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Tickets now on sale for UW luncheon

Tickets are on sale for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kickoff luncheon, which features first lady of Texas Laura Bush as guest speaker.



BUSH

The event is set for 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Tickets are \$8 each. Organizers ask that individuals make reservations before the close of business Friday, Sept. 4.

United Way organizers have set the goal for 1999 at \$217,500.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Beginning Line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

Quarterback Club, 7 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome. For more information call Terry Brumley at 267-7263.

55 Alive Mature Driving Class, Kentwood Center. The cost is \$8

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

55 Alive Mature Driving Class, Kentwood Center. The cost is \$8.

THURSDAY

K'wanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith, 267-6479.

Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and over.

Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center.

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Time growing short to register to vote in November elections

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Time is running out for residents who plan to vote in the upcoming county election as the Oct. 5 voter registration deadline approaches.

"Oct. 5 will be the last day for area residents to register to vote in the county elections," said county clerk chief deputy Donna Wright.

"Anyone who hasn't registered yet should go to the County Tax Office, the same place you go to get your license plates or pay your taxes, and get signed up."

According to deputy voter registrar

Sandra Bloom, registering to vote is a simple, painless process.

"All you have to do is come in and fill out a form," said Bloom. "People are encouraged to provide their social security or drivers license numbers to simplify the process, but they aren't necessary."

"All that is required is your name, physical address, and date of birth. Once you provide us with that information, we process the application, and then mail your voter registration card right to your home. It's really as simple as that."

Bloom said that voter registration in Howard County is on the "honor" system, but there are measures to prevent voter

fraud.

"We've never had a problem with fraud in the past," said Bloom. "The card is non-forwardable, so if someone gives us a bogus address, the card comes back to our offices."

"After that, their names get put on a list of questionable registrations, and it's investigated."

According to Bloom, there will be assistance available at the polling sites to help bridge the language "gaps" often experienced by non-English speaking voters.

"The ballots are printed in both English and Spanish," said Bloom. "We also try to have Spanish speaking people

there to help the voters, especially in areas where there is an especially high turnout of Hispanic residents."

Bloom said that registering to vote is not the major factor in low election turnouts.

"Registering to vote is actually very simple," said Bloom. "The system to register is so easy to use, it really doesn't present a problem. The biggest hurdle that we struggle to overcome is voter apathy. We just have to get them to take the time to go to the polls, and vote."

Because of the governor's race, as well as several contested local races, a higher-than-normal voter turnout is anticipated.



Lisa Brooks (right foreground) shows Logan Gaskins, Dolline Budke and Daniel Budke how to make a doll using pinto beans and stuffing. Brooks was one of many volunteers who helped make the Potton House's Pioneer Day a success.

Return to yesteryear awes youngsters during Potton House's Pioneer Day

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Hand-churned butter, corn husk dolls, fragrant potpourri and branding wood awed children of all ages at the Potton House Museum's Pioneer Day Saturday.

"This was fun. I made a Rocking J, which I'll take to school and show them. And we made beanie baby dolls, with real beans," said 8-year-old Jennifer Petersen.

Her sister Elizabeth, 11, said while she enjoyed an hour of churning butter, scrubbing clothes on a wash board and branding wood, she realized children in Pioneer Days had little free time.

"They played jacks and yo-yos and marbles, but they didn't play too much because they had too much work to do," she said.

Exhibits were placed around the fenced-in lawn at the museum, and Pioneer Day enthusiasts visited the various displays, sampled goods and made their own mementos.

One display was a wooden Stereo Scope, similar to a modern Viewmaster. This hand-held device lends a three-dimensional appearance to photographs, according to a

volunteer who asked to remain unnamed.

"This magnifies the pictures, and pulls them together. It works both sides of the brain," he said.

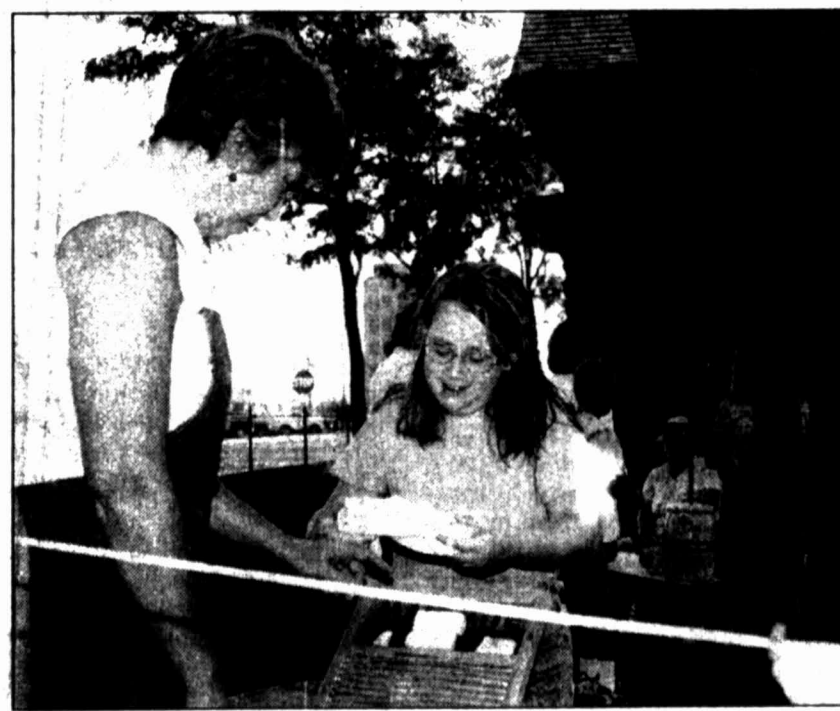
Ashley Estes, a 7-year-old second-grader, said the Stereo Scope was "fun." Pictures of buildings, scenery and even a snake were available for view-

ing.

Hand-churned butter on crackers was another big attraction. And calligraphy, using feather quills and powdered ink, was another.

"We support the museum and we're history buffs. I think a lot of history. I was born here and

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Susan McLellan (left) shows Morgan McKinney on the proper way to do laundry using lye soap and a washboard.

BSISD budget public hearing Friday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring school board of trustees have scheduled tax and budget public hearings at noon on Friday to discuss a proposed \$29 million budget and a two-cent tax increase.



McLELLAN

"The budget hearing is at noon, the tax hearing at 12:15, and a special board meeting at 12:30," said Ron Plumlee, assistant superintendent of business for Big Spring Independent School District.

The proposed budget includes state-required teacher raises, and funds for technology and

computer equipment also required by the state, said Plumlee.

And board president Larry McLellan said trustees opted to provide raises for teachers who have longevity with the district, although that salary recognition is not required by law.

"The state leaves out teachers who have been with the district 20 or more years, and these are the teachers who are dedicated to the district and have a history behind them," McLellan said.

He added the half-step raise trustees approved for teachers and administrators comprises about \$50,000 of the \$400,000 part of the budget dedicated to raises.

Also, another \$350,000 of the overall budget is a one-time expense for new technology to bring the district into compliance with the Texas Education

Agency requirements.

"It is required by the district to be on-line by the next school year, as the state converts to a paper less trail," McLellan said.

Also, technology and interior supports for the new junior high school, another one-time expense, are in this budget, he said.

The two-cent tax increase will mean about an \$8 increase for a homeowner of a \$40,000 home, said McLellan.

For a \$20,000 home, the increase equals about \$4 a year, and for an \$80,000 home, the yearly tax will increase about \$16, Plumlee said.

The current tax rate is \$1.5563 per \$100 valuation, and the proposed increase will bring the tax rate to \$1.5763, Plumlee said.

McLellan said 14 cents of the tax rate is the bond debt for the new junior high school.

City-Fina

Refinery will pay \$50k annually under industrial agreement

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Officials from the City of Big Spring and Fina Oil and Chemical unveiled a new five-year industrial agreement between the two entities Friday during a business luncheon at the Big Spring Country Club.

Under the agreement,

Fina will pay the city \$50,000 per year beginning on Jan. 1, 1999 for ancillary services. As part of the pact, the city will not begin annexation proceedings on the Big Spring Refinery during that period.

"We can survive, and we will survive," said Steve Weber, manager of the Big Spring Fina refinery. "We look forward to facing the challenges of the future with the city of Big Spring."

"This was a very difficult issue to approach," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "A lot of people were very nervous about the proceedings, but we have managed to remain friends throughout."

"The city council did a great job, and I thank them for having the courage to sit down, and look at the issues. We would also like to thank the officials from Sid Richardson, who we have come to an agreement with, and should be signing the papers soon. We really want to help these companies grow."

Fuqua said that the talks between the city and Fina went very well, and a professional attitude was maintained by

both sides throughout the proceedings.

"Mr. Weber really had to hit the ground running," said Fuqua. "He had just moved here when talks started, and we had very little chance to get acquainted before these matters got under way."

Also on hand for the proceedings was Steve Cornell, general manager for Fina's southwest operations.

"The hub of our operations in this region is right here in Big Spring," said Cornell. "What happens in and around Big Spring is very important to our operations."

Cornell said that although Fina plans to maintain its Big Spring operations, he warned that no plant or operation is immune to the possibility of closure.

"The Big Spring plant will survive through hard work, cooperation, and a give and take relationship between all that are involved. I really think this is a good example of how we can resolve the issues that come up, and manage to help our operations grow."

Weber stressed that cooperation between Fina and the City of Big Spring is essential to a prosperous relationship.

"The Big Spring refinery currently provides the community \$2 million in estimated taxes for its education, making for more productive members of society," said Weber. "We also put \$12 million dollars out each year in the form of pay for our Big Spring employees, who then turn around and spend much of that in the city."

"We just want to promote progress and attract new businesses to Big Spring, as well as retain the existing businesses we have."

Weber also addressed concerns about the new Longhorn pipeline, and how the increase in competitiveness between oil companies in the area will affect both Fina and their local refinery.

"We hope to counteract the effects of the pipeline," said



WEBER



CORNELL



FUQUA



Traffic on FM 669 — the Gall Highway — was blocked for about two hours Friday afternoon when this propane tank truck rounded a curve too quickly and overturned 18.1 miles north of Big Spring. Driver Robert Dickson and an unnamed passenger were treated and released from Seonick Mountain Medical Center. The vehicle, owned by Wylie LP Gas Co. of Rawls, was off-loaded without incident. Only a small portion of propane escaped from the tank truck when the pump intake was damaged.

OBITUARIES

Michael Wayne Arnold

Memorial service for Michael Wayne Arnold, 61, Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, was 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 1998, at Bunker's Colonial Chapel in Mesa, Ariz.

Mr. Arnold died Sunday, Aug. 16, in Mesa, Ariz.

He was born in Wichita Falls. He had lived in Arizona for 10 years working as a furniture salesman.

Hortense L. Whitener

Services for Hortense L. Whitener, 84 were 2 p.m. Saturday at Hubbard-Kelly Chapel in Odessa with the Rev. Bruce Troy officiating. Burial was in Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Mrs. Whitener died Tuesday, Aug. 18 in Brandon, Fla.

She was born May 5, 1914 in Dublin, Texas. She married Herchel W. Whitener on Nov. 26, 1962 in Odessa.

Mrs. Whitener had worked in the cafeteria for the Ector County Independent School District and also for the Ector County Library. She was a member of Second Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, W.D. Whitener; a daughter, Darlene Millican, Brandon, Fla.; a son, Max Phillips, El Indio, Texas; two sisters, Eloise McRae, Big Spring and Vonceil Grimes, Grandbury; and four grandchildren.

Frances L. Daw

Service for Frances L. Daw, Abilene, will be 10 a.m. Monday at Wylie Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Patterson officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Elliott Hamil Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Daw died Friday, Aug. 21 at Abilene Hospital.

She was born in Mitchell County and attended public schools in Big Spring. She moved to Abilene from Weatherford in 1988.

Mrs. Daw married Leslie Daw on Oct. 4, 1952 in Colorado City. She was a homemaker and a member of Wylie Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors are her husband, Leslie Daw of Abilene, a son and daughter-in-law, Rick and Bette Daw, Plano; a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Royse

Kerr, Abilene; her mother, Bertha Montgomery of Abilene; a brother, Raymond Bedford, Odessa; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family will receive friends from 3-5 p.m. today at the funeral home, 5701 U.S. 277 South.

PIONEER

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so was Viv," said volunteer Jake Glickman.

He and his wife Vivian demonstrated and encouraged quill and ink novice calligraphers.

Nancy Raney, assistant curator for Heritage Museum, dressed the part of a pioneer in a blue calico, floor-length farm dress.

"It surely is hot," Raney said. She was responsible for providing patrons with sweet-smelling bundles of potpourri.

"Settlers would take things that reminded them of their trip, like a rock or some flowers, and wrap them in a bit of mesh, tie a ribbon and place the small bundle in their drawer. When the flowers dried, they would smell like the place they had been, and since pioneers didn't travel as much as we do now, this was important," Raney said.

Betty Petty, who works at the Pottin House Tuesday through Saturdays, conducted part of the tour in the home itself. She explained that many of the furnishings came from a Sears & Roebuck catalog, which was very popular with pioneers.

"My father-in-law bought a house from the Sears & Roebuck catalog, and it took him seven years to pay for it, because he was also paying for a garage downtown. He wouldn't marry my mother-in-law until the house was paid for, and she said that made her an old maid, which she reminded him of their whole marriage," Petty said.

Her in laws, Bruton and Stella Petty, now deceased, married in 1930. They owned and operated Petty Garage and Service Station, located across from the Settles Hotel, for 43 years.

Petty said buying houses from the catalog was once popular, and on Nolan Street there was a neighborhood comprised of those homes.

The Pottin House is furnished with period antiques, some the original pieces from when the home was built by Joseph and Mary Pottin in 1901. A piano Joseph Pottin ordered in 1921, complete with letter of authenticity, was ordered the same time. President Theodore Roosevelt ordered his, said Pottin House employee Tammy Burrows.

"The house is all restored to its original Victorian colors. These are 12 foot high ceilings, the fireplaces were ordered from the Sears & Roebuck catalog for \$25, and the carper (red roses on an antique white back ground) is a reproduction of the original," Burrow said.

The house cost \$2,500 to build in 1901, and is made of sandstone from the Barstow and Pecos areas, she said.

"They made them from sandstone because there was so much (house) fire," she said.

A harpsichord sits in the parlor, a room located to the left of the front door. An unusual, boat shaped lamp shade sits atop a floor lamp in this room. The lamp was donated to the house, perhaps from a bordello, she said.

"The parlor was like a living room, a special occasion room for company that was very formal," Burrow said.

Two features not found in

modern homes are large windows at the top of each door, used for ventilation, and a single, narrow closet. The closet is about 18-inches wide, and three feet in length, and contains wall hooks instead of rods or polls.

"This is the only closet in the entire house. The taxing people considered a closet a separate room," said Petty.

Also, the bathroom connects to the bedroom by a door installed with the plumbing in 1920.

"The architect didn't believe it was sanitary to have a door to the bathroom from the bedroom, so they had to walk around, through the kitchen outside. The only thing in the room was a galvanized tub and his dresser," Petty said.

Pioneer Day is in its fourth year of providing patrons with a chance to taste pioneer life, said Heritage Museum curator Angie Way.

Pottin House, 200 Gregg, is open Tuesday through Saturday from 1-5 p.m. During regular hours, the upstairs portion of the house, which was a nursery for children used in 1914-16, is also available for tours.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m.

FINA

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Weber. "It's very important that we remain in an environment where we can be competitive. In about six to 10 months, that pipeline will be flowing, and I believe it will result in some short term aggressiveness in competition, but in the long run Fina will be a survivor."

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The following elected and appointed boards and bodies will meet this week in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Howard County Commissioners Court 10 a.m. Monday

The following items of business will be discussed in the regular meeting of the Howard County Commissioners Court to be held on Monday, Aug. 24, at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse: approve invoices, approve purchase requests, 1998-99 budget hearing, 1998-99 budget adoption, discussion of election equipment, approval of part time employee in the Sheriff's Office.

New business includes: pipeline crossings, presentation of Howard County 911 communications district annual budget, acceptance of new physician contracts, discussion of equipment purchases for the Howard County Volunteer Fire Dept., and a discussion of courthouse/library renovations.

Howard College trustees 12:30 p.m. Monday

Howard College trustees have scheduled a meeting for Monday, Aug. 24 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss a multipurpose building at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Other business presented to the trustees include the 1998-99 tax rate funding requests from the Texas legislature, and bids for year 2000 computer compliant software.

Also, trustees are expected to discuss personnel matters, rates for continuing education courses and computer printers.

Big Spring City Council 5:30 p.m. Tuesday

The Big Spring City Council will meet in a regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the city council room located at 307 E. 4th St., and will discuss the following: consider final reading of an ordinance approving preliminary and final plat of Evans subdivision, consider the final reading of an ordinance approving the revised district zoning map.

The council will also hear the city manager's report, as well as consider the award of annual bids for the city.

In old business: the council will consider the first reading of an ordinance accepting service plan for the provision of municipal services for an area proposed for annexation and authorizing public hearings as required under chapter 43 of the Texas local government code. The council will also hear a presentation from consultant for award of health insurance bids.

In new business: consider closure of streets for drug and gang prevention activity at northside park; consider the first reading of a resolution adopting an amended financial management policy; consider first reading of a resolution amending city manager's contract to coincide with fiscal year budget; consider approval of payment of late homestead exemption refunds; discuss and consider renewal of city/county ambulance contract; hear presentation and consider approval for reduction of population of prairie dogs at air park.

Moore Development for Big Spring 3 p.m. Wednesday

Moore Development For Big Spring board of directors scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 3 p.m. to discuss hiring a work force director for the organization.

The meeting will take place at 215 W. Third, in the Chamber of Commerce board room, and will also include reports from the directors as well as committee reports.

Financial considerations include July 1998 investment reports.

BRIEFS

AN ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW and pull are planned during the Howard County Fair. Tractors made in 1960 and earlier are eligible, and should be brought to the fairgrounds Tuesday, Sept. 1 afternoon for the show.

The tractor pull will take place the following Saturday. Call Doyle Railsback, 399-4804 for more information and complete rules.

BIG SPRING BAND BOOSTERS will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the high school band hall. All parents of Big Spring band students in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. For more information call Rocky Harris at 264-3641.

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

A GROUP FROM THE Lighthouse Children's Home in Costa Rica will give two local performances at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Maranatha Christian School, 903 Johnson, and at 7 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church, 6th and Settles.

The group performs with Christian songs, gospel illusions and magic. Performances will be free. Call East Side Baptist Church for more information.

tion, 267-1915.

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 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.

VICTORY OUTREACH, A REVIVAL is planned at 7 p.m. on Aug. 24-25 in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Pastor will be Randy Estes, who will be joined by a praise team. For more information, call 399-4324.

REUNIONS

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class of '88 is going to be having its 10 year reunion in October. The following is a list of missing classmates:

Juan Baldwin, Kenneth Banks, Beki Bertrand, Michelle Brooks, Nora Chapel, Garry Chavez, Unis Drew, Carey Duffy, Thomas Figueroa, Julie Fortner, Angie Gonzales, Terry Hart, Mary Ann Herrera, Tracy Hicks, Sammy Hilario, Diana Howard, Sean Jackson, Paula Jolley, Michelle LaGrand, Christina Marquez, Gina Martinez, Stephanie Marx, Shawn Meredith, Kelly Myles, Elsie Nieto, Lucinda Oliver, John Osborne, Kelly Parks, Michelle Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Robert Rodriguez, Trevor Roten, Lisa Seeley, Heath Shotts, Allan Smith, Joseph Sosa, Anna Vega, Mary Lou Villa, Charles White, Danny Williams.

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

POLICE/SHERIFF

The Big Spring Police department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

WILLIAM HOGAN, 31, was arrested for driving while

license suspended.

JEREMY MILLS, 26, was arrested for public intoxication.

OTIS PORTER, 47, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

BENNY ISLAS, 34, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and local warrants.

MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ, 27, was arrested for no driver's license.

DARRELL BURKEEN, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

DARLENE SHELDON, 25, was arrested for public intoxication.

JOSEPH PRATT, 47, was arrested for public intoxication.

ROBERT SANCHEZ, 34, was arrested for local warrants.

KELSEY INGRAM, 18, was arrested for public intoxication.

ELIJAH COLE, 28, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

DELORES HERNANDEZ, 25, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln. A Motorola cellular flip telephone, valued at \$90, was reported stolen.

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

VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF as reported in the 2300 block of S. Gregg and the 1500 block of Sycamore.

THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Gregg, 2300 block of Wason and 1200 block of 11th Place.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

JAMES WATERS, 40, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

DALE THOMAS MITCHELL, 24, was arrested for outstanding warrants.

KENNETH HOLLINGSHEAD, 42, was arrested for public intoxication.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Results from Saturday night's drawing in the Texas Lottery, which included Pick 3 and Lotto Texas:

PICK 3: 9-2-4 LOTTO TEXAS 28-29-30-37-38-40

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

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

Robert Boudle, 68, died Thursday. Burial services will be Sunday at 7:00 PM at Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel Funeral Home. Services will be conducted Monday at 10:00 AM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Barth Inna "Sally" Clinton, 60, died Thursday. Memorial services were 4:00 PM Saturday at the Cottonflat Baptist Church in Midland, under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Richard L. Delamarter, 81, died Saturday. Services are pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Charley dumps up to 8 inches of rain on parts of South Texas

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Although it's only a minimal tropical storm, South Texas residents weren't disappointed in their wait for Charley to slosh ashore.

Chip Theiss of Houston has gone fishing in Port Mansfield, just south of where the system made landfall Saturday with tides six or more feet above normal, rains up to eight inches and winds more than 45 mph.

"We've been trying to catch some fish and it's been OK for trout and redfish, between all the showers and stuff," said Theiss in a telephone interview from his gulfside condo. "The

winds have picked up. They're 20-25 mph sustained, with higher gusts."

Along the sparsely populated coast near Corpus Christi; residents on sprawling ranches eagerly sought rainfall for parched cattle herds and crops.

"You better believe it. That's what we heard — that the rain's coming," said Cindy Gonzales, who lives on the 245,000-acre Norias Ranch near Armstrong. "It better fall, damn it."

The system, named Friday afternoon when a tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico developed sustained winds of 39 mph, made landfall early Saturday on the desolate

coast near Corpus Christi.

At sea, oil companies scrambled Friday to evacuate thousands of roughnecks from offshore drilling platforms as waves reached eight to 10 feet.

"There's a lot of rigs in the Gulf, and each one has an average of 120 to 148 personnel," said Petty Officer Rusty Miller at the U.S. Coast Guard base on Galveston Island.

Waves were already running three or four feet above mean high tide at Galveston and some coastal flooding was expected, he said.

Late Friday night, the National Weather Service projected landfall near Port

Aransas between 3 and 6 a.m.

Sustained winds were expected to increase to 50 to 60 mph with higher gusts at the immediate coast as the storm makes landfall. A tropical storm warning remained in effect for the entire Texas coast.

But low-lying roadways and bridges in the Coastal Bend area were especially prone to flooding because of tides and rainfall amounts between four and eight inches.

"We're hoping for rain," said Nick Prado, a senior patrol agent at the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint near Sarita.

Pat McGee, owner of a surf shop in Corpus Christi, said

Friday he received dozens of calls from out-of-towners wanting surf and weather reports.

McGee said if the storm doesn't fizzle, he plans to shut down his surf board rental shop to discourage inexperienced surfers from risking the dangerous conditions.

"This is what we wait for," said windsurfer Greg Winkler, who took the afternoon off from his job in Corpus Christi.

"It's just about perfect, the northeast wind takes us straight out and lets us sail the waves back like a surfer," he told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "It's great."

The lower Texas coast is pro-

ected by Padre Island, a scrubby strip of sand shielding the environmentally sensitive Laguna Madre and Intracoastal Canal from the pounding surf.

Onshore, marshland gives way to coastal plain and the King Ranch's herds of red Santa Gertrudis cattle and sleek quarterhorses.

The last time a hurricane struck the area was Aug. 9, 1980 when Hurricane Allen battered the coast with 185 mph winds.

Although Allen was called "the storm of the century" because of its extreme size and power, it missed major metropolitan areas and caused only \$55 million in damage.

Rice is only Texas school to make nation's top 50

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rice University stands alone as the only Texas school to make it into U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of the top 50 universities in the nation.

Three schools, Harvard, Princeton and Yale, are tied for first place.

Baylor, Southern Methodist, Texas A&M, Texas Christian and the University of Texas were ranked as second-tier schools, those coming in behind No. 50.

Texas Southern and Texas Tech were ranked as fourth-tier schools.

The rankings are included in the magazine's annual publication, "America's Best Colleges," which goes on sale Monday.

Rice University President Malcolm Gillis said Friday that the results of this year's poll have been sitting on his desk for more than a day. He said he'll be lucky if he reads the article by the end of the week-end.

"This is like a beauty contest — the very idea of ranking schools," Gillis said. "We

understand they want to sell magazines, but we don't have to take them very seriously."

He said it's nice to receive a high ranking "but we have a pretty good about what our identity is. We don't need to find it in rankings."

The magazine used several criteria, including an institution's reputation among academics, the percentage of students that graduate, student-faculty ratio and financial resources, such as spending per student and alumni giving.

The magazine reported that Rice, with about 4,000 students, has one of the highest graduation rates among the top-ranked schools with 88 percent. Harvard leads the list with 97 percent.

School officials also said all Rice graduates who apply for graduate school are accepted, and 75 percent of those are accepted by their first choice.

"We have a lot of things to be proud of," Gillis said.

But the president of the smallest private school to make the top 50 said parents should be cautious about college rankings.

"It's so simple to have rankings, and it's also quite misleading," Gillis said. "They (parents) should reflect just a little bit and think about how the school should fit the needs of their children."

Officials at Texas A&M College Station, which was ranked No. 15 on the top public universities list, also said parents should consider more than ranking when looking for the right school for their children.

TEXAS COLLEGES MAKING LIST

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seventeen Texas universities made it onto U.S. News & World Report's annual list of top liberal arts universities and top universities overall.

- Austin College, Sherman; national liberal arts college second tier, ranking begins at 41.
- Southwestern University, Georgetown; national liberal arts college second tier.
- University of Dallas; national liberal arts college fourth tier, ranking begins at 123.
- Rice University, Houston; national universities No. 18.
- Baylor University, Waco; national universities second tier, ranking begins at 51.
- Southern Methodist University, Dallas; national universities second tier.
- Texas A&M; national universities second tier.

- Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; national universities second tier.
- University of Texas; national universities second tier.
- University of Texas-Dallas; national universities third tier, ranking begins at 118.
- Texas A&M University Commerce; national universities fourth tier, ranking begins at 173.
- Texas Southern University, Houston; national universities fourth tier.
- Texas Tech University, Lubbock; national universities fourth tier.
- Texas Woman's University, Denton; national universities fourth tier.
- University of Houston; national universities fourth tier.
- University of North Texas, Denton; national universities fourth tier.
- University of Texas-Arlington; national universities fourth tier.

Pigeons trucked in for Dallas Gun Club shoot

CARROLLTON (AP) — The pigeons — some trapped in cities, some raised from the egg — are taken by the truckload to the shooting range.

There they're shotgunned by the tens of thousands by sport shooters.

An event involving 25,000 pigeons was scheduled this weekend at the Dallas Gun Club, attracting participants from as far away as Australia and Japan.

But on Friday, a woman at the Gun Club denied such a shoot was ever planned.

"We're not having one. We don't even have one scheduled," said the woman, who refused to give her name. A telephone message left with the club's president, Russ Meyer, was not returned.

"They're lying," said Heidi Prescott, national director of the New York-based Fund for Animals. Ms. Prescott. "These things are held in secrecy. It's like a cockfighting circuit. There's no excuse for this other than blood lust."

Carrollton Assistant Police Chief Mac Tristan says the pigeons are caged in a field in a neighboring suburb.

"It's my understanding that there's not anything illegal. I've not been informed that it is. If it is, we're obligated to look into it and investigate. It's my understanding this is a

yearly event that occurs," he said. "Obviously this thing is not tasteful, but it's different to hunters."

Whether pigeon shoots are legal in Texas is depends on how the event is handled.

A 1973 Texas Attorney General opinion says that "each case must be determined upon its own facts, where the tail feathers of pigeons are plucked to cause their flight to be erratic, they are thrown in the air, shot and left to die, the facts are sufficient to support a conviction for torturing, tormenting and/or needlessly mutilating an animal..."

That opinion still stands, but the local district attorney "would have to look at the facts of this canned hunt to determine how it is done and see how it fits under the cruelty of animal statute in the penal code," said AG spokesman Ron Dusek.

Pigeon shoots are prohibited in 15 states, but Prescott says they're usually cloaked events. The way they work is pigeons are brought out in spring-loaded cages and then launched about 20 yards in the air from the shooters.

Shooters earn points based on where the birds fall. Sources said shooters frequently gamble and the winner will claim a contest pool expected to reach \$100,000.

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OUR VIEWS

Teamwork between Fina, Big Spring sets good example

On Friday, officials of Fina and the City of Big Spring announced jointly they had reached an agreement for an industrial agreement for ancillary services provided by various city departments.

In reaching the agreement at the bargaining table, instead of having it played out on the front page of the newspaper and on the radio, both entities were able to enter in frank and earnest discussions with the knowledge that the talks were just as they should be — private.

Ours was a conscious effort to report only the news angle and to present both sides of the issue — from Big Spring Refinery manager Steve Weber and city manager Gary Fuqua — in a fair and balanced manner, leaving the gossip and sensationalizing to those who have nothing better to do with their time.

Because of that, and the fact KBST also reported only the "hard" news of the issue, we believe both sides were able to work out an equitable agreement.

It was obvious that there is an intrinsic value to Fina in having such city services as fire, police and ambulance available whenever they are needed ... but it was also obvious that the value was not such to necessitate a formal annexation of the refinery.

That's why it was so important that both sides were able to go to the table without having to battle "the sky is falling" cries of those who would be Chicken Little if only permitted.

While Fina is no longer the county's largest employer, it still dominates the local tax rolls and its economic impact is nothing to be sneezed at. Its employees are our friends and neighbors and their spouses work throughout the community.

Steve Cornell, head of Fina's Southwestern Business Unit, tells us that with changes made at the refinery over the past few years, it can be competitive with the Gulf Coast refineries as well as the planned pipelines if they ever come to pass.

There are challenges ahead for both the Big Spring Refinery as well as the City of Big Spring.

As a small, inland refinery, ours will always be on the bubble, so to speak, but changes made under the direction of then-plant manager Phil Carruthers and current plant manager Steve Weber — and the direction of Steve Cornell — will keep this plant competitive in an industry that changes and grows more competitive daily.

The fact this refinery is still operational as others in the region — most recently in Odessa and Abilene — are shuttered is a tribute to Fina's commitment to an efficient and cost-effective operation.

And we believe it is up to the city to strive to run that same type of operation — to look at the services provided to its citizens and study the manner in which they are delivered.

Is it a cost-effective delivery? Are we overstaffed in some areas and understaffed in others? Do we have three people doing the work of two in one area while some other task goes unattended altogether?

Ours is a small, rural community that has to have teamwork in order to survive — teamwork like we just experienced between Fina and the city.

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Life imitates art with 'Wag the Dog' attacks

It is said that art imitates life. I offer to you that actions of this past week also prove that life imitates art.

In the movie "Wag the Dog," a sitting president lagging badly in the polls in the midst of a reelection campaign calls on an old friend to bail him out and save the day.



JOHN H. WALKER

Among the reasons this sitting president is failing so badly is an alleged affair with a member of a girl's youth group, with a name created to make movie goers think of the Girl Scouts.

His friend, played by Robert DeNiro, hires a Hollywood producer, played by Dustin Hoffman, to create a war ... a war in which America roars to victory, resplendent with a psycho hero played by Woody

Harrelson. The whole purpose of the war is to get the news of the president's sexual indiscretions off the nation's front pages and out of the six o'clock news.

And it worked. This week, life imitated art when Bill Clinton, who has never raised so much as a finger against this nation's transgressors, ordered an attack on an undisclosed number of alleged terrorist training facilities in Afghanistan and Sudan.

In this real life version of "Wag the Dog," Bill Clinton's sexual indiscretions with Monica Lewinsky, et al, were either relegated to inside news pages and the tail end of the news broadcasts or dropped altogether.

Again, it worked. But unlike the celluloid version, this "war" has repercussions.

Yes, America should defend itself and its people — wherever they may be — against those who would commit terrorist acts on her and her people.

But in that defense, we should be wary of the techniques of those we seek to

defeat and work to ensure that we don't endanger our citizens even more by our actions.

The sad fact is this past week's actions wound up being so out of the ordinary for this president that the whole world is talking about "Wag the Dog."

In the world community, allies discuss planned actions of aggression against their respective enemies. They talk with allies about possible repercussions as they seek support for their actions.

As news continues to come out regarding the attacks, it is clear from the comments made by world leaders that the actions of the United States caught the world community by surprise.

And along with that, the word is the attacks were marginally successful at best.

Without apparently hindering or harming the terrorists with any level of severity, the actions of Bill Clinton in calling for the assault only solidified the resolve of those Middle Easterners who are convinced all Americans are agents of the devil anyway.

For a president who has always talked a tough game — from his "vengeance will be swift and justice hard" comments of the past — Bill Clinton certainly made a quick mid-stream change of horses in respect to doing something other than chasing women and talking.

But as sure as the sun will set later today, two things won't happen following this past week's "Wag the Dog" attack ... the terrorists won't be deterred and the president's deeds can't be kept off the front page.

Prayerfully, I hope the actions we as a nation took were truly believed to be necessary ... that the failure to notify our allies was because of a true concern that the opportunity to attack and the opportunity to prevent other terrorist attacks on our country and her people were indeed fleeting.

But if the similarities between art and life are more than a coincidence, then God have mercy on all of us.

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



Easy cure for Clinton: Wear mitts

By JOHN KELSO

Austin American-Statesman

If busy hands are happy hands, then Bill "Pinocchio" Clinton's fingers must be about half giddy.

It's not that I don't like Clinton. It's just that he has this problem with what to do with his hands.

I suffered from the same dilemma when I quit smoking 10 years ago. But at least with me it didn't lead to the condition Clinton suffers from.

I speak, of course, of the dreaded grabitis.

Many people aren't familiar with the heartbreak of grabitis and, therefore, aren't sympathetic to grabitis sufferers.

In fact, there are probably many of y'all, because of a mis understanding of this condition, who figure the president should get 99 years in the electric chair.

Or belted over the head with a rolling pin by his old lady.

But I realize grabitis is treatable.

So I don't think Bill Clinton should be impeached. Instead, I say he should be sentenced to a cold shower three times a day, or perhaps a daily dip in Lake Michigan during winter.

The other thing that could be done to cure the president would be to make him wear a pair of huge barbecue mitts 24 hours a day.

This is a practical solution to the matter.

That way, when he saw a zipper he figured needing tending to, his hands would be tied.

Is this a great idea or what? If the president had to constantly wear a pair of enormous barbecue mitts, and some 21-year-old intern showed up, she would be perfectly safe.

Let's run a little test here, and you'll see what I mean. Put on a huge pair of barbecue mitts and try to undo your pants.

See? You can't do it. Suddenly you are being held prisoner by your own pants.

And, if you couldn't undo your own pants, you wouldn't be able to undo anybody else's pants, either.

I think the barbecue mitts should be a bright orange so Clinton would be easy for Hillary to spot, in case he began wandering.

Another plus to this program?

It's real tough to pick up chicks when you're wearing barbecue mitts, because it doesn't look cool. This is why

you hardly ever see Kappa Sigs in expensive sports cars driving around wearing these items.

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "Kelso, you large derriere of a horse. This program wouldn't work because it would create a major embarrassment for this great land of ours."

"Imagine having a U.S. president at state functions showing up with a pair of barbecue mitts on."

"This would look funny on the Ted Koppel show, not to mention in front of the Queen of England."

Yeah, well, so what?

At least it would keep the president from trying to give the queen a hickey. Also, Clinton could talk his way around the embarrassment part.

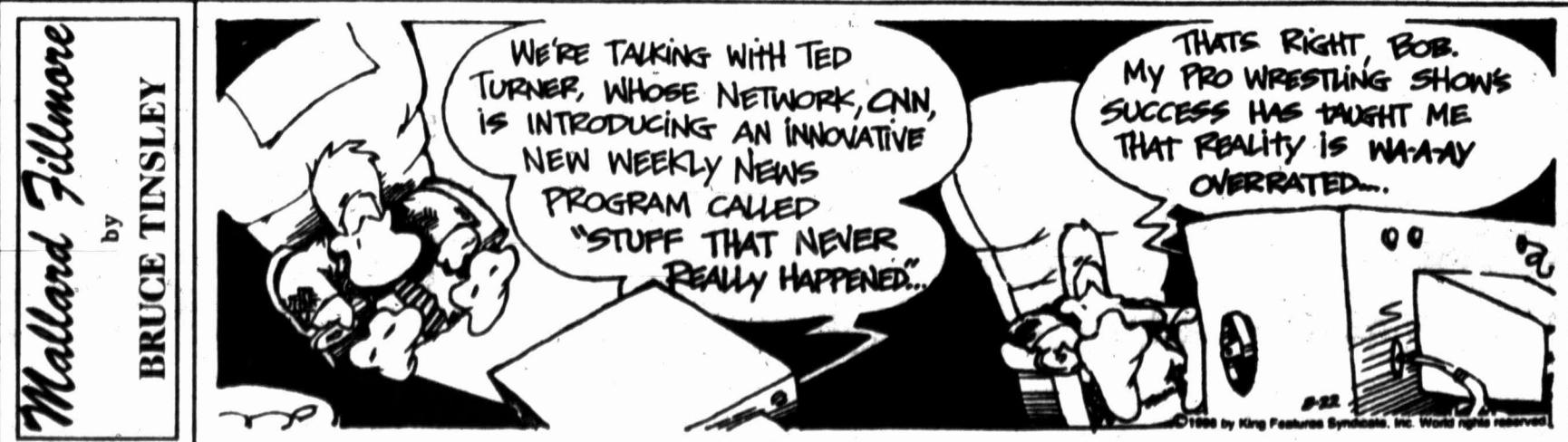
Let's say the ambassador of Togo shows up for a state dinner at the White House, and he finds Bill Clinton dressed in a pair of orange barbecue mitts.

The president could explain his way out of this one by saying he's fixing to grill some dogs.

You know Hillary would go for it, because she could allow the president to roam the grounds unattended.

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Judge overseeing Waco ISD promotions suit bows out of case

AUSTIN (AP) — The judge overseeing a lawsuit against the Waco Independent School District's new student promotions policy on Friday bowed out at the district's request.

The district, meanwhile, approved changes to the policy, allowing some students held back because of it another shot at advancing to the next grade.

Under the policy, which took effect in the 1997-98 school year, elementary and middle school students must pass all of their core classes, maintain 90 percent attendance and score a combined average of 70 on the

math and reading sections of the TAAS test.

Promotion of first- and second-graders, who do not take the TAAS, was based in part on their performance on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

More than 1,100 students were held back because of the policy, including 520 who did not meet the testing criteria. Those students will be allowed to re-take the test, the district decided.

Judge Alan Mayfield of Waco earlier this month refused to issue a temporary court order against the policy. A trial on a permanent injunction is likely

later this year. Mayfield will not preside over that trial.

According to district spokesman Dale Kaffey, WISD attorneys did not believe Mayfield could be fair and impartial, in part because one of the people trying to block the policy is McLennan County Commissioner Lester Gibson. County commissioners set the budget for court personnel and supplies, although Mayfield's salary is set by the state.

School district attorneys also raised questions about Mayfield's ability to remain fair after he expressed concerns

about portions of the promotions policy.

Mayfield on Friday said he believes he has been fair and impartial in handling the case but would step down because the district no longer is comfortable with him presiding.

"It is extremely important in all lawsuits that the parties feel certain that they have had the opportunity of a fair and impartial trial," he said.

Mayfield also said he believes the policy overall is "a good policy and a wise policy."

"The effort to see that our children are educated and

receive the benefit of their schooling is certainly wise," he wrote.

But Mayfield also said there were some portions of the policy that might have caused it to be overturned. He did not elaborate, but said changes approved by the district on Thursday "retain the strengths of the policy, and at the same time eliminates those weaknesses that might have caused it to be overturned in the future."

Michael Roberts, an attorney for Gibson and four others fighting the policy, disagreed.

Gibson and others say the dis-

trict is improperly using results of the TAAS and are violating students' rights to keep private their test performance.

"We believe that if you change an illegal policy, it is still an illegal policy," Roberts said. "If a test is being misused, if you change it in some minor fashion, that does cure the fundamental problem that you are misusing it."

Roberts added that Mayfield's departure from the case will set back the trial. "After all, we're going to need to have a new judge brought up to speed," he said.

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Former Klan leader Sam Bowers convicted of murder after fifth trial

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — For more than three decades, Ellie Dahmer waited to see justice served on the man who orchestrated the Ku Klux Klan firebombing murder of her husband.

She waited and waited — through four trials and four deadlocked juries, never doubting that Samuel S. Bowers had ordered the death of her husband, Vernon Dahmer.

Her day finally came Friday. Bowers, a former Klan imperial wizard, was led away in handcuffs to begin serving a life sentence after a fifth jury rewrote the conclusion on another Mississippi civil rights killing.

"These tears that I am shedding, I am shedding for Vernon, because I know he is looking at us today," Mrs. Dahmer said

outside the courtroom.

A racially mixed jury heard four days of testimony and deliberated just over two hours before convicting the one-time Klansman on murder and arson charges. Defense attorney Travis Buckley said he would appeal.

State Attorney General Mike Moore, whose office had assisted in reviving the case, said the verdict "makes me feel very good, makes me feel proud of my state, proud of the Dahmers, proud of the entire judicial system."

The Bowers case often mirrored the struggle for racial justice in Mississippi. Four trials during the 1960s — at least two of them in front of all-white juries — ended in deadlock. Blacks in that era were prevented from registering to vote, and

thereby kept off juries.

The jury this time consisted of six whites, five blacks and one Asian.

"It has been 32 years. Justice delayed is not justice denied," Assistant District Attorney Robert Helfrich said during closing arguments.

This was the second time prosecutors retried a decades-old civil rights killing in Mississippi. White supremacist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in 1964 of the 1963 murder of NAACP leader Medgar Evers.

Mrs. Dahmer had pressed for years to get her husband's case reopened, and stepped up her efforts after Beckwith's conviction. Access to long-sealed state records and old FBI files helped convince prosecutors that they could gain a conviction.

Mrs. Dahmer and other family members hugged as the courtroom emptied.

"Oh this is a happy moment for us," Dahmer's widow said. "It is a moment we have been waiting for about 30 years."

During the predawn hours of Jan. 10, 1966, two carloads of Klansmen arrived at Dahmer's Hattiesburg-area home and grocery store, spraying it with gunfire and tossing gasoline firebombs through a front window.

Bowers had ordered a "No. 4" — Klan code for assassination — because of Vernon Dahmer's work in helping fellow blacks register to vote, witnesses said.

Dahmer held the Klansmen at bay with a shotgun while his family fled. His lungs were badly burned by the intense heat and he died about 12 hours later.

"Vernon Dahmer was a farmer, a businessman, helping people to vote," Helfrich said. "He believed in the American dream. He built his own home from scratch. He worked hard and he got rewarded — and the reward the KKK gave him wasn't good."

Bowers, 73, was unemotional as the verdict was read, but earlier he smiled while posing for pictures with members of his defense team. Bowers could be eligible for parole after 10 years.

District Attorney Lindsay Carter said Bowers appeared to expect the conviction.

"Before the jury came out, he started emptying his pockets, took off his watch in anticipation of what was going to happen," Carter said. "I think he knew what was coming."

The FBI arrested 13 Klansmen in March 1966 in neighboring Jones County, where the White Knights were headquartered.

Bowers was not among them but was arrested later.

At the time of the Dahmer raid, Bowers was under federal indictment for conspiracy in the 1964 deaths of civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, whose bodies were found in an earthen dam near Philadelphia. He served six years of a 10-year sentence at a federal prison at McNeil Island, Wash.

Two other men, Deavours Nix and Charles Noble, were charged along with Bowers in the revived Dahmer murder case. No trial dates have been set for the two.

Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the verdict "should send a strong, clear message to all harbingers of hate that justice will not be denied, even if it takes 32 years."

911 tape contradicts Ramsey's statement

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — JonBenet Ramsey's older brother was awake and asking questions when his mother called police to report the 6-year-old girl's disappearance, according to a digitally enhanced recording of the 911 tape.

The information contradicts what John and Patsy Ramsey told investigators about the events surrounding the Dec. 26, 1996, discovery of their daughter's beaten and strangled body.

The Ramseys have said Burke, then 10, was asleep when Mrs. Ramsey found a ransom note and called police. John Ramsey found JonBenet's body in the basement about eight hours later.

No suspects have been named, though the Ramseys remain

"under an umbrella of suspicion," according to police.

Citing sources close to the case, the Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post reported Friday that Mrs. Ramsey did not hang up the telephone immediately after calling police at 5:51 a.m. A few moments of conversation between the family was recorded.

The tape, which was digitally enhanced at a California laboratory, captures Burke's voice in the background. Sources described this sequence:

Mrs. Ramsey cries and screams after setting the telephone down, apparently believing she had disconnected the call.

Another voice, identified as Burke's, is heard in the back-

ground. John Ramsey says to him, "It's none of your business. Go back to bed. This doesn't pertain to you," or words to that effect.

Burke replies, "But what did you find?"

Suzanne Laurion, spokeswoman for the Boulder district attorney, wouldn't comment Friday, saying the office does not discuss evidence.

Hal Haddon, a lawyer for John Ramsey, criticized the release of the tape's contents.

"This vicious leak is one more example of the pattern of official misconduct which has characterized this investigation for the past 19 months," Haddon said in a written statement.

"Police sources leak what they claim is critical evidence

and spin it against the Ramseys. The Ramseys are helpless to reply because they do not have access to the evidence."

Burke was interviewed in Atlanta in July, and Beckner had said police considered him an important witness. Burke could be subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury expected to be convened sometime after Labor Day.

DA Alex Hunter has been criticized for his handling of the case, and former friends of the Ramseys have written letters to Gov. Roy Romer and the media calling for him to be replaced by a special prosecutor.

Romer on Friday refused for a third time to appoint a special prosecutor.

Gritz's volunteers leave after failing to find Rudolph

ANDREWS, N.C. (AP) — Former Green Beret Col. James "Bo" Gritz and his volunteers packed up their tents and sleeping bags Friday and headed home after failing to find suspected clinic bomber Eric Rudolph.

"I would have rejoiced if Eric Rudolph would have come out," Gritz said during a farewell ceremony at the "Operation Cross" base camp. "The FBI won't go home. Eric can't go home. But these volunteers are going home."

Red Young, of Vonors, Tenn., said the purpose of Gritz's visit was to let Rudolph know that

someone besides the Southeast Bomb Task Force was in the dense North Carolina mountains looking for him.

Rudolph is charged with the Jan. 29 bombing of an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., that killed an off-duty police officer and wounded a nurse.

Federal agents have been combing the dense forests of western North Carolina for nearly seven months. The task force recently sealed back its forces from about 200 agents to 80.

Gritz arrived more than a week ago and said his volunteers would give the \$1 million

reward for Rudolph's capture to his family. Gritz also promised to obtain free legal help for the fugitive.

The former Green Beret officer left convinced that Rudolph was getting help from local residents.

"Eric is hurting himself. Those people are hurting him," he said. "They need to be realistic. Eric can only win in the (legal) system. He can't win in the woods."

Gritz, who declined to elaborate on the way the local residents were aiding Rudolph, said the odds are against him lasting much longer.


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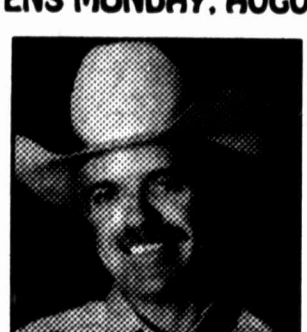
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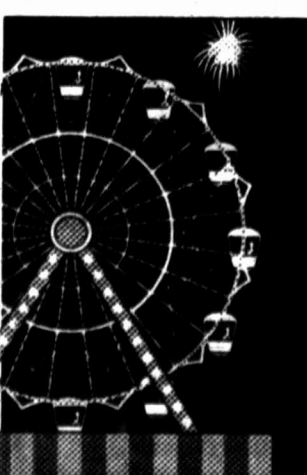


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Report: Three confess bin Laden links, detail attack preparation

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Three jailed suspects told police that with the backing of Osama bin Laden, they ran a phony fishmongering business as cover in preparing to bomb the U.S. embassy, a Kenyan newspaper reported Saturday.

Disguised as fish merchants delivering their Indian Ocean catch to restaurants and hotels, the trio said they tried to blend into the commercial crush around the embassy, according to the Daily Nation newspaper.

The newspaper — which earlier had reported that three men were spotted filming the embassy days before the devastating Aug. 7 car-bomb attack — said the three suspects confessed to authorities that they had carried out surveillance

prior to the attack.

Neither Kenyan police nor FBI officials investigating the bombing would comment on the report, which publicly named two of the suspects in custody for the first time.

They were identified as Khalid Salim, who held a Yemeni passport, and Abdallah Nacha, said to be Lebanese. U.S. and Kenyan officials already had named another suspect in custody, Mohammed Sadiq Odeh.

The embassy bombing killed 247 people and injured more than 5,000 others. Another 10 people died in a nearly simultaneous blast at the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, in neighboring Tanzania.

Odeh was arrested in

Pakistan the day of the bombings and was returned a week later to Nairobi. Days later, FBI agents and Kenyan detectives raided a hotel in Nairobi about a mile from the embassy that may have been used as a staging ground for the attack.

The other two men were arrested after Odeh reportedly told police they were his accomplices.

Under questioning, the three confessed that with financial backing from millionaire Saudi militant bin Laden, they plotted the bombing while pretending to be fish merchants based in Mombasa, an Indian Ocean port city, the newspaper said.

The report, coupled with a raid by investigators in a coastal town on Friday, sug-

gested that Mombasa and surrounding areas were becoming a focus of the probe. The city, a trade center for centuries, is east Africa's major port.

Witnesses had reported that FBI agents and Kenyan police raided a home Friday in the coastal town of Malindi and detained the homeowner.

The FBI and Kenyan police also declined to comment on that raid.

On the political front, both the Kenyan and Tanzanian governments remained conspicuously silent about Thursday's U.S. cruise missile strikes on targets in Sudan and Afghanistan, sites that the Clinton administration said had links to bin Laden.

Even before the U.S. strikes,

many Kenyans feared their country could become a venue for fresh attacks by those who carried out the embassy bombings. Those worries intensified with the U.S. reprisal raids.

"America, like any other country, has the right to protect its citizens," said an editorial on Saturday in the East Africa Standard. "But America must also ensure that the innocent are not made to suffer because of its quarrel with its enemies."

Meanwhile, the United Nations said the fatal shooting of an Italian soldier working with the United Nations in the Afghan capital, Kabul, was a deliberate attack.

The soldier, Lt. Col. Carmine Calo, died Saturday, the day after he was shot as he drove

through Kabul. A civilian U.N. worker from France was injured. The Taliban, which rule Afghanistan, said 13 people have been detained in connection with the shooting.

James Ngobi, acting head of the U.N. Afghan mission, said the two men were in a clearly marked U.N. vehicle when gunmen drove head-on at the car, forcing Calo to stop, then fired into the front seat.

"It was deliberate, I can tell you that," Ngobi said after receiving Calo's body at the airport in Islamabad.

A Pakistani national newspaper quoted a statement given to it in bin Laden's name by an associate as saying "the war has just started" against American interests.

Yet another Irish republican group declares cease-fire Saturday

OMAGH, Northern Ireland (AP) — Yet another Irish republican group declared a cease-fire Saturday amid a wave of revulsion across northern and southern Ireland against a car bomb that killed 28 people a week ago in Omagh.

The Irish National Liberation Army, a particularly violent group, proclaimed that "armed struggle can never be the only option for revolutionaries."

Silence fell on grieving Omagh, where more than 20,000 Protestants and Catholics packed the town center Saturday to remember, through their sobs and tears, those killed in the Aug. 15 bombing.

Hundreds of thousands more

marked the slaughter — the worst in three decades of violence in Northern Ireland — with one minute's silence in town squares, churches, sports stadiums and shopping centers across Ireland.

On Saturday morning, the Irish National Liberation Army admitted mistakes and pledged a cease-fire.

The so-called Real IRA, a group of Irish Republican Army dissidents that claimed responsibility for the attack, said Wednesday it had "suspended" its violent campaign.

The INLA, founded in 1975 and an opponent of April's peace accord, said Saturday it would respect the deal because the majority of Irish people had ratified it.

"We recognize that armed

struggle can never be the only option for revolutionaries," said the statement, read at in Belfast by the group's reputed commander, Willie Gallagher.

The statement offered what it called "a sincere, heartfelt and genuine apology" for the innocent people it had killed. But the group said it had "nothing to apologize for" in its killing of British soldiers, police, prison officers and Protestant militants.

At the ceremony outside the courthouse in Omagh, leaders of the Catholic, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Ireland stood shoulder to shoulder. To one side, Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, reputed former IRA commanders and today leaders of the Sinn Fein party;

to the other, the Protestant and Catholic heads of Northern Ireland's newborn cross-community government, David Trimble and Seamus Mallon.

Beyond them a sea of people, some wearing bandages and casts from the blast, wiped back tears as the names of the 28 dead were slowly read.

"At this hour last Saturday, 28 good and deeply loved people, one carrying twins awaiting birth, were alive in these streets," said a Catholic priest, the Rev. Kevin Mullan, recalling the moments when police evacuated people away from the courthouse — and unwittingly toward the bomb.

"Death and life were blasted together. Death carried life and peace away," Mullan said.

A Presbyterian minister said

a prayer in Gaelic, the old Irish tongue normally loathed by the north's Protestants. A local Catholic chaplain at Omagh's British army base said another prayer in Spanish, in recognition of a Spanish teacher and student killed in the bombing.

In London's Trafalgar Square, the Spanish victims' parents led another ceremony, where mourners read poems and prayers. Twelve Spaniards were among the 330 people injured in the bombing.

"We must remember the young people from Spain who came to Ireland to enjoy the beauty and richness of the country," the Rev. David Monteith told the congregation.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie

Ahern, who attended Saturday's ceremony in Omagh, said the INLA truce was "good news at the end of a bleak and tragic week."

The INLA has killed about 130 people since its founding. Its goal, like the IRA's, was to abolish Northern Ireland as a Protestant-majority state linked with Britain.

Ahern said the Real IRA "must now convert its suspension of operations into a definitive and unqualified cessation of violence."

He added that a third anti-British organization, the Continuity IRA, "must now acknowledge that it is insanity to defy the Irish people and must also definitively end their anachronistic campaign."

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IN BRIEF

Community Pep Rally scheduled for Monday

The annual Big Spring Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

The event is designed to provide support for Big Spring High School's volleyball and football teams, as well as managers, trainers, cheerleaders and band.

Chicano Golf Association slates tourney for today

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold a tournament today at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Tee times will be 10 a.m. and noon, and all participants must be registered and have the \$15 entry fee paid by 10 a.m.

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

Ice cream supper slated to 'Meet the Bulldogs'

A community wide ice cream supper has been scheduled by the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

The ice cream supper will be an opportunity for members of the community to meet the 1998 Coahoma football team, cheerleaders and coaches.

County roping scheduled in conjunction with fair

A "County Roping" has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl in conjunction with the Howard County Fair.

Open to Howard County residents only, fees will be four head for \$40.

Books close for entries on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

For more information, call Steve Fryar at 398-5513 or Diane Hofack at 267-8041 or 267-6251.

Little Football League signups now under way

Crossroads Little Football League will hold signups continue Saturday at Neal's Sporting Goods.

Registration for both players and cheerleaders will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

To register, youngsters must bring their birth certificate and last year's school report card.

For more information, call Nick Reyna at 267-3790.

Running club schedules 'Back to School' fun run

The Comanche Warrior Running Club will hold a "Back to School" Fun Run at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Kids' Zone.

The event will include a 5K run and a 1K run for youngsters.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. the day of the race. Entry fees are \$2 and prizes will be awarded to elementary school students.

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

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

BASEBALL

7 p.m. — New York Yankees at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.

7 p.m. — Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves, ESPN, Ch. 30.

FOOTBALL

3 p.m. — NFL preseason, Miami Dolphins at San Francisco 49ers, FOX, Ch. 3.

GOLF

2 p.m. — PGA Sprint International, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.

4:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Nashville L.I. Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TENNIS

Noon — USTA Pilot Pen International, CBS, Ch. 7.

BSST swimmers shine at Lone Star YMCA championships

HERALD Staff Report

DALLAS — Only a handful of the Big Spring Swim Team's best swimmers took part, but they made an impressive splash during the Lone Star YMCA Swim Championships staged at the Dallas Metro YMCA.

With just five swimmers, the Big Spring squad finished 17th in a field of 29 teams in the three-day meet that included a total of 711 participants. Each event involved between 30 and 90 competitors taking part in separate timed heats in hopes of earning berths in each evening's finals.

Perhaps the most notable showing by any of the Big Spring entries was 6-year-

old Kelly Sage's win in the 6-Under finals in the 25 meter backstroke.

Not only did Sage win the 25 backstroke, but her clocking of 22.34 seconds broke the standing meet record of 22.63 set a year ago. She added a second-place finish in the 25 freestyle to finish second in the individual high-point competition in the 6-Under age group.

Will Liggett, the only boy on the Big Spring team to enter the meet, turned in a championship performance, as well.

He finished second in the overall individual point standings in the Boys' 11-12 division, chalking up a first in the 50 butterfly and adding second-place finishes in the 200 freestyle, 50 breaststroke and the 100 breaststroke.

Liggett was also third in the 100 individual medley, fourth in the 100 freestyle, fifth in both the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke, as well as sixth in the 50 backstroke.

Lauren Sage, Kelly's older sister, also swam well, making the finals in each of the individual events she entered in the 8-Under age group. Her best finishes came in the 50 butterfly and the 25 backstroke, taking third place in both races. She added fourth-place finishes in the 50 freestyle, 50 backstroke and 100 individual medley.

Lauren rounded out her meet with a sixth in the 25 freestyle and an eighth-place finish in the 50 breaststroke, leaving her sixth overall in her division's

high-point competition.

The Sage sisters teamed with sisters Holly and Wendy Mayfield to finish 19th in the Girls' 11-12 age group's 200-meter freestyle relay.

Although Holly Mayfield was unable to finish in the top 16 spots in any of the events she entered in the 11-12 age group, she shaved seconds off her best times. She was 21st in the 200 individual medley, 22nd in the 100 backstroke and 23rd in the 200 freestyle.

Coach Harlan Smith noted that 9-year-old Wendy Mayfield had a similar experience to that her sister encountered, improving her personal bests in every event and gathering experience for the future.

Butler admits having concerns

Walker's injury, receiving top Steers' list of worries

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

In the aftermath of his team's scrimmage against Lamesa's Golden Tornados, Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler admitted two overriding concerns — the lack of a consistent passing game and an injury that has robbed the Steers of cornerback Jason Walker.

"From now on everything's for real and we're opening with a pretty tough opponent ... maybe too tough," Butler said following the Steers' domination of Lamesa.

"The place where we're hurting the most right now is at cornerback," he added. "Having Jason standing around on the sidelines with his arm in a sling just kills us. We were really depending on him to start at cornerback. He's a good runner, too, and he'd have seen plenty of time backing up Tory at tailback."

Walker, a junior, suffered a freak injury during a workout session last week, falling while running from one practice station to another.

In trying to catch himself in the fall, Walker dislocated his thumb. The injury was severe enough that he underwent surgery Wednesday.

Almost as troubling for Butler, however, has been his staff's inability to find receivers that can consistently catch quarterback Joe Owens' passes.

"You have to have a passing game people respect or they can stack things up and really give you problems in the running game," Butler explained. "We've got to start catching the ball. Joe threw several good passes and we dropped too many of them."

The Steers open the 1998 season Friday, traveling to Lubbock where they'll take on Plainview's Bulldogs at Texas Tech University's Jones Stadium.

That lack of time for preparation was one of the reasons Butler said he and his assistants decided to play a number of younger, less experienced players more Thursday than they might have if another scrimmage game were available.

"We got a chance to look at a lot of kids, but we've got to," Butler explained. "We've still got a lot of questions that have to be answered."

"We don't have to have them all answered by next Friday," he admitted, but we've got to

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start getting some of the answers.

Butler noted that he was particularly pleased with the showing made by senior tailback Tory Mitchell, the Steers' stellar track sprinter, who showed signs of reaching a new level of football maturity.

"Tory's gotten a lot better ... a whole lot better," Butler smiled. "You can see it just with the way he runs with authority."

Mitchell's improvement, coupled with the strong play of fullback Colby Ford has Butler pleased with his offensive backfield.

Elsewhere in Crossroads County football, Grady's Wildcats opened scrimmage play Friday with a 2-1 win over Meadow and Borden County's Coyotes were 3-1 winners over Dawson on Thursday.

Results from Sands' scrimmage with Buena Vista were not reported and calls to Mustangs coach Billy Barnett on Saturday went unanswered.

Wildcats win

LENORAH — Although Grady's Wildcats got off to a sluggish start against Meadow's Broncos, they rebounded from a disquieting first possession to take a 2-1 scrimmage win Friday night.

"I think Meadow's size intimidated us a little at the start," Wildcats coach Roger Smith said following the scrimmage. "They had a bunch of big kids and that rattled us some. After that first series of downs, though, we settled down offensively and started marching down the field against them."

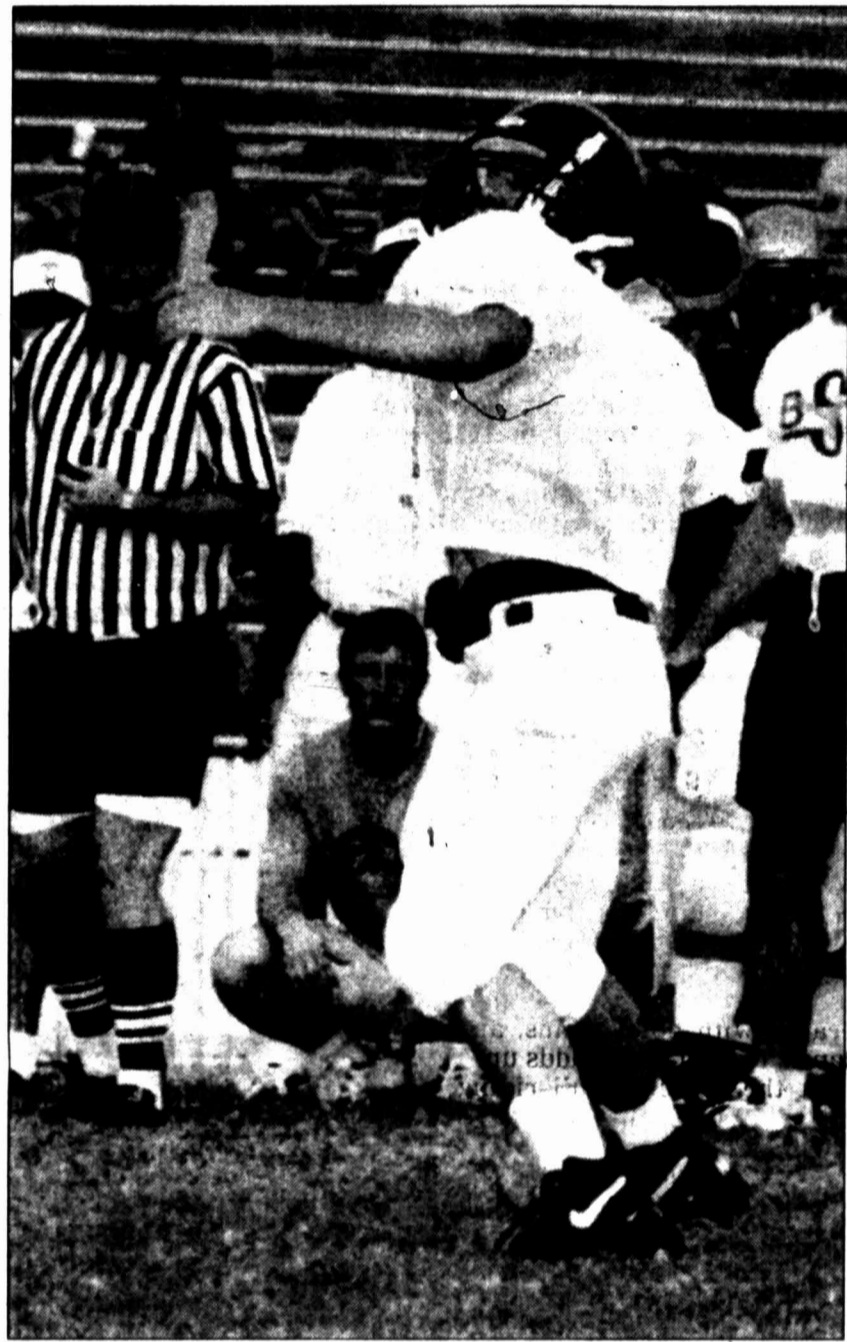
"I guess a coach is never satisfied," Smith added. "To be honest, going into the scrimmage I was worried about our defense, but we had some young kids that played well defensively."

Sophomore Cooper Tate drew considerable praise from his coach.

"He (Tate) really stepped up for us and played well defensively," Smith added. "Of course our first bunch did well offensively. Frankie Garza and John Ribble both did a good job carrying the ball."

Smith said he was also pleased with the way quarterback Clint Schuelk, ends Greg Gibson and P.J. Pruitt and center Jed Hinojosa played.

Ribble, Garza and Gibson



Big Spring quarterback Joe Owens prepares to release a pass during the Steers' scrimmage against Lamesa at Memorial Stadium. A lack of consistent pass receiving is among Big Spring coach Dwight Butler's biggest concerns going into Friday's season opener against Plainview.

turned in the practice game's biggest offensive highlights. Ribble hit Garza with a 68 yard touchdown pass for the Wildcats' first score, then set up the second with a 35-yarder to Gibson. Garza capped the Grady scoring with a short run.

The Wildcats travel to Highland for their final scrimmage Friday.

Coyotes winners

LAMESA — Borden County's defending six-man state champions opened scrimmage play in respectable fashion, taking a 3-1 scrimmage win over Dawson's Dragons on Thursday.

The Coyotes varsity scored all three of Borden County's touchdowns, while throwing a shutout defensively. Dawson did manage one score against the Coyotes' freshmen.

"It was a pretty good scrimmage, but we didn't get as much work in as I would have liked," Coyotes coach Bobby

Avery admitted. "We went 20 plays each with the first unit, 20 plays each with the younger kids and then went 10 more."

"I think they were a little concerned about getting some of their kids hurt."

Three Buffs honored

STANTON — While Stanton's defending Class 2A state champion Buffs are currently preparing for the start of a new football season, three members of the current team are still reaping rewards from last year's march to the title.

Quarterback/rover Kyle Herm and his cousin, fullback/linebacker Jody Louder, joined teammate Chad Smith, who plays end on both sides of the ball, have been named in Texas Football Magazine's POWERADE Top 50 list for the upcoming season.

Herm is one of just five quarterbacks from all classifications. Louder and Smith were named to the defensive list.

Singh leader in tightening International

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — Vijay Singh, withstanding two eagles including a hole-in-one from onrushing Tiger Woods, clung to a narrow lead Saturday after three rounds of the Sprint International.

Singh, who began the day with a 4-point lead under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event, saw his margin trimmed to 1 point.

Singh, the recently crowned PGA champion, had four birdies and two bogeys in a steady if unspectacular round at Castle Pines Golf Club, which for the first time in three days was spared delays from lightning and rain. He added 6 points to his total for 33, one ahead of Willie Wood and 2 ahead of Woods.

Another point back on a tightly bunched leaderboard was Rocco Mediate. Defending champion Phil Mickelson also surged, finishing at 29. The top 12 players were separated by only 8 points.

The International's scoring format awards 5 points for an eagle, 2 for birdie, zero for par, minus 1 for bogey and minus 3 for double-bogey or worse.

Points accumulate over all four rounds. The field will be cut to the top 36 scorers and ties for Sunday's final round.

While Singh's point total hovered around the low 30s most of the day, the diminutive Wood was a surprising presence among the leaders on a course that favors long hitters.

Wood had eight birdies, including five of the last six holes. He sank long-range birdie putts of 30, 20, 18, 15 and 12 feet, and lipped out a 50-foot eagle attempt at the par-5 17th.

It was a Tiger who made the most noise. Woods, whose second-round struggles left him 10 points behind Singh, wasted no time making a move in the third round. He eagled the par-5 first hole, then knocked an 8-iron into the cup on the fly at the 185-yard seventh hole for the third hole-in-one of his pro career.

Woods also had two eagles on Thursday, and his four eagles broke the tournament record of three by Lee Jaizen in 1995 and Mark Brooks last year.

The ace moved Woods to 28 points, and he added a birdie at No. 8 to tie Singh for the lead at 30. He momentarily held the lead after a birdie at 14, but he bogeyed 15 and 16.

Mediate also had eight birdies, five on his back nine. Fully recovered from back surgery and trimmed down, Mediate called his round "very exciting. It was an easy day, if there is such a thing."

Lady Steers improved, but exit early from Odessa tourney

HERALD Staff Report

ODESSA — Big Spring's Lady Steers made marked progress during the week-end, qualifying for the championship round of the Odessa High Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

However, the Lady Steers' successive losses to Midland Lee's Lady Rebels and Midland High's Lady Bulldogs during Saturday's championship division play left Big Spring coach Traci Pierce demanding more from her team.

"It's a situation where we played pretty good volleyball ... very good at times ... it's just that good is not enough anymore," Pierce said. "These girls feel the same way. They're happy that they played well, but they're not at all satisfied because they didn't win and neither



JAURE, McLELLAN, EVANS, VALDEZ, ANDERSON

am I. "They did everything right," the Lady Steers boss said of her relatively young and inexperienced varsity squad. "It's just not good enough ... we've got to go farther."

The Lady Steers opened the tournament Friday, dropping a 15-5, 15-6 deci-

sion to El Paso Adress, but rebounded for a 15-8, 15-9 win over Odessa's host Lady Broncos.

They closed out pool play with a 9-15, 15-5 split against El Paso Socorro that earned them second place in the group and a berth in the championship round.

The growth in Big Spring's program was evident in both of Saturday's losses. In the 15-11, 15-5 loss to Midland Lee on Saturday morning, the Lady Steers attacked the ball 54 times, managing 13 kills. Another 19 of those attacks resulted in good shots the Lady Rebels managed to return.

All but one of those 15 kills in the first game belonged to the duo of senior Leslie McLellan and junior Cathy Jaure, both managing to capitalize on strong sets provided by Juanita Valdez and Lacey Anderson.

"Our biggest problem against Lee was that we had some mental mistakes at critical times," Pierce said. "We had 17 blocks against Lee and I don't think we

See LADY STEERS, page 10A

LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

FRIDAY MIXED

WEEK 11

RESULTS-OOPSI over Gutter Sweeps 6-2, All-right over Minds in The Gutter 6-2, No Fear over Pin Panthers 6-2, The Chumps over Oh No! 6-2; hi sc team series OOPSI 2111, The Chumps 1821, Pin Panthers 1816; hi sc team game OOPSI 799, OOPSI 697, Pin Panthers 654; hi sc series men Bo Lowrance 607, Tom Gutierrez 549, Mitchell Gutierrez 542; hi sc game men Bo Lowrance 268, Neal Anderson 221, Tom Gutierrez 199; hi sc series women Theresa Del Toro 554, Rachell Gutierrez 510, Vicky Renshaw 474; hi sc game women Theresa Del Toro 222, Theresa Del Toro 192, Rachel Gutierrez 188; hi hdp team series OOPSI 2405, All-right 2277, Minds in The Gutter 2260; hi hdp team game OOPSI 897, OOPSI 795, All-right 793; hi hdp series men Bo Lowrance 679, Mitchell Gutierrez 641, Tom gutierrez 639; hi hdp game men Bo Lowrance 292, Neal Anderson 245, Robert Smith 240; hi hdp series women Theresa Del Toro 695, Rachel Gutierrez 618, Delia Hewitt 602; hi hdp game women Theresa Del Toro 269, Theresa Del Toro 239; Rachel Gutierrez 224.

STANDINGS- OOPSI 58-30, The Chumps 54-34, Oh No! 46-42, Gutter Sweeps 43-37, Minds in The Gutter 40-48, All-right 35-45, No Fear 35-45, Pin Panthers 33-55.

STARGATE LEAGUE

AUG. 12

RESULTS- Team eight over Team three 18-7, HUH! over Team five 21-4, Allan's Furniture over Magic Painting 16-9, Team seven over Team one 18-5.6.5; hi hdp game John Oliva, Philip

Ringener 247, hi sc game Phillip Ringener 247, hi hdp series Phillip Ringener 892, hi sc series Phillip Ringener 892.

STANDINGS- HUH! 172.9-127.5, Team five 164-136, Team eight 162.5-136, Allan's Furniture 160-140, Team three 157-143, Team seven 146.5-153.3, Team one 133.5-166.5, Magic Painting 104-196.

SUMMER TRIO

WEEK 12

RESULTS-Team 8 tied Thumbs Up 4-4, Team 7 tied Team 6 4-4, Team 5 over Team 4 6-2, Team 10 over JM's Team 6-2, Team 3 over Mavericks 8-0; hi sc team series Team 3 1713, Team 10 1556, Team 8 1454; hi sc team game Team 3 596, Team 10 559, Team 4 524; hi sc series men O.D. O'Daniel 604, Jerald Burgess 601, Phillip Ringener 569; hi sc game men O.D. O'Daniel 244, John Oliva 219, Jerald Burgess 219, hi sc series women Laurie Wells 580, Peggy Huckabee 578, Jan Elliott 531; hi sc game women Laurie Wells 220, Peggy Huckabee 200, Jerald Burgess 219; hi hdp team series Team 3 1896, Team 5 1733, Team 10 1733; hi hdp team game 657, Team 10 618, Team 6 617; hi hdp series men Chris Ragan 619, O.D. O'Daniel 619, John Oliva 616, hi hdp game men O.D. O'Daniel 249, John Oliva 238, Jerald Burgess 224; hi hdp series women Peggy Huckabee 650, Jan Elliott 627, Patti Bertran 611; hi hdp game women Laurie Wells 226, Peggy Huckabee 224, Patricia Zant 221.

STANDINGS- Team 8 66-30, Team 4 62-34, Team 3 55-41, Team 10 54-42, Team 7 49-47, Team 5 44-52, Team 6 43-53, Mavericks 40-56, JM's Team 39-57, Thumbs Up 28-68.

Fox getting \$1.6 million for Super Bowl ads

SPORTS ON TV

NEW YORK (AP) — The Fox television network is reportedly getting a hefty \$1.6 million for a 30-second commercial on the 1999 Super Bowl, a 23 percent increase from this year's game on NBC.

Fox has been citing that price to executives who buy commercial time and appears to be getting it, ad buyer Bill Croasdale of Western International said Friday.

He estimated as much as 60 percent of the available commercial time on the Jan. 31 telecast of the NFL championship game has already been sold.

The comments followed a report in USA Today that Fox was getting that amount for Super Bowl telecast commercials. Two other advertising executives, speaking on condition of anonymity, also confirmed the \$1.6 million average price.

Network spokesman Vince Wladika declined comment on the ad sales effort.

If Fox can maintain the \$1.6 million price average, it would be a 23 percent increase over the record \$1.3 million that NBC got for the last Super Bowl. That price had been up 8.3 percent from the previous Super Bowl telecast.

The Super Bowl typically draws the biggest audience of the TV season and advertisers often use the telecast as a show-

case for new ads.

Media executives said Fox has been able to get an unusually large increase in part because NBC set a benchmark for ad time earlier this year when it charged as much as \$1.7 million for commercials on the finale of the comedy series "Seinfeld."

That program attracted a Nielsen rating of 41.3 compared with a 44.5 rating for the 1998 Super Bowl telecast a few months earlier.

The ratings represent the percentage of the nation's TV households that were tuned into the telecast, and are used to set ad prices.

"Fox must have looked at what people paid for 'Seinfeld' and asked why can't we get that kind of money for the Super Bowl," said Jerry Solomon, who oversees network commercial purchases for the buying agency SFM Media Corp.

Fox is also under pressure to get higher commercial prices because it paid substantially more under its contract for the rights to carry NFL games.

"Until the marketplace says no, they will try to get this kind of increase," he said.

Pepsi-Cola Co., Anheuser-Busch Inc., Visa USA and Mail Boxes Etc. are among the adver-

tisers already signed up for the Super Bowl.

Anheuser-Busch, the maker of Budweiser, Bud Light and Michelob beers, has reportedly bought 10 spots for the game at prices of up to \$2 million each and has been a longtime Super Bowl sponsor.

Tony Ponturo, a top marketing executive for the St. Louis-based brewer, said the company expects to be the biggest individual sponsor on the Super Bowl telecast. But spokesman Bill Etling declined to say how many spots Anheuser-Busch bought or what it paid.

The credit card provider Visa has two spots in the game as part of its season-long promo-

tional involvement with Fox telecasts of the NFL, spokesman Lorne Fisher said.

Soft drink maker Pepsi is making a repeat appearance on the Super Bowl telecast, as is Mail Boxes Etc., the business service center franchisor which has already launched its second annual search for a small business to be featured in its Super Bowl ad.

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Thrill of ride keeps cowgirl bucking critics

HOUSTON (AP) — Michelle Cash's first experience with bull riding ended without much glory.

"I went about two jumps and then I got my tailbone stuck in my throat," she recalled, laughing. "It was on a bet. I was conned into it."

Maybe so, but 10 years after winning that bet, Cash, now 30, is still collecting on it. She is one of the top-ranked female bull riders in the world and was one of the headliners at the Justin Bull Riding Championship.

"It's the rush, the adrenaline," she said of her attraction to the sport. "Until you do it, you really can't explain it."

Cash competes in all-women rodeos and other bull riding contests. Her exploits are confined to weekends, when she travels around the country for competitions. The rest of the time, she works as a welding inspector in Broken Arrow, Okla. She also helps new husband Sonny Cash — no relation to cowboy crooner Johnny Cash — with his plumbing business. "Neither of us can sing our way out of a wet paper bag," she said.

"My husband has been real supportive," Cash said. "He's really been my backbone. Of course, he roots for the bulls." Some of the men on the bull riding circuit are not as enthusiastic.

"There are some mixed feelings. Some of them are like 'Women don't belong on no bull.' But most of them are pretty supportive," Cash said.

Cash said she is used to the guys' razzing. She is the youngest of six children. "I grew up around motorcycles and cars," she said. "I always competed with my older brothers. I was in trouble a lot of the time." Her daredevil tendencies were given full rein when she started riding bulls professionally in 1994.

A full-time job is necessary to fund her bull riding ventures, since the pay for women's bull riding is paltry.

"We must do it for love,

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because we sure don't do it for money," Cash said. "We're probably making now what the men did 20, 30 years ago. Hopefully next year our purses will take a drastic climb, because with hotel rooms, airplanes, food, it really adds up."

But the thrill of bull riding and the friendships forged on the bull riding circuit have her hooked, she said.

"We're like a family, a bunch of sisters," she said. "When I go out there, I'm not competing against Tammy Kelly, the Professional Women's Rodeo Association's top-ranked female bull rider as much as I'm just trying to ride that bull. If she wins, we're all in her corner."

"It's a camaraderie like in no other sport. There's someone in almost every city that I can stay with, and when they're in town for a competition they all stay with me. It's like a big slumber party."

Training for bull riding poses some challenges, since she and her husband do not own bulls.

"The guys have an edge because they have three or four rodeos a week. For me, training is in competition when I'm riding the bull. The rest of the time, I just stay active — ride a lot of horses, get on bucking steers whenever I can," she said.

Bull riding is not without its perils, she acknowledges. In 1996, she broke her arm and was out of competition for eight months. Beyond that, it's just standard bumps and bruises.

"It's hard on your body," Cash said. "I can hardly run now. The old knees really tear you up after awhile."

While 1998 has been her best year, with two first-place wins, Cash was thrown for no-time on both nights in Houston.

Joy Gordon, of Billings, Mont., took first place in the Houston event and Rene Mikes, of Denver claimed second place.

Cash has begun to talk of hanging it up.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHIM ANGELS—Activated INF Norberto Martin from the 15-day disabled list. Placed INF Craig Shipley on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to Aug. 20.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Signed LHP Daniel Mozzingo.
DETROIT TIGERS—Assigned RHP Matt Anderson to Phoenix of the Arizona Fall League.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed RHP Hipolito Pardo on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Steve Santiago from Wichita of the Texas League.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Activated RHP Bob Teweleba from the 15-day disabled list. Options: RHP Trevis Miller to Salt Lake of the PCL.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Called up RHP Ryan Bradley from Columbus of the International League. Options: RHP Mike Budde to Columbus. Moved RHP Jeff Nelson from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Options: RHP Ben Font to Tucson of the PCL. Recalled LHP Chris Michael from Tucson.
ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated RHP Russ Springer from the 15-day disabled list. Options: LHP Adam Butler to Richmond of the International League.
NEW YORK METS—Sent OF Rutch Huskey to Richmond of the International League on a 20-day rehab assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Options: RHP Chris Crivello to Memphis of the Pacific Coast League. Recalled RHP Marlon Byrd from Memphis. Assigned FB LT Drew to Peoria of the Arizona Fall League.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Released DT Max Campbell.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released LB Steve Tovar. Waived S Lawrence Wright with an injury settlement.
DENVER BRONCOS—Announced the retirement of DE Anthony Smith.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Traded PK Brett Carraway to the New York Jets for an undrafted rookie.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Waived CB Deronice Motley.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Claimed FB Phil Dawson off waivers from the Oakland Raiders.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
EDMONTON OILERS—Signed RW Pat Falloon.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Traded D Justin Hocking to the Chicago Blackhawks for F Brian Festner.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MIAMI FUSION—Recalled G Reginald Pierre from the Miami Breakers.
COLLEGE
ARKANSAS LITTLE ROCK—Named Porter Moser men's assistant basketball coach. Mark Dancuff men's basketball administrative assistant and John Hampton assistant baseball coach.
HARTFORD—Named Pam Bass women's assistant basketball coach.
MONTANA STATE—Named Kathleen Howard women's assistant basketball coach.
NORTH CAROLINA—Dismissed DL Ricco McCain and DL Vanan Ballard from the football team for failing to complete court-ordered community service.
NORTHERN ARIZONA—Named Felicia Garcia women's golf coach.
RICE—Named Laura Walker and John Gaddis assistant swimming coaches.
SLIPPERY ROCK—Named Matt Meredith men's and women's tennis coach and Jim Yeamans men's and women's water polo coach.
SYRACUSE—Named Michelle Denton women's assistant basketball coach.

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BATTING
BWilliams, New York 347; TWalker, Milwaukee 327; MVaughn, Boston, 311; GCaraparra, Boston, 327; JDodger, Texas, 325; DJeter, New York, 322; SSeig, Seattle, 321.
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Griffey Jr., Seattle, 98; Dieter, New York, 97; ARodriguez, Seattle, 95; Durnham, Chicago, 95; ESpencer, Anaheim, 92; JRivera, Boston, 92; KRoebuck, New York, 91; JBurgess, Texas, 121; Belle, Chicago, 111; RPamerni, Baltimore, 2; GGriffey, Seattle, 105; ARodriguez, Seattle, 102; GCaraparra, Boston, 101; MRamirez, Cleveland, 101; Martinez, New York, 100; MS, ARodriguez, Seattle, 100; Dieter, New York, 100; MVaughn, Boston, 100; O'Brien, Cleveland, 100; New York, 100; GCaraparra, Boston, 100.
DOUBLES
JRivera, Boston, 39; JRivera, Boston, 38; EDodger, Texas, 38; JRivera, Boston, 36; AAlon, Minnesota, 35; Estrada, Anaheim, 35; BBea, Chicago, 34; EMartinez, Seattle, 34.
TRIPLES
O'Brien, Kansas City, 11; GCaraparra, Boston, 7; MCarroll, Tampa Bay, 7; GCaraparra, Boston, 7; MCarroll, Tampa Bay, 7; GCaraparra, Boston, 7; MCarroll, Tampa Bay, 7.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for League, Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes American League (East and Central Divisions) and National League (East and Central Divisions) standings.

NFL PRESEASON

Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists NFL preseason game results for various teams.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Evening Lions slate football barbecue
The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold its annual Football Barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.
Plates will be priced at \$5 per person and orders to go will be available.
For more information or advance tickets, call Janis Dean at 267-3068 or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

LADY STEERS

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had one the other night against Greenwood. I think Lee's probably a little better team.
But we had a 10-9 lead and missed five straight serves and finished with nine net serves during the game," she added.
You just can't afford that.
While they were beaten more handily by Midland High's squad, the Lady Steers' statistics were even more impressive in Saturday afternoon's match.
All told, Big Spring mounted 85 attacks against the Lady Bulldogs that included 57 kill attempts. Only 16 managed to get through to score points for force a change in serve.
Jaure was again part of Big Spring's offensive spearhead, combining with Nina Evans for

co-ed, will be formed. An organizational meeting for volleyball team captains will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the YMCA.
The organizational meeting for flag football will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10.
Fees will be \$100 per team of up to 10 players.
For more information, call YMCA program director Cindy Kincaid at 267-8234.
YMCA swim team opens season Monday
Youngsters in taking part in the Big Spring YMCA swim team's fall season are invited to a meeting set for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the YMCA pool.
Coach Harlan Smith will be organizing his team for the fall meet schedule.
For more information, call 267-8234.

The Lady Steers return to action at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, traveling to Lamesa for a match with the Lady Tornados.

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Comets open playoffs with win
CHARLOTTE (AP) Cynthia Cooper scored 27 points Saturday to lead the defending WNBA champion Houston Comets to an 85-71 victory over the Charlotte Sting in the first game of a best-of-3 first-round playoff series.
Houston, which finished the regular season 27-3, can wrap up the series at home Monday.
The Comets scored 16 straight points midway through the second half to turn a 54-53 advantage into an 81-point lead.
Tora Suber's three-point play with 5:32 left trimmed the mar-

gin to 67-62, but the Sting, 18-12 in the regular season but 1-8 against the Comets over two seasons, got no closer.
Sheryl Swoopes added 17 points for Houston. Kim Perrot, Tina Thompson and Yolanda Moore contributed 13, 12 and 10, respectively.
Andea Stinson and Rhonda Mapp paced Charlotte with 16 points each, followed by Suber with 15 and WNBA rookie-of-the-year Tracy Reid with 14.
Charlotte rallied from a 12-point deficit to trail 39-37 at halftime.

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Pippen says he and Jordan probably not returning to Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Scottie Pippen said Friday he doesn't expect to return to the Chicago Bulls once the NBA lockout ends and he doesn't think Michael Jordan, his sidekick on six championship teams, will either.

Pippen's comments were his first since undergoing surgery for two herniated discs last month.

"I'm pretty sure Michael's not coming back," Pippen said during a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field. He said he talked recently with Jordan but not about the future.

"Michael's always stated that he

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doesn't want to play for any coach other than Phil (Jackson). And we have to one day wake up and say, 'Hey, you have to believe it.'

The Bulls hired Tim Floyd as their coach-in-waiting last month, giving him the title of director of basketball operations until the lockout ends and Jordan announces a decision on whether to retire.

Jordan has long said Jackson is the

only coach he'll play for and reiterated that during a golf outing last month.

Would Pippen play for Floyd?

"I won't say I won't play for him. I can't judge Tim Floyd but I don't think I'm planning on coming back here next year," Pippen said.

"Judging that Michael may be retiring and Phil is not coming back, it's a team right now with three players and the situation just doesn't look good for me."

"I've been around the game for such a long time, and I've probably gotten spoiled by being with a coach like Phil.

I don't think it's the right situation for me at this stage of my career. ... I just have to look at it as the Chicago Bulls are not going to be a contender next year."

Pippen acknowledged that Floyd was thrust into a difficult situation by the Bulls' management.

"You don't want to be known as the guy who ran Michael out," Pippen said.

"He has to be the guy who Jerry (Krause, the general manager) has thrown in to take the blame. It's unfortunate that it's that type of situation."

Pippen said there are a lot of teams he'd enjoy playing for, but he wouldn't name them. He said he's rehabbing his back and hopes to be ready by late November or early December.

And he said he wouldn't accept a one-year deal to prove that he's recovered from surgery.

"If I don't feel like I'm ready to come back, then I'm not coming at all," Pippen said.

"If I have to put someone in that situation, I don't feel like there is anything left for me in the game. I'm just not willing to do that."

Smith's eagerly awaiting UH bid

CONROE (AP) — Bernard Smith says he had no real complaint with former University of Texas basketball coach Tom Penders, even though he was one of four players responsible for forcing Penders' resignation earlier this year.

But where Smith really wanted to play college basketball was at the University of Houston, only 50 miles south of his hometown of Conroe.

Penders resigned on April 2, about 3 1/2 weeks after Smith and three other UT players went to the home of Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds at season's end and complained about playing for Penders and his program.

Two weeks before, on March 17, former UH great Clyde Drexler announced he was retiring from the Houston Rockets after the 1997-98 season to become the new head basketball coach at UH.

"It's where I've always wanted to go," Smith told the (Conroe) Courier. He would have signed with the Cougars in 1997, directly out of high school, except he said that the UH situation was shaky with the head coach Alvin Brooks under fire at the time.

"With Clyde coming in and being one of the top 50 players of all time, my game can only improve if I work at it," Smith said.

Smith averaged 5.9 points, 3.2 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game for the Longhorns last season as a true freshman. The guard still has three years of eligibility left at Houston, but must sit out the 1998-99 season.

Dodds approved the transfer on Wednesday after a telephone conference with UH athletic director Clint Gladchuk. Dodds said he's sure no NCAA rules were broken by the Cougars.

"I knew (he would get the transfer OK'd) from the start," Smith said. "DeLoss told me back in the spring when the thing with coach Penders went down, that if I wanted my release, he would give it."

Smith and three other UT players — freshmen Luke Axtell and Chris Mihm and sophomore Gabe Muoneke — complained to Dodds after the season that Penders verbally abused the players, and they didn't want to play for him any more.

Penders denied the claims but later resigned. He is now coach at George Washington University.

Like Smith, Axtell also is transferring, to Kansas. Mihm and Muoneke have said they'll stay at Texas.

Smith said he looks forward to working with Drexler.

"I haven't reached my full potential yet. He can show me what to work on to get to the next level," Smith said.

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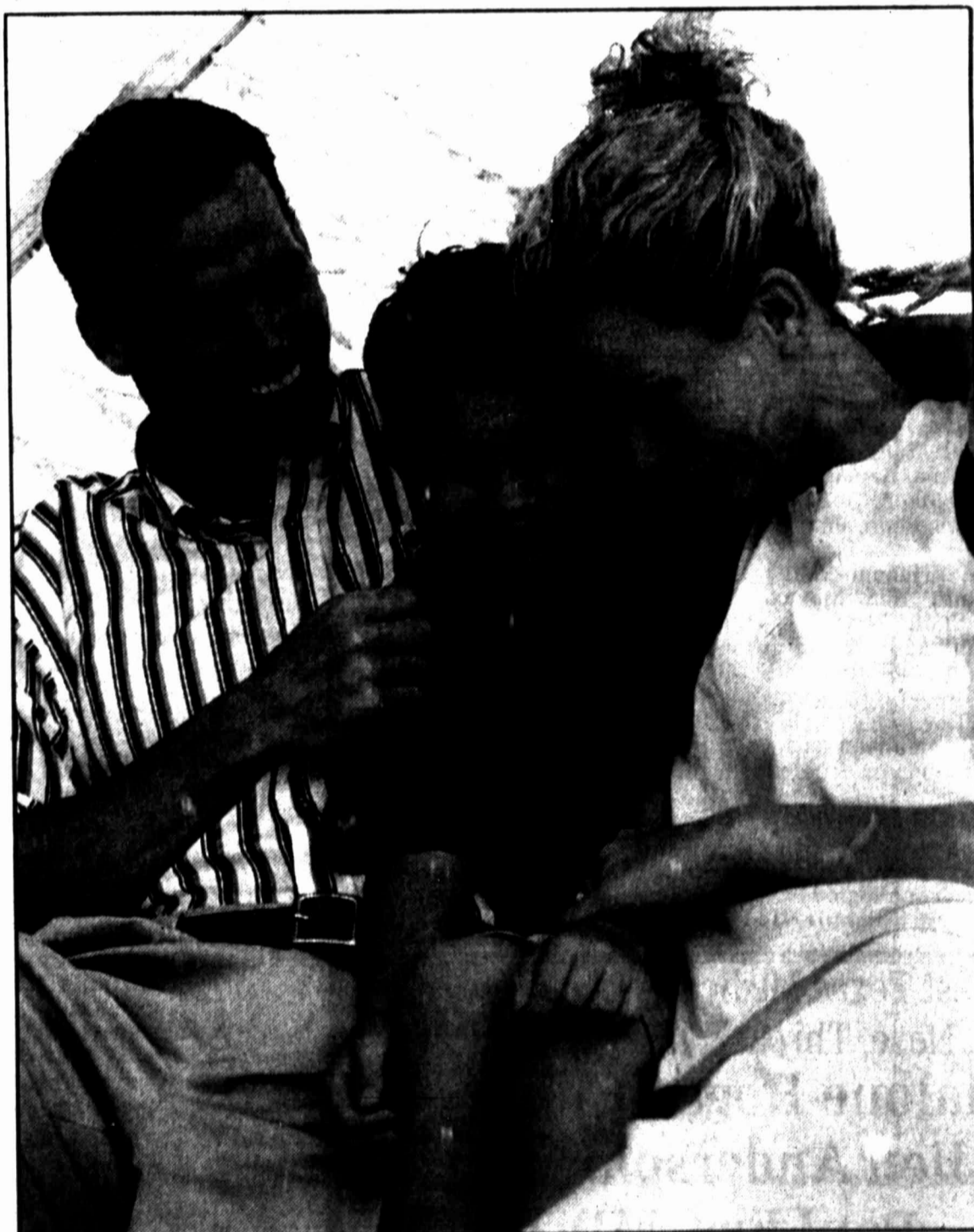
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Alou hits 37th homer as Big Unit fans Sosa in Astros' 8-3 victory

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Randy Johnson didn't get to face Kerry Wood, but he did strike out Sammy Sosa.

Johnson allowed two hits in seven innings and Moises Alou went 4-for-5 with his 37th homer as the Houston Astros beat the Chicago Cubs 8-3 Saturday.

Craig Biggio and Bill Spiers also homered for the Astros, who won their 80th game and moved 8 1/2 games ahead of the Cubs in the NL Central. Chicago trails the New York Mets by one game in the NL wild-card race.

"With an offense like this, a starting pitcher's job is a lot easier. And realize, this team was in first place when I got here," Johnson said.

Johnson, winning for the fourth time in five starts since joining Houston, didn't get to face Cubs rookie pitching phenom Wood, a dream matchup for TV. Wood pitched Friday instead.

Johnson (4-1) didn't allow a hit after the second, walked three and struck out nine, including Sosa in the third. The left-hander gave up Glenallen Hill's fourth homer and a single to Scott Servais.

Sosa went hitless in five at-bats — 0-for-3 vs. Johnson — with one strikeout, leaving him with 49 homers. He trailed Mark McGwire, who played Saturday night, by two homers.

"Sammy's only one guy. And if he hits a homer, he hits a homer," Johnson said. "Going against guys like Glenallen Hill and Sosa, if you make a mistake it will cost you."

"I'm a fly ball pitcher. It's not like I was throwing 98 or 99 today. I was throwing 95 or 96. I've got to bear down on nine guys."

Sosa came up with two runners on in the bottom of the ninth and struck out against Trever Miller.

MAJOR LEAGUES

"It was just one of those days," Sosa said.

The win pushed the Astros (80-50) 30 games over .500 for only the second time in club history. Houston finished 96-66 in 1986 en route to an NL West title.

Johnson raised his career record to 3-0 against the Cubs. In his second career start for Montreal on Sept. 20, 1988, he pitched a complete-game six-hitter at Wrigley Field.

Wood pitched Friday despite requests by Fox Sports to the Cubs to rest him another day to setup a national-TV matchup with Johnson.

Biggio hit Don Wengert's third pitch of the game into the bleachers in left, his 14th homer. The Astros got another run in the second on singles by Alou and Spiers and Ricky Gutierrez's RBI grounder. Alou hit his ninth homer in 16 games to make it 3-1 in the fourth.

Biggio singled, stole second and moved to third on Servais' throwing error in the fifth and scored on Derek Bell's grounder.

Spiers hit a three-run homer off reliever Terry Adams in the sixth, following singles by Alou and Carl Everett. And Alou had an RBI single in the seventh.

Wengert (1-3), the fifth starter in the Cubs' rotation, allowed seven hits and four runs in four-plus innings.

Brant Brown hit a two-run, pinch-hit single in the ninth for Chicago.

Orioles 6, Indians 3

Scott Erickson pitched a seven-hitter for his AL best ninth complete game and the Baltimore Orioles took advantage of eight walks and a balk to beat the Cleveland Indians 6-3 Saturday.

Cal Ripken homered for the Orioles, who snapped a two-game losing streak and improved to 31-10 since the All-Star break. Baltimore has not lost three straight since July 3-5.

Manny Ramirez hit his 30th homer for Cleveland, which fell to 8-13 in August.

Erickson (14-9) struck out five and walked four. The right-hander has won his last three starts and is 6-2 in his last nine appearances.

Indians starter Bartolo Colon (13-7) allowed only five hits in 5 1-3 innings, but issued six walks in his second straight game. Three of those walks turned into runs.

Reliever Doug Jones walked two and balked in the go-ahead run in the sixth. After Colon walked the first two batters and gave up a one-out single to Mike Bordick to load the bases, Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove summoned Jones.

Mets 9, Diamondbacks 4

This was the kind of performance from Mike Piazza that New York Mets fans — whether they cheer or boo him — know can carry their team to the playoffs.

Piazza hit his major league-leading fourth grand slam, made a sliding catch into the Arizona dugout and threw out a runner trying to steal in leading the Mets over the Diamondbacks 9-4 Saturday.

The Mets, playing their fifth game in less than 48 hours, rallied from an early 4-0 deficit. Bobby Jones (9-7), pitching on three days' rest for the first time this season, helped New York take a one-game lead in the NL wild-card race over Chicago, which lost 8-3 to Houston.

Piazza hit the Mets' first slam of the year, keying a six-run second inning against Andy Benes (11-12). Piazza singled and

scored in a two-run fifth.

There were scattered boos in the crowd of 42,654 when Piazza struck out with runners on first and third in the opening inning, but he quickly changed that in his next at-bat.

With the score 2-all, Piazza stepped up with the bases loaded and two outs in the second and hit a full-count pitch high to left field. Former Mets teammate Bernard Gilkey drifted back and, with the outcome still in doubt, could only watch the ball carry over the wall.

Braves 7, Dodgers 5

Walt Weiss and Gerald Williams each hit two-run singles and Chipper Jones hit his 30th home run Saturday to lead the Atlanta Braves to a 7-5 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The game included a second-inning brawl that started when Atlanta's Andres Galarraga was hit by Darren Dreifort's pitch and charged the mound.

Braves starter Denny Neagle (12-11) picked up the win, allowing three runs and six hits in five innings.

Kerry Ligtenberg pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save,

and now hasn't allowed an earned run in 20 games — a span of 19 1-3 innings. He has recorded 16 straight saves since May 27.

Los Angeles has lost six of seven against the Braves this year, and now trail the New York Mets by eight games in the NL wild-card chase.

Galarraga, leading off the second, was hit in the left thigh by Dreifort (6-12). The Atlanta clean-up hitter immediately charged the mound and swung at Dreifort's head as he lunged toward the pitcher. Galarraga missed, and the two players fell to the ground.

Both benches emptied as players and coaches from both teams tried to break up the fight. After calm was restored, Galarraga was ejected and replaced by Greg Colbrunn.

Athletics 7, Tigers 2

Gil Heredia pitched six strong innings in his first major league start since 1995 to give the Oakland Athletics a 7-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday.

Heredia (1-0) allowed two runs

and six hits in his first win since 1996. The right-hander, who has spent parts of the last few seasons bouncing between the minors and majors, was making his first start since Aug. 30, 1995, when he pitched for Montreal at San Diego.

Oakland scored in five out of seven innings against Brian Moehler (12-10), who gave up seven runs — six earned — with a season-high five walks.

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WAC defectors make withdrawal official

DENVER (AP) — The eight schools leaving the Western Athletic Conference have given the remaining schools formal notice of their secession.

The new league is scrambling to find a name in time for televised football games in the coming weeks, an Air Force Academy official said Friday.

Letters of withdrawal signed by the presidents of the departing schools were sent to the other institutions Thursday with a copy to WAC commissioner Karl Benson, said Col. Hans Mueh, who represents Air Force on a transition team the eight schools set up to handle the split.

Under WAC bylaws, the schools had to send the letters by Sept. 1 in order to leave the conference after the upcoming academic year. June 30, 1999, will be their final day as WAC members, said Mueh, the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative at Air Force.

Air Force, Brigham Young, Colorado State, New Mexico, San Diego State, Nevada-Las Vegas, Utah and Wyoming announced in May that they planned to leave the 16-team conference. They cited the loss of traditional rivalries, rising travel costs and insufficient revenue growth.

The departing schools have hired a Las Vegas advertising firm to help name the new league and design a logo. Mueh said the firm was planning to

announce the name on Oct. 1, but many school officials want to have it in time for televised games as early as next week-end.

"I think we need to get the name out there," Mueh said. "It would be nice if we could get some of the color commentators to call the conference by what the name is going to be."

The schools have asked for proposals from cities that want to play host to the new league's headquarters. The deadline for responses is Sept. 15, but Mueh said there is serious interest from Salt Lake City, San Diego, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Denver, Colorado Springs and Las Vegas.

The letters of withdrawal went out a week after the schools that will remain in the WAC rejected a proposed separation agreement. They were unhappy because the departing schools declined to give up \$2.6 million in NCAA men's basketball tournament revenue.

The departing schools say their basketball teams earned 28 of 33 revenue units, or shares, due to the WAC from last season's play, each worth about \$80,000. NCAA finalist Utah and the other seven schools don't want to give up that cash, but Mueh said they may end up ceding it.

"I think the sense is that we're going to leave the shares behind. I think a lot of us feel the need to move forward and

get on with this," he said, adding that the presidents of the 16 WAC schools will likely discuss the basketball revenue in further talks Wednesday.

The schools staying in the WAC are SMU, San Jose State, Fresno State, Hawaii, Rice, TCU, Texas-El Paso and Tulsa.

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BOYS CLUB: 30 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG



Bert Andries, middle, is shown in 1971 giving Boys Club membership cards to Johnny Rodriguez and Mike Salazar. The boys earned cards numbered one and two after working to help ready the new building for the club to relocate.

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Above, the ribbon-cutting for the current location of the Boys Club, pictured in 1971. At left, assistant Tony Gonzalez was a long-time member before he went to work with the club.

Looking at scrapbooks and boxes of photographs, Bert Andries pieces together a story 30 years in the making.

It's the story of a wish to "do something" that became a career helping boys grow into men. Andries was a founding board member, and became the first and only executive director of the Boys Club of Big Spring.

"There's been quite a bit of personal satisfaction," he said. "You think maybe you've helped somebody along the way."

Actually, Andries has touched the lives of several thousand local boys through the non-profit agency. Its downtown building hosts basketball games, pool tournaments, woodworking classes, homework assistance and computer sessions.

There, Monday through Saturday, boys gather for fun with their friends, supervised activities and lessons in discipline and values.

"Kids will always have a need for something to do," Andries said. "It's nice for them to have some time with their friends."

And as long as they obey the rules, respect each other and don't use bad language, fun is what they have, Andries said. He and assistant Tony Gonzalez, a former member, supervise activities and plan special outings.

"Our purpose is always guidance," Andries said. "Our activities are just tools toward that."

Mike Salazar, rehabilitation teacher for the Big Spring State Hospital, spent a lot of time at the club in his early years.

"I learned a lot there," he said, "a lot of discipline. I started building my values there, my work ethic. It helped me to mature."

Salazar also saw the club as "a safe place," where he could learn to deal with difficulties like peer pressure.

"Bert was a fantastic role model," Salazar said. "I learned a lot of skills from him. He taught us to respect adults, how to have fun and when you needed to be serious, too."

Andries and a group of co-workers at Cosden organized the Boys Club beginning in 1967. A year later, it opened in part of the building that is now Napa Auto Parts in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

That first year, there were about 100 members, and the entire staff was volunteers. They would open the center each day after work for activities such as ping pong, wrestling, boxing and pool.

When a rent-free building came open on Second Street, the club was moved. In 1971, the owners donated part of the current building, at the former site of the Big Spring Herald, 212 E. Third. The club bought another section of the building later.

Andries has a newspaper clipping that shows the building before the Boys Club took over, a huge printing press in what is now his basketball court.

After the new building was secured, the board decided to hire a full-time director.



Bert Andries, executive director of the Boys Club.

Andries quit his electrical engineering job and took the post.

"That was a big career change, I'll tell you," said Andries. But he says he never regretted giving up his engineer's salary, or quitting the work he had trained for to take on a new job with little security.

Thirty years later, Andries, 70, says he would do it all over again if he had the chance.

"We always worry about money, that's part of it," he said. "You don't always get what you want, but you make do with what you get. That's how it goes."

The Boys Club has relied on United Way funding since 1971. Once part of the national organization, it separated when the board felt the affiliation wasn't offering enough benefits.

Most recently, the club received another gift of property — the donation of an adjacent building from Dorothy Garrett, the community benefactor who died Aug. 6. Plans for its use have not been determined, and may largely depend on whether the club can fund increased operating costs.

Its main focus is the service to more than 400 current members. Boys pay one or two dollars a year, depending on their age. Unlike most youth activities, the Boys Club is there for them almost every day. And there are some members who are there each time the door is open.

"It's comfortable for them," Andries said. "We try to make it that way."

But Andries said he's having a hard time keeping up with the boys these days. He'd like to retire, and work part-time or volunteer at the club just to do his favorite project, woodworking.

"We really need someone

younger," he said. "I can't keep up with them like I used to."

In the scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and collection of photographs, Andries sees the faces of a lot of boys from years ago.

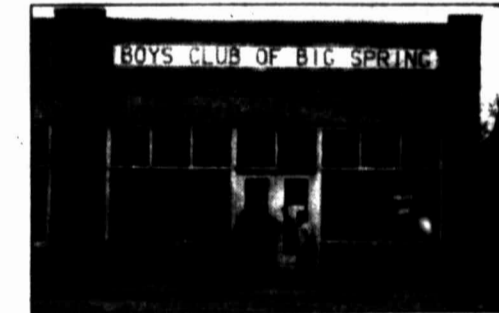
Many of them, he remembers well. Of those, some are still in the community, and a few are still in contact with him. A few others bring back sad memories — boys whose lives took a wrong turn and ended with jail, addiction or other problems.

Some of his current members are children of former members, and a couple are even the grandchildren of the boys who joined the first Boys Club of Big Spring.

He enjoys remembering the club's three-decade history, and talking about the way things were, but it is obviously today's members that keep Andries interested in his work.

It's for them that he hopes to upgrade the computers, and wants to make the new addition something of which they can be proud.

It is their faces that he looks forward to seeing every day.



The original home of the Boys Club was in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

Greeley has once again done a masterful job at character study

"Summer at the Lake," Andrew M. Greeley. Tom Doherty Associates, Inc., New York, New York. June, 1998. 465 pages. \$6.99

As a Catholic priest, Andrew Greeley often writes his fiction from his religious perspective. In "Summer at the Lake," the fictionalized priest is Paddy Keenan. Paddy was raised in one of the "big houses" at the lake. Two of his closest friends, Jane Devlin and Leo Kelly, were also an integral part of their outgoing Irish Catholic upbringing.

Greeley's unique style of writ-

ing numerous short chapters

based on the perspective of one character at a time continues in this book. Leo's character dominates the tale, yet Jane and Paddy's stories are equally essential to the story. Leo decided not to enter



PAT WILLIAMS

This book has it all — romance, suspense, history, and a little mystery. It's a perfect selection to take to the lake ... or to an easy chair.

the priesthood, but to follow an academic career that eventually leads him to the lofty position of Provost in a large Chicago university.

Even though the young people had various romantic experiences in their early lives, Leo and Jane intended to marry. Before a formal commitment

could be made, the Korean War intervened and Leo was shipped overseas. Just days before he left, a tragic accident occurred that killed two friends of their lake group, and impacted everyone's life in mysterious ways.

Greeley traces the friendship of these three friends from 1948

to 1978, while giving often forgotten details of life during the '40s and '50s. He also shares conflicts that many priests feel as they deal with local church and Vatican politics that differ from their personal views.

An interesting side view is the apparent differences in the Catholic Church from the mid-40s to the present time.

"Summer at the Lake" is a character study that often centers on middle-age angst about missed opportunities, but is balanced by a mature view of life's treatment as each person works through his or her prob-

lems. There are times during the reading that the narration of history seems redundant, yet when the mystery becomes apparent, Greeley cleverly weaves everything together to make the tale complete.

Greeley is one of my favorite authors, and with "Summer at the Lake" he has done another masterful job.

This book has it all — romance, suspense, history, and a little mystery. It's a perfect selection to take to the lake...or to an easy chair.

RATING: (****) four out of four= Great reading anytime!

WEDDINGS

Beaver-Warren

Shannon Angell Beaver, Grand Prairie, and Kevin Keith Warren, Big Spring, were united in marriage on Aug. 8, 1998, at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie with Rev. Emil Balliet, associate pastor, and Dr. Wendall Hires, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Leslie and Linda Beaver of Grand Prairie.

He is the son of Kenneth and Vickie Reed of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory beaded and sequined gown with a long train. She carried a bouquet of pale cut roses and greenery with baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Rachel Carpenter, Grand Prairie.

Bridesmaids were Melanie Rhinehart, Zachary, La., Allison Bartlett of Cheney, Kan., Crystal Styers of Grand Prairie, and Codie Reed, sister of the groom, Big Spring.

Brenna and Brittany Hill, nieces of the groom, Big Spring, were the flower girls.

Rusty Baker, Big Spring, served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were CJ Ashley, David White, Gregg Roman and Leslie Adkins, all of Big Spring.

Ushers were Kyle Adams and Brandon Click of Grand Prairie, Robert Hillger and Eric Lipham, of Big Spring.

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

The wedding cake was a four tiered ivory cake with pale sug-



MRS. KEVIN KEITH WARREN

ared flowers, ivy and lace. It had an almond filling and was frosted with buttercream ivory frosting.

The groom's cake was chocolate with a Texas cake in the middle covered with chocolate dipped strawberries.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Grand Prairie High School and attended Arlington Baptist College. She is employed by Associates in Los Colinas.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Arlington Baptist College. He is employed by Central Freight in Dallas.

Following a wedding trip to Gasto's White Water Resort in Lakeview, Ark., the couple will make their home in Lewisville.

GETTING ENGAGED



Jennifer Raye Hatfield, Big Spring, and James David Hinds, Midland, will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 12, 1998, in Abilene, with Rev. Charles Whittle, of the First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jane Hatfield and Ed Hatfield, both of Abilene.

He is the son of Jacquie Hinds and Mr. and Mrs. David Hinds of Coleman.



Jennifer Lea Sullivan, Coahoma, and Robert James Williams, Big Spring, will be united in marriage on Sept. 5, 1998, in the Coahoma Church of Christ.

She is the daughter of Billy and Deborah Sullivan, Coahoma, and the granddaughter of Marvin Latimer.

He is the son of Clarence and Judy Williams, Forsan.



Marisa Bollinger, Levelland, and Patrick George, Houston, will unite in marriage on Nov. 7, 1998, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Levelland.

She is the daughter of Joe B. and Irma Bollinger of Levelland.

He is the son of Lee and Janet George of Big Spring.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is "Squirt," male springer spaniel mix, white and brown, four years old, neutered.

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'It's about community'

Friendship garden about reaping what you sow

CONROE (AP) — The old adage says an apple a day keeps the doctor away.

Maybe we should change that to growing the apple keeps the doctor away. Make that a fig, or maybe a jalapeno pepper. Or how about a nice, fat cantaloupe? A fragrant bouquet of basil and zinnias?

To one group of senior citizens — although it feels strange calling them that, what with all their hoeing and tilling and bending, not to mention their joshing and ribbing and joking — gardening means more than just having fresh vegetables to chop into a salad or pop into a vat of roiling soup.

It's about community.

"We swap life stories," says Barby Carroll, one in a cluster of men gathered on a recent humid August morning at the Alden Colston Memorial Friendship Gardens in Conroe.

"That's why they call it the Friendship Gardens," adds Willie Joe Castlescholdt. "It's about enjoying yourself and being with people."

For the past 25 years, people 60 years and older have mixed camaraderie with their organic fertilizer at this sanctuary, spread over two acres of vines, bushes and towering plants. Lush and green, it looks like something out of Europe, not Texas in August. Peppers gleam on the vine, watermelons nestle like oversize Easter eggs. The air is thick with the smell of earth and growing things.

Made up of 64 equal plots that measure 30-by-40 feet, the gardens were started in 1973 by Colston, a retired oil-field supply salesman. Colston died four years ago but pruned, tilled and harvested until the ripe age of 95. He was a founding volunteer of the Friendship Center, also known as the Montgomery County Committee on Aging, which offers programs that aim to enrich the lives of the elderly in the community.

Along with some other Friendship Center volunteers, Colston established 12 garden plots at the Montgomery County Airport.

About 10 years ago, the county told him he had to move the plots to make way for some new approach-control lights for the planes.

Clark-Sechrist

Lori Lei Clark and Kenneth Allan Sechrist, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 15, 1998, at the Forrest Heights United Methodist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Namiqa Shipman, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Dennis and Doris Hartley of Plainview, and the granddaughter of Mary Anderson, Big Spring, and the late J.D. (Pete) Anderson.

He is the son of Robert and Judy Sechrist.

Instrumentalists were Bobby Brock and Christina Hoover.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a regal satin gown with a Queen Anne neckline, Edwardian sleeve, princess bodice encrusted with pearls, elongated waistline, full skirt and a cathedral length train studded with pearls and accented with European lace cut-outs.

Matron of honor was Stephanie Carrillo.

Bridesmaids were Marla Starr, Teresa Walters, Kim Merritt and Tammy Sechrist.

Brittney Dawn Walters was the flower girl, and Joshua Elwood Walters was the ring-bearer.

Ben Murphy served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Calvin Sechrist, Matt Sechrist and Bobby Sechrist.

Ushers were Ryan White and



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Kyle Sechrist.

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

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Ira High School and a 1995 graduate of Western Texas College. She is attending Texas Tech University, and is employed by Norwest Bank.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Monterey High School and a 1988 graduate of Wyoming Technical Institute. He is employed by Pollard Ford.

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

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THURSDAY-Beef liver, potatoes, green beans, gelatin salad, milk/rolls.

FRIDAY-Turkey/dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Steak fingers/gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.

TUESDAY-Lasagna, black-eyed peas, spinach, cantaloupe or pear salad, sliced bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Fish sticks, tartar sauce, tossed salad, potato rounds, sliced bread, fruit bar, milk.

THURSDAY-Burritos, meat, cheese, mexican salad, mexicali corn, peach cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef stew w/vegetables, cheese & peanut butter sandwiches, banana pudding, crackers, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL
MONDAY-Tuna salad on lettuce leaf, celery & carrot sticks, jello fruit salad, crackers, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, chilled peaches, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dog/chili, corn chips, baked beans, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Mr. Rib sandwich, fries, salad/pickle spear, milk.

FRIDAY-Baked lemon pepper chicken, early june peas, grapes, hot bread, milk.

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MONDAY-Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, fruit pies, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken and noodles, black-eyed potatoes, salad, graham crackers with peanut butter.

WEDNESDAY-Bar-b-que on a bun, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, pudding, vanilla wafers, milk.

THURSDAY-Bean chaluapas, corn, salad, taco sauce, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Braised beef tips, rice, green beans, jello and fruit, hot rolls, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Steak burger or cheeseburger, french fries, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Beef taco or corn-dog, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti or steak fingers, green beans, tossed salad, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Burrito or bar-b-que on bun, buttered corn, chilled pears, milk, cinnamon

roll, fruit drink.
FRIDAY-Pizza or baked potato, peas & carrots, tossed salad, fresh salad, fresh fruit, milk, fruit drink.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Tacos or ham sandwiches, ranch beans, fresh fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili dogs or baked potatoes, with chili & cheese, fries, peach cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken spaghetti or burritos, peas, salad, bread, milk, jello w/fruit.

THURSDAY-BBQ riblets on bun or corn-dogs, potato salad, baked beans, pickle spears, crackers, milk, corn dogs.

FRIDAY-Pizza, tater tots, fruit bar, milk. Teachers only-Salad or baked potato call on Thursday.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Corn dog (sliced turkey w/gravy), potato rounds, sliced peaches, pineapple tidbits, milk.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce (BBQ on bun), corn, carrot sticks, fruit cobbler, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Mexican jambalaya (chef salad, crackers), rice, salad, border beans, orange wedges, milk.

THURSDAY-Fried chicken (grilled ham & cheese), whipped potatoes, green beans, hot roll, chocolate cake, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger (salmon pattie), salad, french fries, pork & beans, cookie, milk.

STORK CLUB

Donavan Samuel Garcia, boy, Aug. 9, 1998, 2:02 a.m., seven pounds seven ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Jehnifer Smith and Vincent Garcia III.

Grandparents are Bonnie Smith, Coahoma, and Mary Garcia and Vincent Garcia, Jr., also of Coahoma.

Shiv Patel, boy, Aug. 13, 1998, 11:04 p.m., six pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Jagdish and Mamta Patel.

Grandparents are Ishvar Patel and Niru Patel.

Marcus Anthony Chavarria, boy, Aug. 9, 1998, 10:26 a.m., seven pounds two ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Tommy and Belinda Chavarria.

Grandparents are Tony and Maria Garcia and Manuel and Karla Chavarria, all of Big Spring.

Isabella Marie Rivera, girl, Aug. 4, 1998, 1:31 a.m., seven pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Chris and Natasha Rivera.

Grandparents are Debra Dancer, Lupe and Lorina Ontiveros, David and Mary Rivera, all of Big Spring, and Lawrence Dancer, Odessa.

Daisi Salazar, girl, Aug. 1, 1998, 8:07 p.m., seven pounds and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Cynthia Salazar and Simon Zubiarte.

Grandmother is Janie Mendez, Big Spring.

Janessa Jade Canales, girl, Aug. 18, 1998, 7:40 p.m., seven pounds seven ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Joe Canales and Rosa Martinez, Big Spring.

Grandparents are Brigida Canales and Disidoro Canales, Trina Martinez and Victor Martinez, all of Big Spring.

Amber Rose Hinojos, girl, Aug. 16, 1998, 5:02 p.m., six pounds 9 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Cynthia Porras and Abel Hinojos.

Grandparents are Alicia Porras, Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Hinojos, all of Big Spring, and Pete Porras, Odessa.

Christopher Andrew Chavez II, boy, Aug. 11, 1998, 3:26 p.m., nine pounds one ounce and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Chris Chavez and Sandra Silva.

Grandparents are Antonio and Elisa Silva and Andres and Monica Chavez, all of Big Spring.

Life section policies

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon. Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available at the Herald office. We will only accept announcements printed on our forms, and we will include only information listed on the forms. There is no charge for these announcements.

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11:30 a.m. Teaching Demonstration from the San Angelo Campus

ANNIVERSARIES

Moore

Robert H. (Bob) and Ila (Vernice) Moore will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31, 1998, with their son, Brad Moore, in San Angelo.

He was born in Lubbock, and she was born in Clovis, N.M. They met while he was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis. They were married Aug. 31, 1973, in Clovis, N.M. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one son, Brad Moore.

They came to Big Spring in 1976 from Dallas. He was transferred here with Republic Financial Services, Inc., as a special agent, and she was employed with Tompkins Oil Company. He has been employed with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, and she has been employed with Feagins Implement since 1984. He is also currently employed with the Big Spring Police Department where he is assigned to the Crime Scene Unit. They are members of the



MR. AND MRS. MOORE

14th & Main Church of Christ. This was their comment about their 25 years of marriage. "We both agree that we were very lucky to find each other 25 years ago, and we are both looking forward to the next 25 plus years of marriage together!"

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Sam and Kammie Gutierrez and daughters Kortni and Kimber, Midland. He is the manager of Bealls Department Store.

Pat and Kathy Loter, son Jesse and daughter Mattie, Wimberley. They are both employed by the BSISD.

Jamie and Joy Seago and son Calvin, Midland. He is employed by the Big Spring ISD.

Justin and Sara Hays, Brownfield. He is the assistant baseball coach at Howard College, and she is employed by the Forsan ISD.

Rita Narvaez, San Angelo. She is the Spanish teacher at Forsan ISD.

Joe D. Cook, sons Ean and Joseph and daughters Patricia and Catisha, Des Moines, Iowa.

David and Misty Adwell, son Chris, Sterling City. He is employed by Western Container, and she is a student at Howard College.

IN THE MILITARY

The Texas LST/Amphibious Association invites all shipmates, past and present, to the amphibious reunion to be held in San Angelo, Oct. 15-18. Please contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52, Box 362, Hemphill; 75948.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Paul Talamantez, a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, homeported in Bremerton, Wash.

Talamantez was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

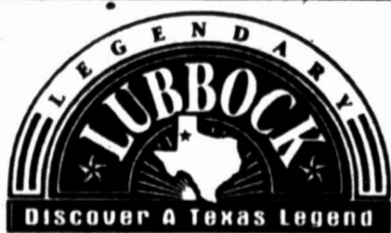
Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced that he is currently seeking applicants for nomination to the United States Service Academies. Applications for nomination to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., may be obtained by writing to

Congressman Stenholm's Washington, D.C. office.

Nominations are available to young men and women who will be at least 17 years of age, and not past their 22nd birthday, upon entry into the academy in July 1999. Nominees are selected by a competitive

process, judged on scholastic aptitude, moral character, leadership ability, and community involvement.

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Man sues club over free buffet

NEW YORK (AP) — A man is suing a topless nightclub for \$1 million because he says it wouldn't let him near the object of his desire — the free seafood buffet.

Lloyd Prober says he was blocked by bouncers at Scores and humiliated by not being allowed in to sample the club's delights, including roast beef and seafood prepared by a chef.

Workers at the upscale club barred him despite his valid get-in-free pass.

"I spend a few bucks there," Prober said. "They said I don't spend enough money. How do they know? Do they have people watching me there?"

Scores spokesman Lonnie Hanover said he understood why Prober wanted to nosh from the topless club's buffet.

"We do have the best after-work buffet in the world," he said. "It's great."



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Red habanero peppers — world's hottest — tested as pest repellent

SOCORRO, N.M. (AP) — A new pest repellent taps the heat of the hottest chili pepper in the world, a pepper so hot that only humans would be crazy enough to eat it.

The repellent developed by the New Mexico Tech Research Foundation in Socorro exploits the heat of the ripe, red habanero pepper, which is 60 times hotter than its fiery cousin, the jalapeno, and 10 times hotter than cayenne.

Researchers are taking the nontoxic chili additive and mixing it into caulks, paints, glues

and rubber-coating materials. Any animal unfortunate enough to take a nibble gets a spicy surprise.

Tests found roadrunners avoided pecking treated fence posts and rats shunned cables coated in the substance. A coral post treated with the repellent kept pests at bay for five years, said Darwin Van De Graaff, president of MEDDA, a Santa Fe company that will market the stuff.

Zebra mussels, the meddlesome mollusks that have invaded water intake pipes and dis-

placed native species in the Great Lakes and Mississippi and Ohio rivers, may be next on the hit list.

The Aquatic Research Institute at East Chicago, Ind., is field testing the repellent 20 feet under water in a mussel-infested Lake Michigan harbor. "The implication here is that if they've developed an effective material, it will have an application," director Tim Early said.

"It worked in the lab, will it work in the environment?" he asked.

The lake tests could be completed by the end of August or early September. The U.S. Coast Guard is among those interested in the results. Since boats are the most common method of transferring zebra mussels from one body of water to another, perhaps a treated hull could cut down on the European invader.

"That would be really great if it works," said Lt. Chris Boes at the Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Mussel repellents currently use chlorine, ultraviolet light, sound vibrations and electric

currents. Or people can simply scrape them off by hand. If the chili repellent passes EPA and other testing, "it's going to be a real hot item," Boes said.

Inland Steel Co., an East Chicago, Ind., steelmaker that draws huge amounts of Lake Michigan water for its operation, sees potential in a chili-based repellent that could block fish and other aquatic life from entering pipes to the mill.

Pesticide marketers are keeping an eye on the chili-based product's development, too. "It's an interesting concept,"

said Harold Harlan, a pesticide and repellent expert at the National Pest Control Association in Dunn Loring, Va. "It's arguable how successful they are."

Capsaicin, the substance that gives chili its heat, and its derivatives have been used on animals with some success. Many hikers, for instance, now carry pepper spray to protect themselves in bear country.

Even though the product is organic, the developers may

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IN THE NEWS

The RETAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a program at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at the Dora Roberts Community Center featuring DR. NATE BOOTH.



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Booth will present a 2 1/2-hour program on "Thriving on Change" to help business owners, managers and employees learn how to use the power of change through the presentation of Three Keys to Anticipating Change and Seven Steps to Creating Change.

"Change is never easy, but it always essential to success," explained AMBER RICH, chamber VP-Retail Development.

Cost for the program will be \$25 for chamber members with additional employees \$10 each.

For more information, or to make reservations, call 369-7661.

JAMES MCCOMB has returned as manager of the Big Spring SONIC DRIVE-IN after spending 18 months in Odessa during the opening of a Sonic in that community.

MCCOMB said Big Spring was his first Sonic location as a manager and said returning to Big Spring "is like coming back home."

The Big Spring Sonic is located at 1200 Gregg St.

GARY PRATER, a service technician at BOB BROCK FORD, has been named July



PRATER

EMPLOYEE of the MONTH. PRATER, an A.S.E. certified technician, has been with the dealership for more than 20 years.

PRATER's wife, Lonnie, is a member of the dealership's sales staff.

Bob Brock Ford is located at 500 W. 4th.

DR. VINCENT RASCON has opened RASCON PODIATRY CLINIC in the Big Spring Specialty Clinic, 616 Gregg St.

DR. RASCON specializes in diabetic foot care, foot surgery, sports medicine and routine foot care for the elderly.

He relocates to Big Spring from Seattle and completed his professional training at the California College of Podiatric Medicine and did his residency training and surgery in San Francisco.

For more information, call 267-8226

TB FOODS, INC., an affiliate of Springfield, Mo.-based Restaurant Systems Group (RSG), has purchased 10 Permian Basin TACO BELL restaurants, including the Big Spring location at 2311 Gregg St.

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Stoneville Texas growing with West Texas by adding 38,000-square foot warehouse

Recent trend in transgenic cotton seeds creates need

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

In spite of the tremendous strain the recent drought has put on Texas agricultural producers, one area business has managed to grow, expanding its operations and facilities.

The Stoneville Texas, Inc. Delinting Plant has contracted Abbot Construction, a Midland-based firm, to construct a new 32,000 square foot bulk seed warehouse.

"The new facilities will serve as a warehouse for our bulk cotton seeds," said Stoneville Site Manager Lynn Gannaway. "We contract with area growers for our planting seeds, and then sell them all over the U.S."

According to Gannaway, the recent trend in transgenic cotton seeds has increased the need for warehouse space.

"This is actually just the first phase of an ongoing expansion for Stoneville," said Gannaway. "The actual plant was built in 1976, and Stoneville bought it in July of '97."

"The new transgenic cotton seeds have desirable traits already built in to them, and have become quite popular.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Stoneville Texas is in the process of adding a 38,000-square foot warehouse just north of the company's existing buildings. Stoneville Texas is located north of Big Spring on U.S. 87.

They have to be properly housed to preserve their quality, however, and can't be caught and delinted by the farmers like the old varieties."

Gannaway said the facility will cost considerably more than comparable size buildings size.

"This warehouse will have a lot of special properties specifically designed for preserving seed quality," said Gannaway. "The seeds have to be properly aerated, which means the addition of tunnels underneath the foundation, and that adds a lot

to the overall cost. We are also using almost three times the normal amount of steel for added strength and protection."

While many area farmers have been decimated by the drought, Gannaway said Stoneville's loss has been minimal.

"The drought has affected us," said Gannaway, "but not like it has the dry-land producers. We didn't do much contracting with dry-land cotton growers this year because of the drought, and we've seen about a 20 percent drop off.

Union Pacific Railroad restructuring its management

BILL, Wyo. (AP) To improve customer service and management of the railroad, Union Pacific will reorganize into three regions with vice presidents running each almost like a separate railroad, chief executive Dick Davidson says.

Fueled largely by difficulties implementing its 1996 merger with Southern Pacific, the decentralization of authority should bring the railroad closer to its customers and give people in the field more responsibility, Davidson said Tuesday.

Davidson is chairman of Union Pacific Corp., the Omaha-based railroad's parent company. He spoke aboard a Union Pacific train making its way from the coal fields of Wyoming to the central corridor in North Platte, Neb., as part of a tour of the railroad.

"We're trying to flip the pyramid," Davidson said. "Where before the people in the field would support what's going on in Omaha, we want people in Omaha supporting the people in the field."

Union Pacific centralized operations in the mid-1980s. But acquisition of three railroads since then, including the Chicago and Northwestern Railway in 1995 and Southern Pacific in 1996, roughly doubled the size of the company, making it the largest in the country with 36,000 miles of track in 23 states.

When attempts to correct congestion problems that built last year after the Southern Pacific merger did not work as well as hoped, railroad management

looked around for answers, Davidson said.

"We thought our centralized system would work, but it turned out to be too complex," Davidson said. "I got a group of 10 people together and collectively, this is what we decided to do."

Planning and oversight will continue to take place in Omaha, but the regions will be given the resources and authority over how best to carry out overall goals, Davidson said. The regions will be split

roughly into northern, southern and western sections, he said.

Mike Kelly, now vice president of marketing, will take over in Omaha. Jeff Verhall, general manager of the western region, will be vice president of that region, out of Roseville, Calif., and Steve Barkley, already stationed in Houston, will be vice president there.

The regional vice presidents will put their teams together and the new structure should be in place by Nov. 1, Davidson said.

Small producers feeling the squeeze of low oil prices

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil prices have hit the lowest levels in 12 years, making motorists happy but leaving small oil producers scrambling to save their livelihood.

"The little guy is being forced out of business," said Frank Gorham, president of the Independent Oil Producers of New Mexico.

The association's own numbers tell the story. Membership has dropped from 300 to less

than 100 in the past four years.

"A lot of us are suffering negative cash flow," Gorham said. "How long can you call the bank and say, 'I cannot make payments'? You've got some very, very financially strong independents that are suffering right now."

Low prices have particularly hurt small producers who rely on marginal, or stripper, wells producing less than 10 barrels of oil a day. Some 74 percent of New Mexico's 24,000 wells are considered marginal.

Nationally, just under 25 percent of the nation's daily production comes from marginal wells.

The problems of producers have a ripple effect on the rest of the industry, hurting mom-and-pop companies that service the oil fields.

"For every one rig, you probably have 20 businesses that support that well, from chemical businesses to mechanical," said Harry Spannaus, vice president of corporate services for Pioneer Natural Resources in

Midland, Texas, the area's largest independent.

Some small producers have cut back or eliminated new drilling projects. Some have laid off workers and left run-down wells unrepaired.

Others have "shut in" wells — stopping pumping, a solution intended to be temporary but which often results in permanent loss of production. Eventually, producers could end up plugging the well by pouring concrete into the hole and removing the surface equip-

ment.

In a letter in June to then-Energy Secretary Federico Pena, the Independent Petroleum Association of America complained that eight months of low prices and price instability were forcing some producers out of business, while others shut down marginal wells.

"We cannot overstate this crisis facing many of America's oil producers," the association

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Plenty of activities, entertainment planned for county fair

With all the many things to look forward to, especially cooler temperatures! The Howard County Fair Board has been working hard all year to assure an outstanding fair. I hope each one of you will plan on attending.

The Howard County Fair board's entertainment committee has an outstanding group of musical entertain-

ment. Wednesday, Sept. 2, will feature country artist Gene Watson, and Thursday, Sept. 3 is gospel night. Our own Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will perform Friday, Sept. 4, and Johnny Rodriguez will entertain you Saturday, Sept. 5. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see top quality entertainment right here at home!

This year's carnival is "new and improved" with nightly specials. Be sure to view the entries in the creative arts and baked goods as well as agricultural products. Don't miss out on the 4-H Omelet Supper, grand opening day, Monday, Aug. 31. Grand opening day also brings a new event, Cow Paddy

Bingo, along with the Ranch Rodeo, Pet Show and Kids Parade.

Livestock shows are a big part of our fair and will be held throughout the week; lambs will show on Saturday, Aug. 29, and market goats on Sunday, Aug. 30. The steer show is set for Saturday, Sept. 5. Come see Howard County 4-H and FFA members exhibit their livestock along with youth from across the state.

Other fun activities include horseshoe and washer pitching, fair queen contest, Country Kid's Contest, Pet-A-Zoo, domino tournament, Battle of the Cheerleaders, area school tours, agriculture in the classroom and antique trac-

tor pulls.

If you are interested in entering any of the divisions of the fair, you may come by the Extension Office in the courthouse basement or contact any Howard County Fair Board member to obtain a book with entry information.

As you can tell, many hours of work are involved in planning an outstanding fair for our entertainment and all at a very reasonable price. So make plans to attend the 26th Annual (and best ever) Howard County Fair!

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture. His office is in the courthouse basement.)



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Cantu
grantee: Margarita Travino, Adolfo T. Cantu, Jr. and Jason S. Cantu
property: all of lots 1-9, blk. 9, Settles Heights Addition
filed: Aug. 6, 1998
118th District Court:
Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Burt Hilger and Metropolitan Property and Casualty, Inc. Co. vs. Ben Joseph Garza, Jr. and Bobby Beall
Don Michael Adams and wife, Sherri Adams and Don Michael Adams as next friend of Jennifer Adams vs. Tabitha and Emery Horvath
Charlie McAllister vs. Maria Brisen
Ramona White, individually and a/m/f for Julie Lawson, a minor vs. Sidney Randall Bell
Family:
Angelina Silva vs. Robert Aguilar
Divorce:
Misty Rose King vs. Terry Wayne King
Maria Martinez Yanez vs. Marcos L. Yanez
Melissa Dawn Edenfield vs. Jerry Lawrence Edenfield

Howard County Clerk's Office:
Marriage Licenses:
Robert David Anderson II, 40, and Karen Hule Anderson, 45
Michael Lloyd Matthews, 30, and Brandi Lecody Bluhm, 24
Robert James Williams, 23, and Jennifer Lea Sullivan, 21
Frances Frank Delbosquez, 37, and Mary Helen Lopez, 39
Court Records:
Order: Kenneth Ray Garvin, Johnny Barraza, Pablo Martinez, Jr., Antonio M. Armijo, Justin Michael Jones, Juan Antonio Silva, Jason Michael Gonzales, Marcus E. Gray
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Johnny Barraza, Pablo Martinez, Jr., Antonio M. Armijo, Justin Michael Jones, Juan Antonio Silva, Jason Michael Gonzales, Marcus E. Gray
Judgment & sentence DWLI: Johnny Rueda \$250 fine, \$232 court cost and 90 days in jail
Order of dismissal: Fabian Ernesto Serrano, Patricia Rodriguez, Kenneth Ray Garvin, Fabian Ernesto Serrano, Kristin Shea Pirkle
Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Mary Beatrice Rodriguez \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Rhonda Angel Brackeen \$500 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 45 days in jail
Probated judgment fleeing from police officer: Manuel Armendariz \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment DWLS: Manuel Armendariz \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment evading arrest/using vehicle: Shawn Leigh Jiminez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Alisha Fay McGee, Johnny Rueda, Billy Starr, Charlie Jake Turner, Manuel Torres Escamilla, Joe Soltz, Jr.
Probated judgment DWLI: Michael Allen Seay \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Kristin Shea Pirkle, \$1,000 fine and 365 days in jail.

Warranty deed with vendor's lien:
grantee: Michael L. Seal
grantee: Buck and Margarita Canino
property: lot 11, blk. 11, Washington Place Addition
filed: Aug. 4 1998
grantee: D. Karen Hyden Arroyo
grantee: James E. Gaither
property: all of lot 10, blk. 2, Ridgelea Terrace Addition
filed: Aug. 4, 1998
Warranty deed:
grantee: Clinton H. Harrison, Gerald Wayne Harrison and Richard Allen Harrison
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: the southeast 1/4 of section 14, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: Aug. 4, 1998
grantee: Glenn R. Hyden
grantee: D. Karen Hyden Arroyo
property: all of lot 10, blk. 2, Ridgelea Terrace Addition
filed: Aug. 4, 1998
grantee: R.E. Haney and Edith Haney
grantee: R.E. Haney and Edith Haney, trustees of R-Bar Family Trust
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credits of as much as \$3 a barrel if the price of oil falls below \$18 a barrel.
Most fields in New Mexico have a combination of oil and gas, Gorham said.
Dugan Production Corp. in Farmington is evenly split between oil and gas, said its president, Tom Dugan.
"We're able to exist on our gas production," he said.
"Essentially our income has been cut in half within the last six or seven months."
Dick Frank, the state Department of Labor's area director in Lea County, said the unemployment rate in the oil-rich county has been climbing, reaching 6.7 percent in June.
"It's strictly the oilfield," he said.
In today's market, it's not uncommon for oilfield hands to have no work for two weeks. The Labor Department considers those workers "partial workers," and Frank said there has been a definite increase in that category.

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property: 1 - being a 278.356 acre tract out of the west 1/2 of section 4, blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.; 2 - a 2.472 acre tract of land out of the east 1/2 of section 5, blk. 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.
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property: the north 280.2 acres of section 48, blk. 32, T-3-N, T&P Ry. Co.
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property: all of section 43, blk. 27, H&TC Ry. Co.
filed: Aug. 4, 1998
grantee: Jose J. and Teri L. Rubio
grantee: Orlando Tercero and Marcie Tercero
property: lot 7, blk. 2, Bauer Addition
filed: Aug. 4, 1998
grantee: Robert G. and Cheryl L.

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have to test for toxicity, cancer risk and reproductive harm before it is ready for market, said Harlan, an entomologist. It will also have to be tested for unintended side effects on other species.
Tests by New Mexico scientists have found the current repellent works on many animals, birds and insects, and has staying power because it forms a molecular bond to surfaces to which it is applied, Van De

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temperatures, lower salinity and the disappearance of the aggressive bacteria.
Bay salt levels are higher than normal because the summer drought has slowed the inflow of fresh river water. It's hoped that recent rains in east and southeast Texas will pump more fresh water into the bay.
The FDA might allow the restart of oyster harvesting provided the shellfish are processed immediately. Baker said restaurateurs and oyster

producers also would have to come to a formal agreement that the product would be cooked soon after harvest to prevent bacterial proliferation.

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2 bedroom furnished apt. Gas & water paid. \$330/mo. 704 S. San Antonio. 263-5818.

Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341.

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Efficiency \$210 1 bdr. \$235 2 bdr. \$275 \$99.00 Deposit w/fridge/air. 915-267-4217

UNFURNISHED HOUSES 1015 E. 21st. 3 bdr. 1 bth \$200/mo.

1017 E. 21st. 3 bdr. 1 bth \$200/mo.

1600 Jennings 1 bdr. 1 bth. \$125/mo. \$75/dep. 1208 Main 2 bdr. 1 bth \$100/dep \$325/mn. 806-785-5608.

2 bdr., 1 bath. CH/A. Nice, clean, carpeted, fans, stove & refrig. Good location. Deposit & references. 267-4923, 268-1888 or 267-6760.

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Quail Run Apts. 2609 Wason Dr. Rock Terrace Apts. 911 Scurry Kitchen Appliances Central H & AC Laundryroom Facilities Some Apt. W/D Hookups 1-2-3 Bedrooms 263-1781

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2 bdr. 1 bath 1102 Lanc. RENTEDETS. 267-3777

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2 bdr. 1 bath. Located 706 Lorilla west side of town Asking \$5,000. Call 263-1184 or 267-2576

3 bdr. 2 bath 2 car garage, near Ackerly. \$300/dep. \$425/mn. Call 210-686-9665.

3-2 bdr. for rent. w/ carport and storage. \$225/mn. \$100/dep. Call 267-8754.

311 W. 5th. 2 bdr. washer/dryer hook ups, ceiling fans, carpeted, AC. \$250/mn. \$175/dep. also: 1305 Mt. Vernon 2 bdr. washer/dryer hook ups, carport, fenced yard, AC. \$225/mn. \$175/dep. Call 267-7826.

4 bdr. 1 1/2 bath, 1 year lease required. \$495/mn + dep. No Pets! 1 Owner/Broker: 4220 Hamilton 263-6514

508 Settles 1 bdr. 1 bth. \$75/dep. \$125/mn. 205 E. 22nd St. 1 bdr. 1 bth. down stairs \$250/mn. \$75/dep. utilities pd. 1107 E. 15th. 3bdr. 1bth. \$250/mn. \$75/dep. 1907 N. Monticello 2 bdr. 1 bth. \$75/dep. \$200/mn. 2107 Sth. Main #A. 3bdr. 2 bth. \$250/mn. \$100/dep. Call Sharon at 267-3613.

Clean 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Fenced yard. 624 Ridgela. \$400./mo. \$200/dep. Call 267-1543.

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FOR RENT 1,2 & 3 bedroom houses. 1205 Young \$200. 610 E. 15th-\$250. 2619 Chanute-\$350. Call 263-1393.

FOR RENT: 3 bdr. 2 bath, very clean, good neighborhood, near Moss School. Rent \$600/mn. 500/dep. Call (day) 263-0844 (after 6) 263-0667 for more info. Available Sept. 1.

FOR SALE BY OWNER Charming 2 bdr. 2 bath with gas fireplace, large rooms, C/H/A plus all appliances. Large trees & storage building. 267-2147

GREAT LOCATION: 3 bd. 1 3/4 bath. CH/A, single garage, double carport, covered patio. \$625/mo. \$300/dep. 2507 Cindy. References required. Call 263-3689.

Unf. House for rent. 6 rooms & bath, 10 miles N. Gail Hwy. \$250./mo., \$100/dep. Ref. needed. For appt. to see call 267-5378.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, AUG. 23:

Work and health need to remain a high priority. A diet or exercise plan is exactly what the doctor ordered for you. Creativity is high, and your dream time plays a major role in this continuing process. Others seek you out frequently, for brainstorming sessions. Partners work with you financially, though a key partner could turn out to be a big spender. If you are single, romance has a very idealistic tone. Be realistic about the situation and this person. If attached, you see your partner in a much different light. Romance blooms. AQUARIUS plays devil's advocate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) When your sleep is disturbed and you have wild dreams, it might be wise to start keeping a journal. You cannot underestimate your creativity. Good news comes from your intuitive actions. Handle those in charge by using your sixth sense. Tonight: Where the crowd is.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Establish groundwork now. Make calls, and explore different ideas. Get an early start before others crowd your work space. You're approaching a long sought-after goal, and faster than you know. Friends surround you. Handle a boss appropriately. Tonight: A must show.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Getting close to someone could mean clipping your wings. Is that what you want? You might be more into the symbolism of a close relationship than the reality. Buy a card to express your love. A boss finally defers to you.

UNFURNISHED HOUSES Must see inside to appreciate. Recently remodeled - new carpet, paint, C/H/A, fenced yard w/dormer ceiling. Garage 3 bdr. 1 bath \$575 w/appl. \$550 w/out + dep. - 603 George 267-2296.

Nice 3 bdr., 1 bath, ref. air/cent heat, carpet, fenced. 6 month lease. References required. No Pets. \$425 per mth. & \$250 deposit. Owner/Agent 263-6892 leave message.

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Financial gain is more than possible. Tonight: Make week-end plans.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Express your feelings. Be less concerned with others' reactions. You can't control them anyway, nor would you want to. Open up to a different perception. You don't have to get locked into a rigid pattern or restrictive thinking. Tonight: A partner has something special for you!****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get as much done as possible. Your imagination leads you down interesting paths. You want to share your dream life only with a trusted partner. Making money is easy. Be careful not to put a friend on a pedestal. Focus on the reality of the situation. Tonight: Start the weekend now!****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Ingenuity marks your decisions. No question about it, you see events and people a lot differently. Follow the push toward socializing, meetings and commitment to a cause. A special friend supports you in these changes. Tonight: Finish whatever work is incomplete.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Share your excitement about work with those whom honestly care. Sort through the difference between money and accomplishments. You see the difference between a user and a friend. Let your imagination go with a child. Tonight: With favorite people.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Wade through news that keeps coming in. You have a decision to make. Let ingenuity help you find the answer for you, which might not be obvious. Your seductiveness has impact. Recognize that an admirer might care a lot more than you. Tonight: An easy night at home.****

TOO LATES For Rent or Sale: 3 bdr. 2 bath brick home. 1708 Purdue. 353-4871 OR 268-3570.

'91 Chevy Tahoe Supercab, nice truck, lot's of extras. Call 267-1525

'92 Pontiac GrandAm. Auto. Good cond. \$2500., '80 Datsun 280ZX, auto. \$1200. 263-0652.

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