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## Community Guide deadlines nearing

The deadline for listings and advertising for the Herald's annual Community Guide edition is nearing.

Businesses wishing to advertise have until noon Monday to make certain they are included in this annual directory of businesses and services while organizations have until noon Friday to add or change a listing.

Advertisers can ensure they are included in the section, which will be published on Sunday, July 26, by calling 263-7331.

Churches, civic groups, businesses and organizations wishing to update their listing — or new organizations wanting to make certain they are included — have until noon Friday to contact Gina Garza with their listing information.

No changes will be accepted after noon Friday.

## Traffic signals gone at Fourth and State

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has removed the traffic signals at the intersection of Fourth Street and State Street.

The intersection, formerly controlled by a traffic light, will now be controlled by stop signs on State Street.

TxDOT determined through a traffic study that the intersection did not meet the requirements for traffic signals and the work was done as part of the signal light controller project currently under way on Third and Fourth streets between Gregg Street and Birdwell Lane.

Motorists are urged to use caution when driving on either street as lights may not be synchronized and some intersections may be controlled by four-way stop signs.

## WHAT'S UP...

### MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.  
□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner  
□ Howard Co. NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce board room.

### TUESDAY

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

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## Long-awaited construction project gets under way on Hangar 25

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The long awaited "facelift" for Hangar 25 is under way. Big Spring's Lee George Construction has begun what is being called the "start up demolition phase" of the Hangar 25 project.

"Right now we are removing the things that have to go before we actually begin renovations," said George. "The majority of this project is restoration.

"We are also adding some things

to bring the building up to code, like restroom facilities and handicap access."

According to George, construction will move into the actual renovation stage in about another week.

"We sent out the contracts to all of the subcontractors," said George. "Now that we have them all on-line, we can really get started."

Jerry Worthy, chairman of the Hangar 25 Committee, presented a check to the city council to begin the project June 25.

"The hangar is a tribute to the area's past, as well as the veterans who served," said Worthy.

"We are real happy that the job went to a local firm," said George.

"A lot of the subcontractors that are participating in this project are based right here in Big Spring."

According to George, the renovations should be complete sometime in early December.

"I don't anticipate a whole lot of unseen delays on this project," said George. "Everyone involved has been real cooperative."



Lee George reviews the plans for the Hangar 25 project. HERALD photo/T.E. Jenkins



Martin County residents visit during Saturday's 65th annual Old Settlers Reunion. The E.B. Holcomb family, pictured on Page 2A, were honored as Pioneer Family. HERALD photo/Linda Choate

## Martin County Old Settlers gather

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Former Martin County residents who now live all over the United States converged on Stanton Saturday, joining the festivities of the 65th Annual Martin County Old Settlers Reunion.

"The reunion has been real good," said Old Settlers Reunion Association president Charlotte White. "We had a really good crowd turn out for the parade this morning."

"The participation this year has been wonderful. We had

more than 14 floats and vehicles in the parade, and a lot of people out on the street celebrating."

The parade, which began at 10 a.m., took its usual route through downtown Stanton, finally stopping to begin the "Downtown Games."

"Mrs. Virginia Keaton was our parade marshal," said White. "When we told her that she had been chosen, she told us that in more than 90 years she had never been a part of a parade."

There was also a mystery guest in the parade, White

explains.

"Each year, we choose someone to ride in the parade, dressed up in a western outlaw disguise. This year it was Sandra Wheeler Evans, who works for Wheeler Motors here in Stanton. After she made her appearance, it was up to the people to cast ballots as to who they thought the mystery person was. So far, we haven't found a winner."

"The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the street games every year," said White. "This

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## Bogus money

### Forgery charges filed against pair in connection with counterfeit \$10 bills passed in community

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) arrested two suspects Thursday night believed to be responsible for the recent discovery of counterfeit \$10 bills at Norwest Bank.

BSPD arrested Efrain Mier, 27, of Big Spring, as well as Geneva L. Oliveras, 23, no address given, on charges of forgery, a third degree felony.

"They are being charged with forgery because Texas doesn't have a separate charge for counterfeiting," said BSPD Sgt. Roger Sweat. "Anytime a crime is committed using a reproduction of a government document in the state of Texas, the charges fall under forgery."

While sorting through the deposit drops made the night before, tellers at Norwest Bank found a number of \$10 bills that they suspected were counterfeit.

"We found several counterfeit bills mixed in the business deposits dropped to us Wednesday evening," said Norwest Bank President Mark Odle. "The tellers detected the bills while they were sorting through the drops from the night before.

"We've found them in drops

made by all different types of businesses. Some are from convenience stores, as well as fast food restaurants. They have all been at different locations in Big Spring."

Although authorities believe they have the criminals responsible in custody, they warn that there may still be many of these counterfeit bills still in circulation.

"Our tellers were able to distinguish the bills by the overall feel of them," said Odle. "Although the reproduction is of a seemingly high quality, but the paper doesn't feel anything like what's used by the government. These bill felt almost like they had been printed on regular copying paper."

The BSPD warns people to pay close attention to any money that receive, including change from payments.

"A lot of people will take the money in a hurry, and won't notice the difference," said Sweat. "As long as these bills aren't noticed, they will continue to circulate until someone makes the distinction."

"Right now, we have collected more than \$200 in these counterfeit \$10 bills, and Norwest Bank has about \$160 in their possession. We do expect to see more filter in over the next few weeks as well."

## Landscaping project completed at Salvation Army

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Visiting the Salvation Army means a different point of view, now that landscaping, complete with trees, flowers, shrubs and a drip watering system, graces the front of the building, said Danelle Castillo, director of social services.

Castillo said she and other members were discussing customer relations following a recent Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce seminar

on customer service.

"People want to feel comfortable and wanted, and we thought perhaps the Salvation Army did not give that sort of appearance from afar," she said.

Her solution, after talking with others who had attended the seminar, was to landscape the grounds at the Salvation Army offices.

"This started as a nice, small donation of flowers, and it grew into a large donation of flowers, shrubs and trees, which look beautiful," Castillo said.

Johansen Nursery is currently installing a drip irrigation system to keep the new landscape properly watered, she said.

"We are a one-stop organization, and sometimes our customers have to swallow their pride to ask for help. It may be the only time they ever need help, and that's usually the hardest time."

"This is to let our customers know they can come in and ask for help, that we are just like the next person," Castillo said.

David Wrinkle, former owner of KBST Radio, donated the money to landscape the grounds, she said.

She added that the outside appearance of the Salvation Army offices makes an impression on organizations that use the building for meetings.

"We have a personal development seminar here quarterly, and those people are not from Big Spring, and this is the only place they ever see because they're here all day," she said.

The flowers, shrubs and trees

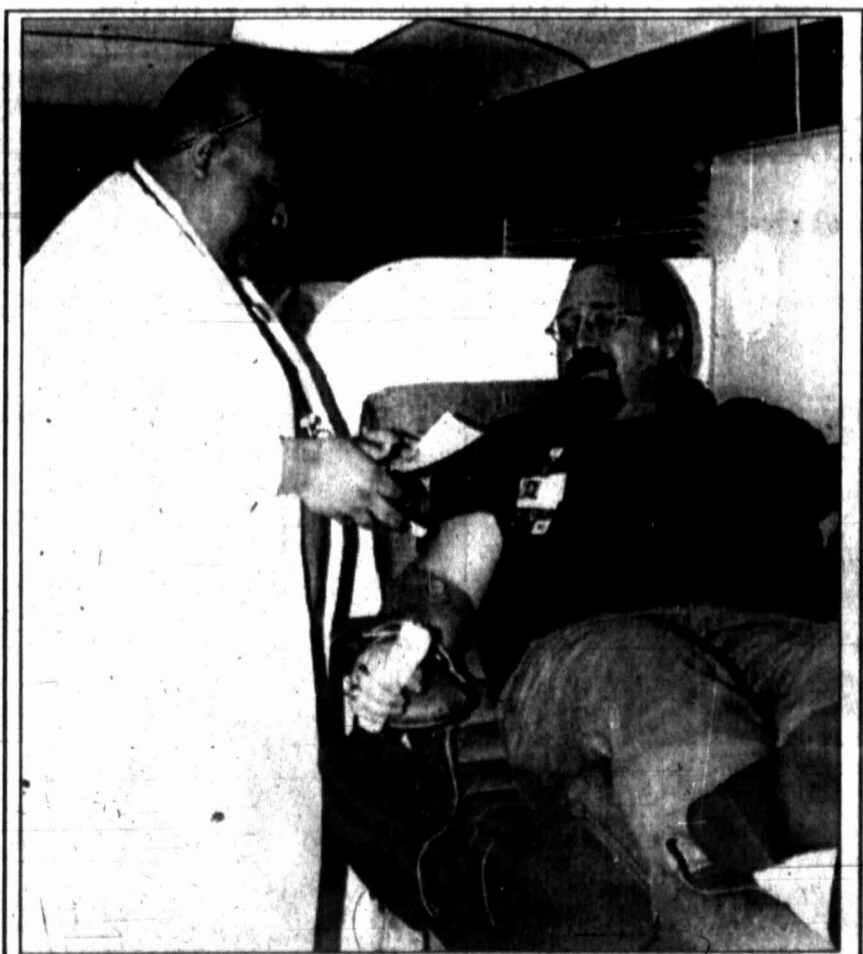
were planted July 3 by Castillo, Roy Davis and P.J. Heckler, along with Castillo, who donated their time.

Also, community service workers helped plant the greenery, she said.

The Salvation Army building is located at 811 W. Fifth.

Persons wishing to volunteer to help the Salvation Army or to donate merchandise may do so by calling 267-8239 or going by the facility.

Maj. Roy Tolcher is commander of the Big Spring facility.



Daniel Maciel, Jr. of United Blood Services takes blood from Melvin Berry during Friday's blood drive at Big Spring State Hospital. HERALD photo/Linda Choate

## Indiana science teacher to hold seminars asking question 'Does God really exist?'

By T.E. JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Does God really exist? Although the question itself may offend some, John Clayton, an award winning science

teacher who has earned national prominence for his knowledge and skill in dealing with matters of science and the Bible, claims to have the answer.

Clayton will address key concerns on modern science and how it relates to Christianity Friday and Saturday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Next Sunday, he will present a morning lecture at the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

"One of the things that disturbs me," said Clayton, "is the popular concept that science

and faith are on a collision course. We look at the work of scientists in this program, as well as great philosophers.

"People need to understand that this program is strictly a public service. We do not try to sell anything to those in attendance, and we don't take up a collection."

"Mr. Clayton is very well known in the church community, and beyond," said 14th and Main minister Rick Cunningham. "He has done this type of presentation so long, it's almost second nature for him."

Clayton currently teaches Earth Science and Physics at Riley High School in South Bend, Ind. He travels the country more than 40 weekends each year, sometimes at his own expense, to debate the existence of God.

"According to Mr. Clayton," said Cunningham, "he left atheism and became a Christian while working on a book entitled 'All the stupidity of the Bible.' While he was research-

ing for the book, he found that his views were unfounded."

According to Clayton, who claims to have been an atheist for more than 20 years, "being brought up in an atheist home gave him a rather unique view of science and religion."

"Most people believe only because their parents believe," said Clayton. "Not because they can argue the case."

"But if you are 100 percent confident, you should at least be able to explain why you believe what you believe."

Clayton believes that the atheist views concerning the creation of the universe can not rationally be supported.

"From the atheist viewpoint, the universe has to be eternal," said Clayton. "It never had a beginning, so you have to say that something came out of nothing."

"But if you conclude it must have had a beginning, the question is, how did it begin? Was it

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# Heat claiming lives of illegals at alarming rate along Texas-Mexico border

AUSTIN (AP) — At least 30 immigrant deaths believed to be related to exhaustion and exposure to harsh weather have been recorded along the Texas-Mexico border this year, prompting officials to worry that they are seeing the beginning of an unprecedented death toll, according to a published report.

"It looks like it's going to be a bad year," Carlton Jones, spokesman for the Border Patrol's Del Rio sector, told the Austin American-Statesman. In Jones' area, there have been seven recorded immigrant deaths from dehydration, one from heart attack and three

from undetermined causes. Eight bodies have been found this year in Kenedy and Brooks counties, where inland Border Patrol checkpoints guard two major north-south highways. The Border Patrol's Laredo sector has recorded 11 deaths from dehydration this year.

The Border Patrol has attributed only one death to heat in Arizona and New Mexico, while in California, the Mexican Consulate said exposure to heat and cold has claimed 20 immigrants this year.

Kenedy County Sheriff Rafael Cuellar, a 30-year law enforcement veteran, said he's never seen so many bodies so early in

the year. "We had four just last week. We buried (an unknown boy this week) and we still have one at the morgue," Cuellar told the American-Statesman last week. He added that the county spends up to \$3,000 on investigations, autopsies and burials in each case.

Cuellar said 20 bodies were found in Kenedy County 1996. Eighteen in 1997.

"I know there's a bunch of them we haven't found," he added.

U.S. 77, which cuts through Kenedy County on its way to Victoria, Waco and toward Dallas, is one of the most active

immigrant smuggling corridors in the state, immigration authorities say.

In some cases, smugglers guide immigrants past border checkpoints then drive them north, dropping them off a few miles south of inland checkpoints. The immigrants then walk miles to prearranged pickup spots and wait for another ride north.

That's the deluxe package, costing around \$800 to \$1,000 per person. Immigration agents and police have seen worse cases. Some groups are abandoned in the brush. Others attempt to cross without a guide and get hopelessly lost.

"The strongest survive and the weak die," Cuellar said. "There's water along the way in places, but you have to know where it is."

The Border Patrol has found itself in a strange position. Its checkpoints, which frighten immigrants into potentially lethal passages, must now be equipped to help the dying. The agency has responded with Operation Lifesaver, training hundreds of agents to provide emergency medical care and equipping patrol vehicles with extra medical equipment and water.

The agency has also produced its own public service

announcements warning immigrants of the perils of illegal crossings and ending with the foreboding message: "Stay away, stay alive." The videos are sent to Mexican television stations and shown to detainees.

Meanwhile, the Border Patrol has stepped up its presence in El Paso and Brownsville to try to stem the tide of people attempting the more dangerous routes.

"We aren't going to be able to stop the (deaths) until they plug up the border, and that's not going to happen," said Glenn Harsdorff, a justice of the peace in Refugio County.

## Judge sets Monday meeting in tobacco suit

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers on all sides of the state's pending \$15.3 billion tobacco settlement have been called to meet Monday with the federal judge supervising the case.

Several of the people summoned to Texarkana said U.S. District Judge David Folsom had told them to bring their suitcases, the Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday.

Folsom chuckled at the suggestion he may lock the lawyers and two state legislators in a room to work out agreements on sticking points that are holding up a finished deal.

But the judge would not say why he called the status conference in his chambers instead of arranging a conference call. "I always try to get the parties to work out their differences," he said.

Two legal challenges have delayed the settlement. One objects to \$2.3 billion in legal fees awarded to private lawyers who sued tobacco companies for the state. The other seeks a share of the settlement for cer-

tain Texas counties and public hospital districts.

Attorney General Dan Morales announced the Texas settlement in mid-January. By early February, Gov. George W. Bush and seven legislators had sued to intervene, protesting the 15 percent attorneys' deal.

Before Bush intervened, Republican attorney general candidate John Cornyn sued in state court to challenge Morales' authority to hire the five law firms to handle the case on contingency fees.

Seven Texas counties and hospital districts also sued to intervene, contending the tobacco settlement should pay expenses for treating poor people not covered by the Medicaid program.

Folsom called together Morales, Bush's lawyers and attorneys representing the seven legislators and counties and hospital districts. The judge also summoned state Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, and state Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo. The two men head the state's budget-writing commit-

tees and have been involved with negotiations on the county issue.

"I consider this a very helpful development," Morales said. "We are now sufficiently close on all the outstanding issues that the court's active intervention in terms of pushing us that final yard or two across the goal line will be very beneficial."

Morales said he was hopeful negotiations through the weekend might result in a united position for Monday's conference. The counties and hospital districts that have asked to intervene have been working for a formula that would distribute tobacco settlement money to all 254 Texas counties.

For more than two weeks, attorneys for Morales, Bush and the legislators have said they were close to resolving the dispute over attorney's fees. That pending deal reportedly would leave immune to attack an arbitrator's decision on how much the tobacco makers must pay the private lawyers. In return, Morales would drop motions to

## State board votes to divest Disney stock

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education's vote to get rid of Walt Disney Co. stock following concerns over sex and violence in films by a Disney subsidiary may spur a look at other stock holdings.

"In the future, I'm concerned could this be a domino effect on our investments and what impact that could have on the return of our investments for the children," said board member Geraldine Miller of Dallas, who voted to divest.

Board chair Jack Christie of Houston, also a divestiture supporter, said he had spoken with a state lawmaker on the issue.

"They're considering helping us with guidelines in the next session," he said.

The board voted 8-4 to divest the \$46.43 million in Disney stock from the \$17.65 billion Permanent School Fund. Two abstained.

All those favoring the sale of the stock are Republicans. Those who voted against or abstained are Democrats. One Republican on the 15-member board was absent.

The vote came after the American Family Association of Texas, which is involved in a Disney boycott, sent board members a videotape of Disney-owned Miramax film excerpts, including scenes from "Pulp Fiction" and "Chasing Amy."

The fund's shares are less than one-tenth of a percent of all Disney's shares. Divestiture opponents said the trust fund has investments in other companies that also could raise objections. Those include stock in major companies that are involved in alcohol, gambling, adult-oriented entertainment or defense contracting; have been accused of human rights violations, pollution, unfair employment or illegal political contributions.

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OUR VIEWS

Left-lane law out in left field

When we first heard about the "new" law regarding driving in the left-hand lane of multi-lane roads, we thought it might be an idea whose time had come.

After all, haven't we all been motoring along in the left lane of the interstate only to come up on some yokel driving 10 miles an hour slower than everyone else — and oblivious to the fact there is anyone else on the road!

But as we investigated this "new" law — passed in the last legislative session and enacted last Sept. 1 — we found some interesting aspects that make us think it was nothing more than an effort by State Rep. Joe Driver (R-Garland) to get his name on a piece of legislation.

For instance, it is optional with the Texas Department of Transportation as to whether or not they erect signs advising motorists that it is illegal to use the left lane for passing only.

Which quickly caused the rise of a question around the newsroom: "If there are no signs, how can someone know they are breaking the law?"

The answer? They don't — but not to worry, for this law becomes more and more arbitrary!

If there are no signs, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the DPS will not enforce the law.

Signs began being erected in El Paso about six weeks ago, but have yet to be placed in the Crossroads area or Permian Basin.

The new signs replace older ones that read "Slower Traffic Keep Right."

Those signs will be removed from Howard County, said Johnny Moore, supervisor for the Texas Department of Transportation, but new signs will not be used.

"No signs is one of the options," Moore said. Speed limits and all other traffic laws remain in place, he said.

"If someone is breaking the law, we'll let the law enforcement take care of that," he said.

But again, if there aren't any signs how do they know they're breaking the law?

And the latest sign — "Left Lane For Passing Only" — or lack of it, has created a cacophony of confusion.

The DPS now says the new "law" was really just the Texas Department of Transportation's unveiling a new sign, with the legislation necessary to place the sign into place.

"The legislature passed that whenever TxDOT takes down a sign that reads "Slower Traffic Keep Right," they may replace it with the new "Left Lane For Passing Only" signs," said Tela Mange of the DPS.

In other words, left lane driving on Texas highways is still legal, provided a motorist observes the posted speed limit and does not hinder traffic.

"The law has always been that you cannot impede traffic, that you can't drive too slow in the left-hand lane," Mange said.

It's a shame that legislators couldn't rely on common sense in regards to the left-lane legislation, but instead felt the need to fall back on that old gadfly of more law for the common man.

In a word, ugh!

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Family's feeling of peace comes with body's ID

I can't even begin to imagine the feeling of peace that must have finally overcome the family of Air Force Lt. Michael Blassie, who was finally laid to rest Saturday near his St. Louis home.



JOHN H. WALKER

Lt. Blassie, you may recall, was the American serviceman from the Vietnam war whose remains had been enshrined for 14 years at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Blassie, identified through DNA testing that wasn't available when his remains were recovered from a Vietnam jungle, was buried with full military honors in the oldest section of the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Over the years, most of us have either known or known of someone who was killed in the service of our country, but until, as the Native American saying goes, we have walked a mile in their moccasins, there can be no way we can know the feeling of having lost someone violently in a war.

Because of my association with the Vietnam veterans working on the Vietnam Memorial, I feel I have come in contact with more people who have lost someone at war, or known someone lost at war, than most.

Still, that's a feeling I have not known in regards to a family member.

All of the Walker clan that went away to World War II and Korea came back alive. Those that served in Vietnam came home healthy and, as the cousins grow older, there have been fewer Walkers available to go to places like Granada or Desert Storm.

For the family of Michael Blassie, they now know for certain where he rests eternally.

Growing up in the South, especially with a Mother interested in genealogy, I spent my fair share of time in cemeteries ... and the South is full of wonderfully old cemeteries.

Those gardens of stone tell a million stories, but none so poignantly like the Civil War cemeteries in Vicksburg or Chickamauga or Chancellorsville.

Wandering through those cemeteries, there are literally thousands of military headstones. They are uniform in size and shape and they form row

after row, no matter how you stand and look at them.

Yes, there are thousands with the full name and detail regarding the deceased. But for all of those, there are hundreds more that carry no more of a legend than "C.S.A." or "U.S." — for Confederate States of America or United States.

Fallen soldiers, with nothing more known about them than the fact they were Americans.

Just like those soldiers, there are thousands of other Americans who remains rest on foreign soil — their identities never established with families left to wonder the whens and the wheres and the whys of their deaths.

But for the family of Michael Blassie, that time is past.

An honor guard fired a 21-gun salute and F-15 Eagle fighters flew overhead. The ceremony was presided over by one of his sisters, Pat Blassie, a captain in the Air Force Reserve.

Judy Cozad, the oldest of the siblings, said she still sees her brother's face in the faces of the U.S. servicemen who fly these days in the no-fly zone over Iraq.

"My brother believed in America just like these young men," she said. "And he like them believed that freedom is not free."

Blassie, a 24-year-old first lieutenant, was shot down May 11, 1972, at the controls of his A-37 fighter during a bombing run over An Loc.

His remains were recovered later that year and taken to the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, where officials said they were "believed to be" those of Blassie. But the evidence was too slim and that designation was removed in 1979.

Blassie was then listed as "killed in action, no body recovered." In 1984, on Memorial Day, the remains — four ribs, pelvis and the upper part of an arm — were buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington.

For the past year, Pat Blassie had crusaded for the disinterment, convinced that the remains entombed without a name were those of her brother.

The bones were exhumed in May and DNA tests confirmed the remains were Blassie's.

On Saturday, he was buried.

May he — and all of the men and women who have fallen in service to their country — rest in eternal peace.

(John H. Walker is Herald managing editor.)

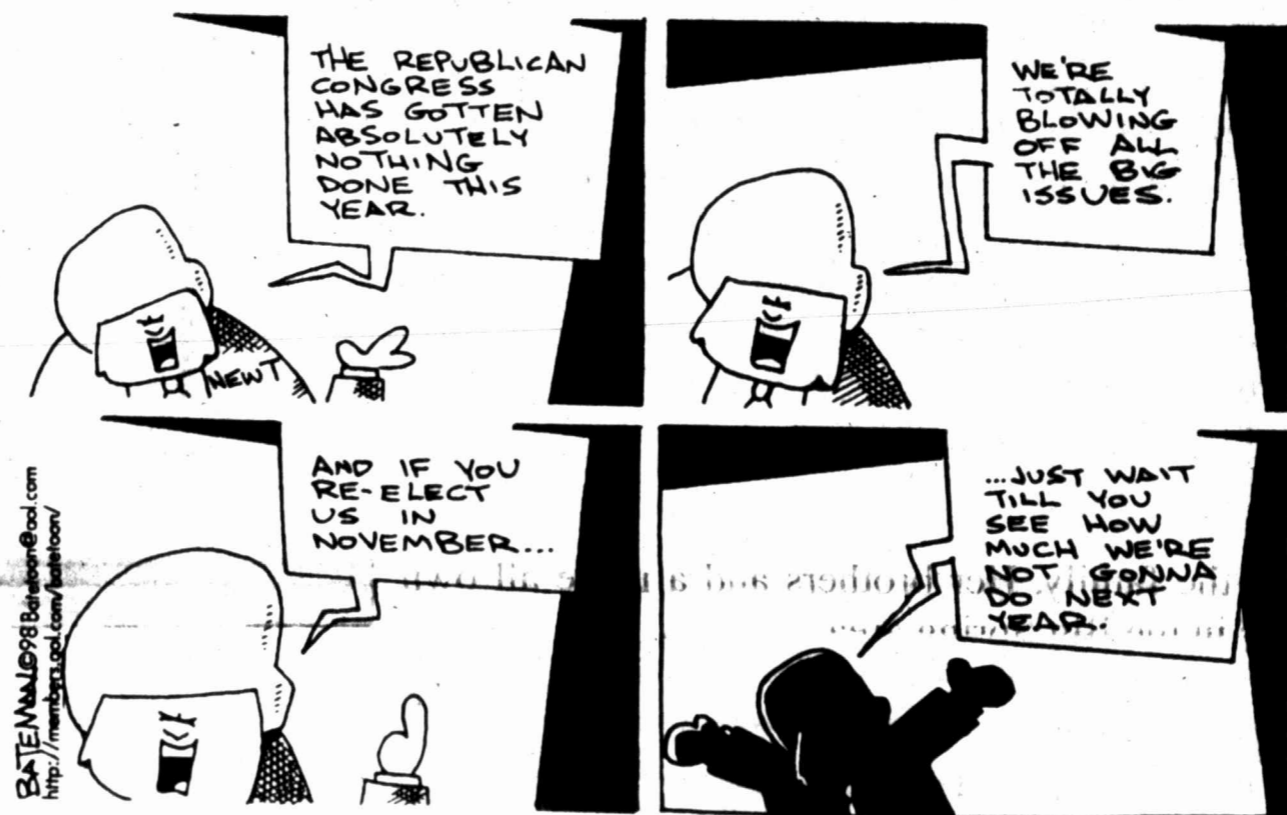
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Troubleshooter may have future in Cabinet

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
Associated Press Writer

Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers bustled into the department's ornate Diplomatic Room to reassure reporters at an IRS briefing that the Clinton administration would fix the agency's botched computer modernization project.

"My presence at the briefing on the IRS budget reflects the importance the Treasury Department attaches to the IRS budget," Summers said at the briefing last year.

He did not crack a smile. He meant every word. It was classic Summers: a touch arrogant, but also accurate.

His presence did indeed reflect the importance of the subject.

Summers, 43, is the administration's fireman assigned to contain economic brush fires raging through Asia. In January, when Indonesia balked at austerity measures imposed as part of an international bailout, Summers conducted a whirlwind six-day, seven-stop diplomatic mission through Asia.

In June, with the plummeting yen threatening to trigger another round of financial turmoil, he jetted to Tokyo to press for bolder counters to Japan's recession.

He also has put his stamp on a wide range of high-profile economic issues, tobacco taxes to global warming to Social Security reform. And, just possibly, by the end of this year he could succeed his boss, Robert Rubin, and become the nation's 71st Treasury secretary.

While aides periodically deny rumors of Rubin's imminent resignation, they've offered no assurance the former Wall Street investment banker will stay for the end of President Clinton's second term.

The man perceived as Summers' chief rival for the top Treasury job, Franklin Raines, took himself out of the running in May when he resigned as director of the Office of Management and Budget to become chairman and chief executive officer at Fannie Mae, the huge home mortgage company.

Rubin and other top administration officials are working

assiduously to build Summers' public image, an important consideration for one of the few jobs in Washington where the wrong choice can throw financial markets into a tailspin.

Rubin, who once delighted in gently ribbing Summers in public, shows deference, asking "Dr. Summers" for his views. And Vice President Al Gore, at a ceremony last week, referred to Rubin and Summers as "by far the best team our country has ever had at the Treasury Department."

The two are a study in contrasts.

Rubin, former head of Goldman Sachs & Co., is suave and slim and wears impeccably tailored suits. The portly Summers, who was a full professor at Harvard University at the tender age of 28, sometimes gives the impression of a pre-occupied professor who has trouble keeping his shirttail tucked in.

Rubin appears relaxed and amiable. Summers, who almost always works with an open can of Diet Coke at hand, is intense and seldom smiles. Aides and colleagues remark on his

propensity to call them at home after 11 p.m. and have complained of feeling belittled by his cutting remarks. Still, even his critics concede the acuity of his analysis — his ability to "think outside the box" and "add value" to deliberations on almost any topic.

Summers was an also-ran in the Cabinet-selection sweepstakes of 1993, when Clinton chose the more personable Laura Tyson to head his Council of Economic Advisers. Like Gore, he has learned to wait in the wings with good grace, to poke fun at his own image and permit glimpses of his less stodgy side.

During a trip to Africa last year, he obligingly permitted elders of a village in the Ivory Coast to make him an honorary chief. They wrapped him in bright orange and yellow cloth and put a pillbox hat topped with a golden elephant on his head.

Then he danced to the beat of the village drums.

Dave Skidmore has written about the economy for The Associated Press in Washington since 1987.

Mallard Fillmore  
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BRUCE TINSLEY



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**GREENVILLE** — A year after a paving crew found the body of a North Texas man near a mountain pass in Colorado, police are no close to solving the murder or finding the prime suspect.

Felix Otero, 29, disappeared from Greenville the night of June 28, 1997. His body was found by last July 10 near the summit of Cameron Pass, about 50 miles north of Fort Collins, Colo.

Larimer County investigators said Otero died of a single gunshot wound, and was killed about two days before he was found 20 feet off of Colorado Highway 14.

Since Otero's partially decomposed and fully clothed body was discovered, investigators in Greenville and Larimer County have sought

Juan Navarette. Believed to be the last person to see Otero alive on the night he disappeared, authorities now say Navarette is the most likely suspect in the slaying.

**HOUSTON** — A South Texas company has been awarded a \$10 million contract to recycle more than 3.4 million gallons of unwanted Vietnam-era napalm being stored by the military in Southern California.

The latest contract is the third attempt by the Navy to get rid of the surplus incendiary weapon, which has languished in Fallbrook Naval Weapons Station, about 50 miles north of San Diego, since the 1970s.

The first shipment should arrive in about a week at the GNI Group Inc.'s Deer Park facility, just east of Houston,

GNI spokeswoman Carolyn Magnuson said.

The napalm will be transported by train to just outside Houston and will travel the last 22 miles to the GNI plant by truck.

GNI was one of three Texas companies considered for a subcontract overseen by Columbus, Ohio-based Battelle Memorial Institute. The \$10 million to be paid to GNI is part of Battelle's \$28 million contract to recycle the napalm in two years.

**DALLAS** — The bishop of the Diocese of Dallas, which agreed to pay \$23.4 million to nine former altar boys who said they were molested by a priest, issued yet another apology for Rudy Kos' attacks — and his organization's failed investigation.

The church had been accused of trying to cover up

the allegations against the 53-year-old Kos, who is now serving a life sentence in prison. Earlier this week, the Vatican stripped him of his priesthood.

"For the moment, it brings an end to the very active phase of what took place — the trial, the aftermath and the settlement," Bishop Charles V. Grahmann said Friday. "But a lot of healing has to take place, a lot of reconciliation."

It is one of the largest settlements ever paid by the church in a sexual abuse case.

Eight of the former altar boys were among 11 victims who won \$119.6 million in a lawsuit a year ago in the biggest verdict ever against a diocese. A ninth former altar boy also shared in Friday's settlement.

Former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham may come face to face in court with his ex-fiancee, former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora.

It could happen as soon as his attorneys begin presenting the defense case in his capital murder trial.

"I would think I would want to start my case off with a bang, and that would be a heck of a bang," defense lawyer Dan Cogdell said Friday.

During a closed-door meeting with the judge, Cogdell requested that Miss Zamora be brought from prison to testify in Graham's trial. Judge Don Leonard did not make a ruling immediately, but hinted Miss Zamora may be called.

"Nothing would surprise me," the judge said.

of Education's vote to get rid of Walt Disney Co. stock following concerns over sex and violence in films by a Disney subsidiary may spur a look at other stock holdings.

"In the future, I'm concerned could this be a domino effect on our investments and what impact that could have on the return of our investments for the children," said board member Geraldine Miller of Dallas, who voted to divest.

Board Chairman Jack Christie of Houston, also a divestiture supporter, said he had spoken with a state lawmaker on the issue.

"They're considering helping us with guidelines in the next session," he said.

The board voted 8-4 to divest the \$46.43 million in Disney stock from the \$17.65 billion Permanent School Fund. Two members abstained.

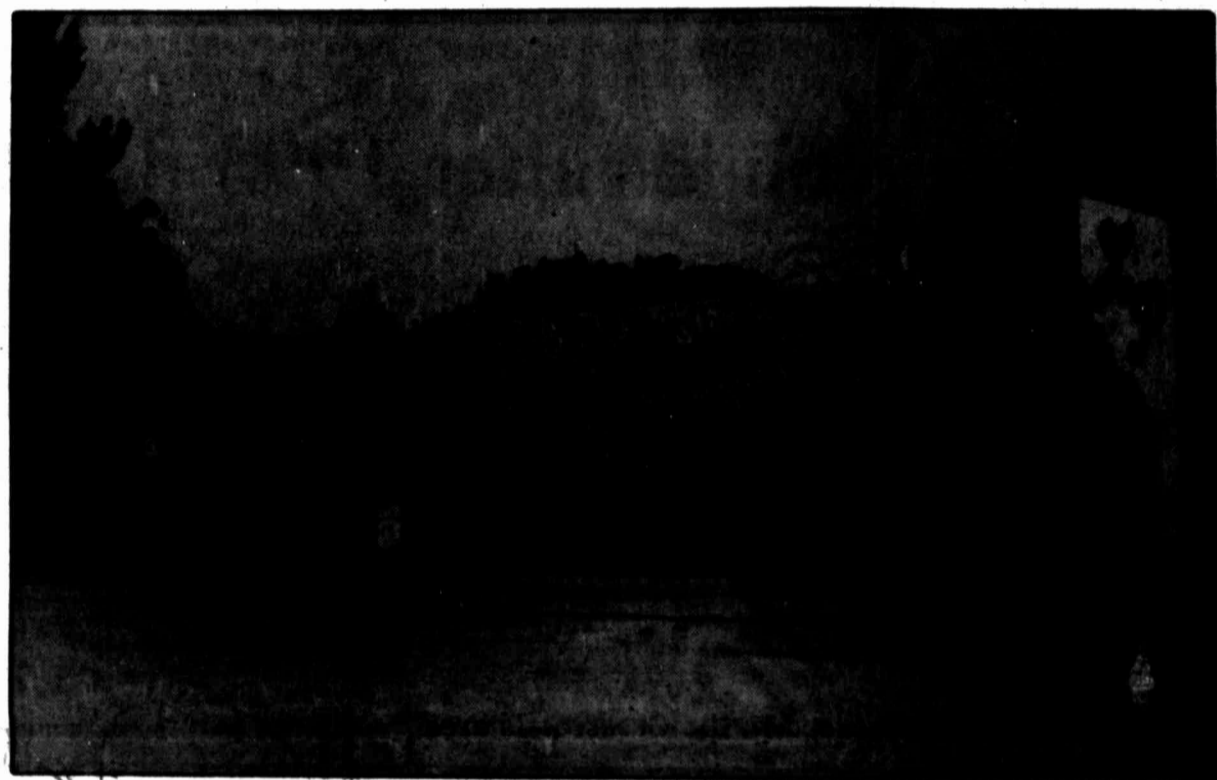
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# 'Unknown' soldier reburied under his own name in home state

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Air Force Lt. Michael Blassie was laid to rest Saturday near his home, half a continent away from the Tomb of the Unknowns where his remains had been enshrined for 14 years.

Blassie, identified through DNA testing that wasn't available when his remains were recovered from a Vietnam jungle, was buried with full military honors in the oldest section of the Jefferson Barracks

National Cemetery.

Defense Secretary William Cohen and House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt were among the hundreds of people who attended the ceremony.

An honor guard fired a 21-gun salute and F-15 Eagle fighters flew overhead. The ceremony was presided over by his eldest sister, Pat Blassie, a captain in the Air Force Reserve.

Judy Cozad, the oldest of the three siblings, said she still sees

her brother's face in the faces of the U.S. servicemen who fly these days in the no-fly zone over Iraq.

"My brother believed in America just like these young men," she said. "And he like them believed that freedom is not free."

Blassie, a 24-year-old first lieutenant, was shot down May 11, 1972, at the controls of his A-37 fighter during a bombing run over An Loc.

His remains were recovered later that year and taken to the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii, where officials said they were "believed to be" those of Blassie. But the evidence was too slim and that designation was removed in 1979.

Blassie was then listed as "killed in action, no body recovered." In 1984, on Memorial Day, the remains — four ribs, pelvis and the upper part of an

arm — were buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington.

For the past year, Pat Blassie had crusaded for the disinterment, convinced that the remains entombed without a name were those of her brother.

The bones were exhumed in May and DNA tests confirmed the remains were Blassie's.

Blassie's remains were brought back to St. Louis on Friday, and a memorial service was held Friday evening at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic

Church, where he was remembered as a courageous young man who fought for peace.

"At a moment of great crises in the history of the world, he gave of himself," Archbishop Justin Rigali said to about 350 friends, relatives and current and former members of the military.

"The resting place of Michael was for so long the Tomb of the Unknowns," Rigali said. "This shrine was still distant from his house, the soil of Missouri, the banks of the Mississippi. Today he comes home."

# Ohio, Indiana plant talks prove to be a stumbling block in GM strike settlement

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — Settlement of two crippling strikes at General Motors Corp. is being held up by a disagreement over whether disputes at other GM plants in the Midwest should be resolved first.

The stumbling block comes on a very crucial weekend for the world's No. 1 automaker. Its two-week summer shutdown ends Monday — if the strikes continue it will only add to the \$1.18 billion already lost by GM.

Talks were to resume Saturday. Richard Shoemaker, a United Auto Workers vice president, warned two weeks ago that GM could face strikes at two brake plants in Dayton, Ohio, and a stamping plant in Indianapolis once the strikes at two Flint plants are settled.

He said GM's demand that the Flint deal resolve problems in Dayton and Indianapolis would only prolong the strikes.

That stance was criticized by GM officials.

"It doesn't make much sense to settle plants that are on strike... only to be at risk to go on strike again at other facilities," GM labor chief Gerald Knechtel said Friday. "All we're trying to do is remove that risk."

After little progress was reported in negotiations, hopes for a weekend deal have faded.

"The progress today has been very, very, very, very slow and very disappointing," Shoemaker said. "There was hardly anything resolved at either place. There are many, many issues left to resolve."

Knechtel said he still thought a weekend settlement was possible, but he agreed that little was accomplished Friday.

"It's not as fast as we'd like it to be, but progress is being made," he said. "We're very focused on trying to get this done this weekend."

Negotiations were also being held at the Dayton and Indianapolis plants.

The issues are similar at all four plants: contracting work to outside suppliers, health and safety issues, work rules, alleged contract violations and allegations of broken promises.

Even if the Flint plants are reopened by Monday, it would still take several days to a week before parts could reach some strike-idled assembly plants.

About 162,000 workers have

been idled at 26 assembly plants and more than 100 parts plants throughout North America, in addition to the 9,200 striking workers at the Flint Metal Center stamping plant and the Delphi Flint East engine parts and instrumentation plant. The first strike began June 5.

Two weeks ago, GM filed a grievance with the union alleging the strikes were illegal under its UAW contract. Shoemaker said the union rejected the grievance and that he expected GM to appeal it.

# Cemetery rebuilds after 1993 flood

HARDIN, Mo. (AP) — Sitting with his wife in an old car parked outside Hardin Cemetery, August Borcharding pointed a thin finger toward the pond that is a new addition to the quiet, 16-acre spot surrounded by cornfields.

"Her first husband is right in the middle of that pond, right where the hole is the deepest," he said, nodding beside Hazel.

Hazel, now in her 90s, would rather not dwell on the horrors of the Great Flood of 1993, which covered her husband's final resting place during the worst cemetery disaster in U.S. history.

When the flooded Missouri River surged through the cemetery, the water toppled headstones, ripped through vaults and gouged out the 85-foot deep, kidney-shaped pond.

It worked loose more than half the 1,576 graves in the cemetery, which dates to 1810. Hundreds of caskets and bones were scattered, some left hanging on trees and fences. Human remains were discovered up to 14 miles away. Some were never found.

"You can't let yourself feel," Hazel said. "Because if you do, it'll make you sick."

The Missouri River and its moods have always been a fact of life in Hardin, a town of about 600 located in western Missouri about a mile north of the river. Five summers ago, the river's mood turned ugly.

Floodwaters killed 48 people, inundated 2.6 million acres of land, forced 74,000 people from their homes and caused up to \$20 billion in damage. The government declared 525 counties in nine states — including all of Iowa — disaster areas.

Swollen from steady rains and dam releases, the Missouri broke through a levee on July

12, 1993 and roared through the cemetery, sending caskets floating downstream in a macabre display of nature's force.

As the waters slowly receded, relatives learned that 793 of the burials were lost. Of those, 645 were recovered, but only 120 were identified.

Ray County Coroner Dean Snow led the recovery effort, collecting and identifying as many of the wayward coffins as possible.

"It took five and a half months of hard work. There were some 21-, 22-hour days," Snow said. "I just never did imagine that a cemetery would float away."

Since the disaster, Missouri has adopted a law that requires identification tags for bodies before burial. "It's a little like closing the gate after the cows have already left," Snow said. "But it might help."

Snow says he visits the cemetery every now and then. It is no longer the compact little graveyard it once was.

On the north side, where land once was unused, there is a new section dedicated to the unknowns, were about 525

unidentified remains that were re-interred.

And beyond the pond is a section set aside for recovered markers that could not be placed with a grave. A granite marker tells visitors about the flood.

Snow often advises people whose loved ones were never identified to adopt one of the unknown graves, which are marked with small stones.

"At least that way they have a place to mourn," he said. "That helps a lot."


The cemetery repairs cost about \$50,000, said Joanne Boggs, a member of the cemetery board, which orchestrated the efforts to rebuild. There was talk of moving the graveyard to safer ground but it wasn't deemed feasible.

Raymond Strider, also a member of the cemetery board, said filling each grave was not what really mattered. What was important, he said, was to save the graveyard.

"A lot of people think graves should be forever, but that's not what the Bible says," Strider said as he looked out over the sunny, dry cemetery.

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# Chinese police detain nine democracy campaigners in Beijing

BEIJING (AP) — Police detained nine Chinese democracy campaigners in a crackdown that exiled dissidents said proves President Clinton left China without securing progress on human rights. The nine, veterans of past democracy movements, have tried to set up a political party to challenge the Communist Party's monopoly on power. Their push coincided with Clinton's China trip and his less confrontational appeals to Chinese leaders to improve human rights. Police began the wave of

detentions Friday morning, taking Wu Gaoxing from his home in eastern Zhejiang province's Taizhou city, dissident groups in Hong Kong and the United States said. Late Friday, about 150 miles to the northwest in Hangzhou city, police swarmed the home of Wang Youcai and led away Wang, Wang Peijian and Cheng Fan, as well as three others — all members of the China Democracy Party, the Hong Kong-based Information Center of Human Rights and Democratic Movement said. In separate raids on their

Hangzhou homes, police took away Zhu Yufu and Wang Donghai, the Chinese Democratic Justice Party said. Police confiscated notebooks, tapes, at least one computer and literature for the China Democracy Party, according to U.S.-based dissidents and the center. Wang Youcai, Wang Peijian and one other dissident announced on June 25, the start of Clinton's nine-day China tour, that they wanted to establish the China Democracy Party and would register the group with authorities as required.

Since then Wang Youcai, Zhu Yufu and another dissident were detained at least once each before Friday's clampdown. They were released with warnings to stop campaigning for the party, and authorities have refused to register the group. In reporting the detentions, the exiled groups described Clinton's China policy as a failure. Clinton used his trip to try to showcase a more modern, tolerant China to a skeptical American public while cajoling Chinese leaders to allow more dissent. "This is equivalent to giving

Clinton a box on the ears," the Information Center said in a statement. It added that the detentions "prove Clinton returned home from his China tour empty-handed." "What we said about President Clinton's policy of constructive engagement with China was accurate, that the Chinese government will not work with the free world to improve human rights because they are a brutal communist dictatorship," said Lian Shengde, a student leader of the Tiananmen Square democracy demonstrations in 1989 and now the head of the Washington-based Free China Movement. Like Lian, most of the

detained dissidents took part in the 1989 protest movement. Wang Youcai, Wang Peijian and Cheng Fan were students in Beijing. Wang Donghai and Wu Gaoxing staged sympathy protests in Hangzhou. Wang Youcai spent four years in prison and Wang Donghai and Wu Gaoxing three years in the nationwide crackdown that followed the brutal quelling of the protests in Beijing. The Hong Kong-based Information Center also reported today that dissident Fan Yiping, held since March, will be put on trial Monday for helping prominent democracy campaigner Wang Xizhe flee China to avoid arrest.

# Marchers, Catholic foes try talks to solve impasse

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Bruised by six nights of violence, Protestant marchers and their Catholic opponents tried today to talk their way out of a confrontation that has sorely tested Northern Ireland's recent turn toward compromise. Representatives of the Orange Order and the Catholic residents of Garvaghy Road in Portadown, 25 miles southwest of Belfast, accepted Prime Minister Tony Blair's invitation to talk in Northern Ireland through intermediaries to seek a solution to a march that has sparked street battles for a third summer.

In Northern Ireland, protesters early this morning used a grappling hook attached to a car to try to pull away the barbed wire on the barricade around the Drumcree Anglican church, where the Orange march was stopped Sunday, police said. The attempt failed, but a spokesman said the 4,000-strong crowd forced police to reinforce the lines of defense, as officers took cover behind armored vehicles. During the skirmishes, a bomb was thrown at police lines and protesters fired shots at the officers. No police were hurt. Later, three people were injured in a shooting in north Belfast, and roads in the southern part of the city were closed after bomb disposal experts were called to inspect a suspicious device discovered near a car showroom. It subsequently was shown a hoax. Police also arrested 18 people after they broke away from the crowd in Drumcree and attacked a house. In a separate incident, a bomb thrown through the window of a home just outside Portadown caused extensive damage but no one was injured. Friday night in Portadown, police fired plastic bullets at

Protestant hard-liners who tried to break through barricades. Twenty people were injured and seven remained hospitalized today, including a 26-year-old man in critical condition at a Belfast hospital, medical authorities said. The Orangemen and their Catholic opponents won't meet directly today, but will relay proposals through intermediaries. Having failed in similar contacts the past two years, both sides were cautious about the prospects. "For our part, we would view this as a small first step toward what we would hope would be face-to-face dialogue with the Orange Order," said Breandan MacCionnaith, leader of the residents group. In a statement, the Orange Order said: "It is our objective to deliver the Portadown brethren safely on their return down the Garvaghy Road. We intend to establish our inalienable rights and freedom to express our culture."

Indirect talks were attempted in 1996 and 1997, but both times failed to resolve the conflict over the Garvaghy Road march. In 1996, police and soldiers initially stopped the march but backed down after four nights of Protestant violence across Northern Ireland. Last year, police clubbed protesters off the road to let the Orangemen through. This year, Blair has said he will enforce the decision of the new Parades Commission that the Orangemen could not go down Garvaghy Road. The only way that part of the march could proceed, Blair has said, is through an agreement between marchers and residents. Tensions are likely to peak this weekend with the 12th of July holiday, the annual Protestant celebration of the defeat of Catholic King James II by King William of Orange at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690.

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After a delay filled with several hours of telephone conversations over the venue and procedural matters, talks finally began in the mid-afternoon at an undisclosed location. Prime Minister Tony Blair's office stressed that "considerable difficulties still remain." While Northern Ireland's recent peace agreement is a mammoth achievement, the pact is still fragile. On Friday, police in London and Ireland arrested 10 people linked to Irish Republican Army dissidents who allegedly were preparing to plant bombs in the city.

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# Autopsy shows Nigeria's most-prominent political prisoner died of heart attack

LAGO, Nigeria (AP) — Preliminary findings of an independent autopsy Saturday indicated that Nigeria's most-prominent political prisoner died naturally of a heart attack. The findings were released just after Moshood Abiola was buried in a ceremony at his Lagos home. "In our opinion the mechanism of death is due to a rapid deterioration in a diseased heart," Canadian Dr. James Young told reporters. "At this time, our preliminary opinion is that death was due to natural causes as a result of his long standing heart disease." Young, the chief coroner in the Canadian province of Ontario, was one of several forensic scientists flown to Nigeria to conduct the autopsy. The findings could help ease

tensions in Nigeria, although Dr. Ore Falomo, Abiola's personal physician, warned that a full autopsy report would be issued only after additional forensic tests on body tissue samples that were to be flown to Britain and Canada. Abiola died Tuesday in custody while meeting with a group of visiting U.S. officials. He had languished in prison for four years. Shortly after his death, Abiola's family said they suspected foul play. The timing of his death — a month after dictator Gen. Sani Abacha's demise — raised a number of eyebrows and spawned conspiracy theories. Rioting and violence erupted in Lagos and elsewhere in southern Nigeria, where at least 55 people have

been killed and injured. The Nigerian government already had concluded its autopsy on Abiola; several of its doctors attended Saturday's procedure, Falomo said. The independent autopsy had been delayed until the weekend at Falomo's request. He did not explain the delay, although he may have wanted to wait until several foreign experts arrived. Meanwhile on Saturday, despite a drizzle and fears of unrest, more than 20,000 people crowded the streets in front of Abiola's home to say goodbye to their fallen hero. His many admirers gathered near the compound's entrance gate; some wept, others prayed, but virtually everyone in the huge crowd fell silent during the service.

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IN BRIEF

Running club schedules 5K run at Comanche Trail

The Comanche Warrior Running Club will hold an organizational 5K fun run through Comanche Trail Park on at 7:30 a.m. July 18. Registration is set for 7 a.m. at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. The fee is \$2 per entrant. For more information, call Jill Brode at 263-5359.

Josh Thomas invited to Hawaii tournament

Josh Thomas, the grandson of O.H. and Helen Thomas of Big Spring, is one of three Bastrop High School baseball players invited to participate in a baseball tournament Aug. 10-17 in Hawaii. As sophomore this year, was named the District 28-4A first-team all-district designated hitter with a .490 average.

Howard College girls' camp starts Monday

Howard College's Girls Basketball Camp will begin Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The day camp will include sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, while Thursday's final session will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery will head the camp's staff of instructors that will include Howard 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 nightly activities for those spending nights in the dorms. Registration fees are set at \$100 for day campers and \$210 for overnight campers. For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5040.

Rose Magers-Powell sets camp for July 27-31 run

Former U.S. Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will conduct a volleyball camp July 27-31 at Big Spring High. Sessions for girls in the fourth through sixth grades are 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 camp run. The fee will be \$95. Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: AUTO RACING 11:30 a.m. — CART Grand Prix of Cleveland, NBC, Ch. 9. Noon — NASCAR Winston Cup Jiffy Lube 300, TNN, Ch. 35. 2 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series NAPA AutoCare 200, CBS, Ch. 7. 6:30 p.m. — FIA Formula One British Grand Prix, FXS, Ch. 29. ARENA FOOTBALL 1:30 p.m. — Florida Bobcats at Tampa Bay Storm, ESPN, Ch. 30. BASEBALL 3 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics, FXS, Ch. 29. 3:30 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins, TBS, Ch. 11. 7 p.m. — San Francisco Giants at Colorado Rockies, ESPN, Ch. 30. GOLF 2 p.m. — Celebrity Championship, final round, NBC, Ch. 9. 4 p.m. — Ford Senior Players Championship, final round, ABC, Ch. 2. SOCCER 2 p.m. — World Cup Final, Brazil vs. France, ABC, Ch. 2.

Martinez named to TSWA all-state softball squad

From staff and wire reports

Big Spring's Melissa Martinez has been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A All-State team as its first-team third baseman. Martinez, who spent much of her final Lady Steers season playing shortstop after teammate Monica Rubio was sidelined with a knee injury, was the only player from District 4-4A to earn a spot on the first team. Andrews pitcher Leesa Lopez and shortstop Holly Fields earned spots on the second team. Martinez, who led the Lady Steers in hitting with a .579 average, hit 16 home runs and drove in 60 runs in Big Spring's second trip to the Class 4A regional semifinals. Martinez has signed to play at Midland College next season. Two players from District 4-4A earned spots on the TSWA's Class 4A All-State baseball team. Andrews junior Shaud Williams earned a spot as a second-team shortstop, while Fort Stockton's Steven Cordero was a second team outfielder. Port Neches-Groves pitcher Kendra Daniels and Waco Midway catcher Terroni Collins were named Co-Class 4A softball players of the year by the TSWA.

Daniels, a senior, was 27-3 with an 0.41 earned run average. She had 16 shutouts, three of them perfect games. The University of Drake signee had 205 strikeouts and batted .525. Collins, a junior, batted .552 to lead Midway to the state championship. She had 42 runs batted in and scored 30 runs. Midway has two other players on the first team, pitcher Rebecca Brophy and second baseman Julie Brophy; as does Port Neches-Groves, first baseman Brook Buchanan and outfielder Rachel Graves. Sherry Rogers, who led Midway to a 31-3-2 record and the state championship, was named softball coach of the year. Highland Park pitcher Zane Carlson and Texarkana Texas High catcher Mark Younk were named Class 4A baseball co-players of the year. Carlson was 11-3 including a four-hit shutout at the state tournament in leading the Scots to the state championship. Younk, who was drafted by the Boston Red Sox, hit a school-record 14 home runs with 53 runs batted in. He was walked 42 times, 24 of them intentional. Highland Park's Lew Kennedy who is 50-18 in two seasons with two state tournament appearances and a state championship was named baseball coach of the year.

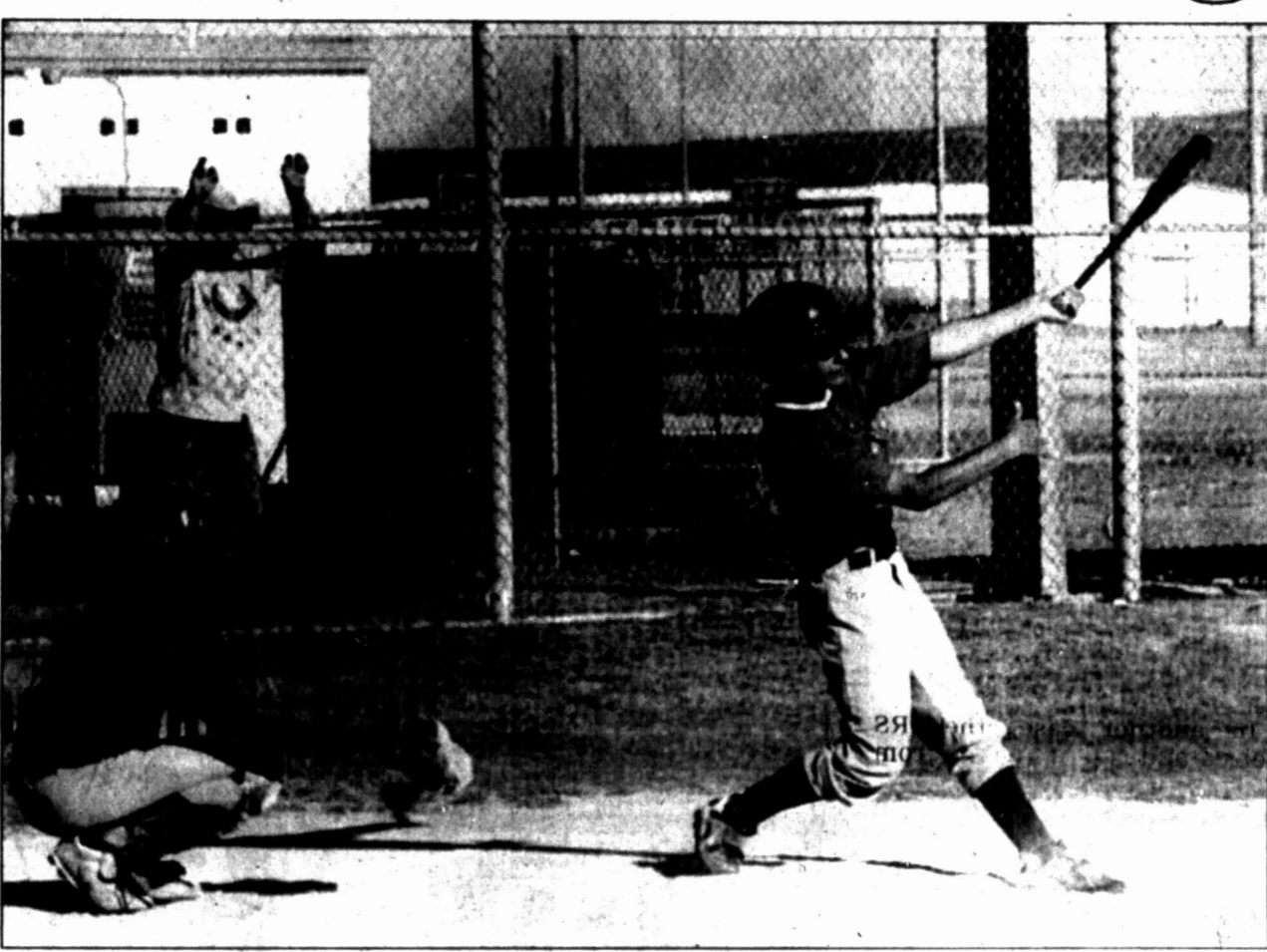


Big Spring's Melissa Martinez, shown here after popping up during a District 4-4A game against Andrews, was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 4A All-State softball team.

Junior All-Stars win big

By JOHN A. MOSELEY Sports Editor

It's called winning big. Big Spring's All-Stars did virtually everything right and in a big way Saturday evening in romping to a 28-4, five-inning win over Midland Western in the second round of the District 3 Junior League baseball tournament.



Big Spring Junior League All-Star shortstop Erik Chavez follows through after ripping a single up the middle in the fourth inning of Friday's 9-0 win over Lamesa in the opening round of the District 3 Junior League Tournament at the Roy Anderson Complex.

In addition to posting the lopsided final score, the Big Spring lineup pounded out 21 hits, five of them doubles; drew nine walks off three Midland pitchers; and swiped 21 bases, running at will on Western catcher Cody Crossland. Big Spring manager Rudy Hernandez, who'd complained about a lack of velocity displayed by Lamesa pitching in his team's 9-0 opening-round win, couldn't have been more pleased with the way his team put the ball in play. Not only did the host team come up with 21 runs and draw nine walks, but they also forced Midland Western into nine errors. "That's just the way these kids are capable of hitting," Hernandez said after asked about his team's scoring seven runs and stealing five bases in the top of the fifth when Midland Western had all but surrendered to the onslaught. "We knew last night wasn't indicative of how well we can hit and we proved that tonight," he added. The only problem Big Spring encountered was making sure that pitcher Mario Hernandez could stay primed until he went to the mound. While he at times encountered some control problems, Mario Hernandez walked five Midland batters while striking out seven, he was only seriously threatened in the second inning when Western trimmed a six-run Big Spring lead to just two, 6-2. He yielded just three hits in taking the distance-going win and contributed mightily to his own cause, going 3-for-5 at the plate with runs batted in. Having failed to capitalize early the night before, Big Spring made Midland's Todd Carpenter pay from the outset, scoring one run in the top of the first and adding five more in the second. After Western had scored all four of its runs in the bottom of the second, making the most of

two hits, three walks and a Big Spring error, Hernandez literally shut the door, allowing just one more hit and two base runners. Big Spring added another run in the third to make it 7-4, but it was the fourth inning when the big damage was done. The host team batted around twice in the fourth, scoring 14 runs on nine hits and capitalizing on three Midland errors. Second baseman Dustin Beauchamp was Big Spring's biggest stick, going a perfect 4-4 at the plate, pounding three doubles and driving in five runs. First baseman Brandon Mendoza was almost as lethal, going 4-for-5 with 3 RBI. Nathan Clements, one of two left fielders employed by Big Spring, was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, scoring twice and driving in one run, while Jon Eilenberger went 2-for-4, drove in two runs and stole five bases. Catcher Andrew Vizciano also had a multiple-hit day, going 2-for-5, scoring three times and driving in a pair of runs. Big Spring now advances to the winner's bracket semifinal where they'll take on Midland Eastern at 5:30 p.m. today.

Eastern opened the tournament Friday with a thrilling 7-6 win over El Paso's Frank Manning All-Stars in nine innings. The other 5:30 game today sees Odessa Sherwood, a 13-12 winner over Odessa Kellus Turner on Friday, taking on Odessa's Floyd Gwin, which defeated South Odessa 19-6 in five innings. The two games slated for 8 tonight will be elimination bracket games pitting Kellus Turner against South Odessa and Midland Western taking on Frank Manning. In the only other game played Saturday, Kellus Turner sent Lamesa packing, taking a 12-2 win in the elimination bracket. In Friday's opener, Big Spring's win over Lamesa's All-Stars could have been much worse than it was. "It was that slow pitching," Rudy Hernandez said after watching his team manage just four hits and leave 10 runners stranded. "Our kids just aren't used to that kind of junk." Lamesa pitching, however, provided the Big Spring squad all the help it needed, issuing 10 walks. And the visitors' defense wasn't much better, committing nine errors that

left all but one of Big Spring's runs unearned. Beauchamp, on the other hand, went the distance, striking out seven Lamesa batters, walking two and hitting one. He was backed up by a defense that committed just two errors, both coming late in the game when the outcome was anything but in doubt. Billy Bob Walker led the way offensively for Big Spring, going 2-for-2 at the plate and scoring two runs. Brandon Mendoza was 1-for-3, while Mario Hernandez and Erik Chavez both were 1-for-4 at the plate. LITTLE LEAGUE MINORS North Ector 10, BS American 7 MIDLAND — The North Ector All-Stars brought an end to Big Spring's run in the District 3 Little League Minors Tournament on Friday with a 10-7 win. North Ector saddled Big Spring's Andy Lasater with the loss, as Chris Withrow took his second pitching win of the tournament. Lasater and Jacob Nichols paced the Big Spring offense, both hitting doubles.

Curtain falls on Jr. Rodeo

By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor

The curtain came down on the 53rd Howard County 4H Junior Rodeo Saturday night as competitors in both Big Spring and Colorado City jockeyed for berths in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association finals later this summer in Clovis, N.M. Split-seconds were all that separated competitors in some events in the final go-around, as shown in the girl's 16-19 barrels, boy's 9-12 breakaway, girl's 16-19 poles and 9-12 steer stopping. In the 16-19 barrels, Big Spring's Lauren Middleton finished second to Jera Harris of Amarillo by a scant two-thousandths of a second. Harris turned a 17.720 and then had to watch Middleton, two riders later, at 17.722 seconds. In the boy's 9-12 breakaway, Jared Eshleman of Clovis turned a 4.014 seconds to take a 36-hundredths of a second win over J. Tom Fisher of Andrews, who turned in a 4.060. The difference between first and second in the go-around in the girl's 16-19 poles was nine-thousandths of a second, as Staci Evans of Hobbs, N.M. won with a 21.449 and Harris took second at 21.458. In 9-12 steer stopping, Kenna Armitage of Elida, N.M. won with a 5.852 seconds while Sterling Via of Lazbuddie finished second at 5.982 seconds. There were a couple of scary moments early in the evening when Hereford's Marty Wilson, competing in the 16-19 bull riding, got his hand caught in the rope and couldn't get clear of the bull. As the bull headed toward the west wall of the arena, the rodeo clown jumped and reached across the back of the bull to try and release Wilson's hand as he hit the wall. Wilson, who was helped from the arena with a leg injury as well, was not seriously hurt. The second scare came in 9-12 calf touching when Gary Herrera of Tatum, N.M. got tangled in his rope after he had roped the calf and had dismounted from his horse. Members of the arena crew See RODEO, Page 10A

Mace finding West Texas difficult to recruit first time out

While new Howard College softball coach Andy Mace has every intention of his first Lady Hawks team being competitive at a national level, he's finding recruiting here in West Texas more difficult than he'd expected. "I knew it wouldn't be the same thing I was used to Eastern Oklahoma ... one of the reasons I came here," Mace said after having put four local players and four out-of-state recruits through a light work-



JOHN A. MOSELEY

out Wednesday. "But it's going to take longer to have 90 percent of my team from West Texas schools than I'd like. "I've been all over West Texas trying to recruit people ... really would have liked to have had Holly Fields from Andrews and both Shana Earnest and Tara Sterling from Coahoma," he added. "But Fields is going to walk on at Baylor hoping that she can earn a scholarship. "Sterling is going to Hardin-Simmons University ... says she wants to play basketball," he continued, "and Earnest is coming to Howard, but isn't going to play softball." As a result, Mace says he's only signed two players, Big Spring's Honey Belew and former Coahoma standout

Audra Bingham, and is fast running out of time to make sure he has enough players on the roster for a team that's scheduled to play at Texas Tech and Oklahoma State in addition to NCAA Division II and NAIA teams as well as top JUCO squads this fall. "My problem is time," he explained. "I've got about 5 weeks before the fall semester starts and there's still a lot to do. Right now, I'm trying to prioritize what I'm doing — players first, then filling our schedule, getting in equipment and finding us a decent field to play on." "We've got three verbal commitments from really good players from Arizona and I've got a couple of girls from California that played for me at Eastern

Oklahoma that I expect will transfer here. But I don't want to start school and find myself with just nine or 10 kids on the roster." The eight players Mace worked out last week included Big Spring Lady Steers outfielder Sunni Smith; 1995 BSHS graduate Jackie Martinez; Delores Garcia-Goodblanket, who played at Coahoma two years ago; and Belew. "We're probably going to offer partial scholarships to those three local players we haven't already signed, but I'm going to have to fill the roster with players from outside the area ... kids from out-of-state or from the Dallas-Fort See MOSELEY, page 10A

# Accused grifters allegedly financed lifestyle with deadly cons

NEW YORK (AP) — A mother and son — accused grifters believed responsible for a bizarre trail of deceit and death — lived a life of luxury that was financed by sometimes deadly cons, according to police and those who knew them.

The duo has left a trail of fake names and false documents that authorities are trying to link to theft, murder, arson and fraud stretching from the Bahamas to Florida and California to New York.

On Saturday, Sante Kimes, 63, and her son, Kenneth Jr., 23, were being held in a New York jail for questioning in the disappearance or deaths of at least three people, and investigators were piecing together the

odyssey of a once well-to-do family turned suspected criminals. The strange tale began to unfold last week, after the Kimeses were arrested outside a Manhattan hotel on a bad check charge. Within hours, they were possible suspects in the disappearance of New York socialite Irene Silverman.

In a car the Kimeses used, authorities found a ledger containing the names of Mrs. Silverman, slain Los Angeles businessman David Kazdin and a banker missing in the Bahamas, along with fake documents, according to a police source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Kimeses' lawyers, Jose A. Muniz and Matthew Weissman,

would not comment on the allegations.

At one time, the Kimeses were the portrait of success.

Mrs. Kimes shared a beachfront home in Hawaii with her husband, Kenneth K. Kimes Sr., a wealthy real estate businessman who died in 1994.

The Kimeses made their money in construction in the late 1950s, building motels next to Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif.

They spent their vacations among the rich in resort areas like the Bahamas, said John Boettner, a former family friend in California.

But the family lived beyond their means and was inundated with legal problems, according to court documents.

As early as the late 1970s, the Kimeses were sued in Hawaii for faking insurance claims and stealing a car from a car dealership.

Charles F. Catterlin, their lawyer in the matter, eventually sued the couple to collect more than \$12,000 in unpaid fees. He never did.

"I'd call the house and ask to speak to Mr. Kimes about the

case, and she would tell me he was ill and unable to come to the telephone," said Catterlin, now retired and living in Harlingen, Texas.

Mrs. Kimes also showed a propensity for embellishing the truth, name dropping and passing off a glass ring as a diamond, he said.

"She wanted people to think they had more money than they did. She would walk into a restaurant and start loudly ordering people around. It was all show," Catterlin said.

In 1985, Mrs. Kimes was convicted of grand larceny for stealing a \$6,500 mink coat from the piano bar of a Washington hotel.

That same year, she was convicted in California of enslaving her Mexican maids. One was not allowed to make phone calls or write to anyone, another was burned with an iron. Mrs. Kimes served three years of a five-year sentence.

In the late 1980s, the couple moved to Santa Barbara after befriending Boettner in the casino of a Las Vegas hotel. Later, they asked to use his Santa Barbara address to

receive mail, while they settled into a new house.

Court and business records now show Mrs. Kimes used Boettner's address on checks, and that he was listed on state documents as the legal contact for the Kimes' construction company.

"All I ever did was help them find a tutor for their son, Kenneth," he said.

By 1992, the Kimeses were sued by numerous insurance companies and banks for defaulting on loans or faking claims. Court records from New Jersey, Nevada and California show at least six civil judgments totaling more than \$1 million against them.

Now, investigators are trying to determine why Mrs. Kimes' activities allegedly took on an even darker tone after her husband died, and how she eventually included her son.

While authorities are questioning them about various crimes, they have only been charged so far on a Utah warrant for writing a \$14,900 bad check to buy the Lincoln Town Car in which the ledger was found.

On Saturday, New York police continued to search for Mrs. Silverman, the 82-year-old landlady who rented Kenneth Kimes a \$6,000-a-month apartment.

Los Angeles detectives also want to question the Kimeses about the death of David Kazdin, a 63-year-old businessman whose body was found in a trash bin near Los Angeles International Airport on March 14.

Kazdin's Las Vegas house was burned to the ground shortly after the Kimeses used it. And his motor home was used in the Kimeses' alleged scam to bilk a Louisiana company out of a new \$89,000 motor home, said police detective Tom Clark in Manalapan, Fla.

In the Bahamas, police want to talk to the couple about their ties to Syed Bilal Ahmed, who vanished in 1996 while he was an executive for the Gulf Union Bank. The banker had spent a day with Mrs. Kimes before his disappearance.

Kimes and his mother were being held without bail Saturday at New York's Rikers Island jail and are due again in court Aug. 6.

## IRS report on property seizures called 'stunning'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service admitted on Friday that it improperly seized property from taxpayers in more than one in four cases studied, including an attempt to force a dying man, his wife and two school-age children from their home.

Two internal audits, the last of four conducted in response to sensational allegations leveled against the agency in Senate hearings last year, were labeled "a stunning confession of the sins of the IRS" by Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del.

The studies were released a day after the Senate voted 96-2 to send President Clinton an election-year bill aimed at remodeling the agency. His advisers say he is eager to sign it.

Neither Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin nor IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti offered comment. But both men have said they are committed to ridding the agency of abuses, and Roth said, "The fact that the agency is owning up to these problems is a refreshing change."

The studies looked at seizure practices in 11 of the IRS' 33 districts and at the use of enforcement statistics in evaluating IRS examiners.

The agency reviewed 467 of about 10,000 property seizures nationwide in fiscal 1997. It found seizure to be warranted in 337 of the cases. But in 130 cases IRS agents "did not use sound judgment ... or conducted seizures containing legal defects."

Even within many of the 337 cases where seizure was deemed justified, the IRS failed to follow procedural guidelines, such as establishing minimum bids in auctions of seized property.

Typical violations among the 130 cases of improper seizure included taking property without adequately pursuing alternatives, disregarding required waiting periods and failing to make reasonable attempts to contact taxpayers before action.

IRS agents also sometimes seized property of little value, raising the question of whether the seizure was a punitive rather than a practical act. And at other times agents "demonstrated a lack of adequate concern for the taxpayer's finan-

cial or medical status."

One such case involved a man suffering from extreme obesity, ulcers and blood clots. The first revenue officer working on the family's case encouraged them to refinance their mortgage but recommended against the agency going after the family home because of the husband's poor health and the presence of children in the home.

However, a second revenue officer made plans to seize the home after noting that the children had reached the age of 16 and that the IRS file contained no verification of the man's health problems.

After an appeal, the IRS agreed on March 18, 1997, to let the couple sell the home by July 1. The man died July 22 and the revenue officer then agreed with a higher-level recommendation to release the home.

"Not in Govt's best interest to pursue at this time," the revenue officer wrote. "Would be bad publicity.... Would certainly be (sic) seen as negative to sell his widow & minor children's home when he has not yet been buried."

The IRS discharged the tax debt as not collectible on July 24.

In another case, the IRS seized and sold a vehicle from an out-of-work woman whose husband was terminally ill. The woman informed the IRS on April 22, 1997, that she was out of work due to knee surgery, that she was facing other possible operations and that her husband was terminally ill and living in another city with his mother.

Nevertheless, the IRS seized the vehicle and artwork found in it and sold them for \$6,100 on July 22.

In response to its own audit, the IRS noted it had already required higher-level approval for seizures. It said it would develop a comprehensive checklist to ensure agents follow proper procedures and incorporate the new procedures in training manuals.

In the second study, the IRS found that its Examination Division managers "focused primarily on enforcement statistics." This created an environment at the employee level "that put emphasis on revenue and other statistical goals" at the expense of quality case-work.

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## IN BRIEF

### Running club schedules 5K run at Comanche Trail

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The Comanche Warrior Running Club will hold an organizational 5K fun run through Comanche Trail Park on at 7:30 a.m. July 18.

Registration is set for 7 a.m. at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. The fee is \$2 per entrant.

For more information, call Jill Brode at 263-5359.

### Josh Thomas invited to Hawaii tournament

Josh Thomas, the grandson of O.H. and Helen Thomas of Big Spring, is one of three Bastrop High School baseball players invited to participate in a baseball tournament Aug. 10-17 in Hawaii.

As sophomore this year, was named the District 28-4A first-team all-district designated hitter with a .490 average.

### Howard College girls' camp starts Monday

Howard College's Girls Basketball Camp will begin Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The day camp will include sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, while Thursday's final session will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 2 p.m.

Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery will lead the camp's staff of instructors that will include Howard 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 nightly activities for those spending nights in the dorms.

Registration fees are set at \$100 for day campers and \$210 for overnight campers.

For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5040.

### Rose Magers-Powell sets camp for July 27-31 run

Former U.S. Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will conduct a volleyball camp July 27-31 at Big Spring High.

Sessions for girls in the fourth through sixth grades are 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 camp run. The fee will be \$95.

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

## ON THE AIR

**TODAY:**  
**AUTO RACING**  
11:30 a.m. — CART Grand Prix of Cleveland, NBC, Ch. 9.  
Noon — NASCAR Winston Cup Jiffy Lube 300, TNN, Ch. 35.  
2 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series NAPA AutoCare 200, CBS, Ch. 7.  
6:30 p.m. — FIA Formula One British Grand Prix, FXS, Ch. 29.

**ARENA FOOTBALL**  
1:30 p.m. — Florida Bobcats at Tampa Bay Storm, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
**BASEBALL**  
3 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics, FXS, Ch. 29.  
3:30 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — San Francisco Giants at Colorado Rockies, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
**GOLF**  
2 p.m. — Celebrity Championship, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.  
4 p.m. — Ford Senior Players Championship, final round, ABC, Ch. 2.

**SOCCER**  
2 p.m. — World Cup Final, Brazil vs. France, ABC, Ch. 2.

# Martinez named to TSWA all-state softball squad

From staff and wire reports

Big Spring's Melissa Martinez has been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A All-State team as its first-team third baseman.

Martinez, who spent much of her final Lady Steers season playing shortstop after teammate Monica Rubio was sidelined with a knee injury, was the only player from District 4-4A to earn a spot on the first team.

Andrews pitcher Leesa Lopez and shortstop Holly Fields earned spots on the second team.

Martinez, who led the Lady Steers in hitting with a .579 average, hit 16 home runs and drove in 60 runs in Big Spring's second trip to the Class 4A regional semifinals.

Martinez has signed to play at Midland College next season.

Two players from District 4-4A earned spots on the TSWA's Class 4A All-State baseball team.

Andrews junior Shaud Williams earned a spot as a second-team shortstop, while Fort Stockton's Steven Cordero was a second team outfielder.

Port Neches-Groves pitcher Kendra Daniels and Waco Midway catcher Terroni Collins were named co-Class 4A softball players of the year by the TSWA.

Daniels, a senior, was 27-3 with an 0.41 earned run average. She had 16 shutouts, three of them perfect games. The University of Drake signee had 205 strikeouts and batted .525.

Collins, a junior, batted .552 to lead Midway to the state championship. She had 42 runs batted in and scored 30 runs.

Midway has two other players on the first team, pitcher Rebecca Brophy and second baseman Julie Brophy; as does Port Neches-Groves, first baseman Brook Buchanan and outfielder Rachel Graves.

Sherry Rogers, who led Midway to a 31-3-2 record and the state championship, was named softball coach of the year.

Highland Park pitcher Zane Carlson and Texarkana Texas High catcher Mark Younk were named Class 4A baseball co-players of the year.

Carlson was 11-3 including a four-hit shutout at the state tournament in leading the Scots to the state championship. Younk, who was drafted by the Boston Red Sox, hit a school-record 14 home runs with 53 runs batted in. He was walked 42 times, 24 of them intentional.

Highland Park's Lew Kennedy who is 50-18 in two seasons with two state tournament appearances and a state championship was named baseball coach of the year.



HERALD file photo  
Big Spring's Melissa Martinez, shown here after popping up during a District 4-4A game against Andrews, was named to the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 4A All-State softball team.

# Junior All-Stars win big

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

It's called winning big. Big Spring's All-Stars did virtually everything right and in a big way Saturday evening in romping to a 28-4, five-inning win over Midland Western in the second round of the District 3 Junior League baseball tournament.

In addition to posting the lopsided final score, the Big Spring lineup pounded out 21 hits, five of them doubles; drew nine walks off three Midland pitchers; and swiped 21 bases, running at will on Western catcher Cody Crossland.

Big Spring manager Rudy Hernandez, who'd complained about a lack of velocity displayed by Lamesa pitching in his team's 9-0 opening round win, couldn't have been more pleased with the way his team put the ball in play.

Not only did the host team come up with 21 runs and draw nine walks, but they also forced Midland Western into nine errors.

"That's just the way these kids are capable of hitting," Hernandez said after asked about his team's scoring seven runs and stealing five bases in the top of the fifth when Midland Western had all but surrendered to the onslaught.

"We knew last night wasn't indicative of how well we can hit and we proved that tonight," he added.

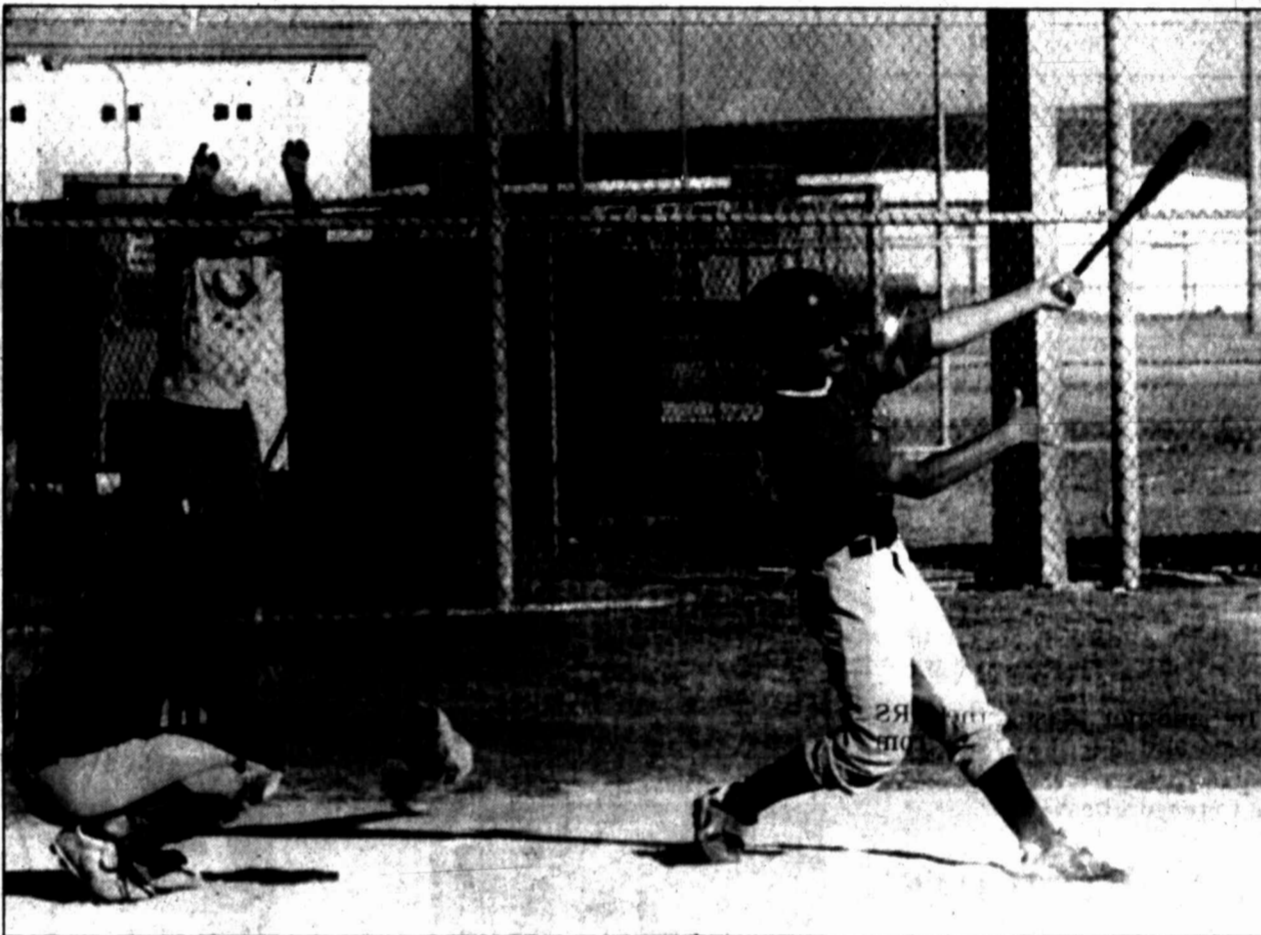
The only problem Big Spring encountered was making sure that pitcher Mario Hernandez could stay primed until he went to the mound.

While he at times encountered some control problems, Mario Hernandez walked five Midland batters while striking out seven, he was only seriously threatened in the second inning when Western trimmed a six-run Big Spring lead to just two, 6-2.

He yielded just three hits in taking the distance-going win and contributed mightily to his own cause, going 3-for-5 at the plate with runs batted in.

Having failed to capitalize early the night before, Big Spring made Midland's Todd Carpenter pay from the outset, scoring one run in the top of the first and adding five more in the second.

After Western had scored all four of its runs in the bottom of the second, making the most of



HERALD photo/Linda Choate  
Big Spring Junior League All-Star shortstop Erik Chavez follows through after ripping a single up the middle in the fourth inning of Friday's 9-0 win over Lamesa in the opening round of the District 3 Junior League Tournament at the Roy Anderson Complex.

two hits, three walks and a Big Spring error, Hernandez literally shut the door, allowing just one more hit and two base runners.

Big Spring added another run in the third to make it 7-4, but it was the fourth inning when the big damage was done.

The host team batted around twice in the fourth, scoring 14 runs on nine hits and capitalizing on three Midland errors.

Second baseman Dustin Beauchamp was Big Spring's biggest stick, going a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate, pounding three doubles and driving in five runs. First baseman Brandon Mendoza was almost as lethal, going 4-for-5 with 3 RBI.

Nathan Clements, one of two left fielders employed by Big Spring, was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, scoring twice and driving in one run, while Jon Eilenberger went 2-for-4, drove in two runs and stole five bases.

Catcher Andrew Vizciano also had a multiple-hit day, going 2-for-5, scoring three times and driving in a pair of runs.

Big Spring now advances to the winner's bracket semifinal where they'll take on Midland Eastern at 5:30 p.m. today.

Eastern opened the tournament Friday with a thrilling 7-6 win over El Paso's Frank Manning All-Stars in nine innings.

The other 5:30 game today sees Odessa Sherwood, a 13-12 winner over Odessa Kellus Turner on Friday, taking on Odessa's Floyd Gwin, which defeated South Odessa 19-6 in five innings.

The two games slated for 8 tonight will be elimination bracket games pitting Kellus Turner against South Odessa and Midland Western taking on Frank Manning.

In the only other game played Saturday, Kellus Turner sent Lamesa packing, taking a 12-2 win in the elimination bracket.

In Friday's opener, Big Spring's win over Lamesa's All-Stars could have been much worse than it was.

"It was that slow pitching," Rudy Hernandez said after watching his team manage just four hits and leave 10 runners stranded. "Our kids just aren't used to that kind of junk."

Lamesa pitching, however, provided the Big Spring squad all the help it needed, issuing 10 walks. And the visitors' defense wasn't much better, committing nine errors that

left all but one of Big Spring's runs unearned.

Beauchamp, on the other hand, went the distance, striking out seven Lamesa batters, walking two and hitting one. He was backed up by a defense that committed just two errors, both coming late in the game when the outcome was anything but in doubt.

Billy Bob Walker led the way offensively for Big Spring, going 2-for-2 at the plate and scoring two runs. Brandon Mendoza was 1-for-3, while Mario Hernandez and Erik Chavez both were 1-for-4 at the plate.

**LITTLE LEAGUE MINORS**  
North Ector 10, BS American 7

**MIDLAND** — The North Ector All-Stars brought an end to Big Spring's run in the District 3 Little League Minors Tournament on Friday with a 10-7 win.

North Ector saddled Big Spring's Andy Lasater with the loss, as Chris Withrow took his second pitching win of the tournament.

Lasater and Jacob Nichols paced the Big Spring offense, both hitting doubles.

# Curtain falls on Jr. Rodeo

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

The curtain came down on the 53rd Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo Saturday night as competitors in both Big Spring and Colorado City jockeyed for berths in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association finals later this summer in Clovis, N.M.

Split-seconds were all that separated competitors in some events in the final go-around, as shown in the girl's 16-19 barrels, boy's 9-12 breakaway, girl's 16-19 poles and 9-12 steer stopping.

In the 16-19 barrels, Big Spring's Lauren Middleton finished second to Jera Harris of Amarillo by a scant two-thousandths of a second. Harris turned a 17.720 and then had to watch Middleton, two riders later, at 17.722 seconds.

In the boy's 9-12 breakaway, Jared Eshleman of Clovis turned a 4.014 seconds to take a 36-hundredths of a second win over J. Tom Fisher of Andrews, who turned in a 4.060.

The difference between first and second in the go-around in the girl's 16-19 poles was nine-thousandths of a second, as Staci Evans of Hobbs, N.M. won with a 21.449 and Harris took second at 21.458.

In 9-12 steer stopping, Kenna Armitage of Elda, N.M. won with a 5.852 seconds while Sterling Via of Lazbuddie finished second at 5.982 seconds.

There were a couple of scary moments early in the evening when Hereford's Marty Wilson, competing in the 16-19 bull riding, got his hand caught in the rope and couldn't get clear of the bull.

As the bull headed toward the west wall of the arena, the rodeo clown jumped and reached across the back of the bull to try and release Wilson's hand as he hit the wall.

Wilson, who was helped from the arena with a leg injury as well, was not seriously hurt.

The second scare came in 9-12 calf touching when Gary Herrera of Tatum, N.M. got tangled in his rope after he had roped the calf and had dismounted from his horse.

Members of the arena crew

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# Mace finding West Texas difficult to recruit first time out

While new Howard College softball coach Andy Mace has every intention of his first Lady Hawks team being competitive at a national level, he's finding recruiting here in West Texas more difficult than he'd expected.

"I knew it wouldn't be the same thing I was used to Eastern Oklahoma ... one of the reasons I came here," Mace said after having put four local players and four out-of-state recruits through a light work-

out Wednesday. "But it's going to take longer to have 90 percent of my team from West Texas schools than I'd like."

"I've been all over West Texas trying to recruit people ... really would have liked to have had Holly Fields from Andrews and both Shana Earnest and Tara Sterling from Coahoma," he added. "But Fields is going to walk on at Baylor hoping that she can earn a scholarship."

"Sterling is going to Hardin-Simmons University ... says she wants to play basketball," he continued, "and Earnest is coming to Howard, but isn't going to play softball."

As a result, Mace says he's only signed two players, Big Spring's Honey Belew and former Coahoma standout

Audra Bingham, and is fast running out of time to make sure he has enough players on the roster for a team that's scheduled to play at Texas Tech and Oklahoma State in addition to NCAA Division II and NAIA teams as well as top JUCO squads this fall.

"My problem is time," he explained. "I've got about 5 weeks before the fall semester starts and there's still a lot to do. Right now, I'm trying to prioritize what I'm doing — players first, then filling our schedule, getting in equipment and finding us a decent field to play on."

"We've got three verbal commitments from really good players from Arizona and I've got a couple of girls from California that played for me at Eastern

Oklahoma that I expect will transfer here. But I don't want to start school and find myself with just nine or 10 kids on the roster."

The eight players Mace worked out last week included Big Spring Lady Steers outfielder Sunni Smith; 1995 BSHS graduate Jackie Martinez; Delores Garcia-Goodblanket, who played at Coahoma two years ago; and Belew.

"We're probably going to offer partial scholarships to those three local players we haven't already signed, but I'm going to have to fill the roster with players from outside the area ... kids from out-of-state or from the Dallas-Fort

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed OF Rick Elder and assigned him to the Gulf Coast League.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Fired Lee MacPhail, scouting director. Promoted Josh Byrnes from assistant scouting director to scouting director.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Announced that RHP Luis Andujar has cleared waivers and declined assignment to Syracuse of the International League.
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated LHP Omar Diaz from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Efran Valdez to Tucson of the PCL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Activated RHP Darren Hall from the 15-day disabled list.
NEW YORK METS—Traded LHP Brian Bohannon to the Los Angeles Dodgers for RHP Greg McMichael and an undisclosed amount of cash. Designated C Alberto Castillo for assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated RHP Matt Morris from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Manny Aybar to Memphis of the PCL.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Activated 2B Jeff Kent from the 15-day disabled list. Placed SS Rich Aurilia on the 15-day disabled list.
BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES SPARKS—Placed G Erin Alexander on waivers. Signed G Michelle Reed.
American Basketball League
NEW ENGLAND BUZZARDO—Signed G Limor Mizrahi to a one-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed DE Lorenzo Brownell to a three-year contract and FB Jim Kitts to a one-year contract.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed CB Fred Weary to a three-year contract and TE John Farguhar to a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afu.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed LB Jamie Duncan to a three-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
PHOENIX COYOTES—Named Mike O'Hearn president of ice facilities.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League, National League, and Major League Soccer. Rows include team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

MLS—Suspended Tampa Bay G Thomas Ravelli for six games and fined him \$5,000 for an incident with a referee on July 4.

ARIZONA—Named Wendell Neal director of equipment operations.
DENVER—Announced the resignation of Jeff Smith, trainer, to become assistant trainer at UCLA.
SANTA CLARA—Named D.J. Powers women's golf coach. Named Richard Manning women's assistant soccer coach.
SOUTH FLORIDA—Named John Hackenworth men's soccer coach.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Friday's Games
Shreveport 11, Midland 8
Tulsa 19, El Paso 4
Arkansas 4, San Antonio 3, 11
innings
Wichita 9, Jackson 2
Saturday's Games
Shreveport at Midland
Tulsa at El Paso
San Antonio at Arkansas, 2
Wichita at Jackson
Today's Games
Shreveport at Midland
Tulsa at El Paso
Wichita at Jackson
Only games scheduled

WNBA

Friday's Games
Phoenix 76, Cleveland 60
Charlotte 63, Sacramento 55
Saturday's Games
Detroit at Washington
Utah at Houston
Today's Games
Charlotte at New York, 3 p.m.
Cleveland at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Williams, New York, .353; Rodriguez, Texas, .347; Hanks, Kansas City, .346; Segui, Seattle, .329; Higginson, Detroit, .326.
RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 78; Durham, Chicago, 67; Thome, Cleveland, 67; Rodriguez, Seattle, 66; Grieve, Oakland, 65.
RBI—JuGonzalez, Texas, 101; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 82; Belle, Chicago, 74; Ramirez, Cleveland, 73; Thome, Cleveland, 73.

RODEO

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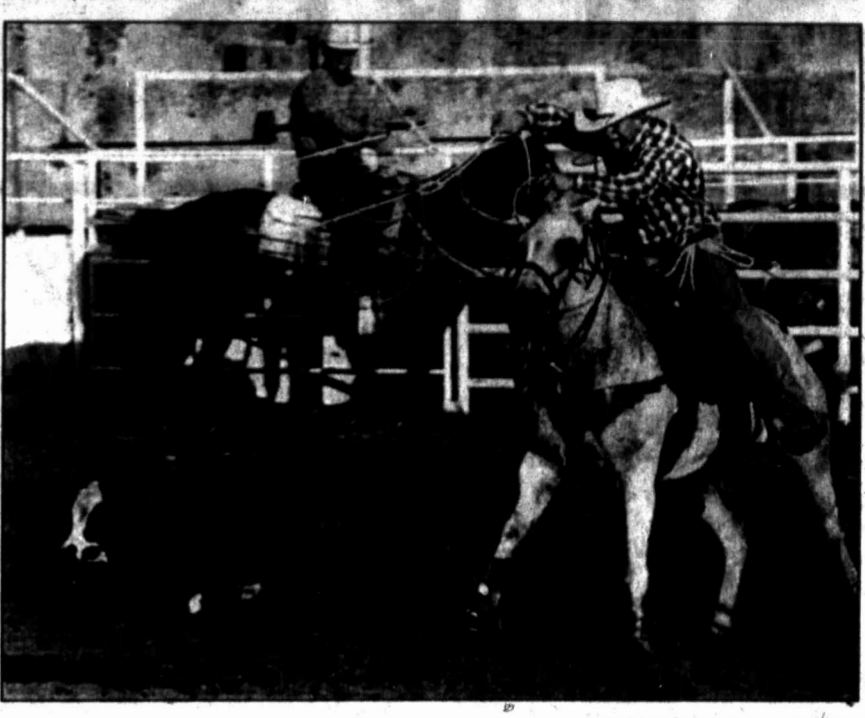
quickly came to his rescue, corralling the calf and calming the horse until he was untangled.

In addition to Middleton, the only other Howard County competitors to register a score Saturday night were Big Spring's Stephanie Fryar in the 16-19 barrels and Coahoma's Walt Bordelon in 16-19 tie down. Fryar recorded a 22.353, which included a five-second penalty. Without the penalty, Fryar's 17.353 would have been good enough to take the go-around.

Bordelon recorded a 15.559 seconds, good for second by 38-hundredths of a second for the night.

Bordelon and Keith Brockman, also of Coahoma, notimed in 16-19 bull riding, as did Tony Wyrick in 13-15 tie down calf roping.

A total of 213 entries were in



Jeff Pettit of Jal, N.M., prepares to lasso his calf during the 13-15 tie down roping during Friday's opening performance of the 53rd annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo.

the books for Saturday's finale, running the total well past the 600 mark for the rodeo's three-

day-run. Final results for the rodeo will appear in Monday's Herald.

Cardinals knock off Astros in 11 innings

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mark McGwire snapped a homerless drought that had reached 21 at-bats with a two-run, 11th-inning shot into the upper deck as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Houston Astros 4-3 Saturday. McGwire regained the major league home run lead with No. 38; one more than Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle. He hit an 0-2 pitch

from Billy Wagner (2-3) an estimated 485 feet, and above the Big Mac section for his first home run since June 30. McGwire started for the 31st consecutive game and was hitless in his first three at-bats with a strikeout, foulout, groundout and a walk. McGwire has played in 83 games, more than any other

Cardinal. Before the game, manager Tony La Russa said McGwire needed a day off, but couldn't afford to give him one against the Astros. Pinch hitter Bill Spiers' bases-loaded sacrifice fly in the 11th had given the Astros a 3-2 lead. Spiers is 0-for-12 as a pinch-hitter, but his fly ball to medium left easily scored Moises Alou.

MOSELEY

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Worth or Houston areas," he explained.

"That's not really what I wanted to do and it's certainly not what I'm used to, but that's the situation we're facing at the moment."

Mace's recruiting effort is also being hampered by Howard's lack of a softball facility of its own.

"I don't have a field to show anyone," Mace said, noting that the field Big Spring High School's teams used this year is far from what he believes the Lady Hawks program should use.

"We bring kids in here and they're certainly not going to be impressed by the Roy Anderson Complex," he added. "The infield is basically gravel

and it hasn't been maintained very well. Hopefully, the city will let me do some work out there, but it's going to take lots and lots of water, not to mention a lot of hours."

One solution Mace is considering, particularly during the fall, would be to try and play as many of his team's home games as possible at area schools, especially at Coahoma and on Big Spring's new softball field currently under construction.

"That could work out to our advantage in a couple of ways," he noted.

"First of all, it would give us better fields to play on that we have at our disposal right now," he added. "Second, it would give us visibility at the schools where we want to be able to recruit heavily."

Alicea double gives Rangers third straight over Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Luis Alicea had a three-run double with two outs in the ninth inning as the Texas Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 4-2 on Saturday to take the AL West lead.

The Rangers loaded the bases against Mike Fetters (1-3) on a one-out single, a walk and an error by first baseman Brian Leshar, who had entered the game a half-inning earlier.

Fetters got Kevin Elster to line to short for the second out, but Alicea lined a 3-2 pitch off the top of the wall in right center. Left-fielder Rickey Henderson then dropped an easy fly ball by Tom Goodwin, allowing the Rangers' fourth run to score.

The victory moved the Rangers back into first place, a half-game in front of the Anaheim Angels, who lost 2-0 at Seattle. Texas has won five

straight. Xavier Hernandez (4-1) got one out in the eighth for the victory. John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 25th save and his third in as many days.

Matt Stairs had a two-run single in the third for the Athletics, who have lost all three of their games since the All-Star break. They went 0-5 after the break last season.

The A's failed to win a game in which they led going into the ninth inning for the first time in 35 such situations this season.

Texas starter Aaron Sele, who was seeking to become the AL's first 13-game winner, allowed two runs on six hits and three walks while striking out six in 7 2-3 innings. He has allowed only one homer in his last seven starts.

A's starter Blake Stein pitched seven scoreless innings.

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**GIRLS**  
Here is the 1998 Class 4A all-state softball team, as named by the Texas Sports Writers Association:  
**FIRST TEAM**  
Pitchers: Rebecca Brophy, Waco Midway, fr.; Kendra Daniels, Port Neches-Groves, sr.; and Destiny Bouquet, Texas High, sr.  
Catcher: Terroni Collins, Waco Midway, jr.  
First baseman: Brook Buchanan, Port Neches-Groves, sr.  
Second baseman: Julie Brophy, Waco Midway, sr.  
Shortstop: Carrie Raleigh, Nederland, jr.  
Third baseman: Melissa Martinez, Big Spring, sr.  
Outfielders: Lauren Ripple, Brenham, sr.; Rachel Graves, Port Neches-Groves, jr.; and Allison Terry, Gregory-Portland.  
Designated player: Kristi Mead, Fossil Ridge, soph.  
Player of the year: Kendra Daniels, Port Neches-Groves and Terroni Collins, Waco Midway.  
Coach of the year: Sherry Rogers, Waco Midway.  
**SECOND TEAM**  
Pitchers: Fawn Maddux, New Caney, sr.; Angela Green, Mount Pleasant, soph. and Lauren Tanner, Gregory-Portland, fr.  
Catcher: Mandy Louviere, Nederland, sr.  
First baseman: Brittini McCluney, Corsicana, soph.  
Second baseman: Mari Casarez, Beeville A.C. Jones, sr.  
Shortstop: Leesa Lopez, Andrews, jr.  
Third baseman: Holly Fields, Andrews, sr.  
Outfielders: Ashley Barthel, Denton, fr.; Stephanie Thornton, Red Oak, sr.; and Brandi Castillo, Fossil Ridge, soph.  
Designated player: Koco Traut, Beeville A.C. Jones, jr.  
**THIRD TEAM**  
Pitchers: Martha Rac, La Marque, jr.; Lauren Tanner, Gregory-Portland, jr.; and Rachel Atzenhoffer, Smithson Valley, jr.  
Catcher: (tie) Katie Trout, New Caney, sr. and Tandi Thompson, Willis, jr.  
First baseman: Sarah Rogers, Waco Midway, sr.  
Second baseman: Abby Robertson, Marble Falls, jr.  
Shortstop: (tie) Adrian Gregory, Livingston, fr. and Kelli Huston, Fossil Ridge, jr.  
Third baseman: (tie) Jennifer Combs, New Caney, sr. and Kelly Jones, Kerville Tvy.  
Outfielders: Britney Abshire, Port Neches-Groves, jr.; Bridgett Lyons, Fossil Ridge, jr.; and Michele Haynie, Friendswood, sr.  
Designated player: Christen Conklin, Sharyland, sr.

**BOYS**  
Here is the 1998 Class 4A all-state baseball team, as named by the Texas Sports Writers Association:  
**FIRST TEAM**  
Pitchers: Zane Carlson, Highland Park, sr.; Brandon Taylor, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, sr.; Jarrett Campbell, Calallen, sr.  
Catcher: Mark Younk, Texas High, sr.  
First baseman: Josh Adams, Lindale, sr.  
Second baseman: Cory Scarborough, Sweeny, sr.  
Shortstop: Casey Robertson, Longview Pine Tree, sr.  
Third baseman: Blaine Cunningham, Sweeny, sr.  
Outfielders: Charles Redmond, Liberty Elyau, sr.; Victor Caballero, Uvalde, sr.; and Brandon Johnson, Waco Midway, sr.  
Designated hitter: Kyle Beck, Snyder, sr.  
Player of the year: Zane Carlson, Highland Park and Mark Younk, Texas High.  
Coach of the year: Law Kennedy, Highland Park.  
**SECOND TEAM**  
Pitchers: David Farren, Texas High, jr.; Jesse Floyd, Nederland, jr.; and Bert Gomez, Calallen, sr.  
Catcher: Kelly Shoppach, Fort Worth Brewer, sr.  
First baseman: Jerome Havard, Nederland, sr.  
Second baseman: James Garner, Calallen, jr.  
Shortstop: (tie) Tyler Durham, Arlington Heights, sr.; Shaud Williams, Andrews, jr.  
Third baseman: Thomas Fallon, Calallen, jr.  
Outfielders: Steven Cordero, Fort Stockton, sr.; Daniel Fears, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, sr.; Kyle Klacmer, Fredericksburg, sr.  
Designated hitter: Andrew McGuire, Sherman, soph.  
**THIRD TEAM**  
Pitchers: Chris Young, Highland Park, sr.; Manuel Gonzalez, Robstown, sr.; and (tie) Brad Sullivan, Nederland, soph. and Jason Setty, Mt. Pleasant, sr.  
Catcher: Billy Burrow, Little Cypress-Mauriceville, jr.  
First baseman: Justin Machost, Florisville, soph.  
Second baseman: Ricky James, Liberty Elyau, sr.  
Shortstop: (tie) Josh Ross, Carthage, jr. and Kevin Thompson, Fort Worth Hills, sr.  
Third baseman: (tie) Rocky Sanchez, San Antonio Burbank, sr. and Brent Carney, Hardin-Jefferson, sr.  
Outfielders: Miles Thomas, Houston Scarborough, sr.; Brian Hiett, Whitehouse, sr.; and Casey Doran, Calallen, soph.  
Designated hitter: Austin Guion, Flour Bluff, sr.

**Cometz paving way for Forsan UGSA**

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

FORSAN — A group of 11 Forsan girls are hoping that a strong showing in the United Girls Softball Association (UGSA) All-Star Tournament in Abilene next week, coupled 12-4 regular season record, could soon translate into a UIL softball program at Forsan High School.

The girls, members of the first ever Forsan UGSA softball team, the Cometz, and their parents say they're interested in convincing Forsan ISD officials that baseball and softball should be added to the Buffs' and Queens' sports programs.

"This team isn't affiliated in any way with the Forsan school district, but we feel it is a good start at getting some interest in maybe starting a UIL program," explained Cometz manager Delynda Reed as she prepared her team for its first game in Abilene — a game with Hawley set for 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Lake Kirby Complex.

"We'd just like for Forsan to get some recognition in softball," she added. "Hopefully the success we've had this year will translate into positives that could eventually lead to starting a program at the high school."

"Look at the success Big Spring and Coahoma have had," Reed continued. "That's a direct result of the strong USGA softball programs they have in both towns. We're not trying to pressure anyone into anything, but



Here are the Forsan Cometz who will open UGSA All-Star Tournament play in Abilene on Wednesday. Front row, from left, are: Lindsay Snaffer, Vanessa Ochoa, Melissa Ray, Ashley Reed and Holly Walker. Middle row: Amber Vierra, coach Albert Ochoa, coach R.C. Reed and Candice Cerda. Back row: Kendra Bearden, Megan Earhart, Karissa Reed, Mollie Maberry and Eve Tobar.

if we can display that there's enough interest, the school board will eventually make the same decisions that were made in Big Spring and Coahoma."

The fledgling Forsan USGA program just had the one team of high school age players this season. The Cometz used fields at the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf for practice sessions and played home games at a Coahoma field.

"We really appreciated by the Coahoma UGSA program for all of their help and SWCID as well," Reed said. "We've asked the Forsan school board to consider allowing us to use some school property to build a prac-

tice field. "We don't really know what position the school board is going to have along those lines, but whether we are given land or not, the Forsan UGSA program is going to continue."

Reed noted that the Cometz traveled to play teams at Hawley, Stamford, Coleman, Anson, Snyder, Eula, Clyde and Coahoma. The team's 12-4 record included winning the Hawley tournament's championship and finishing third in the ASA tournament in Snyder.

In addition to that third-place finish in Snyder, three of the Cometz — pitcher Vanessa Ochoa, first baseman Ashley

Reed and catcher Candice Cerda — earned all-tournament team honors. Ochoa and Cerda also won sportsmanship awards.

"We feel like there are enough girls interested in softball here that we can have three successful leagues in Howard County," Reed added. "We'd really like to have more teams next season."

"The girls from Forsan have been playing softball for years in the Big Spring or Coahoma programs," she added. "And with the addition of new fast-pitch softball programs at Midland College and Howard College this year, it really seems that it's long overdue in Forsan."

**World's focus clearly on Brazil, France going into today's Cup finale**

PARIS (AP) — Imagine if the Super Bowl, Final Four, Kentucky Derby and Daytona 500 were all held on the same day.

Add nationalism, the fervor of fans whose outlook on life often depends on the outcome, and the realization this day won't come again for four years.

That's the World Cup final: a game, a celebration, an obsession.

"It is the game of the century," Brazil coach Mario Zagallo says of his team's matchup Sunday with France at the space-age Stade de France outside Paris.

"It is the game we all have dreamed of," adds French defender Lilian Thuram.

More than a billion people will watch on television as Brazil goes for its fifth championship — nobody else has more than three — and France seeks its first in the tournament it created in the 1920s.

Brazil certainly has history on its side: It is the only team to win the title outside its hemisphere. And when it did so in 1958, it beat host Sweden in the final.

Zagallo was there, as a player. He also played for the 1962 champions, and was coach of the 1970 winner.

"He has what we call in Brazil 'hot feet,'" says Pele, the game's all-time greatest player. "The luck follows Mario Zagallo."

It certainly helps that he is Brazilian. No matter where the World Cup is held, Brazil is a contender, often a favorite. It entered this tournament as the odds-on choice and nothing has

changed. Not even with the final against the host nation.

"In the stadium there will be 80,000 fans cheering for France," Zagallo says. "But our players know that when they walk onto the field, in their hearts 160 million Brazilians will be walking with them."

Besides, the French haven't felt the waves of support in the new stadium that they expected.







"There are too many people inside the stadium in suits," captain Didier Deschamps says. "We do not get a great feeling of support. The people who could have made the difference are outside. You could see our substitutes trying to motivate the crowd."

"I just hope they'll wake up for the final. We don't want to hear the sound of samba for 90 minutes."

To combat that, the French must remain tough on defense. Brazil will attack all game, trying to penetrate on the flanks with Rivaldo, Roberto Carlos, Cesar Sampaio and Bebeto. Or through the middle with two-time player of the year Ronaldo.

France, meanwhile, might back off its assaults a bit, because a truly wide-open game favors the South Americans. And the French will be without their best defender, Laurent Blanc, who was suspended for shoving a Croat in the face in the semifinals.

"It is my personal catastrophe, but if the red card had contributed to France not reaching the final, I would never have been able to forgive myself," Blanc says.

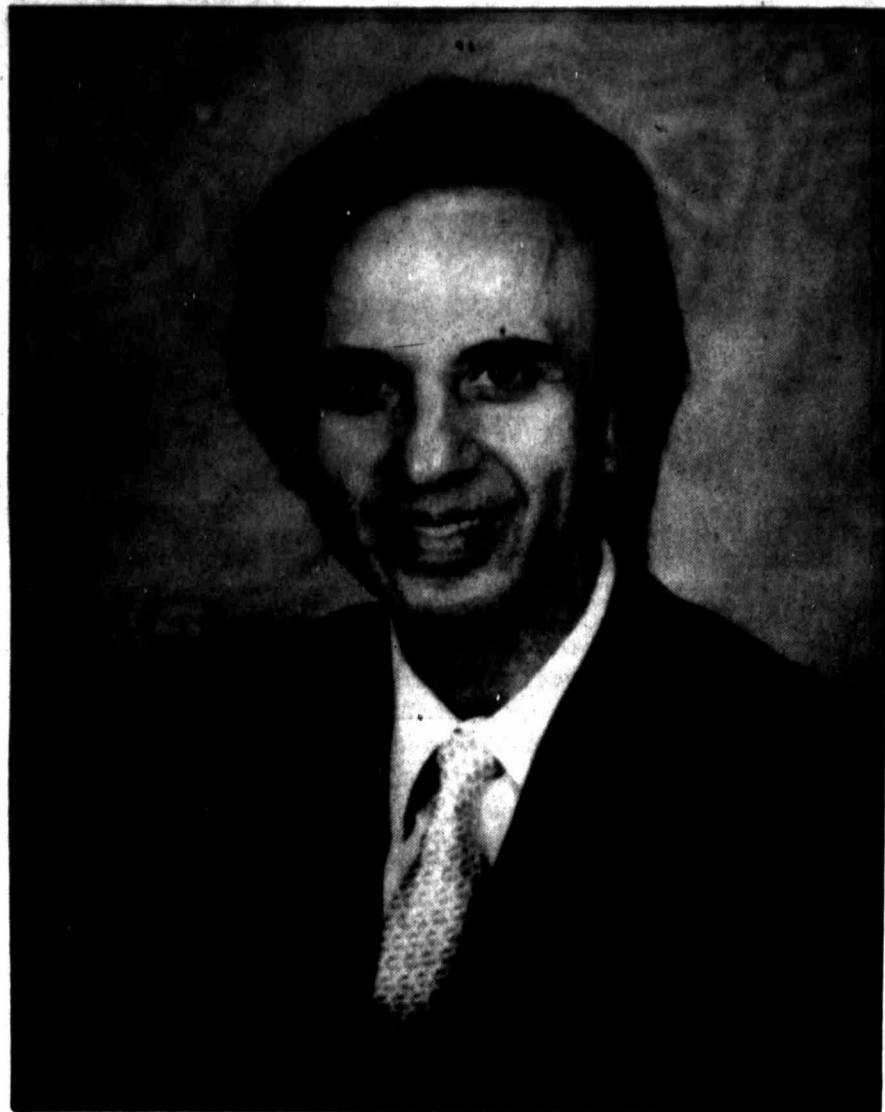
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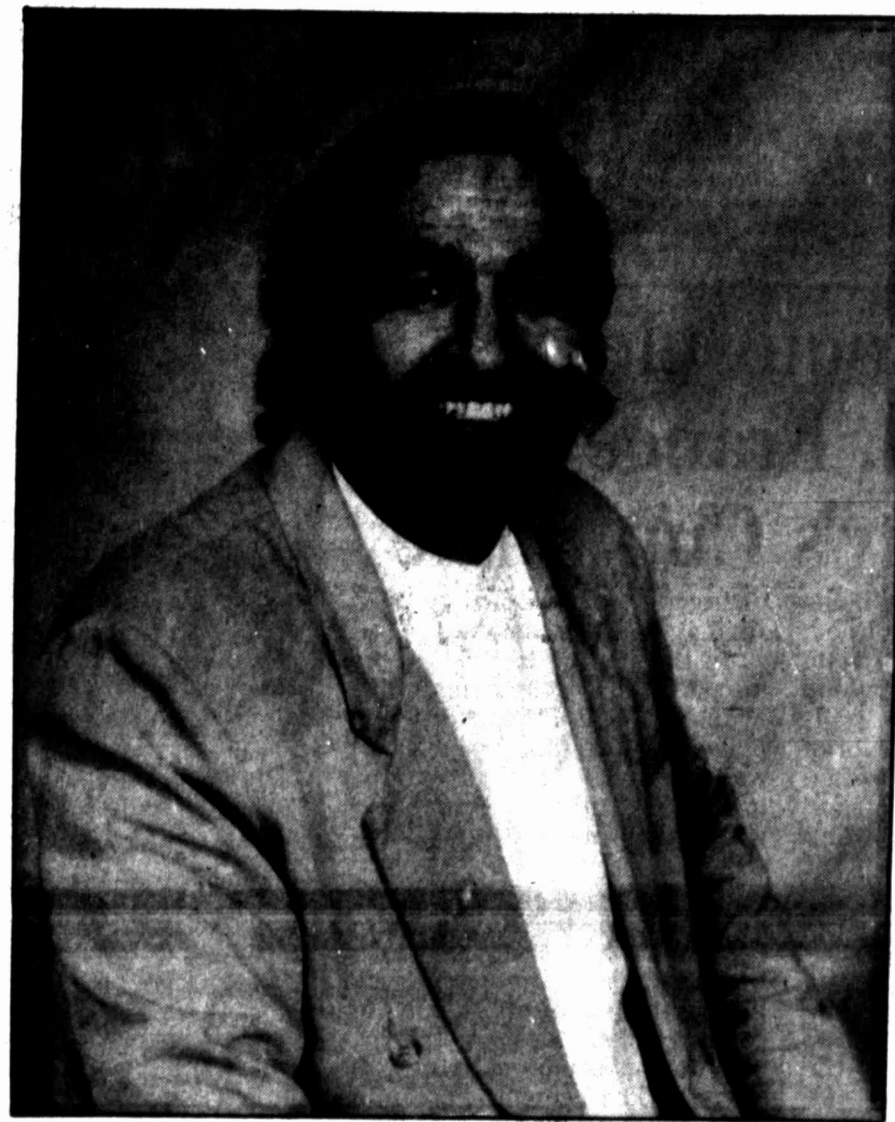
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◆Until Henry VIII passed an act separating the professions, barbers were also surgeons.

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# Bible

# IN THE CLASSROOM

Story by Debbie L. Jensen

**T**he high school classroom held two pregnant teens, another with a criminal record and a few just trying to pass an elective.

Along with some would-be ministers, some regular churchgoers and a few "just curious" others, they made up the Bible class at Big Spring High School last year.

Sponsored by the Howard County Minister's Fellowship, the class will begin its 57th year in the fall. Paid for entirely with donations, the class is offered in a regular high school classroom as part of the students' elective choices.

"Officially, it's called Humanities, but we just call it Bible," said the Rev. Lee Rushing, an independent minister in Big Spring who taught the class for the first time last year. He expects to have three classes on the subject again this fall, with 51 students already enrolled.

Bible began as a high school course in 1942, organized by the First Presbyterian Church. Its teachers over the years were several local ministers, ministers' wives, and — for nearly four decades — Elizabeth Johansen, who is widely considered the driving force that kept the class intact for most of its history.

"She wrote her own curriculum," Rushing said, showing workbooks created by Johansen decades ago and still stored in the classroom. Due to illness, Johansen retired in the early 1980s and is deceased.

But Bible classes have continued — and so have donations for the most part, although members of the Minister's Fellowship now express concerns about the future of the class.

"People say we don't have prayer in the schools, that we need something like this," said the Rev. Carroll Kohl, Lutheran minister and part of the Minister's Fellowship.

"I say here's a school that has been teaching the Bible for 57 years. Let's support it."

Kohl recently sent out letters to hundreds of past supporters, hoping they will increase their gifts this year. He has received more than 25 percent of the \$15,000 needed to finance the class, but says without additional funding, needed improvements to the teaching materials cannot be made.

"When I came here (to Big Spring) 26 years ago, we were already being told we couldn't pray in school," Kohl said. "But we'll have Bible here as long as we have the support of the community, and if we lose that, I don't think we'll ever have it again."

"We can do this," he said, "but our taxes cannot support it."

BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary said in his 18 years with the district, he has not heard much controversy about the class.

"It meets all of the requirements that the courts say you shall meet," McQueary said. "The only thing the school does is provide them a place to meet."

"We think it's great that our kids who choose to take the class have that choice."

Rushing called the Bible "the most incredible history book ever compiled."

"I love the Bible," he said. "I want these kids to know it can be a source for living."

In his first year as teacher of the class, Rushing said he faced a harsh and unexpected reality: Students in his class weren't all taking Bible because they wanted to learn about the book.

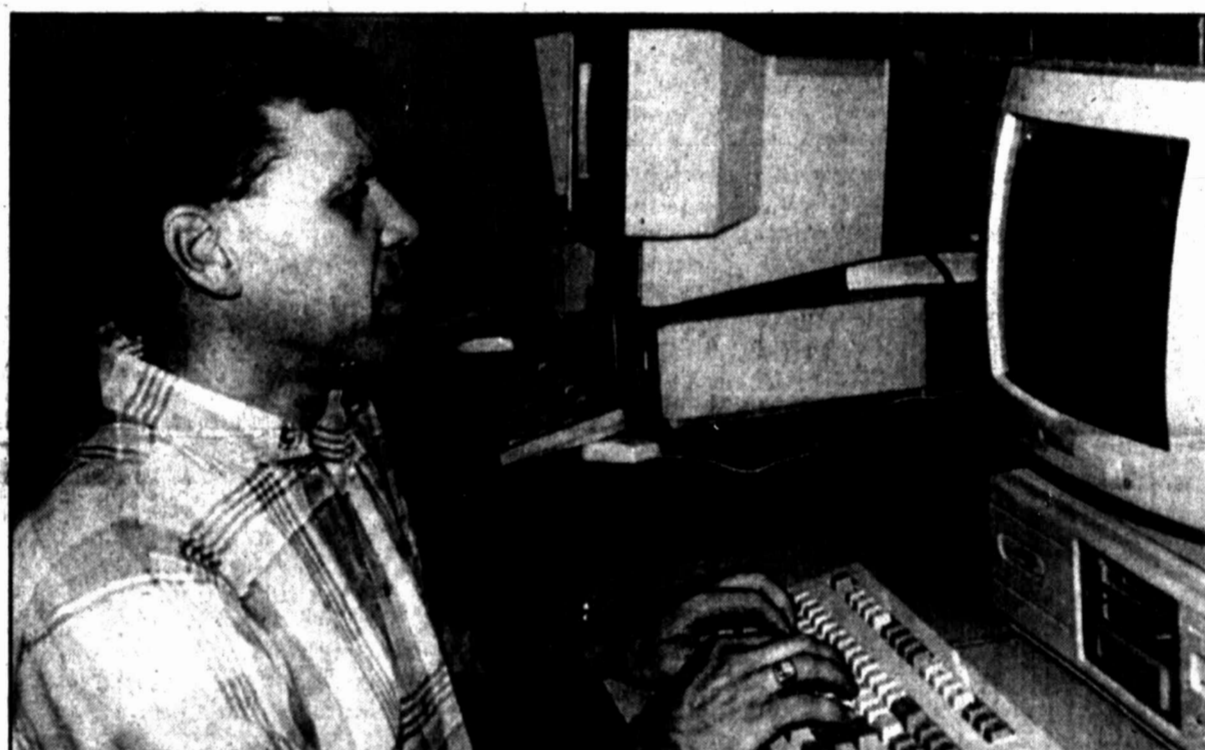
"The thing I had hoped for was more hunger in the lives of the students," he said. "But for a lot of them, it was just another class."

Still, Rushing maintained his enthusiasm, setting up donated computers equipped with Bible software and varying his teaching methods. He often uses slides taken from the Holy Land, where he has traveled.

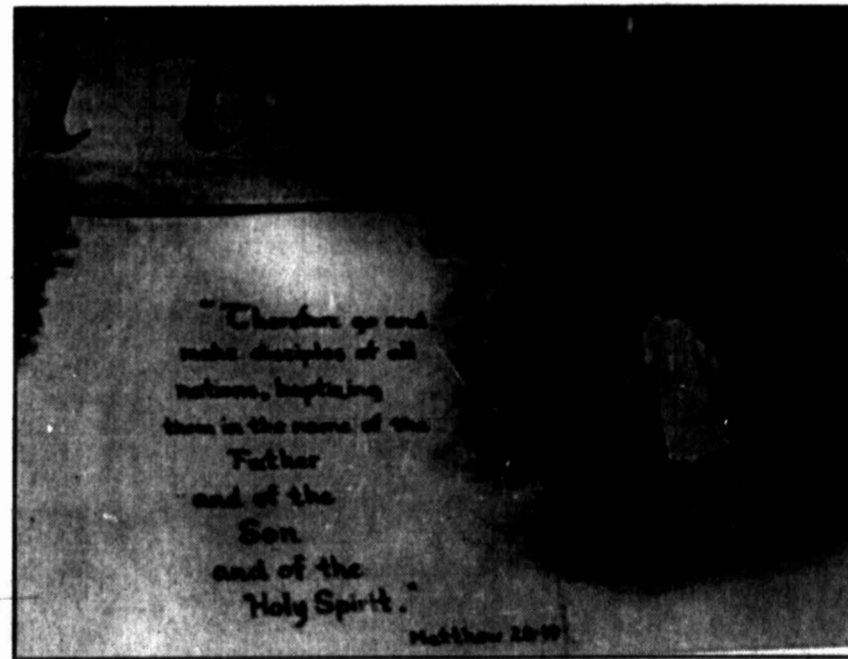
Students also refer to a large, full-color mural that has covered one wall of the classroom for decades.



At left, the large mural that covers one wall of the Big Spring High School Humanities, or Bible, classroom, shown in this 1995 photo. Below, left, Lee Rushing, current teacher for the class, looks at computer software his students use in their study of the Old and New Testaments. Rushing was able to get some donated computers added to the room last year. Below, Rushing with Carroll Kohl, St. Paul Lutheran minister, who works with the Howard County Minister's Fellowship in coordinating and funding the class.



At left, longtime Bible teacher Elizabeth Johansen is shown, second from right, in this photo believed taken in the early 1970s, with local minister Dan Sebasta, and students Bill Jones and Debbie Boadle. Below, a piece of the mural that covers one wall of the classroom. Painting was done by students in the high school art department.



But Rushing said he never "witnesses" to the students, instead keeping discussions objective. He said he did pray with students once, at their request.

"My goal for these kids is 'learn the Bible, love the Bible and live the Bible,'" he said. "I don't think there's anything wrong with that."

Rushing starts in the fall with an Old Testament survey, then moves to the New Testament in the spring. Many students, he said, have very little if any knowledge of the Bible.

"I assume they know nothing," he said. "I

can relate, because like a lot of them, when I was that age, I hated church — going to it, studying the Bible..."

But through the class, Rushing said he hopes to impart more than just a review of some vaguely familiar stories.

"I show that God changes people's lives. You can't look at any person in the scriptures and not know that."

Kohl said the class is aimed at teaching the

"eternal spiritual values" found in the Bible, even if the teacher cannot be free to make comments about the text.

"If you believe the power of God lies in the word, then you leave it up to God to do the rest," he said. "That's what we have to do."

## More reasons children and parents don't understand each other

The second child arrives with a little less fanfare than greets the first youngster in a family. Not less love, just less hullabaloo.

That was true when my second granddaughter was born this year on May 1. She is a wonderfully happy baby named London. (Would you ever guess that her father teaches geography?)

Big Sister Madison, now 3 1/2, was very excited about her arrival.

She was the self-appointed monitor of her care, frequently admonishing guests to wash their hands before holding the

baby. She made a sign to welcome London home from the hospital.

Having recently studied the pictures in her own baby book, Madison remembered that friends had tied pink ribbons around the trees in the front yard to welcome her.

She told me, "I want London to have pink ribbons like I did." So I bought some pink crepe paper, and together we decorated the trees.

Welcome, London. We love you.

This story comes from Garden City. Kindergarten chil-

dren were looking at the animals 4-H Club members had brought to school for Animal Day. One student wondered if the pig was a boy or a girl.

A little girl, confident in her superior knowledge, informed him, "Why anybody can tell it's a girl. It's got eyelashes."



JEAN WARREN

Here are some gems from the Sounds of St. Mary's published by St. Mary's Episcopal School.

Overhear on the bus: Seth was telling his fellow riders that his new sister had arrived -- "Yes, we got her at a baby shower!"

On the way down the sidewalk to the bus, Nathan commented to Elizabeth that he just couldn't remember anything. Elizabeth replied, "Well, it's because you watch too many cartoons on TV. It turns your mind to mush."

While her class was at recess on the playground, Mrs. Newton was approached by two

excited little boys. Before she could inquire as to the problem, one boy volunteered, "Whatever he says I did, I did on accident."

One first grader was having trouble deciding what to write. When prompted by Mrs. Tant to, "Just tell me what you would do if you were president." His response was, "Mrs. Tant, to tell you the truth, I never wanted the job."

Sounds like a smart boy.

I thought I had heard every story about kids' misunderstanding of words, but recently I came upon a new one.

Do you remember the song

we used to sing in grade school that begins, "My Bonnie likes over the ocean..."

It seems that as a youngster, this lady always sang "My body lies over the ocean. Oh bring back my body to me." No wonder the song struck her as being creepy.

However, with childlike patience, she never questioned it, figuring that it was just one more example of the strange stuff in the Adult World.

Probably most kids figure there are many things they'll have to wait awhile to understand.

# WEDDINGS

## Vaughn-Alexander

Sterling Vaughn, Big Spring, and Bryan Alexander, Forsan, exchanged wedding vows on June 20, 1998, at Wesley Methodist Church with Leo Free and Sam Soleyn officiating.

She is the daughter of Karen Huie, Big Spring. He is the son of Jim and Susan Alexander, Forsan.

Vocalist was Joshua Free. Given in marriage by the groom's father, the bride wore a sleeveless wedding gown of pure white Italian matte satin. A wide band of clustered pearls heavily adorned the scooped neckline and low, pearl-buttoned back. The princess-style bodice flowed into an A-line skirt which swept into a chapel-length train.

She carried a nosegay bouquet of pink and ivory roses. Maid of honor was Heather Loyd, bride's sister.

Bridesmaids were Ashley Alexander, Whitney Patterson, Kelly Huie, Katrina Gressett, Jennifer Traylor and Barbara Maxwell.

Alexandria Walker, bride's niece, was the flower girl, and Jonah Anderson, bride's brother, was the ringbearer.

Best man was Joshua Free.

Serving as groomsmen were Al Yanke, Taff Wennik, Charlie Richards, Jimmi Dorland, Bill Dodson and Shane Sims.

Michael Garcia and Justin White served as ushers.



MR. AND MRS. BRYAN ALEXANDER

Following the ceremony, a reception and dance was held at the Big Spring Country Club.

The wedding cake was a three tiered white cake covered in fresh orchids.

The groom's cake was a red velvet cake decorated with a double helix.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Forsan High School and will graduate from Angelo State University in August. He will then begin a Ph.D. program at the University of New Mexico in Bio Medical Sciences.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Rico and a cruise through the southern Caribbean, the couple will make their home in Albuquerque, N.M.

## Arnold-Billingsly

Joni Arnold and Calvin Dwayne Billingsly, both of Marshall, were united in marriage on July 11, 1998, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Bill McAlister, father of the groom, officiating.

She is the daughter of Joe Arnold and Tonya Arnold, Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McAlister, Buffalo.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white floor length gown with a heart-shaped bodice and pearls embroidered on the train.

Maid of honor was Toni Arnold.

Amanda Thompson, Jody Moore and Crystal Moore were the bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Rachael Tyson, and ringbearer was Tyler Tyson.

Tim Moore served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Travis Tyson, Troy Tyson and Wade Roberts.

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

The wedding cake was a three



MR. AND MRS. CALVIN BILLINGSLY

tiered white cake with white icing, white roses and hunter green leaves.

The groom's cake was a chocolate sheet cake with chocolate icing.

She is a graduate of Maranatha Baptist Academy and is employed by Louis A. Williams and Assoc.

He is a graduate of Buffalo High School and is employed by Carson Whatley (Lumber Co.).

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will make their home in Marshall.

## Ayer-Bacon

Julie Sue Ayer and Joey Don Bacon, both of Arlington, exchanged wedding vows on June 27, 1998, at Liberty Baptist Church in Wichita Falls with Rev. Gary Bacon, groom's father, officiating, assisted by Rev. Jerry Reed, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, and Rev. Chuck Osborne, pastor of Rolling Hills Baptist Church of Lancaster.

She is the daughter of Steve and LaDonna Ayer of Wichita Falls, and the late Pamela Huff Ayer.

He is the son of Gary and Monica Bacon of Harlingen, and the grandson of Roy and Eloise Watkins of Big Spring.

Pianist was Karen Hacker, aunt of the bride, and organist was Tanna Avenius, aunt of the bride.

Vocalists were Monica Bacon, groom's mother, Steve Ayer, bride's father, Timmy and Debbie Dunn, David Allen, and the bride and groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long-sleeved white satin gown with a scoop neckline edged in rows of pearls. She wore a fingertip veil and carried a Colonial bouquet of white roses.

Maid of honor was Rebecca Hacker, bride's cousin, and Presha Daves was the bridesmatron. Bridesmaids were Beth Williams, Kim Tulton, and Lacie Nichols. LeDawn Burt was the junior bridesmaid.

Alyssa Campbell, bride's niece, was the flower girl, and Angelo Mincey, Blake Campbell and Kristopher Mincey, nephews of the bride, were the ringbearers.

Scott Burt was the best man.

Timmy Dunn, Brian Loveless, Jason Grigg and Leslie Adkins served as groomsmen, and Philip Ayer, bride's brother,



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was the junior groomsman.

Serving as ushers were Kevin Mincey, Curt Mincey, bride's brothers, Joel Osborne, Matt Hacker, bride's cousin, Ryan and Ethan Yeats, groom's cousins.

Jeremy Richter and Mark Hacker, bride's cousins, served as candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Liberty Baptist Church gym.

The wedding cake was a four tiered cake with white frosting decorated with navy blue flowers. The groom's cake was a chocolate sheet cake decorated with a ball and chain.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Hirschi High School, Wichita Falls. She is a student at Arlington Baptist College and employed by Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., Fort Worth.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School and is a student at Arlington Baptist College. He is employed as Youth Director at Rolling Hills Baptist Church, Lancaster.

Following a wedding trip to Lake Texoma, the couple will make their home in Arlington.

## Halfmann-Cantrell

Amanda Leigh Halfmann and David Ross Cantrell, both of Tulsa, Okla., united in marriage on June 20, 1998, in Tulsa, with Rev. Dan Breunbach, of Ascension Lutheran Church in Tulsa, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Halfmann, Tulsa, Okla., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Halfmann and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bostick, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Lillian Cantrell and the late Jim Cantrell, Tulsa, Okla.

Instrumentalist was Robert Reed, cousin of the bride.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Kurti Bogard.

Kurti Bogard was the maid of honor, and Stacy Lane was the best man.

Lilly Andoe, niece of the groom, and Whitney Worthan, niece of the bride, served as flower girls.

Serving as ushers were Terry Waska, Craig Cantrell and Chris Wise.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Southern Hills Marriott, Tulsa, Okla.



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The bride attended Oklahoma State University, and is employed by XETA Corp., in Tulsa.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Tulsa and is a freelance writer. He is employed at Peace of Mind Book Store in Tulsa.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Tulsa, Okla.

## STORK CLUB

Ashlyn Grace Frazier, girl, July 1, 1998, 2:45, six pounds eight ounces and 18 inches long, parents are Tony and Tina Frazier, Midland.

Grandparents are Jerry and Linda Robertson and Carl and Billie Frazier, Big Spring.

Cory Jacob Hilario, boy, July 5, 1998, 4:47 a.m., eight pounds and 20 1/2 inches long, parents are Ruben Jr. and Joyce Hilario.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Hilario, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Rodriguez, all of Big Spring.

Carli Rose Martinez, girl, July 7, 1998, 3:13 p.m., eight pounds six and a half ounces and 20 inches long, parents are Manuel Jr. and Lori Martinez of Coahoma.

## ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER  
MONDAY-Chicken potatoes, brussel sprouts, tossed salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

TUESDAY - Ham potatoes, broccoli, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.  
WEDNESDAY-Steak, macaroni & cheese, zucchini, fruited gelatin, milk/roll, cake.

THURSDAY-Turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, pie.

FRIDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, tossed salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

## IN THE MILITARY

PFC Ryan H. Wilkerson, son of Ed and Patsy Wilkerson, has returned from Bosnia after 10 1/2 months. Ryan is stationed at AF Fort Polk, La.



WILKERSON

Roger G. Pope, Electronics Technician Second Class Petty Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard, received an award - the Commandants letter of Commendation - for his work aboard the Cutter Chase in the Arabian Gulf from Feb. 13-June 28. Pope is the son of Wilbur and Doris Pope of Big Spring. His permanent duty station is the U.S. Coast Guard Communications Station in New Orleans, La.

Aug. 3, 1998, will mark his sixth year of service in the Coast Guard.

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## ON THE MENU

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TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, lima beans, mixed fruit, roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pork & beans, ice cream, milk.

THURSDAY-Burrito, spanish rice, corn, fresh fruit, jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, pineapple tidbits, roll, milk.

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# WEDDINGS

## Anderson-Justiss

Tess Anderson and Pat Justiss, both of Coahoma, exchanged wedding vows on June 27, 1998, at the Coahoma Church of Christ with Elwin Collom, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

She is the daughter of Buddy and Cynthia Anderson, Coahoma, and the granddaughter of Vera Dell Anderson, Coahoma.

He is the son of Johnny and Barbara Justiss, Coahoma.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown with a bodice made entirely of Venice lace with a Queen Anne neckline and capped sleeves. A full skirt made of tulle was chapel length.

She carried a bouquet of cala lilies, white roses, baby's breath and fresh ivy.

Matrons of honor were Wendy Janski, Conway, Ark., and Kathy Wright, San Angelo. Bridesmaids were Bernadette Halfmann of Eola, Lee Ann Mueller of Haskell, Melinda Fleming of Longview, and Brenda Grant of Big Spring.

Jordan Cochran of Coahoma, and Bailey Anderson, niece of the bride, were the flower girls, and Brice Anderson, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Sam Justiss, brother of the groom of Sterling City, Shawn Justiss, brother of the groom of Ira, Brooks Boyd of Merkel, Jody Carper of Big Spring, Jeff Phernetton of Midland, and Jack Clevenger, uncle of the bride of Lafayette, La., served as groomsmen.

Emily Clevenger, cousin of the groom, and John Michael



MRS. PAT JUSTISS

Steil, cousin of the groom, served as junior bridesmaid and groomsmen.

Ushers were Jonathan Clevenger, cousin of the bride, and Todd Anderson, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a garden party reception was held in the home of the bride's parents.

The bride's cake was an Italian creme cake decorated with fresh gardenias and sweetheart roses topped with cupid vase overflowing with flowers.

The groom's cake was a pound cake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream.

She is a 1993 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 1997 graduate of Angelo State University with a teaching degree.

He is a 1991 graduate of Coahoma High School and is self employed as a farrier.

The couple will make a wedding trip to Kauai, Hawaii.

## Summer reading fare is a mixed (beach) bag

Summer often calls for something lighter or of a different focus to read. This week I've reviewed four recent mystery novels by less well-known authors.

"Under a Wok and a Hard Place." Tamar Myers. Penguin Putnam Inc., New York, New York, March, 1998. 264 pages. \$5.99

As a proprietor of a bed-and-breakfast in the Amish country, Magdalena Yoder's life is busy, and as a helper to the only policeman in town, Magdalena's life becomes chaotic. While the death of a young Asian woman is the problematic situation given to the readers, most of the story's activities radiate around Magdalena's shenanigans, her tart tongue, and her sarcastic sense of humor.

There are some good chuckles in the pages, but they might be better used as part of a comedy act rather than the linchpin of a novel. The best part of the book is the few recipes that are included among the chapters.

RATING: (\*) one out of four=Save your time and money!

"Dead Air." Ed Goldberg. Berkley Prime Crime Book, Berkley Publishing Group, New York, New York, May, 1998. 232 pages. \$5.99

Ed Goldberg gives private investigator Lenny Schneider a quick tongue and a cynical sense of humor as he solves the cases brought to him.

"Dead Air" is fast-paced with a cleverly written plot. Goldberg has liberally peppered the book with coarse language, but if this is not an inhibitor, be sure to read this story with its really funny one-liners and a credible mystery plot.

RATING: (\*\*\*) three out of four=Entertaining

"Death Wore a Fabulous New Fragrance." Orland Outland. The Penguin Putnam Inc., New York, New York, June, 1998. 198 pages. \$5.99

The premise of the murder is rather clever: a movie star is

sprayed with a new perfume carrying his name and then immediately dies.

Investigating the murder are two novices; they are best friends, but a strange duo. One is a young woman and the other a gay, cross-dressing male.

While the plot is unique, most of the story is really about how society deals with the gay population, and the author's plea for more understanding and less prejudice. While this is an admirable motive, it overwhelms the plot. Of the four books, this is the best one to avoid.

RATING:(\*) one out of four=Save your time and money!

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"Family Skeletons." Rett MacPherson. St. Martin's Press, New York, New York, June, 1998. 184 pages. \$5.99

In her first novel, Rett MacPherson has dished up the delightful character of Victory O'Shea, a wife, mother, and historical guide for her hometown of New Kassel, Missouri. Because of her experience in tracing genealogical roots, Victory is asked by an acquaintance to find her biological father. Too soon this same woman is found dead, lying in a vast pool of blood.

MacPherson never loses the focus of the mystery. She allows protagonist to stumble and bungle through her life, yet maintain a loving and optimistic attitude. Family Skeletons is a charming and refreshing story, one, sure to give the reader a measure of amusement and diversion. Read this one, and then look for Victory's appearance in MacPherson's next novel.

RATING (\*\*\*) three out of four= Delightful, entertaining.



PAT WILLIAMS

## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: Kittens - lots of kittens - all colors, males and

females, need loving families to play with.

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"Luella" Female orange

Tabby, 1 year old, spayed.

"Simone" Female tortoiseshell 1 year old, spayed.

"Syl" Male Maine Coon cat, gray Tabby, 2 years old, neutered.

"Cilla" Female gray Tabby, 2 years old, spayed.

"Caesar" Male longhair black 2 year old, neutered.

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, feline leukemia tests for cats. Pets come with two-week trial period.

## Stilwell-Roberts

Joey Dyan Stilwell, North Richland Hills, and Bradley Wayne Roberts, Big Spring, were united in marriage on June 20, 1998, in the Countryside Bible Church, Southlake, with Wayne Peterson, uncle of the bride, officiating.

She is the daughter of Joseph and Linda Stilwell, North Richland Hills.

He is the son of Wayne and Shelane Roberts, Big Spring, and the grandson of Thelma Roberts, Big Spring.

Vocalist was Chad McCoy, and organist was Anette Hyde.

Give in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless satin fitted gown with a beaded, empire cut bodice and a detachable satin train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white casa blanca lilies with accents of burgundy berries and needlepoint ivy.

Maids of honor were Jami Stilwell and Lacy Stilwell, sisters of the bride.

Erin Roberts, sister of the groom, Jenny Stilwell, sister-in-law of the bride, and Lisa Hensley were the bridesmaids.

Jennifer Shipowitz was the flower girl, and Ben Shipowitz was the ring bearer.

Best man was Donnie Bruton, Jr.

John Vidlak, Jeff O'Brien, Cody Stilwell, brother of the bride, and Bil Piper served as groomsmen.

Serving as usher was Scott MacKenzie.

Following the ceremony, a formal dinner and dance was held in the Holiday Inn DFW West.



MR. AND MRS. BRADLEY ROBERTS

The bride's cake was a four tiered white cake decorated with English ivy and burgundy flowers and a bride and groom topper that was on the bride's parents cake when they married in 1969.

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake decorated with a golf green, golf balls and monogrammed tees with the bride and groom's name and wedding date.

The bride is a graduate of Keller High School and of Texas Tech University.

He groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Camden Energy as a chemical engineer.

Following a wedding trip to Maui, the couple will make their home in Brewton, Ala.

## Confused about VA enrollment system?

The VA is required by law to begin an enrollment system for its health-care services by Oct. 1. However, this does NOT mean veterans who have not applied for enrollment by then necessarily lose their eligibility for VA medical care.

Veterans can apply at the time they need VA care, before or after Oct. 1. In fact, we have been automatically processing enrollment applications for veterans treated by VA since Oct. 1, 1996.

Not all veterans who apply may be able to get care, especially higher-income veterans. Enrollment will be based on priority groups specified by law - the highest priority being given to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

After enrollment begins, some veterans can still be treated by VA without being enrolled: Veterans with a VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher will receive care without enrolling; veterans with service-connected disabilities will receive care for those disabilities, and veterans discharged while on active duty will receive VA care for those disabilities within the first 12 months of discharge.

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Congratulations to: Juan

Pantoja, painter, environmental management service, and Dee Speck, tumor board registrar, medical administration service. These two were named "Employee of the Month" for June and July respectively. Regina Cisneros, fiscal accounting technician; David Klaus, chief, acquisition and material

management service; and James Shelton, chief, dental service, were recently awarded 25 year U.S. Government Service Pins; and Jimmie Jones, chief, VA canteen service, recently received a special achievement award for increased sales and operating improvements.



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## Gridlock is gone, but trains are painfully slow for Union Pacific

**EDITORS NOTE:** This is the first in a four-story package looking at Union Pacific and the impact of the yearlong slowdown on the nation's largest railroad.

**DALLAS (AP)** — When Union Pacific Corp. took over Southern Pacific Rail Corp. two years ago and created the nation's largest railroad, the bigger and better UP thought it could chug through any obstacle.

Then, late last summer, up sprung a series of problems the company couldn't stop. There was gridlock on the tracks, causing mounds of grain to pile up and prompting lawsuits from customers. There were crashes, several of them, killing 11 people. Not surprisingly, earnings plummeted.

UP executives and workers eventually felt vilified for making what many considered the most anti-competitive rail merger in the nation's history.

Now, after months of fighting to restore order on both trains and tracks, UP reports that all is well.

"Our employees ... feel like they've worked extremely hard, and they have," said company spokesman Mark Davis. "They've worked, and worked, and started to see light at the end of the

tunnel."

Critics, however, disagree. They say UP is still off track.

"We struggle with this in what otherwise is a booming economy," said Carole Rylander, chairwoman of the Texas Railroad Commission, an agency that has always opposed the merger. "Union Pacific has a stranglehold and there is no safety valve."

Federal regulators approved the \$5.4 billion merger two years ago, creating the nation's largest railroad with more than 35,000 miles of track in 25 states, Mexico and Canada.

The meltdown of the Omaha, Neb.-based railroad began this time last year in the Houston area. Employees trained in Southern Pacific's way of doing business, outdated locomotives and worn tracks didn't combine well with UP's more modern everything.

As a result, traffic began backing up, forcing yards to fill with undelivered cars. Quickly, the problem spread like a virus across the country.

The service breakdown, the worst in railroad history, has been estimated to have cost the economy \$4 billion. Shippers say the delays have forced them to stall production and pay higher costs to find another way to get

goods to their customers.

Under pressure from disgruntled customers and competitors who want UP to divest some of its tracks, the federal government took an unprecedented action.

The Surface Transportation Board, which approved the merger and has oversight for three more years, forced UP to allow other railroads to use its tracks in the Houston and Gulf of Mexico area. The order, which has already been extended three times, cannot legally last past Aug. 2.

The STB also said it would take outside comments before deciding whether Union Pacific has a monopoly around the Houston area and the railroad should sell off some track.

UP's competitors would love to take some of the "problem" off their hands.

Fort Worth-based Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp., whose shipments have gone up substantially since UP's plight began, is requesting more access in the Gulf Coast area. Meanwhile, a coalition of small railroads, shippers and the Texas Railroad Commission are asking that rivals be given wider access to facilities in the

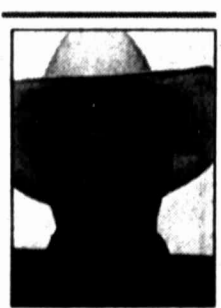
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**A Union Pacific diesel electric locomotive switches cars in the Big Spring railroad yard. Union Pacific arrived in Big Spring after merging with Missouri Pacific, the successor to Texas & Pacific. The Texas & Pacific arrived in Big Spring in 1881.**

## Heat, wind taking toll on plants

The extreme temperatures and the hot winds have taken a toll on lawns, gardens, trees and shrubs. I am seeing several problems associated with drought stress in local lawns and gardens.



DAVID KIGHT

There are several symptoms associated with drought stress. If you start seeing a browning of leaves, primarily from the outside edge of the leaf inward, this is a good sign of possible drought stress. Garden plants that wilt in the heat of the day are showing signs of moisture stress. A good indicator for determining soil moisture is to place a steel rod into the ground to approximately 18 inches, then pull it up and see if there is any sign of moisture. The dryer the soil is, the more difficult it will be to drive the rod into the ground.

Again, the best time to water is early morning. The type of plants determines how much water that you need to provide them. For example, Bermuda grass requires less water than St. Augustine, however, any grass or other annuals will experience die off if moisture stressed. Irrigation should be based on the needs of the plant. This can be accomplished by paying close attention to your landscape and/or garden.

The weather conditions we are experiencing make it difficult to be optimistic so I would like to share with you the 10 characteristics of an optimist. Optimists are never surprised by trouble, believe they have control over the future, plan for regular renewal, have heightened powers of admiration, interrupt their negative trains of thought and have an almost unlimited capacity for stretching. Optimists build plenty of love into their lives, share good news, use their imaginations to rehearse success, and accept what cannot be changed. So, the next time someone is complaining about no rain, you can tell them to be an optimist. You can say we are one day closer to rain!

(David Kight is Howard County Agent-Agriculture.)

## Putting a chill on summer's heat

Summertime and snow cones go hand in hand, and for local snow cone stand owners Dale Avant of Big A's, and Vera and Mark Roman of Hawaiian Snow, snow cones are a family business.

"This is such a cool job. I really enjoy it and this has been a lot of fun. It's a blast," Avant said.

The Avant family opened their stand two or three years ago, as an idea to provide retirement for the family, Avant said.

He also works at the family store, Kwikie Grocery.

"We're self-employed at the store, which means no retirement," he said.

He said the profit from the stand is pretty good and added that each summer season, he pays operating costs and employees, and banks the rest.

"We get more here than say a savings account. There you'll get 5 percent on your money, and with 3 percent inflation, that's only 2 percent. Anytime you can get 10 to 12 percent on your money, you're doing good," Avant said.

The Avant family also owns the stand on the north side, near Kwikie, but decided not to open this year because of an ice shortage, he said.

Customer relations keeps Avant in business. He enjoys meeting people and claims his customers may arrive at the stand in a foul mood, but snow cones seem to brighten the day.

"The first day I opened this year, a car pulled up and a woman ordered snow cones. Suddenly, this kid comes barreling out of the back of the car, rushes up to me and says, 'I've been waiting for you to open all winter!'"

"Snow cones cheer people right up. I tell my employees to smile at their customers and to fix them a good snow cone, and their day will be better," Avant said.

Big A's features 53 regular flavors, and offers a special flavor each day, with a buy one get one free sale. He averages perhaps 300 cars each day, he said.

"Titanic's been a real good one. We did the 'buy one, get one free' so people would try a new flavor. Usually they wouldn't try something new, but this way they will try something new," Avant said.

Like Big A, the Roman's Hawaiian Snow stand, also on Gregg Street, produces snow



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

**Dale Avant hands Wanda Dale a "shaved ice," the 1990s version of a sno-cone, on Friday. Avant operates one of two "sno-cone" stands on Gregg Street.**

cones made with shaved ice.

A machine creates the fine texture of a snow cone by shaving blocks of ice. Mark said the ice blocks must be a certain temperature for the machine to produce the right effect.

"We've taken our blades to be sharpened two times this year, and we have three sets of blades. The cheap ice can even chip the blades," Vera said.

The Roman's began their snow cone stand, a brightly colored building Mark built, three seasons ago. Formerly cotton farmers, Mark said 1996 ended his farming career.

Vera said she became interested in making snow cones when her youngest daughter fell in love with the treat.

"She thought she was supposed to have a snow cone every day. So we tried by buying an ice crusher at Wal-Mart, but that didn't work," Vera said.

"She tried to get me interested in this for six or seven years, but I just wasn't interested. Now that I've built the

corn roaster oven, I'm offering roasted ears of corn here, too," Mark said.

Hawaiian Snow might average 1,000 customers in a week, he said, with a lot of repeat business. An unusual flavor, pickle snow cone, was very popular their first year in business.

"We couldn't keep enough pickle juice," Mark said.

Now the Roman's offer 60 regular flavors and make 85. They also have 17 sugar free flavors, and serve fresh lemonade every day, Vera said.

"People think this is easy, but it's taken us three years, and we still change things each year that we find will make it better," Vera said.

And Mark said a snow cone business is nearly the opposite of cotton farming.

"The difference between this and cotton farming is that when it's hot and dry, we have sales, and when it's wet and cloudy, we don't," he said.

"When it's really hot outside, our business will slow down, and when it begins cool-

ing off, about 5 or so, our business picks up," Mark and Vera said.

Big A's is open from noon to about 11 p.m. Hawaiian Snow opens at 1 p.m. and closes about 9 p.m. The Roman's accept call-in orders for snow cones and roasted corn at 263-1898.

Prices for the two stands are similar, with Avant's extra small, \$1, up to a 32-ounce cup for \$2.50.

"The 32-ouncer separates the men from the boys," Avant jokes.

The Roman's offer five sizes, beginning at \$1 up to \$2.25 for a giant.

And Hawaiian Ice offers a buy four get one free card. For every four snow cones you purchase, you'll receive one free, of any flavor available, Vera said.

And Mark said, "Dale (Avant) and I are friends, we visit back and forth. We're in competition, but it's friendly business. This is a family business."

**-MARSHA STURDIVANT**

## Elton Bomer orders credit insurance rules

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Consumer credit property insurance rates will be regulated by the state beginning in 1999, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer announced Monday.

Consumer credit property insurance protects property, such as computers, refrigerators and stereos, from theft or other loss while property is being paid off. It does not cover homes or cars.

The coverage is generally sold by department stores and specialty stores marketing such goods as electronics, furniture and appliances.

Until adoption of the new regulations, which take effect Jan. 1, 1999, rates and policy forms have been unregulated.

"I want to make sure that consumers know exactly what they are paying for and that they are making informed decisions when they decide whether to purchase consumer credit property insurance," Bomer said.

"These regulations accomplish those goals and are fair to both the sellers and the buyers of this type of insurance."

Insurance industry spokesman Jerry Johns, of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, raised no objections to the regulations.

"We believe that people need to make informed choices when purchasing any type of insurance, and if the commissioner's rules will help do that we are supportive," Johns said.

In January, Bomer and officials of Montgomery Ward signed a consent order under which the company agreed to offer refunds to customers who bought a "Credit Security Plan" without realizing it was insurance.

Refunds could total as much as \$5 million if all customers who unwittingly bought the insurance seek a refund.

Under the adopted regulations, TDI will control rates and policy language. Also, retailers must clearly point out to prospective buyers that the coverage might duplicate existing residential property coverage.

Other key points that must be explained to the purchaser include:

- The policyholder's right to cancel the policy at any time.
- The price of the insurance.
- The fact that the policy pays on any covered property before

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## Compromise will give Amtrak some federal assistance to operate

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Senate budget writers have agreed to provide more than half a billion dollars next year to Amtrak, the financially imperiled national railway, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said Thursday.

The \$555 million appropriation could spare Amtrak from having to siphon money from a \$2.3 billion pot created last year to help it make long-term capital improvements.

Those improvements are considered crucial for Amtrak to reach Congress'

mandate that the railway become self-sufficient by 2002.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, Lautenberg and others feared that budget writers would eliminate Amtrak funds this year. Without federal money, Mrs. Hutchison warned, could imperil the future of the Texas Eagle, which runs from San Antonio to Chicago, and other routes outside the well-traveled Boston-New York-Philadelphia-Washington corridor.

George Warrington, acting president

and chief executive officer of Amtrak, said he is pleased with the Senate funding but hopes the House appropriates the full \$621 million requested.

President Clinton proposed \$621 million for Amtrak in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. But Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on transportation, warned that Amtrak would be low on his priority list.

Shelby said Clinton's request for \$621 million could not be met without cut-

ting back in such areas as aviation and highway safety, Coast Guard search and rescue and drug interdiction.

But Lautenberg said Shelby's subcommittee has agreed to \$555 million for Amtrak.

"We got 90 percent of what we asked for," Lautenberg said. Shelby's office did not return a call seeking comment.

Amtrak is under the gun to become self-sufficient by 2002.

As part of the 1997 Amtrak reform law that created the \$2.3 billion rescue package, the government created an Amtrak Reform Council that will draft a restructuring plan if Amtrak fails to become self-sufficient. The law also dictated changes in Amtrak management practices, labor rules and legal liabilities.

A recent GAO report found Amtrak "in a very precarious financial condition." The report said Amtrak has received \$21 billion in federal subsidies and never turned a profit since it began operating in 1971.

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grantor: Joe Weldon Blassingame property: tract of land out of the east 1/2 of section 28, blk. 32, T-2-N, certificate No. 1796, T&P-Ry. Co. filed: June 29, 1998

grantor: Bobby and Cheryl Barter grantee: Harlingen National Bank property: tract of land out of the east 1/2 of section 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. filed: June 29, 1998

grantor: Minnie Birmingham and James Edward Birmingham grantee: Luz L. Campos property: lot 7, blk. 23, Monticello Addition filed: June 29, 1998

grantor: John and Margaret Goodman grantee: Harlingen National Bank property: 2.62 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the northwest 1/4 of section 34, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. filed: June 29, 1998

grantor: Patrick J. McIntyre grantee: Eugene J. and Denise A. Richard property: the south 46' of lot 8, blk. 2, Morningside Addition filed: June 30, 1998

grantor: Viking Freight Inc. grantee: Nite Lite Inc. property: all of lots 3 and 4, blk. 2, William Green Addition filed: June 30, 1998

grantor: Kama Faye Westerman, Danita Kay Potter, Iva Delynn Rau and Kenton Jay Minchew grantee: Jim J. Minchew property: lot 31, blk. 26, College Park Estates filed: June 30, 1998

grantor: Tieng Thuong Nguyen and Hoa Thi Nguyen grantee: Truett Fincher property: all of lot 27, blk. 2, Capehart Addition filed: June 30, 1998

grantor: Robert A. and Connie Chase grantee: Swartz and Brough, Inc. property: all of lot 4, blk. 7, Stanford Park Addition filed: July 1, 1998

grantor: Elizabeth Lowery grantee: Jay and Michelle Fryar property: all of lot 3, blk. 8, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 10) filed: July 1, 1998

grantor: Marvin Wynn and Eloise Wynn grantee: Larry Dale Bennett and Patricia Janell Bennett property: lot 39, tract 4, Forster Subdivision out of section 47, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. filed: July 2, 1998

grantor: David Wrinkle grantee: Equicom, Inc. property: 1-2.496 acre tract of land out of the northeast 1/4 of section 44, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co., 2 - all of lot 4 and the east 104' of lots 5 and 6, blk. 46, Original Town of Big Spring filed: July 2, 1998

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grantor: Milton E. and Avis L. Hull property: lot 31, blk. 26, College Park Estates filed: June 30, 1998

grantor: R.B. Beechly grantee: Delores Currier property: all of lot 13, blk. 26, Monticello Addition no. 7 filed: June 30, 1998

grantor: Peter Michael Raybourn and Sally Ann Raybourn grantee: Lois Kennedy property: all of lot 13, blk. 11, Kentwood Addition (Unit No. 10) filed: June 30, 1998

grantor: Frances Shirley grantee: Marilyn Jenner property: lots 4-6, subdivision A, blk. 12, Fairview Heights Addition filed: July 1, 1998

**Gift deed:**  
grantor: Carin B. Russon, Kathy Ann Kuecher and John R. Birmingham grantee: Minnie Bell Birmingham property: all of lot 7, blk. 23, Monticello Addition filed: June 29, 1998

grantor: Donald and Lucille Nichols grantee: Chad Alan Nichols property: surface estate only in a tract of land in the east 1/2 and the southwest 1/4 of section 40, blk. 33, T-2-N, T&P RY. Co. filed: June 30, 1998

grantor: Demetrio B. and Mary Mireles grantee: Jeneva (Jeannie) Mireles property: all of lot 8, blk. 7, Washington Place Addition filed: June 30, 1998

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Shannon Sauls vs. Darren Holland  
Elizabeth Wheat vs. Frederick D. Jarmon  
Elizabeth Ann Enriquez vs. Javier Villareal  
Delyane Lott vs. Joseph Q. Parnell

**Divorce:**  
Warren Eugene Stephens vs. Jennifer Dell Stephens  
Victoria Escobedo vs. David Jacques Escobedo, Sr.  
Senayda Castillo vs. Fred G. Castillo  
Jean Ann Farley Addy vs. Bobby Joe Addy  
Donna Jo Makowsky vs. Terry Bob Makowsky  
Herbert Daniel Dedrick vs. Doris A. Crawford Dedrick

**Accounts, notes & contracts:**  
Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Stacie J. Campbell

**Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:**  
Clyde Hill vs. David D. Arguello and Birdwell Trucking  
Michael Oliva and Carla Rangel vs. Lyndon Trent Fraley  
Sammy Gonzales, Jr. and wife Denise Gonzales vs. Lyndon Trent Fraley

**Other:**  
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INSURANCE

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any homeowners coverage kicks in.

Bomer held a hearing on the credit property insurance

issue on April 9. A TDI staff report at that hearing said allowing the coverage to be sold "in its current unregulated status invites consumer abuses."

Bomer said Monday that studies showed loss ratios on credit property insurance

industrywide in 1996 were lower than on any other type of credit insurance.

He said that indicates not only that rates were too high but also that many consumers may not know the coverage exists.

UP

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away, is to let competition come in there and work its magic as it does in every other segment of the economy," said Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews.

Davis, the UP spokesman, said rivals are looking out for what's best for themselves, not the industry.

"Some of our critics want something for nothing," he said.

UP has reported to federal regulators that it is hiring workers at a record pace and spending hundreds of millions to upgrade track, yards and locomotives — anything and everything it can do to right itself.

The company said that as of June 19 it has hired 2,284 new employees since Jan. 1, nearly the amount it expected to hire all year.

UP also said it expects to spend a total of some \$400 million on merger-related capital projects in 1998. The number of accidents also has dropped for the second straight year.

"Derailments were down 21 percent in 1997 vs. 1996. So far this year we're down about 15 percent," said Davis.

Even though there have been improvements, indicators show there are still problems.

Although UP says it runs most efficiently with just 310,000 rail cars in its system each week, the latest figure was 333,516, a jump of more than 2,000 from the previous week.

Track speeds also have dropped to 13.7 mph, quite a bit slower than the 18-19 mph target.

"I haven't heard from any of

our members that the situation has gotten markedly better," said Jim Pasierb, a spokesman for the Chemical Manufacturers Association in Arlington, Va.

There are some areas of the country where things are going smoothly. The problem is, the good spots keep moving around and there's always a problem somewhere.

"I think they've cleared up some hot spots, but other hot spots pop up for them. They continue to work on the problem du jour," said E. Terrence Gardner Jr., an analyst with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

"The gridlock was the worst part. For the most part they're moving now, albeit slowly."

Currently, the worst tangle is on the Plains, primarily in Nebraska, where grain shipments, car parts, and coal trains are overwhelming the nation's

busiest train yard in North Platte.

"On that corridor is primarily coal going from Wyoming to utilities in the South and East," Davis said. "Also on that corridor is intermodal traffic going from the Pacific Northwest to Chicago. With all these trains, they're making it by, but it's slowing down the overall system speed."

Winter wheat harvests are beginning in Texas and grain shipments are also expected to add to the burden.

With August — traditionally the highest traffic month for railroads — just around the corner, critics say another round of gridlock may also be in the offing.

"The only folks who seem to think it can get better," said Matthews, the Texas Railroad commissioner, "is UP."

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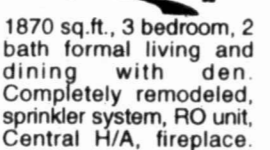
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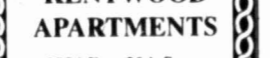
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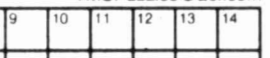
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3904 Hamilton: 3 bdr. 1 1/2 bath, C/H/A, living room & den, fresh paint, refrigerator & stove. \$465/mn. \$250/dep. 267-7448.

4 bdr. 1 1/2 bath, 1 year lease required. \$550/mn + dep. No Pets!! Owner/Broker: 4220 Hamilton 263-6514

2 bdr. 1 bath of 4 acres N. of town. \$400/mn. + deposit. Negotiable! Call 267-1131 or 661-3857.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY-FOR SUNDAY, JULY 12:**

Self-discipline and a strong focus help you get exactly what you want. Don't hesitate; let others know that you think and feel. Energy soars, and little can hold you back. Some find you more abrupt than in the past. You don't dillydally in the same manner. A business partnership proves exciting. Return to school, or get another degree. Travel and foreigners play a significant role this year. If you are single, you can have what you want, but do you know what that is? Adapt to other people's styles. If attached, plan on that special trip you often talk about. PISCES helps you see the big picture.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

If you encounter anything pressing, get on it early, when you are most likely to succeed. But there is nothing wrong in making this a lazy day. You need one! Join friends for a movie or late lunch. Your social streak is high! Indulge others. Tonight: Hang out close to home.\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

Others pressure you. Remember, it is your call how you work with it. Consider new ways to make yourself and others happy. Do not waver about a get-together this afternoon; join friends for fun. What starts out as a chat develops into a great event. Tonight: Party!\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

Explore options on the phone. Take off with unusual plans, inviting family and friends along. Others trust your decisions and count on you to tend to their well-being. Don't forget an older relative who dotes on you and needs your time. Tonight: Do what you should.\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

What started as just getting to know someone could become a lot more intimate, if you so choose. Consider the long-term ramifications here. A discussion about future plans is not entirely out of whack. Honesty comes into play here. Tonight: Escape to the movies.\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Let others express themselves. Actually, you have little choice! Be affectionate and understanding. A comment about your professional image contains insight. Absorb information. Intuition is right on about that special person in

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**your life. Tonight: Be a duo!\*\*\*\***

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

A project remains that you feel you must complete. There is no time like the present. Get together with friends or family in the afternoon. Check out a travel offer before committing. Catch up with a friend and share news. Tonight: The party goes on.\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

Take time with a loved one who especially appreciates your attention. Set aside the afternoon for a favorite hobby. Share ideas with a partner. Do not expect this person to change his stance. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

Handle domestic matters first. Once you visit family and call an older relative, you'll feel free. A loved one expresses his interest in lightening up the moment. Let play come out, even if you are generally serious. Take off at the drop of a hat. Tonight: Don't fret about tomorrow.\*\*\*