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**TUESDAY** 100°-104°

## Howard Co. Fair making booths available for rent

While the Howard County Fair Association makes preparations for its 26th annual fair, inside booth space is being offered for local and area businesses.

During the fair's run, Aug. 30-Sept. 5, the Dora Roberts Fair Barn will be full of vendors of all kinds. As visitors enter the fair, they will see a variety of informational displays, new products and services.

"This is an excellent opportunity for people in the community to come out and see what we have to offer in the area," said Debbye Valverde, inside booth chairman.

The 8-foot-by-10-foot booths cost \$150 for Howard and its surrounding counties — Mitchell, Martin, Glasscock, Borden and Dawson; and \$230 for all others.

## WHAT'S UP...

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

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

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

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College campus.

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

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center at the Industrial Park. For information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or e-mail at drkbigspring@xroadstx.com

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

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## County awaiting disaster declaration; losses exceed \$30 million

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Howard County officials are still awaiting word from their July 8 request that the county be declared a disaster area because of the ongoing drought and heat.

Losses are expected to reach \$30 million in gross cotton receipts and another \$400,000 in gross hay receipts. Pasture losses are estimated at \$1 million in grazing benefits.

Last week, state emergency



LOCKHART

BUSH

management officials said fewer than half of the state's 254 counties had applied for disaster relief for their farmers and ranchers.

But it was on July 8 that County Judge Ben Lockhart wrote Gov. George W. Bush — in Big Spring today on a campaign stop — requesting a disaster declaration for the county.

Lockhart wrote "Howard County is requesting disaster designation due to the fact that Howard County has endured inclement weather conditions in the form of incessant high winds, lack of precipitation and blistering heat.

"High winds plagued Howard County from March through June. High winds and heat com-

bined to deplete the topsoil of virtually all moisture."

This year has turned into one of the hottest on record and, because of the winds cited in Lockhart's letter to the governor, one of the driest as well.

Since June 1 there have been 38 days (out of 48) when the temperature exceeded 100 degrees, including a summer high of 112 degrees on June 27.

And while rainfall for the month, as officially recorded at the USDA's Big Spring Research Station, is .52 hundredths of an inch above the 98-year average

of 1.12 inches, the rain gauge is 3.48 inches behind for the year.

Glasscock County last week received notification it had received the disaster declaration it sought, which makes farmers and ranchers in Howard, Martin, Midland, Reagan, Sterling and Upton counties eligible for assistance because their counties are contiguous with Glasscock.

The disaster declaration means that farmers are eligible to apply for low-interest emer-

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Jeff Moss (foreground) and Lauren Hillman clean the city swimming pool in Comanche Trail Park prior to its daily opening.

The pool is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1-6 p.m. with Tuesday and Thursday nights designated as Family Night, when the pool is also open from 7-9 p.m.

The annual Back to School Splash Party is scheduled from 1-6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14.

HERALD photo/Linda Choate



## Water

Projected budget will allow city to reduce breaks

By T.E. JENKINS

Staff Writer

According to City Water Distribution and Collection Superintendent Rick Boiles, the projected 1998 budget will allow his department to continue working to reduce the number of waterline breaks.

"The money just isn't there when you need it in municipal government," said Boiles. "We're making good headway, however, and I'm really proud of the people who work for me. They work hard, even in this scorching heat, and earn every dime that they take home."

The yearly number of waterline breaks in Big Spring has been on a steady decline since 1994, says Boiles. He attributes much of this to the addition of a drafting technician to his staff, as well as the mild winters that our area has been experiencing.

"Jesse Rios is in charge of mapping the city-wide system," said Boiles. "He started out working here with us, while going to Howard College at the same time. He got his associate degree in applied science about the same time that we began a reorganization of our staff, so we requested that a position be created for him as a drafting

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## Thunderstorms offer relief, but lightning is fire threat

By T.E. JENKINS

Staff Writer

Last week's thunderstorms have offered West Texans temporary solace from the unforgiving heat, but according to the Texas Forest Service, lightning from these storms can pose a very serious danger.

"We just put out a fire a couple of days ago north of town that was caused by lightning," said Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan. "We also went to an 800 acre brush fire in Borden County last Wednesday that was the result of a lightning strike."

"Rain associated with these thunderstorms typically comes down hard and fast, over a short period of time," said a Texas Forest Service (TFS) report.

"When this occurs, most of the water runs off of the land instead of soaking in.

"With the strong winds that these storms bring, it takes very little time for the cured grass and dead brush to dry out. A lightning strike that may have occurred during a storm could result in what is termed a 'holdover' or 'sleeper' fire."

According to TFS, these fires occur when the vegetation dries out, and is sparked by larger vegetation (down or standing trees), that has been hit by lightning during the storm.

"Larger, smoldering vegetation that has gone undetected, can ignite surrounding vegetation that has had the chance to dry out after the storm passes," said the report. "These holdover fires have been known to occur days after the initial storm has

passed."

"When lightning hits an area, the people immediately assume that because it is raining, nothing will catch fire," said John Exline of the Inner-Agency Fire Prevention Team, part of the U.S. Forest Service. "After the storm dies down, however, things start drying out again, and are extremely susceptible to any type of ignition. In the end, it really doesn't take much to get these things burning."

According to Exline, the best way to prevent these type of fires is to watch the area. "If you see lightning strike a particular area, just keep an eye on it," said Exline. "It's always a good idea to notify your local fire department and let them know that lightning has struck the ground. After that, just keep an eye on it. If you see a puff of

smoke during the storm, don't assume that the rain is going to put it out, and don't assume that just because that was a couple of hours ago and nothing has happened that the danger is gone."

"If you see lightning strike the ground, you should notify the Fire Department immediately, even if you don't see any signs of smoke," said Sullivan. "The fire we went to in Borden was the result of a lightning strike that took place more than 24 hours before the fire actually began."

Although lightning storms can be extremely dangerous, Exline says that by following a few simple rules people can protect themselves from these spectacles.

"The best thing to do is get indoors," said Exline. "If you are

outside, and there is no immediate shelter available, lie down flat on the ground, getting as low as possible.

"Lightning is attracted to tall, lone objects, so the worst thing you can do is get under a single tree or other tall object. It's best to get in a vehicle if nothing else is available, because automobiles are grounded by their rubber tires. Most of all, don't panic. Stay calm, and wait out the storm."

Exline also warns against going near power lines or poles that have been struck by lightning.

"We get a lot of electrocution fatalities because of people going in to get a better look at downed lines," said Exline. "If you see a pole struck, call your local electrical supplier, and notify the fire department."

## Polly Mays Annex offers bird's-eye view of bird village

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

The Polly Mays Municipal Annex offers a bird's-eye view of a bird village, thanks to the talents of a former residents and the ingenuity of a local bird watcher.

Hervey Perry, and his wife Kathryn, who now reside in Amarillo, were cleaning their closets and garage out before their move in June. When they found the bird houses, they called their friend, Pat Simmons.

"Kathryn called and asked me if I knew of someplace these bird houses could go, where they could be enjoyed by people. I thought of my fellow birding friend, Polly Mays, and thought the Polly Mays building might

be just the place. There's a lot of people that go down there," Simmons said.

Hervey made the bird houses several years ago, and once considered placing them in the city park, Simmons said.

"I believe we did place some bird houses in the park," she said.

Today, these bird houses are perched on a shelf in the city's water billing office, 309 Johnson St.

Lt. Terry Chamness, an officer with the Big Spring Police Department, built the shelf on which the 10 birdhouses nest, Simmons said.

"Polly really liked birds. She, Kathryn and I did the Christmas bird count together each year, for as long as Polly was able," Simmons said.

The Christmas bird count, Simmons explained, is when local bird watchers go out and count different species of birds in the winter. Usually the group will count birds during the week between Christmas and New Year.

"This year we didn't have any blue birds, and neither did Midland. We don't know what happened to the blue birds. Generally, we'd see them out at the golf course," she said.

Simmons said she became interested in bird watching as more than a pretty pastime when she saw a painted bunting.

"Until then I just enjoyed the pretty birds. But the painted bunting has a blue head, and it's

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Two of the birdhouses on display in the Polly Mays Municipal Annex depict a bird-sized sheriff's office and jail. The birdhouses were the gift of former Big Spring residents Hervey and Kathryn Perry, who moved to Amarillo last month.



OBITUARIES

Bertie Stocks

Bertie Stocks, 90, Hamilton, formerly of Big Spring, died on Saturday, July 18, 1998, at a hospital in Hamilton. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Guy White, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



STOCKS

She was born on March 31, 1907, in Winfield. She married R.C. Stocks on April 27, 1927, in Pittsburgh. He preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1966.

Mrs. Stocks was a member of the East Fourth Street Baptist Church. She worked for Singer Sewing Machine Company as a retail sales clerk and also at Montgomery Ward as a sales clerk until she retired. She had been a Big Spring resident since 1945 until she moved to Hamilton in 1997.

Survivors include: two sons and daughters-in-law, Carthan Joe and Jerrie Stocks of Big Spring, and Hershel and Charlie Stocks of Austin; a daughter and son-in-law, Maxine and Dick Davis of Hamilton; a sister, Mary Lou Digby of Big Spring; grandchildren, La Donna Truesdell, Judy Osborn, June George, Eric Davis, Kent Davis and Jeff Stocks; four great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the East Fourth Street Baptist Church building fund; 401 E. Fourth Street; Big Spring.

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

*Paid obituary*

Annette Ross

Service for Annette Ross, Midland, was 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 1998, at Memorial Christian Church, Midland. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Ross died Tuesday, July 14, in Midland.

She was born on Nov. 13, 1926, in Thornton. She married C.A. Ross, Jr. on Dec. 4, 1947, in Waco. They resided in Anchorage, Alaska while he served in the U.S. Air Force, and then moved to Big Spring in 1954. There she was a dedicated member of the First Christian Church. They moved to Midland in 1976 where she was a homemaker and was employed as an assistant man-

ager at various apartment complexes before retirement. Mrs. Ross was a member of the Memorial Christian Church in Midland.

Survivors include: her husband, C.A. Ross, Jr. of Midland; two daughters, Beth Ann Broughton of Midland, and Jerilyn Wilkerson of Big Spring; and two granddaughters.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Mary Marie Williams

Service for Mary Marie Williams, 78, Pasadena, was 2 p.m. today at the Walker Funeral Chapel, Coleman, with Rev. Bill Ballard officiating. Burial followed in Brown Ranch Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams died Saturday, July 18, 1998, in Pasadena. She was born on July 3, 1920, in Coleman. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pasadena and was a housewife.

Survivors include: one daughter, Vickie Williams of Pasadena; two sons, James Baker of Baytown, and Jerry Williams of Stephenville; seven sisters, Roselean Metts, Alene Cope, both of Coleman, Melba Wesson of Brownwood, Aleta Trigg of Corpus Christi, Clara Row of Midland, Joan Stanton of Silsby, and Jean Groves of Fort Worth; four brothers, Jim Ballard of Coleman, Bill Ballard of Big Spring, Chester Ballard of Brownwood, and Wiley Ballard of Midland; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Walker Funeral Home, Coleman.

Gary Don Graham

Funeral service for Gary Don Graham, Dallas, will be 4 p.m. today at Sparkman/Hillcrest Northwest Highway Chapel, Dallas.

Mr. Graham died Thursday, July 16, 1998, in Mesquite.

He was born on Oct. 9, 1942, in Lubbock. He was a technician for United Tote at Lone Star Park. He was a thoroughbred race horse trainer in Santa Anita, Calif. and Del Mar, Calif. He was a member of the Rodeo Cowboy Association.

Survivors include: a daughter, Leslie Pruitt of Dallas; a son, Charles Graham of Dallas; his mother, Gena Graham of San Angelo; a sister, Jan Graham of Big Spring; one granddaughter; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and nieces.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements under the direction of Sparkman/Hillcrest Northwest Highway Chapel, Dallas.

Marjorie Rainwater

Service for Marjorie Rainwater, 89, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Monday, July 20, 1998, in Big Spring.

Barbara Tredaway

Service for Barbara Tredaway, 65, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died Sunday, July 19, 1998, at the Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Hondo.

BIRDS

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red and yellow and green, and that's when I 'got stung," Simmons said.

She said her sister interested her in bird watching, and she remembers when her sister talked in a 'bird language' Simmons didn't understand.

"She used phrases like eye rings and ring bars. All these things are different terms for identifying different birds. Like the robin has a split, or half, eye ring," she said.

Local bird watchers keep their eyes peeled for many different birds, such as the usual wrens, sparrows and blue jays.

But other birds appear during different seasons as well, such as the meadowlark, thrashers, towhees, juncos, orioles and chickadees, she said.

Also, robins, red-breasted nuthatchers, grackles, starlings, scissor tails and mockingbirds are native to the area, she said.

"People will say red bird, but I correct them, it's cardinal," Simmons said.

Morning or the cool of the

evening before sunset is the best time for bird watching. A bird watcher must be careful to keep the sun to his or her back, to avoid a silhouette over the bird, she said.

"Have you ever seen a scissor tail close? They're the ones who sit on the wall, with the long tails. When you look at them, they are so pretty.

"We have another stately bird, the cedar wax wing. That's the bird that got my sister into birding," Simmons said.

The bird village has nine bird houses that depict different small town buildings, such as the Cheyenne Social Club, Saloon, Sheriff, Jail, and a red-door School House.

A General Store, Feed 'N' Seed, Bank, Hotel, and even a small outhouse complete the wooden village. A scarecrow alongside a bail of hay keeps watch over the silent village.

Simmons commissioned an inmate at the Wilderness Camp to create a wooden plaque that dedicates the village to Polly Mays, from Hervey and Kathryn Perry.

"Polly just enjoyed the village so much," Simmons said.

Polly Mays, a long-time resident of Big Spring, was a community leader and local historian. She died in July 1997, and the building was dedicated to her memory earlier this year.

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gency loans to help recover crop losses caused by the drought and heat.

USDA spokesman Larry Mitchell said the agency is working on the requests as quickly as possible.

"We didn't start getting (most of) these until the last few weeks," Mitchell said. "We're dealing with disasters in Florida and in every state between Florida and Texas."

The emergency loans that the counties will receive may be used to cover expenses incurred to continue farming operations. Loan repayment time is usually one to seven years but may be up to 20 years for production losses. Those applying must be able to document at least a 30 percent crop loss, according to federal guidelines.

Howard County officials estimate that fewer than 10,000 acres of cotton — out of a potential 105,000 acres — was planted and remains in the ground.

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technician.

"Rios has done a tremendous job. He has had to map out the entire infrastructure of the city water system by himself. He's kind of a one-man show, and has managed to saved the city a huge amount of money by doing this without having to bring in outside contractors."

Boiles says that Rios is a true testament to what can be accomplished through hard work and determination.

"Jesse got help from the city to pay for some of his college classes," said Boiles. "He also paid for a lot of his school on his own. He worked really hard, and started at the bottom, working his way up to where he is."

According to Boiles, the ratio of employees to the amount of work that needs to be done is unreal.

"We've got more than 8,900 active accounts in Big Spring," said Boiles. "We only have two employees to service all of them. A two man crew is also responsible for the maintenance and service of the city's fire hydrants and water valves. The funds that we have just don't allow for us to hire more people."

"City Council has been really great in funding the various programs that we have, but there is only so much money in the collective pot. We got funds to replace two of our trucks, and we're thankful for that, but there is still just so much that needs to be done."

SUPPORT GROUPS

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- TOPS Club (Take off pound)

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sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Golliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

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

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

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

•Survivors of Suicide, support group for those grieving a suicide loss, will meet Monday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. Dr. Alan Williams will lead the discussion.

•Encourager's support group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels (enter through north door) for a covered dish dinner and a visit by Susan Lewis who will show her pictures of Texas Wildflowers. All are welcome. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY

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

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

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

REUNIONS

BSHS CLASS OF 1978 will have its 20-year reunion Friday and Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club. Registration is Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Country Club, with visiting to follow.

Saturday there will be a golf tournament starting at 8 a.m., hamburger buffet and swim beginning at noon, and a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL patients are in need of summer clothing, especially men's jeans and shorts, and ladies' summer shorts. If you are able to help, call the community relations office, 268-7535 or bring the items to the Fashion Shop, in the ATD Building, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 74.15 cents, up 7 points; Aug. crude 13.67, down 31 points; Cash hogs steady at \$2 higher at 37; cash steers steady at 60 cents even; Aug. lean hog futures 51.50 down 47 points; Aug. live cattle futures 62.42, down 72 points.

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Index 9328.96  
Volume 161,931,530  
ATT 59% +  
Amoco 41% +  
Atlantic Richfield 72% -  
Atmos Energy 29% -  
Calenergy Inc. 28% +  
Chevron 82% -  
Cifra 16% to 16%  
Coca Cola 85% -  
Compaq Computer 33% -  
Cornell Correc. 19% -  
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DuPont 68% +  
Excel Comm. 22% nc  
Exxon 71% -  
Tina 66% +  
Halliburton 41% -  
IBM 121% +  
Intel Corp 82% -  
Medical Alliance 2% -  
Mobil 74% -  
Norwest 39% -  
NUV 9% -  
Phillips Petroleum 47% +  
Palex Inc. 8% -  
Pepsi Cola 39% +  
Paralle Petroleum 4% +  
Rural/Metro 13% +  
Sears 58% +  
Southwestern Bell 40% -  
Sun 38% -  
Texaco 58% +  
Texas Instruments 59% -  
Texas Utils. Co 41% -  
Unocal Corp 35% -  
Wal-Mart 68% -  
Ampac 18.58-19.71  
Euro Pacific 30.56-32.42  
I.C.A. 32.45-34.43  
New Perspective 23.97-25.43  
Prime Rate 8.50%  
Gold 295.10-295.60  
Silver -5.36-5.41

POLICE

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

• JOHN MORELION, 20, was arrested for minor in possession.

• JOHN LOCKE, 20, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• HUERTA LOPEZ, 50, was arrested for theft.

• BILLY ALVARADO, 19, was arrested on local warrants.

• LEON GONZALES, 20, was arrested on a criminal trespass warrant.

• RAMON RAMIREZ, 47, was arrested for public intoxication.

• HUGO TORRES, 19, was arrested for theft.

• CHRISTOPHE HOLMES, 25, was arrested on local war-

ants. • FOUND PROPERTY was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson, and the 400 block of E. 4th.

UNATTENDED UNMANNED VEHICLE in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARRANT in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

• ASSAULT in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

• ASSAULT BY THREATS in the 700 block of Andree.

• THEFT in the 400 block of Gregg, the 400 block of Birdwell, the 400 block of Johnson, the 1100 block of N. Scurry, and the 2300 block of Wasson.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 200 block of E. 13th, and the 1300 block of Mesquite.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1600 block of Wood.

FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY  
7:56 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:06 a.m. — 1200 block Dixie, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:12 p.m. — 1900 block Simler, medical call, service refused.

SATURDAY  
11:41 a.m. — 5800 block Midway, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

1:44 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:18 p.m. — 1000 block W. Third, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:24 p.m. — 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:06 p.m. — 2200 block Rannels, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:46 p.m. — 1300 block Baylor, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:16 p.m. — 700 block I-20, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:34 p.m. — 1300 block Baylor, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY  
1:49 a.m. — I-20 mile marker 165, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:21 a.m. — 1200 block Mesquite, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:51 a.m. — 900 block Abrams, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:41 p.m. — 200 block Marcy, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:17 p.m. — 1700 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

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

• BOBBY LANCE CUNNINGHAM, 27, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram, possession of a controlled substance over 4 grams and under 200 grams.

• JASON M. THREATS, 20, was arrested for two counts of theft and possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 100  
Sunday's low 77  
Average high 95  
Average low 70  
Record high 108 in 1925  
Record low 60 in 1979  
Precip. Sunday 0.00  
Month to date 1.69  
Month's normal 1.17  
Year to date 6.48  
Normal for the year 9.96

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FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Barbara Tredaway, 65, died Sunday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH  
Funeral Home  
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Marjorie Rainwater, 89, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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# Trent Lott: White House efforts to block testimony smacks of cover-up

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House attempts to keep Secret Service personnel from testifying in the Monica Lewinsky investigation suggest a coverup effort, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott says.

"If there's no problem there, tell the truth and be done with it," Lott, R-Miss., said on "Fox News Sunday." "That's why I don't understand about the Secret Service agents, without getting into the legal niceties and arguments that they have. They appear to be hiding something."

White House spokesman Jim Kennedy called that an affront to the people sworn to safeguard President Clinton.

"It's regrettable that the majority leader appears to question the integrity of people who put their lives on the line every day in the service of their

country," he told The Associated Press.

"The legal issues involving the Secret Service are being handled completely independently by the attorney general and the secretary of the Treasury," Kennedy said. "And they are basing their decisions on the advice of the law enforcement professionals of the Secret Service."

John Czwartacki, Lott's spokesman, said the senator's comment about "hiding something" referred to stonewalling by the White House in the investigation, not to the Secret Service.

Lawyers for some Secret Service plainclothes agents and uniformed officers who have been subpoenaed by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr said their clients have no salacious stories to tell a grand jury about Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky, a former White

House intern who reportedly told a friend of sexual encounters with the president.

They said concern centers on the side effects of their testimony.

John Kotelly, attorney for the head of the president's personal security detail, Larry Cockell, said on ABC's "This Week" that agents worry that their testimony could erode "the trust that has been built up, and it has to start anew with every president that comes into office." He said the erosion of that trust could mean "the president may ... feel a need to push the Secret Service away."

Kotelly also suggested the questioning may not turn up much in the way of specifics.

Secret Service agents are close to the president in public situations, he acknowledged, "but in cases where ...

he is in private situations; secure situations like in the White House, the president has privacy and the Secret Service respects that privacy."

Justice Department lawyers appealed unsuccessfully to federal courts last week to block the questioning on security grounds.

Three current or former Secret Service employees testified to a grand jury Friday. Cockell and other agents and officers are expected to be questioned this week.

At least two officers have told Justice Department lawyers they saw Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky alone, though not in an embarrassing situation, Newsweek magazine reports in this week's issue.

Starr especially wants to know about the evening of last Dec. 28, which he believes to be important in making an obstruction-of-justice case, Newsweek

reported. That may have been the last White House meeting between the president and Ms. Lewinsky, soon after the young woman was subpoenaed in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton, the magazine said.

Starr is trying to determine whether the two discussed how Ms. Lewinsky would deal with questions about her relationship with Clinton. Both have denied having a sexual affair.

Michael Leibig, a lawyer for several of the Secret Service officers called to testify, told Newsweek that prosecutors already have questioned informally the men on duty the night of Dec. 28.

"As far as I know, none of my clients ever saw the president with Monica that evening," Leibig told the weekly news magazine in response to questions about Clinton and Lewinsky.

# Tsunami washes over Papua New Guinea, as many as 3,000 dead

VANIMO, Papua New Guinea (AP) — The village of Arop was built on a sand spit and had a population of about 2,000. It no longer exists.

"There was nothing left except for coconut trees," said Lusien Romme, who said he saw "the sea rising up and coming toward me" when a 23-foot wall of water crashed into the northwest coast of Papua New Guinea on Friday.

The official death toll today was at least 700, mostly children and the elderly. But John Tekwi, governor of West Sepik Province, where the wave hit, was quoted by Australian Broadcasting Corp. as saying at least 3,000 people had died.

"Where is everybody else?"

Tekwi asked.

Hundreds of people were injured and were awaiting urgent medical help, while others were believed to have fled to higher ground in the interior. An estimated 6,000 people were left homeless.

Missionaries and villagers were burying the dead where they lay on the beaches. Others patrolled the sea in motorboats, towing nets to reclaim floating bodies, while salt-water crocodiles reportedly fed on corpses.

"There were so many bodies together I had to move the boat slowly to pass through them," said fisherman Jerry Apuan. "I was afraid. It was the first time I had seen so many bodies."

The wave, also known as a

tsunami, was stirred up by a magnitude-7 undersea earthquake and destroyed at least three villages in Papua New Guinea, a nation on the island of New Guinea north of Australia where some live a near-Stone Age existence amid jungles and swamps.

The assistant defense attache at the Australian High Commission in the capital, Port Moresby, Col. Richard Humby, said today that more than 1,000 villagers had died and at least 2,000 were missing.

Jim Croucher, a Roman Catholic missionary who is coordinating rescue and recovery efforts, told The Associated Press that about 1,000 bodies had been buried and at least

3,000 people were missing.

"Several villages were completely washed out to sea and there is no trace left at all," said Australian Defense Department spokesman Col. Keith Jobson.

Jobson said the primary concern was to treat the injured and provide them with food, water and shelter.

Marc Sindek, an oil company manager from Vanimo, about 60 miles west of the area wiped out by the tsunami, said villagers had told him giant salt-water crocodiles that live along the coast were feeding on corpses.

The combined population of the affected district is not precisely known, but government chief secretary Robert Igara estimated it at between 6,000

and 10,000 people.

Many were still in shock.

Romme, who spoke with the Australian AP by telephone from his bed at Aitape's Raihu Health Center, broke two fingers and injured his ribs and a shoulder when the wave hurled him into a coconut tree and then into the Sissano lagoon. His wife was killed.

A lot of people were emerging from the jungle in a daze, according to an AP staffer in the ruined village of Sissano.

"We heard a large bang, then saw the sea rising up. We had no choice but to run for our lives," Paul Saroya, of Nimas village, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. television. The first of three Royal

Australian Air Force C-130 cargo planes arrived at Vanimo today with emergency supplies including a field hospital and 100 doctors, nurses and engineers. New Zealand was sending relief supplies and a medical team.

Rescue efforts have been hampered by the remoteness of the region. Australian cargo planes had to fly 2,350 miles to the disaster scene.

Papua New Guinea, with a population of 4 million, occupies the eastern half of the island of New Guinea. It has a mountainous, jungle-filled interior that has only been explored in the past 20 to 30 years, along with lush tropical beaches on the coastal plains.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW BRAUNFELS — The first week of testimony in the murder trial of former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham brought some unexpected twists, but defense attorney Dan Cogdell says his case remains intact.

"Up to this point, there is no concrete evidence that David Graham was at the murder scene," Cogdell said. Cogdell last week unveiled the unexpected defense that Graham, who signed a confession to the murder of Adrienne Jones, wasn't even present when the killing occurred.

Instead, the defense goes, former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora, already serving life in prison for the shooting and bludgeoning of Miss Jones, committed the act alone in a jealous rage.

Miss Zamora pointed the finger at Graham, her ex-boyfriend, during her capital murder trial. Prosecutors say they carried out the murder together after Miss Zamora became enraged by a one-time romantic involvement between Graham and Miss Jones.

SAN ANTONIO — A federal judge in Washington will consider throwing out 88 tapes of telephone calls between former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros and his former mistress.

The motion is to be considered today by U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin in a pretrial hearing for Cisneros, who is scheduled to stand trial Nov. 4.

The tapes are the heart of the government's conspiracy case alleging a plot to cover up payments Cisneros made to Linda Medlar while he was under consideration for his Cabinet post. Ms. Medlar is now known by her maiden name of Linda Jones.

Ms. Jones is serving a 3 1/2-year sentence after pleading guilty to a 28-count federal indictment alleging money laundering, bank fraud and obstruction of justice.

She will be tried separately on the conspiracy charge. Cisneros will be tried with former aides John Rosales and Sylvia Garcia-Arce.

KENEDY — Bidders are expected to offer much more than the \$3.7 million value assessed for the landmark home of a Cuban immigrant who began his restaurant career washing dishes in Amarillo.

An absolute auction was scheduled today for Veladi Ranch, the 29,000-square-foot dream home of restaurant entrepreneur Arturo Torres.

"The ranch is an extraordinary place," he told the San Antonio Express-News. It has 28 towering Corinthian columns and spacious antebellum-style verandas. Tiles came from Italy, lamps from Austria, plumbing fixtures from Germany.

But Torres, chairman and chief executive officer of Play-By-Play Toys and Novelties Inc., says it's time to leave the 34-room home his family has occupied since its completion in 1994. The house is a landmark because of how it stands out on the lonely stretch of U.S. 181 between Kenedy and Karnes City 50 miles south of San Antonio.

Torres said he was tired of the long commute to his office in San Antonio.

HOUSTON — The derailment of a coal train in Central Texas has sent shock waves all the way to the Houston Ship Channel.

"The mantra from government and industry officials in assuring local residents is always, 'There is no cause for alarm,'" said Jim Baldauf of the environmental coalition Texans United. "That is what you hear right before the explosion."

Baldauf's group had protested the shipment of four containers — 22,000 pounds worth — of Vietnam War-era napalm to a Deer Park facility where it was to be recycled.

Friday evening, one day after the napalm train passed over a concrete railroad trestle southeast of Temple, the bridge collapsed as a Burlington Northern Santa Fe coal train passed over it.

Thirty-six of the train's 117 cars fell onto or along Texas Highway 36.

# Administration hopeful secondhand smoke finding will be restored after NC federal judge's ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is optimistic it can overcome a federal judge's decision to strike down a landmark 1993 government finding that secondhand tobacco smoke increases the risk of cancer.

The government report has been used widely by state and local authorities to restrict smoking in public places, including offices, restaurants and commercial airliners.

The EPA on Sunday stood by its report that declared secondhand tobacco smoke a Class A carcinogen and the cause of more than 3,000 lung-cancer deaths a year.

The agency was informed over the weekend of a ruling late Friday by U.S. District Judge William Osteen in North Carolina that struck down the report as flawed.

Osteen, acting in a lawsuit filed by the tobacco companies, said the EPA "did not demonstrate a statistically significant association" between secondhand smoke and lung cancer and did not adequately bring

the industry into the deliberations.

Although lawyers were still reviewing the ruling, EPA officials said an appeal was virtually certain.

The agency plans to argue that industry was consulted adequately and that Osteen has no jurisdiction over the report because the EPA has never issued a formal regulation on secondhand tobacco smoke.

"The decision is disturbing," EPA Administrator Carol Browner said Sunday. "We believe the health threats to children and adults from breathing secondhand smoke are very real."

Although the EPA has issued no rules controlling smoking, lawyers involved in tobacco litigation said the report's findings have been central to the debate over smoking restrictions in public places.

Since the report was issued five years ago, some states and numerous local communities have banned smoking in public places, including restaurants, offices and, in California, even

bars. Some of those bans may be in jeopardy, lawyers said.

"No one wants to go back to smoking on airplanes, smoking in restaurants. No one wants to go back to polluting indoors," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said on "Fox News Sunday." She said there is science supporting the classification of secondhand tobacco smoke as a carcinogen.

EPA spokeswoman Loretta Ucelli said agency attorneys "tell us the decision was based largely on procedural grounds." "We're optimistic for an appeal," she said.

Osteen, a judge for the federal Middle District of North Carolina, ruled that the EPA violated proper procedure by not including industry in its deliberations, as required by the 1986 Radon Gas and Indoor Air Quality Research Act.

"EPA publicly committed to a conclusion before research had begun; excluded industry by violating the (radon law's) procedural requirements; (and) adjusted established procedure and scientific norms to validate

the agency's public conclusions," he wrote.

The judge further criticized the EPA for having "aggressively utilized" the report's findings "to establish a de facto regulatory scheme intended to restrict plaintiff's products and to influence public opinion."

While the cancer risk from smoking has been widely accepted by scientists, the link between tobacco smoke in the environment and lung cancer has been more controversial.

Some scientists argue that secondhand smoke produces such low concentrations of carcinogens that it poses no significant additional risk. Others maintain that public exposure to the smoke is so widespread that even small concentrations produces additional cancers.

"There is no legitimate question in the scientific community that secondhand smoke is a Class A carcinogen," said Stanley Rosenblatt, an attorney who represented flight attendants in a \$349 million settlement last February over secondhand smoke aboard airliners.

# Condo board wants to evict 12-year-old with MD

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — A condominium board has told the family of a 12-year-old boy with muscular dystrophy they have to leave, complaining his wheelchair damages the property.

The family of Dorian Couturier had been renting an apartment at the Oceancrest condo for two years, but their lease is up at the end of the month.

They wanted to buy another unit, but the board voted 6-0 to block the sale last week, saying it had 17 complaints about Dorian from owners and eight by the condo security staff.

"Because he's in a wheelchair

doesn't give him the right to break the rules," board member James Walden said.

One complaint was that he uses the whirlpool spa for relief from his disease, although the spa is off limits to anyone younger than 14. Dorian also has been labeled mischievous because he has run his motorized wheelchair over lawn sprinklers, and scratched up walls with the chair.

Opposition to Dorian isn't unanimous.

"We've got some people here who are crotchety about everything — it's constant anger, upheaval and spite," owner

Elizabeth Wienke said. "But to do something like this to a young kid who doesn't have that much longer to live is a disgrace."

Dorian's mother, Cloe Couturier, said he and his 14-year-old sister, Kassandre, have been targeted by residents.

"They've been constantly giving my kids a hard time," she said.

She complained that security guards refuse to help Dorian with the door into the lobby, once leaving him outside for 45 minutes.

The condo board said the guard is there for surveillance,

not assistance.

"The guard's first responsibility is to the desk," board member Robert Williams said. "It's not the guard's responsibility to see that he gets in the building."

"We're not a health facility; we're a private home," board member Clark Dowling said.

Earlier this year, Couturier was told she'd have to buy the condo where they were living or move out by Aug. 1 because the owner was putting it up for sale.

She applied to buy another unit but on Thursday the board turned her down.

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OUR VIEWS

The United Way helps each of us

When people gather together and concur that they will concentrate and combine their efforts, any goal they set can be reached.

The secret to success, of course, is the concerted effort of all involved.

Now, it's no secret that we're dropping some key words here: gather, concur, concentrate, combine, band, group. They all mean the same thing - to unite.

Once again, Big Spring and Howard County residents are being asked to gather together for a common goal. It's time again to begin thinking about the United Way drive.

We'd challenge that there is no more worthy cause than United Way.

In supporting the 11 member agencies, you are actually helping shape your future. If the funds you provide can keep a few kids involved in the Boys Club, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, instead of roaming the streets at night, your dollars have paid off many times over. You've helped to curb the cost of crime, and the higher cost of incarcerating a criminal.

If a few people can receive the counseling, the schooling, the help that they need to better themselves and be productive citizens, then those dollars helped reduce your taxes by creating more jobs and more property owners.

And if a handful of those who have been helped choose to look back one day and help others the way they were helped, then your dollars have created more United Way givers.

Now, consider those dollars you give are compounded, combined, put together, with dollars that your neighbor gives - and his neighbor, and his neighbor.

Together we can make Big Spring and Howard County a better place, not just for the poor or the less fortunate, but for everyone. It takes all of us. The United Way.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to all that helped make our First Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament a successful event.

To the Big Spring Herald, and John Moseley, who ran the daily reminder notices to sign up for the golf tournament and the article that was written highlighting the tournament and meeting; this was most instrumental in "getting the word out."

To Big Spring Cable for running our notices on the rolohex, thank you. The subtle reminders of our tournament and meeting reached so many, and to KBST radio stations, thank you for the daily PSA's, and a very special thank you for allowing Hardy and Roxie to appear as guests on the golf show to talk about the tournament and its importance; we do appreciate your efforts and time spent on our behalf.

Thank you Johnnie Lou Avery, and Channel 9, for allowing Hardy and Roxie to appear on your morning show to discuss the tournament and some of the things that are going on at Texas Tech that make it an exciting place for students to attend and learn; it was a lot of fun.

A very special thank you to all those that participated in the tournament; you made it successful through your participation, good sportsmanship

(that was evidenced by the fun that all stated you had), and, most importantly, your donations to the scholarship fund that will enable us to help students attend Texas Tech; without you, this would not be possible.

You have provided us with the incentive to go forward in making this a yearly event to benefit future students. We look forward to seeing you at next year's tournament as well.

Finally (but certainly not least), we wish to thank those that due to conflicting schedules could not participate in the tournament; however, their value of higher education and the opportunity to pursue an education led them to make donations to our scholarship fund and further enable the awarding of scholarships (that will ultimately help keep outstanding young people in our regional university).

Thank you: Drew Mouton, State Representative David Counts, Fiesta Dodge/Chrysler (Chuck Potts), Bill Bradford, and Steve and Sandra Waggoner. Your selfless interest in the future of these students cannot be recognized in the mere words of thanks we may have to offer in this letter.

Again, thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you next year when we do this all again. See you then!

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Blacks add to cruelty of homophobia

I am not surprised that conservatives are now pressing viciously the politics of religion. They do it every election year, thinking that exploitation of "the social issues" will give them power.



CARL ROWAN

But there seems to be a special recklessness, a more venomous factor in the current assaults on homosexuals and on those seeking abortions, this season. And disturbingly new is the tendency of many supposedly religious black Americans to join in the rabid homophobia of white reactionaries who, if the issue were racial justice, wouldn't give black people the sweat off their toes.

It almost gives me the heebie-jeebies to see Green Bay Packer football hero, preacher Reggie White, starring in a right-wing newspaper advertisement urging "hope and healing" for homosexuals. It is an ad that repeats the current

homophobic line that homosexuality is just a disease.

It is disquieting to see another black preacher in Atlanta gaining national notoriety by decrying the movement into his neighborhood of white homosexuals. In displays of both black racism and homophobia, he declares white homosexuals to be a threat to black children, and he assaults and threatens them as hostilely as does any white supremacist trying to keep blacks out of white neighborhoods.

I am galled to see the TV networks building up a black candidate for Congress in Madison, Wis., whose campaign is based on his rancorous opposition to giving lesbians and gays key public service jobs.

Blacks like these have joined in trying to impose the highly dubious thesis that homosexual behavior is like eating snails - a rather yucky acquired taste that can be abolished by embracing and following God's will.

There is always a dangerous arrogance involved when one person tries to impose his religion, his professed knowledge of what God wants on others. It is especially menacing when the victims of one kind of big-

otry curry favor with their tormentors by joining them in preying upon less-favored groups that are "different."

But religious passions blinds. It may be impossible for Reggie White and his ilk to see that black gay-bashers and their fellow zealots make it easier for politicians to try to make public policy on the basis of their interpretations of the Bible. Mix in with this the tendency of power-hungry men to dismiss those parts of the Bible that don't jibe with their agendas and you open the door to the kinds of oppression that the founders of this country strived mightily to make impossible.

I recently wrote a column deploring the fact that Senate Majority Trent Lott, R-Miss., and a few other powerful congressmen had declared homosexuality to be a sin, according to their reading of the Bible.

I asked whether they really live by the Bible, as per God's admonitions to Moses in Leviticus.

A reader in Albany, N.Y., has written to inform me that "Jesus nailed the Old Testament to the cross," so that part of the Bible is not to be considered or obeyed by Christians.

That argument explains to me precisely why our forefathers wrote a Constitution that separates church from state and precludes making official policy on the basis of any man's or group's religion or dictates of what the Bible tells us to do. Without their circumscribing the religious fanatics, we would all be buffeted by the passions of those who are unwilling to live and let live.

It is worse than dismay that those who have been denied jobs because of their dark skin colors would, in the name of God, deny jobs to others because of their sexual orientation. Or that we have to fend off those whose views about when life begins, and about God's view of abortion, would lead them to lock up grandmothers who take a teenager across state lines to get an abortion without telling the teenager's parents.

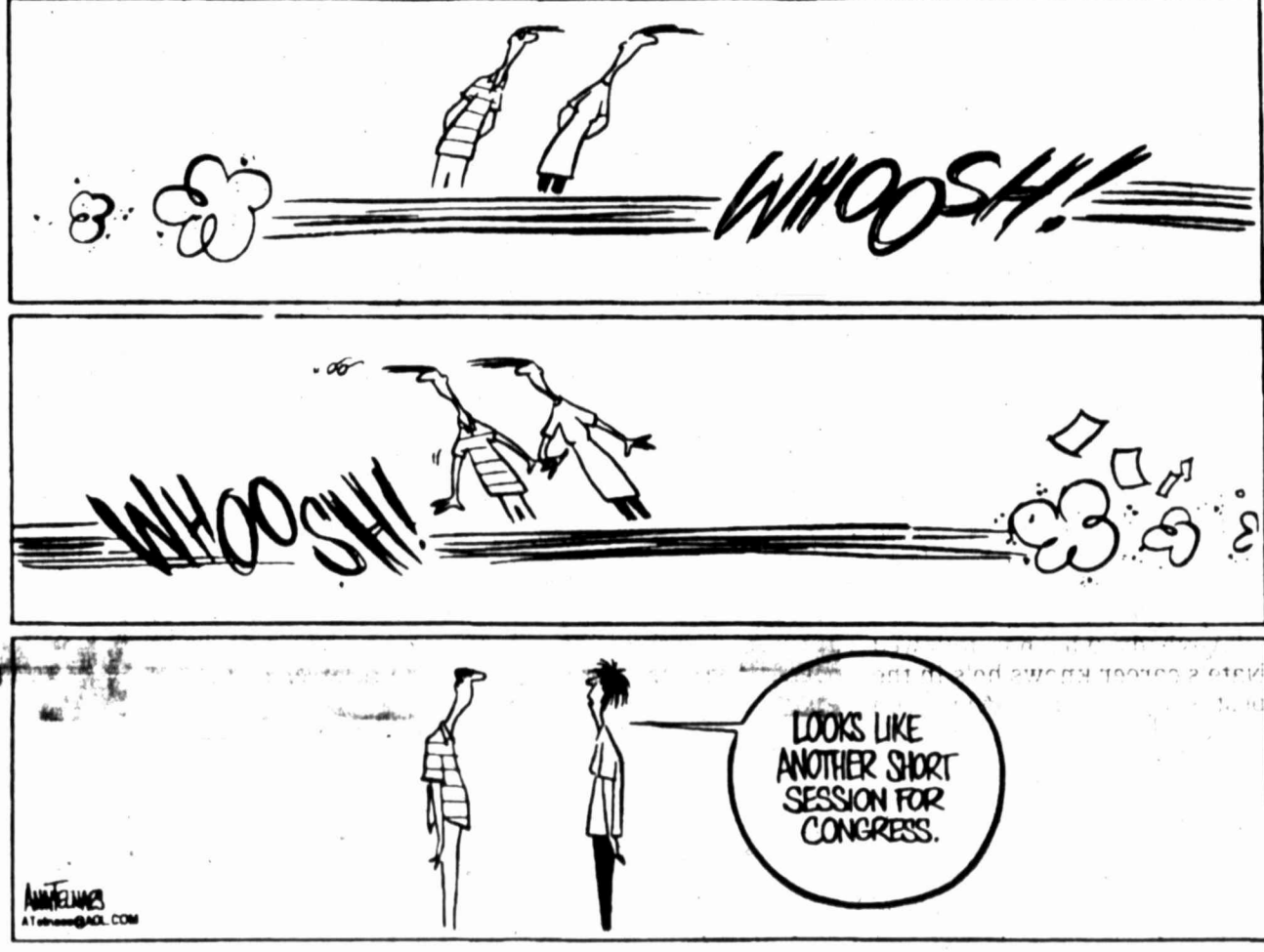
I don't pretend to converse with God or know what He thinks.

But I can imagine that it does not please Him that so many truly terrible things are done in the name of religion.

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The night the Democrats selected Harry Truman

By MIKE FEINSILBER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - It was sweltering that night in Philadelphia, and the Democrats were a bedraggled lot. Hardly a delegate at the Democratic National Convention thought President Harry Truman could win the election. His ratings were low. People used to wink at each other and say: "I'm just mild about Harry."

Half a century ago on that July 15, the Democrats nominated an incumbent president in an election that remains a remarkable political story with an appealing moral: That in America, the people rule. And that it ain't over till it's over. Every underdog politician since then has looked at the 1948 election and taken heart. Some have even won.

Certain that Truman was doomed, the party's liberals and big-city bosses first tried to draft Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, but he would not bite. They thought about beckoning liberal Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, but that movement also went nowhere.

Resigned to sticking with

Truman, who had replaced their hero when Franklin D. Roosevelt died in office, the liberals decided to force Truman to accept a strong civil rights plank.

That caused even more dis-sension. Handy Ellis, an Alabama delegate, took the floor and announced the South was bolting.

"We bid you good-bye," he said, and with that 13 Alabamians and the 23-member Mississippi delegation grabbed their state standards and stomped out.

Later, the Southerners would hold a rump convention as the States Rights Party and nominate the governor of South Carolina, Strom Thurmond - then a Democrat - as its candidate.

Some of the disenchanted liberals also would break away to nominate former Vice President Henry A. Wallace as the Progressive Party candidate.

There was even thought of dumping Truman in favor of the convention's keynote speaker, log cabin-born Sen. Alben Barkley of Kentucky, 70.

The country thought New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican nominee, was a shoo-in.

So it was a desultory bunch of discouraged Democrats who waited in the convention hall for Truman to accept the nomination.

Truman started talking. And to the surprise of the Democrats, he gave a stem-winding speech that had them hollering and stomping.

And he surprised everybody by calling the Republican Congress back into special session with a challenge to enact the progressive platform of education, health and civil rights the GOP had adopted at their Philadelphia convention a month earlier.

The Republicans called it a cheap trick. They gave Truman the silent treatment when he addressed the special session. He asked for an array of liberal legislation the Republicans had rejected in the regular session. Eleven days later, Congress adjourned with a barren record.

The rest is a classic come-from-behind story.

Certain of success, Dewey limited himself to high-minded political platitudes during his "Victory Special" train tour.

Truman barnstormed the country on a 31,000-mile "whistle-stop" tour.  
He made hundreds of speech-

es from the back of his train, blistering the "do-nothing, good-for-nothing 80th Congress."

That Congress had passed a law making it impossible for the government to lease additional bins for grain storage - and farmers reaped a tremendous harvest that summer with no place to store it.

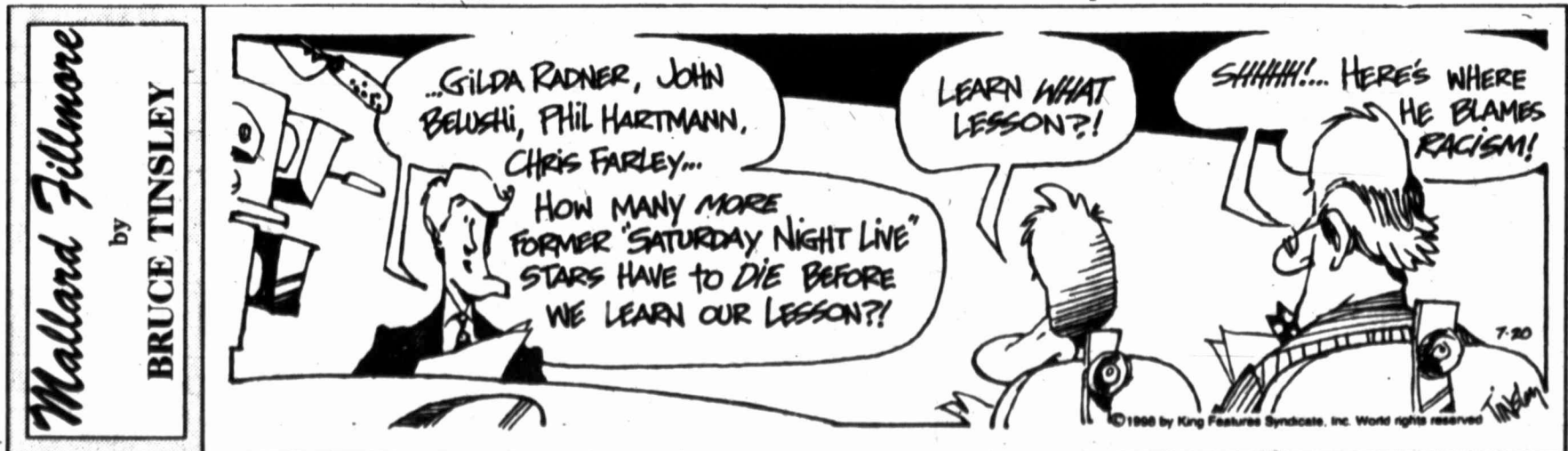
Farm prices fell for the first time since the depressed 1930s, and farmers blamed the Republicans.

Every poll predicted a Republican landslide. Truman didn't believe it. He wrote his sister on Sept. 2 predicting that he would remain a prisoner in the White House: "It looks like another four years of slavery."

The country liked his plain language and his pluck - he sometimes spoke at night in pajamas, and always introduced Bess, his wife, as "The Boss."

The country chose the underdog, and it wasn't all that close. Of the 48 states, Dixiecrat Thurmond won four, Wallace carried none, the GOP's Dewey took 16 and Truman swept 28.

Mike Feinsilber covers national affairs for The Associated Press.



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### IN BRIEF

#### Coahoma's junior high football camp slated

Camp Bulldog, a junior high football camp conducted by the Coahoma coaching staff, will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday through Friday at Coahoma High School.

The camp is open to incoming seventh and eighth graders. The fee is \$20 per participant.

For more information, contact Athletic Director Jim Edwards at 394-4624.

#### CRMWD now accepting applications for hunting

Applications for public hunting permits for the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas will be accepted through Aug. 15 at the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD).

A public drawing for hunting permits is set for 10 a.m. on Sept. 1 at the lake's field office near the north end of the dam.

Anyone needing additional information or requesting an application packet should call the CRMWD at 267-6341.

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

Former Big Spring Lady Steers and U.S. Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will conduct a volleyball camp July 27-31 at Big Spring High School's Steer Gym.

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

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

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

#### Hunter education course scheduled for Aug. 8-9

A hunter education course, required for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be offered on Aug. 8-9 in Big Spring.

The course will be taught by Boyce Hale and a \$10 fee will be charged. Sessions will begin at 8 a.m. each day.

The minimum age for certification is 12 years. Students 12 and older who successfully complete the course will be issued a hunter education certificate by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Those less than 12 years of age will receive a certificate of attendance, but must take the course again after turning 12 for certification.

For more information, contact Hale at 267-6957.

#### Rag ball tournament slated in Colorado City

A rag ball tournament organizers hope will become an annual event has been scheduled for July 31-Aug. 1 in Colorado City.

The tournament will benefit the Mitchell County Softball League.

For more information, call Chad Morris at 728-8853 or Jason Morris at 728-3280.

### ON THE AIR

**TODAY:**  
**BASEBALL**  
7 p.m. — Colorado Rockies at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

**BASKETBALL**  
7:30 p.m. — WNBA Sacramento Monarchs at Phoenix Mercury, ESPN, Ch. 30.

**GOODWILL GAMES**  
7 p.m. — Gymnastics, synchronized swimming, track and field, TBS, Ch. 11.

## Streaky Rangers close sweep of Devil Rays with 7-4 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers have been a streaky team this season. Right now, they're on a winning streak.

The Rangers won their third straight Sunday night and took over first place in the AL West by completing a sweep of Tampa Bay with a 7-4 victory.

Juan Gonzalez homered and drove in two runs, giving him a major league-leading 105 RBIs, as the Rangers moved a half-game ahead of Anaheim.

Prior to the sweep, the Rangers lost five in a row. They won five straight before that, and dropped six in a row from June 27-July 3.

"We've been a streaky team this year," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates. "We'll win five, lose six, win five or six. Now we hope we can go on a long win-

ning streak." Nobody on the Rangers has been streakier than Gonzalez, who hit his 27th homer — and first since July 5 — in the second inning off Bryan Rekar (0-2). He added an RBI grounder in a five-run fifth.

Gonzalez has four RBIs in the last two games after going a season-high nine games without driving in a run.

"I felt good the last couple of games because guys are getting on base ahead of me," Gonzalez said. "I was just more patient tonight and swung at strikes. I'm trying not to feel any pressure and just relax."

Will Clark hit a two-run homer and Rusty Greer added a two-run double in the fifth for Texas. Clark also been on a recent streak, driving in eight runs in

his last six games and 21 in his last 25 games.

"In this series we got on the roll," Clark said. "The heart of the order got hot. If guys keep getting on base like they have been, we're going to drive in some runs."

Tampa Bay has lost 15 of its last 17 games.

John Burkett (6-10) survived a shaky outing to win for only the second time in his last eight starts. He allowed four runs and 10 hits while getting in seven innings of work.

The Rangers scored five runs in the fifth to take a 7-3 lead.

"When you get a big inning like that, you can relax and do some different things," Burkett said. "I usually throw strikes and you either hit it or you don't."

They got their base hits tonight but I was able to keep it in the ball park and didn't give up too many extra-base hits. I didn't throw the ball great, but our guys got some key hits."

John Wetteland recovered from Saturday night's blown save to pitch the ninth for his 27th save.

Trailing 3-2, the Rangers chased Rekar in the fifth. Clark's two-run shot capped the inning as Texas took a 7-3 lead.

The Devil Rays Bay made it 7-4 in the seventh when Quinton McCracken tripled and scored on Wade Boggs' groundout.

Tampa Bay got a run in the second on Miguel Cairo's RBI single. Texas took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the second on Gonzalez's homer and Fernando Tatis' RBI single.

## Newton mum so far in camp

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Nate Newton, normally among the more talkative Dallas Cowboys, isn't talking at all so far during this training camp.

Newton lost about 70 pounds in the off-season and would be one of the best training camp stories. But he told the Cowboys' public relations staff he won't talk with reporters while he works for a San Antonio TV station for the first week of camp.

The big offensive lineman is providing station KMOL with offbeat training camp reports until Thursday.

Newton had a miserable 1997 season during which the offensive line caught much of the criticism for a 6-10 season that cost Barry Switzer his job. The 13-year veteran was overweight and injured and thought to be on the downside of his career.

So far, that appears to have turned around. Newton is down to 301 pounds and has looked solid. His blocking has been one of the highlights of a much-improved Dallas offense.

"Anybody who has followed Nate's career knows he's in the best shape he has ever been in," said coach Chan Gailey. "He has been doing a good job out there."

However, Newton's lips remained sealed. He was in the cafeteria at Midwestern State University late last week doing a piece on the food service.

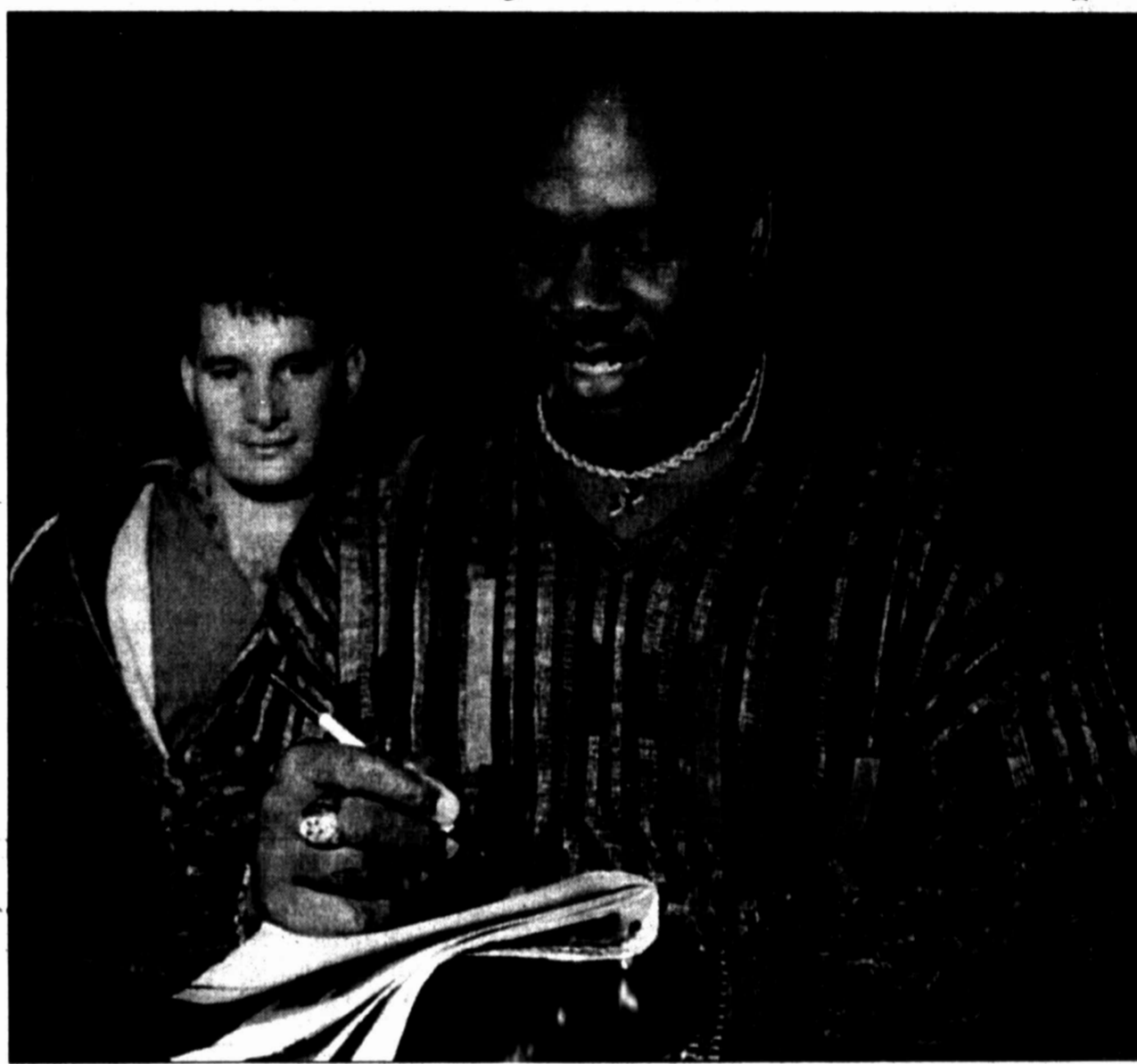
He also interviewed such teammates as Wendell Davis.

"How does it feel being back in your hometown?" Newton asked.

"I'm from Wichita, Kansas," Davis answered.

In other training camp news:

**INJURIES:**  
**Thomas, Davis both out**  
The Dallas Cowboys have lost two defensive players to knee injuries.  
Linebacker Broderick Thomas was hurt in Sunday's



Dallas Cowboys offensive guard Nate Newton, shown giving autographs for fans in this Associated Press file photo, is normally one of the team's most talkative players. But so far during training camp, Newton hasn't agreed to interview requests from reporters, saying he won't grant interviews while he's working as a reporter for a San Antonio television station.

late practice, a day after cornerback Wendell Davis went down during a passing drill.

Owner Jerry Jones said Thomas could miss the entire season, but trainer Jim Maurer said it was too early to tell.

"We'll have to see after an MRI," Maurer said.

Thomas had been moved from defensive end to linebacker and was being counted

upon to be one of the Cowboys primary rushers on obvious passing downs.

Coach Chan Gailey said Davis "is definitely out for the season. It's a tough injury because he got hurt last year."

**TEERING IT UP:**  
**Cowboys get golf break**

The Cowboys got today off from the training-camp grind

for a golf break. Wichita Falls Country Club will be the site of the annual team golf outing.

Coach Chan Gailey said he would just as soon be working but added that the team probably could stand a little rest.

"Not many coaches want players playing in golf tournaments in the middle of training camp," said Gailey, who is about a 2-handicapper himself.

## United States advances to Davis Cup semifinals

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The players and site for the Davis Cup semifinal between the United States and Italy have yet to be determined. One thing is certain, though.

"It won't be on red clay, that's for sure," U.S. captain Tom Gullikson said Sunday after his team completed its 4-1 quarterfinal victory over Belgium.

"We'll possibly go indoors." The semifinal will be played in the United States on Sept. 25-27. The other semifinal will match Sweden against Spain on the same dates.

After clinching the best-of-5 series Saturday, the United States split two meaningless singles matches with Belgium on Sunday.

Todd Martin spoiled Xavier Malisse's 18th birthday with a 7-6 (7-1), 6-3 victory to give the United States a 4-0 lead. But Belgium avoided a sweep when Jim Courier retired with an arm injury while leading Christophe Van Garsse 6-3, 1-4.

"I just have a tired arm from a lot of tennis," said Courier, who won a four-set singles match against Filip Dewulf on Friday before teaming with Martin to win a five-set doubles match Saturday.

"Nine sets in two days after not having played much tournament tennis for much of the spring ... it's a lot to ask of your arm."

Courier planned to get some treatment and rest before play-

ing in Washington this week.

"I'm more willing to risk injury when there's something on the line," he said. "Going out and hitting more serves right now is probably the worst thing I could do."

With only pride on the line Sunday, Andre Agassi was excused so he could prepare for the Washington tournament.

"He got hurt earlier playing a dead rubber (meaningless match) and it ruined his game for a long time so I could understand his decision," Gullikson said. "The tie is over when you win three games. They don't play the sixth or seventh game of a World Series if one team wins four before that."

Sunday's matches were

reduced to best-of-3 sets since the Americans had clinched the tie.

Malisse made his Davis Cup singles debut one day after playing his first doubles match in the international team competition.

"This has been a great experience, not only the matches, but the whole week," he said. "I gave everything I had."

Martin, who raised his Davis Cup singles record to 10-2, was impressed by the young Malisse's play.

"If all 18-year-olds had his type of talent, it would be pretty scary," Martin said. "He's excessively talented, excessively confident and comfortable in situations."

## Coahoma fills four vacancies

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — While Coahoma athletic director and head football coach Jim Edwards says he still have one of five coach's positions he's had to fill this summer still open, he says he believes each of his four new hires will complement a strong staff.

"I think we've been able to hire some quality people here ... they'll do a great job," Edwards said. "We had quality coaches in these positions and hated to see them go, but we feel these new coaches are going to fit in extremely well here at Coahoma."

Scott Lewis, who Edwards was able to lure away from Cuero High School, will take over as head coach of the Bulldog baseball program, replacing Trey Morgan.

Morgan, who took Coahoma baseball teams to the last two announced his decision to join former Stanton and Colorado City head coach Bill Grissom's staff at Coleman moments after the Bulldogs were eliminated at the UIL Class 2A state tournament by Rosebud-Lott.

Perhaps the most difficult position to fill was the girls' softball job vacated when Rob Dickenson accepted a similar position at Class 4A Brownwood.

However, Edwards said he's convinced that former Midland Trinity softball coach Robert Royer will be able to fill those shoes adequately as the Bulldogettes defend their Class 2A state championship next season.

"There just aren't a lot of experienced softball coaches out there ... they're in extremely high demand," Edwards explained. "But we coach Royer, we've got a coach with extensive softball experience who was at Axtell and Houston Madison before coming to Midland Trinity."

Matt Garrett, who was the head girls' basketball coach at Caldwell, will take over the Bulldogette hoops program replacing David Cox.

The Coahoma school board has also hired Danny Williams to serve as an assistant coach in football and several other sports, Edwards added.

"We've still got one opening," he added, "but the person that fills it is going to have a math teaching speciality. They're kind of like softball coaches ... just aren't a lot of them available, but we're going to keep looking until we can fill that spot."

## O'Meara a two-time major champion with British Open win

SOUTHPORT, England (AP) — Maybe now, Mark O'Meara will invite Ian Baker-Finch over to his house to share a drink out of the Auld Claret Jug.

If he does, he might do it while wearing his green jacket.

The confidence O'Meara gained only three months ago in winning the Masters proved crucial on a rainy day at Royal Birkdale, where sun broke through Sunday just in time for him to hoist the British Open trophy and give it a kiss on the 18th green.

O'Meara survived the shifting weather off the Irish Sea to shoot even par for 72 holes, only to applaud politely when Brian Watts hit a miracle shot out of a bunker on No. 18 to force a four-hole

playoff. O'Meara then calmed the nerves that had also popped up at Augusta for a steady performance against a player who had never been in contention in a major before.

At 41, O'Meara became the oldest player to win two major titles in one year and the first to win the Open and Masters in the same year since Nick Faldo in 1990.

"It's just an incredible feeling," O'Meara said. "If I could put my finger on it, I would have done it earlier in my career. It's just not the case."

In 1991, Baker-Finch won at Birkdale playing alongside O'Meara, then invited his friend to drink out of the jug with

him. On Sunday, it was O'Meara's turn, as he made his way through light rain with a final round of 68 that appeared to be all he would need.

When it wasn't, he got up from his perch on the grass surrounding the 18th green, kissed his wife, and went out to birdie the first playoff hole and par the next three to win his first jug.

After beginning the year as not even the best golfer in a neighborhood that includes Tiger Woods, O'Meara can now legitimately claim to be the best in the world.

"Even though I'm nervous, even though certain things have transpired throughout my career, I realize that more times than not that I've been able

to finish off the deal and get the job done," O'Meara said.

He got the job done at Birkdale, just as he did at Augusta. This time, he got it done because he was able to master conditions that ranged from howling winds and rain to bright sunshine over four days.

And, in the end, he got it done because Watts could not hit two shots of a lifetime out of bunkers fronting the 18th green, the second in the playoff.

Woods almost made it to the playoff, too, roaring from behind with birdies on three of the last four holes. He closed with a 66, tied with Scotland's Raymond Russell for the best round of the day, to finish at 281.



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Talk about needs. Someone clearly wants to accommodate you. Unveil your wish list, and discuss priorities. You will be successful. Don't hesitate to go for what you want. Make time for a long lunch with a friend. Tonight: Happy at home, on the phone or computer.\*\*\*\*  
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You aren't in the mood to tame your budget. Just be honest, and say so. An expense needs to meet your approval, and you opt for only the best. Instincts are right on concerning your monetary picture. Still, a little caution wouldn't hurt. Tonight: Pay bills.\*\*\*  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Your charm is high, and others respond to your beat. Listen carefully to a friend who means well but can be somewhat dour. Include this person in your plans anyway. Make time for some exercise, even if it is just a brisk walk at lunch time. Tonight: Just ask, and it is yours.\*\*\*\*  
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Your intuition serves you once more. Do not hesitate to communicate with a difficult superior. Be open about your opinions. Tame anger, and be gentle. Someone has good intentions, despite what you think. Review a decision. Tonight: A night off.\*\*\*\*  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Aim for what you want. A friend cares. Stay centered, especially when someone reveals a provocative idea. Use his perceptions to help you. Don't worry about a delay in plans. It will all work out. Success surrounds you, and is quite becoming. Tonight: A hearty game of ball.\*\*\*\*  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Stay on top of what is happening. Bosses are animated and let you know where they stand. Recognize the positives here. Take action, but move responsibly. A partner could cause you a problem when you least expect it. Remember, the ball is in your court. Tonight: Work late.\*\*\*  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Reach out for others. Recent news-gathering pays off. Make decisions, return calls and settle a problem. Make a long-distance inquiry about an upcoming trip. Do not back off in a conversation. Someone you deal with is stubborn. Tonight: Go for something different.\*\*\*\*  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
An associate pours his heart out. Listen carefully, even if he directs some anger toward you. There wouldn't be all that emotion if you weren't caring as well. If overwhelmed at work, discuss the problem with a partner who can help you. Tonight: Seek healthy togetherness.\*\*\*\*  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Reach out for another. You get a mixed bag in response, but it is better to clear the deck. You reach a stronger understanding. A friendship builds. A new relationship proves much tougher than expected. Recognize his insecurities. Be indulgent. Tonight: With the crowds.\*\*\*\*  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Handle work in your generally efficient manner, though it will inevitably contain a touch of the unexpected. You feel like a family member is being difficult. A nurturing attitude helps this person relax. Use your energy constructively. Tonight: Work through stress.\*\*\*\*  
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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I go out for lunch quite often. Our check is typically about \$15, to which I customarily add a 15 percent tip.  
My problem is the food servers who ask if I want my change back. This puts me in an awkward situation because it appears that the server is expecting a \$5 tip, which in my opinion is too much for a \$15 check.  
Abby, this happens all the time, and it's getting me steamed. I think it's totally improper for a food server to ask for a tip, and to specify the amount.  
How would you handle a situation like this? — STEAMED IN BOSTON  
DEAR STEAMED: I would tell the server that, yes, I wanted my change. Then I'd leave a 15 or 20 percent tip, depending on the service I'd received. Although in the past, servers have written to tell me that the question is asked to save a trip back to the table, I consider it to be presumptuous. Servers should courteously return change to the customer as a matter of course.  
DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that may not seem like a big deal to most people, but it really bothers me.  
I meet people, and the next time I see them, they do not remember having met me. While I can't always remember the name of a new acquaintance, I can at least remember having met that person.  
Abby, it's a blow to my ego when someone has no recollection of having met me. I admit that I am on the shy and quiet side; perhaps that is why I'm not remembered.  
Is there anything I can do to make a lasting impression? — MR. FORGETTABLE  
DEAR MR.: A good way to be remembered is to pay a new acquaintance a compliment. You need not go overboard, but everyone appreciates being complimented.  
To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)  
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Sealed bids will be received by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Maintenance and Construction, at 909 W. 45th St., Bldg. 3, Room 149, Austin, Texas 78751. Telephone: (512) 206-5880 until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 1998, for Project No. 98-011-686, Fire Alarm/Sprinkler System Upgrade, Big Spring State Hospital, Hwy. 87 North, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0231. A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 1998, in the Administration Building 502, Big Spring State Hospital, Hwy 87 North, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0231. Telephone: (915) 268-7443. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is MANDATORY. A bid will not be accepted from any bidder that has not attended the Pre-Bid Conference. Plans and specifications will be available, Monday, July 20, 1998, from Fanning, Fanning & Associates, 2555 74th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79483. Telephone: (806) 745-2533; a \$100.00 deposit is required. Work consists of replacement of existing Fire Alarm Systems in building 505, 532, 533, and 540 and installation of Fire Sprinkler Systems in buildings 503, 506 and 540. Bids will be received in accordance with State Procedures. 1994 July 19 & 20, 1998  
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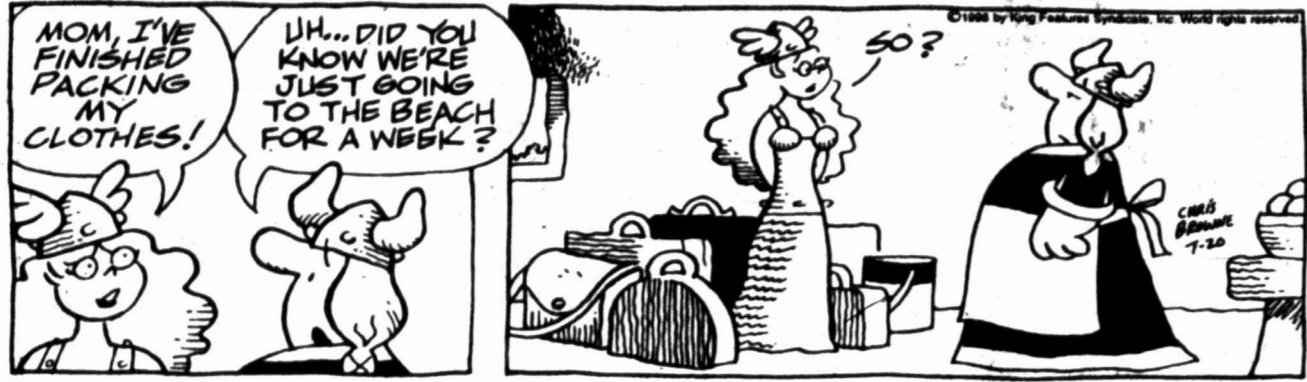


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JULY 20

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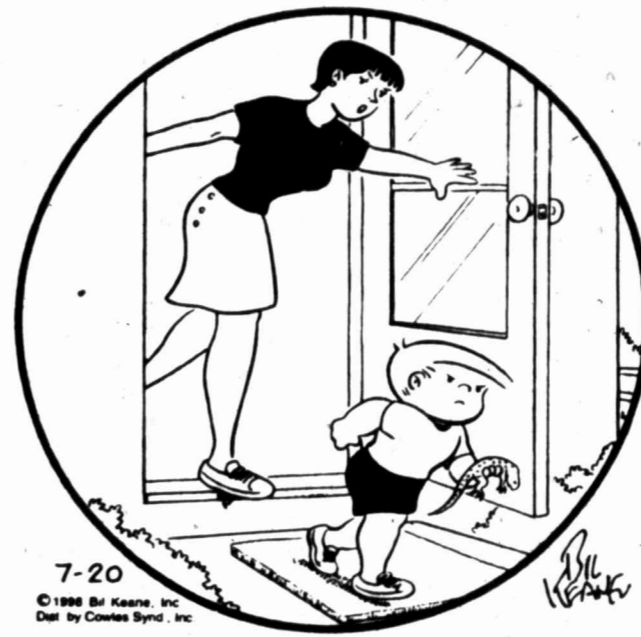
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, July 20, the 201st day of 1998. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1969, Apollo XI astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

On this date: In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered the Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, later known as WACs, began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler failed as a bomb explosion at his Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader.

In 1944, President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah Ibn Hussein was assassinated in Jerusalem.

In 1976, America's Viking I robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pa., killing 80 people and causing \$350 million in damage.

Ten years ago: Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis received the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Atlanta. Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini accepted a truce with Iraq, even though he said the decision was like drinking poison.

Five years ago: White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster Jr. was found shot to death in a park near Washington, a suicide. A day after firing William Sessions as FBI director, President Clinton named federal judge Louis Freeh to replace him.

One year ago: Seven people were arrested after New York City police found scores of deaf Mexicans kept in slave-like conditions and forced to peddle trinkets for the smugglers who had brought them to the United States.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 68. Video artist Nam June Paik is 66. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 63. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) is 62. Actress Diana Rigg is 60. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 55. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 54. Singer Kim Carnes is 52. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 51. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols) is 42. Actress Donna Dixon is 41. Country singer Rodney Foster is 39.

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