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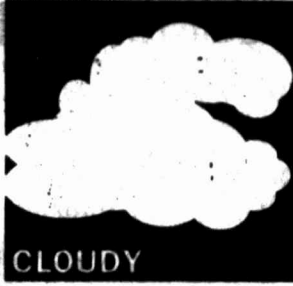
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Booths available for rent at fair

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 displays, new products and a number of 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 Debbie Valverde, inside booth chairman.

For more information on booth rentals, call Valverde at 63-7641, (800) 734-7641.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

□ Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

□ Howard Co. NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room. Call Stephanie Horton, 264-0306.

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.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

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

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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VA home groundbreaking set for 9 a.m. Monday on US 87 north

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

A number of state and federal dignitaries are scheduled to be on hand for the Monday morning ground breaking ceremonies of the new Big Spring Veteran's Home.

U.S. Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, Texas Representative David Counts, and Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro are only a few of the visitors expected to attend the 9 a.m. ceremony.

Mauro said the ground breaking event will give local residents a chance to meet with the future health care management team and learn first-hand about the facilities.

"We will have the chief executive officers from our health care operator, from

our architectural and design team, and our builder at the ceremony," said Mauro. "We want you to come out and meet them because they will be working in your community for at least the next year. I'm sure they will be eager to meet their new neighbors, too."

"This ground breaking event will be a very special day for all of us who have worked for years to make this project a reality. It was a long, hard fight to make people aware of the special needs of Texas' aging veterans population and to get legislation passed. But now that we've got an outstanding management team in place, we can move forward toward our goal of giving Texas veterans the finest long-term care facilities in the nation."

According to Mauro, each home will have a 150 bed capacity, as well as a cer-

tified Alzheimer's care unit and complete rehabilitation unit.

Mauro said the Park Associates, Inc., and its partners, the Dallas-based architectural and planning firm Rees Associates, Inc., will join forces with M.W. Builders from Temple to design, build and operate veteran's homes in Bonham, Temple, Floresville and Big Spring.

Veteran Land Board (VLB) Chairman David Gloier, who will also be on hand for the ceremony, said the four veterans homes should take six or seven months to complete once construction begins, and will be single-story, pod type units.

Also expected to attend: VLB Members Tom Jaco and Ladd Patillo; VLB Special Projects Director George Ellis; Director State Veterans Homes Mabry Brock; Information Services Bill Patton;

Michael Petty and Ron Gettys from Greaber, Simmons, and Cowan; Texas State Senator Robert L. Duncan; Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon; Administrator of the Big Spring VA Medical Center Cary Brown; Texas State VFW Commander Doug Bell; Director of Veterans Integrated Service Thomas Trujillo; Big Spring VA Medical Center Chief of Staff Dr. Darryl Powell; Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Commander Emery Wall; VFW State Surgeon Danny Henry.

Members of the commissioners court and city council are also scheduled to attend, as well as various American Legion and VFW officials.

Ceremonies will take place at the future site of the facility, just south of the State Hospital at 1801 North Highway 87.

SWCID students move into new dorm today

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Today, students begin moving into the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf's \$2.2 million, newly constructed dormitories.

The dorm represents the first new construction on the campus since SWCID was founded.

"The boys wing is full, and we've had to place eight to 10 students on the Howard College campus. We're over our capacity now. We have only three to four beds left on the girls wing," said Ron Brasel, provost for SWCID.

"This is wonderful. This is the first new building our campus has had. We've been working out of barracks and old officers buildings (from Webb Air Force Base), but this is specially designed to meet the needs of our deaf students," Brasel said.

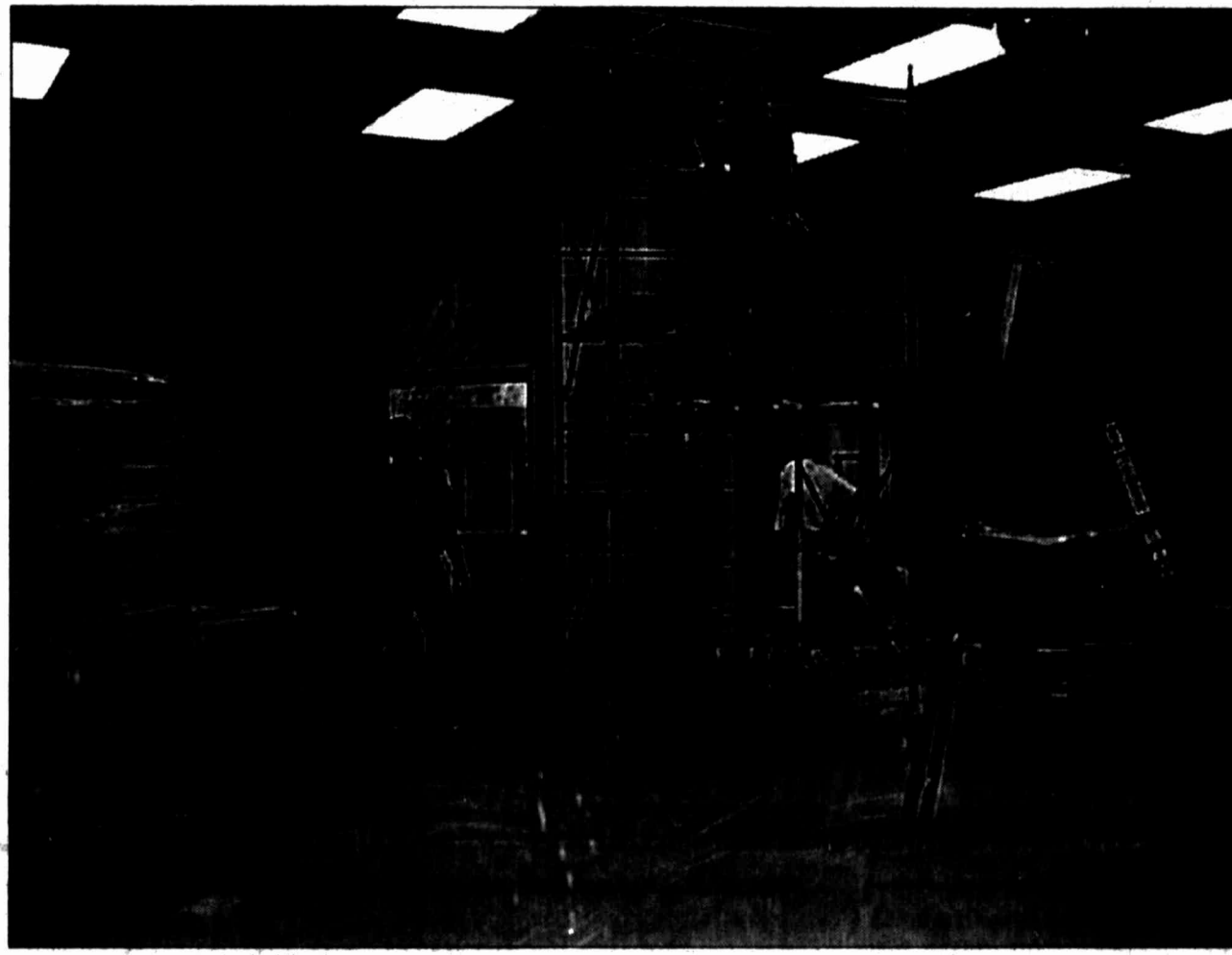
The newly-christened Burke-Mehan Residential Complex, will house 92 students, including two rooms for physically challenged students, said J. Phillip Furqueron, architect for the building.

The nearly 23,000 square-foot dormitory building boasts separate living quarters for dormitory supervisors, one for the women's side and one for the men's.

"There are 46 room, 23 rooms on each wing. That's 22 rooms, with one barrier-free room on each wing," Furqueron said.

"In a lot of respects, this was like designing a dormitory. But this dorm has a lot of considerations that you don't normally have in a college dorm," he said.

For example, the SWCID dorms are complete with a tele-



HERALD photos/Marsha Sturdivant

Workers hurry to finish work inside the new dormitory at SWCID. The dorm, the first new construction on the campus since SWCID was founded, is scheduled to open today.

phone outlet for every bed, for access to communication modems, as well as computer connections in each room.

"Every bed has a telephone and a computer access. That's 96 all together, for every student," said Larry Bolding, job superintendent from Stephenville.

Another enhancement the SWCID dormitories have is a special way to summon residents to their door.

"To knock on the door doesn't

work too well with a deaf student, so each room has a lighted door bell," he said.

"Or a door light," Bolding said.

Also, safety is a major concern, and the rooms are equipped with bright-light fire alarms and fire sprinklers, he said.

"The fire strobes themselves are bright enough to wake anybody up," Furqueron said.

Another special consideration Furqueron discovered

after touring the Texas School For The Deaf in Austin was the need for enhanced sound proofing.

"Some deaf people can hear, and the acoustics are really important for them. The ambient noise and vibrations can make a mess with what they do hear. So we have sound proofing between each room," he said.

Building the new dormito

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Drop in mineral valuation hurts county tax rolls

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County Appraisal District numbers are in, and the recent drop in oil and mineral prices has left its mark on County mineral values.

"Since the oil prices dropped, the stuff that comes out of the ground just isn't worth as much," said assistant chief appraiser Brett McKibben. "And with the way things have remained, it doesn't look good for the future."

Members of the Howard County Commissioners Court is doing its best to take the burden off of tax payers by cutting county agency budgets across the board by 7.5 percent.

"We've cut the hound out of this budget," said county commissioner Sonny Choate. "And

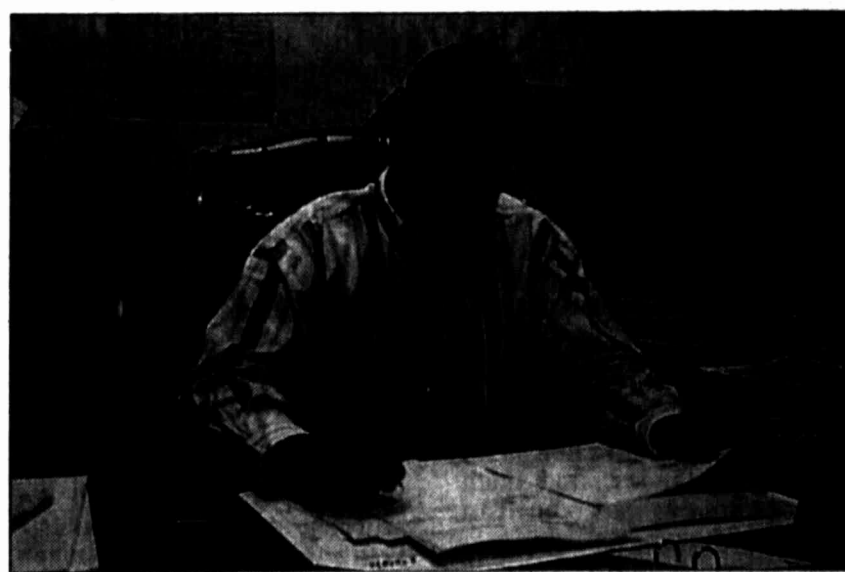
it looks like we'll be able to weather the drop in oil and mineral prices without raising taxes."

"The cuts will take care of the low oil and mineral prices that have hurt the county this year," said County Judge Ben Lockhart. "Next year, however, will be much worse."

According to McKibben, mineral values in Howard County have dropped off by more than \$51.5 million since last year, but a drop in abated values and exemptions has kept the County's total taxable value close to last year's numbers.

"Last year our total tax base was \$1,155,013,307," said McKibben. "Despite the loss in mineral values, this year's total tax base is \$1,120,415,172."

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HERALD photo/T.E. Jenkins

Howard County assistant chief tax appraiser Brett McKibben goes over property tax valuations to ensure the data being provided to county commissioners is correct. The data is used to formulate the county's tax rate each year.

2 Muses open first Crossroads Series at Municipal Auditorium

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

The crowd could have been larger, but the music couldn't have been any better as Bill and Mary Muse, performing as 2 Muses, opened the first-ever Crossroads Concert Series Saturday night in Municipal Auditorium.

Fresh from four weeks on the road, mostly in Colorado, 2 Muses shook the road dust from their shoes and broke out tunes that were strictly Texas in nature.

Crossroads

Community Concerts

"How many of you play dominos?" Bill asked, with about half the crowd responding that they did.

"You ought to ask that question in New England... in New Hampshire, you get some pretty strange looks."

From that introduction, they moved into "The Domino

Song," which was followed by "Bluebonnet Time in Texas."

"Bluebonnet Time" was written by Bill Muse at the direction of his future mother-in-law, who had driven to the Hill Country from Colorado to meet him and see Mary.

For anyone who has ever driven through the Hill Country in spring, it opens a kaleidoscope of memories of bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, granite rocks and artesian springs.

In addition to those songs, 2 Muses kept heads nodding and



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Mary and Bill Muse opened the first-ever Crossroads Community Concerts Saturday night at Municipal Auditorium.

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Park work

Work enhances area around Kids' Zone

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Watch for a new pavilion, additional picnic shelters and restrooms near the Kids' Zone creative playground in Comanche Trail Park, as Wilderness Program inmates build improvements.

"The Big Spring Women's Club donated \$3,000 to build a pavilion, and they have given me \$1,100 more to build picnic shelters. They have been really generous, and I'm hoping to do a lot more with their donation," said Becky Crane, parks and recreation supervisor for the city.

Permanent restrooms are under construction now for the Kids' Zone playground, and a water fountain will also be built into the site, Crane said.

"This has been done with salvaged cinder blocks with the inmate program. Quality Plumbing donated their time to do the plumbing, and we poured the concrete pad last week," Crane said.

The restrooms, girls and boys, should be completed in about two weeks, she said.

Vandalism has been a major problem at the park. The last water fountain at the Kids' Zone was destroyed, Crane said.

"It cost \$200 to replace it, and I have done that three times," she said.

The new water fountain should be low maintenance, with sturdy construction, she said.

The old monkey house, located near the amphitheater by the older, metal playground, has been torn down for hygiene reasons, Crane said.

The monkey bars were repainted, and moved near the multi-tiered metal structure, which was also repainted.

"It was really hard for me to tear down the monkey house," she said, adding that the monkey house and bars was one of the oldest and best-known pieces of equipment at the park.

Vandalism has prevented permanent refurbishing of the old

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn Jan "Jenny" Buchanan

Funeral service for Evelyn Jan "Jenny" Buchanan, Midland, 71, was 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 1998, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, Midland, with Rev. Bill Strickland officiating and Rev. Ronnie Newton assisting. Burial was in the Resthaven North Cemetery, Midland.

Mrs. Buchanan died Thursday, Aug. 6, 1998 in a Midland hospital.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1927, in Mexia. She married Jordan D. "Buck" Buchanan. They moved to Midland in 1972. Mrs. Buchanan was a member of Dellwood Baptist Church.

Survivors include: her husband, Jordan D. Buchanan of Midland; three sons, Rodney D. Buchanan, B. David Buchanan and Ricky D. Buchanan, all of Midland; two daughters, Jacquelynn B. Gilbert of Roysse City, and Patti Jane Lindsey of Midland; two brothers, Arthur D. Nanny, Jr. of Big Spring, and Milton Lloyd Nanny of Fort Worth; two sisters, Dell Beatrice Morgan of Nederland, and Patricia Ann Young of Midland; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials to: The American Cancer Society; 2304 Wadley, Midland; 79705; or the American Lung Association of Texas; P.O. Box 26566, Austin; 78755-0566.

Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Gussie Biddison

Gussie Biddison, 93, Big Spring, died Thursday morning, Aug. 6, 1998 at her home following a long illness.

Graveside services were 2 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park with Rodney Tedfor, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Biddison was born on Jan. 24, 1905 in Ft. Worth. She moved to Howard County in 1917. She was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

She married Dixon Biddison on Jan. 29, 1928 in Odessa. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 1970.

Mrs. Biddison was a retired accountant, having worked at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, and Perrin Air Force Base in Dennison.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Lois Biddison of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Greg and Shana Biddison, Tom and Mollie Biddison, Marty and Michelle Biddison, Leisha and Jim Morrison, Loanne and Cal Smith, and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Gussie Biddison, 93, died Thursday. Graveside services were 2:00 PM, Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Annie Laurie Douglass Webb, 53, died Friday. Services will be 10:00 AM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Angie Honeycutt, 36, died Friday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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Annie Laurie Douglass Webb

Annie Laurie Douglass Webb, 53, of Big Spring, died on Friday, August 7, 1998 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, August 10, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Flynn Long, a retired Presbyterian minister and Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on May 17, 1945 in Big Spring and married John Chilton Webb Jr. on December 20, 1968 in Brownsville.

She attended elementary school in Odessa and graduated from Western High School in Washington D.C. She returned to Texas and graduated from Texas Tech with a major in English. She lived briefly in Mexico.

Mrs. Webb was employed by the Texas Commission for the blind as a children's case worker, working 48 counties. Among other accomplishments, she was the primary founder of the Unitarian School For The Blind in Brownsville.

Laurie is from a pioneer Big Spring family. Her paternal grandparents owned and operated the Douglass Hotel in Big Spring. Her father, John C. (Jake) Douglass later took over the family business and developed the Douglass Addition in southwest Big Spring. Her maternal grandfather, O.P. Griffin, was the first county agent in Big Spring.

She was a member of the Chevy Chase Baptist Church in Washington D.C., First Baptist Church in Big Spring and All Souls Unitarian Church in Brownsville.

Survivors include her husband John Webb, Big Spring; one son, John Chilton Webb III of College Station; one daughter, Christy Michelle Webb of Nacogdoches; her mother Ann Jenkins of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia; her father, Jake Douglass of Lubbock; one sister, Beverly Jenkins of Hyattsville, Maryland; and two brothers, Larry Jenkins of Charles Town, West Virginia and John Douglass of Amarillo.

Laurie had a great love for life. She faced a battle for survival that few people have endured, and did it with a smile and beauty everyday. She enjoyed plants and a beautiful yard. She enjoyed reading several books each month.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Angie Honeycutt

Angie Honeycutt, 36, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 7, 1998.

Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring, Texas.

SWCID

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ries, which began with a ground breaking in June 1997, progressed steadily, Furqueron said.

"The masonry took longer than I would have thought. The contractor had trouble getting brick layers," he said.

The dormitory walls are built of cinder blocks, and the overall color scheme is a pale mauve and burgundy.

"There's not a sheet rock wall in the building," said Burton Sandefur, project manager from Hermleigh.

The dorm supervisors' rooms have a complete kitchen with modern appliances, and each student room has built-in shelves in the closets.

Two students share a room, and two rooms of four students will share a bathroom, by design. A lobby at the entrance will feature snack and soda machines, Brasel said.

Beatrice Burke, the widow of the late Dr. Burke, for whom the dorms were named, said she is thrilled with the dormitories.

Burke, a deaf division director for preparatory and general studies, signed her pleasure with the new dorms.

"I am very honored, and emotional. My husband would be thrilled to have the dorm named after him. This is for housing students, and students were his priority and his interest," Burke signed.

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

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McKibben said that although the numbers haven't strayed much, that is no guarantee that taxes will be the same as last year.

"We place the values on the properties," said McKibben. "After that, it's up to the different tax entities to set the actual tax rates. Two basic things control the amount of taxes that citizens pay, and that is the tax rates, and the appraised values. Your property's appraised value could remain the same as last year, but a change in the tax rate could make your taxes go up or down."

Howard County Appraisal District issued these values for the County: mineral values \$279,923,540, a \$51,699,380 drop since last year; industrial values \$391,603,840, an increase of \$59,809,380; local real values \$565,565,408, a \$6,264,380 drop in value; local personal \$62,891,108, a \$1,711,317 drop in value.

PARK

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wading pool, located just northeast of the multi-tiered, metal equipment, Crane said. Inmates constructed a water fountain there, but that structure had to be removed, as well.

Now Crane plans to make the old wading pool a planter. And she's hoping to place a sand pit with digging toys where the monkey house once was.

2 MUSES

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toes tapping with the beat as they performed "Unwritten Letter" and "The Kindness of a Stranger."

The former was a song to Bill's ex-father-in-law while the latter was written amid a seven-week, 12,500-mile tour last fall.

"This song was written for all those folks we meet along the road... and tonight, that's you," Bill told the audience as the song started.

Other songs the duo performed included "Small Town Dreaming" — about living in a small town where "kids are safe 'cause you know your neighbor" and where you live is "the prettiest town in your state of mind" — and "Never Meant to Last," which is about the mid-life crisis of a cynic.

"We're really excited to be here because this is a turly wonderful facility," they said of the auditorium as they opened their performance.

Later, at intermission, Mary she hoped the Crossroads series is successful.

"This is a great idea... I hope it catches on," she said. Next in the four-performance fall schedule will be TR Ritchie of Utah on Saturday, Sept. 26. He will be followed by Boxcars — Christine Albert and Chris Gage — on Tuesday, Oct. 13 and Bernice Lewis on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The new series is an outgrowth of the Coahoma Community Concerts begun in 1991 by Walter Lee. The new series is underwritten by the Cultural Affairs Council with Best Western of Big Spring providing lodging for the performers.

BRIEFS

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW available for the Howard County Fair Queen Contest. Entrants will be judged on Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Big Spring Mall and the 1998 Queen

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

will be crowned on Monday, Aug. 31, during the Fair.

Entrants must be enrolled in an area high school of Howard County or a county adjoining Howard or enrolled at Howard College.

Entry forms are available at the Howard County Extension office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply and Joy's Hallmark. Entries must be returned to the County Extension office by Aug. 26 and a \$25 sponsorship fee must accompany all entries.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH wants to remind parents that school starts Aug. 12, and immunizations are being given each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hours are 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Immunizations will also be given Friday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 8.

Please bring your child's shot record or a note from the school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE KOUNTRY KIDS CONTEST, sponsored by the Howard County Fair, will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Fair Grounds. Boys and girls ages 0-5 years old are eligible to enter and will be judged according to age groups.

Entries are due to the Howard County Extension office by Sept. 2, and must be accompanied by the \$10 entry fee.

Children entered in the Kountry Kids contest must be attired in a sportswear garment of at least 50 percent cotton.

Entry forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce and the County Extension office. Contact the County Extension office at 264-2236 for entry guidelines.

A WEIGH-DOWN WORKSHOP is being planned at Baptist Temple Church, beginning Aug. 16 at 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

This 12-week, spiritually-based weight loss seminar is free of charge, designed for men or women, and organizers said, it teaches how to distinguish between physical hunger and "head hunger." For information, or to register, call Brenda Banks at 264-9608.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER is having a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20, in the first floor classroom. Call 263-1211 ext. 463 for a donation time.

FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH policies have been announced by local and area schools. These programs serve children under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. To review the policy, or for more information, contact the school district office.

MISS AMERICA, KATE SHINDLE, will speak in Midland Aug. 20, at the Midland Hilton, to benefit the Midland Area AIDS Association. Tickets for the dinner are \$35 each. Cocktail time begins at 6:30 p.m. Call Judy Warren, executive director of MAAS, 684-7821, for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.
•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's

Big Spring Texas Lottery
Pick 3: 0, 7, 9
LOTTO: 4, 17, 22, 29, 34, 37

Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

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

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

•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 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomies 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.

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RUBY EARLENE DIGBY, 42, was transferred to the sheriff's department and released on \$2,500 bond for a charge of Class A assault/domestic violence.

JIMMY AARON BATIE, 56, was transferred to the sheriff's department and released on \$2,000 bond for a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday.

ERNEST CLARK, 58, was arrested for public intoxication.

BOBBY RUTH, 23, was arrested for local warrants.

KIMBERLYNN RAMBY, 29, was arrested for public intoxication.

TOMMY MIZE, 35, was arrested for assault.

KELLY ELLIOTT, 20, was arrested for local warrants.

RUDY RODRIGUEZ, 26, was

arrested on local warrants.

DOMINICA THACKER, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

TONYA SHELBY, 26, was arrested on local warrants.

JASON WILLIAMS, 18, was arrested for public intoxication.

RICHARD SPIVEY, 17, was arrested for public intoxication.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Wright, 120 Airbase Road and the 3700 block of La Junita.

FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

Assault was reported in the 700 block of S. Douglas and the 800 block of Lorilla.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Marcy.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth, 1800 block of Scurry and the 1700 block of Lancaster.

THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Marcy, 1100 block of E. Fourth, Hwy 87 and I-20, No. 1 Courtney Place, 11th Street and Settles, Third Street and Owens, 2300 block of Wasson, 900 block of Willia and Hwy 350 and I-20.

DOG BITE was reported in the 600 block of State St. and the 400 block of E. Marcy

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Weeds clogging Rio Grande pushing Amistad, Falcon levels lower

HARLINGEN (AP) — Exotic plants clogging up the Rio Grande are threatening to push rock-bottom reservoir levels even lower.

Two tenacious aquatic weeds, hydrilla and waterhyacinth, have had an explosive increase in growth this year in the Rio Grande and are clogging up parts of the river, according to a Texas Parks and Wildlife report.

The report will be part of a House-Senate committee hearing on drought economic impacts in Austin.

The Valley can't spare any reservoir water to unclog the Rio Grande, since the levels in the region's two reservoirs, Lake Amistad and Falcon Dam, are at 20 percent capacity.

That's as low as it's been since

at least 1970, said Rio Grande Valley Watermaster Cindy Martinez.

"Any kind of measure that we take by which we have to increase releases, that's going to affect our levels," Ms. Martinez said. "It's important that we try to eradicate these weeds."

An almost-solid mat of the weeds covers the Rio Grande top to bottom in a six-mile stretch just north of Brownsville, according to Parks and Wildlife. Scattered areas of dense growth of the weeds are found along the river and connected irrigation canals from Falcon Dam.

The plants are a problem because, not having any natural enemies, they grow unchecked and once they clog up parts of

the river, water managers have to release more water from the Falcon Reservoir to push the water through the dense growths.

Hydrilla is an underwater plant native to Africa, Asia and parts of Europe. In the 1950s, it was introduced to Florida as part of the aquarium trade and has since spread throughout the United States. Hydrilla infests at least 85 Texas lakes.

Waterhyacinth is a floating plant native to South America that now infests at least 29 Texas lakes.

It was probably introduced to the United States at a trade expo in New Orleans in 1884. By the late 1890s it was such a problem that Congress passed the River and Harbor Act of 1899 giving the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers authority to bring the waterhyacinth population under control. Waterhyacinth causes water to evaporate up to five times faster than normal.

Officials say the immediate solution for ridding the river of the weeds is a mechanical harvester.

"It's quick," explained Earl Chilton, aquatic habitat enhancement program director for Texas Parks and Wildlife who headed a team of people from both sides of the border looking into the water weed problem. "You don't have to wait."

A long-term solution, however, will probably involve bringing in animals that eat the plants like grass carp, hydrilla flies or waterhyacinth weevils. "In the long term, biological

control is less expensive if it works," Chilton said.

Waterhyacinth weevils have been successful in Mexico, but less so in Texas.

"So far in Texas our experience has been that waterhyacinth weevils have only thinned out the water hyacinths and caused the plants to become much smaller," Chilton said.

Hydrilla flies are still experimental and although grass carp has been used successfully in other parts of Texas, they would need to be contained so they don't eat other plants, Chilton said.

Although herbicides are another option for long-term control of the weeds, conflicts in herbicide regulations between the United States and Mexico would make that plan

difficult. Discussions continue with Mexico over how the weed control program will be implemented and sharing of costs, Chilton said.

"We've been meeting with Mexican officials for the last several months and they're excited about the use of biological controls," Chilton said.

In any case, unstuffing the Rio Grande will only help the water shortage in the Valley a little. Martinez said some fall rain is also needed to replenish the reservoir a bit.

"Unless we get major rainfall and we get it in the reservoir we're not going to be out of the woods by any means," she said. "We just have to take it a day at a time and hope for the best."

Family of Mexican man shot 12 times by police hope investigation is no whitewash

HOUSTON (AP) — Acting on information from an informant, members of a Houston Police Department gang task force stormed into an apartment last month where they believed illegal drugs were being sold.

When the man who lived there locked himself inside his bedroom, the officers kicked in the door and began firing.

Thirty-three bullets later, 23-year-old Pedro Oregon Navarro was dead, shot a dozen times, including nine in the back.

But the investigation in the wake of the fatal shooting shows the officers had no warrant, the informant was not registered with the police as required by department rules covering drug informants, no drugs were found in Oregon's apartment, and a gun officers said Oregon had pointed at them never was fired.

"They went knowingly and consciously in search of their own heroics and forgot to abide by the rules," says Tony Cantu, a Hispanic activist in Houston. "I'm a Republican and I believe in no government intrusion. If the police department coming into your apartment without a warrant is not intrusive, what is?"

The case has mobilized many

Houston Hispanics, prompting calls for rallies and strategy sessions to pressure authorities to prosecute the officers and punish them.

"It's frightening that officers would illegally enter a residence and shoot a man in the back," Paul Nugent, an attorney hired by Oregon's family, said Thursday. "Evidence seems to indicate he was shot in the back while he was on the floor. We think he dove to the floor for cover when the police kicked in the door."

"We hope there's a vigorous investigation. The family is afraid there will be a whitewash and the officers' actions will somehow be justified."

Six officers who took part in the raid, including a sergeant, are suspended with pay pending the outcome of investigations. At least two are under way, one by the department's internal affairs division and another by homicide detectives and the district attorney's office, which is to present its case to a grand jury Aug. 17.

The Mexican government has expressed its concern because Oregon, the father of two, was from Michoacan, Mexico. And the new national president of the League of United Latin

American Citizens, Houston attorney Rick Dovalina, wants the Justice Department to look into the case.

"The bottom line is they shot an innocent young man in the back after an illegal entry," Dovalina said.

The Justice Department, while monitoring the case, is not actively involved, spokeswoman Karen Guerriero said.

The case also has put a spotlight on the department, which has been hit in recent weeks by instances of bicycle patrol officers filing false time sheets and the suspension of an officer accused of raping several women.

But Police Chief Clarence Bradford, who won't talk about the Oregon case while it is under investigation, denies accusations his department has a discipline problem.

"I see some officers who probably in fact need to revisit what they're going to do as Houston police officers and remember the oath that we all took when we pin on our badge about serving the citizens of Houston," he said.

An unidentified police source quoted by the Houston Chronicle said one of the officers who burst into Oregon's

bedroom about 1:30 a.m. July 12 shouted that Oregon had a gun.

About the same time, a gun carried by one of the officers went off, with the bullet hitting an officer and knocking him to the floor. The other officers, thinking their colleague had been shot by Oregon, opened fire. The wounded officer, wearing a protective vest, was not seriously hurt.

Harris County District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. says it's possible the officers could not be indicted for the shooting because under the law, a person may not resist an arrest, even if it is illegal. And he says if Oregon threatened them, it would be proper for them to use deadly force against him.

"I don't know what happened out there," Holmes said. "What I truly feel in my heart of hearts is these guys had no idea what they were doing."

Oregon had been in the United States about eight years, according to his mother, Claudia Navarro, who still carries two uncashed checks he earned from his job as a landscaper.

"We are looking for justice," she said in Spanish, appearing this week at a demonstration.

TEXAS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has approved legislation that would expand the Fort Davis National Historical Site in West Texas.

The Conservation Fund wants to donate 16 acres to the National Park Service to expand the Fort Davis National Historical Site, which is in the Davis Mountains. But congressional approval is required to add to the 460-acre site, which was a key post in the West Texas defense system in the 1800s.

By voice vote Monday, the House approved legislation by Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, allowing the expansion to occur. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, has introduced companion legislation in the Senate, which has yet to take final action.

"From 1854 to 1891, troops at the post guarded immigrants, freighters and stagecoaches on the San Antonio-El Paso road," said Bonilla, whose district includes the historical site. "Fort Davis is the best remaining example in the Southwest of the typical post-Civil War frontier fort."

The land the Conservation Fund purchased with private contributions overlooks the park's landmarks.

DALLAS (AP) — Testimony given last month in a lawsuit involving a top official in the state Criminal Justice Division could be linked to that official's resignation, according to "Texas Lawyer."

The weekly newspaper, which covers the legal profession in Texas, will report in Monday editions that Nancy Hugon resigned as executive director of the Criminal Justice Division on July 10 — five days before she gave testimony.

The paper also reported that Patricia McDaniel, who was in charge of the governor's Crime Stoppers program, was fired July 15 — days after she testified in the lawsuit involving Hugon.

Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for the governor's office, said neither Ms. Hugon's resignation nor Ms. McDaniel's termination were related to their deposition testimony.

The suit was filed in November in Travis County by two former employees of the Criminal Justice Division who claim they were fired for complaining about Ms. Hugon.

Valerie Curcio, 33, and Carol Funderburk, 38, said they complained about Ms. Hugon's hostile language and attitudes toward gays and lesbians.

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OUR VIEWS

VA groundbreaking positive for city, veterans to be served

When ground is broken Monday morning on the Big Spring Veterans Administration Home, another commitment and bond will have been made between this community and the veterans who served their country.

Yes, there is an economic impact and there are jobs — and there are those who would claim that the landing of the home in Big Spring is nothing more than a "political move" — a claim with which we heartily disagree.

You see, the first meeting where the decision was made to seek this veterans home was held in the conference room of the Herald in January 1997 and there was no discussion of politics.

There was, however, a lengthy discussion about the needs of veterans in the state of Texas and the opportunity that lay before us as a community — should we desire to pursue a facility for Big Spring.

Now, 17 months later, we are ready to move forward and turn the first shovel of earth on the way to helping return service to the men and women who served their country and are now in need of help.

At least one person who put many hours into the landing of this home, Danette Toone, will not be here Monday but that certainly does not diminish her role as executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring — and as a citizen of Big Spring — in helping bring this project about.

Yes, Danette was here at the Herald that first day and joined in the chorus of "If they're going to build them, why not build one here?"

For the record, this home will create more than 150 jobs once it is operational. Until that time, it will create local construction jobs ... it will create cash registers to ring in convenience stores and restaurants and motels alike.

Once operational, the home will offer stability for both the State Hospital and the Veterans Administration Medical Center. It will be another stake in the ground to help anchor our community's future when the economic winds blow ill.

We hope you join us Monday morning at 9 a.m. south of the State Hospital on the west side of U.S. 87 as we take a step forward for the community and the veterans of this state.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Your readers will soon be receiving a State Issue Survey in the mail.

The 76th Session of the Texas State Legislature is less than six months away. Now is the time for us to take a hard look at the issues that Texas should consider in order to prioritize our needs.

During the months ahead I will be seeking input from citizens throughout the District to help insure that your viewpoints are well represented.

Your response to this State Issue Survey is very important to me. Your input on each issue will be analyzed and compiled as soon as I receive your response. Additionally, I will forward a summary of the responses from our area of the state to Governor Bush and

House Speaker Pete Laney.

I have worked closely with Governor Bush and Speaker Laney to create a better Texas for all of us. Your input on this survey will help us continue our efforts on tort reform, juvenile justice reform, public education reform, welfare reform, health insurance reform, private property rights, property tax relief and other critical issues.

I'm asking everyone to please respond to the important questions on the survey. I will listen to you and respect your opinion. You can make a difference, and I do appreciate your assistance in addressing the issues facing our families and our State.

DAVID COUNTS
State Representative
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Prairie dog move a stunningly stupid one

Even by those standards of my good friend, Ed Earl Poovey of Welfare, Texas, the latest move by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) can best be termed as stunningly stupid.

The NWF, you see, has petitioned the federal government to place the black-tailed prairie dog on the endangered species list as threatened throughout its range of Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. According to the NWF, placing the prairie dog on the endangered species list — you've read about them chewing up the wiring on the runway lights at

McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, among other things — will help save hundreds of thousands of acres of grasslands.

If successful, would the NWF then come back a few years later and place the people of those 10 states on the endangered species list?

Probably not, because to realize they would be faced with that, the NWF would have to be anticipatory in its thoughts and look ahead to the "what ifs" should the prairie dog be placed on the endangered list.

And clearly by this action, the NWF is anything but anticipatory in its thoughts and actions ... and it is certainly not clear-headed in its actions.

Of course, those of us who live in West Texas have already had our fill with the endangered species list because of the Concho water snake.

It was that snake, for those of you who are relatively new to West Texas, that added probably \$11 million to the cost of the Ivie Reservoir.

There were numerous protests over the years as the CRMWD sought to get the reservoir permitted.

In the end, the Concho snake was said to be endangered. The only place in the world the wildlife folks and NWF alleged they could be found was in the rippled water of the Concho river as it headed east from Paint Rock in Concho County.

We now know that is wrong. Instead of a few snakes in one habitat, there are thousands in numerous habitats all down the Colorado River because Okla Thornton, a biologist hired by CRMWD as a condition of permitting, has found and counted the critters.

That's why I don't put much stock in the NWF's crying wolf about a relative of the rat.

NWF says the prairie dog is a vital part of the ecological chain and without them, the burrowing owl, swill fox, mountain plover and ferruginous hawk would be in jeopardy.

They also say that millions of

taxpayer dollars will have been wasted on efforts to save the black-footed ferret unless prairie dog populations are protected and allowed to rebound.

Rebound? How many do we have at our airport alone? Twenty thousand or more?

At some point in life, reality has to come into play — even for the NWF.

We can't save all species ... and just because they are on this earth doesn't necessarily mean they are worth saving.

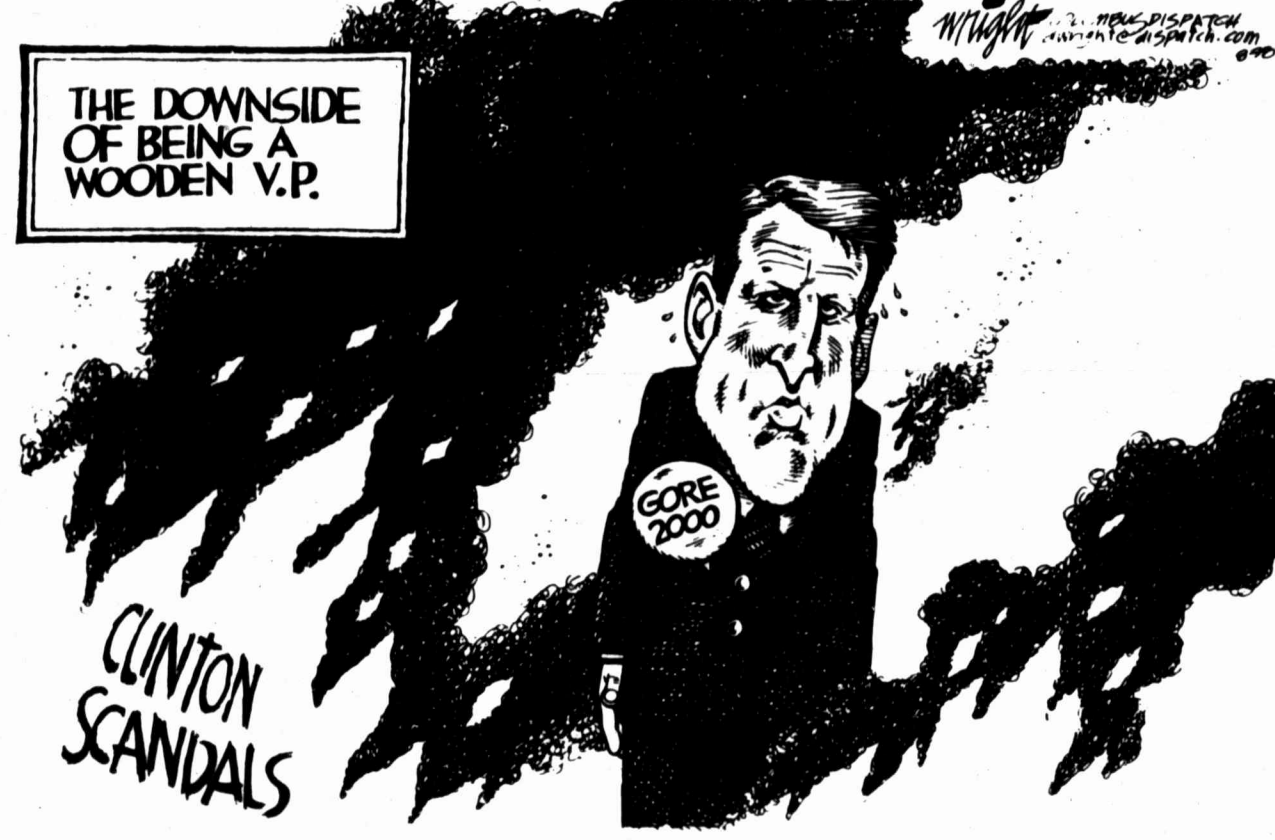
Common sense has to come into play and some thought has to be given to the money continues to go down the burrows dug by these cute little rodents.

But cute isn't enough. Unless you want to find your self in trouble for protecting your own property, for protecting municipal property against the gnawing and burrowing of these cousins of the rat, write your elected officials today.

Their addresses are on this page.

JOHN H. WALKER

THE DOWNSIDE OF BEING A WOODEN V.P.



Gore's time in probe's heat coming?

By WALTER MEARS
AP Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore is only a bystander as President Clinton tries to cope with the case of the White House intern. But the vice president is said to be a core figure in the investigation of questions about Democratic fund-raising practices — and that could haunt him as he runs for a promotion in 2000.

Despite the Monica Lewinsky sex and cover-up investigation, Clinton is holding high in job-approval ratings. That is to Gore's advantage, since popular presidents almost invariably boost the prospects of their preferred successors. Let the president's standing sink, and it could turn that asset into an undertow. The accusations Clinton has weathered with denials could drag him down should special prosecutor Kenneth Starr bring a solid case against him.

That wouldn't involve Gore, short of the improbable possibility that Clinton could be forced from office and succeeded by the vice president. A sag in Clinton's standing wouldn't help his chosen successor in the next campaign. But it probably wouldn't undermine him unless the thriving economy sagged, too.

There's no such shelter in the fund-raising investigation, which involves illicit foreign contributions and tainted donations the Democrats had to return to donors. The Justice Department has 120 people on the case, and it may yet be turned over to a special prosecutor.

Either way, Gore's rivals in 2000 will try to make an issue of it.

FBI Director Louis Freeh, who recommended an independent counsel nine months ago, said the fund-raising investigation involves Gore, Clinton and associates of both.

The attorney general is considering an independent counsel to take it over. She decided against one in 1997, saying the Justice Department could deal with the case. It has been, with seven indictments to date.

Resisting a special prosecutor again, against the earlier advice from Freeh and now the recommendation of Charles LaBella, who's been running the Justice Department task force on the case, would be a doubly difficult call. James Desarno, lead FBI investigator on the task force, also said an independent counsel is needed.

To reject that would guarantee a bitter political backlash in Congress, where Republicans already have been demanding her resignation.

The Republican-run House Government Reform and Oversight Committee voted Thursday to have her held in contempt for refusing its subpoena for the Freeh and LaBella memos.

She said she is reviewing the case, and a new decision will take another three weeks or so.

After a review last fall, she decided against an independent counsel in fund-raising cases that would have included Gore's Democratic calls to donors from the White House. Gore said he'd done nothing wrong, but wouldn't do it again.

The attorney general said

then and now that she will decide on the basis of the law as she sees it and won't be influenced by politics.

Politics will be influenced by what she does. Republicans argue that the fund-raising investigation is made to order for an independent counsel because it involves the top figures in the administration, covered officials under the law involved and therefore a conflict of interest for the Justice Department.

Freeh explained his recommendation to the House committee on Tuesday:

"I would say generally that the subject matter of the investigation, both in 1997 and certainly now in 1998, involves a core group of individuals who, in my view, are indisputably covered persons, and that the nature of that inquiry revolved around those covered persons, their associates and what I believe are potential violations of federal law."

He said he meant that in "a much larger context than the White House."

Then this exchange: Rep. Dan Burton: "I don't know if you're going to want to answer this, but does that include the president and the vice president?" Freeh: "Yes, sir."

That points to the political risks Gore is likely to face in the next presidential campaign over Democratic fund-raising conduct in the last one.

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BRUCE TINSLEY



Bumper crop of ragweed expected

DALLAS (AP) — It's something to sneeze at. Drought and heat may take a toll on most crops, but ragweed can thrive in such conditions. And that spells trouble for allergy sufferers.

Microdata Inc., an environmental consulting firm, released a study this week that predicts that most of the southern United States will be inundated with pollen this fall.

This year's wet spring primed the soil for productivity, and warm temperatures during June and July — ragweed's major growing season — ensured that ragweed would prosper, said David Frenz, vice president and director of

research of the Minneapolis-based Microdata.

"Ragweed can really deal with the extremes better than cash crops," said Frenz. "You had every element in the mix for a bad season."

Frenz said this year probably will rival 1996 for the worst allergy season in recent memory. That year, a drought drove up pollen counts to unprecedented levels, he said.

"This equals if not exceeds it," Frenz said. "This may be the worst (allergy) forecast we've had to deliver to the South."

For the most part, this summer's heat has been good to allergy sufferers said Virginia

Morton, a registered nurse who treats allergy patients in Irving.

Summer's most prominent allergen — grass — has been less prevalent than in previous years because so much grass has died in the heat, she told The Dallas Morning News.

However, Ms. Morton said she is prepared for a bad autumn for allergies. Depending on how cold the winter is, the rough season may even last into December, she said.

"As it gets colder ... it (the pollen count) won't be as high, but you can still get a cough," Ms. Morton said. "It takes a lot to kill off a ragweed plant. It's a very strong plant."

Republic of Texas land sold at auction

EL PASO (AP) — The Republic of Texas "embassy," where armed group members engaged police in a standoff last year, is likely destined for demolition now that a conservation group has bought the land it sits on.

The Nature Conservancy of Texas was the high bidder this week for the 18-acre parcel in the Davis Mountains where Republic leader Richard McLaren launched his efforts to re-establish Texas as an independent nation.

The group's first priority will be to clean the land and find a way to deal with the Republic "embassy," a trailer attached to a crude cabin, James King, the conservancy's director of land protection, said Friday.

"I don't think the building is worth salvaging. We'll probably

remove it if we can," said King.

The land in the Davis Mountains Resort, a rugged rural community 175 miles southeast of El Paso, had been seized by the state as restitution for unpaid fines, King said. The Jeff Davis County Sheriff's Department auctioned it off Tuesday on the state's behalf.

The conservancy paid \$26,000, including \$1,300 in back taxes.

King said the conservancy's immediate plans are to manage the lot as a satellite to the group's 12,000-acre preserve on an adjacent ranch.

King said the main reason the group bought McLaren's property was that it offered access to remote sections of the preserve and will help prevent the trespassing that was all too common when the Republic was entrenched there.

An unintended consequence is that it is giving resort residents a chance to close the book symbolically on the Republic.

"It tickles me to death. I think it's poetic justice. I love it," said M.A. Rowe, one of two resort residents whose April 27, 1997, abduction by Republic militia touched off the weeklong standoff with scores of police.

"I can't even describe how that's going to be," she said. "It kind of finalizes everything. He's been out of here physically for some time, but to get anything that belongs to him out of here will be even better."

McLaren and several of his followers eventually surrendered May 3. McLaren is now serving a 99-year prison sentence after being convicted of an organized crime charge stemming from the kidnapping.

State begins Big Bend haze study

BIG BEND (AP) — The sky over Big Bend is not what it used to be.

Wind patterns crisscrossing South Texas are blowing in clouds of pollution and haze.

But scientists with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission said they can find out where these unwelcome clouds are coming from if they study the air above Big Bend.

The commission has started flights over the region with a special plane that monitors air masses traveling across Texas, the Gulf of Mexico and northern Mexico.

Ken Rozacky, project manager for aircraft monitoring in the state, said the flights will measure haze intensity, oxides, ozone readings, temperature, dew point and wind conditions.

Rozacky said studying the wind will help scientists determine where the pollutants are coming from. He said air pollution is rarely from one source.

Fran Sage, the chairman of the Big Bend Regional Sierra Club, said she would like to see more done about cleaning up the sky over South Texas.

"Mexico is meeting its own environmental laws, and that's what is required by NAFTA," Sage said. "I'd like to see both countries (Mexico and the United States) go beyond what

is required by law."

The Environmental Protection Agency is playing a part in the state's effort to study the haze. The airplane flights, which will last through September, are being financed by a \$218,000 EPA grant.

The EPA, along with state officials and the National Park Service, will have a public hearing on air quality Aug. 20 in Alpine, north of Big Bend National Park.

After the data from the study has been analyzed, state officials said they want to develop a plan to reduce emissions that are contributing to the haze, Pendleton said.

He said if part of the pollution is coming from Texas, the agency might look at additional controls on industrial sources or automobiles.

"We know some of the pollution Texas gets is from other states or from Mexico," Pendleton said. "Then we would work with the EPA to take whatever action needs to be taken."

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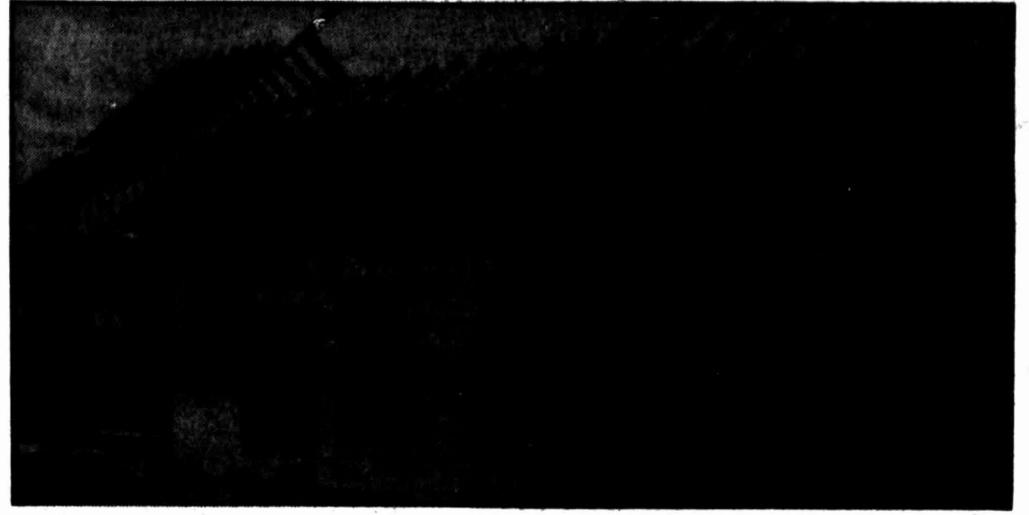
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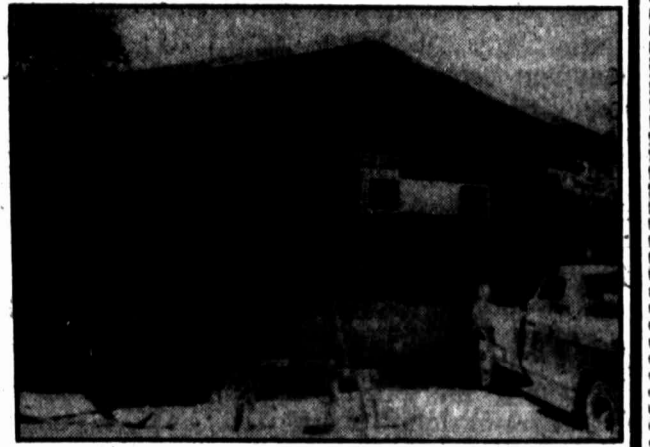
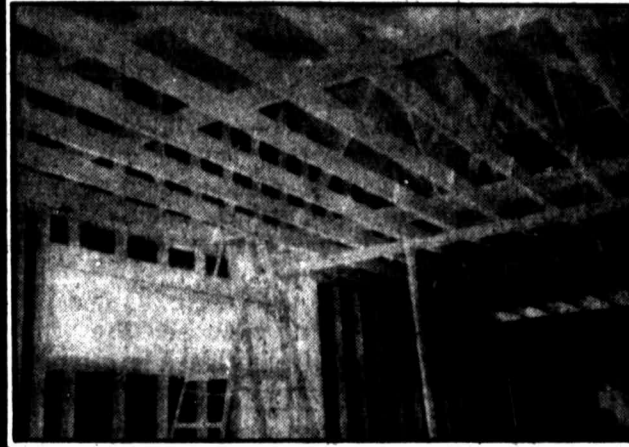
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Deep divisions evident as Methodists concerning gay 'marriages'

IRVING (AP) — Deep divisions within the United Methodist Church were evident Friday, as the church's top court considered whether to punish pastors who perform gay marriages.

A pastor who went on trial for marrying two lesbians told the nine-member court at a hearing in this Dallas suburb that the church's Social Principles — including one sentence prohibiting ministers from performing gay marriages — should be seen as guidelines, not law.

"It's not intended to be a straitjacket that forces unanimity and conformity," said the Rev. Jimmy Creech of Omaha, Neb. "Let the Social Principles speak to our heart, don't make them law."

But two church bishops argued that allowing ministers to ignore the Social Principles, which are part of church's law contained in its Book of

Discipline, would erode the church's authority.

"We believe that what is at stake is whether there is integrity in the United Methodist Church, the church that has a code," said Bruce Blake, a Methodist bishop from Dallas.

Blake and Louisiana bishop Dan Solomon said the Social Principles, which the church's legislative body approved, are just as important as the rest of the Book of Discipline, which spells out Methodist doctrine and laws.

"A prohibitive statement (against performing gay marriages) is a prohibitive statement," Blake said. He said if ministers are allowed to perform gay marriages, they will pick and choose which elements of church doctrine to obey.

The church's General Conference in 1996 adopted the controversial ban on performing gay marriages, which reads:

"Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our Churches."

The nine members of the court, known as the Judicial Council, listened to more than 90 minutes of debate that pitted Blake and Solomon against Creech and two others before going behind closed doors to consider the case. A church spokesman said a decision could come early next week.

The six-man, three-woman court consists of four lay people — all lawyers — and five clergy. They posed questions to advocates on both sides, most of which dealt with minutiae and gave little inkling of how court members will vote.

But Evelyn Caterson of Absecon, N.J., drew attention when she asked Blake whether pastors were required to remain silent during the many years the church prohibited ordaining

women ministers.

Blake said the answer is yes. If ministers disagree with church laws, he said, they should try to change them at the next legislative session, set for April 2000.

Methodists across the country are watching the debate over gay marriages closely. Experts said some individuals might quit the church, especially if the court doesn't take a hard line against gay weddings, but said large-scale defections are unlikely.

"The characteristic of Methodists is to talk things out," said Joseph Allen, a professor of ethics at Southern Methodist University. "Most Methodists, whatever their opinion of homosexual unions, are not inclined to divide the church down the middle over this issue. But some overwhelmingly conservative congregations might try to leave the church."

The Rev. Joe Florence, pastor of Casa Linda Methodist Church in Dallas, said if the court doesn't come out strongly against gay weddings, his congregation would begin to discuss leaving the church.

"Homosexuality isn't the biggest issue, it's the authority of Scripture where we are battling," he said, reciting Genesis in arguing against gay unions.

Creech, who was asked to leave a North Carolina church because of his advocacy on

behalf of gays, conducted a wedding last September in Omaha for two women who belonged to the First United Methodist Church. After controversy over the event grew, a church court tried Creech in March for disobedience. He was acquitted by one vote, but the Omaha church didn't renew him as pastor.

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Lawsuit hearing set for Monday as Waco tries to stiffen grad requirements

WACO (AP) — Plaintiffs hope a judge will rule on the Waco Independent School District's tough new promotion policy before classes begin Aug. 24.

State District Judge Alan Mayfield convenes a hearing Monday on the challenge to using TAAS to determine whether a student passes to the next grade.

The hearing, which could last several days, is to determine the merits of the case and the validity of the lawsuit.

"It is in the greatest interest of these plaintiffs that this trial be before the beginning of school," said plaintiffs' attorney Michael Roberts.

WISD instituted the new poli-

cy in the 1997-98 school year. It requires elementary and middle school students to score a combined average of 70 on the reading and math portions of the TAAS — or the Iowa Texas of Basic Skills for first- and second-graders. It also requires passing grades in all classes and 90 percent attendance.

About 2,150 students failed to meet the criteria at the end of the last school year. About 1,000 passed a six-week summer program and will be promoted.

McLennan County Commissioner Lester Gibson said all of the students held back because of the TAAS portion of the policy should be pro-

mo-
Gibson, his wife Coque, and three other parents have filed a lawsuit against the policy. They say the TAAS test is not meant to determine whether students are promoted.

"The TAAS test is an assessment tool," Gibson said. "It is to evaluate the 1,044 school districts (in Texas) to assess whether these school districts are teaching the required skills they need to have to go on to the next grade."

WISD said the extended year program reduced the first-through eighth-grade retention rate from 21.1 percent to 12 percent. There were about 16,000 students in the district last year.

Former DISD contractor found guilty in roofing repair kickback scheme

DALLAS (AP) — A former contractor for the Dallas Independent School District was convicted Friday in connection with kickbacks involving unperformed roofing repairs.

A federal court jury found William Morris Risby guilty of taking more than \$383,000 from the district during a three-year scheme to defraud the district, prosecutors said.

The 41-year-old Risby was convicted of 64 counts including conspiracy, embezzlement, engaging in kickbacks and money laundering.

Risby, owner and controller of Time Saving Construction, was indicted in March with James D. Hargrave, a former DISD inspector, after a year-long fed-

eral investigation of school district corruption.

Of the \$1.6 million that the district paid Time Saving for roof repairs from December 1993 through April 1997, work was not performed on \$383,070 of that total, according to the indictment.

Hargrave plead guilty in April. Risby was convicted of paying Hargrave approximately \$103,000 in kickbacks through third parties.

Risby could face up to 705 years in prison and fines of as much as \$17.5 million when he is sentenced.

In testimony Wednesday, Hargrave testified that he believes one current and two former district officials received kickbacks in a scheme

to charge the district for repairs that were never made.

Hargrave told the jurors he saw Risby give Michael Henderson, the former assistant superintendent for maintenance, an envelope similar to the one containing cash that he received.

"He said Risby told him he was paying kickbacks to Henderson, purchasing director Lester Mays and Matthew Hardin Jr., the former chief financial officer. All denied wrongdoing.

"FBI agents said they are looking to see if more money was stolen from the district.

"FBI agents are going to continue to follow the money," said Danny A. Defenbaugh, special agent in charge of the agency's Dallas division.

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This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Forsan City. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 11,724
Last year's debt taxes	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 11,724
Last year's tax base	\$ 3,503,226
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.3347 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 11,687
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 3,746,825
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.31191 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0- /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 11,687
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 3,746,825
- This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.31192 /\$100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.33687 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.33687 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	257,092

Schedule B
1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
None (expand as needed)	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total required for 1998 debt service				\$ -0-
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$
- Excess collections last year				\$
- State aid for facilities				\$
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998				\$
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1998				\$
- Total Debt Levy				\$

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex)

Name of person preparing this notice Kathy A Sayles RTA
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Judge orders Starr to face hearing over 'serious and repetitive' leaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Putting Kenneth Starr on the defensive at a critical time, a judge has ruled that "serious and repetitive" disclosures of secret grand jury evidence from his investigation warrant a hearing that could lead to penalties against prosecutors.

In court papers unsealed Friday, U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson said Starr's own comments to a magazine and statements he made to television cameras acknowledging one of her sealed rulings were evidence that he may have violated grand jury secrecy rules.

The judge also said evidence produced by President Clinton's lawyers, who first accused Starr of the leaks, was sufficient to suggest that others on the independent counsel's staff also may have disclosed information improperly.

Johnson noted Starr's aides in sworn affidavits "do not deny" they were the source of information for news articles. She

said prosecutors "too narrowly" interpreted the requirement that they keep grand jury evidence and proceedings secret.

Her ruling orders Starr and his staff to appear at hearing in which they must rebut the leak allegations to the judge's satisfaction or face penalties ranging from civil contempt of court to referral to the Justice Department for possible criminal charges.

"The court finds that the serious and repetitive nature of disclosures to the media of (secret evidence) strongly militates in favor of conducting a show cause hearing," Johnson wrote. She said she was leaving open the possibility of referring the prosecutors for criminal charges.

Starr said in a statement Friday that his office didn't violate grand jury secrecy rules and "we welcome the opportunity to demonstrate that fact to the district court."

Downplaying the significance of Johnson's ruling, Starr said

the threshold for ordering such a hearing is low because "the courts must presume that the media reports are entirely accurate." He suggested some of the leaks could have come from witnesses or lawyers who don't have to abide by the same secrecy requirements as prosecutors.

Nonetheless, the prospect of facing a hearing into the conduct of his own office couldn't come at a worse time. His four-year-old Whitewater investigation — dominated the last seven months by the Lewinsky case — is nearing a decision on whether to send Congress an impeachment report.

Anxious for weeks about the dramatic progress of Starr's investigation, the White House crowded about the prosecutor's new woes.

"For the first time in the 20-year history of the Independent Counsel Act, a federal court has found prima facie evidence of potential criminal wrongdoing by an independent counsel," spokesman James E. Kennedy

said. Clinton attorney David Kendall, whose complaint this spring prompted the leaks investigation, called for a "speedy and thorough" resolution.

"The endemic and casual disclosures of grand jury information which have characterized the past seven months of the OIC's investigation are highly unprofessional and utterly indefensible," Kendall said.

If prosecutors are found to have leaked grand jury information, they could face civil contempt of court penalties, criminal charges or professional reprimands that could include disbarment.

Johnson's ruling was made in secret on June 19, then described generally in news reports citing anonymous sources before it was finally made public Friday by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

The appeals court upheld Johnson's decision to have the hearing but gave Starr a small

victory by limiting the access of Clinton's attorneys to evidence that could tip off the president about the course of the investigation. The appeals court ruled Johnson should review such evidence in secret to decide if it should be disclosed.

In listing potential violations, Johnson cited statements Starr told reporters in front of his home last May in reaction to a secret ruling she had made on executive privilege. Starr called it "a magnificent ruling" shortly after word of the decision leaked out.

"The fact that information about the opinion had already been leaked at the time of Mr. Starr's comment in no way authorized him to make statements confirming or denying such leaks," she ruled.

She also cited comments Starr made in a magazine interview with editor Steven Brill that he and his top deputy, Jackie Bennett, speak to reporters on condition of anonymity.

In that article, Starr was quot-

ed as saying the secrecy rule does not prohibit prosecutors from discussing what witnesses tell them before they testify before the grand jury. The judge disagreed.

E. Lawrence Barcella, a former prosecutor and now a criminal defense lawyer, said Starr's justification for talking to the news media was not sufficient to warrant the disclosure of grand jury material.

"Starr's office's explanation that sometimes they talk to the press to counteract or blunt the energy of the White House spin machine doesn't matter. Prosecutors have special and different obligations than defendants," Barcella said.

Meanwhile, Julie Hiatt Steele said Friday night on CNN's "Larry King Live" show that she had been subpoenaed by Starr to appear a second time but was contesting the subpoena. She cast doubts on former White House employee Kathleen Willey's claim that Clinton groped her in 1993.

Master's degree latest accomplishment for 14-year-old Tennessee genius

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Michael Kearney entered the world ahead of schedule and hasn't slowed down. He started high school at 5, and by the time he was 10, was a college graduate and reporter for a TV show.

Now 14, he's receiving his master's degree in chemistry from Middle Tennessee State University today. His average: A-minus.

Not bad for a kid whose parents were told he might be "slow" because he was born prematurely.

"They told me not to expect much," said Cassidy Kearney, Michael's mom. "I don't know why doctors give those kind of predictions about children. I don't really think they know what

they're talking about." Michael, who plans to earn a doctorate and — no kidding — might try to become a game show host, sounds like a natural for the job when asked to describe how he feels about his latest accomplishment.

"I'm happy. I'm giddy. I'm spiffy," he said. "Everyone's sending me money, so I'm happy. It's not so much the graduation, it's the cash. The cold, hard cash."

Michael already has been a guest on a number of TV shows, including "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." He also was a reporter for the now-canceled syndicated show "Mike and Maty." In 1995, independent producers asked

him to be host of a trivia game show. A pilot was taped but the show never was picked up because network officials thought it awkward to have a child correct an adult, Mrs. Kearney said.

Michael, whose IQ is above 200, originally enrolled in MTSU as a mass communications major to prepare for a career in show business. He dropped it for chemistry when that sparked his interest more.

Michael's parents say they knew they had an unusual child when he started speaking at 4 months and reading at 8 months. But they didn't realize how unusual.

"We thought he would just get ahead a few grades," recalled his dad, Kevin.

Michael slept little as a small child, always searching for things to satisfy his curiosity. When he was 3, he took apart a TV to see how the people got inside. Although he was able to put some of it back together, his parents had to buy a new one.

During what normally would have been his preschool years, Michael's parents taught him advanced subjects. At 5, after his family moved to California, he enrolled in high school. He graduated a year later, then went to Santa Rosa Junior College.

He earned an associate's degree in geology at 8 and received his bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of South Alabama when he

was 10. The Kearneys moved to Alabama, then packed up for Murfreesboro, so Michael could attend Middle Tennessee State University.

School is the best outlet for Michael's boundless energy, his father said.

"The problem is we have to keep him busy. We had to find something for him to do because we couldn't live with him," he joked.

Michael excels in almost every subject, but his favorites are the sciences. He got his first B at Santa Rosa from an English teacher who couldn't believe Michael was capable of understanding the adult romances in literature, his father said.

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DNA: Using science to see if Clinton, Lewinsky are linked

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an effort to discover what makes each human unique, scientists unlocked a secret code that has convicted killers, identified the remains of the czar of Russia and may now threaten the president of the United States.

That code is DNA, a large molecule in human cells that includes the genetic information that makes each person who he is — tall or short, red-haired or blond, prone to early heart disease or to long life.

The chemicals that make up DNA — deoxyribonucleic acid — have so many possible combinations that, other than identical twins, no two people are the same. Thus, comparing samples of DNA allows scientists to say with an accuracy often approaching greater than one in billions — if they came from the same person.

Now, President Clinton may be faced with such a test as part of the investigation into whether he had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and then lied about it.

A stain on a dress owned by Ms. Lewinsky has been examined at the FBI laboratory to determine what the stain is and whether it contains DNA, a law enforcement source has said. If it does, officials may try to match it to DNA from Clinton, although the president has not been asked to provide a DNA sample.

A decade ago, attorneys often argued that DNA testing to compare samples was not valid. Such arguments are no longer common, though, because DNA testing has proven itself reliable.

Instead, attorneys often argue as O.J. Simpson's did in his murder trial — that the sample used, of blood or hair or semen,

has not been carefully guarded against contamination or tampering.

Whatever the stain is, technicians don't need much to conduct their tests.

"It can be a tiny speck," said Dr. Wayne W. Grody, director of the DNA Diagnostics Laboratory at the University of California, Los Angeles. "Theoretically you can do it with a single cell, but in practice we like to have a lot more." DNA is made up of four chemicals, called bases, which are like teeth in a zipper and arranged in a spiral.

The chemicals, abbreviated A, T, C and G, are arranged in pairs. A and T bind together. C and G bind together. DNA is composed of billions of these bases, their combinations unique to each person.

To do a DNA test, scientists take the evidence they have collected — such as semen — extract the DNA and determine the sequence of bases making up that DNA.

Analyzing the entire DNA molecule isn't possible — it has three billion chemical pairs — so labs commonly test specific segments where bases repeat in patterns that vary from person to person.

Then they compare those DNA sequences to the DNA of the person in question. Typically, Grody said, the DNA sample from an individual would come from blood "because you get nice clean DNA out of that." Comparisons can also be made using DNA from hair or saliva.

A semen stain on a dress could be damaged by dry cleaning, or by contamination from saliva or something picked up while hanging in a closet, said James E. Starrs, a forensic sci-

ence professor at George Washington University.

And if a man has had a vasectomy or, for some other reason doesn't produce sperm, that hurts the chance of obtaining enough DNA for testing. Seminal fluid alone does not contain DNA, unless it picks up stray cells from the lining of the ducts that carry the fluid. In such a case, the small amount of DNA would make a test much harder to do, Starrs said.

The first step in examining the dress would be to look at the stain under a special light to determine if it is semen, said Dr. Victor W. Weedn, a medical examiner for the Alabama Department of Forensic Science. Sperm do not live long outside the body, but the material would still be testable for DNA "probably for years," he said.

Next, lab technicians would study a scrap of the material under a microscope to see if sperm are present; if so, the material would be soaked in chemicals to extract the sperm. Then technicians would perform DNA tests on that sperm, Weedn said.

The result is one of two outcomes: If the DNA patterns do not match, the individual in question is not the source of the stain. If the samples do match, then scientists can provide a statistical likelihood that the stain came from a particular person.

Usually, tests seek seven or eight matches, though as many as 30 are tested in some cases. The more matches that occur, the stronger the evidence.

In the O.J. Simpson case, a blood stain from a sidewalk at the murder scene indicated a match to Simpson and to 1 of 180 million blacks in America,

said Mark D. Stolorow, director of operations for Cellmark Diagnostics in Germantown, Md., which did some of the DNA testing in the Simpson case.

"Since there are fewer than 180 million African-Americans,

the probability it originated from Mr. Simpson was very high," Stolorow said.

The FBI, however, does not state such statistical probabilities in its tests, Starrs said. Instead, the agency looks for matches of several markers. If it

finds them, it says the scientific probability is that the known and unknown samples came from the same source.

"It's a highly accurate technology, very powerful, despite the bad rap it got in the Simpson case," Grody said.

1998 Property Tax Rates in Big Spring City

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Big Spring City. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,909,646
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 564,093
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,473,739
Last year's tax base	\$ 405,531,032
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.61 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,462,426
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 408,405,600
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.60293 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 2,820,191
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 408,405,600
- This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.69054 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.74578 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.13013 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.87591 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.22247 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.65344 /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ /\$100

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operation Fund	348,091

Schedule B

1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Contractual Obligations 1991	\$ 25,000	\$ 3,188	\$ 0	\$ 28,188
General Obligations Bonds 1991	73,098	2,375	350	75,823
General Obligations Bonds 1993	125,000	111,319	200	236,519
General Obligations Refunding Bonds 1993	159,084	16,241	200	175,525
<i>(expand as needed)</i>				
Total required for 1998 debt service			\$ 516,055	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ -0-	
- Excess collections last year			\$ -0-	
- State aid for facilities			\$ -0-	
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998			\$ 516,055	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96 % of its taxes in 1998			\$ 21,502	
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 537,557	

Schedule C

Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities, and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 918,903 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex)

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Eudora e-mail security flaw that could open files to hacker repaired

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A security flaw that could enable a hacker to run data or plant a virus on computers that run the popular Eudora e-mail program was repaired Friday by the software manufacturer.

San Diego-based Qualcomm Inc. planned to make the repaired version available on its World Wide Web site by late Friday, two days after a Massachusetts company spotted the danger.

Qualcomm officials said in a statement that they were satisfied the problem no longer existed, but Matthew Parks, manager of the company's Eudora line, said no program is 100 percent safe.

"There are a lot of malicious people who are attempting to do this, whether it's the challenge to break something or if they have other intentions in mind," he said of software hackers.

Massachusetts-based Phar Lap Software, which uses the

Eudora software, stumbled onto the vulnerability Wednesday, Parks said.

The problem was discovered about a week after flaws were revealed in two other popular e-mail programs: Microsoft's Outlook and Netscape's Mail program.

The Eudora problem was different, but "the potential for damage was the same," Parks said.

"But it was not exploited," he said. "We've had no reports of damage."

The flaw would have allowed someone to send Eudora users e-mail with coding that could erase files on the recipient's hard disk or plant a virus.

It could have been triggered when the user clicked on a Web address to go to another Web page. Instead of going to the Web page, the click could have started up a program planted by a hacker.

A small program, called a

patch, was expected to be made available on the company's Website by 5 p.m. to fix the problem.

Eudora is one of the most widely used e-mail programs with about 18 million copies in circulation. An estimated half-million users were potentially affected by the flaw. They are users of Eudora Pro 4.0 and 4.0.1 and 4.1. It is present in the Windows version, but not the Macintosh version. Earlier versions of Eudora are not affected.

Last week, researchers announced a similar problem in the Microsoft and Netscape mail programs. Both companies now offer programming that users can download to fix the problem.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Qualcomm has set up the following Web address to handle the Eudora security problems: <http://eudora.qualcomm.com/security.html>

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Rescuers dig for survivors of bombings at U.S. embassies in Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Spurred by cries for help, rescue workers used backhoes and bare hands today to free people trapped under mangled steel and concrete shattered by two terrorist bombings at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

The death toll rose to at least 107 by Saturday morning. "Help me, help me. I have gone now," gasped the latest victim, a Kenyan man buried in rubble, just before he died.

Just a few minutes apart, the suspected car bombings 450 miles from each other Friday turned busy streets in two African capitals into bloody piles of concrete and knots of steel.

The number of injured topped 2,212. At least eight Americans died in Kenya, U.S. Embassy spokesman Chris Scharf said. The State Department said a child was among those killed and five other Americans were missing.

More than two dozen FBI agents and bomb examiners boarded U.S. military flights for Africa within hours of the bombings to investigate.

"Our top priority at the scene is to determine the kind of

explosive device that was used and the kind of vehicle that carried it there," FBI spokesman Frank Scafidi said in Washington. "Knowing the kind of explosive and vehicle can be like a fingerprint of who did it."

No one has claimed responsibility for the attacks. "This appears to have been a very well-coordinated, very well-planned attack — clearly not the work of amateurs," National Security Council spokesman P.J. Crowley said in Washington.

As dawn broke under a drizzle in Nairobi today, rescuers could hear at least three people calling out from inside a debris-choked elevator shaft, plus a fourth person trapped nearby.

"It is horrific to hear moaning, sighs and whimpers from under the rubble when we can do so little to reach victims quickly," Red Cross spokeswoman Nina Galbe said.

The number of deaths in Kenya had reached "more than 100, that's for sure," she said.

The Kenyan government declared five days of mourning today.

The blast in Nairobi sent a crowded building toppling toward the embassy and a street

packed with cars, trucks and buses. At least 75 people were killed and 1,643 wounded there, Red Cross and ambulance officials said.

More dead were expected to be found as debris is cleared.

Almost simultaneously, the U.S. Embassy in the Tanzanian capital, Dar es Salaam, was shattered by an explosion in an adjacent parking lot. At least seven people were killed and 72 hurt, officials said. It was not clear which bombing occurred first.

No Americans were believed killed in Dar es Salaam.

Car bombs were believed to have caused both blasts, Kenyan and Tanzanian officials said.

After an hourlong rescue effort in Nairobi, one person was pulled alive from the wreckage to cheers from the gathered crowd.

But another rescue attempt ended tragically.

Kenyan Sgt. David Kambi, an army engineer, said he struggled for four hours to free a 40-year-old man named Gitau whose chest was weighed down by a slab of concrete.

"I told him, 'Gitau we're going to help you,'" Kambi said. He

pleaded for help twice, then died, the officer said.

In Washington, President Clinton said the United States would bring the terrorists to justice "no matter what or how long it takes."

The United States rushed medical supplies and investigators to both countries as governments throughout the world condemned the bombings and offered help.

The bombings were the first major international terror attacks against the United States since a June 25, 1996, truck bomb outside a housing complex in Saudi Arabia killed 19 Americans. More than 500 people were injured.

Friday's blast in Kenya damaged at least 53 buildings, severed phone and power lines, shattered windows as far as 10 blocks away, and sent black smoke into the sky. Bloodied clothing and papers lay scattered around.

Bodies dangled out of windows in a charred bus as crumpled cars smoldered nearby. Police helicopters hovered, some evacuating the seriously injured.

In Dar es Salaam, cranes gingerly peeled away layers of

wreckage searching for survivors.

Officials in the United States, Kenya and Tanzania refused to speculate on responsibility.

A group calling itself the Army for the Liberation of Islamic Shrines claimed responsibility in a phone call to the Cairo, Egypt, office of Al-Hayat, a daily Arabic language newspaper published in London, the newspaper reported today.

Another group, calling itself the Islamic Jihad, vowed last week to strike American interests because some of its members were arrested in Albania, according to a report Thursday in Al-Hayat.

Several groups use the name Islamic Jihad. This one is considered the successor to groups that assassinated Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in 1981.

One suspected terrorist being examined in the wake of the explosions is exiled Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden, U.S. officials said. Bin Laden has threatened a holy war against U.S.

troops and Americans.

He also is suspected of backing other terrorist acts including the 1996 attack in Saudi Arabia.

A man was seen being taken into custody at the Nairobi bombing scene. Police would not comment. His connection, if any, to the bombings was not known.

Security was tightened at other U.S. embassies worldwide.

The U.S. ambassador to Kenya, Prudence Bushnell, was cut on the lip. The newly confirmed ambassador to Tanzania, Charles Stith, had not yet arrived in the country.

Neither country has a history of international terrorist attacks. Both embassies were considered low risk, perhaps making them attractive targets.

Compared with other African countries, foreigners can enter and leave Kenya and Tanzania with relative ease, possibly making it easier for terrorists to attack.

Congo president Kabila seeks support from African leaders as Tutsi rebellion spreads toward capital

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Tutsi fighters ignored diplomatic efforts to end their rebellion in eastern Congo today and vowed to push toward the capital in their war against President Laurent Kabila.

Having already captured several key cities in the Kivu region in eastern Congo, near the border with Rwanda, the rebels announced a new set of targets in western Congo, which would position them within 150 miles of the capital, Kinshasa.

"We want to remove President Kabila from power for the interest of the people because he failed to rule them," rebel-run Radio Bukavu said.

Meanwhile, Kabila was meeting with regional heads of state in nearby Zimbabwe today to seek support for his troubled 14-month-old regime.

Within hours of his departure Friday, Kabila's troops rampaged through parts of Kinshasa, looting shops and harassing ethnic Tutsis. Tutsis are leading the fight to topple Kabila.

"In the army the soldiers are very unhappy," said a senior police commander with the city's intelligence branch. The officer, who patrolled the streets to stop the looting, spoke

on condition of anonymity.

Troops who weren't stealing from stores or pestering civilians roamed the streets questioning pedestrians and manned checkpoints at intersections.

Kabila's decision to travel to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe — for a hastily called meeting of seven regional heads of state to discuss the crisis in Congo — comes just days after renegade troops waged gun battles in two army barracks on Kinshasa's west side.

But Kabila was served a warning by neighboring Rwanda, which Congo has accused of inciting the emerging rebellion and has threatened with attack: Rwandan President Pasteur Bizimungu declared Friday that his country will "hit back" if Congo strikes.

Rwanda on Friday denied involvement in Congo's uprising, saying Kabila's accusations were an effort to find a scapegoat for disenchantment with his government.

Rwanda and Congolese Tutsi fighters, called Banyamulenge, backed Kabila last year in his eight-month march across Congo and in the ouster of dictator Mobutu Sese Seko, but they have since grown disaffected. Among other things, the fighters accuse Kabila of failing to contain Rwandan Hutu rebels launching attacks from inside Congo.

The rebellion against Kabila took a violent turn this week. In Congo's eastern region of Kivu, the rebels have been pushing

into the interior from the Rwandan border, capturing several key towns. On the other side of the country, rebels appear to be marching inland toward Kinshasa from Kitona, a small village and military camp near the Atlantic coast.

In Geneva, the United Nations human rights agency condemned the attacks on Tutsi neighborhoods in Congo and urged Kabila to provide better security in Kinshasa.

The State Department expressed similar concern. Speaking in Washington, spokesman James Foley said reports from the Congo suggest that Tutsis and possibly civilians of other ethnicities in Kinshasa "are being rounded up, detained, beaten, tortured, and killed because of their ethnicity."

The apparent revenge attacks on Tutsis reflect a growing instability in Kinshasa and elsewhere in Congo amid displeasure with Kabila's rule, which critics say is marked by corruption and mismanagement. The United States and several European countries have told their citizens to avoid traveling to the central African country.

The disintegrating situation in Congo is a dramatic turn for Kabila, who was hailed as a hero when he took over the country last year. His presidency and government faltering, Kabila earlier Friday traveled to his former rebel base of Lubumbashi, where he hoped to recapture some of that past

glory — and some sorely needed backing.

In Lubumbashi, he met South African diplomats, according to South Africa's public SABC television. Congo officials would not allow foreign journalists to witness the talks.

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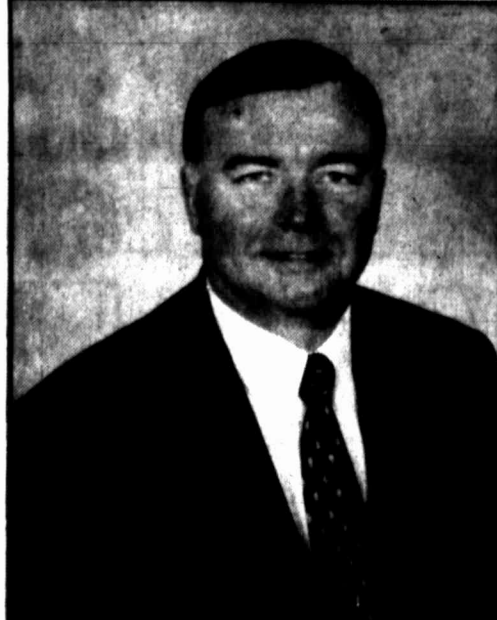
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Britain seized assets in pre-state Israel, according to politician


LONDON (AP) — Britain seized assets from Jews in pre-state Israel during World War II that would now be worth an estimated \$600 million, a newspaper has reported.

Before and during the Holocaust, many European Jews transferred money to Palestinian banks, Yona Yahav, chairman of the Israeli Parliament's banking subcommittee, was quoted Friday by the London-based Jewish Chronicle as saying.

The newspaper reported that Britain seized the funds under its 1939 Trading with the Enemy Act because many Jews who transferred assets to Palestine banks were citizens of Germany and Italy, which were at war with Britain.

Yahav said the amount seized would be worth \$600 million today.

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Disarmament before sanctions, Butler says, but UN bosses may differ

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The chief U.N. weapons inspector insisted Friday that sanctions against Iraq won't end until the nation disarms completely — even though one of his bosses suggested progress alone may be enough.

Richard Butler said he understands the frustration and desperation of the Iraqis after eight years of debilitating trade sanctions. He said he backs Secretary-General Kofi Annan's initiative for a "comprehensive review" of the international community's relationship with Iraq.

But first the Iraqis must disarm, he told The Associated Press in his office at U.N. headquarters in New York.

"The key to getting out of sanctions is to yield the weapons, is disarmament...but the withholding of the weapons from us, against the law, actu-

ally suggests that they have another interest, which is to retain some weapons capability," Butler said.

Butler's comments came a day after the 15-member Security Council — where he has faced criticism in the past — unanimously denounced an Iraqi decision freezing contacts with his inspectors as "totally unacceptable."

The current Security Council president, Danilo Turk, agreed that sanctions were firmly in place — for now. But he noted that the Council had eased sanctions in other cases, and could consider doing so in Iraq's case as well.

"If Butler reports in let's say a month or two, significant progress, I wouldn't exclude significant discussion on (alleviating sanctions)," said Turk, the Slovene delegate to the council.

The Security Council statement was, on the face of it, a show of unity rare in recent months — but it failed to name any consequences, which Turk suggested was the result of an erosion of support for the sanctions.

"Sanctions are not as fashionable as they were," he said. "In the membership, there is a lot of opposition to the idea of sanctions in general."

Iraq sought to put a positive spin on the dispute, with official newspapers focusing on Annan's comments recognizing Iraq's frustrations with economic sanctions.

Two Iraqi newspapers — the only ones printed Friday, the Muslim sabbath — did not even report the Security Council statement, instead focusing on Annan's calls on Thursday to "engage" the Iraqis more closely.

Al-Thawra and Al-Iraq said Iraq

informed the Security Council about its "legal stand" and complained about the U.N. Special Commission's "tricks."

Two of the council's permanent members, France and Russia, have pending financial interests in Iraq and are anxious for an end to sanctions.

Talks with Iraq broke down Monday, when Butler refused to certify that Iraq has destroyed all of its weapons of mass destruction. Butler is the head of the U.N. Special Commission, which monitors chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles.

On Thursday, Iraq told weapons inspectors that they cannot check new sites.

Iraq says that the inspectors' questions have become "trivial" and are a ploy to extend the sanctions, at the behest of the United States.

Butler said that was "thoroughly dishonest."

"We were verifying, those questions were our attempt to try and prove (Iraqi claims) true — actually we were trying to be helpful," the former Australian U.N. envoy said in his office, where he keeps a dismantled Iraqi scud missile guiding system on a mantle.

Iraq also banned surprise inspections by the U.N. agency that conducts nuclear inspections, the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency.

David Kyd, a spokesman for the IAEA, said Iraq's new restrictions will make it difficult if not impossible for nuclear experts to determine whether Baghdad has revived its secret program to build nuclear weapons, a U.N. spokesman said Friday.

Talihan forces claim capture of last major opposition stronghold in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's Taliban militia said it captured the city of Mazar-e-Sharif Saturday, the last major prize in its war against a fractious northern alliance.

The report could not be immediately confirmed. A spokesman for the opposition alliance said there was fierce fighting near the city, but that the Taliban religious army had been unable to enter.

The fall of Mazar-e-Sharif would be a major blow to an opposition pushed to a shrinking corner of northern Afghanistan, and would give the Taliban control of virtually the whole country.

Taliban spokesman Abdul Ramana Hutaki said opponents retreated south of Mazar-e-Sharif to Bamyan Province after the Taliban attacked from the west early today. Taliban troops also had been poised east

of Mazar-e-Sharif.

Hutaki said the entire city was under Taliban control. However, Abdul Rahof, another Taliban official, said both sides were still battling for the airport. Neither had details on casualties or the number of prisoners taken.

Taliban fighters briefly held Mazar-e-Sharif last May, retreating after street battles that left several hundred Taliban soldiers dead. It is believed as many as 2,000 Taliban prisoners of war were later massacred.

Abdullah, a spokesman for the anti-Taliban alliance reached in Paris, said he had reports of major fighting around Mazar-e-Sharif, but said his forces repulsed the Taliban attack. Abdullah, like many Afghans, uses only one name.

The Islamic Republic News Agency in Iran, which had reported a Taliban victory even

before Taliban officials claimed it, described a dramatic battle for the city.

"Continuous explosions are being heard in the city and there are sporadic acts of resistance in the streets," IRNA reported from Mazar-e-Sharif. "Various districts are burning and a large number of houses have been destroyed."

In Iran, which has backed the anti-Taliban coalition, Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi called on the Taliban to protect staff at the Iranian consulate in Mazar-e-Sharif.

Sources in Mazar-e-Sharif, who refused to be named, said the city was heavily bombed and a heavy exchange of rocket and shell fire could be heard. Residents took shelter in basements.

The anti-Taliban alliance has been under heavy pressure since the Taliban captured its stronghold of Shebergan, about

60 miles west of Mazar-e-Sharif, on Sunday.

The Taliban army has imposed a strict version of Islamic law in territory it controls. Since capturing Kabul in 1996, Taliban officials have barred girls from school, confined most women to their homes, forbade all music except religious songs and banned anything published outside Afghanistan.

The anti-Taliban coalition is mostly made up of Afghanistan's minority ethnic and religious groups, factions that sometimes fight each other as well as the Taliban army.

In Washington, the State Department expressed deep concern Friday over the sharp escalation in the fighting in Afghanistan. Spokesman James Foley urged all Afghan parties to cease hostilities immediately and enter into a political dialogue.

China anxiously waits for possible flood diversion

BEIJING (AP) — Flood workers struggled Saturday to plug a major breach along China's raging Yangtze River, while final preparations were made to safeguard cities by deliberately inundating the land and homes of hundreds of thousands of people if the river keeps rising.

About 330,000 people had been evacuated from an area in central Hubei province that would be flooded if the government

Serb war crime suspect fatally shot in drunken brawl

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A war crimes suspect wanted by the U.N. tribunal for atrocities allegedly committed during the Bosnian war died in a bar brawl in Serbia, sources said today.

Slobodan Miljkovic, also known by his nom de guerre, Lugar, died in a drunken brawl late Friday in his hometown of Kragujevac, 60 miles southeast of Belgrade, a police source said on condition of anonymity.

Miljkovic was indicted by the U.N. War Crimes tribunal at The Hague for allegedly participating in mass killings in the northeastern Bosnian town of Bosanski Samac in 1992. He was also wanted on three counts of individual murder and numerous beatings.

Known as a thug and shady underworld figure before the war, Miljkovic returned to Serbia after the war because authorities in Belgrade were not willing to extradite him.

According to local radio reports, Miljkovic and a friend started a violent brawl in a bar when the bar owner, an expoliceman, tried to stop them from molesting a waitress.

Miljkovic, his friend and the bar owner were all fatally shot in the fight and several others were wounded, the report said.

In March, Miljkovic proclaimed his innocence and blamed the war on politicians.

"The war is over and we are declared war criminals. What about those who sent me there?" Miljkovic said. "They pushed us into war, they explained to us the goals and aims. And now we are war criminals and they are still in their positions."

get the last-ditch order to dynamite dikes to divert water away from the Yangtze and protect its weakened embankments downstream, officials said.

Those embankments protect rich farmland and cities, including Wuhan with 7 million people, but threaten to give way after weeks of torrential rain and record-high waters. Officials fear a flood crest surging down the river could cause them to collapse.

One such levee partially collapsed Friday in the southeastern city of Jiujiang, releasing a torrent of water that was nearly 7 feet deep in parts of the city of 500,000 people. Residents were urged to evacuate.

Disaster workers sank eight boats to try to plug the 130-foot-wide breach, Xinhua said. If they can overcome shortages of filling materials, officials expected to stop the leak in about 24 hours, Xinhua said.

Among the plugging materials used were stone, coal, rice, sand and soybeans, and more than 30,000 soldiers and civilians were working to build dams to stop the water, it said.

To take the pressure off the Yangtze embankments, preparations were in place to dynamite dikes and open floodgates to divert waters into Hubei's Jingjiang flood plain. The area was evacuated earlier, but the move still would require the approval of China's State Council, or Cabinet.

The Jingjiang flood diversion area has not been used since 1954, when floods killed more than 30,000 people.

Military police and soldiers were combing the area today to move out those who were reluctant to leave, said a local flood official, who gave his surname, Tian.

For the order for deliberate flooding to be given, water lev-

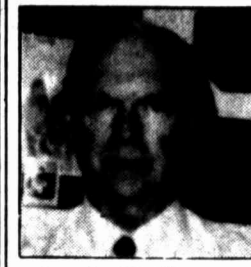
els on the Yangtze would have to reach the record high of 148.5 feet at Shashi city, just north of the area that would be flooded, Xinhua reported.

As the flood crest passed the city early Saturday, the river peaked just two inches shy of the mark that could trigger the order, Xinhua said. It was the fourth crest of the summer floods, and officials said the danger wasn't over.

The Yangtze had not reached the high-water mark as expected because two smaller, secondary dikes downstream burst unexpectedly Saturday, lowering the river's water level, it said.

So far this year, more than 2,000 people have died in summer floods that began in June and have affected 240 million people, a fifth of the population, to varying degrees. The death toll continues to rise as reports are received from flooded areas.

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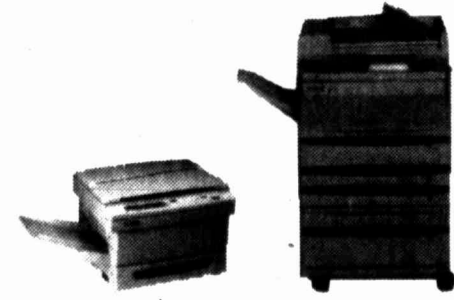
Dr. Sue Fisher of Stanton, Texas has announced
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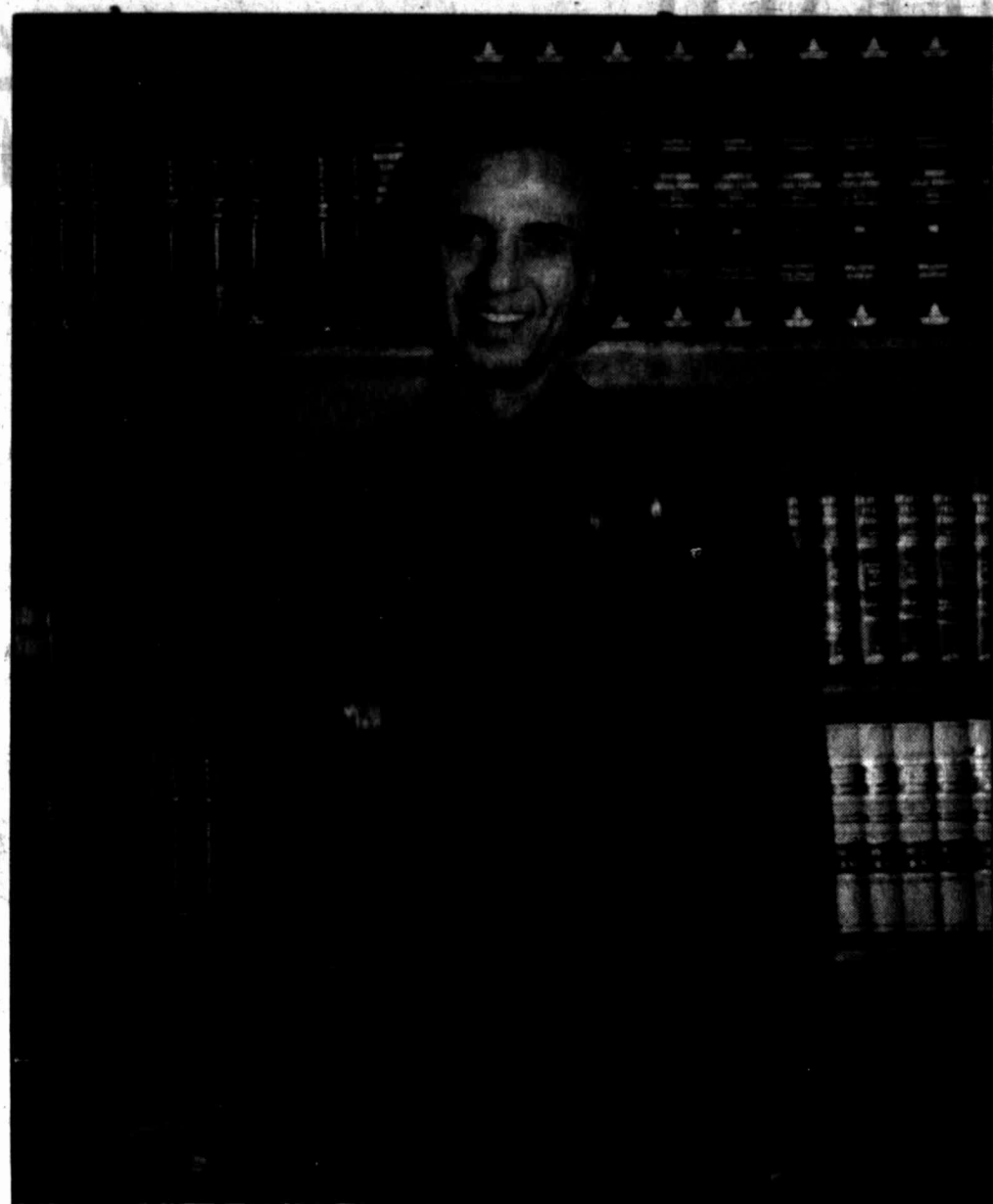
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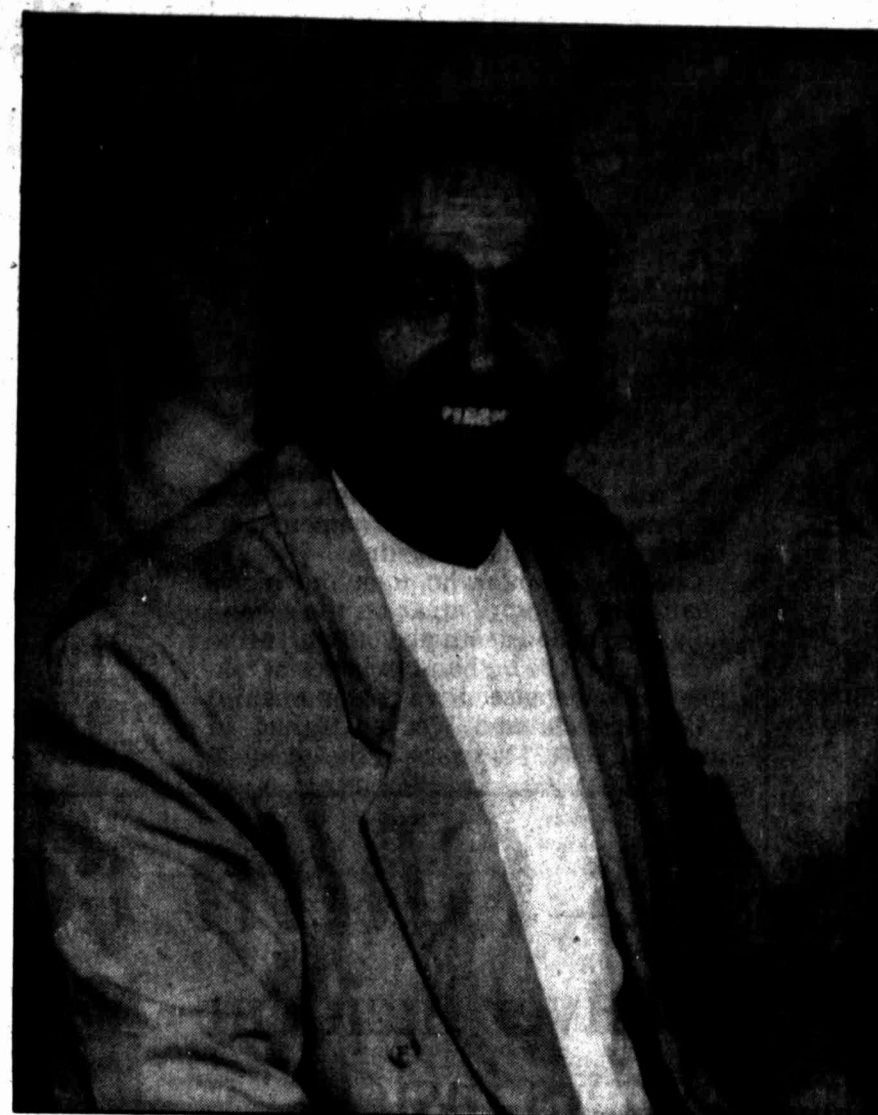
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IN BRIEF

Soccer association sets registration dates at mall

The Big Spring Soccer Association will conduct fall registration from Aug. 15-22 at the Big Spring Mall. The registration booth will be open each day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

BSHS season tickets currently on sale

Season tickets for Big Spring High School's five home games are currently on sale to previous season ticket holders at the school's administrative offices through Aug. 16.

The \$20 ticket packages will go on sale to the general public on Aug. 17 and continue through Sept. 4.

Sales will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, call Iris Thayer at 264-3640.

Herald seeking stringers for fall football coverage

The Herald is currently seeking writers and photographers interested in working as correspondents during the high school football season.

Correspondents and stringer photographers will be assigned to cover area teams on Friday nights.

For more information, call sports editor John A. Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 233.

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.

For more information, call the CRMWD at 267-6341.

City golf championship scheduled for Aug. 15-16

The Big Spring Herald City Golf Championship tournament has been slated for Aug. 15-16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees are \$35 per person and players must be registered no later than 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13. The tournament is open to all players from Howard County and adjoining counties.

For more information call the Comanche Trail pro shop at 264-2366.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

AUTO RACING

Noon — NASCAR Winston Cup Bud at the Glen, ESPN, Ch. 30.

3 p.m. — CART FedEx Championship Series Miller 200, ABC, Ch. 2.

BASEBALL

1:30 p.m. — Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.

7 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7:30 p.m. — Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers, Big Spring Cable TV Channel 98.

BASKETBALL

3 p.m. — WNBA Los Angeles Sparks at Washington Mystics, NBC, Ch. 9.

FOOTBALL

12:30 a.m. — NFL Preseason, Oakland Raiders at Dallas Cowboys, delayed tape, FXS, Ch. 29.

GOLF

1:30 p.m., Senior British Open, final round, ABC, Ch. 2.
3 p.m. — PGA Buick Open, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.

TENNIS

3 p.m. — ATP du Maurier Open, final, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Garcia, other champs, expected to defend city golf titles

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

If this year's Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships proved to be as competitive and exciting as they last August, the Comanche Trail Golf Course will definitely be the place to be Saturday and Sunday.

All five of last year's division champions are expected to return to defend their titles when the tournament gets under way Saturday morning.

Charlie Garcia, who took the men's championship with a par on the second hole of a sudden death playoff with Mike Weaver, will be on hand in hopes of taking a second consecutive championship.

Both Garcia and Weaver turned in identical 70-68, 138 scores at the end of 36

regulation holes last year and both parred the first playoff hole before an errant tee shot robbed Weaver of a chance on the second.

Weaver is also expected to enter the tournament, as is former champion Felix "Flea" Martinez who finished third a year ago with what was perhaps the most spectacular shot of the tournament — holing an eagle chip from 40 yards out on the fourth hole of a playoff with Doc Dimidjian.

Women's champion Susie Hernandez, who rallied from a three-stroke deficit on the second day to take a one-stroke win over Joan Daniel, will be on hand to defend the title.

Daniel will also be playing, her 81-86, 167 fell just short in the women's championship flight last year, but it was

enough to edge out Patsy Sharpnack for the senior women's division title.

Men's seniors division champion Royce Cox, who finished with a 67-75, 142 for a nine-stroke win over Jim Roger last year, will defend that title, while Riley Wyatt, who won the men's super seniors title with an 78-75, 153, is also expected to be on hand to contend for that title again.

Comanche Trail course superintendent Jack Birdwell has announced a number of administrative changes for this year's championships, however.

First among the changes is that those playing in the seniors divisions will not have to pay doubled entry fees if they plan to compete in the open division as well.

However, Birdwell explained that

while seniors and super seniors division players may compete for the open championship and pay just one \$35 fee, they will receive just one winner's prize should they win both divisions.

A women's super seniors division be contested for the first time this year, as well.

Birdwell also noted that Saturday's opening round of the tournament will have players grouped into five or six divisions based on their handicap.

Following 18 holes of play, the field will be flighted based on first round scores.

"That doesn't preclude anyone from declaring from the outset that they want to compete in the championship flight,"

See TOURNEY, page 13A

Is Chan really in charge?

Mclver incident offers insight on Jones, Gailey

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — It was supposed to be the best day of training camp for the Dallas Cowboys: family night.

Two air-conditioned buses brought family and friends from Dallas to Wichita Falls for an evening with the players after practice. There was barbecue and music and a family atmosphere, just like coach Chan Gailey saw done when he was an assistant in Pittsburgh and hoped to duplicate with his new team.

But later that night something went wrong in the dorm rooms at Midwestern State University — something that would show the new coach where his authority ends and how much control owner Jerry Jones still wields over the Cowboys.

The details are sketchy, but this much is known: Guard Everett Mclver's neck was cut, deeply enough to keep him out of the preseason opener a few nights later, plus the next several days of practice.

Jones, who hired Calvin Hill last year to help clean up the club's public image, decreed little would be said about the matter.

He allowed Gailey to say there had been "horseplay" and that Mclver, a free agent from Miami, didn't start it.

Gailey had to awkwardly fend off questions about what started the "horseplay" and who else was involved.

"We're handling it in-house," Gailey would say sternly. "I don't have any further comment," Gailey would say time and again.

Asked if the shelf life of the story surprised him, Gailey said five days after the incident, "That's up to you," meaning the media.

"We've said all we're going to say about this," Jones would say, leaving unanswered 20 or more questions about an injured player who had signed a five-year, \$9.5 million contract.

Mclver would say nothing about it.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram later identified Michael Irvin, who has had his brushes with the law, as one of the culprits in an incident involving scissors.

"Leave it alone, man," Irvin would say.



Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, shown here in this Associated Press file photograph with former head coach Jimmy Johnson, still calls the shots with the Cowboys, and last week's incident involving several players and guard Everett Mclver, makes that clear. Unlike Johnson, however, new coach Chan Gailey says that's no problem for him.

Then Dallas television station WFAA identified linebacker Dexter Coakley and defensive end Kavika Pittman as part of the dormitory roughhousing. No comment from them either.

The story won't die for Gailey, a disciplinarian who has brought back a work ethic to the Cowboys after a 6-10 season.

The handling of the incident raises many specific questions, but it answers a much more general one — whether Gailey or Jones is running the team.

"There is no question he (Jones) is the boss," Gailey told The Associated Press several days before the incident. "He owns

the team. He's the general manager, and he wants to be involved. He hired me to run a part of his business."

Jones has had his successes, winning three Super Bowls in the 1990s under two different coaches. There also has been the shame of off-field incidents that have made the Cowboys the butt of many jokes.

Gailey is billed as the guy who can bring back the winning without the scandals.

So far, players have taken to Gailey, his new offense and his passion for doing things correctly on the playing field.

See COWBOYS, page 13A

Mayfair, Stricker share one-stroke lead in Buick Open

GRAND BLANC, Mich. (AP) — The sun came out, the wind picked up, and Tiger started to prowl.

In other words, conditions were just about right to set up a big finish at the Buick Open.

Billy Mayfair and Steve Stricker made major moves Saturday to get past struggling Brandel Chamblee and shared a one-stroke lead after three rounds.

"It feels good," said Stricker, winless on the PGA Tour since

two triumphs in 1996. "It's been a while since I've been in this position, but I still remember how it feels, so I'm looking forward to the final round."

Mayfair, finishing his second PGA Tour win of the season, shot a 7-under-par 65 while Stricker shot a 68 to tie at 12-under 204 at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club.

Chamblee, a journeyman seeking his first tour win, shot a 72 to fall into a tie with defending champion Vijay

Singh (67) and Phil Blackmar (70).

Lurking only three strokes off the lead was Tiger Woods, who finally found his game on the back nine.

"No one is out here to beat Tiger," Mayfair said. "They are out here to play the best they can."

A day of sun and wind made play more difficult for some on the 7,105-yard course which had been softened by two nights of heavy rain. But it made things

just about right for the long-hitting Woods who is tuning up for the PGA Championship next week at Redmond, Wash.

Woods, with a 69, moved into a tie for third with eight others at 207.

"I'm right there," said Woods, who finished third at the British Open last month in his last start. "It's not a bad spot to be in. I'm pleased with some of the improvements I've made."

Mayfair did just about everything right on the front side.

See TECH, page 14A

New coaches at Garden City, Rankin give 7-1A new look

A couple of late in the year head coaching changes will give District 7-1A a little different look this fall.

Dennis Bryant is gone as the head coach at Garden City, having taken the job as defensive ends coach at Midland Lee, replacing Greg McClendon who's taken the head coaching post at Midland Christian. And Greg Althof is no longer in Rankin, having taken the head coach's job in Nocona.

Mike Meek, who's guided Garden City's Lady Bearcats to the playoffs for the past two seasons in girls' basketball, has been hired to replace Bryant.

Of course, Meek is no stranger to foot-

ball coaching. Until taking the girls' basketball job two years ago, he was the Bearcats' defensive coordinator.

Meek, who was hired by the Glasscock County ISD board in June, did admit to being unaccustomed to all the responsibilities as two-a-day workouts began last week. It is his first time to head up a football program.

In fact, Meek said he really hadn't thought about returning to football coaching until the job became available. "I didn't really think about it until it came open," he said.

Although Bryant is gone, the remainder of Garden City's football staff remains intact, giving stability to a young Bearcat team that went 4-6 last season.

"I've known these guys for a while, so it's no big deal," Meek said of his assistants. "I've got a good staff and I think we'll do a good job."

Unlike Meek, however, Mickey Owens

is in a somewhat different position as he takes over the Rankin job after having served as linebackers coach at Odessa High School for the past two years.

Althof took his staff with him to Nocona, meaning Owens spent much of the summer scrambling to lure assistants to the Red Devils program after having been hired in May.

After having been a part of the Broncos trip to the Class 5A quarterfinals last year, Owens said perhaps the biggest change for him will be getting used to working at the Class 1A level.

"I haven't really experienced a season at this level before," he explained. "But I don't have to worry about bringing any tradition here. Rankin has always had a winning program. Hopefully, like at Odessa High, we can carry it a step further."

It's been a busy summer for Big

Spring's Annie McKinnon.

In addition to her working as a life guard at the West Texas Girl Scouts camp for two months in Alpine, she recently returned from the GirlSports National Sports Event at Converse College in South Carolina.

"It seems like I've spent the entire summer traveling," McKinnon said while taking a break from weight training at the Big Spring High School athletic training center. "But I had a great time in South Carolina. It was a tremendous opportunity to meet with people I wouldn't ordinarily get to meet. On top of that, I learned a lot from some of the best women athletes in the country."

McKinnon, who saw limited action with the Lady Steers varsity basketball team last season when she was moved up from the junior varsity midway

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JOHN A. MOSELEY

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ANAHIM ANGELS—Acquired RHP Jeff Juden from the Milwaukee Brewers for a player to be named and cash.
BOSTON RED SOX—Designated of Keith Mitchell for assignment.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Purchased the contract of INF Jeff Minton from Buffalo of the International League. Optioned INF-OF Richie Sexson to Buffalo. Placed RHP Chad Ogea on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 30.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed OF Shane Mack on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 31. Called up LHP Tim Byrdak from Omaha of the PCL. Fred Larry Doughty, vice president of player personnel.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled OF Paul Baines from Tacoma of the PCL. Optioned INF Charles Gipson to Tacoma.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Assigned RHP Robert Person to Syracuse of the International League. Recalled INF Thomas Perez and LHP Steve Sinclair from Syracuse.
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Recalled RHP Harley Fries from Tucson of the PCL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Recalled INF-OF Brian Banks from Louisville of the International League.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Optioned RHP Jim Bruske to Las Vegas of PCL.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Placed LHP Alvin Morman on the 15-day disabled list. Optioned C Doug Mitrakos to Fresno of the PCL. Activated C Brian Johnson and RHP Julian Tavarez from the 15-day disabled list.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Recalled LHP LHP Jim McKenzie to a two-year contract.
BUFFALO BABERS—Signed C Brian Hestinger to a two-year contract.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed D Shane Harty.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Agreed to terms with RW Joe Sacco.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Acquired G Rick Tabaracci from the Calgary Flames for a draft pick and future considerations.

SOCCER

LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Traded F Herut Karapantuz to the San Jose Clash for F Lawrence Lozano.
CHICAGO FIRE—Signed D Kevin McManis from the Portland Timbers.
NICHOLLS STATE—Named Karl Dunbar defensive line coach and Dwayne Nunez wide receivers coach.
BONAVENTURE—Announced sophomore women's basketball F Yvonne Green has transferred from Texas Pan-American.
UTAH STATE—Named Steve Morrill men's basketball coach.

LOCAL BOWLING

WEEK 10 KINGS AND QUEENS

RESULTS—The Wonders over Gutter Strutters 6-2, BAR over Something Good 8-0, Young and Restless over Latr 8-0, Rowdy Rollers over The B's 6-2. The Misfits over Gutter Rats 6-2. Hi sc team series Young and Restless 2022, Something Good 1979, Gutter Rats 1923, hi sc team game Young and Restless 706, Gutter Rats 675, Something Good 661; hi sc series men John Wurster 640, Jackie Lecroy 593, John Gibson 583; hi sc game men John Wurster 252, Jackie Lecroy 223, Tony Shankles 221; hi sc series women Betty Gibson 513, Teresa Winn 405, Pam Brown 485; hi sc game women Nancy Wood 185, Teresa Winn 181, Betty Gibson 179; hi hdp team series The Misfits 240, Gutter Rats 2272, BAR 2355; hi hdp team game The Misfits 852, Gutter Rats 828, Young and Restless 815; hi hdp series men John Wurster 727, John Gibson 652, Tony Shankles 624; hi hdp game men John Wurster 281, Tony Shankles 242, John Gibson 237; hi hdp series women Nancy Wood 144, Betty Gibson 621, Sheron Connell 613; hi hdp game women Nancy Wood 250, Teresa Winn 228, Pam Brown 219.
STANDINGS—Young and Restless 56-24, Something Good 54-26, The Misfits 48-32, The Wonders 40-40, BAR 38-42, The B's 38-42, Latr 35-45, Gutter Rats 34-46, Gutter Strutters 31-49, Rowdy Rollers 26-54.

WEEK 11 KINGS AND QUEENS

RESULTS—The B's over Latr 6-2, The Wonders over The Misfits 6-2, Gutter Rats over Gutter Strutters 8-0, Something Good over Young and Restless 4-4, Rowdy Rollers over BAR 8-0; hi sc team series Gutter Rats 2184, Something Good 2085, Young and Restless 2009; hi sc game Gutter Rats 796, Young and Restless 707, Something Good 707; hi sc series

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League
Saturday's results not included

East Division			
New York	82	29	739
Boston	66	47	584
Baltimore	59	55	518
Toronto	56	59	487
Tampa Bay	44	68	393
Central Division			
Cleveland	64	50	561
Kansas City	52	63	452
Minnesota	51	62	451
Chicago	49	63	438
Detroit	46	67	407
West Division			
Texas	63	51	553
Anaheim	60	53	531
Seattle	52	62	456
Los Angeles	52	63	452

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 2, 1st game
N.Y. Yankees 14, Kansas City 2, 2nd game
Seattle 6, Detroit 3, 1st game
Seattle 7, Detroit 1, 2nd game
Oakland 7, Toronto 6
Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 16, Minnesota 9
Anaheim at Chicago White Sox, ppd., rain
Texas 4, Boston 3

Saturday's Games

Seattle 9, Detroit 3
Toronto 6, Oakland 5, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 14, Kansas City 1
Chicago White Sox 7, Anaheim 5
Cleveland at Tampa Bay (n)
Baltimore at Minnesota (n)
Boston at Texas (n)

Today's Games

Seattle (Florie 5-6) at Detroit (Swift 9-6), 12:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 6-9) at Toronto (Clemens 14-6), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 9-7) at Tampa Bay (Arjojo 11-8), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Pichardo 6-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 13-6), 12:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 10-5) at Minnesota (Milton 6-8), 1:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 5-6) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 7-4), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Wasdin 5-4) at Texas (Stottmyre 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

National League

Saturday's results not included

East Division			
Atlanta	77	39	664
New York	61	52	540
Philadelphia	56	58	491
Montreal	47	69	405
Florida	41	75	353
Central Division			
Houston	69	46	600
Chicago	64	52	552
Milwaukee	57	58	496
St. Louis	54	60	474
Cincinnati	52	64	448
Pittsburgh	51	65	440
West Division			
San Diego	75	41	647
San Francisco	62	54	534
Los Angeles	59	57	509
Colorado	52	64	448
Arizona	44	71	383

Friday's Games

Arizona 6, Montreal 4
Cincinnati 17, Milwaukee 0
Houston 9, Philadelphia 0
St. Louis 16, Chicago Cubs 3
N.Y. Mets 8, Colorado 7
Los Angeles 3, Pittsburgh 1
San Diego 6, Florida 3, 13 innings
Atlanta 5, San Francisco 0

Saturday's Games

St. Louis 9, Chicago Cubs 8, 13 innings
Atlanta 14, San Francisco 6
N.Y. Mets 4, Colorado 3
Arizona at Montreal (n)
Milwaukee at Cincinnati (n)
Philadelphia at Houston (n)
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles (n)

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Karl 8-5) at Cincinnati (Parris 1-2), 12:15 p.m.
Arizona (Wolcott 1-1) at Montreal (Thurman 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wangert 1-1) at St. Louis (Oliver 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Beech 3-7) at Houston (Reynolds 13-7), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Nomo 5-8) at Colorado (Kile 7-14), 2:05 p.m.
Florida (Larkin 3-6) at San Diego (Hitchcock 5-4), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 10-2) at San Francisco (Gardner 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Peters 5-8) at Los Angeles (Park 10-5), 7:05 p.m.

WEEK 12 KINGS AND QUEENS

men Adrian Brown 664, Novin Hamlin 587, Jackie Lecroy 561; hi sc game men Adrian Brown 256, Jimmie Wood 222, Novin Hamlin 213; hi sc series men Pam Brown 499, Maria Escobar 477, Bethany Everett 473; hi sc game men Melissa Brown 194, Pam Brown 184, Bethany Everett 181; hi hdp team series Gutter Rats 2637, Rowdy Rollers 2352, Young and Restless 2327; hi hdp team game Gutter Rats 947, The Wonders 834, Gutter Strutters 826; hi hdp series men Adrian Brown 739, Novin Hamlin 659, Jimmie Wood 654; hi hdp game men

RESULTS

Something Good over The Misfits 8-0, Gutter Rats over The B's 8-0, Rowdy Rollers over The Wonders 6-2, Latr over BAR 4-4, Young and Restless over Gutter Strutters 8-0; hi sc series Something Good 2149, Young and Restless 2078, Gutter Rats 2025; hi sc team game Something Good 749, Young and Restless 739, Gutter Rats 722; hi sc series men Jackie Lecroy 553, Michael Shankles 546, Adrian Brown 545; hi sc game men Novin Hamlin 222, Jackie Lecroy 201, Tony Shankles 201; hi sc series women Bethany Everett 549, Joyce Davis 548, Maria Escobar 518; hi sc game women Bethany Everett 204, Joyce Davis 197, Pam Brown 191; hi hdp team series Gutter Rats 2454, Young and Restless 2396, Gutter Rats 2025; hi hdp team game Gutter Rats 955, The Wonders 858, Young and Restless 845; hi hdp series men Troy Boydston 616, Michael Shankles 609, Adrian Brown 608; hi hdp game men Novin Hamlin 245, Don Ferguson 235, Dub Scribner 234; hi hdp series women Bethany Everett 657, Pam Brown 645, Oakland 644; hi hdp game women Bethany Everett 240, Pam Brown 239, Melissa Brown 232.

STARGATE LEAGUE

RESULTS—Team Five over Allan's Future 15-10, Team Eight over Team Seven 15-9-5

NFL PRESEASON

Thursday's Game
New York Jets 29, Philadelphia 15

Friday's Games

Detroit 13, Arizona 10, OT
Tennessee 31, Atlanta 16

Saturday's Games

Buffalo at Pittsburgh (n)
Chicago at Baltimore (n)
Jacksonville at Carolina (n)
Miami at Washington (n)
Kansas City vs. Tampa Bay (n)
Cincinnati at New York Giants (n)
Denver at St. Louis (n)
New Orleans at Green Bay (n)
Oakland at Dallas (n)
Indianapolis at Seattle (n)
San Francisco at San Diego (n)

Today's Game

Minnesota at N. England, 8:30 p.m.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Walker, Minnesota, .354; Williams, New York, .349; Segui, Seattle, .333; Rodriguez, Texas, .329; Vaughn, Boston, .321.
RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 93; Dieter, New York, 87; Durham, Chicago, 86; Rodriguez, Seattle, 85; Thome, Cleveland, 82.
HR—Juarez, Texas, 119; Belle, Chicago, 97; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 97; Ramirez, Cleveland, 95; Palmeiro, Baltimore, 94.
HITS—Rodriguez, Seattle, 147; Erstad, Anaheim, 140; Higginson, Detroit, 139; Offerman, Kansas City, 138; O'Neil, New York, 138.
DOUBLES—J.V. Martin, Boston, 36; Erstad, Anaheim, 34; Rodriguez, Texas, 34; Thome, Cleveland, 33; Gardner, Anaheim, 32.
TRIPLES—Offerman, Kansas City, 11; Garciparrá, Boston, 7; McCracken, Tampa Bay, 6; Damon, Kansas City, 6; Dieter, New York, 6.
HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 41; Belle, Chicago, 35; Rodriguez, Seattle, 34; Palmeiro, Baltimore, 34; Juarez, Texas, 33.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Olerud, New York, .344; Walker, Colorado, .341; Vazquez, Montreal, .338; Sheffield, St. Louis, .333; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .330.
RUNS—Clemens, Atlanta, 93; Biggio, Houston, 92; Vaughn, San Diego, 87; McGwire, St. Louis, 87.
HR—Sosa, Chicago, 111; McGwire, St. Louis, 102; Castilla, Colorado, 100; Alou, Houston, 97.
HITS—Bichette, Colorado, 160; Vazquez, Montreal, 149; Gianville, Philadelphia, 149; DeBell, Houston, 148; Biggio, Houston, 145.
DOUBLES—Olerud, Cincinnati, 40; LWalker, Colorado, 37; Biggio, Houston, 36; Bichette, Colorado, 35; Fullmer, Montreal, 34; Floyd, Florida, 33; Bonds, San Francisco, 33.
TRIPLES—A.Jones, Atlanta, 8; N'Zere, Colorado, 7; K.Garcia, Arizona, 7; DeShields, St. Louis, 7; Blarink, Cincinnati, 7.
BASES—Womack, Pittsburgh, 43; Renteria, Florida, 37; Biggio, Houston, 35.

TOURNEY

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Birdwell noted, "But we've probably got 80 percent or more of the golfers ... both men and women ... that regularly play this course with handicaps established."
"We still have a few of the seniors and super seniors that haven't established handicaps," he added, "but I know most of these players well enough to know which divisions they should play in the first day."
The tournament is open to

any Howard County resident, and those from adjacent counties that regularly play the Comanche Trail course.
Birdwell expects this year's tournament to draw a larger field than the 84 players — 60 men and 24 women — that took part a year ago.
"I really expect to have a field of 100 or better this time around," Birdwell said, adding that the Comanche Trail course has fared better in this summer's protracted heat and drought better than many.

"The course is holding up pretty well," he said. "In fact, I'd say we are in good shape considering the heat and drought conditions. We've been able to pump about 350,000 gallons of water a day four days a week and have been pumping 125,000 to 150,000 watering the greens on weekends."
"When you compare that to the situation in Sweetwater ... where they lost all their greens at the country club and have had to play temporary greens all summer," Birdwell said.

MOSELEY

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through the District 4-4A campaign, admitted being surprised at learning how differently her favorite sport is played in different parts of the country.
"There was a girl from El Paso there and we were kind of surprised at the differences,"

she explained. "Apparently we play a more physical brand of basketball here in West Texas than they do most places. Every time there was a loose ball, we were diving for it and everyone else was just kinds of staring at us with a strange look."
In addition to getting plenty of instruction in basketball,

McKinnon also had an opportunity to meet with professional athletes Carla Overbeck, a 1986 gold medalist and captain of the U.S. women's national soccer team, and Kim Oden, former captain of the U.S. Olympic volleyball team.
She also attended a softball clinic with the Carolina Diamonds pro softball team.

1998 Property Tax Rates in Forsan ISD

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Forsan ISD. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,916,997
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,916,997
Last year's tax base	\$ 208,349,885
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.405 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,913,719
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 184,684,493
This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.57767 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1998-99 student enrollment	\$ 2,923,263
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 184,848,240
- This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR adopted 1996 maintenance and operation rate	\$ 1,58143 /\$100
- This year's maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	\$ 1,405 /\$100
+ \$0.08	\$ 1,66143 /\$100
+ Rate increase adopted for 1997-98 school year	\$ -0- /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ -0- /\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$ -0- /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.66143 /\$100

COWBOYS

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Veterans have even accepted his penalty laps for making mistakes.
"Coach is a silent killer," said offensive lineman Erik Williams. "He doesn't say much. But when he does, his words carry a big impact."
"I love his work ethic," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "He's serious about getting things done right."
It means a lot to the players to have a coach who works as hard as they do. It means a lot to them not to have a coach who gets caught carrying a gun through an airline terminal, as did Barry Switzer.
But can Gailey have control over a team which still has its rogue incidents when he doesn't have the authority to give full disclosure on what happened?
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Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	2,259,039

Schedule B
1998 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
NONE				
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 1998 debt service				\$ -0-
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$
- Excess collections last year				\$
- State aid for facilities				\$
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998				\$
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1998				\$
- Total Debt Levy				\$

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: 315 Main (County Annex)
Name of person preparing this notice: Kathy A. Sayles RTA
Title: Tax Assessor/Collector
Date prepared: August 6, 1998

Davis, Rodriguez provide hot hitting in Mariners' 9-3 win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russ Davis hit two homers and Alex Rodriguez continued his torrid hitting at Tiger Stadium as the Seattle Mariners beat Detroit 9-3 Saturday.

Rob Ducey and Edgar Martinez also homered for the Mariners, who have won three straight and five of their last six. Detroit has lost five straight and nine of 11.

Ken Griffey Jr. went 1-for-5 with an RBI single as the designated hitter but went homerless for the eighth straight game.

Rodriguez went 2-for-4 and is batting .429 (9-21) at Tiger Stadium this year.

Ken Cloude (7-7) won his third straight despite falling behind 2-0 after two innings. He allowed three runs on eight hits with seven strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings.

Brian Powell (2-3) gave up five runs on eight hits, including two home runs, in five innings.

Cardinals 9, Cubs 8

On a day when Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa both homered, Ray Lankford was the unlikely hitting star.

After striking out in his first five at-bats, Lankford hit a game-tying two-run homer in the 11th inning and a game-winning RBI single in the 13th to lift the St. Louis Cardinals to a wild 9-8 victory against the Chicago Cubs.

Pat Kelly led off the 13th with a walk from Dave Stevens (1-1), the Cubs' seventh pitcher. Kelly stole second and moved to third on Brian Jordan's single.

MAJOR LEAGUES

McGwire was then intentionally walked to load the bases.

The Cubs then moved center fielder Lance Johnson in as an extra infielder, but Lankford grounded a single through the right side to score Kelly.

Bobby Witt (2-3), the eighth Cardinals' pitcher, got three outs for the victory.

Sosa hit a two-run homer in the top of the ninth off reliever Rich Croushore. It was Sosa's 44th home run of the year, keeping him two behind McGwire, who hit his major league-leading 46th homer, leading off the fourth. The blast ended McGwire's longest home run drought of the season at 29 at-bats.

White Sox 7, Angels 5

Albert Belle hit a two-run double and scored on Robin Ventura's double in the six-run third inning to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 7-5 victory Saturday over the Anaheim Angels in the first game of a doubleheader.

Mike Siroka (11-10) won for the third time in his last four starts, allowing five runs and eight hits in 7 1-3 innings. Bill Simas got four outs for his 12th save.

Jason Dickson (9-10) lost his fourth straight decision in his shortest start of the season. He gave up six runs and six hits in three innings as the Angels lost for the fifth time in the last seven games.

Yankees 14, Royals 1

Jorge Posada drove in a career-high six runs and Scott Brosius capped a six-run sixth inning with a three-run homer Saturday to lift Orlando Hernandez and the New York Yankees to a 14-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

The Yankees pushed their record 54 games over .500. On pace to the break the 1996 Chicago Cubs' record of 116 wins, the Yankees will play 32 of their final 50 games at Yankee Stadium, where they are 41-8.

Hernandez (7-3) allowed four hits and one walk, striking out seven in eight innings to win his second straight start. Since allowing 13 hits and 10 runs in 3 1-3 innings against Anaheim on July 29, Hernandez has given up seven hits and two runs in 17 innings.

Hernandez and reliever Mike Jerzembeck held Jose Offerman hitless, snapping his 27-game hitting streak. Jerzembeck pitched a 1-2-3 ninth in his major league debut.

Glendon Rusch (6-15) allowed eight runs — seven earned — on eight hits in 5 1-3 innings as he lost his sixth straight decision.

Braves 14, Giants 6

Keith Lockhart, Andres Galarraga, Javy Lopez, Andrew Jones and Greg Colbrunn homered as part of a season-high 20-hit outburst as the Atlanta Braves routed the San Francisco Giants 14-6 on Saturday.

The five homers pushed Atlanta's NL-leading total to

160. Kevin Millwood (13-6) allowed five hits over six innings, giving up five runs after being staked to a 10-0 lead. He struck out six and walked four in his third victory in four decisions. Michael Tucker had four hits,

including a pair of run-scoring doubles, and Ozzie Guillen, Ryan Klesko and Lockhart each had three hits for the NL East-leading Braves, who won for the 13th time in 17 games to go a season-high 39 games above .500 (78-39).

Atlanta tagged Danny Darwin (7-10) for seven runs on 10 hits in 3 1-3 innings in sending him to his seventh loss in eight decisions.

The Braves got to Darwin for four runs in the first inning, capped by Lopez's 25th homer.

1998 Property Tax Rates in Howard County

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Howard County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 4,650,354	\$	\$ 520,491
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 137,294	\$	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 4,787,648	\$	\$ 520,491
Last year's tax base	1,156,647,415		1,156,647,415
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.40203/\$100		\$ 0.045 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 4,773,290	\$	\$ 520,929
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	1,116,766,713		1,116,766,713

- This year's effective tax rate for each fund

	\$ 0.42742/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ 0.04664/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$ 0.47406/\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0- /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ -0- /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)*	\$ 4,725,106	\$	\$ 520,929
+ This year's adjusted tax base	1,116,766,713		1,116,766,713
- This year's effective operating rate	\$ 4.2311/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ 0.04665 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 4.5693/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ 0.05038 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.01276/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ -0- /\$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 4.6971/\$100	\$ /\$100	\$ 0.05038 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 5.2009/\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0- /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ -0- /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ -0- /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ -0- /\$100

Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	2,000,000
Road & Bridge	300,000
Debt Service	4,700

Schedule B

1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligation Bonds				
Series 1995	\$ 50,000	\$ 90,725	\$	\$ 140,725
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 1998 debt service			\$	140,725
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$	-0-
- Excess collections last year			\$	4,700
- State aid for facilities			\$	-0-
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998			\$	136,025
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95 % of its taxes in 1998			\$	7,159
- Total Debt Levy			\$	143,184

Schedule C

Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities, and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ _____ in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D

State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Howard County Auditor certifies that Howard County has spent \$291,830 in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 1997, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Howard County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at _____ 315 Main (County Annex)

Name of person preparing this notice Kathy A Saylor RTA

Title Tax Assessor Collector

Date prepared August 5, 1998

U.S. loses to Russia 66-64 in semifinal game

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — No Dream Team, no gold medal.

A hard-working U.S. team, thrown together a month ago in the absence of NBA players, squandered a 10-point lead in the final three minutes, losing 66-64 to Russia Saturday in the semifinals of the World Championship.

A 3-point field goal that would have won the game for the Americans was disallowed because at the final buzzer.

The seasoned Russians, essentially the same team that lost to Dream Team II by 46 points in the championship game four

years ago, was led by 30 points from Sergey Babkov.

The Russians will play Yugoslavia, the European champion and 1996 Olympic silver medalist, for the title Sunday. Yugoslavia beat Greece 78-73 in the other semifinal.

The Americans will play the Greeks Sunday for the bronze. If the Americans lose, they would be the first U.S. team to come home without a medal in the world since the 1978 team.

"We basically shot ourselves in the foot, which is what a lot of people at home thought we were going to do," said Ashraf

Amaya, who has played 95 NBA games but — like his teammates — now plays in the CBA or Europe.

"We had the opportunity to prove everybody wrong, and not doing it really burns me.

"I would say the Dream Team probably would have beat them by 50. The Dream Team is the Dream Team; but we're not the Dream Team. It's not fair to make the comparison."

The makeshift Americans — center Gerard King with 9 points and Jimmy Oliver with 9 — led 64-64 with 8:10 to play.

TECH

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Bob Oliver, director of membership services for the NCAA, said almost every major university has added some sort of education and watchdog personnel over the past 10 years.

"There is no law that makes schools hire compliance officers, but there is also no law that says there has to be a dean of a college, either," Oliver said. "Compliance officers must come under the prerogative of what the institution thinks is necessary. What is clear is that the rules require a great deal of attention to make sure everybody understands them."

Tech has hired former NCAA official Shane Lyons to head its compliance department along with an assistant and several others who will monitor various aspects of the eligibility certification system.

It's Uryasz's responsibility to see that athletes and coaches are educated about the NCAA eligibility rules.

"My task is to not only make sure to the best of my ability that the rules are being followed, but to actually help athletes make sure they know what that translates into what they need to do each semester," Uryasz said.

"It's not quite as easy as many people think. Not only are there rules about the GPA a student must keep up to be eligible, there are also rules that require athletes to complete a certain percentage of their degree before each semester."

Uryasz has designed computer software that can calculate from raw data whether a player is eligible.

Tech also has shifted the final decision of whether a student may play to the registrar's office.

"We've put a great deal of power back in the hands of those who have the best ability to make sure the right thing is done," Uryasz said.

Tech isn't the only university to re-evaluate its compliance procedures.

At Louisiana State, allegations that an assistant coach paid basketball recruit Lester Earl \$6,600 in cash drew the NCAA's condemnation. Now, LSU has a compliance office headed by Miriam Segar to keep the university on the right track.

But even with the best compliance personnel, she said, a university can get in trouble if coaches and players are dishonest.

"I think the compliance office is an entity that is responsible for educating coaches and administration," Ms. Segar said.

"But the integrity is upon coaches and kids. There is no way a compliance officer can look over everyone's shoulder. A lot is left up to the ethical standard of the individual. We see our job as being educators."

Uryasz said knowing the rules is also at the core of Tech's compliance efforts, but added that he hopes to do more than maintain the players' academic eligibility.

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CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry, mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431, or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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Luv Ya Blue memories live on Bum Phillips' South Texas ranch

GOLIAD (AP) — Luv Ya Blue didn't die. It just moved south to this small ranching community along with Bum Phillips, a Pied Piper in a cowboy hat who led the Houston Oilers through their most glorious period.

With his signature hat, boots and oversized belt buckle, Phillips looked like he belonged on a ranch when he coached the Oilers and New Orleans Saints.

Now, that's exactly where he is and, to borrow one of his expressions, he's happy as a June bug on a hot rock living on a 250-acre spread he found in a Greensheet.

"I would have coached for free and I almost did with the Oilers," Phillips said, followed by a hearty laugh from deep in his ample girth. "The only

thing that would take me from football would be ranching, but I never had enough money."

Phillips, 75, earned enough to get into ranching after he stepped down at New Orleans with four games remaining in the 1985 season.

"When I left the Saints, I looked at myself and I was eight years from being 70," Phillips said. "I figured if I was ever going to do this, I'd better do it."

He could've left with even more money. There were three years and \$1.3 million left on his contract at the time.

"People called me crazy for not taking the money, but I couldn't live with myself if I didn't work for it," Phillips said.

After leasing land near Houston for several years, Phillips, wife Debbie, their cutting horses and herd of registered Brahman cattle eventually ended up here, about a 2 1/2-hour drive from Houston.

"We couldn't find anything we could afford closer to Houston so we kept spreading out," Phillips said. "We stopped for gas one day and I picked up this Greensheet that led us to one ranch for sale. That one didn't work out but then we found this place."

He cleared 200 acres himself, riding the bulldozer daily.

"It took me a year and a half, but I got it done," Phillips said proudly, scanning the now-cleared pastures. "I enjoy the work. There's always something to do."

Phillips went 55-35 as coach of the Oilers and led them to the AFC Championship Game in 1976 and 1979, losing to the dominating Pittsburgh Steelers each time. In 1980, Houston lost in the first round of the playoffs and Phillips was surprisingly fired a few days later by owner Bud Adams. The Oilers wouldn't make the playoffs for seven more years.

When the Oilers were riding high, the motto was "Luv Ya Blue." They played to a packed house at the Astrodome and even filled up the place for late-night tributes to the team after crushing losses to the Steelers that prevented the team from reaching the Super Bowl.

Nowadays, many members of the old Luv Ya Blue gang making the drive

down U.S. 59 from Houston to Goliad, then down the blacktop to Bum's gate.

Quarterback Dan Pastorini stopped by recently, as have wide receiver Kenny Burrough, tight end Mike Barber, return specialist Billy "White Shoes" Johnson and center Carl Mauck. Mauck is now an assistant coach with the Buffalo Bills; his boss is Wade Phillips, Bum's son who's entering his first year as head coach.

"That's the thing that I'm proudest of, that these guys have stayed together," Phillips said. "That group got along together so well. I got accused of being too close to my players, but you want to be close."

"You want them to play for pride, money and not to let your buddy down."

For Clayton, trade to Rangers means chance for a clean slate

ARLINGTON (AP) — When shortstop Royce Clayton moved from the San Francisco Giants to the St. Louis Cardinals in a 1996 trade, he was asked to replace Cardinals great Ozzie Smith.

However, Smith, the Hall of Fame-bound infielder who was known for plucking away Gold Glove Awards at the end of seasons almost as frequently as he would snare would-be base hits from batters, had not yet called it quits.

That made Clayton's arrival in St. Louis uncomfortable for the young shortstop, who grew up in Los Angeles idolizing Smith — arguably the game's best defensive shortstop. When Smith retired after the 1996 season and left the position in Clayton's hands, the newcomer didn't quite perform up to his billed potential and had trouble shaking free from comparisons to his predecessor.

However, as a recent addition to the Rangers roster during their drive toward the American League West championship, Clayton arrived in Texas not looking back at an unfulfilled past. Instead, he looked ahead to a promising future.

More important, he joins the Rangers not feeling the pressure that comes with replacing a legend.

"Not to take anything away from Kevin (Elster), but you can never replace a player like Ozzie (Smith)," said Clayton, who was a 1997 National League All-Star selection. "I think I have an opportunity to establish myself here."

"It's a fresh start. I feel I have an opportunity to make a home here."

The Rangers opened the season thinking Elster would be the answer at shortstop. Elster starred on the Rangers' AL West championship team in 1996 and was a fan favorite before he opted to play in Pittsburgh last season.

But Elster's second stint in Texas ended abruptly July 31 when he was placed on waivers. Clayton was obtained along with right-handed pitcher Todd Stottlemyre in a five-player trade with St. Louis.

Major League trades often uproot players' lives, shift families

ARLINGTON (AP) — Dean Palmer was one of the nicest, friendliest, most accommodating men to wear a Texas Rangers uniform. But on July 25 last year, Palmer didn't want to talk.

It was nothing personal. It was just that Palmer didn't trust his emotions. He had been traded from the Rangers, the team that drafted him in 1986 and that employed him as its third baseman for six years, to the Kansas City Royals.

He was leaving behind friends, memories, and a home. "The initial reaction is going to be shock, especially when it's someone like Deano who

spent his whole career here," said Rangers center fielder Tom Goodwin, who came to Texas in that trade. "I had to try not to break down talking to a couple of reporters after I was traded. That's the emotion you have. It's not that a team doesn't want you, that's not the hurt. The hurt is that you're going to leave some guys you've gotten to know."

When a deal is made, the public immediately looks at the numbers and the scouting reports.

The Rangers made two big trades last week, bringing in a pitcher with a 3.51 earned-run average, a third baseman with

13 homers and 66 runs batted in and a rangy shortstop with good speed. In return they gave up a pitcher with a 6.53 ERA, a third baseman with three homers and 32 RBI and a shortstop who had difficulty getting anything not hit right at him.

No doubt about it, that's a good deal.

But beyond the numbers are six real people named Todd Stottlemyre, Todd Zeile, Royce Clayton, Darren Oliver, Fernando Tatis and Kevin Elster.

One of those people — Elster — was told he was out of a job. The other five were told they were moving, that they had to

leave behind friends and teammates, that it was time for them and their families to leave town. Whether they liked it or not.

It is something unique to sports.

The players realize it's part of a business that pays them a very good wage, and accept it.

"The general attitude is that this is part of our job," said Zeile, who is with his seventh team in the past 2 1/2 seasons. "We're professionals and we're compensated well, and that is part of the business."

But that doesn't necessarily make it any easier. Despite his pragmatic attitude, Zeile was

stunned when he was traded from the Dodgers to the Florida Marlins earlier this season.

He is a California boy who signed a three-year contract with his hometown team at what he considered to be less than his market value before the 1997 season. He and his wife, former gold medal gymnast Julianne McNamara, had just built a house.

"There were a lot of personal issues involved," he said. "I was traded from my home, and the place that I made financial concessions to stay. I was traded halfway through my contract. For those reasons, that was disappointing."

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆When Ancient Romans hung out signs that read, "cave canem," or "watch out for the dog," they were trying to prevent the 10-inch tall Italian greyhound from being stepped on.

◆The Arctic is so-called because it is the place where the north star leads, taken from the ancient Greek name for the star.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

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A new class of fashion

Back to school means much more than just pencils, notebooks and bus routes. By the time that first bell rings, many kids will insist in being attired only in the latest fashions — or at least the brand names they see on television and movies. Styles from retro to surprisingly dressy are taking local stores by storm this season, and kids of all ages are clamoring for the right clothes.

This fall, there's something old: the retro look that updates the '70s styles is still around. There's also something new: vests are big, big, big, and khaki pants are an absolute must for fashion watchers. "We're selling lots of khakis this season," said Lisa Rodriguez, manager at Stage. "A lot of the guys are actually dressing up this year for school. It looks really nice."

A "dressy" item girls are adding to their closets this fall is stretch pants, said Sandra Spindler, a salesperson at Bealls. "And of course, the vests," she added. "They like their vests, no doubt about it."

A new arrival at the store is a plaid, pleated skirt with a Catholic schoolgirl look. Plaid is also popular in large shirts worn over a T-shirt.

Guys are picking out "cargo pants" made with pockets down the side. Their jeans, while roomy, are not excessively baggy in order to comply with dress codes, said Bealls salesperson Ryan Peckham.

"They want it baggy, but they want to be able to wear it, so they're going with what the school will allow," he said.

Popular shirts for teen guys are the familiar brand-names Ralph Lauren Polo and Joe Boxer, Peckham said.

Younger boys and girls are another fashion story, built primarily on imitating their older role models. Peckham said boys are buying the baggier pants, with brand names like JNCO.

"I think they've seen all the stuff older guys wear, and they want to do it," he said.

Younger girls, meanwhile, are choosing more of the retro look that was so popular last year.

"The girls are wearing jeans with a little bit of flare leg," said Rodriguez. "But not too big. This is part of the retro look, but it seems like even the colors aren't all that retro anymore."

If you are hearing a "clunking" sound, it might just be the current style in shoes for women and girls. Thick soles, like the "platform shoe" of another era.

These soles are appearing on loafers, boots and even tennis shoes. Local teens favor the style of Doc Martens, an English company that makes ultra-popular boots, along with several styles of sandals and even mules.

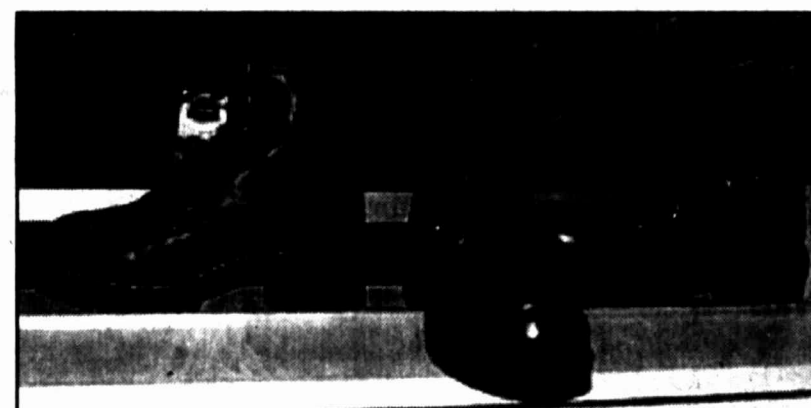
"They're still buying them," said Jeff Raley, manager at Dunlaps. "Both guys and girls want the boots, kind of a hiking boot with a thicker sole."

Peckham said young women are buying just about anything "with a big heel." Expected to catch on this fall in footwear are Skechers, a style of athletic shoe, along with K-Swiss, and the ever-popular Nike.

—Debbie L. Jensen



Above, left, Carlie Williamson and Zane Williamson show some of the fashions currently available for back to school. Experts say "baggy" jeans are still popular for this younger age group, as are flare-leg jeans and, of course, well-known brand names. Above, Inashay Neighbors shows a new fall outfit, complete with a sweater vest. Vests of various types are topping out many shopping lists this fall. At left: clunk! These shoes, with a thick sole and chunky heel, are very popular right now with young women and teen girls. Below, Kurt Bennett shows off the "dressy casual" look for guys that has been a popular seller for fall.



Fashions for our photographs were provided by Bealls.

—Photos by Debbie L. Jensen

Can you afford it? Can your kids walk in it?

Parents shopping for back-to-school clothing may find their budgets lacking when comparing the cost of clothing.

"It's really how you shop that makes the difference," said Stage assistant manager Kathleen Hudleston. "It's tough for parents to put into a budget what will also satisfy the children."

The psychedelic colors of the '60s and the flare-leg pant and platform-type shoe of the '70s reflect a style parents may have worn, and forgotten.

"Everywhere is the wide leg or baggy pant, and the mini's back. Mini skirts are in, and the short blouses. Even jacket lengths are back at the waist line," Hudleston said.

A glance around town reveals that this style is more than a passing craze.

A shopping trip in local department stores show that many clothing choices for back to school wear carry the imprint of the '70s: bright colors, unnatural flairs and tight bodices.

And these retreat clothing styles are not nostalgically priced.

Perusal of area clothing stores reveals that designer clothing costs more than making the label they advertise. For example, popular styles such as Levi's Silver Tabs, both flare leg and loose fit, cost about \$48.

Calvin Klein's were priced about the same, and two take-off brands, Mudd and Squeeze, have a \$10 price decrease. Nike T-shirts start at about \$18, for a plain white shirt with the logo.

Lesser-priced denim clothing that might be found at discount stores, costs about \$16. Long, flowered skirts range from about \$9 to about \$17, for a two-piece blouse and skirt set.

And the still popular Looney Tunes clothing line continues to show up on the sales floor, with a variety of prices for a variety of articles of clothing.

Athletic footwear, once called tennis shoes, range in prices from \$40, on up. Local prices topped at about \$80, on sale.

Candies, a name-brand shoe, makes a new style this year, which is a tennis shoe with a 3-inch platform-type heel. They cost about \$44-\$54, while a comparable shoe without the

brand name sells for \$9.97.

"We sell out, and we get more in," said Walmart shoe department clerk Christine Cervantes.

Nicole Shaeffer, who is entering her freshman year at Big Spring High School, said she wears the '70s-style clothing and platform-type shoes because it's popular.

"This is stylish and it shows my personality. I like the bell bottoms and the short shirts that say 'look at me.'"

"The shoes with the thick soles are very hard to walk in, and you have to practice. You fall off sideways. You have to have a lot of balance to walk in them," said Shaeffer, 14.

In spite of the fact that she has to practice walking, and although she once fell off her shoes, Shaeffer said she intends to keep wearing them.

"It's like a horse, if you fall off you have to get back on. And you need the three-inch heels, so the bell bottoms won't drag the ground," she said.

—Marsha Sturdivant



Had enough of the heat? Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

Growing up in Nebraska, I always liked snow. At times I could feel positively poetic about it.

My brothers, who do not share my sentiments, insist that enthusiasm for snow is inversely proportional to the amount of time spent shoveling the stuff and doing outside chores in the wintertime.

They may be right. I never shoveled snow, but I did trek through the white stuff on my way to school.

However, the closest I ever came to personal hardship was the winter of 1948-49. I was teaching at Pierce, just 25 miles from my parents' home near Wayne. Blizzard after blizzard blew in that year, blocking the roads.

It was the end of January, and I had not been home since Christmas vacation. It was my birthday, and I wanted to go home.

So Friday afternoon, I boarded the bus for Norfolk where I would change buses to go to Wayne.

Arriving in Norfolk, I learned that the bus to Wayne had been canceled because of road conditions. But being stranded in Norfolk was not too dismal a prospect. The city was a metropolis compared to the small towns of Wayne and Pierce. And I had just been paid!

I headed for the Hotel Norfolk, which always seemed a rather impressive establishment to me.

And the next day I visited every dress shop in the city, considerably enhancing my wardrobe.

I called a friend, and with chains on his car, he managed to drive the 12 miles to Norfolk and take me back to Pierce.

The hardship?

Well...I spent so much of my paycheck on clothes that I had barely enough money for food during the month of February.



JEAN WARREN

To learn about real hardship, I suggest you read "The Long Winter" by Laura Ingalls Wilder. It is one of the books in the popular "Little House on the Prairie" series.

Unlike the portrayal in the TV series, the Ingalls Family did not remain in Walnut Grove, but moved on to take homestead at DeSmet, S.D.

The town was almost blotted out by the hard winter of 1880-81. The storms started with an October blizzard and grew increasingly ferocious. The fledgling merchants kept a small inventory, depending upon the trains to replenish their supplies. By December the blizzards were virtually continuous and all train service to DeSmet was stopped.

Soon the supply of coal was depleted, and the only fuel in town was hay, which had to be twisted into sticks to burn. The only food was raw seed wheat, which people ground in their coffee mills to bake into bread. The trains did not come again until mid-May.

Laura's description of those terrible days — the dark evenings because there was no kerosene for the lamp; the never-ending cold; the endless tasks of twisting hay for fuel and grinding wheat for food — make the book probably one of the best in the series.

I reread "The Long Winter" occasionally; it's great for putting one's problems in perspective.

This summer I read it for

another reason. Just thinking about all that snow seemed to make the temperature drop.

"They could hardly walk in the beating, whirling wind. The schoolhouse had disappeared. They could see nothing but swirling whiteness and snow and then a glimpse of each other, disappearing like shadows."

"Laura felt that she was smothering. The icy particles of snow whirled scratching into her eyes...She held tightly to Carrie, and Carrie, struggling and staggering, was pulled away by the wind and then flung back against her."

Lines like that can make our "long summer" seem not quite so long.

WEDDINGS

Hendrickson-Sanderson

Heather Denea Hendrickson and Brian Wayne Sanderson, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage on Aug. 1, 1998, in the Baker Building, Lubbock, with Rev. Robert Allen officiating.

She is the daughter of Fred and Wanda Hendrickson, Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Grady and Dean Gaskins of Big Spring.

He is the son of Michael and Brenda Carthel, Plainview, and Don and Yvonne Sanderson, Odessa.

Yvonne Sanderson was the instrumentalist.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a champagne princess line, off the shoulder dress made of matte satin. The bodice was decorated with applique filigree and satin and organza roses. The train was made of tulle with satin trim and accented with satin roses.

She carried a bouquet of various shades of pink and ivory roses with accent flowers and leaves.

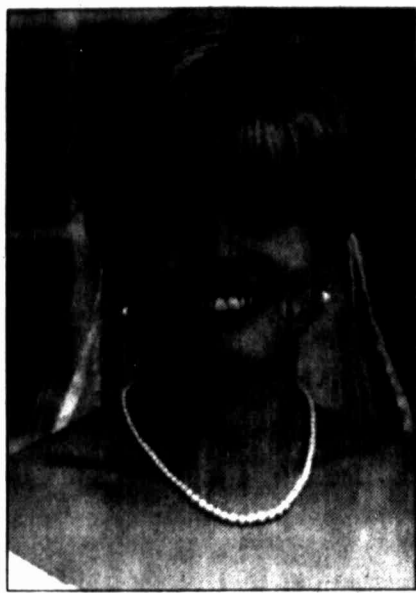
Matron of honor was Marilyn Corwin Rogers of Columbus, Ohio.

Bridesmaid was Laurie Conner of Redlands, Calif.

Craig McGinnis, Bellevue, Kan., served as best man, and David Duckett of Lubbock was the groomsman.

Serving as ushers were Heath Hendrickson, brother of the bride, and Cody Carlile, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the



MRS. BRIAN SANDERSON

Baker Building.

The wedding cake was a five-tiered floating layer cake with ivory colored icing and accented with pink and ivory roses.

The groom's cake was a two layered chocolate cake decorated with chocolate dipped strawberries and English ivy.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is currently employed by Texas Tech University.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Plainview High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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

Suspenseful, romantic novel makes great getaway

'Sanctuary.' Nora Roberts. Berkley Publishing Group, New York, New York. May, 1998. 506 pages. \$7.50

Nora Roberts has come through with another best-selling suspenseful, romantic novel. As usual, her lead character, Jo Ellen Hathaway, is a strong woman with a very definite feminine side to her identity. Jo Ellen, a successful professional photographer, suddenly begins receiving packages in the mail containing pictures taken of her without her knowledge. Each group of pictures received becomes more disturbing to her, specially when the last package she receives contains a picture of her mother lying dead.

Overwhelmed with emotions, Jo Ellen is briefly hospitalized in a psychiatric unit. Upon her release, she returns to Sanctuary, the family resort on an island off the coast of Georgia.

Residing in and caring for the resort are her father, brother

and sister. Her mother had mysteriously disappeared when the children were small; it is a wound that affects them all.

Jo Ellen's personal healing begins as she works a round Sanctuary, and the time she spends with her family helps to repair and strengthen their fragile relationships. While these positive things are happening inside the resort, frightening things are happening elsewhere on the island.

Two women are reported to have vanished, and later one is found murdered.

As the search for a perpetrator is underway, strange photographs appear in Jo Ellen's darkroom, leading her to the

This book by (Nora) Roberts is longer and more complex than her usual romance novels. She allows herself the use of longer passages of descriptive language, giving the reader a more tangible sense of the setting and a more intense feeling of being involved in the situation.



PAT WILLIAMS

truth of her mother's disappearance. The graphic descriptions of these incidents (and plenty more) provide powerful and suspenseful reading. Using Jo Ellen's predicaments, Roberts manages to make the reader ponder the very thin line between insanity and the world

of reality. This book by Roberts is longer and more complex than her usual romance novels.

She allows herself the use of longer passages of descriptive language, giving the reader a more tangible sense of the setting and a more intense feeling of being involved in the situation.

The book's secondary plot explores complicated family relationships, especially depicting the vulnerability of those seeking love and acceptance. In this context, Roberts sets forth the premise of how an unsolved traumatic situation can limit a person's ability to focus on the realities of the present.

If you want to relax on a hot summer day, or if you're going on a vacation, "Sanctuary" is a good pick. The action is fast enough to keep you involved, but not so overwhelming to keep you from an afternoon nap.

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

Art loses out to culture as museums go high-profile

DALLAS (AP) — It's the art-world equivalent of pierced navels — motorcycles at the Guggenheim Museum in New York, furniture at the Kimbell in Fort Worth, jewelry coming to Dallas. Obsessed with attracting new audiences, museums are working hard straining, really — to update their image.

High-profile exhibitions reveal in magnificent baubles and consumer-culture icons. The ideal of connoisseurship shows organized by art historians, patrons who are discerning collectors, audiences that know a subject is being crowded out. Box-office and shop revenues are what matter now.

People want something new and even impressive. One of the hottest tickets is "Star Wars: The Magic of Myth," on view at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. The movie memorabilia show may come to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, when it tours.

Whatever happened to paintings? Momentum for these shows has been building for several years. Audiences have thrilled over Ferragamo shoes at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, a Jaguar roadster at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, Romanov jewels from imperial Russia at the MFA, Houston, and Cartier at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Dallas Museum of Art proudly billed one show "Hot Cars and Cool Fashion." Now it's into glamour. "The Jewels of Liqueur" opens Sept. 13.

Statistics prove the popularity of such shows. Museums are making a business out of selling memberships to people standing in line — members get priority treatment.

Photos should be picked up within 30 days of publication.

Youth Quake: Church ministry aimed at teens

HURST (AP) — Behind the covered windows of a Pipeline Road storefront, a room full of teens, hands in the air, sways to the sounds of young men jamming on guitars, drums and electronic keyboards.

Flashes of red, green, pink and blue shoot through the darkened room. The glow of a large video screen offers minimal lighting and a second glance at the band. A disco ball twirls slowly over the stage.

More than 85 teens wearing tank tops, body piercings and a rainbow of hair colors have filed into rows of folding chairs for an experience that 15-year-old Jeremy Lyne of North Richland Hills says has "pretty much changed my life."

Although the scene of Youth WAVE church in Hurst may owe some of its flavoring to musical grunge gurus, the smell of teen spirit exudes no sourness here. In this independent church that ministers to 13- to 25-year-olds, pastors Spencer and Cyndy Nordyke purposefully channel this teen spirit as an expression of Christian spirituality.

"We're reaching out to a group that has their own language, their own dress," Spencer Nordyke said. "We're not trying to pull kids out of the church. We are trying to provide a nontraditional setting for kids to come into."

Reaching out to teens has long been a goal for many church leaders, who have responded by offering special Sunday school classes, Wednesday evening prayer meetings and socials. For youth pastors of many denominations, the goal remains much the same: provide religious leadership and education for youths who are making life decisions as they feel their way through the secular and spiritual worlds.

But increasingly, church leaders are expanding youth programs beyond religious education and the occasional ice cream social or trip to a Rangers game, youth ministers say. A calendar of events for youths can include a summer full of eye-opening mission trips, weekend retreats, volunteer work and leadership training. In some churches, the result has been a renewed emphasis on youth ministry.

The desire for religion geared to youths comes in part from teens themselves, who appear to be very much included in a national religious awakening of their baby boomer parents, clergy say.

"They are really digging spiritually," said Betsy Godbold, associate pastor of White's Chapel United Methodist Church in Southlake.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Sandiego" Male mix breed, 3-4 years old, neutered. Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have

received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Spanky" Female Pit mix, 2 year old, brown spayed.

"Catfish" Male Lab/Terrier mix 3 year old black, neutered.

"Shelby" Female Border Collie mix black and white spayed, six years old.

"Comanche" Male Shepherd mix brown and black shorthair, 6-7 years old, neutered.

"Stormer" Male Shepherd mix black and brown, 5-6 years old, neutered.

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

"Barbie" Female Lab mix, brown, 1-2 year old, spayed.

"Odessa" Female Blue Heeler, black and white, 1-2 year old,

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GETTING ENGAGED



Theresa A. Marshall and Joey A. Fernandez will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 12, 1998, at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Cotton officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Phillips and Mr. Edward Johnson, and the granddaughter of Muriel Johnson of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Beryle Murdoch, Jayton, and Ms. Yolanda Leyva of Stamford.



Brandi LeCody Bluhm and Michael Lloyd Matthews will be united in marriage on Aug. 22, 1998, at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Cotton officiating.

She is the daughter of Ray and Carolyn Bluhm of Big Spring.

He is the son of Vivan Rush of Big Spring and Carl Matthews of Simms.



Glynnia Jogay Tunnell, Tarzan, and James Ray Hill II, Stanton, will unite in marriage on Aug. 29, 1998, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Alan Mattheis, of First Baptist Church of Tarzan, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Tunnell of Tarzan, and the granddaughter of Lora Tunnell of Lenorah.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Williams of Stanton, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Haggard of Lenorah.

IN THE MILITARY

Troy Allen Wilson, son of Ricky and Rita Wilson of Abilene, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program.

Wilson is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force in October. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the Mechanical Area Apprentice career field.

Navy Seaman Recruit Todd W. McAdams, son of Terry L. McAdams and Kay R. Cook, both of Big Spring, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Marine Pvt. Jose D. Alvizo, son of Angie Alvizo of Stanton, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

He is a 1997 graduate of Stanton High School.

Big Country Appreciation Day, the annual Dyess' Air Show is Aug. 22. Gates open at 9 a.m. and flying activities will begin around 10 a.m., with aerobatics beginning at 11:30 a.m. The public is invited for an up-close look at aircraft and to enjoy other activities ranging from a classic car show to live music.

Admission and parking are free, and food and beverages will be on sale.

Nathan P. Herrod recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training as a Radioman.

Radiomen operate radiotelephones and radioteletypes, prepare messages for international and domestic commercial telegraph, in addition to sending and receiving messages via the Navy System.

The son of Lorinda and David Herrod, he is a graduate of Forsan High School Class of '99.

John Anthony Morelion III recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training as a Seaman.

Under the Seaman Apprentice Program, persons who have not chosen a specific career field receive shipboard and nautical training prior to being assigned to a Navy ship. Once shipboard, they may then train in a job, or request additional Navy schooling in a field they are qualified for.

The son of Sandra Lou and John Anthony Morelion, Jr., he is a graduate of Big Spring High School Class of '97.

Dustin B. Herrod recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in Advanced Electronics.

Aviation Electrician's Mates maintain, adjust, and repair aircraft electrical power generating and converting systems, lighting, control and indicating systems, as well as install and maintain wiring, and flight and engine instrument systems.

The son of Lorinda and David Herrod, he is a graduate of Forsan High School Class of '99.

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Drive-in draws the curious in search of old-fashioned fun

GATESVILLE (AP) — Skid marks mar the ribbon of asphalt outside the Gatesville drive-in.

And it's no wonder.

More than one out-of-town family venture has been interrupted by the old-fashioned sign announcing \$5 a car load — even for first-run flicks.

Someone in the car always spots that red and white, illuminated placard and forces the driver to slam on the brakes, turn through the trees that frame the front gate, and travel back in time.

At least, that was the case for the Johnsons.

Racing back to Pottsville from a nephew's graduation in College Station, Melissa Johnson spotted the sign and shouted for her husband to turn around.

"I said, 'What do you mean turn around?'" her husband, L.D. Johnson, said. "I said, 'How much is it?'"

"It was \$5, and we had \$6," Melissa Johnson said. "It's cheap entertainment."

Now, they're drive-in regulars. They park their teal Ford pickup in the same spot each week.

Arriving at 7 p.m., the Johnsons dine on sandwiches pulled from their red Igloo cooler while slumped in their lawn chairs.

It's a kind of tradition, said Gene Palmer, who owns the sprawling facility fronting State Highway 36.

"I think one thing they like is they get out here a couple of hours before the movie starts," he said. "A lot of these people from the '30s, '40s, and '50s, get to know each other and meet and talk. It's like a family outing. I know a lot of people make friends."

From his perch on a cracked plank of wood, Palmer watches pickup trucks piled high with kids rumble over the gravel drive, slowly scouting for the perfect 'seat' in the house.

Couples tucked into modest cars coast through the gate. Families march in, their lawn chairs tucked under their arms.

"They'll park under the trees, underneath these bushes, just about everywhere," Palmer said.

Aptly dubbed the Last Drive-in Picture Show in Gatesville, this theater is part nostalgia, part 20th century, all fun.

Groups gather in the beds of their pickups to feast on barbecue. Families play cards, their laughter bouncing off the massive movie screen. Music blares from tiny silver speakers that sprout from the ground like errant metal weeds. The aroma of barbecue wafts through the air.

But is nostalgia, more than anything else, that fuels most trips to this movie theater under the stars.

Just ask the Rivers family. Sitting back of their red Dodge Dakota, awaiting the on-screen arrival of Mulder and Scully from "The X-Files," the duo ambled down memory lane.

It has been some 16 years since Gatesville's Ed Rivers, 44, had attended a drive-in. He hasn't forgotten a thing, even though it was a different experience back then, the native of Montgomery, Ala. said.

In those days, Rivers was usually one of several people hidden in the car's trunk in an attempt to snag a lower admission price at the front gate.

"To me, right now, it's nostalgia to come to a drive-in, because we used to do a lot of that as a kid," Rivers said. "It brings back a lot of memories of sneaking into a drive-in locked in the trunk. The only time we could go to a drive-in was family night, for \$1 a person, and there were \$7 total."

But this Friday night was different.

Rivers drove through the front gate with his wife, Brenda, perched proudly by his side in the cab of their pickup, paid the \$5 and drove right in.

"There was fresh air," Ed Rivers said, comparing the two experiences. "And you don't have somebody going 'Shut up. Shut up. We're going through the gates. Would you be quiet?'"

No one has to sneak into the

Gatesville drive-in.

Palmer wouldn't hear of it.

"When this theater opened in 1950, it was \$1 to come to a movie and children under 12 were free," he said. "Today, it's the same. It's \$5 a carload and most of the time, cars got 10 people in 'em."

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Johnnie A. Jr. and Frances Faye Hobbs will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on Aug. 15, 1998, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center hosted by their children.

He was born in Aspermont, and she was born in Hatchel as Frances Faye Vinson. Faye was a friend of Johnnie's sister, and met him at his family's home. They were married Aug. 14, 1948, in the home of the bride's parents with Earl C. Evans officiating.

They have three children, Johnnie Leon Hobbs, Anita

Faye Cline and Karen Kay Henderson, all of Big Spring, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs have lived in Big Spring their entire marriage. He is retired and owns-Cowboys Steakhouse and Restaurant.

He previously worked for Cosden Refinery, and she previously worked for First National Bank. Johnnie coached Little League baseball for 40 years. They enjoy golf, church and the grandchildren's sport events.

They are affiliated with Cedar Ridge Church of Christ.

Celebrity party-giver takes to TV to show how it's done

LOS ANGELES (AP) — People — let's call them "invited guests" — are coming to your home. You, dubbed the "host," are involved in which of the following preparations?

A. Double-checking the beer supply and ripping open a second bag of chips, just to be on the safe side.

B. Staring miserably at a charred lump that was chicken in its previous life and trying to recall if it's 29-cent burger night at the fast food place down the block.

C. Putting the finishing touches on the rose centerpiece that coordinates beautifully with your linen suit which nicely mirrors the English theme represented foodwise by brie and watercress sandwiches, scones and sherry chasers.

If you confess to A or B but aspire to the graceful competence of C, fret no more. Colin Cowie, party giver and decorator to the stars, is here to make things right.

"People try too hard," says Cowie. "They think, 'Oh, I'm going to have a dinner party. It's show time.' It is show time if you know what you're doing. Don't allow yourself to become intimidated. Find easy things."

Cowie, who staged the weddings of Hugh Hefner and Charlie Sheen and celebrations for Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, Placido Domingo and Jennifer Aniston, is coming to the aid of more common folk with a TV series.

"Everyday Elegance With Colin Cowie" (showing at 8 p.m. EDT Thursdays on Romance Classics, the cable network devoted to romance) details the steps required to create memorable gatherings for both guests and nonfrazzled hosts.

"There's nothing worse than a nervous host," warns Cowie. "That nervous energy permeates its way through everything."

Those enrolled in the Martha Stewart School of Perfection should consider dropping out, he suggests, throwing down the gauntlet. Better to have a relaxed, catered dinner than exhaust yourself with preparations.

Trying to lose weight?

Church offers Weigh-Down seminar

A Weigh-Down workshop is being planned at Baptist Temple Church, beginning Aug. 16 at 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

This 12-week, spiritually-based weight loss seminar is free of charge to anyone who wants to learn to slim down without special food, dietary rules or food lists.

The program is designed for

men or women, and organizers said it teaches how to distinguish between physical hunger and "head hunger."

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Hall of fame opens exhibit for the King

CLEVELAND (AP) — The home of rock 'n' roll's royalty is about to welcome the King.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum on Saturday is opening an exhibit dedicated to Elvis Presley, the first time the hall has put up a display honoring a single artist.

"Elvis was the logical choice. He was the first real rock 'n' roll star," said Jim Henke, the hall's deputy director and curator.

The exhibit is billed as the largest collection of Presley memorabilia ever assembled outside of Graceland, Elvis' home in Memphis, Tenn. It features objects that fans would expect (guitars and jumpsuits) and some they may not (crayons and a TV with a bullet hole).

The artifacts, posters and pictures trace Presley's journey from poverty in Tupelo, Miss., to the height of stardom to his decline and death at age 42 in 1977.

For Presley aficionados who have made the pilgrimage to Graceland, some of the show will be familiar. About 70 percent of the items are on loan from Graceland, while others are borrowed from private collectors.

The rarest pieces in the exhibit offer a glimpse into Elvis' life before he was a star.

There's a now-ragged trunk the Presley family used to move from Tupelo to Memphis. It contains a box of crayons Elvis used when he was 8.

Elvis' seventh-grade report card shows he was an "A" student in spelling but could manage only a "D" in science.

A job application Elvis filled out for a trucking company shows him described as a "playboy-looking type" by his interviewer. He didn't get the job.

A high school band program shows the first time Presley's name was ever in print for a performance. It was spelled "Prestly."

From the 1950s, the exhibit features some of Presley's guitars, including the one he used on his early singles for Sun Records, along with kitschy Elvis merchandise: Elvis pencils, Elvis change purses, Elvis

lipstick, Elvis skirts, and Elvis playing cards.

Presley's Las Vegas period is represented by several jumpsuits, including the one he wore to the White House to meet President Richard Nixon. Nearby is a badge and certificate showing that Nixon named Elvis an honorary special assistant in the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

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Amarillo expects 1,500 new jobs from new Bell tilt-rotor facility

AMARILLO (AP) — After an eight-month nationwide search, Bell Helicopter Textron has selected Amarillo over seven other Texas cities for its V-22 Osprey production plant and testing center.

The other cities that had competed for the plant's projected 1,200 new jobs and annual \$100 million economic impact were Arlington, Austin, College Station, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The list was recently pared to Amarillo International Airport and Fort Worth Alliance Airport.

The company said construction will begin in 90 days on a

450,000-square-foot, \$40 million tilt-rotor assembly center set to open in 1999 on 179 acres at Amarillo International Airport. More than 200 people will work at the center next year, with some 1,200 by 2004. The company said it will produce as many as 100 tilt-rotor aircraft annually at peak production.

The announcement came at a news conference at the city's civic center, where Bell president and chief executive Terry Stinson said: "This tilt-rotor assembly center will be the first major aircraft manufacturing facility to be built in Texas in decades."

The plant is a coup for

Amarillo, which had a Bell helicopter repair and assembly center for 21 years until the site was closed in 1989. The plant employed 1,800 at its peak and was used during the Vietnam War to repair battle-damaged helicopters.

"Amarillo has all the elements needed to make this a success: A dedicated, capable workforce, large assembly capacity and the unrestricted airspace necessary to test this and future offshoots of our newest state-of-the-art aircraft," said U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

Bell is producing the V-22 Osprey for fleet service to the military. The company said

today it plans to deliver 458 Ospreys to the federal government.

"In terms of jobs and economic impact, this is clearly good news for our area," said U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, a Clarendon Republican whose district includes Amarillo. "But it's also good news for the country because of the positive impact the V-22 will have on our nation's defenses."

Thornberry, who serves on the House National Security Committee, called the Osprey a "revolutionary aircraft that will transform and improve upon the way our military moves troops and equipment around

the globe."

The services plan to use the V-22, which sells for about \$30 million apiece, to shuttle troops from ship to shore in amphibious operations, for search and rescue, and for medical evacuations. The cabin can carry 24 combat-equipped troops plus a three-person crew.

Bell also will make a civilian version that carries six to nine passengers. So far, it has 67 orders.

The aircraft have rotors on their wings that allow them to take off like a helicopter, without the need for a long runway. Once airborne, the rotors can rotate from facing up to facing

forward, allowing the craft to fly like an airplane, much faster than regular helicopters.

Bell Helicopter runs most of its operation from the Dallas-Fort Worth area, employing about 6,100 in Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie and Hurst.

"Amarillo provided the best value for our customers as well as Textron stockholders," said P.D. Shabay, who led the site selection team.

Bell also announced plans to spend \$300 million on new equipment and facilities at its existing plants in the Fort

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IN THE NEWS

MIKE KLAS, an 11-year radio veteran, has joined the broadcast staff of **KBST-FM**.



KLAS, who has been in Dumas and Amarillo the past three years, was born in Idaho and grew up in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

KLAS, who will be on the air from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. daily, has a B.A. in English from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The **WEST TEXAS INVESTORS FAIR**, scheduled for Sept. 12 at Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza, will feature **KENNETH S. JENKE**, president of the National Association of Investors Corp. (NAIC).

The fair provides an opportunity for West Texas residents to get advice of investing and obtain financial information of participating companies.

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Music 'n More offers wide music choice

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A vast selection of music mediums in an eclectic atmosphere mark the new location of Music 'n More, now at 215 Main in downtown Big Spring.

When the business first opened in Big Spring, it was located downtown, then moved behind the police department.

Elvis records, KISS jackets and posters, replicas of the RCA dog, Nippy, and Beatles books are just some of the thing you'll find at the larger location.

Music 'n More owner Roger Winters said his life is collecting and selling music and music memorabilia.

"I started in this business in 1982-83, in Duncanville," Winters said.

Winters, and his co-owner and wife Becky, have about 15 years in the music retail industry, he said.

"This is Roger's love and I love it," said Becky, a native West Texan.

Music 'n More decor features life-size posters of the Three Stooges, blankets reflecting rock band insignias, a large oil painting of Linda Ronstadt, and other collectible pictures and one-of-a-kind items.

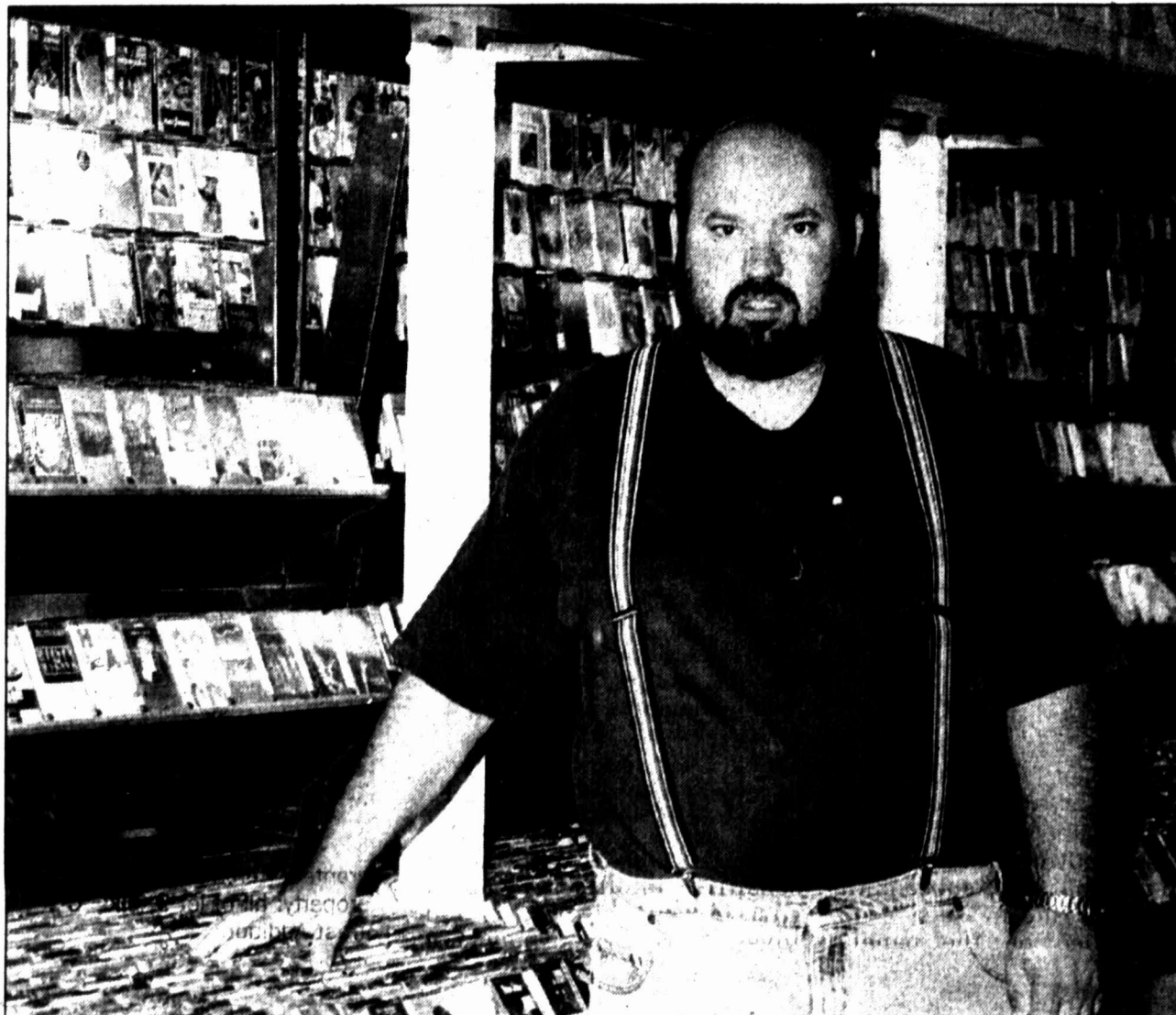
"We wanted the store to be like *WOW*, a trip down memory lane," Becky said.

Roger said he spends many weekends out of town at record shows, where he buys and sells his merchandise. He often buys music in large lots and sells the items in his store.

"I take the entire lot, set it to the side, and sell out of it until I've made my money back. Then I know that anything else I sell from that lot is pure profit," Roger said.

The store has more than 6,000 45s and 5-6,000 albums, he said. Winters keeps a large library of reference catalogs to locate requested music, and he remembers most of his stock in his memory, he said.

"A lot of people believe that they don't make albums any more, but they still make them. Certain artists who grew up with albums have in their contract 'so many records on vinyl,' for the record collector. I



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Roger Winters, owner of Music 'n More, stands in front of one of his new display cases for cassette tapes and CD's. Winters and his wife, Becky, recently moved their business back to downtown Big Spring.

always sell records, and they sell quickly," Winters said.

Used and new albums and cassettes, new and used compact discs and new and used movies, are available at Music 'n More.

"We have used Disneys (movies) and out of print Disneys at good prices.

"If you need a needle (for a record player) bring me your old needle and I'll go to Dallas and pick it up for you," he said.

Winters said he watches for one of a kind items that collectors might want. And he estimates 80 percent of all collectors are men.

"You can't go in and buy a rare photo of Stevie Ray Vaughn, so that's something that I would pick up. I've found over the years that if I have five of one thing, I'll sell all of

them. But if I buy eight, then I'm stuck with three of them. It's easier to sell five of something at \$20 a piece, than 20 at \$80 a piece," he said.

Becky said she enjoys the business because it allows her to fulfill her customers dreams and wishes.

Now that she and Roger have two small children; Amy, 2 and Sydney, 4; Becky stays home and operates the store while Roger travels to the shows.

"A lot of people express themselves with music. That's where their memories are," she said.

"Music plays an important role in our growing up times. And now, people are relating to movies like that," Becky added.

One customer Becky fondly remembers was a woman searching for a copy of a song

her mother sang when she was young.

All the customer knew was that the name of the song was 'Teddy Bear,' and it was not the tune by Elvis Presley.

"I was looking through some 45s, and found this record, 'Teddy Bear.' We listened, and it was the song. She was so excited - she said now she could play it for her children.

"That's what I like about this job. For \$2, I was able to give her a great memory," Becky said.

Music 'n More is open from noon-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday when Roger is out of town and Becky works.

If Roger is in town, the hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Becky said.

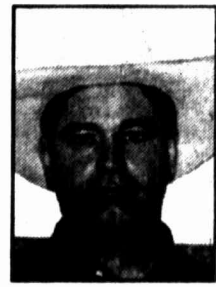
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Weevils

Hard to find, but still here

With the extreme dry conditions and lack of a cotton crop, most producers are not in the best of moods. Who could blame them? There is however, one good thing that has come about because of the dry weather.

The lack of a cotton crop, along with the hot, dry conditions have made the cotton boll weevil less populated. Yes, he is still here, but not in the same numbers as earlier in the year.



DAVID KNIGHT

On April 8, 25 boll worm traps were placed out in various cotton regions in the county. These traps have been checked every week since April 8. The traps had as high as 218 weevils per trap with an average of 35 to 40 weevils per trap. The numbers have declined as the weeks have gone by. This is primarily due to the fact that weevils did not have a host plant, cotton. A weevil reproduces by laying eggs in cotton squares.

The summary of all traps set for the 14-week scouting period indicates some definite patterns for weevil populations.

The northeast quadrant of the county has the heaviest populations by far. May 25 through June 4 was the heaviest number of weevils recorded during the evaluation period.

Another peak of weevil numbers was around June 24. Numbers began to decline significantly by the end of July due to high temperatures and the lack of the cotton.

Weevil numbers will respond in September and October if we receive any fall rain, causing the cotton plant to start squaring again. If this happens, a sizable population of weevils will be present to overwinter for next spring.

Bomer restricts limits on Y2K liability insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — As government and private business officials brace for the anticipated Year 2000 computer problem, insurance companies are readying themselves for an expected onslaught of related liability lawsuits.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer last week told insurers that they will not be able to simply refuse to cover such claims for small-businesses and professionals.

Bomer said the department will allow insurers to exclude some coverage for Y2K-related liability lawsuits. He added, however, that the exclusions for small businesses and professionals, like doctors, hospitals and lawyers, will have to be well justified.

"Professional people, mom-and-pop stores and other small businesses count on their liability insurance for financial protection," Bomer said after notifying insurers about rules governing Y2K claims exclusions. "We want to maintain that coverage for small businesses and professional people who unknowingly have a Year 2000 exposure and bought liability insurance for protection if they are sued."

The Y2K rules do not apply to large businesses or to personal auto or homeowners policies. Any coverage exclusions for those policies would have to be approved separately by the department.

Large businesses are defined as those that have insured property worth \$5 million or

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Elton Bomer
Texas Insurance Commissioner

more; annual gross revenues of \$10 million and more; or insurance premiums of \$25,000 for property, \$25,000 for liability or \$50,000 for both coverages.

Government offices and businesses continue to implement and seek procedures to deal with the anticipated Y2K computer glitch. Most computer programs are set up to recognize years by the last two digits only, like 98 for 1998. When the calendar reaches 2000, computer programs that have not been reprogrammed will recognize 00 as 1900.

That could have large impacts on businesses such as banks and government offices. Lawsuit costs related to the problem have been estimated as high as hundreds of billions of dollars.

Chris Guidette, of the Insurance Services Office, a private firm that creates insurance forms and guidelines for companies, said the problem with paying Y2K claims is that

they have not been factored into general liability insurance premiums.

"The GL policy form and the perils it covers is based on known perils and losses," Guidette said Wednesday. "Until a year ago, no one was talking about the Y2K problem."

Bomer told insurance companies that they can use the ISO's Y2K coverage exclusion forms or can come up with their own. The ISO forms range from total exclusion to limited exclusion of coverage.

Bomer added, though, that the exclusions for claims from small businesses and professionals cannot simply refuse coverage for all Y2K-related claims. They also cannot limit claims from such businesses as retail stores, restaurants, hotels, churches and schools except in specific circumstances, including a particular risk of numerous Y2K claims.

"Insurers have been understandably nervous about their exposure to the Year 2000 losses," said Susan Slivinske, a spokeswoman for the Texas Insurance Organization, a trade group. "Having guidelines in place will enable insurers to decide on the extent to which they may or may not want to limit coverage."

In addition to limiting the circumstances in which Y2K claims can be excluded from insurance policies, Bomer told Texas insurers to add Y2K to those that they help customers avoid.



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Emma Bogard (from left), **Jerry Worthy** and **Pat Simmons** visit with new Convention and Visitors Bureau Director **Andrea Earle** during a reception Thursday at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Earle began her new job duties last Monday.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace China Long
Precinct 1, Place 1
Bad Checks/Warrants Issued:
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please contact China Long's office at 264-2226.
Ahrnkell, Jasmine, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
Annalla, Jamie, P.O. Box 1491, Lamesa
Armendarez, Annabel, 1509 Wood, Big Spring
Armenta, Rosie D., 1102 58th St. No. 131, Lubbock
Arriaga, Fernando M., 606 NW Eighth, Big Spring
Burton, Ron L., Sr., 1513 Kentucky Way, Big Spring
Chaney, Tabitha, P.O. Box 1041, Menard
Cisneros, Ramon, 623 McEwen, Big Spring
Davis, William Leroy, Rt. 3, box 2828, Big Spring
Drewianka, Cynthia L., 503 Abrams or 130 Carey, Big Spring
Fields, Wesley, P.O. Box 548, Coahoma
Flores, Pete, P.O. Box 345, Stanton
George, Rhonda D., P.O. Box 477, Central, N.M.
Gonzalez, Edwardo "Eddie", 517 Windship Rd., Pleasanton
Hernandez, Roxann, 2500 University Ave. No. 523, Austin
Humphries, Darren, 2502 Cheyenne, Big Spring
Martinez, Estella G., 1003 Ave. U, Snyder
Martinez, Tina, 3701 Hamilton, Big Spring
Matthews, Kathy, HC 69 Box A-190, Big Spring
Olyer, Maria, 1706 Owens, Big Spring
Roberts, Teana, 1208 E. 16th, Big Spring
Rodriguez, Rachel B., 1605 E. Fifth, Big Spring
Roe, Alvin A., Jr., P.O. Box 737, Robert Lee
Salinas, Armando M. Jr., 405 N.

Houston Ave., Lamesa
Schlegel, Linda, 1510 W. Fifth, Big Spring
Somell, Dustin, RR 1, Box 411, Big Spring
Steelman, Chris, 2106 Warren, Big Spring
Strickland, Doug, 2615 Ent, Big Spring
Walker, John, 3905 Eastridge, Snyder
Walker, Robert W., 206 N. Gregg, Big Spring
Watson, Angie L., 304 E. Fifth, Big Spring

Howard County Clerk's Office:
Marriage Licenses:
Peyton Carl Sedberry, 22, and Mindy Jo Mason, 20
Rickey Gwen Swan, 53, and Sharon Darlene Vantreese, 43
Bryan Neal Vincent, 22, and Debra Gene Spain, 26

Court records:
Quitclaim deed:
grantor: Dorrace J. Smith
grantee: Gary Gillihan
property: 1. lot 12, blk. 2, Cedar Crest Addition; 2. lots 9-10, blk. 17, Jones Valley Addition
filed: July 22, 1998

gift deed:
grantor: Earl F. Coates
grantee: Terry Lynn Coates
property: 1. a four acre tract of land out of and a part of the north-west 1/4 of section 33, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co.; 2. all that certain parcel and piece of land out of and part of the northwest 1/4 of section 33, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 22, 1998

warranty deed with vendor's lien:
grantor: William D. Warner and Linda G. Warner
grantee: John Pantoja
property: all of the east 1/2 of lot 7, blk. 15, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: July 22, 1998

filed: July 22, 1998
grantor: Alicia Figueroa and Alia Saleh
grantee: Peter K. Thiry
property: lot 23, blk. 2, Colonial Hills Addition
filed: July 23, 1998

grantor: Leonard E. and Rosie F. Posey
grantee: Annetta Sue Parnell
property: lot 5, blk. 8, Settles Heights Addition
filed: July 23, 1998

grantor: Cavan and Donna McMahon
grantee: Don M. and Jean E. Farley
property: all of lot 5, blk. 11, Edwards Heights Addition
filed: July 27, 1998

grantor: David W. Wrinkle
grantee: Rodney D. and Sheila K. Jones
property: lot 4, save and except the north 4.2 feet thereof, blk. 4, begin replat of lots 2-9 inclusive, blk. 4 and replat of all of blk. 5 of the amended plat of Muir Heights Addition
filed: JULY 27, 1998

grantor: Kenneth G. Crittendon and Sherrian Clark Crittendon
grantee: Brandon and Linda Luce
property: a 3.42 acre tract of land out of an 8.70 acre tract out of the northwest 1/4 section 6, blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 27, 1998

grantor: James Bernard McMahon and Shirley Ann McMahon
grantee: Danny L. Williams and Kathleen P. Williams
property: lot 3, blk. "B", Bates Subdivision in the City of Coahoma
filed: July 28, 1998

grantor: Gary W. Fox and Billie E. Fox
filed: July 27, 1998

grantee: Tonya L. Halfmann
property: lot 1, blk. 1, Roy Chapman Subdivision.
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: Phillip E. and Darleen Boyd
grantee: John E. and Kelly Reitzer
property: a tract of land out of the southeast 1/4 of section 29, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: Kathy McDiffitt
grantee: Tom H. and Judy K. Allen
property: all of lot 18, blk. 10, Edwards Heights Addition
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: Gary Dennis Wollenzien and Bonnie Kay Wollenzien
grantee: Steve and Krista Stutz
property: lot 19, blk. 15, Kentwood (Unit No. 2) Addition
filed: July 30, 1998

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Gaylon Knowlton
property: all of lot 11, blk. 1, Stripling Addition
filed: July 30, 1998

grantor: David A. Sutton and Anita Elizabeth Morales
grantee: David R. Henson
property: all of lot 1, and the north 59.28' of lot 2, blk. 2, Park View Addition
filed: July 30, 1998

grantor: Daniel L. Justice and Gwen K. Justice
grantee: Melissa Ann Robles
property: all of flat 11, blk. 2, Stanford Park Addition
filed: July 31, 1998

Warranty deed:
grantor: Bobby S. Wash
grantee: Cecil and Kyla Willey
property: 1.83 acre tract of land in the south 1/2 of section 31, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 24, 1998

grantor: Robert A. Chase and Connie S. Chase
grantee: Ramon Torres
property: all of lot 12, blk. 1, Stardust Addition
filed: July 27, 1998

grantor: Caroline Zentara
grantee: Aaron J. Hubbard
property: all of lot 9, blk. "C", Forrest Addition
filed: July 27, 1998

grantor: Timothy Lynn and Terrie Lyn Balckshear
grantee: First Bank of West Texas
property: lot 17, blk. 3, Section 1, Village at the Spring
filed: July 27, 1998

filed: July 27, 1998
grantor: U.M. Boatler
grantee: Lee Roy Hunt, Jr., and Patricia Hunt
property: lot 6, blk. 2, Hill-Crest Terrace Addition
filed: July 27, 1998

grantor: Agnes Wray Blake
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: all of lot 11, blk. 1, Stripling Addition
filed: July 28, 1998

grantor: Anna M. Rodriguez
grantee: Angelita R. Ortega
property: lot 5, blk. 1, Capehart Addition
filed: July 28, 1998

grantor: Mary Chavez, C.R. Chavez, Elias Chavez, Nate Chavez, Chon Chavez, Antonia Podhirny, being all heirs of Rafael Chavez
grantee: Esequiel Chavarria
property: all of the west 1/2 of tract no. 20, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of section 42, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry Co.
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: Leslie Lloyd
grantee: Antonio Gomez Mata
property: section 42, blk. 31, in the southeast 1/4 of tract 31, Wm. B. Currie Addition
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: W.A. Allen and Margaret Allen
grantee: Wayne Paul
property: a 4.38 acre tract of land out of and part of a 100.14 acre tract of land out of the north 1/2 of section 33, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: H. Margaret Gilstrap
grantee: Little Valley corp.
property: 3/4" L.P. in the East right-of-way line of Birdwell Lane in section 40, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: Midfirst Bank
grantee: HUD
property: all to lot 8, blk. 3, Corrected plat of Hillcrest Terrace
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: Amy D. Huff-Martin
grantee: Richard D. and Margaret L. Orbon
property: all of lots 1 and 2, blk. 7, Coronado Hills
filed: July 30, 1998

grantor: Leslie Lloyd
grantee: Julian Acosta
property: lots 6-7, blk. 2, Lincoln Addition
filed: July 31, 1998

grantor: Rosa Rangel Roberts and Richard Duane Roberts
grantee: Todd Ray Smith
property: the east 26' of lot 6 and the west 32' of lot 7, blk. 2, Monticello Addition
filed: July 31, 1998

grantor: Bill M. and Lila K. Estes
grantee: Curtis A. and Heather L. Crabtree
property: all of lot 16, blk. 25, College Park Estates
filed: July 31, 1998

grantor: Curtis A. Crabtree and Heather L. Crabtree
grantee: Otto Meyer
property: all of lot 16, blk. 25, College Park Estates
filed: July 31, 1998

Distribution deed:
grantor: G. Ben Bancroft
grantee: Caroline Zentara
property: all of lot 9, blk. "C", Forrest Addition
filed: July 27, 1998

Special warranty deed:
grantor: The Guaranty National Bank as trustee for the Betty Ann Wrinkle Trust
grantee: James A. Hall
property: lot 10, blk. 4, Highland South Addition
filed: July 29, 1998

grantor: Janet S. Casciato
grantee: Dwain Fox
property: west portion of lot 2, blk. 97, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: July 30, 1998

Deed without warranty with vendor's lien:
grantor: Hayes Stripling, Jr.
grantee: Melvin A. Porter
property: a 1.082 acre tract of land out of the northwest part of section 6, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: July 30, 1998

118th District Court: Divorce:
Frances Lydia Rodick vs. Howard Fredrick Rodick
Kenneth Wayne Laroque vs. Joycelyn Elaine Laroque

Accounts, notes & contracts:
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Linda R. and Harold R. Hayes and Catherine Thomason
Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Mark D. and Anna M. Sheedy

Family:
Mary B. Rodriguez vs. David Rodriguez
Pammy Sue Puga vs. Charles B. Cahoon

Self-help legal books headed to high court

AUSTIN (AP) — A publisher of self-help law materials seeking information about a Texas investigation of whether its books and software constitute the unauthorized practice of law will get its day in court.

The Texas Supreme Court set an Oct. 21 hearing on the request by California-based Nolo Press.

The publisher told the court that it wants the state Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee to disclose its meeting schedules, agendas and minutes for 1996-98; its rules and procedures; documents concerning Nolo; and names of subcommittee members looking into the case.

The subcommittee has the authority to recommend that the full committee pursue legal action against the publisher.

"A government that works in the sunshine thrives, if clamorously. A government in shadow may proceed more efficiently, but it will inevitably lose its bearings," said Nolo's request

that the court require committee disclosure.

The committee said Nolo was given all adopted rules and procedures governing its operation and that of its subcommittees, according to court documents filed on the panel's behalf. Nolo lawyer Pete Kennedy of Austin said the rules provided appear to be a draft.

Names of committee members — who include six lawyers and three non-lawyers appointed by the state Supreme Court — also were disclosed.

Other information is protected from disclosure for "sound policy reasons" and falls under a Texas Public Information Act exemption, the committee said in the court documents.

"These subcommittee members would be subject to improper lobbying and improper contact if their identities were disclosed," according to the committee.

Committee Chairman Rodney Gilstrap said disclosure of a voice mail.

NEWS

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assistance application progress have been scheduled around the state beginning Tuesday.

The first of the workshops will be held at 1:30 P.M. TUESDAY in LAMESA at the DAWSON COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER.

The SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION will hold its monthly orientation session for socially and economically disadvantaged businesses on Tuesday, Aug. 11 in Lubbock.

The sessions are provided for those business concerns interested in receiving business development assistance through the SBA's 8(a) program.

The orientation meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the SBA Lubbock office, 1205 Texas Ave., Room

408.

For more information, or to register to attend, call Pete Peterson at (806) 472-7462, ext. 235, or (800) 676-1005.

EDITOR'S NOTE: "In the News" is a weekly business column about Big Spring and Howard County-area business and business items.

If your business has a new manager, an employee of the month, new personnel, has made an acquisition or gotten an award, please mail or bring the information and a photo to the Herald.

There is no charge.

Our mailing address is "In the News," P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. Our physical location is 710 Scurry St.

For more information, call John H. Walker at 263-7331, ext. 230, Monday through Friday after 11 a.m. or leave

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Worth area to support the tiltrotor production line.

Also, the company said it has entered a strategic partnership with Texas A&M to train workers in tiltrotor technology and conduct academic research and development in manufacturing, composite materials and tiltrotor engineering.

"I am particularly pleased one of our state's leading educational institutions, Texas A&M University, will become the World Center for Tiltrotor Technology," Governor George W. Bush said in a prepared statement.

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Assuming a low profile suits you perfectly. Your intuition needs time to recharge. Take time alone, or relax with a close friend. Changing plans at the last minute could feel uncomfortable but might help you. Tonight: Early to bed.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pressure from a partner is overwhelming. Take time to think rather than react. Don't argue or get into a power play. Just make it a simple "no." Make plans with friends. Take time to relax and laugh. Others happily greet you. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Intuition is right on with an important person in your life. Someone doesn't see eye-to-eye with you. You can talk until you are blue in the face, but he isn't changing his opinions. Cut losses, move on and take

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take off as soon as you can. If you are out of kilter, adjust plans accordingly. Pressure is enormous to make a must appearance, but take control. A friend reaches out for you. Discussions help you see another point of view. Tonight: Discuss an upcoming vacation.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone demands your attention, diminishing the pleasure of relating to him. Relax, and talk about your expectations. Though you don't want to state terms, you have to. Others need to know where you're coming from. Tonight: As you like it.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Opt for a quiet day at home to finish off a project. Others pressure you, and you don't know what to make of their demands. Communications are stilted. Screen calls, and take care of priorities. A child loves being in on a secret. Tonight: Put your feet up.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Resist the irresistible! Is that possible? Follow that excellent advice with a financial or an emotional gamble. The results are far from pleasing. A partner does his best to help you with a special project. Caring flows. Tonight: A pajama party or pillow fight.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Understand more of what you need from others. Pace yourself with a home project. Listen to

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someone's suggestions. You don't need to be as much in control with a family member. Start breaking down boundaries. Trust that someone will match your efforts. Tonight: Barbecue.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Reach out for others, and stay in control. You understand a lot more than you are aware. Let someone play a role in your decisions. Don't make a problem bigger than it is. Start talks. Let creativity flow. A child lets you know how much he cares. Tonight: A favorite spot.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Make money matters a high priority. Self-esteem is tied into your need to spend. Pull back, and take a hard look at what is motivating you. A family member gives you feedback that could be uncomfortable. Tonight: Order in.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Energy pours forth from you, and others respond. Someone in charge is hard on you. Be realistic about your limits, and draw the line. After all, this is your Sunday too. A talk takes a serious tone but is necessary. Make important decisions. Tonight: A favorite restaurant.***

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