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Please fax the information to: 264-7205, attention Community Guide; drop it by the office at 710 Scurry, or mail it to: P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring. You can also reach us by e-mail at: jwalker@crcom.net.

To ensure accuracy, information will not be taken by telephone.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

□ Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room.

□ Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m., Club House.

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

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

### TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

### WEDNESDAY

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

□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of the movie theater box office.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

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

## WEATHER

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## Fiddlers contest to return as part of 76th Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

An old favorite returns to Big Spring on Saturday, Aug. 7 when musicians string their bows and fiddle a snappy tune at the 1999 Hoyle Nix Memorial Fiddlers' Contest.



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The contest is sponsored by

the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers' Reunion Inc., the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Culligan Water.

For those who care to try their hand at fiddling, cash prizes totaling \$1,365 will be available.

"This contest is in honor of one of the best fiddle players and country swing bands in Texas, Hoyle Nix. This is a memorial to him," said Mel Prather, vice president of tourism for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

A fiddlers' contest has been a

part of the Old Settlers' Reunion off and on for 73 years, Prather said. The reunion begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 7 in the ballroom of the Dora Roberts Community Center.

A barbecue lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. A dance featuring Terry Sneed and "Up The Creek" will begin at 8 p.m.

Registration for the fiddlers' contest begins at 1 p.m. and the first contest is a 2 p.m. The event will conclude at 6 p.m.

"We're looking for interested musicians to enter the contest,

and prize money will be awarded," Prather said.

At 2 p.m., fiddlers up to 15 years old will compete. First place for this category is \$75. Second place will earn \$50 and the third best fiddler will win \$35. Fourth and fifth place fiddlers will also receive cash awards, \$15 and \$10 respectively.

For those fiddlers 16-34, the competition begins at 3 p.m. First place prize is \$150, with the second best fiddler earning \$75. Third and fourth place winners will earn \$50, then \$25.

At 4 p.m. fiddlers 35 years old and older will begin. The prizes for this category are the same as the former age group.

At 5 p.m. the Championship Division featuring the talents of the top three category winners begins.

Grand Champion of that competition will receive the 1999 Hoyle Nix Memorial trophy and \$200 cash. Second place runner-up will earn \$130, and third and fourth place will win \$75 and \$50, respectively.

For more information contact Prather at 263-7690.

## Community responding to request to help Viet vets pay for chapel cases

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Efforts to raise funds to pay for the display cases installed in the Vietnam Memorial Gold Star Chapel are still under way, with nearly half the goal met.

"I sent out letters to chamber of commerce members, and thus far we have had \$2,880 returned, and we're still receiving funds every day," said Mel Prather, vice president of tourism for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The goal is \$6,900 for the chrome and glass cases that feature photographs of Vietnam Conflict and other war veterans. Prather said special attention is being given to those veterans who lost their lives in Vietnam.

"They are really beautiful cases. And we had to purchase the better quality of cases, because they must be shatterproof to prevent vandalism and the frames have to be secured to the wall to prevent them being stolen or torn up, and they have to be lockable," Prather said.

And while donations continue to arrive from the personal appeal Prather made to chamber members, two other fundraisers are also in the works, he said.

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Vietnam Memorial Committee member Jerry Groves displays the quilt which will be given away July 25 during the Crossroads Trade Days at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Crossroads Trade Days to benefit Vietnam Memorial

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

An old favorite is coming back to town with the revival of a summer trade days show in Big Spring on Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25.

The show, dubbed Crossroads Trade Days, will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We used to have the Crossroads Stampede at the park, and then we moved it downtown to the Heart of the

City Festival," said Mel Prather, owner/operator of Arts & Crafts Shows, Inc., who is putting on the show.

"While the downtown festivals were a success, the problems with heat took its toll on both exhibitors and patrons. Now, with the event moved to the coliseum, we won't have that problem," he said.

And with the rebirth of the event comes an added bonus. Prather, who had an open date that weekend on his calendar

of regional shows, has set up the trade days to be a fundraising event for the Vietnam Memorial Committee.

Crossroads Trade Days is designed to provide exhibitors an opportunity to sell wares not generally found in an arts and crafts show, Prather said.

Anyone who has something to sell may rent a 10x10-foot booth for the weekend for \$80. Each booth comes with a fold

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## Work continues on building to house Wilderness Camp inmates

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Construction continues, and should be completed by September on a new, \$200,000 home for the Wilderness Camp inmates in Building 64 at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

"We're going to the city council Tuesday night to request awarding of bids for the plumbing, electrical, and heating and air conditioning of the facility," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager for Big Spring.

"We don't have a bottom line figure for the cost yet. We're building an addition of about 7,000 square feet, which will give us about 18,000 square feet in the new facility. This will cost the city about \$200,000-plus, which is much better than the \$500,000-plus of a new building," Bogard said.

She said the bids will be awarded to over sight contractors for technical things that cannot be done with inmate labor.

Most of the labor for the new facility will be done by the Wilderness Camp inmates, as well as city employees, she said.

"We're trying to do as much of the labor as we can in-house, with staff and inmates. This is a

major cost savings with the labor, and of course the materials will cost," Bogard said.

The new home for the inmates, who perform about \$50,000 worth of labor for various projects in Big Spring each month, will have a bed capacity of about 150, an increase from the 100-bed facility currently in use.

The city is under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to provide housing for the inmates. In exchange, the inmates perform various labor around the community on such projects as the pavilion and restrooms at Kids' Zone, the Trail of Lights at Christmas and the Vietnam Memorial Gold Star Chapel.

"Our contracts says that we have to provide safe, decent housing, and one of the attractions to Building 64 was that it's cinder block and it's sound and decent and has good bathroom space," Bogard said.

Currently, inmates are building a loading dock for Avantech Corp., which will occupy the northern end of the building. Bogard explained the dock is being built as an in-kind trade, since some of the firm's



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Wilderness Camp inmates work at Building 64 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, which will house Avantech and part of the inmate work force population. The work should be completed by September.

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OBITUARIES

Eugene D. Stevens

Service for Eugene D. Stevens, 85, Big Spring, were 2 p.m. today at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Abilene with the Rev. Ronnie Newton and the Rev. Jack Stevens officiating. Burial followed in the Fort Phantom Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Stevens died Friday, July 9, 1999, at his residence.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1913, in Funston, and lived in Abilene for 30 years before moving to Big Spring in 1994. Mr. Stevens married Alice Craib on Feb. 27, 1934, in Abilene. He worked for 20 years as a yardman at Abilene Livestock Auction. He was a member of of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Alice Stevens of Big Spring; a son, Robert Stevens of Fountain, Fla.; two daughters, Susie Yancey and Barbara Thigpen, both of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; 14 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to Nurses Hospice; P.O. Box 13483; Odessa; 79768-3483.

Arrangements under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Abilene.

Amelia "Ruth" Majors

Amelia Ruth Patterson Majors, born April 18, 1934, went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Thursday, July 8, 1999, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 12, 1999 at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Serving as pallbearers will be David Pope, Jim Newsom, T.C. Stockwell, Gene Froman, Larry Atkins, Tim Yeats, Ricky Adams and Delloyd Hooser. Honorary pallbearer will be Roy Watkins.

Ruth was a lifetime and faithful member of Trinity Baptist Church. She was born in Big Spring, Texas and married Jesse Majors on May 24, 1949 in Big Spring. She was currently employed by Pamela Pope, CPA. She retired from Big Spring State Hospital and the Big Spring Independent School District.

She was preceded in death by her son, Claude Melvin Majors, her mother, Myrtle Ellen Davis Patterson, her father, William Edgar Patterson, and two brothers, William Eugene Patterson and L.E. Patterson.

Survivors include: her husband, Jesse Majors of Big

Spring; her daughters, Theresa and Charlotte Majors both of Big Spring, Lisa Majors of Midland and daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Paul Bastin of Garden Grove, Calif.; one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Bobbie Jo Majors of Arlington; two grandsons, Tanner and Hunter Majors of Arlington; two sisters, Mildred Anderson of Modesto, Calif. and Virginia McCann of Ruidoso, N.M.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Sonny and Billie Patterson and Bob and Flora Patterson, all of Modesto, Calif.; several nieces, nephews and a host of other loving family and friends.

The family wishes to thank all the many wonderful friends and medical care givers at the Allison Cancer Center and Midland Memorial Hospital who were so supportive during her illness.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, Building Fund, 810 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 7:30-9 p.m.

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

*Paid obituary*

CASES

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"The Vietnam Memorial Committee will continue to need funds, so we have decided to bring back Crossroads Trade Days to help the Vietnam Memorial Committee raise funds," Prather said.

The committee will continue to need funds once the display cases are paid for, he said. Plans are in the works to provide three artillery pieces for the site, and ultimately a surveillance system is to be installed.

"We want to do this stop the vandalism. It has slowed down a lot, thanks to the Big Spring city police who will go and sit out there while they write reports, to be visible," he said.

Also, the Vietnam Memorial Committee is giving away a quilt on July 25. The quilt is red, white and blue, and made in a Texas star pattern, he said. "We will need something each year for the committee to raise funds, and the Crossroads Trade Days seemed the best," he said.

Prather commended the committee for their efforts at the memorial, and the tremendous support received for the project.

He said the memorial is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Big Spring, and that people visiting want to tour the site.

"The committee has done so much labor and provided so much in kind services. They have done a tremendous job with very little money, and we want to continue supporting their efforts," he said.

BENEFIT

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ing table and two folding chairs.

A larger, 10x15-foot booth is available for \$120 for the two-day event, he said. Prather is seeking exhibitors for the event now.

"This will be a fun weekend, drawing people to Big Spring to help raise money for the Vietnam Memorial Committee. The more spaces we sell the more the group will make," he said.

Any type of merchandise is allowable, such as Tupperware, Mary Kay Cosmetics, arts, crafts and antiques. Food booths are acceptable, and any other innovative ideas from exhibitors are welcome, he said.

"This is an opportunity for anybody to sell stuff that they can't sell at an arts and crafts show. Crossroads Trade Days is open to all categories, including commercial, retail, buy/sell, antiques, flea market, appliances, etc.," he said.

Some of the exhibitors who have indicated they will attend Trade Days will bring furniture, clothing, food, beanie babies, tole painting, beef jerky,

porcelain dolls, scented oils, iron art, stained glass and sun catchers.

The show will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 24 and noon to 5 p.m. July 25.

For more information or to rent a booth for the Crossroads Trade Days, contact Prather at 263-7690.

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restroom facilities will be used by the Wilderness Camp.

Also, offices are being built for camp officers use, and the city is not responsible for any of the furnishings of the new facility.

"TDCJ furnishes all of those, so we don't have to worry about that," Bogard said.

Much of the interior walls, ceiling and electrical outlets have been removed from the building, in preparation for the renovation, she said.

"We're working to get this done quickly and we're aiming for the end of the month to be finished with the plumbing and electrical work. We're pushing to have it done, including the addition, before September," she said.

Train car punctured, spills chemical into river

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — A train car was punctured Saturday, spilling 28,000 gallons of liquid chemical into a nearby river.

The accident occurred around 6:30 a.m., when an engine with a car attached was trying to back up and get hooked up to another car, said Union Pacific Railroad spokesman Mark Davis.

The coupling device, which would have joined the cars, was not properly lined up and pierced a hole in the second car, Davis said.

Most of the 2-ethylhexanol leaked into the Red River. About 4,000 to 5,000 gallons spilled onto the ground, state police Trooper Chris Johnson said.

There were no serious injuries or evacuations as a result of the spill. Officials closed down Interstate 20 near the leak for most of the morning because of strong fumes.

While 2-ethylhexanol is flammable and can cause respiratory problems and nausea, it is not considered dangerous because it is biodegradable and will dissipate, said Nancy Ledford, a spokeswoman for Eastman Chemical, which manufactured the chemical.

Cleanup crews, who put booms in the water to contain the chemical, said it may be Tuesday before the river is cleared up.

BRIEFS

GIRL SCOUT TROOPS 247 and 234 are hosting a "glamour photo" fundraiser Saturday and Sunday at Barcelona Apartments Party Room, 538 Westover. To set up an appointment for your glamour photo session, call 267-4612. There is a \$10 sitting fee, with proceeds going to the troops, and participants can buy the photographs if they so choose.

The Scouts are planning a trip later this summer to the birthplace of Girl Scouts, Savannah, Ga.

THE REID COUSINS REUNION is planned Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Coahoma Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 311 N. Second St. All friends and community members are invited to join.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health and WIC will be closed on Wednesday, July 14. We will reopen on Thursday, July 15.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will give shots on July 12, 13 and 15. Please bring your child's shot record or a note from school. Call 263-9775 for more information.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

FILMS AND OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL material available in classrooms through the Region 18 Service Center is available for preview by parents and other interested adults during a one day review session set for July 29.

The session is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport.

Anyone interested in viewing the films and other material presented to students within the school districts served by Region 18 should notify the center at least five days in advance.

Region 18 staff will then make sure the material is available and reserve preview rooms. If a specific item cannot be viewed on July 29, another date will be arranged.

To reserve the material, as well as the viewing room, contact Pam Winn, media supervisor, at 915-567-3260.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY •TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. •Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galyann Gamble at 263-1271.

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

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

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

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Rannels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•Survivors of Suicide will meet Monday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the pastoral care office of Memorial Hospital, Midland. The topic will be "Physical Symptoms," led by Dr. Alan Williams.

TUESDAY

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

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

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

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

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

•Innovators in glyconutritionals are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more

information call 267-3013 or 267-2424.

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

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 49.90 cents, down 71 points; Aug. crude 19.88, down 6 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 33; cash steers steady at 64 even; July lean hog futures 46.27, up 45 points; Aug. live cattle futures 63.40, up 57 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including ATT, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, BP Amoco, Chevron, Cifra, Coca Cola, Compaq Computer, Cornell Correc., Dell, DuPont, Exxon, Halliburton, IBM, Intel Corp, Mid Amer Energy, Mobil, NUV, Palex Inc., Pepsi Cola, Phillips Petroleum, SBC Com., Sears, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Total Fina SA, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 82 Sunday's low 61 Average high 96 Average low 70 Record high 108 in 1998 Record low 63 in 1920 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.25 Month's normal 0.70 Year to date 6.65 Normal for the year 8.94 Sunrise Tuesday 6:49 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 8:54 p.m. \*Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

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

FRIDAY 11:30 a.m. — 1200 block Grafa, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

12:55 p.m. — 100 block NE Eighth, medical call, service refused.

1:10 p.m. — 400 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:09 p.m. — 500 block W, 17th, public service.

9:04 p.m. — 200 block Leatherwood, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:13 p.m. — 1600 block Harding, lawn mower fire.

9:54 p.m. — 100 block Jonesboro, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SATURDAY 12:26 a.m. — 500 block W, 17th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:22 p.m. — 500 block E, 13th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:02 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:15 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY 3:42 a.m. — 500 block W, Eighth, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:05 a.m. — 3300 block Abilene, structure fire, extin-

guished.

8:49 a.m. — 1700 block Donley, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:03 a.m. — 600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:18 a.m. — Intersection of Third and Owens, traffic accident, two transported to SMMC and one refused service.

12:05 p.m. — 1200 block Wright, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:24 p.m. — 600 block Holbert, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:06 p.m. — 1600 block Johnson, trauma call, service refused.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today.

•ROBERT RANGLE, 23, was arrested in the 100 block of E. 3rd for having no drivers license.

•FABIAN PENA, 17, was arrested in the 1600 block of Bluebeard for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

•JUSTIN VOGEL, 25, was arrested in the 3700 block of Hamilton on local warrants.

•JOE HAYS, 53, was arrested at 3rd and Fraleys Machine for driving while under the influence.

•LETTICIA RUIZ, 24, was arrested for public intoxication.

•RAFAEL ALDAY, 29, was arrested at Mile Marker 184 EB for having no drivers license.

•OSCAR HERNANDEZ, 39, was arrested at Highway 350 and I-20 on local warrants.

•ROMAN HINES, 26, was arrested in the 400 block of E. 4th for driving with license suspended.

•APOLONIA PENA, 39, was arrested in the 400 block of E. 4th on local warrants.

•DAVID NIETO, 26, was arrested at Highway 350 and Mile Marker 184 on local warrants.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES were reported in the 500 block of W. 8th, 400 block of Johnson, the 500 block of Young, the 300 block of Tulane, at Nolan and 20th, the 500 block of Westover, the 600 block of Taylor, the 1500 block of Sycamore, and the 500 block of W. 8th.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

•MAKING ALCOHOL AVAILABLE TO MINORS was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in 700 block of Willia.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of W. 3rd.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of E. 3rd, 300 block of W. 4th, 1000 block of W. Bluebonnet, 114 block of W. 2nd, 200 block of N. Gregg, 1212 block of Wright, and 2800 block of Gregg.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported 3rd and Owens.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 100 block of E. 3rd.

•THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Mesa and the 600 block of E. 16th.

•FIREWORKS violation was reported in the 800 block of Anna.

•THEFT OF SERVICES was reported in the 1200 block of NW 7th.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of W. 17th.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main.

•THREATS were reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

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

TWO FOR TUESDAY

SUB 10th & Gregg Rip Griffin's Truck/Travel Ctr.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

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

Amelia Ruth Patterson Majors, 65, died Thursday. Services were at 10:00 AM Monday at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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DUNLARS "Your Fashion Headquarters" 111 E. Marcy 267-8283 Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

BIG SPRING MOVIE HOTLINE For showtimes call 263-2479

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# NAACP to sue gun industry to force distribution, marketing changes

NEW YORK (AP) — The NAACP will sue handgun manufacturers, distributors and importers, seeking restrictions on the marketing and sale of firearms in hopes of keeping guns from criminals, sources said Sunday.

Sources within the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that a formal announcement of the suit will come Monday from NAACP President Kweisi Mfume at the group's 90th annual convention. The move would put the nation's largest civil rights group in league with

cities like New Orleans, Chicago, Cleveland and Boston which have sued the firearms industry in hopes of curbing street and school yard violence.

Mfume declined to comment on the planned lawsuit, first reported in Time magazine this week. Sources at the convention said no monetary damages will be sought. The lawsuit will instead seek court orders that will force gun makers to better monitor where guns are distributed and to limit multiple purchases by individuals.

In February at a meeting in Washington, Mfume said the NAACP was considering such a suit. "We represent a signifi-

cant constituency that is disproportionately affected by gun violence," Mfume said then. "The time has come for us to look at the proliferation of handguns."

Earlier this year, a federal jury in New York returned a \$4 million verdict based upon a new strategy by plaintiffs — that the industry's negligence in marketing and distribution allowed weapons to flow illegally to states with strict anti-gun laws.

The NAACP's intention to sue reflects a widespread frustration among policy makers with gun proliferation and lethal shooting attacks in schoolyards, most recently in Littleton,

Colo., and Conyers Ga.

During the recent U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in New Orleans, a bipartisan group called on House leaders to enact a strict gun safety bill. More than 100 mayors signed a letter to House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., asking that Congress raise the minimum age for gun purchases and require background checks for all gun buyers.

Supporters of the suits said recent government studies show that greater oversight by the gun industry could help keep firearms out of criminal hands.

A recent Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms study

reported that 51 percent of the guns used in crimes by people aged 18 to 24 were purchased illegally over the last three years from licensed dealers by people acting as intermediaries for the real owners.

Pro-gun groups have fired back by lobbying state legislatures to pass laws prohibiting such suits.

Meanwhile in an address Sunday evening to NAACP delegates, National Board Chairman Julian Bond outlined a campaign to combat racism, save affirmative action, register voters and work against police brutality.

Bond said that while the black

poverty rate is decreasing, more blacks are in college than ever and that black employment and home ownership are increasing, not all is right in black America.

Black families still have less than 10 percent the net wealth of white families and black median income is 40 percent less than white income. That gap hasn't narrowed in the last 25 years, Bond said.

"Our world is so much better than was true when the century began, but it is still a world apart from the world in which most of white America lives," Bond said.

## Hackers unveil new tool that targets Windows

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Computer security companies updated their virus-detection software on Sunday after the in-your-face launch at a hackers convention of a new tool designed for stealth invasions of networks operated by Microsoft Windows.

Despite the rapid response, however, any defense against the hacking program may prove fleeting thanks to some aggressive tactics taken by the tool's authors, an irreverent group named Cult of the Dead Cow, or CDC.

The hacking tool, called "BO2K," can enable someone to gain control of a computer or network from a remote location. BO2K is an abbreviation for a slightly profane variation of "Back Office," the name of a program in Microsoft's Office 2000 suite of business software.

The CDC and other hackers attending the seventh annual "DefCon" convention in Las Vegas charged that Microsoft has stubbornly refused to address a multitude of gaping security holes in Windows.

By exploiting those vulnerabilities, hackers hope to force the world's largest software company to repair them. And, raising the ante another notch, the CDC is also releasing the software code for BO2K — inviting other programmers to create mutations that would frustrate efforts to immunize computers against attack.

But that vigilante-type "hactivism" was rejected by Microsoft and federal officials, including many who attended DefCon under cover — at least until they were unmasked during the convention's popular "Spot the Fed" contest.

BO2K is actually an update to a hacking tool released at last year's DefCon hackers convention. The first tool targeted the Windows 95 and Windows 98 operating systems that run an overwhelming majority of the world's desktop computers.

Much to the delight of the nearly 1,000 anti-Microsoft enthusiasts who crammed into the BO2K launch Saturday, the new tool can also hijack control

of network systems using Windows NT, a top program for running computer networks, as well as computers running on test versions of the as-yet unreleased Windows 2000.

"Our position is that Windows is a fundamentally broken product," said Deth Veggie, the CDC's "minister of propaganda." Like nearly every hacker, Veggie only identifies himself by his online pseudonym, partly for effect and partly out of legal concerns. "Hopefully, this will force them to fix this thing."

The government-chartered Computer Emergency Response Team at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh is investigating BO2K, but has not issued any advisory or warning.

The hacking tool "is one of several programs which, if installed on an organization's computers, can give control of the computers to outsiders with malicious intent," Jeffrey J. Carpenter, senior incident responder for the CERT, said Sunday. Because BO2K works with Windows NT, "intruders have the potential to gain control of more sensitive server machines."

By Sunday morning, leading computer security firms such as Symantec and Network Associates had already posted advisories and detection software for BO2K on their Web sites.

Microsoft had been blasting BO2K even before Saturday's highly theatrical presentation, which relied heavily on thumping industrial music, strobe lights and screaming — a bizarre mutation of the dog and pony shows that often accompany a Microsoft product launch.

"I certainly categorize what they're trying to do as being malicious. This program they have created has absolutely no purpose except to damage users," said Jason Garms, lead product manager for Windows NT security, complaining that hackers behave as if the Internet operates under a different set of rules than the rest of the world.

## U.S. crew celebrates successful Polar mercy dash

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The crew of a U.S. Air Force jet and its support staff celebrated today the successful completion of a daring mission to drop emergency medical supplies to the South Pole.

The emergency supplies, sent for a U.S. woman who discovered a lump in her breast, had been recovered and are in good condition, the staff at the South Polar research base confirmed today.

"The critical items in the drop are all accounted for and in satisfactory condition," said Col. Richard Saburro, after making radio contact with the polar base.

Saburro is the commander of Operation Deepfreeze, the U.S. Antarctic Program's air support unit, which helped organize and monitor the rare mid-winter airdrop.

The team was finally able to relax today after its grueling 6,375-mile journey over the weekend. The two planes that took part in the mercy dash are scheduled to leave New Zealand for their home bases in the United States on Tuesday.

"Everyone is extremely pleased, and congratulations have been flowing in," Saburro said.

During the mission Sunday, a U.S. Air Force plane swept over the coldest spot on Earth, searching in the dark polar winter for a C-shaped chain of blazing barrels — the drop point for the emergency medical supplies.

The pressure was intense on the 23-person crew to make the drop quickly and accurately before dwindling fuel supplies would force them to turn around.

Driving snow reduced visibility to less than five miles, and they had just minutes to get in the right position as they approached the drop point at 200 mph. They wore night-vision goggles and oxygen masks as they flew 700 feet above the South Pole.

The plateau where the station is located is some 10,000 feet above sea level.

Workers at the research base had just seven minutes to collect the six bundles before the cold of minus 87 degrees damaged or destroyed the drugs and equipment inside.

"It was worth the risk. The person who needed the supplies down there should be able to get them now, and hopefully that will hold them over until they can get her off the conti-

nent in the fall," Air Force Capt. John Hall told CNN upon the plane's return.

Among the items dropped were two 380-pound ultrasound scanners and other diagnostic equipment, plus drugs for immediate treatment of the woman's lump.

Two scanners were sent to ensure that at least one was recovered undamaged from the ice.

The 47-year-old American woman, whose name was not disclosed, works in the support staff at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, a geodesic dome that houses a U.S. National Science Foundation station. Forty-one people work there, researching everything from ozone to paleontology. The station is 840 miles from the nearest populated site, another research station on the Antarctic coast.

The woman had recently undergone a biopsy and a battery of tests with the base physician. The results were shipped back to doctors in the United States on the Internet. The treatment they directed was not disclosed.

Because of extreme weather conditions, people don't leave the South Pole from March

through October.

The Air Force Starlifter transport plane, from McChord Air Force Base outside of Seattle, was accompanied to the Antarctic coast by a KC-135 refueling plane, which then returned to Christchurch.

The transport passed over the target twice to drop the six bundles of equipment, medical supplies, fresh fruits and vegetables and mail.

The bundles were marked with strobes and chemical lights to help base staff locate them. The workers darkened their station so the flight crew saw only the burning barrels.

"I would definitely describe this as my most difficult mission," said the pilot, Maj. Greg Pike. "After all, the whole thing is a loss if we don't put it where they can get it."

At the polar station, people were in "high spirits," Saburro said. "They welcome even the sound of an airplane above — it gets them excited and connects them back to the rest of the world."

The Starlifter was scheduled to leave for McChord on Tuesday. The tanker was scheduled to leave in the early afternoon to return to Travis Air Force Base in California.

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## Mine closure expected to hit Culberson County economy

VAN HORN (AP) — A sulfur mine closure this month has officials in one West Texas county worried about a dip in tax revenue.

The McMoRan Explorations mine in the northeast part of Culberson County ceased production July 1, as worldwide sulfur prices have bottomed out over the past decade.

"It will affect us, big time," county tax assessor-collector Molly Hernandez told the Odessa American. She said McMoRan paid the county \$142,963 in property taxes for 1998 — roughly about 10 percent of the county's more than \$1 million annual operating budget.

When Duval Corp. opened the mine in 1969, it was the largest

taxpayer in the county. It was purchased by Freeport-McMoRan, now McMoRan Exploration, in 1995.

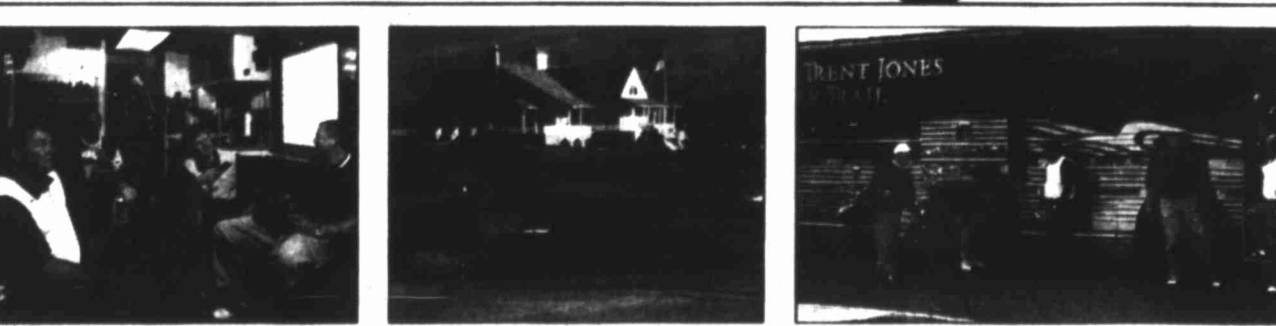
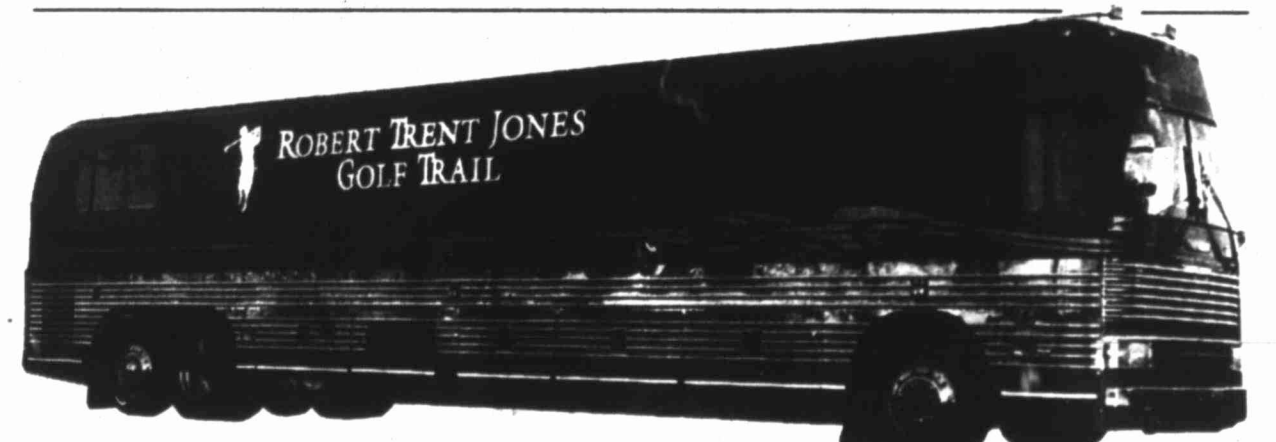
But because of its location in a remote area south of the New Mexico border, the mine rarely employed Culberson County residents. Van Horn is about 120 miles southeast of El Paso.

The county's chief appraiser, Sally Carrasco, said the mine was valued only at about \$6 million this year, down from \$17.8 million in 1998.

Other Culberson officials said they expected wind power projects, such as the newly announced Delaware Mountain Wind Power Generation Project, to make up much of the missing tax revenues from the mining operation.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Sometimes, it's best to not make the national news

Congratulations, Big Spring — our July 4th celebration did not make the Associated Press' national news wire!

Now, we think there are a lot of reasons why folks should have taken notice of what we had to offer ... a park full of families together ... people laying blankets on the ground with picnic baskets next to them ... a variety of foods available from vendors that ranged from hot dogs to turkey legs ... balloons and face painting for the kids ... the music of Allen Damron and the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus and, of course, the fireworks.

Yes, for a small city we had a lot to offer — and judging from the way things were afterwards, most folks appreciated that. Yes, there were some spots where the trash had to be picked up, but our celebration didn't hold a Roman candle to those in Midland or San Angelo in other areas.

Last week, newspapers in both communities published front page photos — certainly not the type front page coverage the chamber of commerce works to obtain — of the mounds of trash left behind by raucous celebrants.

In Midland, more than 20 windshields were smashed ... in San Angelo, there were more than 15 brawls, a couple of folks were stabbed and a 20-year-old man was killed when he was struck by a vehicle.

Now, community leaders in both cities are rethinking the way they stage their celebrations.

San Angelo park police Chief Bruce Burkett, who patrolled his fifth Independence Day celebration, said "We had so many major incidents. I've never had to run from call to call with my (emergency lights) on ... so many consecutive times in my law enforcement career."

In Big Spring, we gathered to listen to the music and watch the fireworks. There were no reports of any major incidents and while law enforcement officers were kept busy chasing reports of fireworks being shot illegally, our problems were obviously minimal compared to our West Texas neighbors.

While residents in those communities are pondering the future of their respective celebrations, plans are already being made to improve ours and to help enlarge it.

Because our citizens have a pride in their community and their nation, we are able to celebrate America's independence in an adult manner.

Like we've said before ... *Big Spring is where the West is best* ... and it's because of her people!

## OTHER VIEWS

Sen. Ted Stevens, a Republican from Alaska, has whale blubber where his brains ought to be.

He said last week that women want to spend money on "touchy feely" things and that makes them less supportive of defense spending than men, which is bad for the country.

Has Sen. Stevens ever run into Madeleine Albright or Kay Bailey Hutchison during his stint in Washington? We're not going to argue with Sen. Stevens' premise if, by "touchy feely," he means such frippery as health care, education, quali-

ty of life for the elderly, and civil rights.

It is true that the majority of women do exhibit an interest in topics relating to the health and welfare of individuals, families and communities.

And that's just why we need them active at all levels of public life. The feminine point of view has been almost entirely absent from the power groups that direct most of human history, and we haven't been better for it.

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## It's good to get involved in campaigns

It's too early to waste time trying to predict the 2000 presidential election or to pay any attention to the polls.

Polls reflect what people are thinking at the time they are polled. What will determine the outcome of the 2000 election is what people are thinking in November 2000.

There's no way to predict that because what will come to pass between now and then is unpredictable. Will the economy be good or in the tank? Will the United States be at peace or at war or on the brink? Will one candidate stumble and another start to soar? What disasters will befall us? What unexpected good fortune? There's no telling.

If you are of a mind to be involved, just pick a candidate, call his or her local campaign

office and volunteer. People actually have a greater chance to influence events during the primaries than they do in the general election, where the choice is, for all practical purposes, narrowed to two candidates. You don't even have to be a registered voter or old enough to vote to work in a political campaign.

I recommend it, if for no other reason than it's a good learning experience. It's a chance to see up close how the system really works, as opposed to how theory says it should work. You will also meet some interesting people, since campaigns attract folks who are capable of having convictions and who generally care about their community and the country.

When I was a hired gun in the political wars — during one of my absences from journalism — I observed that the volunteers seemed to really enjoy themselves. Being in a campaign is somewhat like being in a theatrical production. You become part of the group, and camaraderie develops that often leads to friend-

ships and, now and then, marriages.

As with a play, there is a definite drama that reaches a climax in a definite time period. Election nights always bring tears to the people closest to the campaign — either tears of joy or tears of heartbreak. All your long months of effort are judged by the voters in one day and pronounced either a success or a failure.

That's a virtue. Much of what we do in life produces indeterminate results. Sometimes we are never certain if the results we were striving for were really achieved or, if they were, whether it was because of our efforts or luck or some other factors. But there is nothing ambiguous about a political campaign. It's win or lose, and on a day it is certain.

Sometimes people on the losing side go through sort of withdrawal symptoms. They become discouraged. They cancel their subscriptions to political magazines, vow to ignore the news and tell their friends they are going to take up star-watching or gardening. I have done that myself, and more

than once.

But, for most, they come back, for politics is addictive. It is the essence of citizenship, the essence of self-government, the essence of the whole idea of trying to control one's own political destiny.

It would be a good thing if more Americans got involved in political campaigns. George Orwell, the English writer, told the truth when he said: "In our age there is no such thing as keeping out of politics. All issues are political issues."

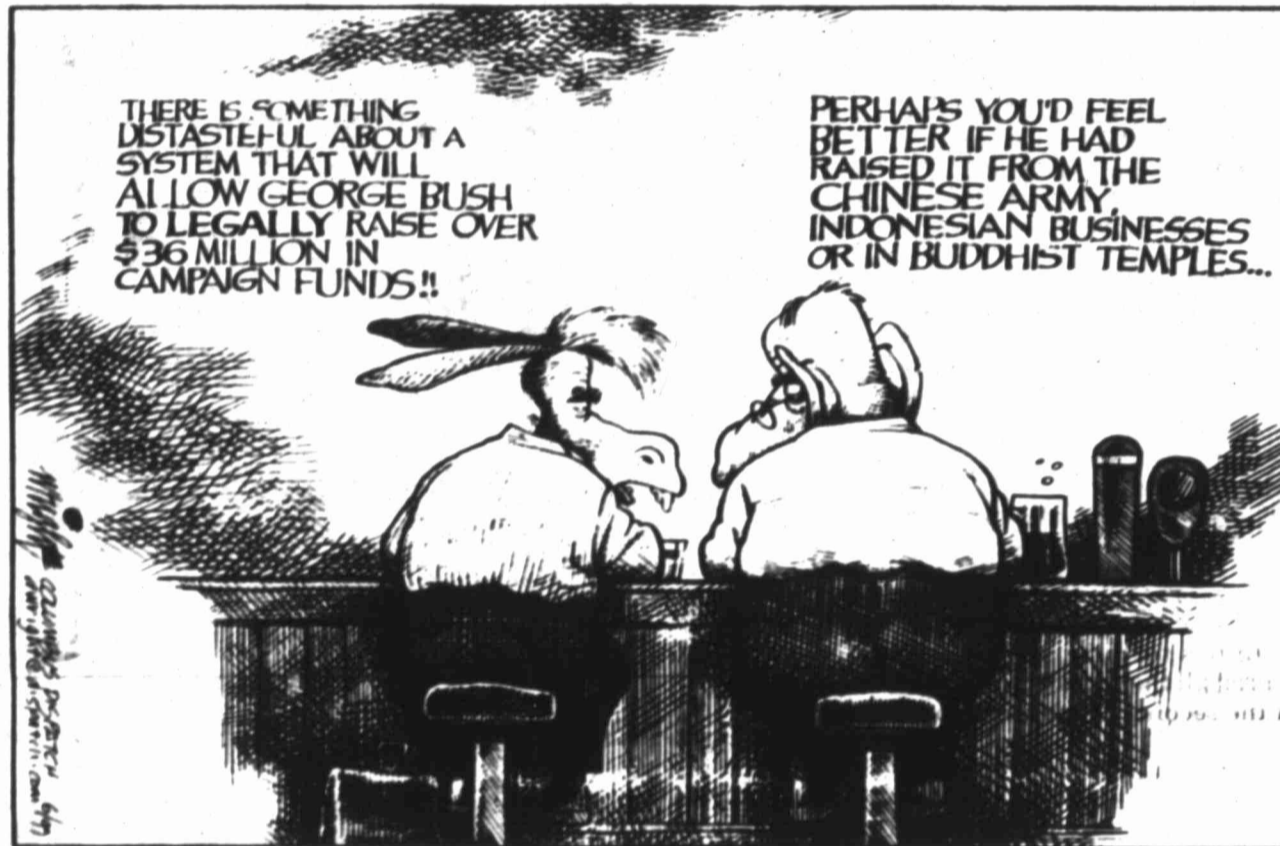
Yes, there are a lot of negatives — sleazy candidates, sleazy campaigns — but the way to deal with negatives is to replace them with positives — honest candidates, honest campaigns. Everything boils down to people. If good people get into politics, then politics will be honorable.

Self-government is like breathing, a never-ending task. A nation of apathetic and passive people is like a person with defective lungs. It will die.

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## The Fitzgerald's love story in Montgomery

Scott Fitzgerald loved his wife's hometown, described it in letters as a "languid paradise" with "fiery skies."

And Zelda's was a Montgomery muse for certain; she found this town the only place she could work. Montgomery's historic Cloverdale garden district lives up to its poetic name. The lawns are lush, the trees majestic, and riding through the maze of magnolias you sense you could sit and watch white paint peeling from old brick slowly, elegantly, the way a debutante ages.

The Fitzgeralds rented the red-brick house at 919 Felder Ave. in October 1931. Although they lived here less than a year, it's the only home they shared in Montgomery. Scott worked on "Tender Is the Night," and Zelda — just out of a Swiss clinic for the first of many nervous breakdowns —

danced, painted and began her novel, "Save Me the Waltz."

Today the ground floor of the 1909, Tudor-style house is the only museum in the world dedicated to the remarkable couple.

The rest of the 10,000-square-foot house is divided into apartments, and its beauty definitely on the faded side. But something about this humble, private museum, which struggles financially, is more impressive than almost any other writer's home I've visited.

I think part of the shrine's strong appeal is how it started a decade ago: A Montgomery couple, Julian and Leslie McPhillips, bought the house to save it from demolition. Julian, a Princeton man like Fitzgerald, went to the school and rooted through 64 dusty boxes and thousands of documents for items that might be of interest. Word got out a museum was in the works, and, inevitably, it was.

Sadly, the McPhillipses feel Fitzgerald is more appreciated in faraway Mozambique and India — "and definitely France" — than he is in the United States. There are more foreign visitors than Southern ones.

Leslie McPhillips readily admits she would like a university, or some other sponsor with grant-writing know-how, to take over the time-consuming business of running the museum.

"People come through, are impressed with what they see, offer help, or offer to write a grant proposal," she says. "Then we never hear from them again."

Elena Aleinikov is a Russian Jew who sought asylum in the United States seven years ago. She is the other human factor that gives this literary shrine strong legs. As executive director and docent, she has made the Fitzgeralds' lives her life. Elena pulls visitors through the apartment with her passion, eloquence and a strong accent.

"I feel I am the guardian of something precious," Elena says.

Russian critics consider "The Last Tycoon" Fitzgerald's masterpiece instead of "The Great Gatsby," Elena notes, possibly because it made much of the "aimless, useless rich."

But Elena personally has found extraordinary beauty in the letters Zelda and Scott exchanged, and she can quote from them at length.

"Theirs was a love story. They loved one another even when Scott was living with someone else.

There was always a special tenderness. They shared one toothbrush!"

You cannot walk among the lavish love letters and Zelda's paintings and dozens of articles that are framed for easy reading without feeling a twinge of sadness. For a romantic like myself, there's something compelling about a partnership that should have worked, should have been perfect, but wasn't.

"Scott would ask for Zelda's journal, ask to read it for ideas, and she would let him," Elena says in her dramatic voice. Elena puts one hand on her head, the other on her heart. "But Zelda would say, 'You cannot have what is here, and here.'"

Leaving old Cloverdale, I wonder how I spent most of my childhood in Montgomery and never knew this part of town. It was a world away from our middle-class suburb with its three-bedroom, bath-and-a-half, ordinary aspirations.

This was the exotic land and legacy of Zelda and Scott, where poetry was spoken; they issued precious few passports.



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#### Rose Magers-Powell's volleyball camp slated

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp has been scheduled for July 22-24 at Big Spring High School's Steer Gym.

The camp will be for girls in the fourth through 12th grades. Camp sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon for seventh-through ninth graders; from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for fourth through sixth graders; and from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for 10th through 12th graders.

Fees will be \$30 for fourth through sixth graders, \$70 for seventh through ninth graders and \$75 for 10th through 12th graders.

For more information, call Traci Pierce at 267-4047.

#### Hunter education course scheduled for Aug. 5-7

A hunter education course has been scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 5-7, in Big Spring.

The course is required by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971.

Boyce Hale will be the course instructor, and a fee of \$10 per student is required.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957.

#### Armstrong savors return to Tour de France's lead

METZ, France (AP) — Soon, the plane would be taking off for Geneva on the way to the French Alps, where the Tour de France gets a whole lot more grueling. But first it was time for champagne.

Lance Armstrong of Austin had won Sunday's crucial time trial a few hours earlier, recapturing the yellow jersey and staking his claim as a clear favorite to win cycling's biggest race.

So the U.S. Postal Service team was having a champagne toast to celebrate their star rider's success.

"It's one thing to expect it. It's another thing to see it happen," said the team's gleeful general manager, Mark Gorski.

The 27-year-old Armstrong is earning a lot of new admirers these days, far from home. Many see his comeback from testicular cancer to the very top of cycling as inspiring, not to mention amazing.

Armstrong, wearing the red-white-and-blue jersey of the U.S. Postal Service team, powered through the 34-mile course in one hour, eight minutes and 36 seconds. He rode at an average of nearly 50 kilometers an hour.

#### Franco plays his way to victory at GMO

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Carlos Franco would rather play than practice. Thanks to that philosophy, he's now the richest rookie in PGA Tour history.

Franco shot a 5-under-par 66 Sunday in the Greater Milwaukee Open and beat Tom Lehman by two strokes for his second tour victory in nine weeks.

Thanks to his \$414,000 winner's check, he became the first tour rookie to exceed \$1 million in earnings and moved into the top 10 on this year's money list. Franco, just one of four multiple winners on tour this year, pushed his yearly winnings to \$1.38 million.

His GMO victory also put him in some elite company. The last player to win two titles as a rookie was Tiger Woods in 1996.

But that doesn't intimidate the likable Franco, who disdains practice on tournament days.

### LOCAL GAMES

TODAY  
DISTRICT 3 LITTLE LEAGUE  
6:30 p.m.

• Midland Northern vs. Midland Tower at American League park.

### ON THE AIR

Television  
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL  
7 p.m. — 1999 All-Star Home Run Derby (taped), ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Question now is what will be World Cup team's legacy?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The three-week joy ride to the World Cup title isn't over for the U.S. women's team. The celebrations have only just begun.

The critical question, though, is what lasting effect the most celebrated team and most successful event in women's sports history will have.

"Will the legacy of the women's team be establishing this Women's World Cup as the event responsible for the development of women's sports," as tournament organizer Maria Messing predicted?

Might soccer no longer be relegated to the back pages of America's sports section, or not included at all?

Could what all of those impressive grass-roots numbers — as many under-12s playing the game as any other sport — finally translate into more popularity

on a general level for soccer in the United States?

"The legacy I want to leave is that no longer can anyone take women athletes lightly," U.S. forward Tiffeny Milbrett said. "There are no more excuses for not embracing the game. You can't say it will not draw; we proved that wrong from the first game of this tournament. You can't say it is not marketable and you can't say it is not popular."

No U.S. women's team ever has been embraced by the public the way this squad was on its way to the final, which it won Saturday 5-4 on penalty kicks after a 0-0 tie through 120 minutes. Ever since Brandi Chastain's kick won it, the women have been on a whirlwind tour that took them to Disneyland, to downtown Los Angeles and, today, across the

continent for television appearances in New York.

More personal appearances are scheduled, with several players appearing in golf pro-ams preceding PGA and LPGA events. Television and print ads are upcoming. Adulation is everywhere.

"It's amazing to see the difference in attention," U.S. veteran Kristine Lilly said. "It's hard to be normal."

Nobody expects normal. On Saturday, the final was the most-watched soccer game ever on U.S. network television, with ABC estimating an audience of 40 million. The game posted a 13.3 overnight rating and a 32 share for the network, 4 percent more than the previous record, a 12.8 for the 1994 men's World Cup final.

On Sunday, they were the guests of

honor at Disneyland, the centerpieces of a parade attended, naturally, by hundreds of young girls and boys. Then they were honored at a rally in downtown LA, where they were told their bonuses, originally set at \$12,500, were raised to between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

"The Queen Mother doesn't have enough money to pay these women what they deserve right now," Hank Steinbrecher, general secretary of the U.S. Soccer Federation, said.

After some deserved time off, most of the champions likely will gather for a victory tour, followed by the U.S. Women's Cup in early October. Several veterans, including 33-year-old Michelle Akers, who left the final after regulation time due to exhaustion and a slight concussion, might skip that event.

## Coahoma All-Stars bow out

### Midland Northern's 12-5 victory ousts last local contender

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Midland Northern displayed more offensive punch than Coahoma's All-Stars could handle Sunday, taking a 12-5 consolation bracket semifinal win in the District 3 Little League Tournament.

While Coahoma unleashed some power of its own — home runs from Clint Walker and Orrin Mansfield and a double Ben Griffin — it paled in comparison to the Midland squad's three doubles, one triple and two home runs.

What's more, Northern's big hits came when they could do the most damage.

Too often, Coahoma was unable to capitalize on its chances for a big inning.

Northern jumped on top early when shortstop Bobby Whiteside jumped on a 3-1 offering from Coahoma's starter, Mansfield, and sent it sailing out of the park in left.

But that solo home run was simply a sign of things to come, as the Midland squad scored all the runs it would need in the top of the second, roughing up both Mansfield and reliever Ben Griffin.

Catcher David Harp started the big inning with a ground rule double to left, and when center fielder Brandon Britte reached base on an error, the state was set for left fielder Matt Jordan, who worked the count full against Mansfield before sending a towering shot to left that easily cleared the road circling Bill Mims Field and gave Northern a 4-0 lead.

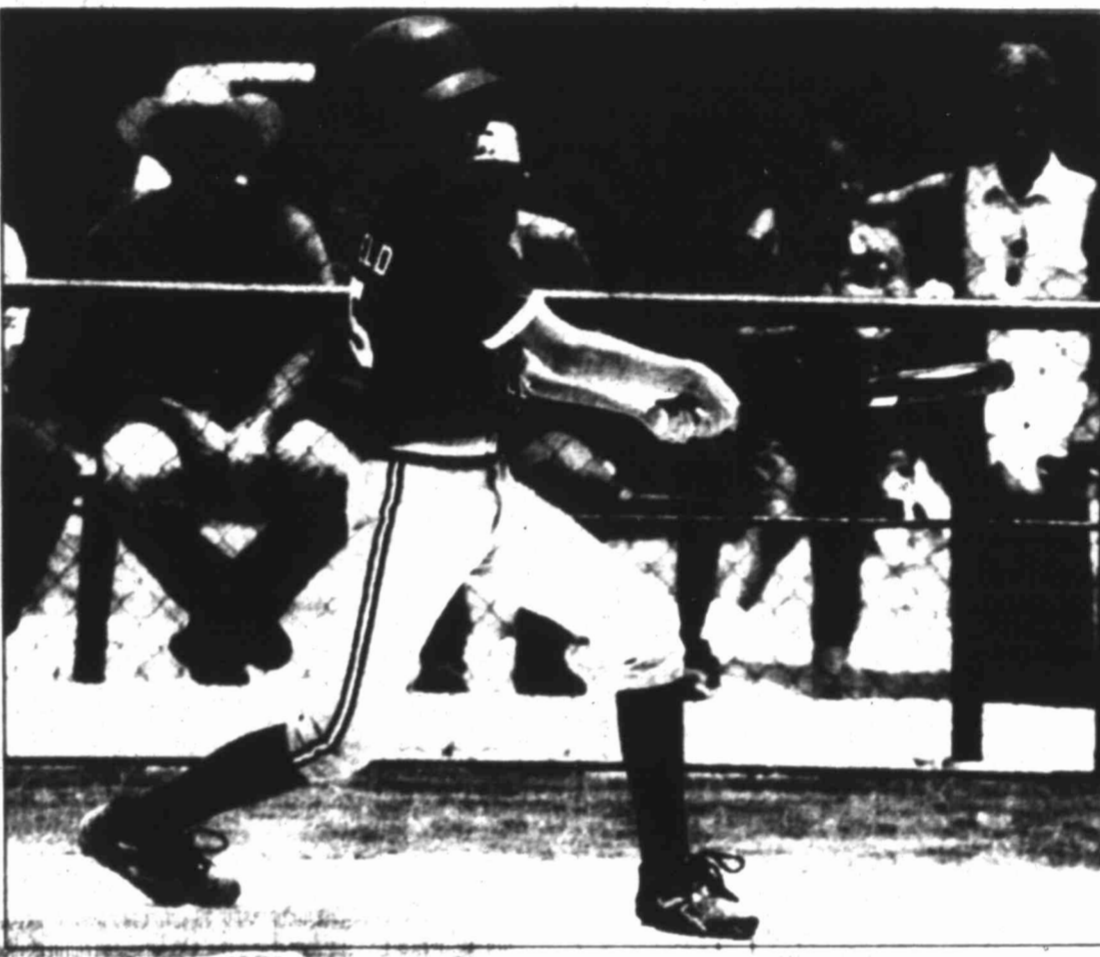
When Mansfield issued a walk to Dylan Carpenter, Coahoma coaches called on Griffin to relieve their embattled starter.

Northern's Corey Culp greeted Griffin with an infield single and lead-off man Tim Smith belted a two-run triple to center and Whiteside added a run-scoring single before Griffin was able to record his first out.

The Coahoma reliever was able to retire the next three men in order and get out of the inning, but Mansfield's solo home run was all the answer his teammates could muster in the bottom half of the inning.

It appeared as if Coahoma would rally in its half of the third inning. After Griffin pitched his way out of trouble in the top of the frame, he led off his team's answer with a double to left.

Northern pitcher Justin Whittenberg



Coahoma All-Star Orrin Mansfield follows through as he hits a home run in the bottom of the second inning during Sunday's District 3 Little League Tournament consolation bracket semifinal against Midland Northern. Coahoma dropped a 12-5 decision and was eliminated from the tournament.

managed to dodge the bullet for a moment, getting Walker to pop out to short and Adrian Abrego to fly out to center.

But Mansfield kept the rally going, as Northern coaches opted to issue an intentional walk.

That brought catcher Chad Born to the plate and he promptly grounded to short, but reached base when Whiteside was unable to make a play and was charged with the first of three errors he'd commit.

Whiteside's second error proved more costly, coming moments later when he was again unable to glove a Cody Griffith grounder, allowing two Coahoma runs to score.

Marcello Barraza managed to draw a walk to again load the bases, but Whittenberg managed to get Santos Ybarra on a tapper back to the mound.

The two runners stranded by Coahoma in the second inning and three more in that third frame were a sign of things to come. All told, Coahoma left 11 runners stranded.

Another Whiteside error would open the

door for another Coahoma run in the fifth inning, as Griffin ripped a two-out single to left center, scoring Barraza, but Ybarra was thrown out at the plate, ending that threat.

By that time, however, Northern had chalked up two more runs of its own, Carpenter ripping an RBI single to left and Smith adding to his RBI total with a run-scoring single to right.

And in the top of the sixth, a Coahoma error allowed Northern to score its 10th run. Then Jordan closed out his 3-for-4 showing with a two-run single to left.

In the bottom of the inning, Walker clubbed a solo home run to get things started, but Whittenberg got Abrego and Mansfield to fly out before walking Born and Griffin.

A final rally wasn't in the cards, as Barraza hit into a fielder's choice ending the game.

In other games Sunday, Midland Tower eliminated Midland North Central, 12-6, and Midland Mid-City defeated North Ector, 12-8.

## Home Run Derby brings end to pre-All Star game events

BOSTON (AP) — One more day and then the real show begins.

First, though, the final prelude to the All-Star game takes place tonight when baseball's sluggers aim at the Green Monster, the 37-foot high left-field wall at Fenway Park, in the Home Run Derby.

Can Nomar Garciaparra, who missed the Red Sox's last nine

games with a groin injury, excite the Boston fans by winning the long-ball contest? How about Mark McGwire or Sammy Sosa, the record-breakers of 1998?

And what will happen Tuesday night when the final All-Star game of the 1990s is played at 87-year-old Fenway Park? The high left-field wall may not be able to contain

McGwire's towering blasts.

Of course, he'll have to face Pedro Martinez, who has allowed just five homers in 132 2-3 innings. Martinez earned the start for the American League in his home park with a 15-3 record and 2.10 ERA in 18 starts.

Curt Schilling (13-4), who began his career in Boston's farm system, was expected to

start for the National League.

Three former Red Sox stars won't be there. New York's Roger Clemens and Anaheim's Mo Vaughn weren't selected, and Tampa Bay's Jose Canseco withdrew Sunday when he underwent back surgery for a herniated disc. He was replaced on the AL roster by Baltimore designated hitter Harold Baines.

## Seven ejected as Dodgers, Mariners end first half of season in brawl

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's hard to tell who had a more miserable first half: the Los Angeles Dodgers or the Seattle Mariners.

On a day when Trenid Hubbard's career-high five RBIs should have been the big story, a 15-minute brawl that led to seven ejections overshadowed the Dodgers' 14-3 rout of the visiting Mariners on Sunday.

"That whole thing was just frustration talking — their side, our side. It just bubbled over," Hubbard said.

After Hubbard's three-run double off Frankie Rodriguez gave the Dodgers a 12-3 lead in the sixth, Rodriguez triggered the brawl with a brushback pitch at Mark Grudzielanek.

"The pitch was pretty high; it upset me a little bit, and we had some words with each other," Grudzielanek said. "It sur-

prised me when he motioned at me to come out there, then he just started saying some pretty vulgar things."

Mariners relievers Damaso Marte, Jose Mesa and Jose Paniagua were ejected along with Seattle outfielder Jay Buhner, who is on the disabled list. Dodgers catcher Todd Hundley was ejected along with teammate Pedro Borbon and bullpen coach Rick Dempsey. Seattle third baseman Charles Gibson separated a shoulder.

Darren Dreifort (6-9), who lost his previous three decisions, allowed three runs and five hits in five innings, including Ken Griffey Jr.'s 29th homer.

Los Angeles, with the second-highest opening-day payroll behind the Yankees, enters the All-Star break 39-47, last in the NL West and 10 games behind division leader San Francisco. The Mariners' five-game losing streak has dropped

them to 42-45, six games behind AL West-leading Texas.

In other interleague games, it was the New York Yankees 6, New York Mets 3; Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 3; Florida 3, Tampa Bay 2; Houston 7, Kansas City 3; Atlanta 8, Boston 1; Cincinnati 9, Cleveland 4; Milwaukee 3, Detroit 2; Toronto 1, Montreal 0; Baltimore 6, Philadelphia 2; Pittsburgh 10, Minnesota 2; Colorado 8, Anaheim 2; Arizona 7, Oakland 4; and San Diego 6, Texas 2.

In the only NL game, St. Louis beat San Francisco 5-4.

Yankees 6, Mets 3  
Hideki Irabu (6-3) allowed three runs in seven innings as the Yankees averted a Subway Series sweep before a crowd of 53,889, the Mets' largest at Shea Stadium since 1972. Ricky Ledee hit a three-run

homer and his replacement, Chad Curtis, had a two-run single, denying Orel Hershiser (9-6) his 200th career victory.

Cubs 6, White Sox 3  
Steve Trachsel (3-12) won for the first time since May 15, stopping his eight-game losing streak. The Cubs finished 2-4 against the White Sox after losing the first four meetings.

Glenallen Hill homered for a second straight game, a three-run shot, and Tyler Houston added a solo homer as the Cubs won for just the ninth time in their last 30 games.

Marlins 3, Devil Rays 2  
After losing Jose Canseco for at least six weeks following back surgery, visiting Tampa Bay dropped to 1-5 against its intrastate rival.

## Padres thump Rangers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres are starting to look beyond 500.

In 24 days, the defending NL champions rallied from 13 games under .500 to cruise into the All-Star break at 43-43, six games off the NL West lead.

Pinch-hitter Phil Nevin broke an eighth-inning tie with a two-run single and rookie Matt Clement combined with two relievers on a four-hitter as the Padres beat the Texas Rangers 6-2 Sunday, taking two of three from the AL West leaders.

With the score tied 1-1, the Padres started the winning rally off reliever Esteban Loaiza with a pinch single by Dave Magadan, who was replaced by pinch-runner Ed Giovanola.

Quilvio Veras laid down a sacrifice bunt that catcher Ivan Rodriguez picked up right in front of the plate. However, his throw to second base sailed over the head of shortstop Royce Clayton and into center field for his fourth error of the season.

Third baseman Todd Zeile made a diving, backhanded catch of Eric Owens' foul bunt attempt and Reggie Sanders walked to load the bases and chase Loaiza (0-1), who allowed three runs and one hit in 1-1-3 innings.

Nevin greeted reliever Mike Venafro with a two-hopper up the middle, giving the Padres a 3-1 lead, and Wally Joyner, Carlos Baerga and rookie Ben Davis followed with RBI singles.

"When you're a groundball pitcher, you live with the groundball and you die with the groundball. Today, I died with it," Venafro said.

In his last four pinch-hitting appearances, Nevin is 3-for-4 with six RBIs. He's driven in two runs six times in his last eight games.

"When I'm not starting the game, the situation I want to come into is you're a pinch-hitter with the game on the line where I can help this team win," he said. "It's a situation I love to be in. If I keep doing my job, I'm going to keep getting those opportunities, which I like."

Reliever Dan Miceli (3-2) pitched one perfect inning for the win. Trevor Hoffman, pitching in a non-save situation, allowed Rafael Palmeiro's homer leading off the ninth inning.





