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All Big Spring High School Vietnam and Korea veterans are asked to contact Craig Fischer at the high school so they can be recognized during the homecoming activities this October.

Send your name, address, class at BSHS, service time and year to: Craig Fischer, Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, Big Spring.

You may also call him at 264-3641.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

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

TUESDAY

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

□ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex community room, 500 Main.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

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.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

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

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Stenholm fed up over snake bureaucracy

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

After more than 13 months of getting virtually no response from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a petition to remove the Concho Water Snake from the threatened species list, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm is fed up.

He has threatened to cut \$3.9 million from the account that supports listing new species under the Endangered Species Act.

"I find it difficult to support an agency that is intent on



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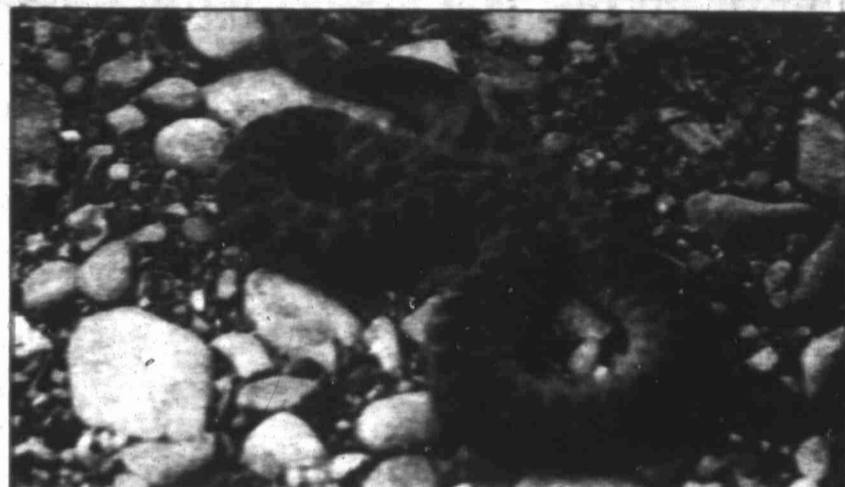
expanding its responsibilities, while failing to adequately handle the responsibilities it presently has," Stenholm, D-Stamford, said. "Frankly, I'm

not happy about Congress giving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service more money to add species to the list until we get a decision one way or another on the Concho Water Snake."

Stenholm's stance caught the attention of Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Ralph Regula, who has offered to help seek a conclusion on whether or not the snake should be removed from the list.

In turn, the congressman has

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Officials say the Concho Water Snake has cost taxpayers \$3.9 million.

Dedication

Ceremony, tours planned for 2 p.m. today at newly completed school building

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring residents will get to see what their tax dollars have built if they take the time today to attend the open house and dedication of Big Spring Junior High School.

The \$10 million, 18,000-foot plus facility will be open to the public at 2 p.m.

"The taxpayers in Big Spring, Texas, are going to be so proud they passed the bond election when they see this big, beautiful, high-tech school. And we appreciate each and every one of them," said Al Valdes, long-time Big Spring ISD trustee.

School board trustee Frank Long will give the invocation, followed by the pledge of allegiance, which will be presented by Valdes.

Larry McLellan, school board president, will welcome visitors and provide introductions of honored guests.

Irene Bustamante, vice president of the board of trustees, will present the new school. Mayor Tim Blackshear will formally accept the building.

Another school board member, Steve Fraser, will offer a speech representing the Action To Build for Children Committee, which was a group of concerned citizens instrumental researching the need for a new junior high school, and securing approval of local residents.

Flags will be presented by Leo Welch of the VFW and Ron Logback, business manager for BSISD, who will provide comments and tours of the building.

Valdes said there are too many people to thank, but in particular pointed out the Action to Build for Children Committee and Logback.

"They (the committee) did a tremendous job. Without them, this school would not have been



Al Valdes stands by a plaque in Big Spring Junior High School which bears his name along with other trustees and officials. The school's dedication ceremony is at 2 p.m. today.

built," said Valdes. "And one man in particular that deserves so much credit is Ron Logback. He has been over there (at the site) from 7 until 7 everyday. He is a very dedicated man."

The program also will honor past board members Don Baker, Glynn Mouton and Dan Wise, who also had a part in the building program.

The new junior high school is set to be the academic home to some 700-plus seventh and eighth graders in the 1999-2000 school year.

Tours will continue until 4 p.m. today, so anyone who cannot make the 2 p.m. dedication can still have an opportunity to see the new facility, which features state-of-the-art science rooms, two gymnasiums, a computer center, distance-learning lab and classrooms with closed circuit television and a telephone intercom system.

"The city waited 34-35 years to build a new school, but this is really something. In the 23 years since I've been a school board member this is the best thing that has ever happened," Valdes said.



Darts were a popular game Saturday evening at the St. Thomas Catholic Church festival. Hundreds of people came to fill up on gorditas, hamburgers and other food, and play bingo or other games such as ducks, ball toss, dunking booth and more.

Three Howard County women file fen-phen lawsuits in district court

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Three Howard County women have filed separate lawsuits in 118th District Court against doctors who prescribed to them the diet drug combination known as "fen-phen."

Fen-phen is how the combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is commonly known. The drugs, prescribed by doctors, were used for weight loss.

The three plaintiffs are Katherine McGee, Viola Y. Barraza and Linda Hayes.

McGee has named Dr. Robbie Cooksey of Big Spring in the suit, while Barraza has named Dr. Abdul Baluch of Big Spring.

Both suits were filed June 14. Hayes has named Dr. Robert B. Pierce of Snyder and Dr. Manish Schroff of Big Spring in her suit, which was filed June 8.

The women join a large number of suits in West Texas and thousands nationally against doctors and the makers of the drugs, Wyeth-Ayerst Division of American Home Products Corp., a maker of fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine and A.H. Robbins Co., Inc., a maker of fenfluramine, among other companies.

The plaintiffs' claims are that fen-phen causes heart valve damage and neurotic injuries.

McGee is complaining of injuries sustained as the result

of the use of fenfluramine and/or dexfenfluramine. Her suit claims the defendants knew that the combined use of the drugs was not approved by the FDA and that the doctor knew or should have known the FDA had not approved the products.

Barraza's suit contends "she has been injured in health, strength and activity and suffered injuries to body and mind, and that the plaintiff was sustained economic loss and in the future will be required to obtain medical and/or hospital care in an amount as yet unascertained."

Barraza is represented by Fleming and Associates of

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Invitation extended to join Friends of the Fair program

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

The Howard County Fair is still a month away, but county residents can already be a part of it with the Friends of the Fair program.

"Friends of the Fair was founded in 1983, and it's a way of letting people be a part of the fair. They can get into the fair all week at one price," said Tammy Watt, president of the fair board and in charge of the Friends of the Fair program.

The fair will take place this year Aug. 30 through Sept. 5. After becoming a friend of the fair, each person will receive a card allowing free admission to all fair events.

"It really is a good value,"

said Watt. "When we send them the cards, they get unlimited access to all fair events."

Additional events held only for members will also take place, and are included in the membership price. A Friends of the Fair Hamburger Supper will be held at the Dora Roberts Fair Barn on Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the Friends of the Fair project go to a long term capital improvement fund, which is used to maintain and improve the fair grounds and buildings.

"One year we improved the creative projects area at the back, and one year we improved the fencing around the grounds," said Watt, describing the various ways in which the capital improvement fund has been used.

Each year approximately 75 letters are sent out into the community informing people about the program.

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McMahon-Winkle Airport Manager Nelda Reagan holds up two of 104 models on display at Hangar 25. The planes were donated to the air museum by former Big Spring residents Gary and Joyce Dixon, in memory of their son, William Van Dixon. Along with the planes, Gary Dixon donated uniforms he wore while in the service and stationed at Webb Air Force Base. Flight reports and maintenance records for the T-38 A are part of the collection.

OBITUARIES

Robert Honeycutt

Robert "Bob" Honeycutt, 83, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, July 17, 1999, at his residence in the Salem Community. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Rufus Wilson, retired Baptist minister, and Rev. Ben Neal, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1915 in McLennan County, Texas and he married Geneva Ira Row on Nov. 30, 1935 in Waco, Texas, and they had been married for 63 years.

Mr. Honeycutt came to Howard County in 1946. He had worked with the Santa Fe Railroad for seven years and then worked as a steelman for Cosden Oil and Chemical for 18 years until retiring in 1968.

He was a member and deacon of Salem Baptist Church. He had served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and also was the custodian for 17 years at the church until he was unable to continue due to failing health.

Survivors include his wife, Geneva Honeycutt of Big Spring; daughter and son-in-law, Nadine and Eddie McHugh of Brownfield, Texas; five grandchildren, Lee Honeycutt of Houston, Jenny Honeycutt of College Station, Sheila Connor of Fort Worth, Courtney Royce of Midland and Jay McHugh of Brownfield; two great-grandchildren, Erin Royce of Midland and Cade Connor of Fort Worth; a daughter-in-law, Wanda Honeycutt of Bryan, Texas; and one sister, Lucille Morgan of Moody, Texas.

Mr. Honeycutt was preceded in death by two sons, Odie Early Honeycutt and Wesley H. Honeycutt.

The family suggests memorials be made to Vista Care Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Eddie Lou Gray

Eddie Lou Gray, 60, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, July 15, 1999, at a Midland hospital. Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 19, 1999, at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church with Elder John Horner, Elder Ronnie Hedges and Elder Troy Barrington, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Gray was born on Oct. 1, 1938, in Grand Saline. She married Travis Gray on June 15, 1957, in Big Spring. They were married 42 years.

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Eddie Lou Gray, 60, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM, Monday, at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mary (Nana) Stieger, 97, died Saturday. Graveside funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Monday, at the Colorado City Cemetery.

Robert (Bob) Honeycutt, 83, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Mrs. Gray came to Big Spring in 1975. She was a member of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Travis Gray of Big Spring; two sons, Troy Gray of Big Spring and Dale Gray of Rosharon; one daughter, Waydean Gray of Big Spring; one sister, Helen Ayers of Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

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

Mary Stieger

Mary "Nana" Stieger, 97, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, July 17, 1999, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 19, 1999, at the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating.

Mrs. Stieger was born on Oct. 31, 1901 in Birmingham, Ala. She married James A. Stieger on Dec. 25, 1920, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on June 24, 1966.

She came to Big Spring in March of 1955 and had worked for City Laundry, the Greyhound Post House, and also worked as a nursery worker at a number of churches.

Mrs. Stieger was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mickey L. Butts of Big Spring; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Bill Nix of San Angelo; and two half-sisters, Frankie Beasley of Alabama and Inez Scarbrough of Monahans.

The family suggests memorials be made to Vista Care Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Rufino B.
Corrales Sr.

Rufino "Rufus" B. Corrales Sr., 71, a former Big Spring resident, died Thursday, July 15, 1999, in Midland. Rosary will be held Sunday, July 18, at 7 p.m. in the Reyes-Garcia Chapel in Midland. Funeral service will be Monday, July 19, at 11 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Fr. Arturo Pestin officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Corrales was born on Feb. 29, 1928, in Ruidosa, Texas and was raised in Marfa. The family later settled in Big Spring. He married Carmen Martinez on May 23, 1953.

Mr. Corrales was a sergeant in the U.S. Fifth Army 747th engineers. He was employed as a store manager for Pinkies Liquor Store in 1952, first in Big Spring, Post, Lubbock, and was transferred to Midland in 1965.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen Corrales, and sons Rufino Corrales Jr. and Moses Corrales and Jimmy Corrales, all of Midland.

Elena Flores Porras

Elena Flores Porras, 83, former longtime resident of Big Spring, died Friday, July 16, 1999, at a Waco hospital. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 18, 1999, at Connally Compton Funeral Directors.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, July 19, 1999, at St. Francis Catholic Church with Rev. Anthony Ferrer officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood.

Ms. Porras was born Feb. 11, 1916 in Candelaria, Texas. She was a long time resident of Big Spring where she was a member of Sacred Heart Church, belonged to the Legion of Mary and was a Cursillista. She retired from Hall Bennett Hospital in Big Spring in 1985.

She moved to Waco in 1988 and was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church.

She is survived by her sisters, Pilar Yanez of Big Spring, Petra Chavez of Midland and Lupe Garcia of Waco and numerous nieces and nephews.

Maurine E.
Robison

Graveside service for Maurine E. Robison, 82, of Burleson, formerly of Big Spring, was 11 a.m. Friday, July 16, 1999, at Mount Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Mrs. Robison died Wednesday, July 14, 1999, in a private home care facility in Burleson.

She was born on June 13, 1917, in Wills Point. She graduated from Colorado City High School. She had lived in Big Spring before moving to Burleson 12 years ago.

Survivors include: a son, Carlisle "Frosty" Robison of Richardson; a daughter, Jean Young of Cleburne; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wincross Road Funeral Home, Benbrook.

FRIENDS

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"Most of these people are couples, so there are probably about 150 to 160 people we consider to be Friends of the Fair," said Watt.

The cost of a membership to the Friends of the Fair program is \$30 for a couple and \$20 for a single. Senior citizens receive special discounts, at \$25 for a couple and \$15 for a single.

Those who want to be a part of the Friends of the Fair project, should send their name, address, and membership dues to "Friends of the Fair, P.O. Box 2356, Big Spring, Texas, 79721. For more information, please contact Watt at 264-0625.

FEN-PHEN

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Houston while Hayes is represented by Sorrels, Mathews and Friend of Houston.

Hayes' suit also names Wal-Mart and the fen-phen product under the brand name Pondimin.

Hayes' suit claim the plaintiff suffers from serious physical injuries including heart damage, chest pain, and shortness of breath. The suit seeks damages for the past physical impairment and that "she will require future medical expenses."

Eight other West Texas women have filed two separate but similar suits in Seminole and Midland. Approximately 25 suits were filed in Taylor County last week and another has been filed in Nolan County.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration pulled fenfluramine from the market in September of 1997, citing evidence it may have scarred users' heart valves irreversibly and occasionally causes death.

Fenfluramine are chemically related and affect, among other things, brain serotonin levels. An estimated 6.6 million people have used the diet drug combination. Phentermine has not been linked to illnesses.

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agreed to withhold his amendment for now.

"We hope to get a ruling, and we feel like it should be a favorable ruling," said John Grant, manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. The water district has been fighting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

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Service over the snake for more than 10 years.

"Our fight with this snake goes back a long time," said Grant.

It hasn't been so much a fight with the snake, as with federal bureaucracy. CRMWD spent 10 years studying and monitoring the snake at a cost of \$3.9 million.

Studies on the snake held up construction of the Ivie Reservoir for two years.

"That little snake almost killed that project and if it had, we would have run out of water," Grant said.

Contrary to earlier findings, studies conducted on the snake found more than 9,000 of the reptiles. In June of 1998, the CRMWD petitioned the Fish and Wildlife Department to have the snake removed from the endangered species list. A month later, Grant and Okla Thornton, CRMWD manager of natural resources, traveled to the Fish and Wildlife Department regional office in Albuquerque, N.M. and resubmitted all the information they had on the snake.

"We sat down with them and told them why we felt like the snake should be delisted. They said they would look at it. We haven't heard from them," said Grant.

"According to law, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should give an initial response within 90 days and provide a final decision within 12 months," said Stenholm. "It's now been 13 months since the petition was filed and we're still waiting for their so-called 90-day response."

Grant is hoping Stenholm's threat to withhold funds will open some eyes.

"We feel like we have done the right thing. It's been a really frustrating process," said Grant. "The \$3.9 million (that Stenholm threatened to withhold) is what we had spent on the snake. Why do we have to go out and spend money and the Fish and Wildlife Service completely ignores it and yet we continue to fund the Fish and Wildlife Service through our taxes?"

Stenholm said that he and Regula will probably meet with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials in the near future.

"We need to continue working to make sure that common sense doesn't become the most critically endangered species in this whole process," Stenholm said.

Medical chopper
crashes; three dead

FRESNO, Texas (AP) — A Life Flight medical helicopter based at Hermann Hospital crashed Saturday into a field southwest of Houston, killing all three people aboard.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said the chopper went down about 12:30 p.m. near FM 521 in Fort Bend County near the boundary with Brazoria County.

A hospital spokesman identified the dead as the pilot, John Pittman, 58, of Texas City; flight nurse Lynn Ethridge, 35; and 32-year-old paramedic Mac Atteberry.

Pittman had 30 years of flight experience and had been with Life Flight for 10 years. The chopper, a German-made BK-117 purchased new by the hospital in 1987, had just dropped off a patient and was making a refueling stop before picking up a patient at Columbia Clear Lake Hospital, officials said.

A statement issued by Hermann Hospital said there was no indication of what could have caused the crash.

"There were no distress calls, weather conditions were clear, the crew was among our most

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 21,22,27,28,31,35

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

MEETINGS

Hermann Life Flight, the first civilian emergency air ambulance service in Texas, was established in August 1976, the hospital said. Since then, crews have flown 60,000 missions without an accident.

Following Saturday's crash, the Life Flight crew met and decided to suspend operations until another meeting to be held at noon Sunday. The service has two remaining helicopters.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

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 Galynn 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 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

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

•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.

The New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomies and their families, will meet Monday, July 19, at 6:30 p.m. at 2410 Wasson Dr., the house behind the 7-11 store. For further directions, call 267-2800.

•Encourager's Support Group (for widows/widowers) will meet Monday, July 19, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels (enter through the north door) for a covered dish dinner. Bring a covered dish. For more information call 398-5522.

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Report: Bush accepts money from tobacco execs

DALLAS (AP) — George W. Bush, who as governor eschewed campaign donations from tobacco interests, is taking thousands of dollars from cigarette executives as a presidential candidate.

The Dallas Morning News, citing Bush's latest campaign finance report, reported Saturday that he collected nearly \$50,000 from industry executives, including the president of tobacco giant Philip Morris, and their spouses in the last three months.

That's a small portion of the \$37 million Bush has raised in his presidential campaign.

As a gubernatorial candidate in 1994 and 1998, Bush turned away donations from tobacco executives or industry political

action committees.

Spokeswoman Karen Hughes told the newspaper the Bush campaign returned a \$5,000 check from the Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co. political action committee. But she said Bush is keeping donations from industry executives and lobbyists.

"We are not accepting contributions from tobacco or gaming political action committees," she said.

"But individuals have the right to be involved in the political process, and Governor Bush is accepting contributions from individuals."

"They give for a variety of reasons."

The decision to accept donations from tobacco executives

draw sharp criticism from the head of Texans for Public Justice, a nonprofit group that wants to change campaign financing.

"For the past two election cycles, tobacco has been the No. 1 contributor to the Republican Party, and it looks like it's going to continue in that vein," said Craig McDonald.

"His father (former President George Bush) and others in the Republican Party in the past two campaigns have been beholden to tobacco as the party's No. 1 creditor."

According to Bush's latest campaign report, tobacco industry executives who donated \$1,000 include Geoffrey Bible, president of Philip Morris; Murry Bring, vice president of

Philip Morris; Edgar Cullman of the General Cigar Holdings Co. in New York; and more than a dozen executives of the U.S. Tobacco Co.

Philip Morris and the Tobacco Institute, which represents the industry, did not return calls seeking comment, the Morning News reported.

Ms. Hughes said Bush's donors are backing his candidacy because they believe he would be a good president, not because they hope to buy favors.

"Governor Bush bases his decision on core principles," she said. "As governor, he did what's best for Texas. If he should be elected president, it would be what's best for America."

Lawsuit will challenge removal of library books

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — The city stepped on the First Amendment when it yanked two gay-themed picture books from the children's section of the public library, according to a lawsuit filed on behalf of 19 residents.

"Heather Has Two Mommies" and "Daddy's Roommate," were given a new home in the adult room of the city library this week.

They still can be located, perused and checked out.

But the American Civil Liberties Union said in a federal suit filed Friday that the move violated the rights of children to free expression and to receive materials.

"First Amendment rights do not stop just because of age," ACLU North Regional Director Diana Philip said. "Just like you like to stop and thumb through the pages to see if a book is right for you, kids have the same right."

One of the books tells the tale of a lesbian couple who seek out artificial insemination, then raise a daughter. The other book paints a colorful picture of a man who leaves his wife and son to move in with a boyfriend.

This week, after months of debate and delay, the city pulled the controversial tomes from the children's shelves.

That way, officials said, parents could choose whether their children would be

exposed to the books or not.

The ACLU said the switch was unconstitutional.

"What they've done is hide (the books) away," Ms. Philip said. "This is strangers making decisions about other people's children."

News of the lawsuit enraged parents and religious groups who call the books "anti-Christian."

"I think it's a crying shame that we parents can't exercise our rights to protect our children without the ACLU coming in and telling us we're violating somebody's rights," said Jack Fisher.

The father of 7- and 8-year-old sons, Fisher is also a member of First Baptist Church, one of the groups that spearheaded the protests more than a year ago.

With more than 40 churches lobbying for the removal of the picture books on one side, and the ACLU and anti-censorship groups on the other, the city's decision to relocate the books was meant to create a compromise.

A petition inked by 300 city residents this month opened fire on the books, and demanded their removal.

"It's unspeakable," Fisher said. "It's the agenda of the homosexual community at work."

"They want to indoctrinate our children while they're still young."

Rise in child-abuse deaths surprises officials

DALLAS (AP) — Texas children are continuing to die at the hands of caregivers at a pace that runs against the current trend of declining overall crime rates, and officials are at a loss to explain why.

Across the state, 72 children died of child abuse or neglect during the first six months of the 1999 fiscal year, suggesting that last year's steep increase in such deaths was not an aberration.

The state reported a 71-percent increase in child abuse homicides for fiscal 1998, recording 176 cases compared with about 100 cases per year throughout the early and mid-

'90s, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

Officials attribute some of the surge to better reporting and classifying of cases, but they think the leap is largely real.

"I can't pinpoint any one thing that's caused it. We looked in detail at this, and we just couldn't find anything that jumped out," said James Hine, executive director of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Some suspect that children may be suffering the downside of an otherwise beneficent economy.

"More work means more stress and less time with kids,

and perhaps less ability to cope with kids, particularly very young kids," said Michael Khafen, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Crime is down but small children appear to be no safer, Dallas Police Lt. Bill Walsh said.

People who have "unrealistic expectations of kids — who expect them not to cry or wet themselves" may be as inclined as ever to turn wrathful, said Walsh, who heads the child-abuse and exploitation unit.

"The issues of why parents abuse their kids have not gone away," agreed Cheryl

Sutterfield, head of the Dallas Child Advocacy Center. "Kids are still that helpless, easy target."

In Dallas County, nine children have been the targets in lethal incidents since last September — nearly as many as the 10 cases recorded in fiscal 1998.

One of those cases occurred Tuesday, when 3-year-old Octavia Bryant of Dallas died of head injuries. The medical examiner ruled the death a homicide. Octavia's mother had lost custody of a half-brother for abuse involving burns, but officials were not aware that the boy had a sister.

Mexico officials want to know who bankrolled Del Toro's lawyers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mexican authorities are investigating whether lawyers for Jose Luis Del Toro, who delayed his extradition to the United States for nearly two years, were secretly bankrolled by a third party.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday that the Mexican Office of the Attorney General began an inquiry into the murder suspect's finances last month at the request of the U.S. Justice Department, according to congressional testimony and interviews with officials.

"We were concerned about who is financing Del Toro's

challenges," Mary Lee Warren, a deputy assistant attorney general, said June 23 in testimony at a hearing in the U.S. House of Representatives that focused on the Del Toro case.

"We have formally requested an investigation by the Mexican authorities into the source of funds for these innumerable appeals," Warren testified.

Nearly two years after Del Toro was accused of slaying Sheila Bellush, a 35-year-old mother of quadruplets, he was extradited this week to Sarasota, Fla. That was where Bellush had moved from San Antonio and where the killing occurred.

Del Toro, 23, claims he can't afford a lawyer. Two public defenders have been assigned to his first-degree murder case.

But during his confinement in a Mexico City prison, at least five lawyers from a prestigious firm represented the South Texas native, fighting his extradition all the way to the Mexican Supreme Court.

Sarasota authorities began looking into Del Toro's financial backing months ago, but international laws handicapped the county officials.

"Obviously, our subpoenas aren't worth a damn in Mexico," Sarasota prosecutor Henry Lee said. "The Justice

Department made a formal request to Mexico to subpoena the bank records."

Justice Department spokesman John Russell in Washington confirmed the investigation is in progress.

Bellush's body was found Nov. 7, 1997, in the kitchen of her Sarasota home. She had been shot once in the face and stabbed twice in the throat.

Del Toro's cousin, Samuel Gonzales, 28, of San Antonio, testified in January that Del Toro was the triggerman in a murder-for-hire plot hatched in San Antonio.

Gonzales' friend, Daniel Rocha, 30, is serving a life sen-

tence in Florida for his role in the conspiracy.

In a Florida courtroom during Rocha's trial, prosecutors claimed his former golfing partner, San Antonio businessman Allen Blackthorne, 44, masterminded the plot.

Blackthorne and Bellush went through a bitter divorce and custody dispute over their two adolescent daughters.

Blackthorne hasn't been charged in connection with Bellush's death and maintains his innocence.

Del Toro's main attorney in Mexico City, Enrique Fuentes Ladrón de Guevara, didn't return messages left at his

office this week. In past interviews, the lawyer said he was representing Del Toro free.

"Nobody's paying me," Fuentes Ladrón said. "I believe in justice. I take many cases for free."

His father is Enrique Fuentes Leon, 65, a Mexican lawyer deported from San Antonio to his country in 1995 to face charges of bribery, obstruction of justice and inciting illegal behavior.

San Antonio lawyer Roy Barrera Jr., who Blackthorne hired to dispel rumors of his involvement in Mrs. Bellush's death, had worked with Fuentes Ladrón in the past.

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OUR VIEWS

Dedication, tour make day historic

It's nothing less than historic, today's dedication ceremony at Big Spring Junior High School. The work that has gone into this day has been phenomenal. From the initial failed bond election through to the last brick, this has been a frustrating yet rewarding journey.

It has cost taxpayers \$10 million and its on-again, off-again construction has served to be a little wearisome and even embarrassing at times. None of that matters now. The day is here.

At 2 p.m., school board trustee Frank Long will give the invocation — fitting, we think, that the opening of a new public school should be accompanied by prayer. Next will come the pledge of allegiance, offered by trustee Al Valdes. Several other school and city officials will help with the ceremony, and the Action To Build for Children Committee — the group that paved successful passage of the bond issue — will be recognized.

Those who attend and take the tour — and we encourage you to do so — will be impressed, we're confident. The school's technology is amazing to those of us who haven't attended classes for 10 years, much less 20 or 30. It is a highly functional atmosphere. You get the feeling that students who attend will have every opportunity to succeed. And after all, that is what this is all about — our children's education.

Some 700 seventh and eighth graders are due to attend the new school this fall.

It's been more than 30 years since a new school has been dedicated in Big Spring. It's about time. Hopefully, we won't have to wait that long again. But for now, we can take pride in a job accomplished — accomplished by all of us.

Congratulations Big Spring. Your devotion to the young people of this community is to be commended. You will be rewarded by their education.

OTHER VIEWS

HMOs throughout the country are going to ask their Medicare patients to pay more and, in some cases, will cut their benefits.

And in some cases, the organizations will drop out of Medicare entirely. The result will force as many as a quarter of a million people nationwide to find new health providers.

But don't paint the HMOs as villains, as some politicians and federal officials are trying to do.

There are many factors involved, including inefficiency at some HMOs, but the problem in most cases is in how HMOs are reimbursed for their services.

The government uses a formula that results in some HMOs not being fully reimbursed for service. ...

Up until 1997, the government's Medicare formula reimbursed the HMOs at 95 percent of what was paid to fee-for-service health providers in the HMOs' localities, according to Stuart Butler, a policy analyst at The Heritage Foundation. In some instances, this might mean the HMOs were paid too much, and, in others, too little.

To fix things, Congress revamped the formula. But it's still a formula, still a way of dictating to businesses what they must provide in specified services at specified prices without talking local costs of living and a host of changing market issues into account.

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KENT, WASH.

Covering the Courts: The disabled and the law

As a matter of law, how should we measure disability? With glasses on, or with glasses off?

That was the key question before the Supreme Court last month in three of the four cases it decided under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The court decided the cases rightly, with only Justices John Paul Stevens and Stephen Breyer dissenting. In the fourth case the court grappled with the principle of federalism. As usual, the principle lost, but let me save that for another day.

Most of the statutory interpretation came in the case of the twin sisters, Karen Sutton and Kimberly Hinton. At the time the suing began in 1992, both young women were serving as pilots for commuter airlines. Both held licenses as airline transport pilots; both had recorded thousands of hours of flight time, and both held first-class medical certificates from the Federal Aviation Administration.

In sum, they were fully qualified to apply for their dream jobs as global pilots for United Air Lines — fully qualified, that is, but for one thing: They were legally as blind as black-eyed peas. Each sister recorded uncorrected vision of 20/200 or worse in her right eye and 20/400 or worse in her left eye. Equipped with glasses or contact lenses, they score 20/20 or better in each eye. The airline requires uncorrected visual acuity of 20/100 or better. Said United to the twins: Thanks, but no thanks.

The twins charged that United had discriminated against them because of their disability. The law says a disability is "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual."

In one view, said the 10th U.S. Circuit, the sisters are clearly disabled. Their UNCORRECTED vision does indeed "substantially restrict" their major life activity of seeing. Without correction, they are not qualified to fly for United. In another view, they are not disabled at all. Given glasses or contacts, they have a CORRECTED vision that is good enough for piloting small planes and regional carriers. No major life activity is substantially restricted. But what is good enough for prop jobs

and puddle jets is not good enough for 747s on global routes. "Plaintiffs cannot have it both ways."

In an opinion by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the Supreme Court adopted the 10th Circuit's reasoning: "We hold that the determination of whether an individual is disabled should be made with reference to measures that mitigate the individual's impairment, including, in this instance, eyeglasses and contact lenses."

Justice O'Connor offered some commonsense reasons in support of the majority's view. The 1989 Statistical Abstract of the United States placed the number of disabled civilians in 1985 at 31.4 million. When Congress passed the ADA in 1990, the official estimate was 43 million.

But hold on! The Census Bureau counts 100 million persons with impaired vision alone, 28 million with impaired hearing, 50 million with high blood pressure. Other millions suffer from painful arthritis, migraine headaches and debilitating asthma. A 1982 survey found 4.4 million persons suffering from frequent constipation. Is everyone sick, save only thee and me?

It cannot be possible, said O'Connor, that Congress intended to label all these people "disabled." If X's problems

may be mitigated by contact lenses, hearing aids, prosthetic devices, Ex Lax and other corrective measures that permit her to live a normal life, X is not disabled. But when some impairment even in its corrected condition still substantially limits a major life activity, X is disabled as a matter of law.

In a separate case involving defective vision, the court held that an employer cannot be compelled under the ADA to hire a truck driver who suffers from an uncorrectable 20/200 vision in his left eye. A federal regulation requires at least 20/40 in two eyes. Justice David Souter wrote for a unanimous court.

Souter is a good man with a sharp mind, but he writes like a hippopotamus in labor. He asked a rhetorical question: "Is it reasonable, that is, to read the ADA as requiring an employer like Albertsons to shoulder the general statutory burden to justify a job qualification that would tend to exclude the disabled, whenever the employer chooses to abide by the otherwise clearly applicable, unamended substantive regulatory standard despite the government's willingness to waive it experimentally and without any finding of its being inappropriate?"

Is it reasonable? The way you put it, Justice Souter, it's too soon to tell.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK



They're good for what ails you

By BOB PALMER
Mount Pleasant Daily Tribune

Among the stock characters in the old Westerns were the elixir peddlers. They would pitch their patent medicines to the crowd, promising cures for everything from dandruff to rheumatism.

Sometimes there was a little show or a pretty girl holding the bottle, but the message was the same. If you've got an ailment, they had the cure in this little bottle.

The crush of legislation that followed in the wake of the Columbine High School tragedy reminds me of a caravan of snake oil pitchmen rushing to the rescue. The nature of the problem doesn't seem to matter too much to them. Each is certain his off-the-shelf remedy will provide the cure.

From the left we had bills to require hand guns to be sold with trigger locks and forcing gun shows to follow the same rules as Wal Mart or Mason's Hardware. It doesn't seem to matter that trigger locks would not have deterred the Littleton, Colo. killers and they didn't buy their guns at a gun show.

Conservatives were also quick to flog their own cures.

Louisiana recently passed a law to require school children to address their teachers as either maam or sir. Certainly there is a need for respect and civility in the classroom, but only those who have served in the military understand how much contempt can be communicated in the word, "sir."

In Washington, there is a bill floating around to require the Ten Commandments to be posted in every classroom in the land.

No one has tried to explain how having a copy of the Ten Commandments in the room would have prevented the senseless slaughter at Columbine, but the idea seems to the tonic many prefer. Both schools and the country would be a better place if everyone abided by the Ten Commandments, but you have to wonder if backers of this bill have ever heard about the concept of a separation of church and state.

Further, you can almost see this Ten Commandments bill as anti-Christian. Wasn't it Jesus who said he would write his commandments on men's hearts and not on tablets of stone?

Along those lines, I do have something encouraging to report. I recently received an e-

mail from someone claiming to be a youth minister in Littleton. I don't know for certain if the letter is authentic, but I like to believe it is.

"One after another young Christian (has) stood forward and said, 'I believe in Jesus' and what that has done in the hearts of the people in this community is unbelievable," he wrote. "What the news isn't reporting is what they don't understand, a revival has begun. Lord, give me the courage of a 17-year-old, not just to die for Jesus, but to live for Jesus."

Such a spiritual awakening would be many times more effective than any bill passed in Congress. But politicians do not like to be reminded that they are often superfluous, so they trot out their medicines whether they fit our problems or not.

Once, I asked my grandfather about medicine men and snake oil.

He seemed old enough to have seen them at something other than a movie.

Well, J. Frank drawled, usually what they sold you wouldn't hurt you, and sometimes it did you some good.

Can we be that lucky with this medicine chest of Columbine cures?

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JFK Jr.'s plane vanishes; search continues Saturday

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — Searchers swept the waters off Martha's Vineyard on Saturday, pressing a desperate hunt for John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and her sister after their plane vanished in the night. A piece of luggage from the plane was found off a Vineyard beach.

Fears mounted that America's most renowned political family had suffered another ghastly tragedy. The couple had been en route to Cape Cod and a Kennedy cousin's wedding — now postponed and replaced with prayers for the missing.

The 38-year-old Kennedy — universally known as "John John" since he was a toddler in the White House, and once labeled the "sexiest man alive" by People magazine — had obtained his pilot's license just last year.

"I can tell you miraculous stories of people surviving," said Rear Admiral Richard M. Larrabee, first Coast Guard district commander. "I can tell you in previous cases like this, we've searched as many as three or four days. We're not ready to give up on this yet."

At Philbin Beach in Aquinnah — the portion of the Vineyard popularly known as Gay Head — "some luggage," a wheel, a headrest and part of a plane support known as a strut had washed up, said Coast Guard Lt. Craig Jaramillo.

Erin McCarthy, 31, of Boston, said she saw the black bag in the water. Attached to it was a business card with the name of Carolyn Bessette Kennedy's sister, Lauren Bessette, she said.

Fellow vacationer Jennifer Maxwell said the bag was

retrieved from the water by a friend of hers. "He was shaking like a leaf," she told CNN. "It was, and still is, very haunting."

The major television networks suspended their scheduled programming to focus on the search, and a nation once again found itself caught up in the sufferings of the closest thing to an American royal family.

The FAA reported the last contact with the plane during its final approach to the airport on the island off Cape Cod at 9:39 p.m., the Coast Guard said. "The aircraft was due to arrive at Martha's Vineyard around 10 p.m. and was later expected to fly to Hyannisport," the statement said.

No flight plan had been filed, and none was required. Family members were assem-

bled in Hyannisport, Mass., for the wedding of the late Robert F. Kennedy's daughter Rory. A family friend reported the plane missing to the Coast Guard about 2:15 a.m.

The Coast Guard immediately began searching for the plane and contacted FAA officials, who in turn alerted rescue personnel at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, which is in charge of searching for overdue planes. At 3:30 a.m., the Air Force got a "positive hit" on an emergency signal emanating from northern Long Island, said Larrabee, the Coast Guard district commander.

Rescuers searched that area for three hours, but found nothing, he said. At 7:30 a.m., the Coast Guard launched an aggressive search of the area around Martha's Vineyard and

Montauk, N.Y.

Later in the morning, the search area was narrowed significantly when officials reviewed radar records and found the plane's last known location was about 17 miles southwest of the Vineyard.

In Washington, the Federal Aviation Administration issued a statement confirming that the plane left the Essex County Airport in Fairfield, N.J., about 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Eddie Martin, of Hyannisport, who described himself as a friend of the family, said the plane was stopping in Martha's Vineyard to drop off Lauren Bessette, before Kennedy and his wife continued on to Hyannisport.

The Coast Guard identified the red-and-white plane as a single-engine, six-seat Piper 32

Saratoga, acquired recently by Kennedy.

The plane is known in the aviation industry as a high-performance airplane with a good safety record.

Nonetheless, flying it at night, in a hazy sky and under visual flight rules — the reported conditions Friday night — is challenging. Kennedy was not licensed to fly on instruments.

"What the pilot wants to have is a relatively distinct horizon to see the ground and be able to determine the aircraft's altitude by looking outside," said Warren Morningstar, a pilot and spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

"At night your visual horizon is not going to be as distinct, and if it's hazy conditions, your vision is going to be obscured," Morningstar added.

Republicans, Democrats battle over farm relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers sharpened their rhetoric Friday over the crisis in the agricultural economy, even as it appeared increasingly unlikely that Congress would take up the issue before this fall.

Farm-state Democrats led by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Congress should rush through \$10 billion in emergency assistance, \$3.5 billion more than they proposed just a month ago, and also overhaul government farm policy.

"We warned that it would get worse and it has," said Daschle. "This is an emergency. It must be addressed in July."

But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said there is no need for Congress to act before harvest time this fall and accused Democrats of playing up the issue and fattening their aid request for political reasons.

"The Democrats, in an effort to buy votes, will run it up as large as they can," said Lott, R-Miss.

Democrats want to attach the farm aid to an Agriculture Department spending bill pending in the Senate, but Lott said he may not even bring it to the floor until September because of filibuster threats over an unrelated dairy issue.

Congress will be in session for three more weeks before taking its long August recess.

Lott also ruled out overhauling the 1996 farm law, popularly known as "Freedom to Farm." The law was designed to phase out government support for farmers and encourage them to plant according to market signals rather than federal dictates but has become increasingly controversial as the farm recession has lingered.

"We have to change policy," Daschle said. "We have to ensure that this Freedom to Farm law is changed, gets fixed."

Lott said the slump in commodity prices was caused by poor exports, not government policy. A worldwide grain glut has pushed the prices of some

commodities such as soybean and corn to their lowest levels since the 1970s and 1980s.

The 1996 law "has been helpful in many parts of the country, and I think it's the right way to go in the future," Lott said.

As for emergency aid, Lott said there is no need for Congress to act before September or October, when it will be clearer how much help farmers will need.

Republicans also are wary of getting into a bidding war with Democrats.

Last fall, they proposed a \$4 billion bailout only to have it vetoed by President Clinton. The package eventually ballooned to \$6 billion.

Anti-abortion leaders are fined \$257,000, clinic violence barred

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge ordered national anti-abortion leaders to pay more than \$257,000 in damages and to stop interfering with the operation of abortion clinics across the country.

U.S. District Judge David Coar on Friday barred the leaders from blocking clinic doors and driveways, damaging clinic property and threatening violence against doctors and patients anywhere in the nation for the next 12 years.

In a 36-page opinion, Coar said that the right of abortion opponents to express their views is protected by the Constitution, but "a number of their means — destroying property and threatening violence — are not."

Those named as defendants were Joseph Scheidler, head of the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League, the league itself, Operation Rescue and two other activists, Andrew Scholberg and Timothy Murphy.

Coar's order stems from a landmark trial that ended in April 1998 in which the National Organization for Women and two abortion clinics sued the defendants. The verdict came in the first nationwide class-action lawsuit filed

against the anti-abortion movement under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, a 1970 law originally aimed at breaking up the mafia.

Coar ordered the defendants to pay damages totaling \$257,780 to the two clinics, the Delaware Women's Health Organization Inc. of Wilmington and Summit Women's Health Organization Inc. of Milwaukee.

The amount represented a tripling of the damages that were awarded to the clinics by the jury — a procedure required under the federal RICO act.

A jury found that the defendants banded together in a nationwide extortion campaign based on violence and threats designed to force clinics to close.

Coar's order amounted to a decision on money damages and how to prevent a recurrence. It can be enforced nationwide by any law enforcement official or judge, and violation could result in a jail term.

"This injunction is marvelous," said Fay Clayton, attorney for the National Organization for Women. "It's nationwide, it's powerful, it's long-lasting and it's clear."

Applications for Cold War recognition pour in

WASHINGTON (AP) — Louis Valverde already had a handful of military medals to honor his service in the Korean War.

But it's a simple sheet of paper that has the 67-year-old retired postmaster from Brentwood, N.Y., talking these days. Valverde, who organized air drops of anti-Communist pamphlets over hostile areas of Korea, is among 200,000 Americans who have applied for the Defense Department's new Cold War Veteran Recognition Certificate.

"Sure, I have some other medals, but this means something, too," said Valverde, who received his certificate last month. "People in the United States don't realize, probably because a (nuclear) bomb was never dropped on this country, how big this was."

If Valverde's Korean War is known as the forgotten war, the Cold War is the war that never was. It ended with a resounding sigh of relief, not a ticker tape parade.

But the debut of the certificates in April produced so much interest that federal officials have been scrambling to keep up with requests. Some 22

million military veterans and federal government civilian personnel who served during the 46-year standoff are eligible.

With the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall approaching this fall, there is also a movement to honor the Cold War's military veterans with medals and a victory celebration at sea.

Medal legislation sponsored by Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, has passed the Senate. A similar bill, by Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., is pending in the House.

Interest in the Cold War seems to be peaking as the end of the century nears and information about the era flows more freely from the former Soviet Union, said Joseph Leggold, a government professor at Georgetown University who has studied the era.

"The millennium is encouraging a broader look back at the century, ... and the Cold War is one of the defining events," Leggold said.

Five years ago, Mark Vogl began the drive for a Cold War

recognition certificate with a letter-writing crusade from his Bay Shore home on New York's Long Island. Vogl said he is encouraged, but not surprised, by the large number of people who have applied.

"The fate of the world was at stake. The American men and women that won this are heroes," he said.

The purpose of certificate eligibility the Cold War spans the period Sept. 2, 1945, the date Japan surrendered to end World War II, to Dec. 26, 1991, when Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as Soviet president and the Soviet Union fell apart.

The certificate is symbolic, and no financial reward is involved.

Defense officials say that considering the vast number of inquiries, applicants should expect a lag time of as long as four months before they receive their certificates. About 30,000 certificates have been distributed so far, Lt. Col. Tom Begines said.

The Cold War Victory Medal

proposal, attached as an amendment to the Senate's defense authorization bill, would honor veterans of the era with medals much like veterans of combat wars receive. An estimated 17 million veterans would be eligible.

Gramm also wants to designate Nov. 9 — the 10-year anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and two days before Veterans Day — as "Victory in the Cold War Day" with a ceremony in Washington.

FDA approves Actos for diabetes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diabetics have won another treatment that promises to fight their disease with less risk than a popular but sometimes dangerous drug.

Actos, known chemically as pioglitazone, won Food and Drug Administration approval Friday to treat Type 2 diabetes by resensitizing patients' bodies to insulin.

It becomes diabetics' second alternative to the competing diabetes drug Rezulin, which generated excitement when it hit the market because it worked differently than previous diabetes treatments. But Rezulin also can cause fatal liver damage, prompting restrictions to limit the number of diabetics who try it.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JULY 18:

Emphasis is on your home life and improving its quality. You experience more caring than you have in many years. As a result, how you relate to others could change substantially. Don't hesitate to say what you feel. Money matters are frequently up for debate, but you can trust yourself to make the right decision. Transform your work; reorganize or even change jobs. Success follows you. If you are single, you draw romance like honey draws a bee. As a result, your life will be enriched. Friendship is involved with this contact. If attached, this is one of those memorable years. Go for what you both really want. You are likely to create just that. You finally understand LIBRA.

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)
****You are more than will-

ing to spend on fun and leisure. Why not? You have been pushed to the extreme. Lavish good times upon yourself and friends. Go for a day trip or book that special weekend you have been thinking of. Imagination needs to play a greater role in your free time. Tonight: You and another will be thrilled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
****Slow down and take your time. Though you have the energy of the Bull, you need to stop and smell the flowers. Do what you enjoy. Good times flow for you and another. Intensity merges in your relationship. Bathe in your feelings. You'll recharge because of the abundant caring. Tonight: Put your feet up!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
****Another makes an adjustment once he understands where you are coming from. Being vulnerable and sharing your feelings draws others toward you. Build greater security by letting oth-

ers into your inner life. Let more fun and liveliness happen. Spontaneity rules. Tonight: Play the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
****Listen to your instincts about an exercise or diet plan. An association grows stronger because of your caring and willingness to share. Discussions revolve around friendship, hopes and wishes. Take time with family. Invite others over; entertain at home. Your nurturing means a lot. Tonight: Ease out of weekend mode.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
****Catching up with friends and sharing news keeps you busy. Others have a lot to say. Intensity builds around a flirtation, if you are single. Caring renews your commitment. Another acknowledges you, letting you know what you mean to him. Beam and enjoy the moment. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
****Reach out for others,

especially those at a distance. Plan to visit a very special friend in the near future. Tune into your more spiritual side. Express your feelings in a way that others can hear. Commit to a special purchase for your home. Build security and comfort in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
****You are personality plus, allowing others in your life to express their feelings. Plans change as calls come in. Even a difficult partner does all he can to make you feel cared about. Let others indulge you; bask in their caring. Talk about what you want. Bring friends together. A loved one adores you. Tonight: As you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
****Take a break from socializing. Pace yourself. Adjust plans, if necessary. A close associate shares his feelings. Life takes on a warm, caring tone. Use your instincts with a financial matter. Build more security. Discuss investments

with someone in the know. Feedback might change your decisions. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

****Go where your friends are. Join a summer celebration. Your mood is transformed. You see a friend differently because of what goes on today. Be mellow, but make that extra effort. Your special touch adds so much to the moment. Others admire your personality, humor and easy ways. Tonight: Make an important call.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

****Another's perspective doesn't always please you, but a child or budding love relationship puts a huge smile on your face. Together, you make quite a team. Bring family together; take special care of an older relative. A partner chips right in, ready and willing to make this all work. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

****If you feel like taking off for the day with a loved one, do it. Love blooms in a different environment. What you think you want could change substantially because of what is said

between the two of you. Decisions could involve the long term and what you both want. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
****Listen to a friend; have that tête-a-tête. Friendship and love blossom in the present climate of sharing and openness. Discussions about work and what you want are important. You'll need to make a decision sooner or later. Devote additional time and care to a loved one. You make a great team. Tonight: Let another choose.

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Church-goers in casual attire get reader's dressing down

DEAR ABBY: Periodically you invite your readers to "dump on Abby." My beef might seem trivial to many, and if that's the case, "Sorry about that!" but I am tired of seeing tourists in my hometown church dressed in sweatshirts, blue jeans, even shorts! Some might praise the fact that these ill-dressed folk bother attending church while they're on vacation, but why do they slight we year-round residents with their ultra-casual mode of dress?



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

I recall church at East Coast resort areas when some visitors, the famous among them, dressed casually — but where most of the congregation were respectfully attired. The issue has reached the point where I, in nifty outfits, feel almost embarrassed for myself. Heaven forbid I should abandon my finery to blend in with the tourists!

At one packed August service last year, a woman with a head of cascading hair wore a halter top, giving the impression to those in pews in back of her that she was topless! Male, female, huge legs, shapely legs, hairy legs — shorts are the "norm." Lack of consideration for year-round parishioners in resort communities is a sin. Please, dear visiting worship-

pers — God loves you all, but give the locals a break. Dress with respect. AMEN! — AIN'T NO SAINT IN OREGON

DEAR AIN'T NO SAINT: I, too, come from a generation where we were taught to dress up when visiting a house of God. However, in the last few decades, the old "rules" have relaxed considerably. People come to church to heal their souls and gain inspiration for living, and if you are focusing on what you and the other worshippers are wearing, I respectfully suggest that you are focusing on the wrong thing. REPENT!

DEAR ABBY: My 50th wedding anniversary is coming up in August and my children want to give us a grand party, but there is a problem: After 50 years of verbal, physical and mental abuse from my husband, I refuse to be a party to this hypocrisy. My husband, who is a retired professional man, is highly respected. However, we have not lived as man and wife for many years. He is an alcoholic, an adulterer, a wife-beater and a church-going hypocrite. He has ruined my life, and as a result, I have no use for him. I stayed with him over the years for the sake of the children when they were young, my religion (Catholic), and because of his threats.

We are both in our 70s now and we just tolerate each other. Never once has he shown any regret for his treatment of me and the children, who love us both but have no respect for their father. My children are not aware, as far as I know, of his adulterous womanizing

over the years. Celebrating a life of hell is just more than I can take. What now? — NO NAME, NO CITY

DEAR NO NAME: If your children are not aware of your husband's adulterous behavior, I see no reason to bring it up now. However, it would be impossible for them to have been unaware of the physical, verbal and emotional abuse you have suffered. Just tell them that under the circumstances, 50 years of the kind of marriage you have endured is nothing to celebrate, and ask them to please abide by your wishes.

DEAR ABBY: I have a bit of advice I'd like to give to "Lucky in Connecticut." KEEP YOUR OWN HEALTH FILE. After every visit to the doctor for a complete physical, pap smear, mammogram, ultrasound, MRI, etc., ask — no, TELL your doctor that you want a copy of the results. It is your right! You'll probably have to sign a waiver, that's all. Then compare your test results from visit to visit. It is amazing what you can learn from your blood panel results.

Abby, you were right when you said there is an overwhelming ratio of patients to doctors. Patients must ask questions. That is also their right. Of course, all of us want our doctors to treat us as though we are their one and only patient. Unfortunately, we must lower the pedestal we once had them on to a more realistic level. We cannot put all our faith in them — we must help them out.

Oh, by the way, patients should make sure the names on

the test result forms are THEIRS. Here's a little incident that happened to me: Last February, I was admitted for major surgery (a complete hysterectomy). I was next on the list, and a young woman called my last name. We sat at her desk and she said, "Have you ever been here before for this surgery?" "No," I replied, "if I had, I wouldn't be here now." She said, "Oh, you'd be surprised. Some people come back three or four times." I said, "You're kidding!" She said, "No."

We both looked at each other with that quizzical look and I said, "What's the first name on that form?" The first names were different, of course. The person whose file was in her hands was going to have FOOT surgery! Could you imagine? My middle name was about to become "Ooops!"

I have kept my own file now for about 15 years and only wish I had started sooner. I guess my middle name back then was "Naive!" INFORMED NOW IN WEST BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICH.

DEAR INFORMED: That's a valuable suggestion, and all that's required is taking the initiative.

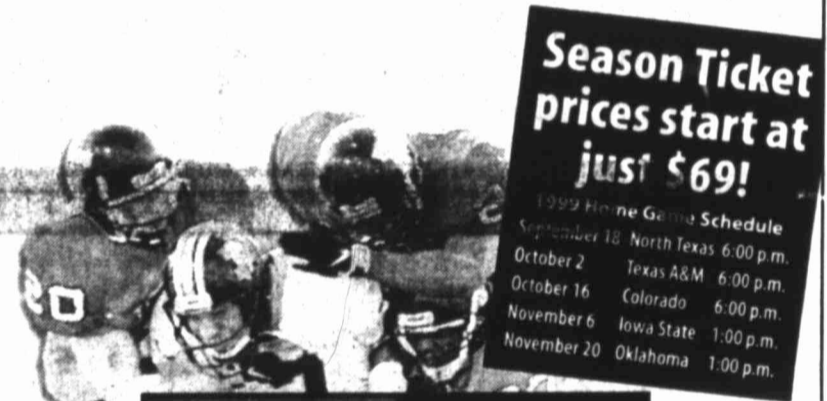
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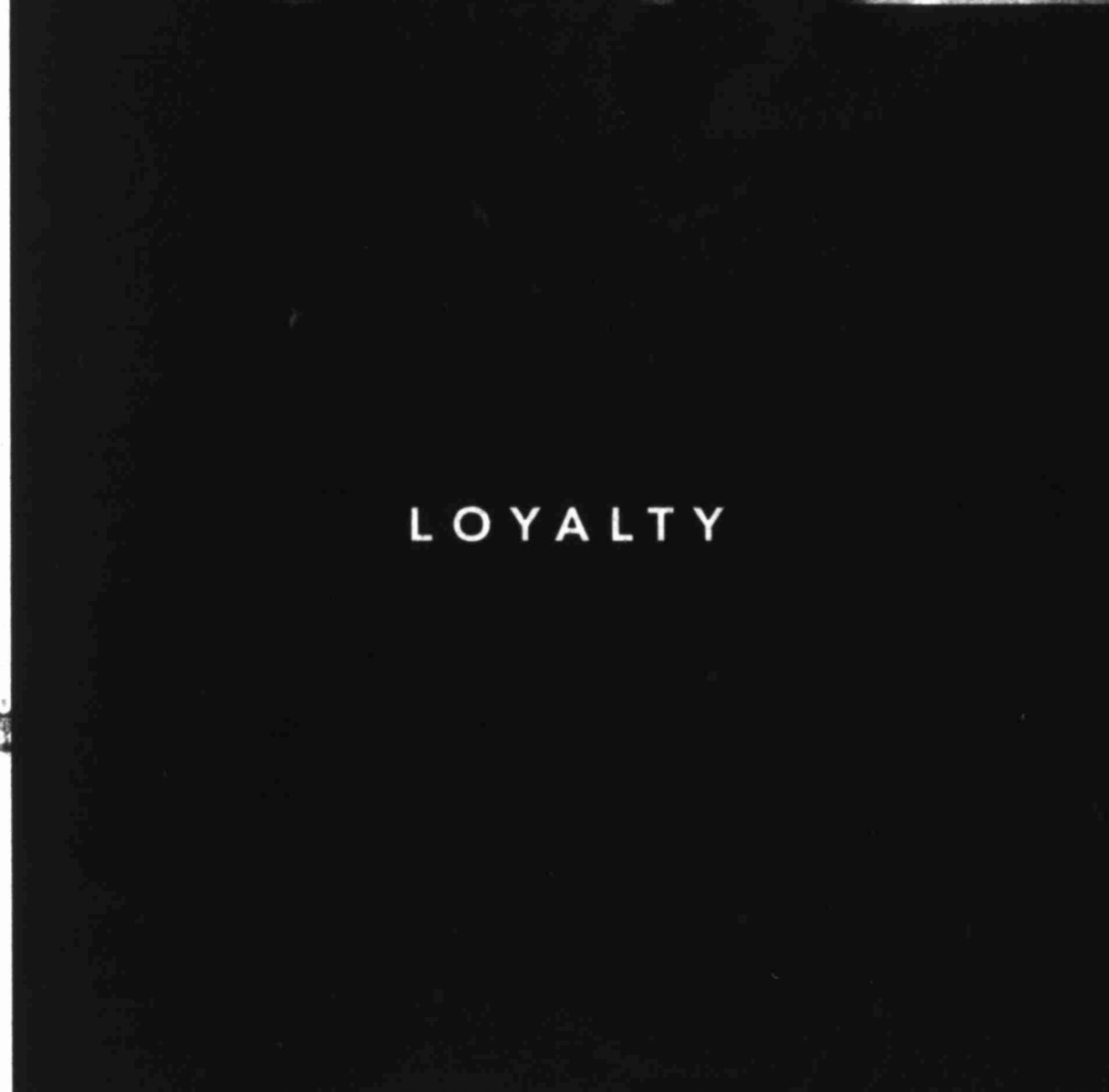
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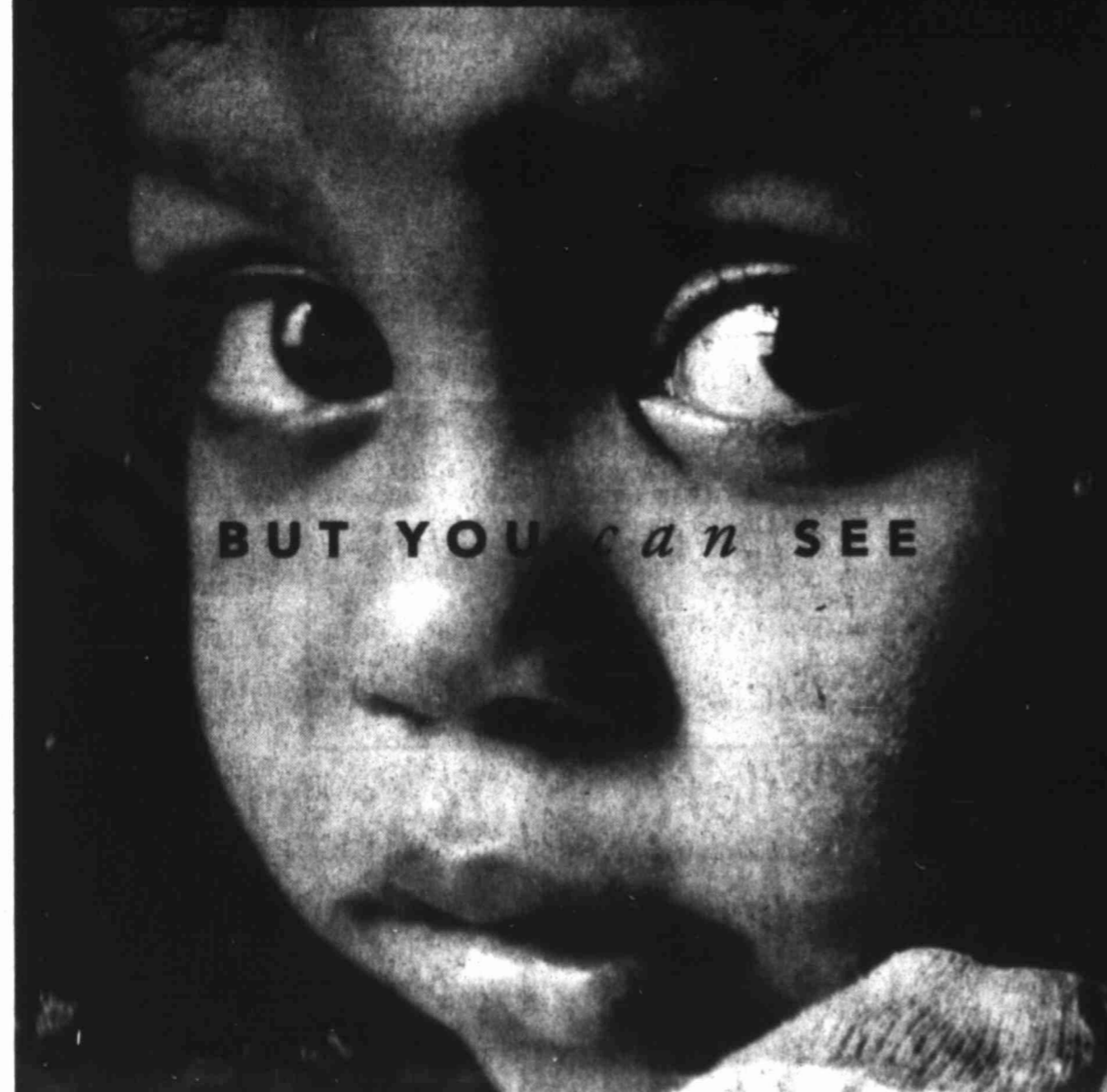
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IN BRIEF

All-Stars suffer defeat in tournament's finals
Big Spring's All-Stars reached the championship round of the United Girls Softball Association Division III District Tournament in Abilene unbeaten Friday night.

Although Leina Braxton and Courtney Brock provided clutch hitting, Erica Stewart and Bridget Cain provided strong pitching, and Brock, Kim Green, Sheena Howell and Ashley Lang played solid defense, the Abilene North crew was able to take 6-3 and 6-4 wins when it counted the most.

Rose Magers-Powell's volleyball camp slated

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp has been scheduled for Thursday through Saturday at Steer Gym.

The camp, conducted by Magers, a former Big Spring Lady Steers star and 1984 Olympic gold medalist, 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.

Softball tournament set July 30-31 at Mize Field

The first Cedar Hill Cricket Softball Tournament has been scheduled for July 30-31 at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees are \$120 per team and must be paid prior to each team's first game.

T-shirts will be awarded to players on the first-through third-place teams and the fourth-place team will receive a trophy.

For more information call Cruz Sanchez at 267-3224 or George Herrera at 394-4670.

IT'S MISSING

Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders coaches did not report results from Stephanie Stewart's final round of competition at the YMCA National Gymnastics Championships in Savannah, Ga.

ON THE AIR

Radio

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7:10 p.m. — San Francisco Giants at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

AUTO RACING

2 p.m. — CART FedEx Mt. Indy Toronto, ABC, Chs. 2 and 8.
2 p.m. — ASA AC Delco Challenge Series, TNN, Ch. 35.
5:30 p.m. — SCCA Trans-Am, FXS, Ch. 29.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Noon — Atlanta Braves at Toronto Blue Jays, TBS, Ch. 11.
1:30 p.m. — Cleveland Indians at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.
7 p.m. — San Francisco Giants at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.
7 p.m. — New York Mets at Baltimore Orioles, ESPN, Ch. 30.

GOLF

8 a.m. — British Open, final round, ABC, Chs. 2 and 8.
3 p.m. — Senior PGA Ameritech Open, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.
3 p.m. — LPGA Big Apple Classic, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.
4 p.m. — British Open, final round, ABC, Chs. 2 and 8.

TENNIS

2 p.m. — Davis Cup quarterfinal, Australia at United States, ESPN, Ch. 30.

McCook leads West to win; Grady's Yates gets 10 in girls' loss

HERALD Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Borden County's Colt McCook shared team-high honors in helping lead the West to a 75-56 win over the East in Saturday's Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Basketball Games at Lubbock Monterey High School.

McCook, a 6-foot-3 guard who led the Coyotes to a 17-4 record last season, hit three 3-point shots and was a perfect 4-for-4 at the free throw line in scoring 17 points for the West.

Jesus Chavez of Blackwell poured in 17 points, as well, as the West All-Stars jumped out to an early lead in the first half and then weathered a late comeback attempt by the East.

The West also got 10 points from Dell City's Travis Templeton, while holding the East's lineup in check for most of the night.

Morgan's Jimmie Williams scored a game-high 18 points, most of them coming in the second half, and Northside's Michael Shugart added 15 more in the losing effort.

McCook's decision to play in the All-Star series' basketball game surprised many, since he quarterbacked the Coyotes to the state six-man championship in 1997 and passed for 2,057 yards and 34 touchdowns in leading Borden County to the finals again in 1998.

"It might surprise a lot of people that I played basketball instead of football, but not the people who know me real well," McCook explained prior to the game. "Basketball has always been my favorite sport, and I thought it'd be fun to play one more time."

The game was most likely McCook's final formal competition. He will attend Abilene Christian University this fall, but said he has no plans of trying out for the Wildcats' basketball for football teams.

Borden County's Jeff Dennis added four points for the West, helping a great deal as he and his teammates pulled down 61 rebounds to the East's 45.

Borden County's Katie Kemp and Grady's Katie Yates didn't enjoy the same kind of success, as the West girls suffered a 56-46 loss.

Kemp, who was a defensive specialist in the Lady Coyotes' march to the Class 1A state tournament last season, did not score in the game.

Yates, on the other hand, was one of the West's top scorers. Ira's Terri Robinson led the way for the West, scoring 16 points, while Yates was the only other player on the team to finish in double figures with 10.

What's more, the Lady Wildcats' star was the West squad's leading rebounder, pulling down eight boards.

SIX-MAN COACHES ASSOCIATION BOYS ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME
WEST 75, EAST 56
WEST — Cory Westbrook 1 0 0 2, C. Jones 3 2 2 9, Derek Schertz 1 0 0 2, Dustin Jones 2 0 0 4, Jimmie Williams 5 7 10 18, Jodie Reel 0 0 1 0, Larry Williamson 1 1 4 4, Michael Hertel 0 0 2 0, Michael Shugart 6 2 2 15, Robert Reyna 1 0 1 2. Totals 20 12 22 56.

WEST — Arturo Miranda 3 0 1 6, Bryan Chestman 1 5 8 8, Colt McCook 5 4 4 17, Jeff Dennis 2 0 0 4, Jesus Acosta 0 4 8 4, Jesus Chavez 7 2 3 17, John Kennedy 2 0 4 4, Stony Burke 0 0 2 0, Travis Templeton 5 0 0 10, Ty Barton 2 2 3 5. Totals 27 16 33 75.

SIX-MAN COACHES ASSOCIATION GIRLS ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME
WEST 56, EAST 46
WEST — Amanda Arns 3 3 4 11, Amy Lamart 1 0 1 2, Barbie Hagle 2 2 2 6, Cassandra Gates 0 2 2 2, Deborah Wilson 1 0 0 2, Holly Rozcut 2 2 4 6, Karen Finch 2 0 0 4, Melissa Denning 2 0 0 4, Sarah Littlecreek 4 4 4 15, Tiffany Murphy 2 0 0 4. Totals 19 13 17 56.

WEST — Brenda Dutcher 1 0 0 2, Brooke Stephens 0 0 0 0, Dani Hernandez 2 2 2 4, Grace Valdez 2 0 2 2, Jennifer Rommich 2 4 6 9, Katie Davis 1 0 0 2, Katie Kemp 0 0 0 0, Katie Yates 3 3 4 10, Mindy Ray 1 1 2 3, Terri Robinson 5 5 9 16. Totals 13 17 31 46.

Three-point goals: East 5 (Littlecreek 3, Arns 2), West 3 (Rommich, Yates, Robinson). Total fouls: East 25, West 18. Turnovers: East 20, West 19. Rebounds: East 44 (Arns 9), West 40 (Yates 8).

Three-point goals: East 4 (C. Jones, Williams, Williamson, Shugart), West 5 (McCook 3, Chestman, Chavez). Total fouls: East 26, West 19. Turnovers: East 20, West 17. Rebounds: East 45 (Williams 14), West 61 (Templeton 11).

Junior rodeo proves challenge

Middleton, Chance Pool carry leads into finale

EDITOR'S NOTE: The final performance of the 54th annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo did not conclude before the Herald went to press Saturday night. Complete final results will be provided in Monday's edition.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY, Sports Editor

Local youngsters provided somewhat mixed results Friday during the second performance of the 54th annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo.

Eight-year-old twins Chance and Garrett Pool of Big Spring turned in excellent showings in the 8-Under division's calf riding, opening the night's activities with the only two qualified rides.

Chance, who entered the rodeo ranked third in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association standings in the event, did little to hurt that standing with a 65-point ride that put him in the lead going into Saturday's final performance.

Garrett's 59-point ride left him third in the overall standings behind his brother and Logan Helton of Amarillo. Helton had been the opening night's leader with a 62-point effort.

The Pool brothers' showing, however, would be the only true bright spot for area competitors, as their 11-year-old sister, Shiloh, joined Stephanie Fryar, Nick Bailey, Tony Wyrick and Coahoma's Kristy Kinard in being unable to join the leaders in their events.

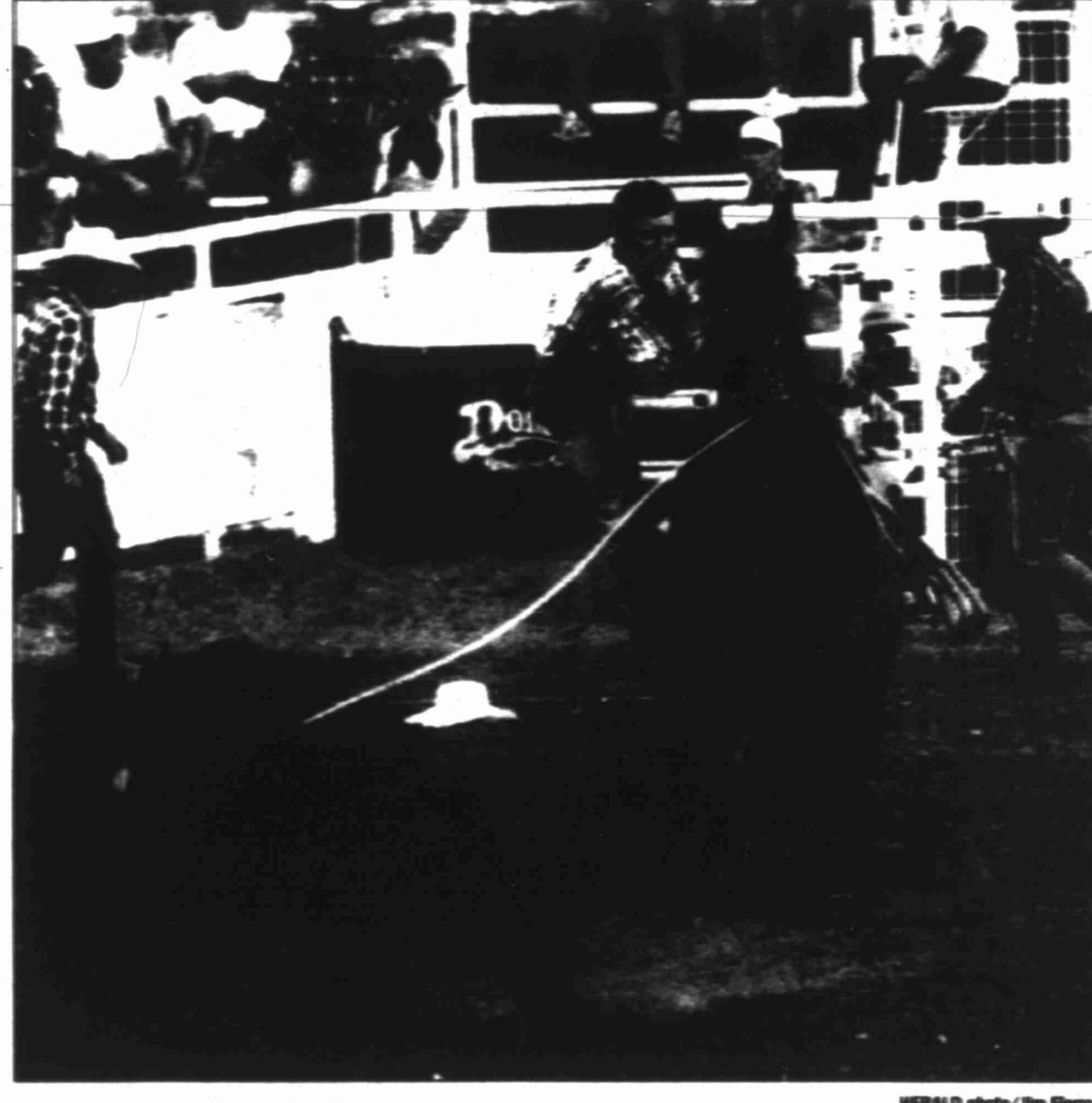
It was a particularly frustrating night for Fryar, who after finishing well out of the 16-19 barrel racing standings with a 19.176 clocking, teamed with Jay Johnson of Channing to post the evening's best time in 16-19 team roping with a clocking of 13.581 seconds.

Unfortunately, that time was well off the lead established at 9.483 seconds Friday night by Josh Morris of Lazbuddie and his partner, Jody Crosthwaite of Elida, N.M.

Virtually the same scenario was played out in the 8-Under barrels where Chance Pool finished with the night's second fastest time, an 18.492 clocking.

The night's fastest time in that division belonged to Tara Schroedter of Roby, who completed her run in 18.184 seconds, taking the overall lead.

However, Pool's time of 18.184 was not good enough to finish among the top three overall times. Kinard finished well out of the lead in the 13-15 barrels when she posted a time of 23.896 seconds, the fifth best of the night.



Tony Wyrick of Big Spring dismounts during the 16-19 division tie-down roping competition of Friday's second performance of the 54th annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo. Wyrick had trouble throwing his calf and finished with a time that was well off the lead.

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Effectively cover sports activities in an area as large as Crossroads Country. Enlisting that aid is somewhat challenging.

In fact, there's an old saying in this business to the effect that when a coach doesn't call in the results of his game, we don't have to question the outcome — we simply don't know how badly they were beaten.

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Ashley Branch of Aspermont led the way in that division with a 21.421 clocking, but was only good enough for second-place standing in the overall totals behind Jaci Sant of Rogers, N.M., who was clocked at 21.283 on Friday.

Bailey, his confidence buoyed with a strong showing in Colorado City last week, had hoped for a big night before a hometown audience.

And for a moment in the 13-15 tie-down roping, it looked as if he just might challenge leader Justin Navarez of Denver City when he made a quick catch of his calf.

Unfortunately, when Bailey throw the calf, his horse failed to keep the rope tight. As a result, he was forced to spend almost 20 seconds chasing down the calf.

Consequently, Bailey was saddled with a 30.691 clocking, well off the night's best time of 10.673 seconds turned in by Marty Eakin, much less Navarez's division-leading 9.992.

The hard luck continued for Bailey in the 13-15 breakaway roping when he failed to record a time.

"I guess this was just one of those nights," Bailey said. "Normally, I wind up having a tough time catching in the tie-

Arizona edges Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas left fielder Rusty Greer usually wants the ball to be hit his way. But Greer was blinded by the late afternoon sun with the game on the line Saturday, and it proved costly to the Rangers.

Tony Womack's fly ball in front of a sun-blinded Greer turned into a two-run double as the Arizona Diamondbacks took advantage of a rare summer day game at Texas to beat the Rangers 8-6 in 10 innings.

"You hope and pray they don't hit one to you," Greer said. "You don't know if the ball is going to hit you or what. It's not a good feeling."

Jay Bell hit two homers for Arizona, including a solo shot off John Wetteland (3-4) in the ninth inning to tie the game at 6.

The Diamondbacks won it in the 10th. With one out, David Dellucci reached on an infield single. Wetteland then walked Travis Lee and Hanley Frias, loading the bases.

Esteban Loaiza came in and struck out Kelly Stinnett before Womack lifted a short fly ball to left field that would have ended the inning. Greer actually backed up on the ball and it fell 20 feet in front of him as Dellucci and Lee crossed the plate.

"On a high fly ball that gets above the sun, maybe you have a chance," Greer said. "But on a line drive or a bloop, no way. It was completely in the sun. There was no way I could get it. I backed up because I didn't want it to get by me."

This was the Rangers' first home day game in July or August in nearly four years. They normally play night games during the summer because of the intense heat, but played in the afternoon for the first time since July 20, 1995, because it was getaway day for the Diamondbacks. Arizona plays at Seattle on Sunday.

Matt Mantei pitched the 10th for his second save with Arizona and 12th overall. The Diamondbacks played their major league-high 17th extra-inning game.

Some folks know how to warm a sports writer's cynical heart

Those of us who write sports for a living are often labeled as cynics. And for good reason. It takes a somewhat jaundiced-eye approach to be analytical, rather than simply cheerleading for the home team.

What's more, all of us who've spent a few years in press boxes, have seen way far too many talented athletes fail to live up to their potential.

Worse still, we've dealt with our share of bombastic egos and the pampered pettiness professional sports seems to create in many so-called "role models" today.

That's why when we run across folks like Johnny and Cindy Middleton of Big Spring, getting the help we've received in reporting the 54th annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo, often takes us back.



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Small daily newspapers like ours, you see, have to depend on help from coaches, rodeo organizers and the like to effectively cover sports activities in an area as large as Crossroads Country.

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Big Spring Sunday, July 18, 1999
SPORTS
HERALD photo/John Moseley
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Big Lake has been hired as the new head girls' basketball coach at Eldorado High School. Following last season's success, the boys' head coach, Rogers High School's Gooch, comes after five seasons as an assistant house Corporal.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSFERS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Designated C Larry Webster for assignment. Traded RHP Rocky Cooney to the Milwaukee Brewers for a player to be named. Recalled 3B Ryan Minor from Rochester of the International League. Outlined RHP Gabe Molina to Rochester. Activated RHP Ricky Bones from the 15-day disabled list.

BETHTOON INDIANS—Recalled RHP Dave Bursovski from Toledo of the International League. Outlined RHP Will Stewart to Toledo.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed RHP Jeff Montgomery on the 15-day disabled list.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Recalled OF Taneli Lehtinen and LHP Mike Duvall from Durham of the International League. Outlined OF Randy Winn to Durham. Outlined LHP Scott Ashby for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FLORIDA MARLINS—Received RHP Kevin Gordon from the Colorado Rockies to complete an earlier trade and assigned him to Union of the New York-Penn League. Outlined 2B Aramis Garcia to Calgary of the PCL. Purchased the contract of INF Chris Coghlan from Calgary. Transferred CBF Floyd from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed OF Carl Everett on the 15-day disabled list. Transferred INF Nan Carroll from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of OF Lance Berkman from New Orleans of the PCL.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated RHP Heathcliff Sims from the 15-day disabled list. Outlined RHP Pedro Palencia to Memphis of the PCL.

BASKETBALL

CHICAGO BULLS—Announced the resignation of Tim Wenter, assistant coach, to take a similar position with the Los Angeles Lakers.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed F Jumeane Jones to a three-year contract.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Named David Pennington coach.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed RB Leonard Little for the first eight games next season for violating of the league's substance-abuse policy.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Announced they have reached an injury settlement with DE Mitch Marrow. Waived DE Vernon Davis.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed LB Mike Pollock.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Timmy Smith and TE Judd Weaver to three-year contracts. Re-signed S Sean Woodson to a one-year contract.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed DE One Day and RB Timmy Cooney to four-year contracts.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed RB Chris Grier to a two-year contract. Waived RB Chuck Lery.

HOCKEY

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Signed C Samuel Patacchini and D Sanny Lindstrom to multiyear contracts. Re-signed D Albin Gagne to a multiyear contract.

DALLAS STARS—Signed C Roman Lushenko to a three-year contract and C Pavel Patera to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed D Sylvain Lefebvre to a four-year contract.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed C Victor Propp to a multiyear contract.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed LW Mike Anderson to a two-year contract and LW Shawn King, RW David Oliver and LW Jean-Guy Trudel.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed LW Mike French to a three-year contract.

Central Hockey League

COLUMBIAN COTTONMOUTHS—Traded G Corvick to San Antonio for a player to be named or cash.

East Coast Hockey League

MEMPHIS CHICKENS—Signed D Jeff Helwig, D Brooke Chateau and LW Mike Ruzick.

MUSKOGEE

MUSKOGEE RURS—Signed RW Robby Bouchard to a two-year contract.

BUFFALO WARRIORS—Traded D Scott Usual and the rights to F Trevor Buchanan to Chicago for the rights to F West Coast Hockey League.

ANCHORAGE ACEES—Named Bob Wilcox coach.

BEAVER—Named Orick Smith women's and men's basketball coach, Victoria Moore and women's swimming coach, and Leslie Hayes women's volleyball coach.

CA STATE NORTHBRIDGE—Fired Ron Paciona, football coach.

DARTMOUTH—Named Brian Doyle sailing coach.

EASTON—Lined up named Betty Paciona director of compliance and Andrew Eganey women's intram volleyball coach.

JAMES MADISON—Named Dave Reiser cross-country coach and assistant track and field coach.

KENTUCKY—Named Greg Goff golf coach.

NICHOLS STATE—Announced the resignation of James Pizzolatti, baseball coach.

NORTHWESTERN—Iowa—Announced the resignation of Mark Blomendahl, baseball coach, to become men's tennis coach. Named Dave Novemeracher baseball coach and Brady Adlers assistant baseball coach.

PITTSBURGH—Announced junior men's basketball C Ailsy Coyle is transferring to New Mexico.

RANDOLPH—Named Chuck McGreen and Salma Goldstein men's and women's tennis on-head coaches.

ST. CLOUD STATE—Named Mark Havel defensive coordinator and Lori Fish women's assistant basketball coach.

SEION HALL—Named Richard Piccoli women's assistant volleyball coach.

TENNESSEE STATE—Named Andre Cramer defensive baseball coach.

TEXAS TECH—Named Marc Partridge athletic media relations director.

UTAH STATE—Named Rance

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League				
Saturday's results not included				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	52	36	.591	—
Boston	50	40	.556	3
Toronto	47	45	.511	7
Tampa Bay	39	51	.433	14
Baltimore	38	51	.427	14 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	47	32	.640	—
Chicago	53	44	.544	13
Chicago City	36	53	.404	21
Detroit	36	54	.400	21 1/2
Minnesota	34	54	.386	22 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	50	39	.562	—
Oakland	45	44	.506	5
Anaheim	42	46	.477	7 1/2
Seattle	42	47	.472	8
National League				
Saturday's results not included				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	57	34	.626	—
New York	52	39	.571	5
Philadelphia	47	41	.534	8 1/2
Chicago	43	43	.500	11 1/2
Montreal	34	56	.378	22 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	52	37	.584	—
Cincinnati	50	37	.575	1
Pittsburgh	44	45	.494	8
Chicago	43	44	.494	8
St. Louis	44	46	.489	8 1/2
Milwaukee	43	45	.489	8 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	50	40	.556	—
Arizona	48	43	.527	2 1/2
Colorado	45	47	.486	8
Los Angeles	40	48	.455	9
Friday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 11, Minnesota 10				
Milwaukee 2, Kansas City 0, 1st game				
Kansas City 12, Milwaukee 10, 2nd game				
Colorado 6, Cincinnati 2				
Florida 4, Toronto 2				
Baltimore 11, Cleveland 3				
Baltimore 9, Montreal 4				
Philadelphia 5, Boston 4				
N.Y. Mets 9, Tampa Bay 7				
Atlanta 10, N.Y. Yankees 7				
Houston 2, Detroit 1				
Chicago White Sox 9, St. Louis 8				
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Mets 2				
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1				
San Diego 2, Seattle 1				
Oakland 4, San Francisco 2				
Saturday's Games				
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2				
Houston 3, Detroit 2, 10 innings				
N.Y. Yankees 11, Atlanta 4				
Pittsburgh 13, Cleveland 10				
Minnesota 8, Chicago Cubs 0				
Philadelphia 11, Boston 3				
Philadelphia 5, Boston 4				
Toronto 6, Florida 1				
Los Angeles 13, Anaheim 3				
San Francisco 7, Oakland 2				
San Diego 9, Seattle 1				
Arizona 8, Texas 6, 10 innings				
Montreal at Baltimore (n)				
Kansas City at Milwaukee (n)				
Chicago White Sox at St. Louis (n)				
Today's Games				
Florida (Dempster 4-5) at Boston (P Martinez 15-3), 12:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Millwood 11-4) at Toronto (Hamilton 1-5), 12:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Moehler 7-9) at Cincinnati (Awey 6-7), 12:15 p.m.				
Montreal (Pavano 6-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 9-4), 12:35 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Schilling 13-4) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-4), 12:35 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox at St. Louis (n) 1, 1:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Hawkins 5-8) at St. Louis (Oliver 4-6), 1:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Suppan 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 6-5), 1:20 p.m.				
Cleveland (Wright 7-5) at Houston (Hampton 11-3), 1:35 p.m.				
Colorado (Burr 4-7) at Oakland (Pineda 9-7), 1:35 p.m.				
Arizona (Duffel 8-5) at Seattle (Villalga 7-2), 3:35 p.m.				
Los Angeles (C Perez 2-9) at Pittsburgh (Ritche 9-8), 5:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 6-7) at Baltimore (Guzman 4-7), 7:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Gardner 3-7) at Texas (Morgan 9-6), 7:05 p.m.				

STOLEN BASES

Stolen bases: Stewart, Toronto, 29; Giguere, Texas, 27; Encarnacion, Detroit, 24; Blumenthal, Seattle, 24; Lofton, Cleveland, 23; Riomar, Cleveland, 21; Bush, Toronto, 20; Anderson, Baltimore, 20.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)

Martinez, Boston, 15-3, 83.3, 2.10; Pedriera, Anaheim, 9-2, 81.8, 1.74; Mussina, Baltimore, 12-4, 79.0, 3.57; Nag, Cleveland, 11-4, 73.3, 4.43; Colon, Cleveland, 8-3, 72.7, 4.95; Cone, New York, 9-4, 69.2, 2.86; Clemens, New York, 8-4, 66.7, 4.38.

STRIKEOUTS—P Martinez, Boston, 18-4; Mussina, Baltimore, 10-7; Cofsky, Anaheim, 10-1; Daulton, Toronto, 10-5; Noy, Texas, 9-5; Colon, Cleveland, 9-5; Moyer, Seattle, 9-0.

SHOTS—Rios, Tampa Bay, 26; Wetteland, Texas, 26; Millers, New York, 23; Perovic, Anaheim, 23; Taylor, Oakland, 23; Seitz, Milwaukee, 20; Mesa, Seattle, 18.

BASEBALL

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CLOSER TO HOME

Dora Roberts Pro-Am scheduled for July 25-26.

The Dora Roberts Pro-Am Golf Tournament has been scheduled for July 25-26 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Between 30 and 35 professionals from throughout West Texas are expected to take part in the tournament, each of them paired with three amateurs on a team.

Entry fees are set at \$125 per player, but spouses will be allowed to pay a \$65 fee to take part in the two-net best ball tournament.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

For more information, call Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

CRMWD now accepting hunting permit requests

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir wildlife management areas are currently being accepted by mail through Aug. 15.

A public drawing for permits is slated for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at the reservoir's field office located at the north end of the dam.

Hunting permits will be limited and requests for information should be made by calling the CRMWD at 267-6341.

Texas Tech exes schedule dinner, 'freshman send-off'

The Big Spring Area Texas

Tech Exes Association has scheduled its 1999 Dinner and Freshman Send-off for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 29, in the Cactus Room of the Howard College Student Union Building.

Red Raiders defensive line coach Jason Clemmons, will join Dr. David Smith, president of the Texas Tech Health Science Center, and Dr. Bill Dean, executive vice president of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, as speakers for the program.

Tickets are priced at \$10 each and all members of the community are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Roxie McDaniel at 267-5846 or Pat Porter at 267-7828.

RODEO

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down. Tonight, though, I got the calf roped pretty quickly but couldn't him thrown quickly enough."

Here are results from Friday's second performance of the 54th Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo sanctioned by the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association.

84-Rider Calf Riding

1. Chance Pool, Big Spring, 65; 2. Garrett Pool, Big Spring, 19.

Overall

1. Chance Pool, Big Spring, 65; Logan Helton, Amarillo, 62; 3. Garrett Pool, Big Spring, 59.

9-12 Steer Riding

1. Ryder Davis, Sterling City, 63.

Overall

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16-19 Bull Riding

No qualifying rides.

16-19 Barrel Racing

1. Ryan Cook, Lubbock, 66 points.

13-15 Team Roping

1. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 10,673; 2. Tyler Hargrave, Canyon, 11,860; 3. Justin Lehman, Vernon, 17,782.

Overall

1. Justin Nevarez, Denver City, 9,992; 2. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 10,673; 3. Tyler Hargrave, Happy, 11,860.

16-19 Team Roping

1. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 9,340; 2. Joshua Donnell, Canyon, 10,183; 3. Josh Morris, Lubbock, 12,684.

84-Rider Barrel Racing

1. Tara Schroeder, Roby, 18,184; 2. Chance Pool, Big Spring, 18,492; 3. Courtn Goodwin, Lubbock, 19,626.

Overall

1. Tara Schroeder, Roby, 18,184; 2. Logan Helton, Amarillo, 18,192; 3. Jesse Clark, Portales, N.M., 18,304.

9-12 Barrel Racing

1. Tiffany Sooter, Lovington, N.M., 17,783; 2. Raylyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 18,087; 3. Whitney Parks, Snyder, 19,050.

Overall

1. Lindsay Ewing, Midland, 17,653; 2. Kody Amrine, Eida, N.M., 17,672; 3. Jessica Edwards, Midland, 17,673.

13-15 Barrel Racing

1. Amy Lide, Andrews, 17,572; 2. Lacey Ferguson, Pecosburg, 17,673; 3. Danielle Irbeck, Happy, 17,898.

Overall

1. Amy Lide, Andrews, 17,572; 2. Lacey Ferguson, Pecosburg, 17,673; 3. Danielle Irbeck, Happy, 17,898.

16-19 Barrel Racing

1. Lindsay Schubert, Hobbs, N.M., 17,532; 2. Danielle Henry, Grady, N.M., 17,666; 3. Krista Irbeck,

Happy, 17,697.

Overall

1. Lauren Middleton, Big Spring, 17,508; 2. Lindsay Schubert, Hobbs, N.M., 17,532; 3. Danielle Henry, Grady, N.M., 17,666.

84-Rider Pole Bending

1. Tara Schroeder, Roby, 21,419; 2. Randall Middleton, Levelland, 23,573; Courtn Goodwin, Lubbock, 29,650.

Overall

1. Tara Schroeder, Roby, 21,419; 2. C. Merton Callan, Roby, 22,422; 3. Clay Brown, Stephenville, 22,777.

9-12 Pole Bending

1. Raylyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 21,779; 2. Christie Hendley, Lubbock, 22,669; 3. Lonn Goodwin, Lubbock, 27,655.

Overall

1. Raylyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 21,779; 2. Christie Hendley, Lubbock, 22,669; 3. Lindsey Ewing, Midland, 25,847.

13-15 Pole Bending

1. Ashley Branch, Aspermont, 21,421; 2. Cig Allen, Lovington, N.M., 21,533; 3. Kayla Crooks, Plainview, 21,947.

Overall

1. Jaci Sant, Rogers, N.M., 21,283; 2. Ashley Branch, Aspermont, 21,421; 3. Ashley Kinsolving, Tatum, N.M., 21,497.

16-19 Pole Bending

1. Marcy House, Plains, 23,068; 2. Lindsay Schubert, Hobbs, N.M., 23,180; 3. Danelle Henry, Grady, N.M., 27,550.

Overall

1. Marcy House, Plains, 23,068; 2. Lindsay Schubert, Hobbs, N.M., 23,180; 3. Danelle Henry, Grady, N.M., 27,550.

13-15 Team Roping

1. Stephanie Fryer, Big Spring, and Jay Johnson, Channing, 13,581.

Overall

1. Josh Morris, Lubbock, and Jody Crosthwaite, Eida, N.M., 9,483; 2. Shelley York, Snyder, and Cody King, Stanton, 10,329; 3. J.D. Kubbe, Portales, N.M., and Ted Middleton, Lubbock, 12,097.

13-15 Team Roping

1. Tyler Hargrave, Happy, and Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 19,430.

Overall

1. Jake and Jimmie Cooper, Norment, N.M., 7,577; 2. Tom Fisher and Sterling Morris, Andrews, 8,814; 3. Brad Good, Eida, N.M., and Koby Smith, Portales, N.M., 11,500.

9-12 Steer Stopping

1. Coy Speer, Clovis, N.M., 6,551.

Overall

1. Nelson Vest, Childress, 3,690; 2. Coy Speer, Clovis, N.M., 6,551; 3. Chance Kitchens, Denver City, 11,503.

84-Rider Breakaway Roping

No times recorded.

Overall

1. Trent Bibbrey, Eida, N.M., 21,936.

Girls 9-12 Breakaway

No times recorded.

Overall

1. Kassandra Clark, Portales, N.M., 12,016; 2. Kaye Edwards, Midland, 17,311.

Boys 9-12 Breakaway

1. Cameron Thompson, Hobbs, N.M., 3,708; 2. Coy Speer, Clovis, N.M., 13,775; 3. Aaron Lide, Andrews, 9,059.

29,778

Overall

1. John Clark, Pecos, 2,946; 2. Stetson Vest, Childress, 3,148; 3. Cameron Thompson, Hobbs, N.M., 3,708.

Girls 13-15 Breakaway

1. Ashley Branch, Aspermont, 5,075.

Overall

1. Kenna Armatage, Eida, N.M., 3,909; 2. Kimberly Howard, Eida, N.M., 3,966; 3. Ashley Branch, Aspermont, 5,075.

Girls 16-19 Breakaway

1. Jayme Rowland, Lubbock, 4,140; 2. Natalie Hogue, Eida, N.M., 5,631; 3. Lacy Callan, Rotan, 7,250.

Overall

1. Kacy Henard, Tatum, 2,796; 2. Jayme Rowland, Lubbock, 4,140; 3. Lauren Middleton, Big Spring, 5,310.

Boys 13-15 Breakaway

1. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 3,700; 2. Justin Lehman, Vernon, 4,001; 3. Ty Foster, Midland, 4,077.

Overall

1. Coy Miller, Odessa, 2,736; 2. Brad Good, Eida, N.M., 3,537; 3. Circo Boone, Eida, N.M., 3,546.

16-19 Cattle Dogging

1. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 2,990.

Overall

1. Marty Eakin, Amarillo, 2,960; 2. Shannon Stalls, McLean, 7,511.

84-Rider Goat Tying

1. Tara Schroeder, Roby, 15,353; 2. Clark Page, Amarillo, 18,864.

Overall

1. Cameron Callan, Roby, 12,516; 2. Logan Helton, Amarillo, 14,209; 3. Trent Bibbrey, Eida, N.M., 14,401.

9-12 Goat Tying

1. Raylyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 11,777; 2. Lon Jo Lide, Andrews, 16,380; 3. Kelsey Hayes, Canyon, 16,859.

Overall

1. Kody Armatage, Eida, N.M., 10,748; 2. Tom Bibbrey, Eida, N.M., 10,776; 3. Jodi Kibbe, Portales, N.M., 11,051.

13-15 Goat Tying

1. Amy Lide, Andrews, 10,479; 2. Maggie Pearson, Eunice, N.M., 12,267; 3. Danelle Irbeck, Happy, 12,548.

Overall

1. Kimberly Howard, Eida, N.M., 10,958; 2. Amy Lide, Andrews, 10,479; 3. Maggie Pearson, Eunice, N.M., 12,267.

16-19 Goat Tying

1. Natalie Hogue, Eunice, N.M., 11,402.

Overall

1. Van Fisher, Andrews, 5,797; 2. Joshua Donnell, Canyon, 6,674; 3. Neal Starfield, Clovis, N.M., 6,831.

Boys 9-12 Ribbon Roping

1. Chase Roberts, Clovis, N.M., 8,836; 2. Aaron Lide, Andrews, 9,059; 3. Cameron Thompson, Hobbs, N.M., 12,118.

Overall

1. Tell Good, Kenna, N.M., 6,785; 2. Chase Roberts, Clovis, N.M., 8,836; 3. Aaron Lide, Andrews, 9,059.

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MOSELEY

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Big Lake native Leslie Goch has been hired as the new head girls' basketball coach at Eldorado High School, replacing Kane Harris, who resigned following last season to accept the boys' head coaching job at Rogers High School.

Goch comes to Eldorado after five successful years as an assistant at Class 4A powerhouse Corpus Christi Calallen.

John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Herald.

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STARGATE LEAGUE
AUG 29
RESULTS-Team ten over Team six 24-1, Bottle Rockets over Quality Glass 17-8...

RESULTS-Mama's and Papa's tied Wild Bunch 4-4, Movers and Shakers over Cuesless 6-2...

STARGATE LEAGUE
AUG 31
RESULTS-Looney Tunes over We're Dirt 16-9, Team twelve over Team four 17-8...

RESULTS-Chain Gang over Oh My 6-2, Hindot over OOPS 6-2, Oh No over E&L 6-2...

SUMMER TRIO
WEEK 6
RESULTS-3 1/2's over Why Not? 6-2, Team eight tied Team 5 4-4...

RESULTS-OOPS over E&L 6-2, Oh No over Chain Gang 8-0, Hindot over Oh My 9-0...

SUMMER TRIO
WEEK 7
RESULTS-Wranglers over Team 4 6-2, Bowl-A-Rama over Team one 6-2...

RESULTS-OOPS over E&L 6-2, Oh No over Chain Gang 8-0, Hindot over Oh My 9-0...

SUMMER TRIO
WEEK 8
RESULTS-Go-Go Girls over Rafta One 8-0, A&B Farms tied Team 8 0-0...

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Van de Velde surges ahead at Carnoustie

BRITISH OPEN

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP) — Jean Van de Velde played the kind of round everyone expected out of Tiger Woods or Greg Norman. Now, everyone is going to have to play spectacular golf to catch him in the British Open.

Only three players broke par in the third round, led by the best score of the tournament, Craig Parry had a 4-under 67 to go from a tie for 30th to the final pairing Sunday with Van de Velde.

"I made a lot of putts," Woods said. "Unfortunately, they were for par. My score could have been a lot higher."

Norman started with a birdie but found too much trouble — mostly pot bunkers along the tight fairways of Carnoustie that left him no choice but to pitch out toward the fairway.

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IOC endorses most reforms suggested by USOC's panel

LONDON (AP) — The International Olympic Committee has accepted or is considering virtually all the suggestions made in March by the U.S. Olympic Committee's bid oversight panel.

the IOC said. "Nearly all of them have already been integrated into the reform process currently underway."

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THE BIG CHILL

...AND HOW TO FIND IT WHEN YOU NEED AN ESCAPE FROM SUMMER'S SCORCH

It has been a full 10-15 degrees cooler than last summer. And recent rain has been welcome. But have you spent any time outside in the afternoons lately? It has been, to put it mildly, a bit uncomfortable.

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So take our advice: Seek shelter when the temperature rises and improve your chill factor and your attitude. Here are some ideas:



Albert Paul Daylong spent part of a hot afternoon last week soaking up the breeze on his porch.

AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE: 91
SHADED PORCH TEMPERATURE: 86
CHILL FACTOR: — FIVE DEGREES



Pete Acosta takes a break in the shade of trees outside the Comanche Trail Park Swimming Pool Wednesday afternoon.

AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE: 96
SHADE OF A TREE TEMPERATURE: 90.3+ A NICE BREEZE
CHILL FACTOR: AT LEAST — 10 DEGREES



Cody Watson sought shelter from the swelter at Big Spring Mall one afternoon last week.

AFTERNOON OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE: 94
BIG SPRING MALL TEMPERATURE: 77
CHILL FACTOR: — 17 DEGREES



Rowdi Wise, 10, and his little brother, Rauli, 6, pick up their snow cones from Lori Flores during the heat of an afternoon last week.

AFTERNOON HIGH TEMPERATURE: 91
SNOW CONE TEMPERATURE: FREEZING
CHILL FACTOR: IMMEASURABLE



Krista, Tessa and Irma Rhoues, left to right, spent part of their afternoon one day last week at the Howard County Library, where the temperature was much cooler than that outside.

OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE: 94
LIBRARY TEMPERATURE: 70
CHILL FACTOR: — 24 DEGREES

OTHER CHILLY TIPS

- AVOID OPEN PARKING LOTS, WHERE OUR THERMOMETER HIT 100 DEGREES IN LESS THAN THREE MINUTES.
- REMEMBER, NEVER LEAVE A CHILD OR PET IN THE CAR IN THE HEAT. OUR THERMOMETER HIT 104 IN LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES.
- VISIT A DOCTOR OR DENTIST THIS MONTH — THEIR THERMOSTATS ARE ALWAYS SET AROUND 70.
- DO YOUR BANKING OR OTHER BUSINESS INSIDE, AND DON'T RUSH.
- NOT ADJUSTING TO THE TEMPERATURE? IT CAN TAKE UP TO 14 DAYS OF CONSTANT EXPOSURE FOR YOUR BODY TO "ADJUST."
- FEELING DIZZY, NAUSEOUS OR HAVE A HEADACHE? LOOK OUT, YOU MAY BE DEVELOPING HEAT EXHAUSTION.

Vacation brought many sights, but I couldn't forget the cavern

My family and I went on vacation July 1, again to Arkansas. After a two-day visit with Marvin's 92-year-old aunt, who is now going downhill fast, we journeyed on. First to Mountain View, where we listened to music and took in a musical show. We then visited Mammoth Springs, Ark., and then on into Missouri, which was new territory for us.

Mammoth Springs was beautiful and "awesome" as the teens would say. It gushes out well over nine million gallons of water every hour from a beautiful Ozark setting. It is almost beyond my imagination to picture that much water flowing each and every hour of

every day.

As we traveled northward through Missouri, we passed through a huge national forest. We visited more caves and springs. We were still in the Ozark Mountains, although they were less rugged than in Arkansas.

At last we reached Merimac Caverns near Stanton, Missouri, not Texas. Another remarkable place, and full of historical lore. This huge and beautiful cavern was famous as the hideout of the Jesse James Gang. He could hide his men, as well as the horses, in the cave. Situated on a hillside, the "front room" of the cavern is so huge it's hard to describe.

Outside, a monument has

been built with bronze figures of Jesse and his brother. Modern times have turned it into a tourist attraction, complete with adjoining park and an outstanding motel. All is privately owned. We secured lodging for the night there. The large "front room" of the cavern houses a huge restaurant

which, incidentally, serves delicious and plentiful meals at a reasonable price. This area also houses a well stocked gift shop. Cave tours also begin here.

My daughter and son-in-law took the tour, and reported a beautiful cavern with an underground stream running through it. It's a "live" cave, still building many formations. I did not attempt the trip, as I felt I could not walk fast enough to keep up with the energetic young guide.

The remarkable thing about it all is the fact that the restaurant and gift shop is completely comfortable without electrical air conditioning. The air coming out of the cavern is cool

and comfortable, so there is no need for anything else. Winter and summer, it is constantly without temperature variations.

This was one of the highlights of our exploration of Missouri. The setting was breathtakingly beautiful. Merimac Caverns is less than 100 miles southwest of St. Louis.

It seems Missouri, at least in these mountains, is very water-sport oriented. Wherever we went, we saw canoes and rafts. Float trips were also advertised almost everywhere. Guided tours, rentals, hiking and biking trails abound. Farther south, we found huge vineyards

and wineries, but my heart went back to the cavern. Incidentally, I'm not a "cave person," but this one left a strong impression on my mind.

Another impression was the reasonable prices and good food, and also the cleanliness of the countryside. All the highways were without such debris as plastic bags, beer cans, or other trash thrown from passing cars.

Next month, expect more unusual places and things done in the aforementioned two weeks. I'd like to share these with you, my readers.

Myrtle Griffith writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.



MYRTLE GRIFFITH

JULY 18 1999

WEDDINGS

Rose-Cox

Mindy Rose and Jimmy Cox, both of Midland, were united in marriage on July 17, 1999, at the First Baptist Church Chapel with Bob Cox, uncle of the groom of Fort Worth, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jan Harber Rose of San Angelo, and the late Wilford Abb (Bill) Rose Jr.

He is the son of Royce and Rue Ann Cox of Big Spring. Instrumentalists were Frank and Tara Truex, Betty Downey and Beth Spence.

Given in marriage by her mother, the bride wore a white gown of matte satin with a sleeveless fitted bodice, and embroidered floral midriff waistline accented with twisted satin. The chapel-length train was attached to a full gathered skirt. The double layered shoulder length veil was attached and trimmed with embroidered floral matte satin.

She carried a nosegay bouquet of cream, red, fire and ice garden roses accented with pearlized stephanotis and English ivy. It was trimmed with sheer and satin ribbon.

Matron of honor was Amy Jones, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Nan Chandler and Jill Richter, sisters of the bride.

Megan Ivie, niece of the groom, was the flower girl. Robert Lee served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen and ushers were Kyle Plumlee and Michael Ivie.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the parlor.

The bride's cake was a separated, three tiered Italian Creme cake. Each tier had a



MRS. JIMMY COX

different design with small white roses on top.

The groom's cake was a large chocolate two layered hexagon shaped cake with two small hexagon shaped cakes connected to the larger one. They were decorated with khaki colored icing and chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a graduate of East Henderson High School in North Carolina, and attended college in San Angelo. She is employed by First American Bank in Midland.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School, a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute with an Associate of Arts Degree, and attended The University of Houston/Victoria. He will complete his degree at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He is currently the assistant golf professional at Green Tree Country Club in Midland.

Following a wedding trip to the Metroplex, the couple will make their home in Midland.

Willberg-Fuchs

Kristy Willberg of Rock, and Allan Fuchs of Lawrence, were united in marriage on July 17, 1999, in Rowena with the Rev. Bernard Gully, of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews, officiating.

She is the daughter of Ralph and Donna Willberg of Paint Rock.

He is the son of Dennis and Barbara Fuchs of Lawrence. Matron of honor was Kimberly Halfmann, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Jennifer Fuchs, Michelle Fuchs, Jamie Hoelscher, Becky McWright, Kelly Schwertner and Kelsey Willberg.

Michael Fuchs served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Ryan Seidenberger, Brent Seidenberger, Brandon Ripple,

Russell Halfmann, Randy Hoelscher, Sonny Tydlacka, and Chad Houston were the ushers.

Candlelighters were Julie Ayers, Shauna Halfmann and Jennifer Hogue.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Paint Rock High School. She is currently attending Texas A&M University and is employed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School. He is currently attending Texas A&M University and is employed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will make their home in College Station.

77-year-old hot dog vendor marks 25 years in her job

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — It's been 25 years since Lois Bodoky's beauty shop burned down and she turned to selling hot dogs.

Bodoky, known to many in Burlington simply as "the hot dog lady," was one of the first vendors on Church Street, long before the three blocks dotted with restaurants and stores were blocked off to traffic and turned into a pedestrian mall.

In those days, she and her husband would push their wooden maple cart down one side of the street and up the other during lunch hour as cars streamed by.

She now commands a place in the middle of Church Street and just below the building where she used to do hair.

She turned 77 on Fourth of July and plans to sell hot dogs for as long as she can.

"We've had a lot of fun," she said.

On the busy brick-paved street, Bodoky stands out among nearly 20 vendors. She still favors the silver cats-eye glasses, dotted with rhinestones, that she's worn since

the 1950s. Nowadays, they're hard to find, and she orders hers from France.

She works amidst a young, casually dressed crowd, but Bodoky wears her white hair pinned in curls on top of her head. Her thin eyebrows are penciled to a pronounced curve, the skin below covered in a sheen of blue and then pink.

But mostly Bodoky is known for selling hot dogs.

She has always used local McKenzie hot dogs and Bouyea-Fassetts rolls.

Neither the price nor the menu has changed much over the years. A plain hot dog sells for \$1, while one topped with sauerkraut, chili and onions, or all of the above, goes for a little more.

"Lois believes in volume more than price," said her husband, John.

Judson and Velta Lloyd celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19, with a dinner at the Dan-Li-Ka Dining Room at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mesalcar, N.M., hosted by their children and their families.

He was born in Comanche, and she was born as Velta Childers in Lamesa.

They were introduced by mutual friends, and were married on June 16, 1949, in the Parlor of the First Methodist Church in Lamesa.

They have three children, Dee and Lynda Lloyd Elrod of Big Spring, Robert and J'Nevelyn Lloyd of Edinburg, and Phil and Kathy Laurence of Abilene, and five grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd have lived in Big Spring their entire marriage.

They have both been retired since 1987. He worked in automotive repair for 42 years, and she retired after working 21 years for the BSISD business office.

Since retirement, Mrs. Lloyd has served on the Board of Directors for the Big Spring Education Employees Federal



MR. AND MRS. JUDSON LLOYD

Credit Union and later on the Supervisory Board. They enjoy their family and are affiliated with the First United Methodist Church.

Their family had this comment about Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd's marriage. "They have demonstrated to their children and grandchildren what real love, commitment and sacrifice really are. Our family has been blessed by their example and having them as parents and grandparents."



MR. AND MRS. HOWARD SHANKS, THEN AND NOW

Howard and Charlene Shanks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Branson, Mo.

He was born in Dublin, and she was born as Charlene Perkins in Whiteflat. They met in 1947 when she worked at Wacker's Variety Store in Big Spring. They were married on June 30, 1949 in her mother's home. They have three children, Janet Sneed of Midland, Gary Shanks of Allen, and David Shanks of Midland. They also have one grandchild.



Mr. and Mrs. Shanks have lived in Big Spring their entire marriage.

They are both retired. Previously, he worked for Cosden & Fina, retiring in 1984. She was a secretary for the Big Spring ISD retiring in 1992.

They are affiliated with College Baptist Church.

This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage. "We attribute our successful marriage to faith in God and our love, trust and commitment to each other."

Lloyd

Shanks

WHO'S WHO

Allison Elizabeth Wallace, speech and hearing therapy major from Coahoma, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Stephen F. Austin State University. To be eligible for this honor a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain an excellent grade point average.

Jan (Stroup) South of Big Spring graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor's of Applied Studies degree in liberal arts during May commencement. She is the daughter of Walter and Jo Ann Stroup.

Chelsea Schwartz, 14, competed at the All Star Kids National Pageant held recently in Dallas. In the 13-15 year old division, she won the photogenic and portfolio categories and placed first alternate in beauty and first alternate in talent with a tap dance to "Believe." Additionally, she was named as Miss Congeniality for the entire 4-30 age groups. Schwartz will be a freshman at Garden City High School where she is a cheerleader and involved in Student Council, FHA and tennis.

She is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence, and the granddaughter of Emma Doe of Big Spring and Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City.



SCHWARTZ

STORK CLUB

Matthew Ryan Cervantes, boy, June 16, 1999, 10:30 p.m., eight pounds six ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Tony and Norma Cervantes. Grandparents are Maria Elena Claveran of Big Spring, and Antonio and Ventura Cervantes of Coahoma.

Savannah Dane Tindol, girl, June 19, 1999, 8:50 p.m., eight pounds four ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Karri Tindol and Phillip Murray. Grandparents are Carolyn Tindol of Big Spring, Stan Clodfelter of Kernersville, N.C., Terry Krugman and Phillip Murray, both of Odessa.

Seth Jordan Bishop, boy, July 9, 1999, 6:37 p.m., six pounds 15

1/2 ounces and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are Dwayne and Rita Bishop.

Grandparents are Karen Place of Colorado Springs, Colo., Bob Mitchell of Sand Springs, and Sharon Kooztz of Depoe Bay, Ore.

Vanessa Montes Garcia, girl, July 8, 1999, 8:09 a.m., eight pounds 1 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Jamie Montes and Vergil Garcia.

Grandparents are Villie and Gloria Garcia of Big Spring, and John and Lydia Ayala of Junction.

Ned Hildebrand Jr., boy, July 9, 1999, 9:47 p.m., five pounds 7.9 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Lisa and Ned Hildebrand.

Grandparents are Richard Spivey, Charmaine Spivey, Lynn and Tommy Hildebrand Sr., and Darlene Hildebrand.

Isabell Jewel Cansino, girl, July 7, 1999, 3:24 p.m., seven pounds 1/2 ounce and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Robert and Andrea Cansino.

Grandparents are Ponciano and Maria Cansino of Big Spring, Rita Gray of Carrollton, and Charles and Chris Gray of Big Spring.

Karia Castillo, July 7, 1999, 1:45, 6 1/2 pounds and 19 3/4 inches long; parents are Domingo and Peggy Castillo.

Grandparents are Fred and Sandy Castillo and Easter McCord, all of Big Spring.

Briana Nicole Pena, girl, July 5, 1999, 6:35 a.m., six pounds 5 1/4 ounces and 19 3/8 inches long; parents are Leo Pena and Veronica Martinez.

Grandparents are Richard and Irma Martinez and Cipriano and Pauline Pena, all of Big Spring.

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GET ENGAGED

Kathy Priest Gordon Lee exchange wedding rings on Aug. 21, 1999, at the First Baptist Church. She is the daughter of G. and Maydon Spring. He is the son of Jo Nell Daniels of



Debbie Rami Carranza will exchange wedding rings on Aug. 7, 1999, at the Revival Center. She is the daughter of Greg Taylor of Coahoma. He is the son of Moreno of Waco and the son of Coahoma.



Kimberly Ba Matteson will exchange wedding rings on Aug. 1, 1999, at the home of the bride with China Long. She is the daughter of Sarah Bart and the grand daughter of Robert and Ro Big Spring. He is the son of Elaine Matteson

NEWCOMERS

New resident welcomed rec Fortenberry an Greeting Service Quincy and daughter B He is employe Department Justice.

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GETTING ENGAGED

Kathy Priest Matthews and Gordon Lee Daniels will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 21, 1999, with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, of Berea Baptist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Lyndon G. and Maydean Priest of Big Spring.

He is the son of Murphy and Jo Nell Daniels of Sand Springs.



Debbie Ramirez and Andrie Carrizosa will unite in marriage on Aug. 7, 1999, at Miracle Revival Center with the Rev. Greg Taylor officiating.

She is the daughter of Rose Moreno of Waco.

He is the son of Maria Perez of Coahoma.



Kimberly Barton and Kent Matteson will be united in marriage on Aug. 14, 1999, in the home of the bride's parents with China Long officiating.

She is the daughter of Bob and Sarah Barton of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Robert and Roseanne Barton, Big Spring.

He is the son of Ralph and Elaine Matteson of Big Spring.

NEWCOMERS

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

Quency and Debra Owens and daughter Britney, Abilene. He is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Jerry and Marie Sallee and son Austin, Lubbock. They are both employed by Wal-Mart.

William and Janie Vanderpool, sons Andren, Jerome, and Matthew, and daughter Amy, Stanton. He works for Blast Masters.

Billy and Jennisa Sellman, Big Lake. He works for Plastic Flamecoat.

Glenn and Carolyn Graston and daughter Liz, Throckmorton. He does ranch work.

Chris Sr. and Christina Matthews, Fort Worth. He does maintenance and handy work.

Toddler recovering after miracle surgery rebuilds face

DALLAS (AP) — Nine months ago, medical miracle workers gave little Mycha Lee Herbert a new face. Now, he's busy being a normal 2-year-old, thriving after he was mauled by the family dog.

Mycha's at Children's Medical Center in Dallas, pushing a hospital bed, taking aim at a group of rolling IV stands clustered like bowling pins. He charges, and only a deft move by a hospital employee averts a 7-10 split.

Like most boys in their "terrible twos," Mycha raucously seeks an audience. He finds one among doctors and other patients at Children when he comes from home in Tulsa, Okla., for monthly checkups. "He can barely move from Point A to Point B without getting stopped," says his father, Bobby Herbert.

Mycha's fame was hard-won. Last September, the Herberts' dog, an American Staffordshire named Blue, had a seizure and attacked Mycha. His face was savaged to the bone, from the throat to just under the eyes. The flesh on his nose, cheeks and eyelids was gone.

Doctors in Tulsa believed the toddler should have died within minutes, from loss of blood alone. "His chances of living were none," Herbert says.

But Mycha survived for three days, in a Tulsa hospital, before he was flown to Dallas, where surgeons at Children's Medical Center agreed to look him over. There were no guarantees. "They couldn't give us anything that could be for sure," Mycha's dad says.

But there was hope and a chance for a new face.

The devastation required a procedure known as a free flap, where surgeons take healthy flesh and skin from elsewhere on the body and connect it,

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nerve by nerve, vein by vein, to the damaged area.

Mycha's new face would require five free flaps, using skin from his thighs, abdomen and forearm. Three was the record. No one had tried five.

"It had to be done, so we just did it," says Dr. Jay Burns, a plastic surgeon who led the team of eight surgeons and seven anesthesiologists.

The surgery was chancy. If one free flap failed to attach and heal properly, the other four interlocked flaps would die in succession.

The team worked in shifts for 39 hours.

It would be at least a week before they would know if they succeeded. "You only have about four to six hours to hook up that blood supply," Burns says, "and you have a week or 10 days for it to die."

Mycha's new face is puffy and soft, like a baby's chubby forearm. It distorts his jawline. And, with a mouth immobilized by the surgery, Mycha grins mostly with his eyes. "He looks kind of like Jay Leno," his dad says, deadpanning.

Mycha's face is on what Burns calls "the Cadillac plan." In September, he and col-

leagues will sculpt and trim the excess flesh so Mycha can look more normal. By using more flesh than they needed, the surgeons left enough raw material for many options. Burns says Mycha will undergo sculpting each year until he's fully grown.

"Mycha's got a couple of things we need to fix," the doctor explains. "His left eyelid has pulled down a little bit."

A nose is in Mycha's future. He currently wears a plastic model and breathes through a tube. Doctors plan to build a nose later, even though continuing surgeries can never replace everything.

"He'll always look different," says Burns. Lips, for example, are nearly impossible to replicate, Burns says. "A lip transplant, it's a wild thought."

While frantically improvising a way to save Mycha, Burns and his colleagues actually discussed transplanting a face, of an accident victim. Something like the 1997 thriller, "Face/Off," in which a terrorist and an FBI investigator exchange faces. Technically possible, ethically frightening, Burns says. Then, he muses, "if in 20 years, we could do that ..."

Meanwhile, Bobby Herbert just wants his boy to live a healthy and normal life. Not that things are so normal for the 24-year-old Herbert and his wife, Veronika.

After Mycha's accident, Herbert stopped working construction, so he and Veronika could divide parenting duties.

Herbert also makes a point of ensuring that Mycha discovers the world, and vice versa. The boy's regular appearances with the Tulsa media saved a lot of explaining, with many strangers approaching the Herberts in public.

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Pictured: "Miss Kitty" DSH, solid black spayed female, declawed, 5 years old.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Maggie" DSH, black and white spayed female, 1 year old plus.

"Tutone" DSH, black and white neutered male, 2 years old plus.

"Tuffy" DSH grey and white tabby, neutered male, 1 year old plus.

"Phoebe" DSH black spayed female, 1 year old plus.

"Judy" DSH tortoise shell small spayed female, 1 year old plus.

"Jinks" DSH grey tabby spayed female, 2 years old plus.

"Sabastain" DSH smokey grey neutered male, declawed, 2 years old plus.

"Rocky" DLH grey tabby, neutered and declawed, 3 years old plus.

"Buffy" DSH grey, brown with white spayed female, 3 year old plus.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7833 for more information.

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- "El Niagara En Bicicleta," Juan Luis Guerra. Karen.
- "Livin' La Vida Loca," Ricky Martin. C2.
- "Bella," Ricky Martin. C2.
- "Lagrimas," Los Tigres Del Norte. Fonovisa.
- "Tu Sabes Bien," Ednita Nazario. EMI Latin.

Hot R&B Singles

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports and radio playlists)

- "Bills, Bills, Bills," Destiny's Child. Columbia. (Gold)
- "Fortunate," Maxwell. Rock Land. (Gold)
- "Wild Wild West," Will Smith (feat. Dru Hill & Kool Mo Dee). Overbrook.
- "Chante's Got A Man," Chante Moor. Silas. (Gold)
- "Happily Ever After," Case. Def Jam.

Hot Dance Music - Club Play

(Compiled from a national sample of dance club playlists)

- "Beautiful Stranger," Madonna. Maverick.
- "I Will Go With You (Con Te Partiro)," Donna Summer. Epic.
- "Red Alert," Basement Jaxx. XL.
- "What You Need," Powerhouse (feat. Duane Harden) Strictly Rhythm.
- "Someday," Charlotte. Nervous.
- "Feeling For You," Cassius. Astralwerks.
- "Come," Martha Wash. Logic.
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House passes bill extending wide range of trade preferences to Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to extend a broad range of trade preferences to Africa, allowing many of its products to be imported duty-free, won House approval Friday.

The legislation, designed to spur economic growth and private investment in 48 sub-Saharan countries, was approved 234 to 163.

The House passed nearly identical legislation last year, but it died in the Senate, partly due to concerns that it could hurt American textile workers.

The region, with 700 million people, now accounts for only 2 percent of U.S. trade.

The measure would grant duty-free and quota-free treatment to many products, particularly textiles and apparel, and promote private investment in Africa.

To qualify, the countries would have to act to establish market-driven economies and not engage in human rights violations.

The bill will not only open new markets to the United States but "help Africa join the

global trading environment," said Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif., chairman of the International Relations subcommittee on Africa.

President Clinton strongly supports the measure.

U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky called the House vote "a vital step toward promoting further economic growth and reform in Africa...It is the best opportunity in decades to create the right relationship with the Africa of the future."

Opposition came from law-

makers from Southeastern textile states and from those who suggested it would benefit large multinational corporations at the expense of African sovereignty.

Some opponents said they were concerned that China and other low-wage Asian countries would send their products to Africa to be relabeled and shipped to the United States to avoid duties and tariffs.

"There will be a national holiday in China when this bill passes," said Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. "There's going

to be a stamp that says 'made in Africa,' but the slave labor will come from China."

However, Royce said that any country found to be engaging in such so-called transshipment could be removed from the program of trade preferences.

Saying the United States had too long ignored Africa on trade matters, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said the legislation will bring Africa "into a family of trade."

After the vote, Rangel said, "The House vote sends a strong message to the Senate that the

emerging democracies of Africa must be included when it comes to U.S. trade policy."

Opponents from textile states lost, by voice vote, a last-ditch effort to amend the bill to require that African-made products getting the preferential duty treatment be made from U.S. fabric.

In addition to opposition from textile interests in the Senate last year, the 1998 bill also became entangled in an unrelated dispute over renewing so-called fast track trade negotiating authority.

Africanized bees active here again

Africanized bees, often called "Killer Bees," are active again in Howard County this spring and summer. Last year, this office received approximately 30 reports of unusual bee activity.

About 60 percent of the bees reported were Africanized bees or a cross of the domestic bee and the Africanized bee.



DAVID KIGHT

No one is able to tell the difference between an Africanized bee and a domestic bee without the aid of a microscope.

Africanized bees are much more aggressive than domestic bees and are more prevalent the further south you go, although we are getting more and more calls for identification here in Howard County.

Africanized bees are provoked by high pitch noises such as lawnmowers, chainsaws, hammering, etc. They have a tendency to swarm on any living animal once provoked. They will attack dogs, cats, cattle, horses and humans.

Precautions to prevent attack include being aware that these bees are present in Howard County. They build their hive in old buildings, around tractors, equipment, pipes and trees.

If you see a new hive, it would be wise to have it investigated by a beekeeper who is equipped to remove or exterminate the hive. Keep children and pets away from the hive. Dead bees can be brought to the Extension Office in the courthouse basement for identification.

Call the office at 264-2236 for additional information.

Stores taking measures to combat crime

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

An area convenience store clerk, 53-year-old William Myrick, was gunned down July 9 when a holdup took place in the Allsups where he worked.

While a 16-year-old boy has been arrested in connection with the shooting, the murder raises serious questions about the safety of convenience store workers, especially those who are assigned to the graveyard shifts, when robberies are most likely to occur.

"The possibility of a robbery taking place in this business is never far from my mind," said the owner of a local, independently owned store, who asked to remain anonymous. "We take defensive measures."

Safety measures are taken by most stores, explained the manager of a store in one of the major chain of convenience stores in Big Spring, who also asked that her name not be used.

"We have the video cameras in the store, and we keep very little money in the store after dark," said the manager. "A robber will hang around the store, and he can see how much money is in there since we're always opening and closing the cash register."

The security division of Allsup's Convenience Stores, the chain that Myrick worked for, has gone to a knowledgeable source for information about preventing robberies...the criminals themselves.

"We know what robbers look for, because we go talk to criminals behind bars. Whatever we learn from these thieves, we turn around and use against them," said Rich Guffey, Allsup's director of loss prevention and security.

What they have learned is that thieves almost always case a store before robbing it.

"We've found that a criminal can look in a cash drawer and immediately tell you how much money is in it," said Guffey. "Large amounts of cash is like honey to a bee."



Clerk Betty Hicks greets customers at Neighbor's Convenience Store, one of many stores in town that employs high-tech security equipment to discourage crime.

The amount of accessible cash is minimized after dark by putting large bills into a time-lock safe. It is hoped that a robber will not find the \$30 or less worth committing a felony.

Video cameras are now advanced enough to identify any burglar, although they have not been known to actually prevent robberies from taking place.

Bright fluorescent lighting and strategically placed mirrors are also installed to deter robberies. In addition, clerks are trained in what to do during a robbery.

"We give them whatever they want," said a local chain store manager. "That money is not worth getting hurt for, so we step back and cooperate. That is our policy."

"Nothing in that store is worth a life," said Guffey. "We

tell our clerks to try not to panic if a robbery does happen. Listen to what the robber says. Don't talk. Give them what they ask for to get them out of the store."

Convenience store employees usually show a fierce loyalty to their store, running into parking lots to stop shoplifters or to get license plates.

"My experience is that minimum wage employees are motivated to chase criminals. We've had several kids come in and steal beer, 12 or 18 packs, and the cashiers will run after them and get their plates or tags," said a local store owner. "We tell them not to do that, but they still do."

Guffey discourages employees from chasing a thief, and recommends that they not leave the store after a robbery.

Clerks have been assaulted, and even shot at, when chasing a criminal.

Passive cooperation is the best way to keep a store employee safe, agree safety experts. Even though a robber might get out of the store with the money, he or she usually will not get far. Nearly all armed robbers are apprehended, and the punishment for such a crime is severe.

"We have used videos in the prosecution of thefts, and we have taken people to court over thefts," said a local store owner.

Some clerks are equipped with a personal alarm locket, called a PAL. Worn around the neck of an employee, a PAL will send a silent alarm to a monitoring company, who will contact the nearest police

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Nuts

Arlington firm markets its snack to Bush backers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Are you nuts about George W. Bush?

An Arlington company has just the snack for you.

GNS Foods unveiled its "Nuts about George" product this week at the Fancy Food Show in New York.

The 2.5-ounce package of peanuts, almonds, pecans and cashews will be marketed nationwide to food retailers, according to a news release from the company.

The label on the bag of nuts features a smiling caricature of the Texas governor's face, along with a notice in small print that a portion of profits will go to Republican causes.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said they became aware of the product Friday when they received a letter and a sample.

"They've got their first fan," she said. "I love salted almonds."

The note from the company included a message: "Please tell the next President of the United States that we worked very hard to produce a flattering caricature of him."

Ms. Hughes said she considered the product a clever marketing strategy.

"I guess they have noticed that the governor's message is resonating throughout the nation," she said.

Ms. Hughes said it's illegal for the company to make a donation to Bush's presidential campaign.

The red, white and blue label also includes the "Go Texan" logo, a program by the state agriculture department to market items grown or processed in the Lone Star State.

"This has been a fascinating product to develop," said company president Kim Peacock.

Sales tax rebates down for 11 of 19 area cities

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

July sales tax payments to 1,097 cities and 118 counties from the state were generally down compared to the same period a year ago and many Permian Basin cities were not immune to the trend.

Eleven of the 19 cities tracked by the Herald showed a decline in sales tax payments when compared to July 1998. Stanton, Sweetwater, Snyder and Forsan showed substantial increases, however, while Big Spring, Andrews, Abilene, Lubbock, Pecos and Fort Stockton had declines in single digits.

The July payments include sales taxes collected in May and reported to the comptroller's office in June.

Big Spring's rebate was \$246,733.33 — down 7.13 percent from the \$265,692.94 rebated a year ago. Year-to-date, tax payments from the state are down just over \$95,000, or 4.49 percent.

Coahoma saw a decline for the sixth straight month while Forsan broke a five-month decline with a positive month.

Coahoma got back \$1,517.33 — or 53.60 percent less than the \$3,270.43 last year. Year-to-date,

Coahoma has received \$19,621.28 — a decline of 37.05 percent from last year's \$31,171.97.

Forsan got back \$1,369.76 — an increase of 52.83 percent from the \$896.22 received a year ago. For the year, Forsan has received \$7,430.54, off last year's pace by 36.77 percent.

Stanton was up 23.5 percent for the year, receiving \$31,903.79. For the year, Stanton has received \$69,365.71, an increase of 11.95 percent compared to 1998.

Lamesa received \$78,487.42 compared to \$61,241.57 in July last year, a 28.16 percent increase. Year-to-date, Lamesa is 1.75 percent behind last year.

Abilene got back \$1,631,459.43 in July, compared to \$1,674,147.49 a year ago, down 2.54 percent. For the year so far, Abilene is up 1.38 percent over last year.

Three of the region's four other large cities — Lubbock, Midland and Odessa — all had decreases compared to last year.

Lubbock received \$1,768,922.39 — down 3.71 percent from last year's \$1,837,165.24 — but remains 5 percent ahead year-to-date.

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JULY SALES TAX REBATES

CITY	JULY 1999	JULY 1998	% CHG	THIS Y-T-D	LAST Y-T-D	% CHG.
Abilene	\$1,631,459.43	\$1,674,147.49	-2.54	\$13,570,018.19	\$13,394,726.19	1.38
Andrews	\$39,984.69	\$44,701.33	-8.77	\$343,262.99	\$414,146.55	-17.11
Big Spring	\$246,733.33	\$265,692.94	-7.13	\$2,025,436.04	\$2,120,807.30	-4.49
Coahoma	\$1,517.33	\$3,270.43	-53.60	\$19,621.28	\$31,171.97	-37.05
Colorado City	\$27,982.63	\$31,820.19	-12.06	\$238,425.97	\$242,098.77	-1.51
Forsan	\$1,369.76	\$896.22	+52.83	\$7,430.54	\$11,753.03	-36.77
Fort Stockton	\$74,323.10	\$81,474.04	-8.77	\$543,039.73	\$560,285.12	-3.07
Kermit	\$18,030.88	\$26,049.01	-30.78	\$160,587.62	\$184,546.49	-12.98
Lamesa	\$78,487.42	\$61,241.57	28.16	\$509,331.91	\$518,406.97	-1.75
Lubbock	\$1,768,922.39	\$1,837,165.24	-3.71	\$14,673,142.20	\$14,599,770.59	.50
Midland	\$806,294.73	\$949,124.41	-15.04	\$6,952,217.11	\$7,571,560.41	-8.17
Monahans	\$50,592.99	\$71,759.07	-29.49	\$432,852.58	\$485,543.99	-10.85
Odessa*	\$799,032.28	\$949,124.41	-15.86	\$6,831,525.96	\$6,507,945.57	4.97
Pecos	\$52,561.05	\$58,141.35	-9.59	\$439,031.60	\$443,956.56	-1.10
San Angelo	\$601,007.87	\$587,314.49	2.33	\$5,049,411.75	\$4,931,580.23	2.3
Seminole	\$31,903.79	\$31,346.49	1.77	\$235,342.05	\$249,680.31	-5.74
Snyder	\$121,241.08	\$105,391.47	15.03	\$829,420.96	\$859,591.30	-3.5
Stanton	\$8,418.68	\$6,816.39	23.5	\$69,365.71	\$61,958.86	11.95
Sweetwater	\$150,406.55	\$122,863.83	22.41	\$1,083,964.21	\$1,091,742.80	-.7

* Odessa rebate reflects 25-cent sales tax increase on 4/1/98
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IN THE NEWS

A reception will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at TCA Cable, 2006 S. Birdwell, for new general manager BARRY THREADGILL and former general manager ARCHIE KOUNTZ.
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• Midland dropped 15.04 percent from a year ago. July's \$806,294.72 left Midland 8.17 percent down for the year.
• Odessa dropped for the second time this year, slipping 15.86 percent from a year ago. Year-to-date, Odessa is still ahead of 1998 by 4.97 percent.

San Angelo, after dropping last month, rebounded for a 2.33 percent increase with \$601,007.87. San Angelo is up 2.3 percent year-to-date.

June's sales tax payments for the 19 Permian Basin/West Texas cities tracked by the Herald include:

Abilene, down 2.54 percent (\$1,631,459.43 vs. \$1,674,147.49); Andrews, down 8.77 percent (\$39,984.69 vs. \$44,701.33); Big Spring, down 7.13 percent (\$246,733.33 vs. \$265,692.94); Coahoma, down 53.60 percent (\$1,517.33 vs. \$3,270.43) and Colorado City, down 12.06 percent (\$27,982.63 vs. \$31,820.19); Also, Forsan, up 52.60 percent (\$1,369.76 vs. \$896.22); Fort Stockton, down 8.77 percent (\$74,323.10 vs. \$81,474.04);

Kermit, down 30.78 percent (\$18,030.88 vs. \$26,049.01); Lamesa, up 28.16 percent (\$78,487.42 vs. \$61,241.57) and Lubbock, down 3.71 percent (\$1,768,922.39 vs. \$1,837,165.24);

Also, Midland, down 15.04 percent (\$806,294.73 vs. \$949,124.41); Monahans, down 29.49 percent (\$50,592.99 vs. \$71,759.07); Odessa, down 15.86 percent (\$799,032.28 vs. \$949,124.41); Pecos, down 9.59 percent (\$52,561.05 vs. \$58,141.35) and San Angelo, up 2.33 percent (\$601,007.87 vs. \$587,314.49);

Also, Seminole, up 1.77 percent (\$31,903.79 vs. \$31,346.49); Snyder, up 15.03 percent (\$121,241.08 vs. \$105,391.47); Stanton, up 23.5 percent (\$8,418.68 vs. \$6,816.39) and Sweetwater, up 22.41 percent (\$150,406.55 vs. \$122,863.83).

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patrol within one minute.

"This has caught thieves in several instances," said Guffey. "We can call the cops on the spot. Lots of times the burglar will still be in the parking lot when the police car shows up."

Why then, when thieves are almost always apprehended, technology is so advanced, and personnel are extensively trained, are convenience store clerks like William Myrick still such a target for violence?

The most common answer among convicted robbers was, "Because they wouldn't listen, and they wouldn't do what I wanted them to."

Oil producers give their take on state of industry

AUSTIN (AP) — Oil producers warned the Texas Railroad Commission on last week that they are not out of danger, despite the recent rebound in oil prices.

"We have survived — at least temporarily — one of the toughest times I have seen in my 49 years in the industry," said David Kimbell of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association.

"The recent recovery in the price of oil has been welcome, but many indicators of the oil and gas industry points the same direction: down."

Representatives of the oil industry testified before the three-member commission at its annual state of the oil and gas industry meeting.

Some warned that the recent price rebound to \$20 a barrel, the highest level in 20 months, may be temporary and that

more long-range solutions need to be found. Many of them lobbied for permanence of the oil-severance tax.

"You want to know my opinion of the state of the oil industry?" asked James Henry, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. "Well, let me tell you, we are not feeling so good. We need chicken soup for the oil industry."

Many pointed to the 4.6 percent severance tax levied on oil and gas production. Lawmakers recently set aside \$45 million to temporarily lift the tax for small producers when prices dipped below \$15 a barrel, but some said that's still not enough.

"We must ask ourselves if we really need an oil severance tax at all," said Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, who testified before the committee.

The temporary tax relief granted from February to April was a substantial savings to producers and comprised only a small part of the state budget, Haywood said.

"If Texas sees that we can anticipate another health economy, providing another sizable budget surplus, I propose we do away with the oil severance tax completely," he said.

Speaker of the House Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, has been asked to appoint an interim committee that would examine the state's tax policy concerning the oil and gas industry, including the severance tax.

Tony Garza, chairman of the Railroad Commission, said he supports repealing the tax.

"It's really one of the taxes that is levied only on the oil and gas industry, and I am careful to point out that the oil and gas

industry pays all the other taxes associated with doing business in Texas, from sales to franchise," said Garza.

Others blamed recent troubles in the industry on foreign countries flooding the U.S. market with oil.

"We have a bad case of the over-productionitis. This was caused by Iraq flooding the world with oil," said Henry, also chief executive officer for Henry Petroleum Corp.

An Oklahoma-based coalition of independent oil producers — Save Domestic Oil — has filed a petition with the Commerce Department alleging that Iraq, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela are illegally dumping cheap oil on the U.S. market.

"By and large Texas is behind that movement," said William Core, president West Central Texas Oil & Gas Association.

Report: SBC to announce partnership with DirecTV

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — SBC Communications Inc. will enter into a marketing and distribution partnership with satellite broadcaster DirecTV, according to a published report.

By giving SBC a television asset, such a deal could help the huge local phone company prepare for competition with AT&T in offering consumers packages of local and long-distance phone service, video and high-speed Internet access.

The New York Times reported

in Friday's editions that SBC and DirecTV will announce their partnership Monday at the Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association's convention in Las Vegas. The newspaper cited unnamed executives it said were close to the deal.

Selim Bingol, a spokesman for San Antonio-based SBC, said the company would have no comment on the report.

El Segundo, Calif.-based DirecTV is part of the Hughes

Electronics unit of General Motors Corp. Since 1994, it has grown to become the nation's largest direct-broadcast satellite provider and the biggest competitor to cable services, with more than 7 million customers.

The newspaper said SBC has negotiated with both DirecTV and its main rival, EchoStar Communications Corp. According to the report, SBC will begin marketing DirecTV service to its customers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas,

California, Kansas, Missouri and Nevada this fall.

The paper said SBC plans to offer DirecTV service, phone service, high-speed Internet access and perhaps wireless phone service on a single bill.

Executives close to the deal said SBC was considering a promotion involving giving away DirecTV satellite dishes, *Times* reported.

Bell Atlantic, SBC's main local phone rival, also has a marketing deal with DirecTV.

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- Arnold, Tanya, 2201 Rocky Lane Road No. 711, Odessa
- Arvizio, David R., U.S.S Yorktown, Fpo, As
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- Chance, Margie, 3514 Second, Brownwood
- Chavez, Susan, P.O. Box 494, Big Spring
- Christensen, Gary Don, 2717 Central, Big Spring
- Cox, Roxanne A., 2638 Langley, Big Spring
- Diaz, Nelba Delosrios, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
- Dodson, Jimmy, 405 31st St., Snyder
- Duncan, Michelle D., 1504 E. Fifth, Big Spring
- Edwards, Henry, 615 Holbert, Big Spring
- Eliott, Rae L., 538 Westover No. 246, Big Spring

- Felemban, Mumdux, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
- Fernandez, Alexander, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
- French, Ellen, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla.
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- Fuller, Johnnie, 3801 23rd, Snyder
- George, Rosa M., 509 W. Second, Stanton
- Gillespie, Aimee W., 2102 Runnels, Big Spring
- Gressett, Steven, No. 1 Courtney Place No. 112, Big Spring
- Herrod, Lorinda, 2513 Albrook, Big Spring
- Jobe, Troy, 1302 Graffa or 538 Westover No. 151, Big Spring
- JoJola, Marlene Jeanette, 213 Grafia, Big Spring
- Jones, Dorlisha N., 538 Westover #220, Big Spring
- Kirby, Marty, 2600 Crestline No. 16, Big Spring
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- McVey, Don J., 311 35th St., Snyder
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- Montoya, Ernie, 910 E. Alameda, Roswell, NM
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- Morris, Pamela K., 2401 Cheyenne, Big Spring
- Nail, Gena G., 108 Hooser, Big Spring
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- Padron, Pedro T., Box 495, Coahoma
- Papaioannou, Eleni, 2613 N. Midland Dr., Midland
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- Box 2464, Big Spring
- Roberts, Alvin L., 212 N. Johnson, Big Spring
- Rodriguez, Consuelo, 2303 Carl, Big Spring
- Ross, Kenneth Wayne, 800 W. Marcy #5, Big Spring
- Sanchez, Debbie, 538 Westover No. 260, Big Spring
- Smith, Carolyn, 3619 Post St., Big Spring
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- Tesillo, Shan, 2609 Wasson Road No. 5, Big Spring
- Thompson, Theresa L., 120 Wallace St., Colorado City
- Ward, Sam, Rt. 3, Box 278A, Colorado City
- Webb, Mark, A., 3623 Hamilton, Big Spring
- Yanez, Jack P., P.O. Box 622, Big Spring

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- Marriage Licenses
- Brent Calvin Newton, 27, and Tammy Jean Moore, 27
- William John Slap, 18, and Katrina Denise Spargo, 18
- Ross Taylor Roberts, 23, and Jody Lynne Brooks, 21
- Jason Todd Dims, 24, and Jenny Renae Henderson, 23
- Mario Ramos, 28, and Gloria Jane Diaz, 28
- John Paul Vega, 28, and Genie Lynne Dolloff, 23
- Deeds
- Warranty deeds
- grantor: Francis Dwyre Kennedy
- grantee: Mary Lois Kennedy
- property: lot 13, blk 11, Kentwood Addition
- filed: June 23, 1999
- grantor: Enoch Gerald Kennedy
- grantee: Mickey Lynn Kennedy
- property: section 34, blk 32, northwest quarter
- filed: July 7, 1999
- grantor: Dorrace June Smith
- grantee: Leslie Lloyd
- property: lot 12, blk 2, Wiley Terrace Addition
- filed: July 6, 1999

- grantor: Opal Eunice Wilkeron
- grantee: Hubert D. McElroy and Margie L. McElroy
- property: lot 15, lot 16, blk 1, LaLoma Addition
- filed: July 7, 1999
- grantor: Ruth Mellinger Englander
- grantee: Joseph J. Stewart and Amy L. Stewart
- property: lot 1, blk 83, Original town
- filed: July 7, 1999
- grantor: Helen Nash
- grantee: Joseph J. Stewart and Amy L. Stewart
- property: lot 1, blk 83, Original town
- filed: July 7, 1999
- grantor: Victor Michael Mellinger and Glenn David Mellinger
- grantee: Joseph J. Stewart and Amy L. Stewart
- property: lot 1, blk 83, Original town
- filed: June 30, 1999
- grantor: William Clyde Bass
- grantee: 810 Johnson Street Apartments, a Texas corporation
- property: lot 4, blk 73, Original town
- filed: July 8, 1999
- grantor: Candyece Jane Drummond
- grantee: 810 Johnson Street Apartments, a Texas corporation
- property: lot 4, blk 73, Original town
- filed: July 8, 1999
- grantor: Curtis Hood and Elma Hood
- grantee: Linda Rupard
- property: lot 8, blk 22, McDowell Heights Addition
- filed: July 9, 1999
- grantor: Carol Ann Denton
- grantee: J.G.W.-SN, L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership
- property: lot 11, blk 2, Wasson Place Addition
- filed: July 9, 1999
- grantor: Rebecca Ann Moore
- grantee: Jerry G. Moore
- property: section 48, blk 32, T-1-N, T & P RR Co. Survey, Howard County
- filed: July 9, 1999
- Warranty deed with vendor's lien
- grantor: James Hall
- grantee: D. Duane Murphree and

- spouse, Laura Murphree
- property: lot 10, blk 4, Highland South Addition
- filed: July 6, 1999
- grantor: Mary Louise Traczyk
- grantee: Kenneth Stonebrook and End Stonebrook
- property: lot 12, blk 3, of Seton Place Addition
- filed: July 7, 1999
- grantor: Richard Purser
- grantee: Timmy Rosenbaum
- property: lot 8, blk 1, College Heights Addition
- filed: July 8, 1999
- grantor: Terry M. Carter and Dorothy M. Carter
- grantee: Roy Allan Johnson and Margie R. Johnson
- property: lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, blk 11, Original town, and lot 21, blk 4, Original town
- filed: July 8, 1999
- grantor: J. L. Sutton and Betty Sutton
- grantee: Will A. Loveless and Debby G. Loveless
- property: section 24, blk 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County
- filed: July 12, 1999
- grantor: Leslie Lloyd
- grantee: Danny J. Stinson and Jamie C. Simson
- property: lot 12, blk 2, Wiley Terrace Addition
- filed: July 13, 1999
- Deed without warranty
- grantor: Nettie Susa Miller
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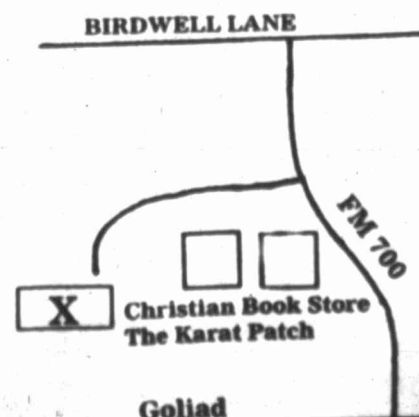
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1 Lucas film
9 Quarterback, at times
15 Got gas
16 Show up
17 Special praise
18 Gave temporarily
19 Simpson trial judge
20 Garden tools
22 Malay istsmus
23 Vegetable skins
25 Guided
26 chloride (refrigerant)
28 Flesh mark
29 '60s hairdos
31 City on the Tiber
32 Venomous vipers
34 Designed with standardized units
36 Wave rider
39 Newfangled
40 Tied
42 Cap's visor
43 inactive
44 Non-violent protest
46 Enunciation problem
50 Martinique volcano
52 Swiss river
53 Oscar de la
54 Gold in Madrid
55 Frequent-flier perk
58 Actress West
59 Washbowl
61 Finger Lakes tribe
63 Successful transplantation
64 Menace
65 Thoroughfare
66 Uniformity

DOWN
1 Steps
2 Maneuver
3 Adriatic port
4 Hollywood letters
5 Lash marks
6 Hebrew month
7 Firm and Nureyev
8 Volcano, at times
9 Become boring
10 Come up
11 Spanish Mrs.
12 Collapse of a cavern roof
13 Ordinary person
14 Danger period
21 Dead Sea kingdom
24 Military inductee
27 Small roller
29 French after
30 Philosopher Kierkegaard
33 Matched grouping
35 Crime-busters' grp.
36 T-bar toise
37 Perform with subtlety
38 Reinvestment of profits
41 Oblique: abbr.
42 Carnivorous fish
45 Readers' decks
47 Convict
48 Developmental steps
49 Songs of praise
51 Composer Blake
53 Taylor of 'The Nanny'
56 Workstation
57 Soph's residence
60 Peer Gynt's mother
62 Dierdorf or Duryea

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