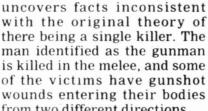
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Massingill with a bachelor's degree in history, and Patsy A. Sanchez with a bachelor's degree in history (cum laude). Commencement exercises

were May 9.

Natalie Alison Davis daughter of Linda and Bill Davis, both graduates of Big Spring High School recently graduated from Trinity University in

San Antonio with a Master of Arts degree in education. Natalie had graduated'from Houston Langham Creek High School magna cum laude in 1993.

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In 1997, she earned a bachelor of arts in humanities with a minor in history. Natalie was a member of the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi and her sorority was Sigma Theta Tau.

Natalie is the granddaughter of Ruby Fowler of Big Spring, Gene Fowler of Odessa and Beatrice Davis of Forth Worth.

STORK CLUB

Julia Nicole Aguilar, girl, June 25, 1998, 10:43 a.m., seven pounds four ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Herman and Catrina Aguilar. Grandparents are Mary Julia

Aguilar of Vaughn, N.M., Judy Belcher and the late Elmer Belcher of Big Spring, and Ben Smyrl of Sweetwater.

Luc Jacoby Lewis, boy, June 25, 1998, 8:28 a.m., eight pounds 14 1/4 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Carmen Cervantes and Tony Lewis.

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Marine Corps Detachment Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He's a 1997 graduate of Stanton High School joined the Marine Corps in November 1997

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FRIDAY-Turkery & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

THURSDAY-Beef stroganoff broccoli w/cheesesauce, ranch style beans, ice cream, roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Corn dog, carrot sticks, potato rounds, fresh fruit, milk.

Please Mr. Postman, stop bringing mail The postal avalanche was lionaire and Metromedia chief

ATLANTA (AP) Craig Shergold doesn't want your mail. Neither does the Children's Wish Foundation International. And the Make-A-Wish Foundation certainly doesn't

After he was diagnosed with brain cancer at age 9, Shergold received a world-record 33 million get-well cards with the help of the Atlanta-based Children's Wish Foundation.

His cancer is now gone. But despite numerous pleas for the cards to stop, they keep coming, thanks to chain letters and e-mail that spread often-erroneous information about Shergold and his illness. Even the Make-A-Wish Foundation in Phoenix, which was never involved with Shergold's quest for the record, is inundated with mail for him.

Shergold, now 19, estimates his current card total at 250 million.

"We've been trying to stop it for the last year or so," he said from his home in Wallington, England. "I've been on (television) everywhere trying to stop it, but it's still coming.

Shergold was in a London hos-Children's Wish Foundation -the tumor. agreed to help him.

"I didn't think I'd get 100 or so," Shergold said.

Soon, the foundation was filling a warehouse with truckloads of cards

"There were mail trucks and FedEx trucks and Airborne Express — any kind of carrier

lined up trying to get into our office," said Christy Andrews, the foundation's public relations director.

The 1991 edition of the Guinness Book of Records listed Shergold as the record-holder for get-well cards, with more than 16 million. He was listed again in 1992, when the total eclipsed 33 million. Then the category was retired.

British doctors had predicted that; after six unsuccessful operations, Shergold would die in 1990. He didn't.

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triggered in 1989 when John Kluge heard the boy's story, he flew Shergold to the pital. His doctor saw a pile of United States for a new type of get-well cards around his bed operation. At the University of and joked that he should Virginia Medical Center, docattempt a record. The tors removed virtually all of



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David & April McAbee with Catelyn & Christopher and big brother Zachary Big Spring, Tx



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Fourth spent with family creates lasting memories

Saturday was the Fourth of July, so lots of us had picnics, barbecues or just lazed around. This year will be different though, due to the continuing drought. Let's hope no one

starts any fires with fireworks: we don't need that. However.

> Adrian tells me that as a child he did start a mall fire shooting off firecrackers. His familv and friends would gather

at a stream or river (in northern Oklahoma), fish. eat

fried chicken and potato salad, visit, and just have a good time in general, topping it off with a freezer of homemade ice cream.

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They usually arrived in a coupe with a rumble seat. Adrian got to ride in the rumble seat since he was agile. (probably mobile and hostile as the saying goes).

Our group on the other hand. living in central Oklahoma, sometimes got together with our family, but more often with friends.

We usually had fried chicken and potato salad also, two batches since my father was allergic to eggs. Adrian and I agreed that everyone had fried chicken because you either raised chickens or someone in your neighborhood did, so that was the cheapest food available.

My cousins, Jess and Mary Beth and Aunt Sadie spent almost every summer with us. Her husband died as a result of being gassed during the first World War

Times were hard, so both families pooled their resources and had a pleasant summer. Of course all the kids slept on "Baptist pallets" on the living and dining room floors, hoping for a breeze. Air conditioning was unknown that long ago. I

afforded it anyway. The kids had two mothers. which was interesting. I was the youngest of three - Jess was smart, Mary Beth was pretty, and then there was poor

Mary Carolyn, that's me! I must admit I was a pill, but that's another story.

We lived about a mile from Route 66, which was new, and close to Oklahoma City. One July 4, we packed a wonderful picnic, got everyone into one old car - I still don't know how - and headed for the airport in Oklahoma City.

There was an air show, and none of us had ever been to one. We could hardly wait. We gobbled our picnic, afraid we would miss something.

After all, Wiley Post and Will Rogers were going to be there. Wiley Post was the most exciting flier of that time. He also looked the part. He wore a leather jacket, white scarf, and a patch over one eye. For years after that I though all pilots should look like Mr. Post. Then Adrian told me Mr. Post was rather short and stocky, not 8 feet tall as I had thought.

Will Rogers, an Oklahoma native, was a philosopher, comedian, writer and movie star. He had a wonderful warm personality, and although we didn't get to shake his hand, we were close enough to be thrilled.

don't remember much 1 more, but it was a wonderful day. It had to be for me to still think of it so fondly.

Back to the friends and fireworks.

We had a huge oak tree in our front yard, the joy of my father. The tree's circumference was probably 8 feet. We had to be very careful

with our Roman Candles. sparklers and other fireworks not to hurt the tree.

Late one hot July 4 night, we had a terrible thunderstorm. Lightning hit the oak tree, balls of fire coming down the trunk, splitting the great oak in half. My father grieved for the tree.

Fourth of July was never the

Green Thumb puts senior citizens to work By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

life

Features Editor

For the senior citizen who is out of work, the outlook can be bleak.

That's where Green Thumb comes in.

The nonprofit agency, working in conjunction with Big Spring Workforce Center, specializes in finding work for those age 55 and older who meet income guidelines. It operates out of the center, at 421 Main.

"We do an individual development plan for each person," explained Nita Rodriguez, field operations coordinator. "We want to find out what skills they have, where they may need more training, and other information."

As the 20th Century draws to a close, those age 55 and over have become the fastest-growing part of the population. Because retirement plans and Social Security don't always provide enough money for a senior citizen to live on, they find themselves looking for a iob.

Lifestyle changes also dictate the need to go back to work. Rodriguez said the agency's clients include everything from recently-displaced workers to former housewives who may have never worked outside the home.

"We have all kinds of jobs," Rodriguez said. "We direct it toward the individual and what will work for them."

Field operations assistant Cynthia Zertuche, who has an office at the Workforce Center,

More teens discovering delight of dulcimers

BY EVAN KATZ

Beaumont Enterprise WOODVILLE, Texas - The 17-year-old boy plays Irish songs on an instrument invented in Appalachia — and he's from Texas.

James Butcher doesn't care. He just likes to pick. "The music isn't rough." sai

Tricia Rice, left, and Cynthia Zertuche look at computer files at Big Spring Workforce Center, which also houses Green Thumb, an agency dedicated to helping older citizens find work. interviews clients and works Green Thumb to refer to for those helped by Green Workforce Center those appli- Thumb. Since its grant year

its requirements.

cants who may not meet all of just started July 1, Rodriguez said this is a good time to be a There is no upper age limit senior job-hunter in Big Spring.



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don't think anyone could have same.

Book has all the barbecue basics

By BEVERLY BUNDY

Fort Worth Star-Telegram FORT WORTH, Texas – In the beginning, there was fire. and it was good. It was so good that it spread throughout the world where nations and peoples gathered and ate.

It was 125,000 years ago that our forebears brought the magic of the flame to cooking, most likely through a happy accident. Perhaps a hapless woolly mammoth who stumbled into a campfire, emerging as a glorious rack of juicy ribs, pointed the way and lit the pilot that would become a Weber empire.

At any rate, that mammoth begot the tandoori of India, which begot the kebabs of the Middle East, which begot the jerk of Jamaica, which begot the brisket of Texas. It's all one big old barbecue belt.

And now it's all been put in a neat bundle in "The Barbecue! Bible" by Steven Raichlen (Workman, \$18.95). Raichlen, who has won awards for his "Miami Spice," will certainly win more for this comprehensive look at grilling around the world.

Raichlen's book may well become the St. James.version for the international barbecue crowd, with his more than 500 recipes for everything from madeira beef and bay leaf kebabs to grilled eggplant with miso barbecue sauce. If you want the word on what they grill anywhere in the world, "The Barbecue! Bible" is the gospel.

Some of the 10 commandments of righteous barbecue: 1. Be organized: Have everything - food, marinade, basting sauce, seasonings and tools on hand by the grill before beginning.

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2. Gauge your fuel: When using charcoal, light enough to form a bed of glowing coals 3 inches wider on all sides than surface area of food you're planning to cook. (A 22 1/2-inch grill needs one lighting chimney's worth of coals.)

3. Preheat grill to right temperature: Remember, grilling is a high-heat cooking method. Temperature should be at least 500 degrees. When using charcoal, let it burn until it is covered with a thin coat of gray ash. Hold your hand about 6 inches above the grate. After 3 seconds, the force of the heat should force you to snatch your hand away

4. Keep it clean: Clean the grate twice: once after you've preheated the grill and again when you've finished cooking.

Butcher, who has been playing the dulcimer for more than four "It's about the music vears. itself and playing it and hearing others play it. It's really nice. It brings people together."

Butcher is one of a growing number of teen-agers in the area taking up the folk instrument, said Linda Evans, founder of the Southeast Texas Dulcimer Friends in Beaumont.

"There's been a revival over the last five years," said Evans, who owns Sweet Sounds Dulcimer House in Beaumont with her husband, Barry. "And it's beginning to appeal to younger and younger people all of the time.'

The instrument was popularized in the Appalachian Mountains, but in the last 20 to 25 years, dulcimer clubs have formed all over the United States, said Mary Hale, a club member who helped Butcher master the instrument.

Evans said about 600 people play the dulcimer in Southeast Texas, with local clubs in Beaumont, Lufkin, Houston, Crockett and Huntsville. Dulcimer festivals take place

tunes, and the religious hymns of the English and Scottish traditions. But as it has moved away from the mountains, people have been incorporating show tunes, jazz, blues and bluegrass. Hale said.

people used the dulcimer

closely with them to find suit-

able work. The assessment

includes looking at past jobs as

well as future plans, she

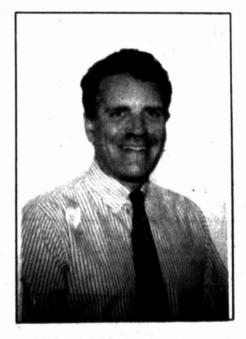
explained.

Evans said.

It is a very flexible instrument. The method of playing is across one's lap and the melodious chime-like sound is produced by plucking, picking or strumming, depending on the type of dulcimer.

Rory Minck, MD

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Sale of KBST completed, Big Spring native John Weeks named GM

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

John Weeks, 45, sales manager at KBST since 1991, has been named general manager of KBST AM/FM and KBTS-FM by the station's new owners, Equicom, Inc. of Austin.

Tranfer of ownership between David Wrinkle and Equicom, which will operate the station as part of the Texas Eagle Radio Network, became official Wednesday.

"We're not changing anything," Weeks said. "KBST has been around for 60 years and, the Good Lord willing, will be here another 60."

Dain Schult, president of Texas Eagle, said, "These stations have been serving Big Spring and the Permian Basin for 60 years and we look forward to continuing that tradi-

tion.' "We are a community service radio station, specializing in local programming," Weeks said. "We will continue to have local programming, we'll continue to have local news and sports.

"We're still local and the old, familiar faces like Luther (Kelley) and China (Long) will still be here."

Weeks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Weeks. He is a 1971 graduate of Big Spring High School and attend-



ed Abilene Christian University. He is a member of the Parks and Recreation Board and a graduate of Leadership Big Spring.

Weeks said he was excited about the opportunity.

"We look forward to maintaining the level of community involvement and commitment the Wrinkle family made to Big Spring for so many years," he added.

In addition to Big Spring, Texas Eagle^{*} has stations in Amarillo,

Plainview, Uvalde, Eagle Pass. Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, San Saba, Lufkin, Conroe and Columbus.

The sale of the stations was first announced in the March 15 edition of the Herald following the March 12 filing with the Federal Communications Commission seeking approval of the sale of the stations, located at 608 Johnson.

KBST first went on the air on Dec. 31m 1936, transmitting at 1500 kilocycles. The station was owned by Harter Hanks, Inc., parent company of the Herald as well at the time.

The station's license application was approved on Oct. 30, 1936 and its See WEEKS, Page 5B

first studios were located in the Crawford Hotel (now a vacant lot at the corner of Third and Scurry). The signal was broadcast from a 167-foot antenna located in the low-lying areas around the railroad tracks in east Big Spring.

Harte-Hanks owned the station until 1959, when it was sold to Minneapolis-based Snider Corp. — a firm formed for the express purpose of purchasing the station.

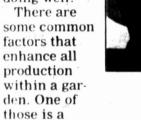
It was then that the Wrinkle family first became involved in the day-today operations of the station when Winston

Tomatoes Heat, wind and

drought taking toll on plants

have received several calls recently regarding gardening. The most com-

mon asked question is "Why aren't my tomatoes doing well?' There are some common factors that enhance all production within a gar



good soil that is high in organic matter. Compost or manure is an excellent source of organic matter

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As far as tomato production goes, this year has been very difficult due to the extremely hot, dry and windy conditions that we have had over the last few weeks. Tomato plants do best when the temperature is. 72 to 92 degrees Fahrenheit.

New batch of Yellow Rose awards presented

By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor

Six more Yellow Rose awards were presented at the June 9 meeting of the Big Spring City Council by Pat Simmons of the Code Patrol.

The Yellow Rose program was developed by Simmons to help recognize individuals and businesses who have worked to clean up and beautify their property.

One award is presented in each city council district each month.

"We've gotten a real good from people,' response Simmons explained. "They want their property to look nice and they want their community to look nice.

She said the fact there is an award involved is just a bit of added recognition.

The award is a sign that includes three yellow, roses with green stems on a brown background.

When someone is recognized with the award, it is displayed pn their property for the entire month

Persons wishing to nominate someone for the Yellow Rose award may do so by calling Simm**ons at** 263-4607.



Stanton man renamed to Kemper group **Special to the HERALD**

Jimmy Stallings of HD Vest Financial Service in Stanton was recently renamed to membership on the Kemper **Executive Council**.

Kemper's council is an exclusive organization for financial representatives who sell Kemper financial products.

Company-wide, less than 1 percent of all financial representatives selling Kemper products achieve Kemper **Executive Council status.**

"We want to help these exceptional financial representatives to continue to grow professionally and build long lasting relationships with their clients," said David M. Swanson, director of marketing, Kemper Funds, executive vice president. Scudder Kemper Investments, Inc.

Kemper provides these industry leaders with recognition, resources and support to expand and enhance their client relationships, many e

"We recognize Ke

We can't do much about the heat, but there are some things that we can do to enhance the conditions for optimal tomato production. Caging the plant in a cage 18-22 inches in diameter and about five feet tall will help protect it from the wind Side dress the tomato plants with nitrogen every two weeks (two tablespoons of 21-0-0 per plant) when fruiting begins. It is important to irrigate immediately after fertilization with one inch of water. When irrigating, it is always preferable to row water versus sprinkler irrigating. This will help prevent disease related problems. Irrigation should be applied every three days when there is a fruit load, filling the soil profile thoroughly.

Mulching is always a desirable practice when growing tomatoes. Mulch should cover an area of four feet out from the stem of the plant. This will conserve moisture as well as maintain the optimal temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenheit for roots, and will prevent weed germination.

It is important for the gardener to inspect the tomatoes for insects and or diseases often. Major insect pests associated with tomatoes can be controlled easily in most cases. Diseases can be disastrous and are usually difficult to control. Tomato production in

Howard County is difficult this year so far due to our extreme weather conditions. These management practices should provide a better opportunity to enjoy that home grown tomato. Good Luck!

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent Agriculture. His office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.

June recipients included DISTRICT 1 Casa Blanca Restaurant, Lola Rodriguez, 1005 Lamesa. DISTRICT 2 Jimmy and Elvira Marin, 1011 S. Main. **DISTRICT** 3 Seitzler, 3608 Elmer Hamilton. **DISTRICT** 4 Vaurine Smith, 420 Edwards. **DISTRICT 5** Dick and Wanda Milton, 2404

Alabama. **DISTRICT 6**

Floyd and Dora Morehouse, 1400 E. 6th.



Casa Blanca Restuarant owner Lola Rodriguez has landscaped the traffic triangle just north of her restaurant along U.S. 87 with native plants. Her efforts earned her the District 1 Yellow Rose award for June.

Executive Council members for the superior customer service and financial expertise they provide their clients," saidJames L. Greenawalt, president, director of sales, Kemper Distributors, Inc.

Stallings is serving a fifth term as a member of the **Kemper Executive Council** and has been in the financial services industry for a total of 12 years.

Stallings can be reached by telephone at 756-2414 or in person at his office, located at 300 N. St. Peter St.; Stanton; 79782.

Texas nursing homes hit by rise in big jury verdicts By MARY FLOOD The case he lost is fairly typi- Manor case, says the size of the But in 1995, several

The Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal

HOUSTON — Texas may have lost its reputation as the home of the giant jury verdict, but there's one area in which multimillion-dollar awards are becoming increasingly common nursing-home lawsuits.

In the past nine months alone, five nursing homes around the state were found negligent in caring for patients who died, and the homes were hit with jury awards of at least \$3 million each. Among them was a \$92.3 million award in a Tarrant County lawsuit over the death of woman in her early 70s who was malnourished and had several serious bedsores.

Such verdicts, which are unusually high in today's antilawsuit environment, worry the nursing-home industry. But the awards delight groups that are

home care, and cheer plaintiffs lawyers who in recent years have faced a decline in big-dollar litigation.

Attorneys and industry officials say the explanation for such high awards, often from otherwise tightfisted juries, can be found partly in the tangle of emotions over how we treat our sick and elderly. But the reason also may involve the use of state records from nursinghome inspections in private lawsuits.

'There's a phenomenon here that's different than most other areas of litigation in Texas,' says Dallas lawyer Mike Beene. who defended a nursing home that lost a \$10.7 million case in Denton County state district court in October. "There's an underlying guilt factor or something similar driving juries to treat these cases differently."

cal of the kind of suit that has produced the high dollar awards. The family of an 80year-old woman resident of Kern Manor nursing home in Pilot Point sued the home's Health. owner. Texas Enterprises of Denton. The woman died in 1994, shortly after her leg had been amputated because of gangrene. Jurors found the nursing home was negligent in caring for the woman, and awarded her heirs \$700,000 in actual damages and \$10 million in punitive damages. Beene has filed an appeal with the Second Court of Appeals in Fort Worth, asking the court to apply to nursinghome cases the same limits on punitive-damage awards that are used in medical-malpractice cases.

Brandon Boehme, who represented the family in the Kern

award in that case stemmed from the jury's anger at the negligence of the nursing home. "Once we started trying these cases, people realized that jurors do not want to hear about Mother and Dad being abused and neglected," says Boehme, a Fort Worth lawyer. "Texas jurors may be burned out on 'my-back-hurts' cases but not on these.'

Nursing-home litigation is a relatively new phenomenon in Texas. According to Boehme, a small group of plaintiffs lawyers began four years ago to pursue the cases. Before that, he says, attorneys considered the cases unpromising and unprofitable; juries, they figured, were unlikely to hand down large verdicts because the victims were already sick or dying and unlikely to have any potential lost earnings.

But in 1995, several large verdicts spurred a race to the courthouse with nursing-home lawsuits. Yellow Pages ads now feature many nursing-home "specialists" under the listings for attorneys. Several lawyers around the state are buying time on television stations for a 30-minute infomercial called "Beyond the Golden Years," a program that describes abusive nursing-home practices and urges family members to consult with a lawyer if they believe abuse is occurring.

As a result, both the number and size of jury awards in these cases are climbing. An analysis of cases conducted by the Blue Sheet, a Houston-based company that reports on trials and settled cases throughout the state, shows a steady increase in both average verdicts and the num

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New Mexico school districts fear low oil prices may bring budget woes

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) - School officials in southeastern New Mexico are expressing concern about declining oil prices and wondering: Could it be 1986 all over again?

In 1986, an oil nosedive in Lea County hit school districts hard.

This year, oil prices have dropped \$8 to \$10 a barrel since January.

Gary Fonay of Lynx Petroleum Inc., who also serves on the Hobbs School Board, said Tuesday during its meet-"it's that bad,' after ing Superintendent Stan Rounds said oil prices were fluctuating.

According to the New York Stock Exchange futures market, the futures

price of oil and gas was \$11.83 a barrel Randy Fowler said low oil prices could Friday, June 19. The spot market price for oil recently has been fluctuating in the \$6 to \$7 range.

In 1986, the Jal School District had to close its junior high school and lay off 14 teachers because of the oil crash. said Vicki Kelton, office manager for the district.

To combat the loss in revenue, which is determined by student enrollment numbers, the junior high was merged with the high school.

Prices would have to drop pretty sharply for 1986-level layoffs to occur, she said.

And Funice School Superintendent

have a delayed impact, affecting capital improvements through property taxes

But if oilfield layoffs increase, forcing people to move away, Fowler said, funds for school district operations could take a hit.

"Anytime it's hurting jobs, it will affect what we can take in," Fowler said. "If our economy goes down, then we lose student enrollment."

School districts must make a budgetary guess as to how many students they will enroll. Enrollment determines a large percentage of operational funding.

Hobbs Superintendent Stan Rounds money based on the enrollment estisaid that last October he had to guess how many students would be enrolled by the 40th day of the 1998-99 school year and how many special education students would be enrolled Dec. 1, 1998.

Rounds said there are six to seven teachers under contract that possibly will not teach in Hobbs next year if school revenues fall. He said he's waiting to see what oil and gas prices do.

"I'm holding some positions until kids show up," Rounds said.

Based on predictions from Rounds and other superintendents, the state assembles its budget. The school districts then figure out how to spend the

mate made in October.

"It's real possible my guesstimate could be off," Rounds said. "It's a possibility.'

While oil prices have faltered in recent months, mass layoffs have not occurred. But if prices stay low, more layoffs could occur. School employee contracts could be cut off if there were a large drop in revenues.

"I sure hope that doesn't happen here." Rounds said. "We need to see oil and gas come up. We are just hoping and praying that things come together. We will not reduce the work force until it's an absolute necessity.'

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Park Addition filed: June 22, 1998

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Houston group calls on UP to sell area tracks

business group is calling on the federal government to force Union Pacific Railroad to sell some of its tracks in an effort to alleviate ongoing gridlock problems. Gulf Coast.

Greater Houston The "Partnership has agreed to send a resolution to the federal Surface Transportation Board in support of that and other changes in the 1996 merger agreement between Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Rail Corp. The merger gave Omaha,

HOUSTON (AP) - A Houston Neb.-based Union Pacific con- Transportation Board asked trol of more than 80 percent of government and business offithe rail traffic in the Houston cials to suggest changes in the area, the nation's largest petroconditions of the merger agreechemical complex. Critics have ment, specifically as it applied blamed the agreement for ensuto the Gulf Coast. The deadline for their suggesing rail congestion along the

tions is July 8. Shippers and Forcing Union Pacific to sell reflicade then have two some of its tracks to compete months to respond. tors could be "the best opportu- Included in the ideas being

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grantee: Ackerly Oil Co., Inc. dba Trio Fuels property: tract 1 - 0.557 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 31, blk. 32, T-

1-N, T&P RR Co.; tract 2 - 2.43 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 31, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. filed: June 25, 1998

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ber of nursing-home-neglect trials. Blue Sheet records show three nursing-home trials in 1995 with an average jury award of \$100,772, nine cases in 1996 with an average award of \$264,821, and 18 cases in 1997 with an average award of \$10.5 million. The three

biggest awards that year were for \$10.7 million, \$83 million and \$92 million.

"It's totally gone crazy," says Corpus Christi defense lawyer Will Pierson, whose firm defended a nursing home in a March case that ended in a \$3.3 million verdict. A Galveston County state district jury awarded the damages to the family of a 35year-old man with AIDS who wandered out of the home and died nearby. Pierson predicts "all the godzillions of dollars will be reduced," by judges refusing to enter the high punitive damage awards, by appellate courts, or in settle-

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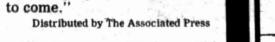
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Beth Ferris, president of **Texas Advocates for Nursing** Home Residents in Austin, is preparing to defend the status quo, especially keeping state inspection reports public and available as trial evidence. "I've already bought a new pair of walking shoes," she says, "and I'm taking vitamins to prepare for the battle to come.

the pinch in legal costs and rising insurance premiums. Tom Suehs, executive director of the Texas Health Care Association, an Austin trade group that represents 850 Texas nursing homes, says the big jury verdicts have pushed Texas nursing-home industry, insurance to more than three times the national average.

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when it reconvenes in January. Suehs's group wants lawmakers to limit the use of evidence from state inspections, arguing that reports of general problems at a nursing home don't necessarily prove harm to a specific patient. He also wants a cap on punitivedamage awards.



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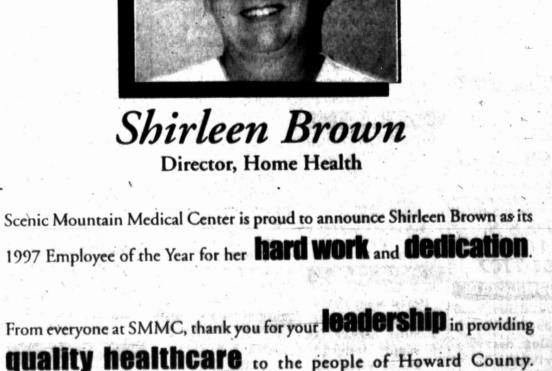
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AUSTIN (AP) - An exception to regarding a state law requiring most government meetings to be open to the public is more broad than at least one environmental organization has argued, according to the state's **3rd Court of Appeals.**

Three justices on the court on Thursday said they were being asked for the first time to define the "real estate" exception to the Texas Open Meetings Act in a case over the selection of sites for two new schools in the Austin Independent School District.

The "real estate" exception to the aw, one of several allowing closeddoor meetings, says government meetings can be closed to the public if discussions are scheduled

"the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations ...

The public must be notified of any meeting of a governmental body and any formal action taken by the body must be done in public session.

The Save Our Springs alliance, an Austin environmental group, sued the district after it chose locations for two new schools last year. SOS argued that the locations selected already were owned or under contract by the school district. That meant discussing the selections in an open meeting would not have had a detrimental effect on negotiations, SOS said.

But the court disagreed. It said while the district ultimately selected sites it owned or had under contract, school board members discussed the possible selection of sites that were not owned or under contract.

The court also said the district had held public meetings on the possible sites before its closed-door meeting and selected the sites in an open meeting.

"(SOS) argues, and we acknowledge, that the exceptions in the (Open Meetings) Act are narrowly drawn," Chief Justice Lee Yeakel wrote in the court's opinion. "We do not agree, however, that the Legislature cast the real estate exception as narrowly as (SOS) suggests.'

The court said the real estate exception is meant to keep a governmental body from having to "telegraph its punch", regarding prospective land deals.

Suzy Woodford, head of the government watchdog group Common Cause-Texas, said the decision did not seem to be an expansion of the exception.

"I think they have kept their opinion within what I think are reasonable bounds when discussing property," Ms. Woodford said. "I don't think they have greatly expanded the exemption."

M.J. Nicchio, a spokesman for the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, agreed.

"It seems like the definition is merely clarified and valid," Nicchio-said.

He added that it appeared the district kept the public informed and would have been disadvantaged in negotiations had it discussed the selections in public and chosen properties it didn't own or have under contract.

"The school district is acting on behalf of the public. If they are at a disadvantage, the public is disadvantaged," he said.

Calls to SOS and the school district were not immediately returned to AP Thursday.

FEC investigating AFL-CIO's massive political ad campaign WASHINGTON (AP) - Zeroing produced several of the AFL-CIO

in on the explosion of unregulated issues ads by special interest groups, the Federal Election Commission is investigating the AFL-CIO's massive ad campaign in 1996 to determine whether it was coordinated illegally with Democrats.

Labor, legal and political sources said that the commission, which recently subpoenaed several Republicans over similar issues, has been looking into the labor federation's campaign since late 1996. The various inquiries are evidence of a new focus for the commission, which is grappling with the surge in outside spending on political campaigns in recent years.

"They have continued to go at it from every different direction, and we've shipped them boxes and boxes of information," said David Mitchell, a partner in the media firm Greer, Margolis, Mitchell, Burns and Associates Inc., which

spots. "The FEC is being aggressive," Mitchell said. "But I would like to convince them that at the end of the day, it will have been for naught because there is nothing to find in this case.'

Third-party spending, if done in the form of issue ads that don't advocate a particular candidate's election or defeat, falls outside federal regulation and campaign spending limits — unless the groups paying for the ads coordinate efforts with the political parties or candidates who could benefit from them.

The commission has issued subpoenas for information regarding the relationship between the AFL-CIO. its affiliated unions, the Democratic National Committee, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and the Congressional Democratic Campaign Committee.

The commission also is asking

about Project '95 and Project '96, grass-roots campaigns funded largely by labor and environmental groups that targeted incumbent Republicans.

AFL-CIO counsel Larry Gold declined to comment, as did DNC spokesman Rick Hess. The FEC doesn't comment on ongoing investigations.

Labor increased the role of socalled issues advocacy ads with its \$35 million political campaign in 1996, which frequently criticized Republican incumbents about their stands on such issues as the minimum wage, Medicare and education.

Republicans protested that labor was unfairly boosting Democrats under the guise of issues advocacy, noting that the unions also sponsored candidate forums that included top Democrats and pollsters and participated in coordinated campaigns that generated turnout for Democrats.

"The AFL-CIO. and other labor

unions have already coordinated the contents of any communicacommunications aimed at the general public with Democratic candidates," the National Republican **Congressional Committee charged** in one complaint. "Such intimate cooperation has clearly compromised the AFL-CIO's ability to make truly independent communications."

Republicans also are under scrutiny for possible coordination. Over the past month, the FEC subpoenaed Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, chairman of the House Republican Conference, and a coalition of business groups that ran a \$4 million advertising campaign to counter the labor ads.

Earlier, the FEC subpoenaed a GOP media consultant about ads produced for the Republican National Committee and Bob Dole's 1996 presidential campaign. Mitchell said his firm was asked

to provide the cellular phone, pager and telephone calling card numbers for all its employees, and tions it had with labor and Democrats about the labor campaign.

Mitchell pointed out his firm did no work for any federal candidates in 1996. Its only production for the DNC was a video of President Clinton's trip to Ireland that year. One unsuccessful Democratic candidate from a district where labor's ads ran, James Martin Davis of Nebraska, said he had been contacted by the FEC, but he declined to elaborate.

Two others, David Bell of Georgia and Dennis Null of Kentucky, said the FEC hadn't asked them about any contacts they had regarding labor's ads.

"The answer to that would be easy," Null said. "Zero."

Bell said that not only did he have no input into the labor ads, but that he held them at least partially responsible for his loss. "They were my biggest negative," he said.

Feds mandate that states must cover cost of Viagra under Medicaid

Medicaid programs must pay for Viagra; the popular but expensive new impotency pill, the federal government said Thursday.

Use of the drug will be closely monitored, however, and abuse could land it on a list of drugs states can choose to exclude from

Governors' Association.

Health and Human Services to inappropriate use.

WASHINGTON (AP) — State when medical necessity dictates" are required to pay for any drug said Medicaid administrator prescribed for purposes approved Nancy-Ann Min DeParle in a letter by the FDA. The Health and Thursday to the National Human Services Secretary can add to a list of exceptions only when However, DeParle said that there is evidence a drug is subject

Viagra abuse, such as limiting the Leavitt R-Utah, argued coverage quantity of prescriptions or number of refills, requiring documentation by doctors of impotence diagpromote inappropriate use.

Secretary Donna Shalala "is great- DeParle said pointedly that lated that covering the \$10 Viagra DeParle said about 90 percent of ly concerned about the potential Medicaid "intends to establish a pill would add up to more than the nation's 37 million Medicaid

should be optional, not a mandate. Some of the largest states, including California and New York had noses and disciplining those who been saying no to Viagra pending the federal ruling. Others have The governors' association calcubeen covering it, however.



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Clueless Arkansas turkey hunter causes readers to gobble

DEAR ABBY: I just roared at the ity: shopping. letter from "Turkeyless in Arkansas." I couldn't stop laughing, so I sat down

and wrote my

from a woman's

point of view. It's

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understand the appeal. I explained everything to him the night before, but shopping day was a disaster. He was not up at 4:30 to be first in ABBIGAIL VAN BUREN

line. He poked around and refused to wear the shopping attire I had given him —comfortable shoes and a backpack. In the shops, he refused to cooperate. His critical attitude attracted embarrassing attention from other shoppers. To top it all off, when I made a purchase, he would throw up his arms and scream, "Run, Visa Card!

My friend could not stop laughing. I was so angry I haven't been able to speak to him since. Abby, how could this man be so insensitive to my feelings? Now I am no longer sure this relationship is such a good idea. Ben is good-look-

ing and has a great career, but is Arkansas." this relationship worth saving? I'm not giving up my shopping excursions. - PURCHASELESS IN ORE-GON

This is Abby again. I couldn't resist writing an answer.

DEAR PURCHASELESS: If you're been buying what Ben has been "selling" - how can you call yourself "purchaseless"? -

Whatever his masculine appeal might be, Ben is clearly not someone who's likely to develop a love for shopping.

If your ideal man is one who enjoys rising at 4:30 a.m., putting on sensible shoes and carrying a backpack so you don't have to carry your own packages, you are shopping in the wrong department. Ben may look like a prize — but

he's no bargain. Read on: DEAR ABBY: I couldn't believe

your answer to "Turkeyless in

Gwen is being told what to do. when to do it, how to do it and then ex ted to show respect to the person giving the orders, and you call HER a turkey! I thought the "Me Tarzan, you Jane" mentality was a thing of the past. Nowhere in the letter does the turkey hunter say he asked Gwen if she WANTED to go hunting, and nowhere do I see where he listened to her reply. That brainless turkey hunter needs to quit sniffing his face paint and realize that Gwen is using passive aggression to make the point of her disdain for his sport and his lack of communication skills.

Beauty and an ability to cook are poor reasons upon which to base a relationship. If "Turkeyless" wants a relationship, not only does he need to learn to communicate better and listen, he should look for common interests rather than

expecting Gwen to kowtow to his. - A GROUSE HUNTER IN MIN-NESOTA

DEAR GROUSE HUNTER: Gwen wasn't hog-tied and forced to go along on the turkey hunt. She could have refused the invitation.

The hunter wants a woman with whom to share his love of turkey hunting, and Gwen is definitely not that woman. So, for his purposes, she IS a turkey.

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Be willing to take a stab at creative endeavors. You find that you are unusually successful. Romance also flourishes, especially when traveling. Spirituality and detachment mark interactions this year. Work benefits from a partner who supports you. This could also be a business affiliation. Take a strong hand in managing your finances. If you are single, a new opportunity for love knocks on your door; answer it! If attached, the two of you enjoy your time together even more. You may opt for a new addition. SAGITTARIUS presents a dramatically different viewpoint. 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) You have a solid point of view. Instinctively, you understand a partner and his problems. Intuition serves you well when dealing with loved ones. Voice your concern. Your friendship means a lot to someone. Ignore gossip about a family member. Tonight: Off to the movies." ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make what you want happen. Join friends for a post-holiday gettogether. Socializing brings new contacts. You are in the limelight, and others come to you. Popularity soars; clearly, someone wants to be close to you. Make time for him. Tonight: Where the good times are.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Pace yourself. Once again, you take on more than you can handle. Responsibilities pressure you, but in this case, it is worth it to just assume them. Catch up on errands, and sneak in a nap. In the late afternoon, gather with friends to continue the festivities. Tonight: You are the party.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Focus your energy on summer fun, relatives and enjoying life. Do what you love. Share a favorite pastime or hobby with a friend or child. Togetherness comes through nurturing. A partner shares his hopes for the future; be receptive. Tonight: Let go of any tension.**** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Stay on top of relationships. You find a discussion extremely

rewarding. Someone truly supports you and will do all he can to help you. Having clear lines drawn will help you in the future. Take time with family. Stay close to home until late afternoon. Tonight: Playtime.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Start up talks. You aren't shy, yet sometimes you have difficulty steering the conversation to what you need to know. Perhaps a more direct approach would be wise. Join friends, and remain spontaneous. Plan to get together with family at home. Tonight: Play it low-key.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Curb a tendency to be possessive. in some way, you feel that showing your caring in this manner is nurturing. Be more direct about your feelings. Take time for a group gettogether or ballgame. Enjoy drinks and dinner with friends. Tonight: Catch up on news.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Let others know what makes you happy. Play a game of softball. Love intensifies between you and someone. Let the good feelings flow. Go near water, to relax.

Family is key in your planning. A special adventure together will be memorable. Tonight: Slow the pace.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Maintain a low profile. Sharing quiet time with a loved one is right up your alley. You also might need some downtime for yourself. Sometimes you can get strung out, with too much to do. Someone presents a great invitation to be with a favorite person. Tonight: Let it happen naturally.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Follow a friend's lead. Laughter surrounds you. Be open to someone's suggestion. Aim for what you want; stay in touch with your feelings. Good news knocks on your door. Extend yourself, be spontaneous and take a risk. Later, you slow down. Tonight: Add extra mystery, by vanishing.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others look to you for feedback and advice. Take time to finish a work-related project. What distinguishes you from others is your willingness to put in that extra effort. Let your imagination roll, and share strong feelings with a Inc.

friend. Tonight: Beam in what you want.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Try something totally new. Evaluate an offer, but with due cynicism. Get past restrictive thinking - yours, someone else's or both. Your optimism and positive ways draw others. Take some time for a parent or relative whom you put on a pedestal. Tonight: In the limelight.*****

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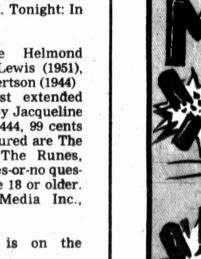
Actress Katherine Helmond (1934), singer Huey Lewis (1951), musician Robbie Robertson (1944)

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