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Community Guide in today's Herald

The Community Guide, an annual feature of the Big Spring Herald, is included today's edition.

The 52-page guide — the largest ever — is a listing of addresses and phone numbers for new and established businesses, health care services, churches, civic organizations and others.

Parents' forum will focus on school violence

Parents are invited to attend a forum at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Tuesday on school violence. A day-long workshop that day is aimed at teachers, counselors and other professionals.

Parents can attend the open forum, scheduled from 6:30-8 p.m., for free. Reservations are not required. They will hear from professionals who will have addressed the workshop earlier in the day, and also have a chance to speak on the issue or ask questions.

Call West Texas Centers for MH/MR for more information, 263-0007, ext. 250.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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Census specialist estimates Big Spring population at 26,500 now

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

A Census 2000 specialist has estimated Big Spring's current population at 26,500 — a substantial increase since 1990.

"I'd estimate the population to be about 26,500 from everything I've seen," said Charlene Romero Wurtz, Community Partnership Specialist with the United States Census 2000. "We're going to see a definite increase."

The 1990 count — noted for its undercount in of almost 500,000

United States Census 2000

in Texas alone — listed Big Spring's population at 23,093. Her estimate of 26,500 would mean an increase of more than 3,400 people.

Meanwhile, to ensure that another undercount does not occur, Wurtz and members of

the Big Spring Census 2000 Committee are already at work.

Wurtz attended the St. Thomas Festival a week ago, passing out balloons, suckers and Census 2000 literature. Committee volunteers plan to do the same at upcoming festivals, including the Sacred Heart Festival on Aug. 6-7.

Wurtz said the census bureau is in the process of sending letters to prisons, colleges, nursing homes and other institutions, where counting will begin next February.

"Basically, they are told that

their people can make the count, or census people can make the count, whichever they would prefer," she said. "Most of the prisons prefer their people to do it, while the other institutions usually have the Census Bureau do it."

Special efforts are being made to target public and private schools. Locally, a coloring book explaining the census will be distributed to children from Head Start through sixth grade. In particular a Census in Schools Project will attempt to reach parents through informa-

tion sent to their school-aged children. These will be distributed through the schools in every grade.

Also targeted will be churches, the Salvation Army, Senior Center and United Way locations. A "Senior Day" will be established next April where volunteers will help senior citizens fill out the Census 2000 forms. Meals on Wheels is being enlisted to reach those who are homebound.

Also scheduled is an extra

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Jaynet Smith, left, and Ida Robinson visited Crossroad Trade Days at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday and paused to look at some handmade angel dolls. The trade days will continue today from noon until 5 p.m., and all proceeds from the event will benefit the Vietnam Memorial Committee. A patchwork quilt will be given away near the conclusion of the two-day event.

Values down

\$62 million loss in taxable values for Howard County, certified figures indicate

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard County experienced a \$62 million dollar loss in mineral and oil and industrial values when tax appraisals were certified Friday.

"This is not real property losses, it's industrial and mineral losses, the value of crude oil. When things are added up, we see a \$62 million loss in value," said Keith Toomire, chief appraiser for Howard County.

Local real estate values actually increased from the certified tax appraisals of 1998 to 1999, he said.

"Local real estate increased because we've got new buildings and new businesses, such as EZ Pawn, the Master's Touch and a new garage on West 80. The hospital made some improvements, and all that plus others caused real estate values to increase," Toomire said.

Hardest hit by the decreased values will be Big Spring Independent School District, which will see a \$977,000 loss in taxable dollars based on the 1998-99 tax rate of \$1,5763, he said.

Howard County will see a taxable loss of \$667,000, Toomire said. Howard College will lose \$308,600, based on last year's tax rate of 21.23 cents.

Forsan and Coahoma school districts, while suffering losses, actually fared better than was first speculated. Forsan ISD will lose \$548,000 in taxable dollars and Coahoma faces a \$348,000 loss, he said.

"Coahoma and Forsan schools did better than we projected and that helps," Toomire said.

The city of Big Spring will see a loss of \$47,230. The city of Forsan will suffer a loss of \$1,362, while Coahoma will see a loss of \$733 — again, based on

VALUE LOSS

Loss in taxable values compared to 1998 figures and based on the 1998-99 tax rate assessed by each entity:

Howard County	\$667,000
Howard College	\$308,600
Big Spring ISD	\$977,000
Coahoma ISD	\$348,000
Forsan ISD	\$548,000
Big Spring	\$47,230
Coahoma	\$733
Forsan	\$1,362

last year's tax rate.

As for agricultural losses, Toomire said this year seems to be holding its own, but next year may see a reduction.

"We're really hoping it rains, that's the best shot the farmers have as far as crops are concerned," he said.

His assistant, Brent McKibben, said the ag values are set for a five-year average, and this year 1993 comes off the scale.

"We're losing a decent year, 1993, and replacing it with a bad year," McKibben said.

Toomire said industrial values reduced the taxable dollar value substantially, with several businesses that closed such as Wilson Construction, and Tucker Construction, and Western Container moving some equipment to Mississippi.

"And the decline of the oil field businesses, as well as Fina inventory, the amount of crude oil they have in inventory which was based at \$16-\$17 a barrel the year before and is now based at \$8-\$10 a barrel, this all added to the decline," Toomire said.

Although medium crude oil has now risen to about \$18 a barrel, Toomire said he projects that the county taxable values will remain about the same for

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Four hospitalized after ingesting jimson tea, Big Spring police report

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Big Spring police report that four individuals have been hospitalized at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, listed in stable condition, after apparently ingesting jimson tea, brewed from a wild, poisonous plant.

"What we know is that at least four or five people drank something known as jimson tea, and have been hospitalized in ICU," said Police Chief Lonnie Smith.

What began as a call to the police about a possible overdose Wednesday night resulted in two persons being taken to SMMC, where they were admitted, he said.

"Then we received two calls Saturday. One was in the morning, where a man was reported to be hallucinating," Smith said.

That report came in from Young Street, and officers located the man's mother, who trans-



SMITH McLLELLAN

ported him to SMMC, where he was admitted and placed into ICU.

The second call came from the 1100 block of East 12th, where a man had apparently walked into someone's home, claiming it was his.

"Our officers located the guy and took him to the police station and arrested him for public intoxication, because he appeared drunk. At the police station he began hallucinating and we transported him to the hospital, where he was admitted to ICU," Smith said.

The two men Saturday admitted to having been at the same location as the two individuals who were hospitalized Wednesday. And all four admit to having drank the poisonous tea, he said.

Jimson weed, a wild herb that grows in places all around the globe, is highly toxic and has a reputation of causing hallucinations.

The most common Texas name of the herb is "loco weed," because of the ability to create hallucinations in humans. Cattle that have ingested the herb, which is a rare occurrence because of its offensive odor, have been known to die.

Larry McLellan, a pharmacist with Professional Pharmacy, said jimson weed, according to the poison control center, is becoming a popular drug with juveniles in Texas.

"The problem with this is that you never know what sort of

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Students new to BSISD begin registering Monday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

The summer seems but half over, yet everywhere back to school advertising and displays let parents know it is nearly school time once again.

Big Spring students begin their first day of classes Monday, Aug. 9. Registration for new secondary students begins Monday and elementary registration begins Friday.

All students new to the district in grades six through 12 only, is Monday from 8 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m.

These new students should register at Goliad Elementary, 2000 Goliad, for sixth grade; at Big Spring Junior High School, 624 E. Sixth, for grades seven and eighth; and at Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place for grades 10-12.

Friday, Monday and Tuesday, July 30 and Aug. 1-2, all kindergarten, through eighth grade

students register at the school they will be attending. On Friday, and Monday, Aug. 2, registration is open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m., including the noon hour. On Tuesday, Aug. 3, registration is available from 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. and is closed from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Parents must sign registration cards for all students. Kindergarten students and first grade students who did not attend a Texas kindergarten should bring birth certificates and immunization records.

On Aug. 6 all parents of kindergartners are encouraged to meet their child's teacher from 1-3 p.m. at the center.

All Personalized Achievement Center students register July 30 and Aug. 1-2 for GED classes at the PAC location, 421 Main St. Space is limited, and students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Sgt. Steven Kooy, right, from Coppéras Cove, PFC Specialist Jared Weaver, Fort Worth, and Sgt. Kenneth Rideout, Sweetwater, were part of a local National Guard battalion which participated in light infantry training and practiced dismounted infantry tactics from a Bradley Fighting vehicle at the Big Spring National Guard Armory over the weekend.

JULY 25 1999

OBITUARIES

Jewell Hobbs Riddell

Jewell Hobbs Riddell, 96, a longtime resident of Big Spring, a loving mother and grandmother, died Thursday, July 22, 1999, at a hospital in Weatherford, Texas. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 26, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



RIDDPELL

Jewell was born March 11, 1903, in May, Texas, to Elmer and Mary Harrison.

Jewell had a heart as big as Texas. Her great love for all children was without reservation. She taught children about love, kindness, work and play through stories and rhymes. She will be dearly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Johnnie and Faye Hobbs of Big Spring; four daughters and sons-in-law, Mildred and Richard Lea of Everman, Mary and Doyle Dunbar of Houston, Juanita and Bob Lee of Weatherford, and Beatrice and James Weaver of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Amy Harrison of Anson; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Elmer and Mary Harrison; one brother, John Harrison; and two sisters, Ida Hughes and Maude Cole Duncan.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Ricky Lea, Leon Hobbs, James Weaver, Terry Lee, Bruce Dunbar and David Lee.

Though she leaves a void in our lives, she is a Christian and has gone to be with her Heavenly Father.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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

Paid obituary

REGISTRATION

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Parents of returning students who will attend sixth grade at Goliad Elementary should sign registration cards from 8 a.m. until noon and 1-4 p.m. this week or Aug. 2-6. Sixth-grade orientation and schedule pick-up is set for Aug. 5 from 9-10 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Goliad Elementary students, formerly College Heights students, grades first through fifth, have orientation in the Goliad gym from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Aug. 5.

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Jewell, Hobbs Riddell, 96, died Thursday. Services will be 11:00 AM Monday, at 6 Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home on Sunday from 6 PM to 8 PM.

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Parents must accompany students to this orientation.

Big Spring Junior High School seventh graders have an orientation, schedule pick-up and open house set for Aug. 5 from 4:30-6 p.m. Parents are encouraged to tour the new school with their child.

BSJHS eighth graders have an orientation, open house and schedule pick-up set for Aug. 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. Parents are also invited at this time.

This year's freshman should pick up their schedule and attend an orientation in the high school gymnasium from 7:45-9 a.m. Sophomores may pick up their schedule from 9-11:30 a.m. in the high school office.

Elementary school principals have scheduled a special meet the teachers opportunity before school begins. Juniors should pick up their schedules Aug. 6 from 9-11:30 a.m. in the high school office. Seniors may pick up their schedules from 1:30-3 p.m. Aug. 6 in the high school office.

Bauer Magnet School students and parents may meet their teacher Aug. 6 about 1 p.m., according to Andre Clark, principal.

Kentwood Elementary is having a meet-the-new-principal watermelon feast Aug. 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. Dee Owen, who is the new principal, invited all parents and students to the school to get acquainted.

Marcy Elementary principal Rey Villarreal said meet-the-teacher has been set for Aug. 8 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Students attending the Coahoma Independent School District will begin school Aug. 12. Registration will be announced.

Stanton students return from summer vacation on Aug. 12. New student registration has been set for Aug. 2.

Grady students also return Aug. 12. Registration for secondary students in grades 10, 11 and 12 is set for Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the principal's office.

Registration for seventh, eighth and ninth graders has been set for Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Students in grades kindergarten through sixth will register the first day of school.

Sands Consolidated School District students will begin classes Aug. 16.

Forsan students return to school Aug. 13. New student registration is set for Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Each new student must have a birth certificate, social security card and immunization record. For questions call Elbow Elementary at 398-5444.

TOXIC

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concentration you're getting, or how potent the drug is," McLellan said.

Through research on the Internet, McLellan found that jimson weed, also called thornapple, stink weed and devil's apple, most resembles the chemical properties of belladonna, another poisonous plant.

The herb is ingested through a tea made from leaves or flowers, or other parts of the plant, and has been fatal to humans, he said.

"All these have been found to produce symptoms that include...psychological disturbances including psychoses, coma, seizures and death," McLellan said.

Along with the mental problems associated with ingesting the poisonous plant, problems with the heart such as tachycardia or rapid heart beat, as well as prolonged dilation of the eye and loss of voluntary muscle control, have been experienced.

Herbalists caution about the use of the plant, and countries around the world liken the properties of jimson weed to that of henbane or belladonna.

In India, the Rajpoot mothers are said to smear their breasts with the juice of the leaves, to poison their newly-born female infants, according to M. Grieve's written work, *A Modern Herbal*.

In this same publication, "the plant is a strong narcotic...the whole plant is poisonous, and neither drying nor boiling destroys the poisonous properties."

"The usual consequences of

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the poison when taken in sufficient quantity are dimness of sight, dilation of the pupil, giddiness and delirium, sometimes amounting to mania. Many fatal instances of its dangerous effects are recorded; it is thought to act more powerfully on the brain than belladonna and produce greater delirium. The seeds have in several instances caused death," according to the publication.

Chief Smith said the matter is still under investigation, and the legal repercussions of ingesting the tea are being considered.

"I hope anyone who drank this is aware, if they didn't have an adverse effect, how lucky they are, because this is dangerous," Smith said.

VALUES

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the next appraisal period.

"It began falling in April of 1998, and while the past few months won't pull it out, we won't lose any because of the prices. While we may not see an increase, we won't lose any this next year, either," he said.

He added that it is hard to predict next year, because the infrastructure, that is oil-related companies, have not yet reported their status.

"We don't know how many wells were plugged or abandoned or walked off, and won't be producing in 1999. We'll be looking toward the fourth quarter," he said.

Also depletion, or the amount of oil that has been removed from the ground, will also add to the overall amount, he said.

By taxing entity, Howard County, which had a 1998 tax rate of 0.4589, will see the total taxable value decrease from \$1,120,415,172 for 1998 to \$975,011,387 for 1999. Abatements and exemptions total \$19,567,220.

Howard College had a tax rate of 0.2123 for 1998. A decline in total taxable property reflects 1999 values at \$975,011,387, down from the 1998 total of \$1,120,415,172.

Big Spring ISD had a 1998 tax rate of \$1.5763 with a 1998 total taxable value of \$670,197,342. The 1999 total taxable value is \$608,230,566. Abatements and exemptions total \$2,601,400.

The city of Big Spring had a tax rate in 1998 of 0.61 per \$100 valuation. In 1998, total taxable value was \$413,061,655, compared to 1999 certified values of \$405,311,109, with \$164,280 in abatements and exemptions.

Coahoma ISD, with a 1998 tax rate of \$1.42, had a 1998 total taxable value of \$139,575,644. In 1999, the total taxable value for the district is \$115,231,322.

The city of Coahoma, with a 1998 tax rate of 0.65335, saw taxable values decline little, with the 1998 values certified at \$12,941,123, and the 1999 certified values of \$13,828,902.

Forsan ISD, with a tax rate of \$1.43 per \$100 valuation, saw total taxable values drop from the 1998 certified value of \$184,848,240, to the 1999 values of \$143,716,124.

The city of Forsan, with a tax rate of 0.31191 per \$100 valuation, saw little decline in values with 1998 certified totals of \$3,746,825 and 1999 total of \$3,310,165.

"Part of what helped Forsan was the wind turbines. And they should see more of that next year," Toomire said.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, with a 1998 tax rate of 0.01997, saw the 1998 total taxable value decline from \$43,395,368 to the 1999 total of \$32,388,614.

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attempt to reach the homeless in Big Spring.

Currently, the local committee is mapping out areas that

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

have been undercounted in the past, and plans are being made to get the word out to every household that the census is important.

"It is estimated that Texas lost \$1 billion a year in funding due to the undercount of the 1990 Census," said Wurtz. "We want to make sure Texas — and Big Spring — is not undercounted."

Search for missing U.S. spy plane focuses on leftist rebel stronghold

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A massive aerial search for a missing U.S. Army spy plane focused Saturday on the rugged, green Andean mountains near Colombia's southwestern border, where leftist rebels are strong.

Airplanes and helicopters from the U.S. military, State Department and Customs Service as well as from the Colombian military helped search for the plane, which took off from a Colombian military base Friday morning on a "routine counterdrug mission," the U.S. Army said. There was no ground search so far.

Guerrillas often fire on low-flying Colombian military aircraft and crop-dusting planes sent to fumigate illegal drug crops in areas they control. But there was no immediate evidence that the U.S. aircraft that disappeared Friday, carrying five American soldiers and two Colombian air force officers, had come under attack.

"We're looking for seven live people right now," said Army Capt. Jack Miller, a spokesman for the Southern Command in Miami, the Army's operations base for Latin America. Employed in the search were dozens of aircraft, including Colombian OV-10 small planes, U.S. army P-3 patrol planes based in Ecuador and the island of Aruba, and U.S. and Colombian UH-1 helicopters.

The mission's aim was to gather information to support the Colombians in the counter-drug effort, the Army said, not to fumigate drug crops — the United States' principal anti-narcotics activity in Colombia. Several American pilots — private contractors hired by the State Department — have been killed in crashes while on fumigation missions in Colombia in the past few years.

The names of the missing Americans — all from Fort Bliss in El Paso — were not immediately released, but they included two captains, a warrant officer and two enlisted men.

The plane, which left from a base in a mountainous region near Aplay, 45 miles southeast of Bogota, typically flies such missions at altitudes between 5,000 and 25,000 feet. Adverse weather conditions, including low cloud cover, were reported near the takeoff point.

The plane was circling over the southern state of Putumayo when it fell out of contact, Miller said. Putumayo has seen an explosive growth in recent years in illegal plantations of coca, the plant used to make cocaine.

Miller said the plane was supposed to return to Aplay six to eight hours after taking off, and had no plans to land elsewhere.

The missing aircraft is a four-engine Havilland RC-7 reconnaissance plane, which are typically equipped with sophisticated electronic systems that

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include expensive radar and devices capable of listening to conversations on the ground. A version of the aircraft is used in Korea to monitor North Korean military activities.

As the world's No. 1 source of cocaine and a growing supplier of heroin, Colombia is the major focus of U.S. anti-narcotics policy. The country will receive nearly \$300 million in U.S. anti-narcotics aid this year.

The plane's disappearance comes on the eve of a visit by the Clinton administration's top anti-narcotics official, National Drug Control Policy director, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, is scheduled to arrive Sunday and visit an army base where the U.S. military is training and equipping a new, 1,500-member counter-narcotics battalion.

Requesting substantially more aid to fight the drug war in the Andes, McCaffrey this week called Colombia an "emergency" situation.

U.S. military involvement in anti-drug efforts in Colombia is growing amid signs that leftist rebels are increasingly involved in protecting the cocaine trade. Colombia's principal counter-narcotics force, the National Police, is outgunned by the heavily armed rebels.

To date, most U.S. anti-narcotics aid to Colombia has paid for crop-dusting aircraft and armed helicopters that escort the planes on fumigation missions.

But with the leftist, 15,000-member Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, increasingly involved in the drug trade, the lines between fighting drugs and countering the rebels are becoming blurred.

MEETINGS

Martin County Commissioners Court will convene at 9 a.m. Monday to review real estate and mineral values, Lions Club purchase of ceiling fans and carpet for the stage at the community center pavilion, and license fees. Also on the agenda is a county treasurer's request for computer furniture and a printer, certification of mileage of county roads and bills.

Stanton Independent School District trustees will convene at 7 p.m. Monday to consider the 1999-2000 budget, dates for a budget hearing and to set the tax rate, bids on fuel and cafeteria supplies, homestead exemptions and a hazardous bus route.

Also on the agenda is participation in the Region 18 communication cooperative, math/science membership and safe-free school cooperative.

Other items are amendments to the 1989-1999 budget, personnel resignations and employment, a local sick leave bank policy, investments reports and

approval of bills.

Howard County Commissioners Court will convene at 10 a.m. Monday to consider requests for replacement of employees at the county library and sheriff's office.

Other items include an individual health care hearing, computer equipment in the tax assessor/collector's department, appointment of election judges and consolidation of precincts for the November election.

A budget session, budget amendments and a request to go out for bids on fuel are also on the agenda.

Howard College trustees will convene at 12:30 p.m. Monday to consider the Permian Building project, an EduCare Center pilot project and Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) preliminary budgets.

Also scheduled is a public hearing on Howard College and SWCID budgets.

Other items include catalog changes, the Howard County Appraisal District budget, athletic insurance renewal, a bank depository and a report on quarterly investments.

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board will convene at 3 p.m. Wednesday to consider the 1999-2000 budget and the June 1999 financials and investment report.

An executive session to discuss personnel is also on the agenda.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday:

• **DAVID FRANK, 23**, was arrested for evading detention.

• **MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ, 27**, was arrested for county warrants.

• **COURTNEY JUSTICE, 23**, was arrested for felony forgery.

• **AMY SILVA, 17**, was arrested for local warrants.

• **AMICERTO AGUINAGA, 19**, was arrested or local warrants.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster and 2600 block of Albrook.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 4200 block of Walnut.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/ASSAULT** was reported in the 400 block of East Fifth.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 3200 block of 11th Place. A water heater, three ceiling fans and a refrigerated air conditioning unit, all valued at \$1,000, were reported stolen.

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God Bless You.
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Good-bye, hello: Moses leaving, who's coming?

AUSTIN (AP) — A school superintendent, a county judge and a Texas Education Agency administrator are among those under consideration by Gov. George W. Bush to replace outgoing Education Commissioner Mike Moses.

Moses announced Friday he's resigning Sept. 3 from the job he's held for more than four years. He will take a \$190,000 deputy chancellor's post at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Besides a move from public into higher education, the job means a \$33,987 raise and a return to the city where he served as a public school superintendent before becoming commissioner.

Bush's choice of a successor will attract particular attention in light of the Republican governor's presidential run. But Moses said he'd advise the next commissioner to keep the focus strictly on education.

"Just do your job, and keep

your eyes focused on trying to improve what we do for children. That's all the governor has ever asked me to do. I think regardless of what he's doing, that's all he'll expect of the (next) commissioner," Moses said at a news conference with his wife, Debi, an elementary school teacher, by his side.

Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards said the governor's office had invited applications from several people, including: Superintendent John Wilson of Clear Creek Independent School District.

— Felipe Alanis, TEA deputy commissioner for programs and instruction.

— Dallas County Judge Lee Jackson.

— Odessa attorney Jim Nelson, chairman of the State Board for Educator Certification.

— Businessman and consultant Paul Watkins of Dripping Springs.

Another candidate asked to

apply, Killeen ISD Superintendent Charles Patterson, withdrew from consideration, Ms. Edwards said. Also applying was Ann Dixon, former superintendent of Somerset ISD, she said.

In addition, former State Board of Education Chairman Jack Christie of Houston said he has "indirectly" heard the name of former TEA lawyer David Thompson, now a Houston-based attorney involved in education law.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the governor looked outside the standard paradigm of education to someone that has a knowledge of education and its workings, but that has tremendous management skills, people skills, integrity and likes to set clear goals," said Christie, who resigned from the board at the end of last year.

He praised the job done by Moses, saying the commissioner, "never lost sight of the reason why he was there, and that

was for the children."

Doug Rogers of the Association of Texas Professional Educators called Moses "a real champion for public education," while John Cole of the Texas Federation of Teachers said he was "a strong advocate of public schools and a teacher advocate."

When Moses first was appointed by Bush in 1995, state law provided for the education board to formally recommend a candidate to the governor.

The law has been changed, leaving the choice in the governor's hands, with Senate consent.

Reappointed by Bush to a second four-year term, Moses said the governor initially encouraged him to stay but has "graciously" supported his decision.

"Mike Moses has been an outstanding education commissioner who has insisted on high standards and accountability for student achievement," Bush said in a statement.

Fifteen injured as camp van overturns on highway

SEGUIN (AP) — Twelve disabled children and three adults accompanying them were injured Friday after their van overturned on Interstate 10.

The van was part of a convoy on an outing from the Texas Elks Camp in Gonzales County. It was westbound on I-10, five miles east of Seguin, when the accident happened about 9 a.m., officials said.

The vehicle's left front tire blew out, causing the van to skid and roll over into the grass, said Tela Mange, spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Everybody had seat belts on," Mange said. Some of the van's occupants may have been ejected because of the way the van broke apart in the crash, she said.

Two children were airlifted to Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in

San Antonio and were in critical condition in pediatric intensive care late Friday afternoon, hospital spokesman Lt. Rickardo Bodden said.

Three other children went by helicopter to University Hospital in San Antonio. Two additional children later were transported there from Guadalupe Valley Hospital in Seguin.

One is a 13-year-old female in critical condition, she said. Two other girls, ages 11 and 14, were in guarded condition.

The other injured occupants of the van were released after treatment at Guadalupe Valley Hospital.

Names of the accident victims were not released.

The children range in age from 10 to 14, and the camp counselors are young adults, Elks spokesman Glen Castlebury said.

Former labor organizer and teacher Emma Tenayuca dead at 82

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Her resonant and charismatic voice stilled by Alzheimer's disease, former labor organizer and teacher Emma Tenayuca died Friday in a hospice. She was 82.

Ms. Tenayuca retired from teaching in the Harlandale School District in 1982, but was best known as a fiery labor organizer and leader of the leftist Workers Alliance.

"Every movement has its radicals," said historian Martha Cotera, a lifelong friend and a special consultant for the Benson Latin American Collection at the University of Texas at Austin.

"Emma was out there on the

cutting edge, always on the cutting edge. She was the one who shook the tree. Others were there to pick up the fruit."

A precocious student of literature and history, Ms. Tenayuca read Leo Tolstoy and Karl Marx by the time she was 16. She also lived out some of the social, political and economic theories she'd read about.

She spoke against suppression of the Spanish language and Latino culture in public schools, demonstrated in Austin for unemployment benefits and championed the cause of poorly-paid workers in the barrio.

In the classroom or at rallies, few could match her remark-

able speaking skills.

"I admired her greatly," retired U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez told the San Antonio Express-News. "Emma was fearless, forward-looking and a pioneer in the labor movement in San Antonio. Emma was consecrated to the cause."

In 1933, she was arrested for her involvement in the Finck Cigar Co. strike, one of many arrests and jailings to follow.

But the pecan shellers' strike of 1938 was the defining event in Ms. Tenayuca's life.

Angered by a cut in their already low wages, about 12,000 workers walked off their jobs in a strike that lasted several

months and was marked by police tear-gas attacks, mass arrests and strike breaking. Ms. Tenayuca was at the forefront, along with labor union leaders.

The strike was settled, but after Congress set a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour, factory owners reacted by mechanizing their operations, throwing many thousands out of work.

Still, looking back after 50 years, Ms. Tenayuca maintained the strike was a milestone for long-silent and powerless barrio workers.

"It was a beginning, not an end," she said. "After that, workers weren't afraid to speak out."

She was among the speakers scheduled at a Communist Party meeting on Aug. 25, 1939, when about 5,000 San Antonio residents rioted against the party and stormed the gathering at Municipal Auditorium.

Police managed to get Ms. Tenayuca and the others to safety, but she was hounded by death threats afterward.

However, she grew increasingly disillusioned with Communism and its leaders through the years, convinced they had lost touch with the poor and the powerless.

She lived in California for about 20 years before returning to San Antonio to teach in the

late 1960s.

"Emma Tenayuca was a fabulous woman," said former Gov. Ann Richards. "She was strong and brave, and she never forgot that working people needed leaders to support them. She was a rich addition to Texas history."

Survivors include her son, Frank T. Adams, a brother, Ernest Tenayuca, and four sisters, Lucy Tenayuca, Della Koening, Frances Campa and Gloria Peoraza.

A rosary was scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at Alamo Funeral Home with a mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at San Fernando Cathedral.

Woman, already convicted in murder-for-hire of husband, is indicted in slaying of boyfriend

CORSICANA (AP) — A woman imprisoned in Colorado for trying to have her husband killed for insurance money has been indicted in a similar case involving a former boyfriend slain in Texas last year.

Cynthia Darlene Phillips, 33, was indicted by a Navarro County grand jury Thursday on a capital murder charge in the April 14, 1998, slaying of Toby Mathews.

Mathews, 29, was gunned down while in his car. Investigators say Ms. Phillips asked another former boyfriend, Richard Boyd, to shoot Mathews so she could collect on a \$100,000 life insurance policy.

Ms. Phillips is accused of firing three of the six fatal shots.

Boyd, 42, avoided a murder trial this month by accepting a 60-year prison term.

Ms. Phillips was convicted and sentenced to 24 years in prison earlier this year for her failed 1995 plot to kill husband Ron Phillips in Colorado.

A hitman she contracted backed out of the deal and instead turned her in to police.

Batchelor said he will seek the death penalty for Ms. Phillips.

Assistant District Attorney Damara Watkins said the trial likely won't begin for several months.

"We expect that Colorado will release her to Texas custody," Ms. Watkins said.

Ms. Phillips, who maintained her innocence in the Colorado

case, is suspected of killing her first husband in Kansas for an insurance settlement in 1996.

She is also suspected of killing a former boyfriend in Kansas who died of carbon monoxide poisoning in his pickup truck some 15 years ago.

In Texas, Navarro County District Attorney Pat Batchelor said his office received new evidence last week that allowed them to indict Ms. Phillips.

"We found out ... that there was corroborative evidence of the accomplice," Batchelor told the Corsicana Daily Sun.

Ms. Watkins said Ms. Phillips already has remarried during her imprisonment in Colorado to someone she met over the Internet.

Eye bank ordered to pay family of slain teacher

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston eye bank has been ordered to pay \$345,000 to the family of a slain man who allegedly had his eyeballs improperly removed.

State District Judge Sherry Radack on Friday signed an April jury verdict awarding \$310,000 to the family of Levi Perry Jr., and ordered the Lions Eye Bank of Houston to pay an additional \$35,000 in interest.

The money was awarded to the parents and two siblings of Levi Perry Jr., a former school teacher who was killed by gang members at a Houston park on May 31, 1994. The four gang members who participated in the killing have all been convicted, said the family's attorney, George Cire Jr.

Cire said the family first realized Perry's eyeballs were missing the day before the funeral, when one of Perry's sisters, who is an eye doctor, noticed

the deceased man's eyes were missing when he was lying in the casket. Cire said the sister, Angela Perry, made the gruesome discovery when she opened the eyelids, which were sewn shut.

"Levi Jr. said he wanted to go back to God the way he was put on Earth," Cire said. "If there weren't so many doctors in the family, they probably would have never known this occurred."

Cire said both of Perry's parents, Levi Sr. and Eula Perry, are physicians, as are six of his nine siblings. He said none of the siblings who are doctors wanted to be plaintiffs because "they didn't want to get involved in proceedings against the eye bank."

The eye bank is housed at and staffed by the Baylor College of Medicine and partly funded through the Lions Club civic

organization.

Dalton Tomlin, senior vice president and general counsel for the Baylor College of Medicine, said only Perry's corneas were removed and that there is no evidence the eyeballs were removed.

Tomlin said the eye bank did nothing wrong and will appeal the verdict.

Under state law, corneas can be removed from dead people without the permission of the family, unlike other organs such as eye balls, which need the permission of the deceased or family members to be removed.

But corneas cannot be removed if the family files an objection to their removal.

Tomlin said an eye-bank employee denied he removed the eyeballs and the Perry family never produced evidence they were removed.



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OUR VIEWS

Road ahead looks bright for Big Spring

As prices for benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude continues to hover around the \$20 per barrel price range, more and more smiles are to be seen on the local landscape.

While our local economy was not plagued by the high number of jobs lost because of low oil and gas prices last winter and this spring, it did suffer because of the losses to the tax base.

All across the Crossroads, school districts, county governments and municipalities suffered as oil prices tumbled to \$8 per barrel.

Since the enactment of a severance tax relief bill by the 76th Legislature, oil prices have been on a steady climb — helped in no small part by the OPEC agreement to reduce production in an effort to boost prices.

Although not an immediate salve, property appraisals and valuations are almost guaranteed to rise during the next planning cycle.

In the meantime, as majors continue to sell off their inland properties, the road ahead looks bright for areas such as ours as more and more independents enter the fray.

Throughout the most recent economic downturn in West Texas, Big Spring has proven itself to be a survivor. Although down, sales tax receipts have more than held their own when compared to other communities, while Howard County has had the lowest unemployment rate in West Texas for the past four months.

Yes, there's something good going on in our community and increased oil prices can do nothing but help.

If we were challenged to come up with an answer as to why we're handling the downturn better than anyone else in the Oil Patch, we'd say it's our attitude ... "Positively, Big Spring!"

OTHER VIEWS

In a heartbreaking symbiosis, of sorts, we celebrate the occasion of man's walking on the moon while simultaneously mourning the son of the president who first challenged America to tackle that frontier.

Triumph and tragedy sometimes move hand in hand, stride for stride.

Adventure has its risks, as we sadly recognize now with the passing of John F. Kennedy Jr. and as those involved with this nation's space program are quick to remind us in this era of seemingly routine space travel.

But just because mankind's search for fullness and meaning entails some danger does not mean we should cease testing our limits.

We must go on, while learning from the bad fortune that sometimes makes us question our pursuits.

JOURNAL STAR,
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Collectively, America

gaped: John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister Lauren Bessette died.

As a toddler John-John captured the nation's heart playing under the desk of his father, the 35th President — and then its grief with a poignant final salute.

For much of America John F. Kennedy Jr. was, as is his sister, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, a special person — the progeny through which a venerated President's ideals and inspiration might spring back to life.

Yet Mr. Kennedy got no closer to politics than to establish George, a slick magazine blending politics and celebrity.

What he might have become and achieved — given a longer, forgiving life — now passes to speculation adding to the mystique of a family that reflects America's hopes and despairs.

THE MIAMI HERALD

Nolan Ryan a Hall of Fame individual, too

It was just a matter of time until Nolan Ryan took his rightful place in baseball's Hall of Fame — which happens at noon today in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Back in my sports writer days, I had the opportunity to cover Rangers games in which Ryan pitched six times ... and never have I come across a more gracious individual than the Alvin native. Three of the games I covered were significant, in that he was going for win No. 300 in one, strikeout No. 5,000 in another and he tossed a one-hitter in the third.

Ryan didn't get win No. 300 at Arlington Stadium and had to wait to beat the Milwaukee Brewers to pick up No. 300 after former Rangers manager Bobby Valentine pulled one of his "yank the pitcher too quick" routines.

Ryan was leading by a couple of runs with two outs in about the fifth inning — no runners

on — when Valentine decided he looked too tired to pitch. The chorus of boos was thunderous from both the stands as well as the press box as Valentine began his little "I am the fuhrer" strut to the mound.

As was the norm in those days, the Rangers bullpen was unable to hold the lead and, instead of Ryan earning No. 300, the Rangers picked up a loss.

After the game, I was in about the third wave of reporters to get to Ryan — having opted to visit with former Mississippi State standout Rafael Palmeiro, who had hit a home run, before moving around the locker room.

Despite the fact he had heard all of the questions a couple of times before, Ryan was gracious as he patiently answered the questions — some of them over and over.

Strikeout No. 5,000 was something else.

Ryan was something like 10 K's away as the game started and everyone knew that if the Ryan Express was on target, there was no way he could miss the record.

And he didn't. I had driven up to the game by myself, so instead of waiting in the press box for stats, I

walked down through the stands to get next to the field gate as the game neared its end.

When the guard opened the gate, I was the third writer through — behind Randy Galloway, then of the Dallas Morning News, and Denne Freeman, who was the AP's Texas sports editor — and onto the field and into the dugout.

We were the first three to Ryan's locker, and we stood there waiting for him to enter the dressing room. I remember Galloway's wondering if we had "screwed up" by darting into the dressing room instead of waiting on the field for a possible interview.

As always, Ryan was gracious in his response to our questions — and he appeared to stay that way as wave after wave of sports writers and reporters shouted questions at him.

Ryan understood the nervousness-felt by some who were in awe in his presence.

I recall one time when he slowed down and repeated himself when he saw a young rookie reporter from an East Texas paper scribbling away feverishly. And when that young reporter dropped his pen, it was Ryan who leaned over and picked it up and handed it back to him.

No doubt that Nolan Ryan is a Hall of Fame pitcher, but he is also a Hall of Fame person. He always took time to sign autographs and talk to his fans — and he gave fans his autographs rather than selling them as some do.

I've always said that I felt fortunate to have been able to be a newspaperman. After all, it's all I've ever wanted to do in life and it also enabled me to meet Nolan Ryan.

I don't know if Grandson Andrew will grow up to be a pitcher or not, he does have a pretty good swing at age 3 1/2, but I do hope he grows up to be the kind of person I found in Nolan Ryan.

A gentleman first, last and always.

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



JOHN H. WALKER



Free market, freedom are not linked

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has sent a delegation to Cuba to discuss free enterprise. Aside from the fact that they



CHARLEY REESE

won't find much, the trip offers a good occasion to point out that a market economy and political freedom are not the same thing.

Too many Americans seem to think that a country which allows a free-market economy to operate is free. Not so. A free country is defined by the political rights of its citizens, not the form of its economy.

Other Americans seem to think that a market economy will inevitably produce political freedom. Not so again. Many dictatorships have operated with a market economy, the dictator simply skimming some of the profits. There was free enterprise in Cuba under the dictator Fulgencio Batista but not political freedom. Now, under Fidel Castro, there is neither.

Keep in mind that one of the purest examples of free enterprise is criminal gangs involved in such businesses as illicit drugs. They operate entirely without government

supervision and make enormous profits. Does that make them moral?

Political rights include the right to free speech, to assemble and to petition the government, to change the government, to publish freely and to live under a system of laws enacted by elective representatives as binding on the ruler as on the ruled. None of these are present in Cuba or in China, even though both countries have allowed foreign investments and very much want to increase their economic trade with other countries.

Frankly, it should not matter to Americans what kind of an economy another country has. We should be advocates of political freedom, not capitalism. Virtually all of our European allies now have socialist governments. Japan's form of capitalism is certainly not the same as ours. What difference does it make to us if the foreign products we buy are made in a capitalist plant, a co-op or in a government plant? None.

Nor does the form the economy takes have any effect on government-to-government relationships. The Chinese government now allows some free-market activity within its borders, but that doesn't mean the government likes us.

When American-based corporations look for foreign investment opportunities, they are looking for either cheap labor to build something they will export back to the United

States or a way to get a wedge into a foreign market. Unless you own a lot of stock in the corporation, there is no benefit to the average American. The only effect on us is that we may lose our jobs if it's our plant that's shut down and moved overseas. Robert Reich, former secretary of labor, pointed out long ago that about half of what the ignoranti refer to as "trade" is really nothing more than intercorporate transfers.

Pappy used to say, "Never mix business with friendship or pleasure." What he was saying is good advice for citizens to keep in mind. The purpose of business is to make a profit, not to be patriotic, not to advance human rights, not to do what is right for any country.

Because big money heavily influences both political parties and owns most of the media, often what is good for business is presented as good for the country. Don't believe it. Don't confuse business with politics, benevolence, humanitarianism or, for that matter, even common decency. One of the Founding Fathers remarked that the only country a merchant knows is the spot he stands on in front of his cash register.

The founders of this country did not invent government to be the handmaiden of business.

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Lauren Bessette, sister memorialized Saturday in their hometown

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — With bouquets and hand-written notes, residents Saturday bid a final, heartbreaking farewell to the Bessette sisters who perished with John F. Kennedy Jr. in a plane crash in the Atlantic.

In the week since the accident, there have been countless eulogies for the 38-year-old son of Camelot.

But tributes to the lesser-known Bessettes have seemed shadowy at best, Carolyn and Lauren remembered not so much for how they lived their lives as for what they became in death — a footnote in another Kennedy tragedy.

Not here in Greenwich, the affluent shoreline town where the Bessettes grew up: Here memories are personal. Here people spoke of two remarkable daughters, two promise-filled futures. And the unspeakable sorrow of parents forced to bury their children.

"Devastating," said Chuck Morrell, the chief sexton of Christ Church, where a private memorial service for the Bessette sisters was to be held Saturday evening.

"Two daughters who were living life to the full. No parent should have to bear such a loss," Morrell said as he fingered the long wooden candlesticks

that dominate the end of each crimson cushioned pew.

Beneath the imposing 90-year-old Gothic church's arched red wooden doors, a hand-scribed card lay beside a bouquet of carnations.

"John, Carolyn and Lauren," the note read. "Our thoughts and prayers are with you."

Next to it, a bunch of wildflowers lay over a child's drawing of Winnie-the-Pooh.

Significantly, the candlelight service is intended to focus on Lauren — the "other Bessette", the victim the world knew least — although prayers will

also be offered for Carolyn and John, church staff said.

Brilliant and beautiful, Lauren earned her business degree from the prestigious Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. The 34-year-old investment banker rose rapidly in the world of international finance and worked for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York for eight years. She specialized in Asian investments and was based in Hong Kong until about a year ago.

She probably would never have been buried at sea — in a stately ceremony

aboard a navy destroyer with a folded American flag — except for the fact that her glamorous 33-year-old sister had married a Kennedy.

Instead, Lauren might have had a grave-site, a place her parents and twin sister, Lisa Ann, could visit and remember the slender brunette with an infectious smile. In the end, her ashes were flung to the waves along with those of her sister and famous brother-in-law.

More than 400 guests were invited to the ecumenical service, but neither the family nor the church would comment on who was on the guest list.

Controversial birth-control program gaining momentum nationwide

CHICAGO (AP) — Drug-addicted women are being offered \$200 to get sterilized or use long-term birth control under a controversial program that is gaining momentum in several cities across the country.

"IF YOU ARE ADDICTED TO DRUGS get birth control — get \$200 cash. Stop the cycle of addicted newborns now!" read two billboards in Chicago, where social worker Lyle Keller is trying to establish the program known as CRACK, Children Requiring a Caring Community.

Critics have called the Anaheim, Calif.-based program

short-sighted, racist and a source of drug money for users. But founder Barbara Harris calls it a response to a system that often fails to punish women who give birth to drug-addicted babies.

"I can't believe that these women are able to stop by the local hospital yearly, drop off a damaged baby and walk away," Ms. Harris, who has adopted four children born with cocaine in their systems, said Friday.

To get the cash, women must have a form signed by doctor detailing the form of birth control they are using. CRACK does not pay for the procedures, but Ms. Harris said they often

are covered by state-funded health-care programs.

Among the acceptable forms of long-term birth control are Norplant, which are capsules that are inserted under the skin in the upper arm, and the IUD, or intrauterine device. Tubectomy is the most controversial method because it is not always reversible.

Since 1994, CRACK has paid \$200 each to 57 California women who had given birth a total of 262 times. Ms. Harris said some men have inquired about vasectomies but never followed through.

CRACK gets funding from private donations. Among Ms.

Harris' financial backers is Dr. Laura Schlessinger, the tough-talking radio host who pushes personal responsibility.

The program is catching on in Chicago, Minneapolis, Fort Pierce, Fla., and Dallas.

Keller, who is using his own money to advertise the campaign with fliers and billboards in Chicago, said he has received two responses so far.

Steve Trombley, president of Planned Parenthood in Chicago, who calls the program a form of bribery, said he doubts most addicts have the judgment to make such a big decision.

And Constance Jackson, president of Altgeld Health Clinic,

which serves poor patients on Chicago's South Side, questioned whether a program like CRACK would be gaining momentum if most drug-addicted babies were white.

"Look at adoptions," Ms. Jackson said. "White babies are more precious than platinum."

Ms. Harris, who is white, countered that most of the mothers who have been paid in California are white. "Race shouldn't even be the issue," she said. "It's about child abuse and black babies matter, too."

Sharon Adams, 38, is one of the California mothers who decided to have her tubes tied

— in her case, after having her 14th child.

"I figured it was about time to do it, and the \$200 motivated it," she said.

Now drug-free for two years, she is working as a pizza delivery driver, caring for one of her children and trying to regain custody of two others. Four children died because of complications caused by drugs, she said.

Ms. Harris does not deny some mothers will simply use the payment to buy drugs.

"But they're already going to find the money for drugs anyway," she said. "That's one less person to rob or a few less tricks to turn."

With telescope adrift, astronauts working with smaller observatory

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — With the world's most powerful X-ray telescope safely set adrift, the crew of space shuttle Columbia on Saturday began using a smaller, onboard observatory to gather images of planets inside Earth's solar system.

Astronaut Steven Hawley took ultraviolet snapshots of Jupiter using the Southwest Ultraviolet Imaging System, a telescope-

camera combination.

Columbia's five crew members turned their attention to the small, onboard observatory and a handful of secondary experiments after successfully completing their primary objective: releasing the \$1.5 billion Chandra Observatory within hours of liftoff early Friday.

A rocket motor then propelled Chandra into an elliptical orbit that eventually will have a high

point of 87,000 miles, or one-third of the way to the moon.

Shuttle commander Eileen Collins, the first woman to lead a U.S. space mission, said she was "extremely happy" when she and her crew reached orbit and even happier when the Chandra X-ray Observatory set off on its mission Friday.

As for her place in space history, Collins told a TV interviewer: "I guess I'll have to

worry about history a little bit later. I'm just happy that we pulled this mission off. We still have a few more days, so the pressure isn't off yet. But we've got a bunch of happy people up here."

The telescope release went flawlessly, unlike the shuttle's 8-minute climb to orbit seven hours earlier. A short circuit five seconds into the flight knocked out a controller on two

of the three main engines, back-up controllers immediately took over on the engines.

Collins, an Air Force colonel, said she felt "very confident" throughout liftoff, in large part because the problem resembled what had been thrown at her during practice sessions on the ground in the months and years leading up to the flight.

The electrical problem is not expected to affect the rest of the

five-day shuttle mission, Collins said. Columbia is set to land at Kennedy Space Center in Florida late Tuesday.

The smaller, onboard imaging system being used by Hawley, an astronomer as well as an astronaut, is considered a complement to larger observatories like Chandra and the Hubble Space Telescope because of its ability to look at objects close to the sun.

Three in 10 will stock up for fear of Y2K problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans don't expect major problems from the Y2K computer bug, but nearly one-third plan to stock up on food, water and other supplies, an Associated Press poll found.

While about two-thirds expect only minor problems when computer programs try to deal with the new millennium, many are joining Julie Alexander in playing it safe.

"I thought I might keep my shelves better stocked," said the woman from Strafford, Mo., among the 31 percent planning to set aside provisions. "We probably will have extra cash on hand."

About one-fourth in poll conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa., said they plan to take extra cash out of the bank in anticipation of problems.

Don Haynes, an Elmira, N.Y., construction worker, plans to take more dramatic steps with his money.

"I'm going to leave the minimum in the bank to keep the account open," Haynes said. "When I get my first statement in January of 2000, I will say, 'OK, I guess I'm going to trust you guys' and put it back in."

The poll of 1,008 adults found that women (38 percent) were much more likely than men (23 percent) to stock up on supplies. In addition, 42 percent of black people planned to take precautions, compared with 29 percent of all others.

The telephone poll was taken July 16-21 and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The federal government has been working to fix potential Y2K problems in its computers

and advising state and local governments and private businesses to do the same.

Without fixes, many computers — originally programmed to recognize only the last two digits of a year — will not work properly beginning Jan. 1, 2000, when those machines will assume it is 1900.

Overall, 66 percent said they expected the Y2K bug would cause only minor problems in the United States and 18 percent thought there would be no problems at all, while 11 percent expected major problems. People 65 years old and older were twice as likely as those under 35 to expect no problems from the computer glitch, with about one-fifth of the older Americans saying there would be no problem.

While a majority didn't expect the problems to be serious, there was widespread belief they would be pesky. Thirty percent said they expected Y2K

problems would last for a week or two at the start of the year and 32 percent said the problems would persist longer.

Fears about the banking system may not be warranted because that is one business that has worked hard to prepare, said a government expert on the Y2K bug.

"If we're confident about any industry, we're confident about the banking industry," said John Koskinen, chairman of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion.

Still, the poll found three out of 10 respondents said banks would be most at risk from the Y2K bug. Nearly as many said they believed the power supply would be the most at risk.

For Sarah O'Farrell of Montgomery, Ala., the publicity about Y2K seems exaggerated.

"Everybody is preparing for it," the 68-year-old homemaker said. "But I don't think it will have too much effect."

Mrs. O'Farrell said she doesn't use computers and "doesn't intend to because I have a brain," although her daughter has a degree in computer science and her grandchildren use computers.

The experts say it's prudent to be prepared for some problems, even if they aren't major.

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Woodstock '99 proving to be a really hot time in the old town of Rome

ROME, N.Y. (AP) — Rainstorms that turn the concert grounds into mud pits are a Woodstock tradition. Right about now Woodstock '99 could use one.

Hundreds of people were treated for heat exhaustion as a relentless sun shone on the opening of the three-day concert. More than 200,000 people flooded an abandoned military base in upstate New York to hear acts like Limp Bizkit, Dave Matthews Band, Korn, Metallica

and Sheryl Crow. "This is sort of a take-your-top-off kind of day, isn't it," Crow asked from one of two giant stages set a mile apart and joined by asphalt runways.

Her blouse remained in place, but thousands of others didn't. Men and women alike bared their tattoos, piercings, body paint and more in an effort to keep cool in the 90-degree heat. Fans poured bottled water over each others' heads, stood under fountains and walked through a

"rain tent." Yet some of the water had to be turned off when some fans turned a dirt patch into a mud bath, pelting fellow concertgoers and artists with sod. Sultry weather was to continue through the weekend, with the chance of showers.

James Brown opened the show, introduced as the "general of soul" as he looked out on giant hangars that used to house B-52 bombers. He belted out "Cold Sweat," about which

his audience could only dream. While original Woodstock announcer Wavy Gravy returned to urge fans to take care of each other, he was surrounded by reminders that it was a long way from 1969. Skateboarders sailed up ramps in an "extreme sports" park, vendors sold hemp tacos and people complained that cell phone transmission lines were jammed.

By midday, the crowd was estimated at 220,000. Promoters

planned for 250,000 but said they would keep selling tickets as long as people wanted to get in. Reduced price tickets were available for people who wanted to see the last two days.

"It's 1999, the turn of the century, and this is going to be the biggest party of the century," said Shawn Hagen, who drove 27 hours with four friends from Monticello, Minn., to attend the concert.

Candace Redden, 28, drove nearly two days from Canada

with two friends, leaving their van in Maine when it broke down and renting a car.

"We come from Nova Scotia and not a lot of bands get up there," Redden said. "This is an opportunity to see it all."

Police reported three arrests, two for minor offenses and one for speeding and driving while intoxicated.

One fan was sent on his way when he entered a state police cruiser, thinking it was a taxi, and asked to be taken to a stage.

Survivors, descendants remember massacre

MIAMI (AP) — As a child, Sandra Maxwell heard hushed stories about women and girls forced to hide for a week in a 1923 Florida swamp with only palmetto brush to keep their nightgown-clad bodies warm.

It was then she began to learn about the tragedy in Rosewood, where at least six blacks were killed and the town destroyed when a white mob set upon the predominately black enclave in 1923.

Seventy-six years later, the wounds of the attack still remain, even for those who did not live through it.

"I know what I feel now and I was not even there," said Mrs. Maxwell, now 52.

Dozens of descendants, survivors and relatives, some in their 80s and 90s, still meet each year to remember the massacre, and to honor those who helped win reparations for remaining victims.

This weekend, the annual reunion is being held in Miami. The mood of the gathering is characterized by the logo emblazoned on the red T-shirts

worn by attendees: "Although justice was slow, victory is sweet."

The horror began New Year's morning 1923, when a married white woman, Fannie Taylor, emerged bruised and beaten from her home and accused a black man of beating her without giving a name, descendants said.

Witnesses Sarah Carrier and her 11-year-old granddaughter, Philomena Goins, watched silently as a white man, believed to be Mrs. Taylor's lover, left the house. They told a sheriff, but he admonished them and told them to go back home to Rosewood.

As word spread, angry whites besieged the town of about 120, burning nearly every structure in week of destruction. The number of people killed during the massacre remains controversial. State records say six blacks and two whites were killed while descendants speak of mass graves containing as many as 37 bodies of women and children.

Today, Rosewood is little

more than a marker on State Road 24, southwest of Gainesville, although it once was a place where black families owned acres of land, black women taught school, and black men worked as engineers.

"They had the luxury life that a lot of blacks would like to have today," said Mrs. Maxwell. "And then for all of it to be taken away for a lie. Totally wiped out on a lie."

Like Mrs. Maxwell, Rosetta Bradley Jackson, was born a year after the massacre, and also heard whispers when she eavesdropped on adult conversations.

But they didn't answer her questions: Why did her brother have only one eye? Why did her father have such a distrust of white people?

She would not know the answers nor the extent of the killings until some 50 years later.

"I found out he had a reason," she said of her father.

Mrs. Jackson learned her brother had been shot in the

eye at the Carrier home. He died never even telling his own children what had happened.

When Ms. Goins grew up and became a mother, she told the story of Rosewood to her 5-year-old son Arnett Doctor in 1948, against the wishes of his father.

Since then Doctor has kept true to what he said has been his duty: remembering Rosewood.

Doctor, along with other families, helped fight for state hearings that resulted in the Florida Legislature approving a \$1.5 million bill that awards nine survivors as much as \$150,000. The remaining money was used for scholarships.

Doctor has traveled the world telling people the story his mother gave to him. He now heads the Rosewood Justice Center in Spring Hill, funded in part by donations from the 1997 John Singleton film "Rosewood" that depicted the massacre.

"We must be about the business of ensuring that our youth know who they are and where they come from," Doctor said.

Judge declares mistrial after jury cannot reach verdict

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Friday after a jury said it could not reach a unanimous verdict in the case against a 24-year-old man accused of killing a New Mexico State University freshman from El Paso.

The jury deliberated only a few hours Thursday afternoon and Friday morning before telling District Judge Robert Robles it could not reach a consensus on first-degree murder count against Jason Desnoyers.

Desnoyers was being tried in the murder of Carly Martinez, who disappeared in January 1998. Her nude body, stabbed multiple times, was later found

in the desert west of Las Cruces. Assistant District Attorney Susan Reidel said Desnoyers would be retried. She declined further comment.

Desnoyers had been charged with 11 counts, including murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and tampering with evidence. His defense attorney, Gary Mitchell, requested the mistrial after the jury was unable to reach a verdict on the most serious charge.

The jury had met for about three hours Thursday, then asked to review the transcripts of Desnoyers' Wednesday testimony. The judge denied the request.

Desnoyers' trial was moved to Albuquerque because of pretrial publicity in Las Cruces.

A co-defendant, Jesse Avalos Jr., also is charged with first-degree murder in the case. His trial is scheduled for September.

Prosecutors said during closing arguments Thursday that the defense had continually pointed the finger at Avalos in order to confuse the jury. In statements to police, both men

have blamed the other for the killing.

"They are both trying to wipe their hands on each other," said Dona Ana County District Attorney Susana Martinez, who is no relation to the victim.

Martinez said evidence from the crime scene suggested two assailants took part in the crime.

Investigators have said that two weapons were used in the attack.

Report: Maintenance man arrested in naturalist's death

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A motel maintenance man wanted for questioning in connection with the beheading death of a Yosemite National Park naturalist was arrested early Saturday, according to a radio report.

KFBK radio reported that Cary Stayner, 38, was arrested in Wilton, Calif., southeast of Sacramento. Further details were not immediately available.

Stayner disappeared after being interviewed Thursday by FBI agents, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. He works as a handyman at the Cedar Lodge in El Portal, about four miles from where the woman's body was found Thursday afternoon.

Rangers found the 26-year-old woman's body along a stream a few hundred yards from the park housing she shared with a man and woman, who were away at the time.

A park official who spoke on the condition of anonymity told The Associated Press the woman had been decapitated.

Lt. Brian Muller of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Department told the Chronicle on Friday that authorities were searching for Stayner and that sheriff's officials were to notify the FBI and Yosemite park police if he was found.

The victim was initially reported missing by a friend she was due to visit in Sausalito, just north of San Francisco.

Her loaded car was found outside her quarters, ready for the trip. The friend called Sausalito police to file the missing-persons report.

The woman worked at the Yosemite Institute, a nonprofit group that runs education programs through a partnership with the park service.



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City golf champ slated Saturday

The 1999 Big Spring City Golf Championship have been scheduled weekend (July 31) at the Comanche Trail Course.

Fees are set at \$100 for the medal play, and all entrants have an established.

The tournament all Howard County and competition was staged in four divisions men's and women's senior men's and women's grouping.

The deadline for noon Friday. For more information contact Jack Birdwell at 264-68

Clinic beginning at Figure 7 Ten

A tennis clinic for intermediate players has been scheduled 26-30 at the Figure Center in Comanche Park.

Professional Jim said the clinic is especially for several eighth-grade players as those with more experience.

The fee will be \$100. For more information contact Blacketer at 264-68

Softball tournament July 30-31 at N

The first Cedar Valley Softball Tournament scheduled for July 30-31 at the Cotton Mize Field Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees are \$100 per team and must be to each team's first T-shirts will be players on the first third-place team fourth-place team trophy.

For more information contact Cruz Sanchez at 264-68

CRMWD now a hunting permit

Applications for hunting permits on the Livie Reservoir will be accepted by through Aug. 15.

A public drawing will be held for Wednesday, Sept. 15, for the reservoir's field at the north end of the reservoir.

Hunting permit limited and require information should be calling the CRMWD at 6341.

Hunter education offering student

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

The course is for the Texas Parks and Department for all born on or after Sept. 1, 1965. Boyce Hale will course instructor, of \$10 per student.

The course is offered in a home setting. Those choose home study option the same material the course.

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1 p.m. — San Diego, KBS
1 p.m. — Chicago, KBS

GOLF
11 a.m. — Senior ABC
2 p.m. — John Deere Classic, CBS

CYCLING
4 p.m. — Tour de France, ABC
BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Olympic Tournament of the World, ABC

IN BRIEF

City golf championships slated Saturday, Sunday

The 1999 Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships have been scheduled for this weekend (July 31, Aug. 1) at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Fees are set at \$35 per player for the medal play tournament, and all entrants must have an established handicap.

The tournament is open to all Howard County golfers, and competition will be staged in four divisions — men's and women's open and senior men's and senior women's groupings.

The deadline for entries is noon Friday.

For more information, call Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

Clinic beginning Monday at Figure 7 Tennis Center

A tennis clinic for beginners to intermediate players has been scheduled for July 26-30 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Professional Jim Blacketer said the clinic is designed especially for seventh- and eighth-grade players, as well as those with more experience.

The fee will be \$96 per person.

For more information, call Blacketer at 264-6834.

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.

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.

Hunter education course offering students option

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

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

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

The course is also being offered in a home study format. Those choosing the home study option will study the same materials used in the course.

ON THE AIR

Radio
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
12:10 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Tampa Bay, KBST-AM 1490.

Television
BASEBALL HALL OF FAME
Noon — Induction ceremonies from Cooperstown, N.Y., ESPN.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m. — San Diego Padres at Houston Astros, Fox Southwest.
1 p.m. — Chicago Cubs at New York Mets, ESPN.

GOLF
11 a.m. — Senior British Open, ABC.
2 p.m. — John Deere PGA Classic, CBS.

CYCLING
4 p.m. — Tour de France, final stage, ABC.

BASKETBALL
7 p.m. — Olympic Qualifying Tournament of the Americas championship game, ESPN.

As victory nears, Armstrong remembers his friends and doubters

FUTUROSCOPE, France (AP) — With one stage to go, a final triumphant ride from Arpajon to the

g r a n d C h a m p s - Elysees in Paris, the Tour de France all belongs to American Lance Armstrong.

The Texan covered Saturday's 35-mile segment in 1 hour, 8 minutes, 17 seconds — 9 seconds ahead of Alex Zulle of Switzerland, who moved into second place in the overall standings.

Armstrong leads Zulle by a commanding 7 minutes, 37 seconds, and is 10 minutes, 26 seconds ahead of Fernando Escartin, who is third overall.

With only today's 89-mile leg to go and his victory a near certainty, Armstrong had time to think about the reasons for his triumph.

He said there were two: He wanted to show cancer victims they can fight back and he wanted to make those who doubted him eat their words.

"Fifty percent is for the cancer community," he said after winning his third straight time trial. "Those who survive and those who aren't so fortunate. Twenty-five percent is for myself and my team, and 25 percent is for the people that didn't believe in me."

In 1996, the 27-year-old cyclist learned he had testicular cancer that spread to his lungs and brain, requiring surgery and chemotherapy.

Armstrong made it clear at a news conference that he's still angry at those who thought he couldn't return to top-level cycling after his illness.

"We all know what team didn't believe in me," he said, referring to the French team, Cofidis. "I don't want to name names, but they have always been in my mind."

"When the world was listening, they said they wanted Lance Armstrong back in the Tour. Three months later they were breaking the contract. Now, Lance Armstrong is going to win the Tour de France," he said.

Armstrong said his current team, U.S. Postal, has done

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Final stage of Le Tour de France begins at 4 p.m. on ABC.

AP photo/Internet

Texan Lance Armstrong waves from the podium after winning the 19th stage of the Tour de France on Saturday, a 35-mile individual time trial in western France.

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Ryan Express pulls into Cooperstown today

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — One last stop for the Ryan Express.

Nolan Ryan, who played longer than anyone in major league history and surely frightened more hitters than any other pitcher, will take his place in the Hall of Fame today as a h u m b l e Texan.

"I think this is the final chapter of my career," Ryan said. "It's the highest honor."

Sluggers Orlando Cepeda, and George Brett and Robin Yount, part of the 3,000-hit club and the greatest players of their franchises, will join Ryan in a parade of seven for the induction ceremonies.

The largest Cooperstown class since 1972 also includes late umpire Nestor Chylak, Negro leagues ace Smokey Joe Williams and 19th-century manager Frank Selee.

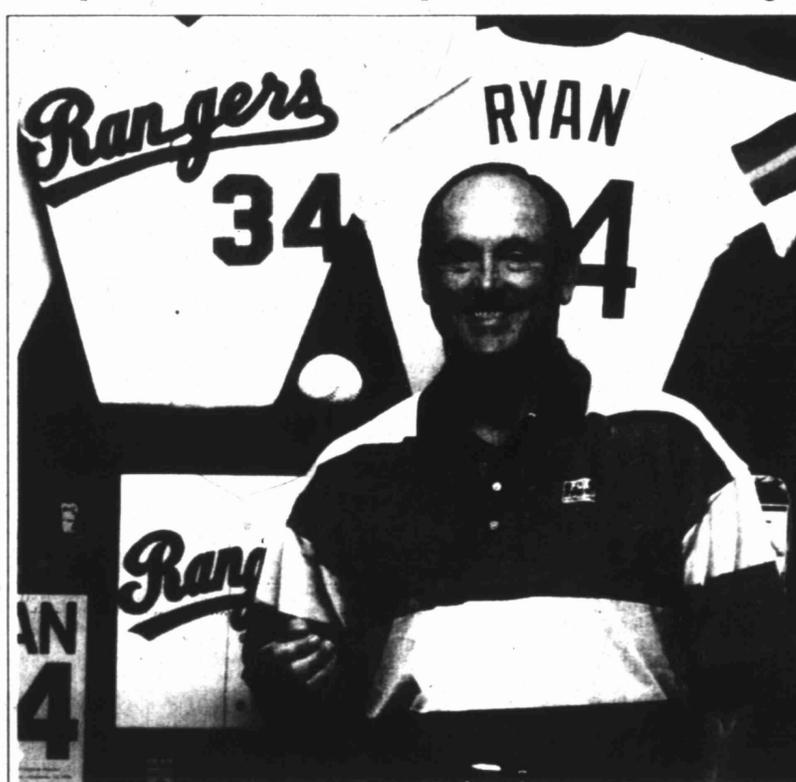
A record crowd of more than 40,000 is expected to jam this quiet village of 2,300 where baseball is believed to have originated. A record 39 Hall of Famers, among them Ted Williams, Hank Aaron and Bob Feller, are expected to attend.

The weekend festivities wrap up Monday with the annual Hall exhibition game. Appropriately, it matches Ryan's Texas Rangers against Brett's Kansas City Royals at Doubleday Field.

"So much of it falls into place as it was scripted that way," said Yount, who got his 3,000th hit for Milwaukee three weeks before Brett reached the milestone.

"George Brett was unquestionably my favorite player to watch play. And Nolan Ryan is one of the all-time great pitchers the game has ever seen. And Orlando Cepeda was one of the game's great hitters of the 1960s. It's really amazing that we all can go in together."

"During my career, I didn't



Nolan Ryan poses with some of his jerseys and memorabilia in the Nolan Ryan Museum in Alvin. Ryan will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. today.

Cepeda said: "To hear those words — 'Hall of Famer' — and know I'm one of them. It means so many things to me."

And seeing is believing, Ryan said.

"When you walk into the Hall, and you look at the plaques and the displays there with all the great players like Ruth, Gehrig, Cy Young, Walter Johnson and those guys, and they show you where your plaque is going to hang, you realize that you are going to be thought of on that level."

Ryan went 324-292 in a 27-year

career with the Mets, Angels, Astros and Rangers. A special assistant to the Rangers president, he will enter the Hall wearing a Texas cap.

Ryan, incidentally, struck out 28 Hall of Famers, including Brett, Yount and Cepeda.

Fitting all the plaques into the main gallery at 25 Main Street, meanwhile, presented another problem.

The seven newcomers raised the total Hall membership to 244. Going into this year's votes

(7) and strikeouts (5,714).

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Ellerbe wipes disappointment away with record toss

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Dawn Ellerbe wiped away all the disappointments of her international career by winning the first gold medal in track and field at the 1999 Pan American Games.

"It's my first Pan Am Games and winning is very special," Ellerbe said Saturday after smashing the meet record in the women's hammer throw with a heave of 214 feet, 5 inches on her final attempt. Ellerbe's first throw was 208-10.

This was only the second time the event was contested at the Games, and five of Ellerbe's six throws surpassed the mark of 193-4 set by Alexandria Given of the United States in 1995.

Three other track and field finals were scheduled Saturday, the opening day of the sport's competition: the men's shot put and 5,000 meters and the women's long jump.

Also Saturday, Canada edged the United States in women's team gymnastics.

The early track competition went to form, as Americans Johnny Gray and Trinity Townsend won their semifinal heats in the men's 800, and Meredith Rainey Valmon, the defending champion in the

Pan Am Games

women's 800, and Kathy Rounds qualified for the final.

But Ellerbe was the star of the show on a steamy afternoon at sparsely attended University of Manitoba Stadium.

The U.S. champion for the past four years and the two-time NCAA champion at South Carolina, Ellerbe entered the Pan Am Games a prohibitive favorite off her American record of 230-2 this season.

However, she also had several past failures in international meets. She finished seventh in both the 1997 World University Games and 1998 Goodwill Games and placed fourth in this year's World University Games.

"This is my first international title," Ellerbe said. "I put in a lot of hard work this year and it paid off. I will take a V — for victory — any way I can get it."

"My goal is to win at the world championships (next month at Seville, Spain). That last throw put me on the way toward that. Winning the gold here is close to winning the world championship."

"I feel good about what

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Brazilian gymnast Marilla Gomez performs her floor routine during women's team competition at the Pan American Games on Saturday.

Cowboys

Chan Gailey ready to make some changes as camp opens

IRVING (AP) — Chan Gailey has spent nearly seven months stewing over the way his first season as coach of the Dallas Cowboys came crashing down. So as he heads into year two, Gailey is ready to make some changes.

The Cowboys open training camp Monday determined to be faster on offense and intent on relying less on selected veterans early in the season in hopes of keeping them fresh when it matters most.

Slow feet and tired legs caught up to Dallas late last season. The Cowboys lost three of their final five games and barely beat a bad Philadelphia team.

Then, on Jan. 2, they were humiliated in the first round of the playoffs by Arizona, a team they'd beaten the last nine times. The game wasn't even as close as the 20-7 final score.

Suddenly, their 10-6 season that included an unprecedented 8-0 sweep in NFC East play didn't seem so satisfying.

"I don't want to lose the feeling I had at the end of that ballgame," Gailey said. "I want us to realize the positives and good things we did, but understand how bad it hurts to be out of the playoffs and to lose like that."

What hurt Gailey most is that he was betrayed by his offense, which is his specialty.

The four- and five-receiver sets he favored didn't work because there wasn't a legitimate threat other than Michael Irvin, and he wasn't always feared. Once defenses knew they could stop the passing game, they concentrated more on shutting down Emmitt Smith and the running game.

It won't be as easy for opponents this year. The offensive line has been improved and the receiving corps is deeper. That combination means more time for Troy Aikman to find better targets.

Four of the five line spots will have new starters, although there's only one newcomer — and he's not new. Mark Stepnoski, the center on two of Dallas' Super Bowl champion teams, is back after a four-year absence.

But the line is improved with second-year hulk Flozell Adams moving from guard to tackle, where he's more comfortable, and Erik Williams heading into camp in better shape than he's been in years.

All-Pro Larry Allen moves to left guard and Everett McIver replaces Nate Newton at right guard, although it remains to be seen whether he or anyone else can replace Newton's jolly

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Rangers win seventh straight game as Stevens, Rodriguez hit homers

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Lee Stevens and Ivan Rodriguez homered for the second consecutive game as the Texas Rangers won their seventh straight with a 5-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Saturday night.

Stevens drove in three runs and hit a two-run homer off Alan Newman (1-2) to give the Rangers a 4-3 lead in the sixth inning. Rodriguez added a solo shot in the seventh.

Esteban Loaiza (2-1) allowed three runs, four hits and walked five over five innings. Jeff Zimmerman retired all three batters he faced in the eighth inning.

John Wetteland got the save. Tampa Bay's John Flaherty hit a run-scoring double in the first inning. Dave Martinez walked with the bases loaded and Wade Boggs hit a sacrifice fly in the second.

The Rangers got within 3-2 in the fourth inning on a sacrifice fly by Todd Zeile and Stevens' RBI single.

Tampa Bay starter Dave Eiland gave up two runs and five hits.

Orioles 8, Angels 4

BALTIMORE — Cal Ripken homered twice and drove in three runs as the resurgent Baltimore Orioles beat Anaheim 8-4 Saturday, extending the Angels' losing streak to a season-high nine games.

Jason Johnson (2-4) allowed two runs and four hits over seven innings.

He struck out five and walked five.

Anaheim's Ken Hill (3-9) pitched five innings, allowing four runs.

Will Clark hit his 10th homer of the season and has reached double digits in home runs in each of his 14 major league seasons.

Baltimore took a 2-0 lead on Albert Belle's RBI single in the first and a second-inning sacrifice fly by B.J. Surhoff.

Clark led off the fourth with a homer. Surhoff singled, stole second and scored on Harold Baines' single in the fifth.

The Angels cut the lead to 4-1 in the sixth when Randy Velarde led off with a triple and scored on an errant relay throw by Delino DeShields.

Ripken homered to lead off the sixth, then hit a two-run shot off Shigetoshi Hasegawa in the seventh.

Yankees 21, Indians 1

NEW YORK — In their biggest victory in 46 years, the New York Yankees routed the Cleveland Indians 21-1 Saturday as Chili Davis went 5-for-6 with six RBIs.

Jorge Posada had four hits and drove in three runs, and Scott Brosius and Davis homered in the Yankees' biggest victory since routing the Washington Senators 21-1 on Aug. 12, 1953.

Hideki Irabu (7-3) won, allowing seven hits in seven innings.

The Yankees chased Mark Langston (1-1) in a seven-run fifth. Langston gave up nine runs.

Paul Assenmacher gave up seven runs. Tom Candiotti allowed five runs.

Davis hit a two-run single in the first.

He singled in the third, doubled to start the big fifth, then singled home the final run of the inning.

He also hit a three-run homer off Candiotti that capped a six-run sixth and flied out in the seventh.

Posada hit an RBI single in the first, singled in the fourth, finished off Langston with a two-run double in the fifth and singled in the seventh.

Red Sox 11, Tigers 4

DETROIT — Rookie Trot Nixon hit three of Boston's seven home runs and drove in a career-high five runs as the Red Sox snapped a three-game losing streak with a 11-4 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Saturday.

Nixon had a three-run homer in a four-run second, hit one of Boston's three homers in a four-run fourth and added a

solo blast in the eighth.

Nomar Garciaparra hit a solo shot in the third and followed Brian Daubach's two-run blast with his second of the game in the fourth.

Jeff Weaver (6-6) allowed the first five homers.

Derek Lowe pitched the save. Mark Portugal (6-7) won, allowing three runs on seven hits with five strikeouts and one walk.

Nixon's three-run homer highlighted a four-run second. It came after Reggie Jefferson singled, Jason Varitek walked and Darren Lewis hit a bunt single. A run scored when third baseman Frank Catalanotto's throw went past first.

Cardinals 10, Rockies 2
DENVER — Kent Mercker pitched six shutout innings and David Howard went 3-for-5 with three RBIs as the St. Louis Cardinals won their third straight, 10-2 over the Colorado Rockies on Saturday.

J.D. Drew drove in two runs with a single and a solo home run and Alberto Castillo had three hits and two RBIs to back Mercker (4-4).

Mercker struck out three, walked three and allowed seven hits.

Darryl Kile (5-10) lasted four innings and gave up seven runs and eight hits. Larry Walker had two singles and a walk and Dante Bichette had three doubles.

Mark McGwire, whose 34 homers are two short of Sammy Sosa, went 0-for-5.

The Cardinals led 1-0 when Drew homered.

Howard hit a RBI single. Then, Willie McGee scored on Mercker's sacrifice bunt when Kirt Manwarung's attempt to get Howard at second bounced off the runner. Howard and Mercker scored with two outs when Walker dropped Joe McEwing's fly.

Reds 7, Giants 6

SAN FRANCISCO — Dmitri Young hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the ninth inning off closer Robb Nen and the Cincinnati Reds rallied past the San Francisco Giants 7-6 Saturday.

Scott Williamson (9-4) picked up the win by pitching two hitless innings, tying Wayne Granger's 1969 franchise record for relief wins in a season.

Marvin Benard homered off Dennis Reyes to lead off the ninth and, one out later, hit Barry Bonds with a pitch.

Danny Graves relieved and got the final two outs on a double play for the save.

Nen (3-4) came in to try to protect a 5-4 lead.

Mark Lewis led off the ninth with a double and was replaced by pinch runner Chris Stynes.

Nen failed to handle Mike Cameron's comebacker for an error and then walked Jason LaRue to load the bases.

Young lined a two-run single to put the Reds in front and added another when Rich Aurilio misplayed Sean Casey's grounder for an error.

Ellis Burks led the fourth with a solo shot off Pete Harnisch to make it 4-2.

Mets 2, Cubs 1
NEW YORK — Rookie Octavio Dotel struck out nine in 7 1-3 strong innings and

Robin Ventura's tiebreaking homer gave the New York Mets a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

Edgardo Alfonzo went 3-for-4 and homered for the Mets.

Dotel (3-1) gave up only Sammy Sosa's major league-leading 36th home run in the third inning. He allowed five hits and two walks before striking out Sosa with a runner on second and giving way to Dennis Cook in the eighth.

Armando Benitez pitched the save.

Ventura snapped a 1-all tie when he led off the sixth with a homer off Steve Trachsel (3-14).

Trachsel allowed two runs and four hits and six innings, while striking out seven.

In the first, the Cubs loaded the bases before Dotel retired Jose Hernandez on a foul out.

In the sixth, Dotel struck out Benito Santiago with runners on second and third.

Sosa's homer gave Chicago a 1-0 lead.

Alfonzo tied it in the fifth with a homer.

Astros 5, Padres 2

HOUSTON (AP) — Chris Holt pitched seven strong innings and Jeff Bagwell had three hits, including a run-scoring double, to lead the Houston Astros to a 5-2 victory over the San Diego Padres on Saturday.

Holt (2-9) had won just once in his first 15 starts, including six no-decisions. He didn't allow a hit through the first four innings and carried a 4-0 shutout into the sixth to extend his personal string of consecutive scoreless innings to 14 2-3.

Holt went seven innings, allowed seven hits and two runs, struck out five and walked two.

Billy Wagner struck out the side in the ninth for his 25th save in 27 opportunities.

Tony Gwynn went 2-for-4 and is 13 hits from 3,000 for his career.

Matt Clement (5-9) went five innings and gave up four runs on seven hits, three walks and two wild pitches. Clement, who struck out four, is 0-2 in his last four starts after having won four straight.

Houston took a 1-0 lead in the first when Daryle Ward singled to score Bagwell, who went 3-for-3.

Bagwell's double off the left-field scoreboard drove in Russ Johnson from first in the third inning. Bagwell went to third on the throw home and scored on Richard Hidalgo's sacrifice fly to right field for a 3-0 lead.

Johnson led off the fifth inning with his second homer of the season to make it 4-0.

Reggie Sanders' home run on a 1-1 pitch drove in Gwynn to close the gap to 4-2.

Tim Lincecum tripled and came home on Quilvio Veras' throwing error in the eighth inning for a 5-2 lead.

Notes Bagwell's second double Saturday was the 300th of his career. He's fourth on the team's career list. ... Astros pitchers have allowed the fewest home runs (75) in the National League. ... San Diego has won 20 of 32 one-run games. The 20 one-run wins are the most in the N.L. ... The Padres have gone homerless in nine of their last 15 games and are 9-6 in that span.

Henninger takes lead in Deere Classic

COAL VALLEY, Ill. (AP) — Brian Henninger, winless on the PGA Tour since 1994, carved out a 6-under-par 64 in Saturday's third round for a three-stroke lead after three rounds of the John Deere Classic.

Rain overnight made the greens accessible and the players took advantage with 299 birdies.

Henninger, one of 31 players called off the course because of threatening weather Friday night, came back early Saturday morning and completed a second-round 63 to trail leader Mike Brisky by one stroke. His 64 Saturday afternoon allowed him to tie the tournament's 54-hole record of 193 set by Blaine McCallister in 1987. The 72-hole record is 21-under by David Frost in 1993.

Henninger dropped three

strokes behind Brisky with a bogey at the par-4 fourth hole, then strung together three birdies and an eagle over a five-hole stretch beginning at the par-4 seventh, where he made a 3-foot putt for birdie.

Henninger got within two strokes of Brisky with a short birdie putt at the par-4 ninth and tied for the lead with a chip-in from behind the green for eagle at the par-5 10th.

Birdies at Nos. 11 and 13 got him to 16-under and he capped his round with a birdie at the 15th.

Brisky shot a 68 and was at 14-under. He birdied Nos. 3 and 7 but was unable to generate much on the back nine, playing even-par golf.

Robert Damron and J.L. Lewis each shot 65s and joined Brisky at 196.

Damron birdied Nos. 6, 7, 9,

10, 11 and 17. His lone bogey came at the par-4 13th.

Lewis, who had one birdie and one bogey on the front, got going on the back nine with birdies at Nos. 10, 12, 14, 15 and 18.

Kerry Perry, who shared the 18-hole lead, made one of the biggest moves of the day by matching Henninger's 64. He was at 198, joined by David Peoples, who shot 66.

Perry went out in 31 and chopped three more strokes off par before closing with a bogey at 18.

Pete Jordan and Mike Standly also shot 64s. They were at 11-under 199. Chris Perry's whose 63 was the best score of the third round, was at 201.

Defending champion Steve Jones was nine strokes back after a 68 Saturday.

Hale Irwin's 68 good for one-stroke lead

COON RAPIDS, Minn. (AP) — Hale Irwin shot a 68 Saturday and held a one-stroke lead over fast-closing David Graham after two rounds of the Burnet Senior Classic.

Irwin led by six strokes after 15 holes, but bogeyed two of the last three holes. Graham, meanwhile, birdied three of the last four holes for a 68 that left him

at 11-under-par 133 for two rounds over the 7,030-yard Bunker Hills Golf Club course.

Irwin hadn't made a bogey through 33 holes and had just chipped in from 30 feet on No. 15 to get to 14-under with a six-stroke lead when he ran into trouble. A balky putter cost him pars on Nos. 16 and 17 and a birdie on the 18th hole.

Gil Morgan and Bob Eastwood, whose 65s were the best rounds of the day, pulled within four shots of the lead at 136, joined by Frank Conner (67), Jim Dent (70) and Jim Colbert (71).

Allen Doyle shot a 66 and was at 137, five back of Irwin.

U.S. makes finals of Tournament of Americas

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Take away the first nine minutes, and this clinch was a cinch.

The U.S. qualified with relative ease Saturday for the 2000 Olympics, weathering a semi-lengthy stretch in which Argentina held the lead and beating their opponent 88-59.

It a game largely devoid of emotion or excitement, the Americans broke things open midway through the first half with a 23-2 run. The U.S. team was never challenged again in locking up a spot in next summer's Olympics before a crowd that was less than 2,000 when the game began.

Another Olympic berth was up for grabs in Saturday's late game between Puerto Rico and Canada.

The winner will face the U.S. in the Tournament of Americas gold medal game tonight.

As has usually been the case with the Americans in this tournament, no one player stood out Saturday. Tim Hardaway scored a team-high 17, Gary Payton had 16 points, seven assists and four steals. Kevin Garnett added 11 points, eight rebounds and four steals and Tom Gugliotta scored 10.

The big difference this time was the amount of time Argentina was able to hold onto a lead — a full six minutes.

Hugo Scanochini drove baseline for a dunk that made it 5-3, and a pair of foul shots by Luis Scola gave Argentina its largest lead, 17-10.

The U.S. team, including the next six points, ran off the alley-oop dunk by Garnett off a steal by Jason Kidd, but couldn't catch all the way up until

Americas gold medal game tonight.

Garnett hit a bank shot and a foul shot for a three-point play that tied it at 23-23 with 10:23 left.

That started the game-breaking 23-2 run that included seven points from Hardaway and ended with a fast-break layup by Smith off a steal by Garnett and a behind-the-back bounce pass from Payton for a 43-25 lead.

The U.S. team scored eight of the first 10 points of the second half and took its first 20-point lead, 57-37, on a short jumper in the lane by Kidd with 16:49 left.

From there, it was simply a matter of playing out the clock and maintaining a comfortable lead. A pair of foul shots by Tim Hardaway with 5:48 left made it 78-52, and a dunk by Elton Brand with 17 seconds left gave the Americans their final points and their largest lead — 29.

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spirit.
"In my opinion, this is one of the best lines we've had in about four years," Smith said. "Unfortunately, Nate's not going to be there with us, but we still look good."

The new lineup of receivers is also promising. Dallas signed Raghbi "Rocket" Ismail, traded for James McKnight of Seattle and drafted Wane McGarity of Texas and MarTay Jenkins of Nebraska-Omaha.

The common denominator of all four newcomers is speed.

"It's not enough to say we're faster because we've got guys who run 40s in such-and-such time," Gailey said. "I hope that as we watch our team, it'll be obvious that we are faster."

Aikman likes what he's seen from Ismail, who could be the deep threat Dallas has lacked since Alvin Harper left five years ago.

"We've had speed in the past, but we've never had that kind of speed from a guy who has actually made plays in the NFL," Aikman said. "He's shown he can play in this league."

Last season, Gailey began using what he calls "preventative medicine" with Smith by sending him to the sidelines on most third downs. Gailey plans to prescribe it to Irvin and full-back Daryl Johnston this season.

"You want to put great players in a position to be successful," Gailey said.

Irvin, the club leader in virtually every receiving category, would be more likely to accept a lesser role if team owner Jerry Jones would extend his contract beyond this season. But Jones says he's not ready to commit.

"If he's here and playing hard, that's great," Gailey said. "If he's not, he makes us make a decision."

Dallas will start training camp — and probably the season — without two of its best defenders as Deion Sanders recovers from toe surgery and Leon Lett is suspended indefinitely for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Without Lett, the defensive line is less effective against the run and won't put as much pressure on quarterbacks. Sanders' absence makes Dallas' secondary vulnerable.

That forces Dallas to rely more than ever on its linebackers, a unit that's been mostly forgotten this decade.

Speedy Dexter Coakley and solid Randall Godfrey return as starters. They'll be joined by Quentin Coryatt, a former No. 2 overall pick who sat out last year after being cut by Indianapolis.

"We're going to have one of the fastest linebacker corps in the NFL," Coakley said. "I told (Coryatt) all he has to do is hold people up and I'll come in and clean 'em up."

Sanders had surgery in late April to repair a slow-healing toe problem. Gailey says Sanders will be ready for "a great deal of the season," but he can't be more specific.

"Does that mean the opening game, the third game, the fifth game? I don't know," Gailey said.

The big story of last year's training camp was "Scissorsgate," the debacle involving Irvin, McIver and a haircut that went awry.

If Irvin can refrain from honing his barbershop skills this summer, the Cowboys could have one of their calmest training camps in years.

Jones is giving the guys a break by not sending them to El Paso, Shreveport, La., or Mexico City, as he's done in recent years.

Instead, the Cowboys will leave Wichita Falls for only three preseason road games, beginning with the Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio, against the resurrected Cleveland

Browns on Aug. 9. Camp ends Aug. 25 and is followed by two more exhibition games at Texas Stadium.

Dallas opens the regular season Sept. 12 in Washington. "I'm excited about our team and our chances of winning a championship," Gailey said. "I think we've got a chance to be a very good football team."

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happened today."

Some of the other Americans also were pleased with their efforts.

"I had to run faster than I thought," Rainey Valmon said after winning her semifinal heat in 2 minutes, 1.95 seconds. "The track is great. It's very fast."

"Some tracks look big and are more intimidating than others. This one is not intimidating."

Rainey Valmon, the 1999 U.S. champion, ran 1:59.44 in winning the Pan Am title four years ago at Mar del Plata, Argentina.

"I would like to run faster than that in (Sunday's) final," said Rainey Valmon, who also will compete in the world championships.

Gray, the remarkable 39-year-old who contemplated retirement 11 years ago, eased to victory in 1 1/2 heat in 1:47.07.

"Whenever I think about retirement, there's always another big meet that comes along — the Olympics, world championships, World Cup, World University Games — that I always say I will run one more year," the enthusiastic Gray said. "Retirement usually crosses my mind about once a year. This year, it's crossed my mind 10 or 15 times."

"If I don't return, I will run Masters races. I'm getting tired of running against kids half my age."

In addition to the major championships that keep him going, Gray said he hasn't quit "because of the respect I get for what I've done for track and field."

The captain of the U.S. track and field team has run the 800 under 1:45 a total of 67 times, more than any runner in history.

At a team meeting prior to the start of the Games, many of the other runners were in awe of Gray's achievements.

"The young runners said, 'Wow, we didn't know you had done all that,' the four-time Olympian and 1992 bronze medalist said.

"It's an honor that everyone now knows what I've done."

Canada beat the favored Americans in women's gymnastics with 148,944 points. The United States had 148,364 and Brazil took the bronze with 147,639. Canada also won the Pan Am gold in 1979, the only other year the United States failed to win.

"We were not 100 percent prepared," U.S. coach Mary Lee Tracy said. "We were doing some new skills, not to mention the world championships to think about. But those are excuses. Basically, we got beat. They hit more than we did."

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the Baseball Writers' Association of America election in January and the Veterans Committee meeting in March — there was space for only 240 plaques to be properly displayed.

So, for now, the last three spots will go to the first three players picked this year — Brett, Ryan and Yount.

The other four plaques will hang through next summer in an adjacent rotunda that houses a home-run chase exhibit. After that, an expansion will make room for everyone.

Ryan, his family and about 150 people from Texas were to arrive in upstate New York on, fittingly, the "Nolan Ryan Express," a plane in the Southwest Airlines' fleet that was dedicated to him in January.

Brett and Yount also were expected to bring large contingents. And Chylak, who died in 1982, was to have 20 busloads of supporters from his native Pennsylvania.

Brett's son, Robin — named for Yount — was to attend. Robin turned 3 on the day Brett and Yount were elected to the Hall.

"Robin was the guy I most enjoyed playing against in my entire career," Brett said.

Brett, a 13-time All-Star third baseman, hit .305 in a 21-year career spent entirely in Kansas City. He is 13th with 3,154 hits and tops the Royals' list in hits, doubles, triples, home runs (317), RBIs (1,595) and runs.

A big-game player and 1980 AL MVP, Brett led the Royals to their only World Series championship in 1985.

"George put Kansas City on the map," said former teammate David Cone, who pitched a perfect game last Sunday for the Yankees.

"Before he came, Kansas City was only known for the Negro leagues and the Monarchs, and as a farm team for the Yankees. George Brett made it credible, a big league town," he said.

Yount ranks 15th on the hits list with 3,142. He played all 20 years in Milwaukee and batted

.285, and is the Brewers' leader in hits, doubles, triples, home runs (251), RBIs (1,406) and runs.

He won AL MVP awards in 1982 at shortstop and 1989 in center field, joining Stan Musial and Hank Greenberg as the only players to win at two positions.

Cepeda, who played most of his career with the San Francisco Giants, hit 379 home runs with 1,365 RBIs. An NL rookie of the year and MVP at first base, he played in nine All-Star games.

Chylak is one of eight umpires in the Hall. He worked in the AL from 1954-78 and called five World Series and six All-Star games.

Sele, one of 15 managers enshrined, guided Boston and Chicago to a .598 winning percentage in the NL. He put together the Cubs' famed Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance infield.

Williams, who starred for the Homestead Grays and several other teams before retiring in 1932, was picked in a 1952 poll by the Pittsburgh Courier as black baseball's greatest pitcher, edging out Satchel Paige.

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much to boost his confidence. He recalled an e-mail he received last year from team director Johan Bruyneel.

"It said: 'I look forward to seeing you on the podium in Paris next year.' I thought he was crazy," Armstrong said. "But he was passionate and that was infectious."

"I didn't expect to win the Tour," he added. "It would have been a very different race if Alex Zulle hadn't lost six minutes in a crash on day two. But I will finish a happy man."

He was referring to a crucial stage during which a number of riders crashed on a roadway that links a small island to the western coast of France. Zulle and a few other top riders were caught behind the crash and lost crucial minutes, essentially wrecking their chances.

In winning the 19th stage, Armstrong looked as confident and dominant as he has throughout his amazing run.

As holder of the yellow jersey,

he was last to ride, and after 45 minutes, he overtook Escartin, who began three minutes before him.

With Armstrong already more than 6 minutes ahead before the start of this stage, the real battle was for the podium. Zulle's performance meant he leapt above Escartin into second place.

This stage of the three-week race was a flat ride around the science and technology park of Futuroscope in central France. Having ridden nearly 2,175 miles so far, the riders were drawing on their last reserves.

They also had to withstand steamy conditions and a troublesome headwind at the start of the course. Early riders, who faced the strongest gusts, looked for shelter by cycling close to cornfields.

Fine weather brought out thousands of spectators, who watched the cyclists race through pretty medieval villages and winding streets with sharp, hairpin turns.

As suited the science-fiction park's theme, there was plenty of futuristic gear on show, especially the teardrop-shaped aerodynamic helmets.

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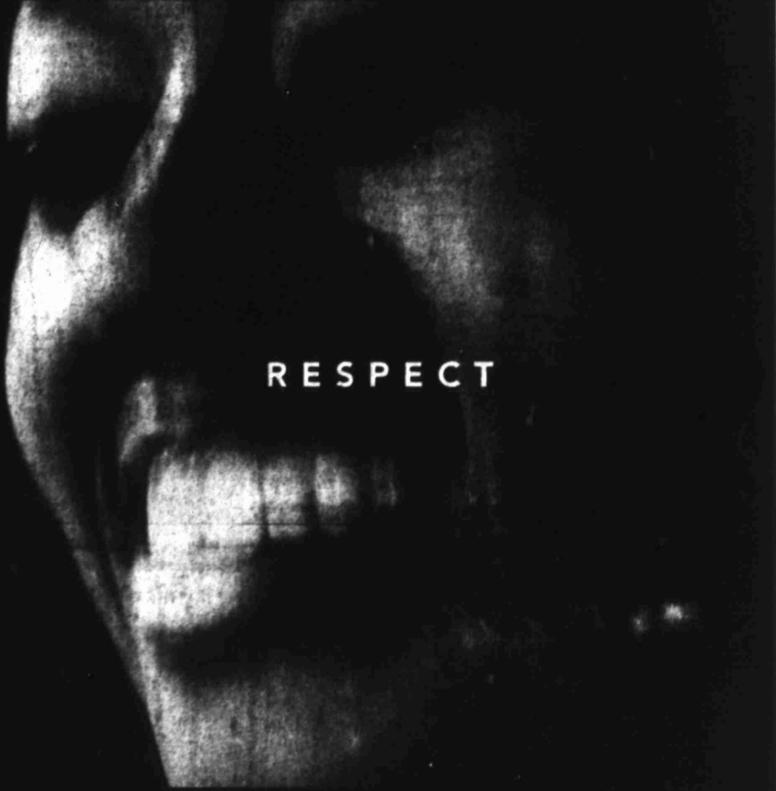
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Let them eat cake

For Billye and Tolbert Grisham, life really is a party. Or at least, it's a reception.

The Grishams, both retirees from professional fields, bake and decorate wedding cakes, make silk flower arrangements, rent out church decorations and cater wedding and anniversary receptions. Their work keeps them busy almost every weekday, and many Saturdays.

"All of our friends are retired," said Billye, a former schoolteacher. "I guess we'll quit when we get good and ready. We just like what we do."

They call their business, run out of a studio behind their home, Creative Celebrations.

A job usually starts with a consultation, often including the bride and her mother, and sometimes the groom. With Billye's guidance, but never her opinion, they will choose a cake from samples displayed around the room and pictures in books. If the client wants "the works," they will often come back several times to choose from various combinations of silk flowers, candelabrum, arches and pew bows.

Usually, the bride will match everything to two colors — the coordinating hues she has chosen for her "big day." That means decorations, cake icing, bouquets and boutonnières will match, and perhaps even coordinate with reception tablecloths and bridesmaid's dresses.

But if the bride chooses strange colors, doesn't want to coordinate or just has an unusual sense of style, Billye said she keeps her mouth shut.

"I follow the leader," she said. But it's hardest to do so when someone else, often the bride's mother, takes over all the decisions. And occasionally, although rarely, the groom takes over.

"I always try to watch the bride and see if she seems happy with what's going on, and if she does, then I'm happy," Billye said.

With 22 years of experience dealing with brides, she notices more than a few things that have changed.

"They know what they want today," she said, "and they go for it." That may have to do with the average age of her brides, which has risen from 18-20 to 22-25 and above.

And though the most popular color choices change from year to year, certain trends return over and over. This year, the hot colors for weddings are burgundy and hunter green.

While catering, flowers and decorations are a large part of their business, cakes are still king for the Grishams. After all, that's where they started.

Billye said it was actually her husband who got the business rolling. While he was working as an optician and she was teaching school, more than 22 years ago, Tolbert suggested to his wife that she take a cake decorating class.

From there, she began making and decorating cakes in the evenings and on weekends. Soon their business had grown and expanded into their full-time enterprise.

These days, Tolbert is chief cake baker, using dozens of pans in all shapes and sizes. He also makes the icing, and then Billye takes over for the decorating.

The wedding cake is usually French vanilla cream, while 90 percent of groom's cakes are chocolate.

Size and shape, however, are another matter. They range from a small, two-tiered round cake to a giant rectangle topped by three tiers and surrounded by several satellites. There are unusual requests, such as one several years ago that included working lights between tiers. Groom's cakes have ranged from the state of Texas to a Volkswagen, a pig and everything in between.

While books and magazines tell prospective brides that the cake choice comes last, Billye said that is simply not true.

"I have turned down six cakes for this weekend," she said, adding that she was already making four, plus catering and decorating duties.

"Six months ahead of time is not too early to start planning the cake," she said. "Get your order in and you'll be sure to have what you want, when you want it."

While it is one of their major choices in wedding planning, most brides don't even get a piece of their cake, Billye said. That's why they should consider saving the top tier for their first anniversary, a wedding tradition.

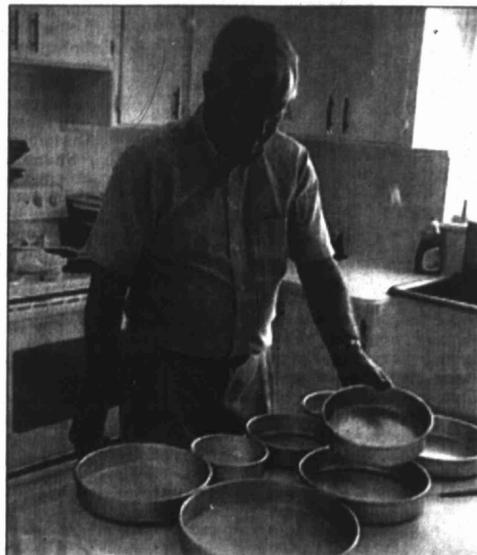
And, she added, have someone stay with the cake from the time it arrives until the reception servers take over.

One hard bump to the table could send the cake, dozens of hours of work, and the centerpiece of your reception crashing to the ground. Although it has never happened to her, it did happen to a friend in the wedding business — a story Billye said she will never forget.

Many things can be challenging about the wedding business — after all, it is considered one of the most intense, emotional times in the life of a family. But Billye and Tolbert say they love their work.

"It's been wonderful," said Tolbert. And Billye adds it has made their golden years more interesting.

"This has been a good retirement job," she said. "We get to work with all these young people, and we enjoy it so much. It keeps us young."



Tips for brides

- Set a budget before you begin shopping for your cake, decorations and other necessities.
- Choose your colors carefully, be sure they work well together.
- Consider having someone cater your reception, rather than doing it yourself. That day will be stressful enough.
- Plan and order your cake months ahead, especially if you want something unusual that will take extra time.
- Coordinate your colors throughout the church and reception area. This looks great!

Billye Grisham

In the photographs, clockwise from top left: A bride and groom cake topper reminds everyone who is the center of the wedding occasion. Tolbert Grisham, a retired optician, now bakes wedding and anniversary cakes and makes the icing for his wife, Billye, to decorate them. Billye, a retired schoolteacher, works on the top layer of a golden anniversary cake late last week; it was for a party Saturday. A closeup shows the tiny icing flowers being placed one by one on a layer of the large cake. Billye holds up a bouquet made of silk flowers, another part of their business.

Story and photos by
Debbie L. Jensen

Scoot over and make room for me on the porch

Have you noticed more people sitting on their porches lately? Maybe it's the "cooler" summer weather, or just...

...save on air conditioning bills. Whatever the reason, I like it. Our porch is not much more than a small concrete slab. To my husband's credit, he did replace the outdoor "grass" when it got worn, but there is not all that much you can do with the tiny thing.

There's not room for a swing, a bench or even a potted plant. But we do sit there occasionally. It's been a good cure for a fussy baby — something about

the cars going by, the strange noises or the night air.

It's also a great place to get to know your neighbors.

This spring, we watched one neighbor teach her son to ride a bike. Time and time again, she ran down the sidewalk with him as he pedaled like crazy. He would crash; she'd pick him up and off they'd go again.

A neighbor across the street has a younger son, who seems to love the yard. He plays outside, visits the dog next door, and waves to us while his mother or someone else keeps an eye on him.

Sitting on the porch was how we met most of our neighbors; it seems to give them a chance to come over and talk.

We've discussed what to do about stray cats, who's moving in or out, and when someone is going on vacation. When we



DEBBIE L. JENSEN

took a two-week trip earlier this summer, we hired a neighbor's son to take care of our dog, who needed daily medication. We probably wouldn't have even met if it hadn't been for that front porch.

I've lived in homes with lots of different porches — some just a slab, others practically a whole room of their own.

My dad still lives in the house where I spent my teenage years. His front porch wraps halfway around the house, completely screened in for evening comfort. I remember many hours spent out

there. It was a great place to eat supper, entertain friends and read a book.

I also remember serious, sad and difficult discussions that took place on the porch. And I remember quite a bit of neighbor-watching as well.

Driving home from the grocery store the other night, I saw a family out on their front porch in a neighborhood near mine. There were five or six people out there, one holding a baby, most of them laughing and talking. It looked like such a pleasant scene, I longed to have my extended family

around for evenings on the porch.

After that, I started to look around more often as I drove through town, and noticed more people on their porches — young, old, people alone, couples, parents with kids. I thought how nice it would be if, as we do, they waved and spoke to their neighbors who were also sitting outside in the evenings.

It seems true that sitting on the porch is more than just "watching the world go by." It's a way to enjoy, and become part of, the neighborhood.

WEDDINGS

Wood-Doss

Nancy Ruthe Wood and Joe David Doss, both of Amarillo, were married June 26, 1999, at San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo with the Rev. Gordon Benson of Halfway Baptist Church officiating.

The bride's parents are Velma Ruthe and the late Roney "Woodie" Wood of Coahoma. Her grandparents are the late F.P. and Rosa Woodson of Coahoma.

The groom's parents are Mary Beth and the late Bobby Doss of Amarillo.

Instrumentalists and vocalists included Roney Wood Jr., brother of the bride, and Sport Waddel of Amarillo.

Given in marriage by her three brothers, the bride wore a white, sleeveless gown of Denice lace with chiffon over floor-length satin. She carried a cascade of white roses, gardenias, baby's breath and wisteria with a white chiffon bow and pearl strands.

Maid of honor was Myra Vaughn, Amarillo. Bridesmaids were Carol Buse, Cara Reid and Dawn Smith, all of Amarillo.

Flower girl was Karrie Wood, niece of the bride; ringbearer was Taylor Doss, nephew of the groom.

Best man was Randy Reid, Amarillo. Groomsmen and ushers were Chris Doss, brother of the groom, and John Ray and Kyle Prater, nephews of the groom. Candlelighters were Suzanna Dean Wood and Kristie Ray Wood, nieces of the bride.



MR. AND MRS. JOE DOSS

Garland bearers were Chelsea and Samantha Doss, nieces of the groom.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall. The bride's cake was a four-tiered strawberry cake with white icing, decorated with greenery and baby red roses. The groom had a round chocolate cake with chocolate icing and chocolate dipped strawberries.

The bride is a graduate of Coahoma High School and Howard College with a bachelor's from Hardin-Simmons and a master's from West Texas A&M. She is employed by Big State Remodeling.

The groom, a graduate of Canyon and Amarillo High School, is employed by Big State Remodeling. After a western Caribbean cruise, they have made their home in Amarillo.

Henderson-Sims

Jenny Renae Henderson, Lubbock, and Jason Todd Sims, Big Spring, were united in marriage on July 24, 1999, at the Indiana Avenue Baptist Church of Lubbock with Russ Murphy officiating.

She is the daughter of Jim and Angela Henderson of Lubbock.

He is the son of Terry and Jan Sims of Big Spring.

Terry Sims and Stuart Brummett were pianists. Kristina Woods was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white, floor-length gown with a full skirt and heavily beaded bodice and a simple, traditional veil.

She carried a cascade style bouquet of brightly colored spring flowers.

Maid of honor was Linsey Henderson, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Sharla Durham and Audrey Tinney.

Shane Sims, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Groomsmen were Matt Evans, brother-in-law of the groom, and Jacson Jennings.

Mattie Sims, cousin of the groom, was the flowergirl and Tyler Evans, nephew of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Cory Butler, Jason Fisher and J. J. Hollingshed served as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church.

The bride's cake was a simply decorated white cake with sprays of spring flowers



MRS. JASON TODD SIMS

between each layer.

The groom's cake was a strawberry shortcake with fresh strawberries and strawberry glaze.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Coronado High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University who attends UTPB. She is employed by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Odessa.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Forsan High School and a 1999 graduate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

He is presently employed by Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

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

Barber-Moss

Jill D'Ann Barber of Midland and Jeremy Charles Moss of Houston were united in marriage July 17, 1999, at First Baptist Church in Midland with the Rev. Waymon Swopes of Greenwood Baptist officiating.

The bride's parents are Wayne and Brenda Barber of Midland. Her grandparents are Billy and Bennie Barber of Big Spring and H.W. and Lola Graves of Stanton.

The groom's parents are Randall and Julie Moss of Miller Place, N.Y.

Vocalist was Brenda Rosentreter, cousin of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin Bianchi dress with braided straps and satin cummerbund. Her bouquet was peachy pink roses and white baby roses.

Maid of honor was Jill Kennedy; matron of honor was Jennifer Church. Bridesmaid was Ashlie Evans.

Flower girl was Lauren Camarillo; ringbearer was Ben Moss, cousin of the groom.

Best man was Randall Moss, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Aaron and Andrew Moss, brothers of the groom.

Ushers were Donnie Barber, brother of the bride, Patrick Lerner, cousin of the groom, Brent Moss, uncle of the groom and Tony Vanrie, cousin of the groom.



MRS. JEREMY CHARLES MOSS

An outdoor reception followed the ceremony, at 3905 Mockingbird Lane in Midland.

The bride's cake was decorated with a basketweave design and peach roses. The groom's cake was chocolate, shaped in a baseball diamond.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Greenwood High School, Howard cosmetology and Midland College. She is employed at Beautique Salon in the Village, Houston.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Elkhart Memorial High School and a 1997 graduate of Ball State University. He is employed by the Pearl and Independent School District.

The couple will make their home in Midland.

Atkinson-Spencer

Brandy Atkinson and Chris Spencer, both of Big Spring, were married June 29, 1999, in Jamaica with a local minister officiating.

The bride's parents are Dennis and Debbie Atkinson of Big Spring. The groom's parents are Dean and Teresa Spencer of Big Spring, and David and Sherre Adkins of Midland.

The bride wore a long white dress with an embroidered bodice and halter-style neckline. Witnesses were Mike and Jami Hebert of Athens, Texas.

They had a reception with a barbecue dinner and band at Dora Roberts Community Center in Big Spring.

The bride, a graduate of Hermligh High School and Howard College Dental Hygiene program, is employed by Dr. Kauffman of Midland.

The groom, a graduate of



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS SPENCER

Midland High School, is employed by Gilhan Paint and Body.

After the Jamaica wedding trip, the couple is at home in Big Spring.

WHO'S WHO

Seth Huddleston, the grandson of Phillip and Jewel Burcham of Big Spring, recently received an award offered by Duke University Talent Search for gifted seventh graders.

He took the college-bound ACT test and scored very high to earn this honor. The top 3 percent seventh grade students in 16 states are invited to take the test, and the top 1 percent score high enough to win the award.

His parents are Doug and Tami Huddleston of Monahans.



HUDDLESTON

Jason Paul Melton, grandson of Clara Justice of Coahoma and the late Jim Justice, graduated from Princeton University June 1, 1999.

He received an A.B. in Economics with a grade point average of 3.32. The 1995 graduate of Jim Ned High School in Tuscola has accepted a position with Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette in Houston as an investment banking analyst in their energy group.

He received several awards while at Princeton, including the Watt R. Mathews Foundation Scholarship and the Robert C. Byrd National Scholarship. His parents are Mary Beth Justice of Georgetown and Jim and Debra Melton of Sulphur Springs.



MELTON

Hunt-Smith

Ashley Graham Hunt and Christopher Blake Smith were united in marriage on July 24, 1999 at First United Methodist Church in Hallsville, with Rev. Randy Hageman officiating.

She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Benjamin Hunt of Hallsville.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Smith of Big Spring and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sturm of Luther.

Pianist was Cindy Nutt, organist was Susan Cranford and flutist was Angela Sturm, cousin of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a A-line gown with a beaded bodice and a chapel-length train. She carried a bouquet of white mountain lilies, eskimo rose, white freesia, lizzies and Italian ruscus.

Matron of honor was Leann Casper Hague of Lubbock.

Bridesmaids were Sarajon Haas of Longview, Charlotte Anderson of Nacogdoches and Kristi Hunt, sister-in-law of the bride, of Lubbock.

Brad Smith, brother of the groom, of Big Spring was the best man.

Groomsmen were Nathan Smith, brother of the groom of Big Spring, Michael Barkley, cousin of the groom, of Midland and Jason Hunt, brother of the bride, of Lubbock.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall of the church.

The bride's cake was four tiered accented with live flow



MRS. CHRISTOPHER SMITH

ers. The groom's cake was a chocolate cake accented with strawberries.

The bride is a Hallsville High School graduate and will graduate in August from Texas Tech University.

The groom is a Big Spring High School graduate and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by Southwest Research Institute.

Follow a wedding trip to the Hawaiian Island of Maui, the couple will make their home in San Antonio.

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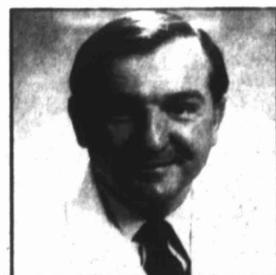
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Elaborate hay sculptures hail motorists along Alabama highway

FORKLAND, Ala. (AP) — Rounding a curve on U.S. 43, a pirate's sneer is one of the first things motorists see. Complete with eyepatch and earring, the snaggletooth raider sits by a leisurely, reclining turtle, with its reading glasses on.

Nearby, a bullfighter waves a red cape at a charging bull. No, they're not real. They're made entirely of hay, wood and other materials by landowner Jim Bird. His creations have delighted passersby from across the nation — and beyond — for years.

"It breaks the trip for people," said Bird, 72, who has been making the sculptures using his spare hay for several years at his Greene County home in rural west Alabama.

Bird said he used to leave a blank pad outside so motorists could leave comments about

the sculptures. "My brother and I are Marines on leave from Arizona and California," reads one note. "We are driving cross-country back out to Phoenix, and this is the only thing so far that we've bothered to stop and take a picture of. Y'all are a riot."

Visitors from England, Canada and Ecuador have also come by, and a Japanese television crew once stopped and interviewed Bird after passing the sculptures. They sent Bird and his wife, Lib, a tape of the segment, but it was entirely in Japanese.

"I never got anybody to tell us what they said," Bird said. "They probably said, 'This crazy fool.'"

Sometimes, motorists even stop and help Bird work on the sculptures. "He's always looking for volunteers to help," said

Mrs. Bird, 74. Bird said most of the honkers and wavers are truck drivers. "I guess it breaks the monotony of going up and down the road," he said.

He got the idea for the sculptures one day when his hay baler was turning out misshapen bales. He put them aside, he said, thinking he'd find something to do with them.

"That's when I made a caterpillar and a spider," he said. When his supply runs short, sometimes he has to sacrifice his art to feed his cattle.

Each of the sculptures costs less than \$5 to create; if it's more than that, Bird won't build it. "It makes it more of a challenge," he said.

Besides natural materials like hay and wood, he uses equipment like buckets, old tires and

discarded containers. One sculpture uses the body of a car propped up on four huge hay tires. Bird uses a machine to help him lift the bales, which weigh about 30 pounds each.

He said his favorite is Kilroy, who is peeking above the ground with a nose made of a 55-gallon drum and hands made of firewood.

The Birds call the creations "environmental art." But what the hay is it, really?

"In the strictest sense, we'd have to say he was a folk artist," said Alan Atkinson, assistant professor of art history at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. "I think his own title is a perfectly good one. None of those things are made into something else. Someday, they're all going to go back to being oil cans and oil drums and bales of hay."

But, Atkinson said, Bird likely isn't trying to carve a place for himself in the art world. "What are the critics saying? He could probably care less. He's kind of taking found objects and converting them playfully into sculpture."

The creations demonstrate the Birds' irreverence — after all, this is the couple who has an old toilet next to their mailbox painted with the words, "junk mail."

Probably unconsciously, Bird has joined an artistic movement — making everyday objects into art by designating them as something else, Atkinson said.

"There's a whole resurgence of the found object," he said. "It creates something new in your mind. ... It's still a Coke bottle, or a bale of hay or whatever."

GETTING ENGAGED



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 Robert and Roseanne Barton, Big Spring and the granddaughter of Bob and Sarah Barton of 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:

Steve and Kriste Ward, Tyler. He is the golf coach for Big Spring schools.

Barry and Mary Threadgill, Roundrock. He is the manager at TCA Cable TV.

Robin Stephens, Midland, a first grade teacher.

Ken and Elesa McMeans, with daughters Sharissa and Rochelle, and son Jonathan, of Burley, Idaho. He is a minister for College Baptist Church.

Wade and Linda Graham, with daughter, Murphy, 3, from Lubbock. He is an ophthalmologist at the VA Medical Center.

Tim and Terri Hoskins, Wesley, Whitney and Mackenzie, from Newberg, Ore. He is youth pastor at First Church of the Nazarene.

Cy and Kathleen Barg, Belen, N.M. They are retired.

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"Josh" - Black, Sharpei/Shepherd mix, male, neutered.

"Dorothy" - Black Shep/Border Collie mix, female, spayed

"Stan" - Black and tan Shepherd mix male, neutered.

"Samantha" - gold brown lab mix, female, spayed.

"Sparky" - Red Heeler, male, neutered.

"G. W." - Blue Heeler, male, neutered

"Caroline" - Pitt mix, brown with white, female, spayed.

"Blue" - Chow/Heeler mix, black with white male, neutered

"Muffin" - Black/white Pitt mix, female, spayed.

"Sunshine" - Cream Spitz/Chow mix, female, spayed.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption.

Adoption fees for dogs are \$50 and cats are \$40. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccination, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

Busty mermaid sculpture raises eyebrows on coast

GALVESTON (AP) — Mermaids, who according to legend once tricked lonely sailors into jumping into the sea, are now used for luring tourist dollars.

But a sculpture of two topless mermaids under construction on the side of the Flagship Hotel has city leaders diving into a debate about the appropriateness of the 50-foot tall reproductions.

Sergio Pineda, who designed the exterior, said he did not intend the busty mermaids to be offensive.

"My mermaids are depicted in a traditional mode, naked and full-breasted — the way an adventurous but bewildered sailor would envision them," he said.

Discussion of the artwork raised eyebrows during a Galveston City Council workshop on Thursday.

The council recently has considered banning female toplessness in public, after complaints at events such as Mardi Gras. But no one thought to regulate the dress of mythical sea crea-

tures. City Attorney Barbara Roberts said she asked the artist about the ample size of the mermaids' breasts.

He told her they were in proportion to the size of the mermaids' bodies and might just appear larger during construction.

Roberts said the work was costing hotel operator Daniel Yeh \$20,000.

"For the size of that part of the body, you would expect them to cost more," Councilwoman Lyda Ann Thomas said.

The city built the Flagship Hotel to show confidence in the beach front soon after Hurricane Carla devastated the island in 1961.

Ms. Roberts said the city, which still owns the structure, has no authority to stop the work as long as it does not harm the building's structural integrity.

The city staff, however, is looking into whether the hotel operator needs a sign permit.

ON THE MENU

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TUESDAY-Pork chops, rice, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas, spanish rice, baked beans, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

THURSDAY-Beef stew, cauliflower, salad, cornbread, milk, fruit.

FRIDAY-Roast, baked potatoes, broccoli, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

MONDAY-Steak sandwich, potato rounds, ranch style beans, applesauce.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, jello w/fruit, hot roll.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Customers are jokingly asked to sign a waiver before buying Col. Johnson's Thermo-Nuclear barbecue sauce. Two families thought that was because the sauce was spicy, not explosive.

Joan Leopold of Northbrook said when she turned the bottle cap, the sauce came shooting out of the bottle, covering her, the walls and the ceiling. The sauce burned holes in the leaves of an African violet about 8 feet away.

Leopold said it felt like it was burning off her eyebrows.

"It really did live up to its name," she said.

About 50 miles away, in Geneva, a bottle of the same sauce exploded in Kathy Jaffer's kitchen while she was away. She estimated the explosion did \$500 worth of damage as the sauce traveled as far as 12 feet, staining curtains, a lamp shade, carpet and a chair.

"I'm still finding a droplet here and there," she said. "The bottle says 'I survived Col. Johnson's barbecue sauce.' Well, I think I did more than that."

Officials with the DuPage County Health Department are not amused.

"It's never really been very funny," said Stan Szczap, who said the department wants to test the sauce and find out what made it so explosive.

Dan Johnson, owner of Johnson's Bar-B-Que, did not return a phone call Thursday seeking comment.

SEATTLE (AP) — Hsing-Hsing, the ailing giant panda at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., is surviving with help from blueberry muffins — and only Starbucks muffins will do.

Zoo officials discovered his penchant for the muffins last month, after he was diagnosed with a failing kidney. Zookeeper Brenda Morgan was having her morning coffee and a muffin from Starbucks one day, and Hsing-Hsing picked up the scent and moved his head her way.

She gave him a taste and he loved it.

Hsing-Hsing, whose age is estimated at 28, rejects non-Starbucks muffins, so zookeepers, veterinarians and curators take turns making runs to the local Starbucks. Once the store manager found out, he began setting aside free day-old blueberry muffins for Hsing-Hsing.

"The panda has great taste," said Mark Brown, the food scientist who led the team that developed the muffin recipe for Seattle-based Starbucks.

The muffins are stuffed with Hsing-Hsing's crushed arthritis medicine. But the medicated muffins are only delaying the inevitable. Hsing-Hsing is expected to die from kidney failure or related ailments.

Hsing-Hsing and his now-deceased mate, Ling-Ling, were given to the nation by China in 1972 to mark the reopening of U.S.-Chinese relations.

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Designer Kenneth Cole: Commerce with a social conscience

NEW YORK (AP) — Designer Kenneth Cole practices what he preaches from style to social activism.

Dressed in a crisp white shirt, he is a walking advertisement for the professional, yet casual, attire he promotes on the runway because it suits his lifestyle as a company president and CEO, active father of three young daughters and novice fisherman.

Ads for his products often combine a typical fashion photograph with a timely, provocative tag line. One example: "Without mentors, kids are 80 percent more likely to become something in life... loafers." And there is this ad: "62 percent of society believes preferences other than their own are wrong. So much for seeing eye to eye."

Using ads with a social message is not just a marketing gimmick. Cole serves as a board member for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) and the HELP USA Homeless Project. HELP is run by Cole's wife Maria, daughter of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and sister of federal Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo.

"What I do is reflective of my life, it's not my life is a reflection of my job," he said in an interview at his Manhattan office.

His life is intricately and integrally involved with Kenneth Cole Productions Inc., the company he founded 17 years ago.

Cole started out in a tractor-trailer outside a New York

hotel where established footwear manufacturers were selling their goods. He got a permit to park on the street by posing as a film production company.

Today, Kenneth Cole Productions is expecting 1999 retail sales to hit \$1 billion.

The Kenneth Cole umbrella, including Kenneth Cole, Reaction and Unlisted labels, covers men's shoes, clothing and accessories, and women's shoes and accessories.

"A business takes on a life of its own. You make a commitment that you're going to suit a customer's lifestyle, then you become a lifestyle brand, and then you decide that you're going to serve a variety of their wardrobe needs," he explained.

Getting consumers hooked on his products is only half the

battle. Once those customers have found a look that works for them, Cole has to give them a reason to go out and buy something new.

Cole has learned to follow his instincts and personal tastes, and his vision of the fashion future is not too far ahead.

"Every day I walk into my closet and see what is there and what isn't. Then I ask 'What do I wish was there?'"

Last year, his company launched a children's footwear line, and plans are in the works to dress kids from head to toe.

At what age can children be turned into brand-savvy consumers?

"At what age can they start to talk?" Cole responded.

"Children are looking for a sense of identity at ages that were unimaginable not that

many years ago," he said. "With that comes branding. It's a way for a child to seek out and identify what they want."

Expansions into women's clothing, home furnishings and fragrance are under consideration.

Cole, 45, describes himself as functional and practical, the same things he tries to put into the products that bear his name.

To an interviewer, he also comes across as relaxed and thoughtful — and this just two weeks before the debut of his spring 2000 collection at the annual Men's Fashion Week.

His show at the Hammerstein Ballroom will be the season opener for the collections, including DKNY, Nautica and Joseph Abboud, which will run from July 26-28.

IN THE MILITARY

Landon G. Wegner, son of Lusara and Tommy Wegner of Big Spring, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's delayed enlistment program. Landon has graduated from Big Spring High School and is scheduled to join the Air Force Oct. 6. Upon successfully completing the six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Landon is scheduled to receive training in a general aptitude career field.

STORK CLUB

Lexi Kay Churchwell, June 28, 1999, 11:42 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long. Parents are Chris and Lana Churchwell. Grandparents are Janet and Jimmy Hopper, Billy Light, and Tom and Eva Churchwell.

TV looks for easy answers to satisfy craving for certainty

NEW YORK (AP) — If there's one thing we feel certain about, it's that each of us should strive to be certain about everything. After all, information breeds clarity, doesn't it? And in the information age, answers are ours for the taking. Just do it! Doubt is for wimps.

Our craving for certainty is a hunger that TV shares (doubt is difficult to illustrate and TV is a visual medium). TV stirs that appetite within us.

Of this we have been sadly reminded by the nonstop TV coverage of the death of John Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law. A plane crashed, people died and their bodies were recovered. Their ashes were carried by the wind to the sea. But beyond that and the gruesome details, we needed, and still need, to satisfy the larger whys.

So this past week we viewers looked to on-air commentators who might identify some cosmic reason, some unified theory to explain these familiar mysteries.

Set aside for a moment even more daunting issues of life and death. What about the question: "Are the Kennedys cursed as a family, or aren't they? Yes or no?" If TV people dwell on it persistently enough, the answer will emerge.

Or so we insist. Our faith in the elucidating powers of TV isn't limited to the news it covers.

When we watch most comedies and dramas, we take part in a TV tit-for-tat. By sticking around until the final commercial, we are rewarded with whodunit or a fitting moral or the sight of a reassuring hug.

Thanks in no small part to TV entertainment, "closure" is a buzzword of our time.

Sometimes TV throws us a curve. On rare occasions, people on TV flat out confess they don't know the answer to the riddle. Sometimes a TV show doesn't

tie things up by the final fade-out. Sometimes even the most rudimentary closure is denied us.

During a recent seminar at Manhattan's Museum of Television & Radio, producer-writer Edward Zwick disclosed the most inflammatory issue in his TV dramas. It isn't drugs, sex or violence, said the co-creator of "thirtysomething."

Instead, Zwick declared, the hot-button issue "for which we've received as much vitriol as any conversation about abortion," is ambivalence.

The man and woman of Zwick's upcoming ABC drama, "Once and Again," are divorced parents each trying to reconcile feelings of desire, guilt, fear, responsibility — and beginning to suspect that no quick fix is forthcoming. Ambivalence? Conceding that an answer is beyond your grasp?

"I actually think that one of the last great taboo subjects," Zwick said, "I think people, many people, are terrified of the inner conflict."

For many of us, the inner conflict raged in the aftermath (and coverage) of the Columbine High School shootings. The only question anyone could phrase was, "Why?" But the available "because" were maddeningly varied and often at odds.

Many of us shared a yearning to make those deaths in Colorado emblematic of something meaningful, to find in them a lesson to apply to our own lives.

How can we prevent that tragedy in our community, within our family, we asked ourselves?

No remedy — better schools, better parents, better laws, better music — seemed likely to find consensus. Not in the country. Not even, perhaps, within each of us. And we were left as haunted by this lack of resolution as we were by the tragedy itself.

EMMYS

The top 10 TV shows of the past season, according to Nielsen Media Research, and how they fared in the Emmy nominations Thursday:

1. "ER," NBC, 6 nominations.
2. "Friends," NBC, 6 nominations.
3. "Frasier," NBC, 10 nominations.
4. "NFL Monday Night Football," ABC (competes in another Emmy division).
- (tie) 5. "Jesse," NBC, no nominations.
- (tie) 5. "Veronica's Closet," NBC, no nominations.
7. "60 Minutes," CBS (competes in another Emmy division).
8. "Touched by an Angel," CBS, 2 nominations.
9. "CBS Sunday Movie," CBS, 13 nominations.
10. "20/20-Wednesday," ABC (competes in another Emmy division).

How networks placed at season's end and the number of Emmy nominations each received:

1. CBS, 46 nominations.
2. NBC, 82 nominations.
3. ABC, 58 nominations.
4. Fox, 34 nominations.

Condors have no fear of humans at Grand Canyon

PHOENIX (AP) — The California condors are getting a little too friendly at the Grand Canyon, swooping down into parking lots and fishing camps in search of handouts.

"It's unnerving to have this happen," said Michael Wallace, a specialist at the Zoological Society of San Diego who led the multi-agency recovery effort to bring California condors to Arizona in 1996.

To keep man and condor apart, authorities plan to close outlook points and trails whenever the birds come into view. People will be asked to stay at least 300 feet away. Wildlife specialists will try to train the reintroduced condors to fear humans by screaming and flapping their arms when the birds get too close.

And in backwoods areas, "we will encourage campers to make a run at the condors" to scare them off, Wallace said.

The baldheaded, dull-gray condor is North America's largest bird. With wingspans of 9 feet, they can ride thermal updrafts for hours, reach speeds of 55 mph and altitudes of 15,000 feet.

During the past century, poi-

soning by ranchers and encroaching urbanization brought them to brink of extinction.

Three years ago, six condors were brought to the Vermilion Cliffs near the Grand Canyon. Now, about 15 reintroduced condors live in the area, roaming freely from Zion National Park in Utah to the Grand Canyon.

But these condors are adolescents and naturally curious. They are mixing with humans because there are no adults to show them how to behave.

"They don't really know what they're doing," Wallace said. "They have to gradually learn how to become condors."

In March, a man shot and killed a 4-year-old female condor that had gotten too close to his campsite. A second condor was returned to captivity in April after it kept approaching river rafters and waddled onto an airstrip near the canyon.

It will take time before condors learn to avoid people, Wallace said.

"You have to remember that these birds evolved at an arm's length from saber-toothed cats," he said.

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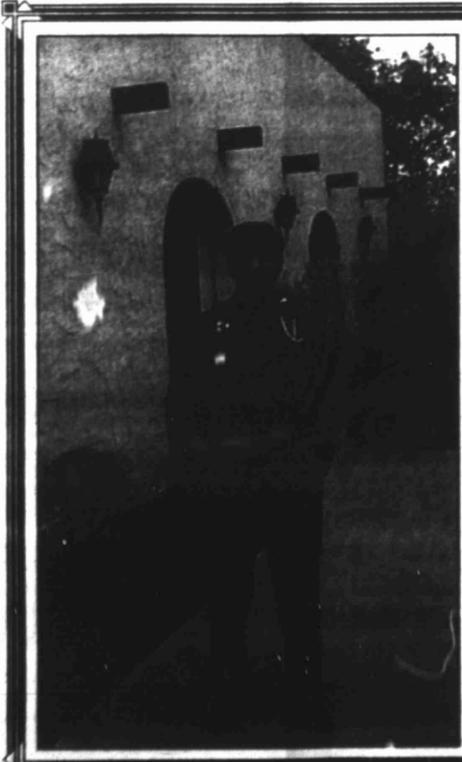
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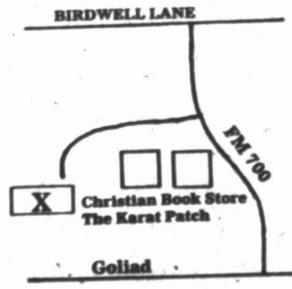
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Back-to-school sales tax exemption will benefit both shoppers and stores

DALLAS (AP) — Texas retailers are preparing for a crush of shoppers during the state's first sales tax holiday on clothing. The state Legislature intended the Aug. 6-8 holiday as a tax break for parents shopping for back-to-school clothes. But it will benefit anyone buying qualified items, which include apparel for infants, children and adults. The exemption of state and local sales tax on most clothing items under \$100 promises to generate a shopping frenzy usually seen on the day after

signs detailing the rules. Most stores have offered employee training and will add extra sales clerks and security during the weekend. Courtney said many stores will lure shoppers with special promotions, and some will discount clothing items that normally sell for more than \$100 to qualify them for the tax exemption. This three-day bonus for shoppers will be an even bigger bonanza for business, said Ed Ide, manager of the JCPenney Outlet Store at the suburban

Grapevine Mills Mall. "It's an opportunity we never had before," he said. "We are very optimistic it will generate increased business." But while some stores may be able to reprogram their computers to deduct sales tax automatically, Ide said workers at the JCPenney Outlet will have to deduct the tax manually as items are tallied at the cash register. That could slow down lines a bit, but he expects shoppers to be understanding. "We'll do whatever it takes to

take care of business, to make sure consumers reap the benefit of the tax laws," he said. One shopper said retailers and state leaders should be doing a better job of marketing the tax plan to residents. "I wish they had more advertising to say when it's going to happen and how it works," said Donna Mead of Plano. "I've been trying to hold off on shopping because it will be a big savings for us." Mrs. Mead said she will spend about \$500 on her two boys, ages 7 and 9, for their back-to-school

apparel. The sales tax exemption could save her about \$40. Carolyn Griffith of Farmers Branch said she already saves money because her daughter wears a uniform to school. But she plans to shop during the holiday for shoes for the 11-year-old, along for a few things for herself. "That's going to be just wonderful," she gushed with the enthusiasm of a true bargain hunter. Comptroller Carole Keeton

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IN THE NEWS

J.T. FASS has been named Operator of the Year by the Whataburger Corp. Pass, who is chairman of Midland-based Whataco, Inc., also won the award in 1992 and 1996. Whataco is the largest Whataburger franchisee with 77 restaurants in West Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana. Whataco owns the Big Spring Whataburger, located at 1110 Gregg St. One of eight regional meetings to be held around the state to discuss business opportunities with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3 in Abilene. The Abilene meeting will be held at the TxDOT district training room, 4250 N. Clack St. For more information, call (915) 676-68-6.

ROUND ROCK, (AP) — Which would you consider most essential for your next home — a hot tub, a walk-in closet, a swimming pool, an extra bathroom or a computer with high-speed Internet access? Dell Computer says it polled 1,001 personal computer users who access the Internet in the last half of June, and the personal computer was tops. Half or more of those surveyed, Dell officials say, want to use the Internet to help with household chores, including laundry, watering house plants and the lawn, home security and ordering groceries. Asked their preferences over the next three years, 90 percent of those surveyed said they want to be able to renew their driver's license and license plates online; 78 percent want to use their computer to vote in a major election; 70 percent want to be able to pay a parking or speeding ticket via computer, and 53 percent said they'd like to use it to serve on a jury. According to the survey, 69 percent want to play games; 69 percent want to download, store and listen to music; 64 percent are interested in watching live concerts or Broadway shows; 61 percent want to order, download and watch movies instead of going to a store; and 50 percent want to download and read books. The poll found 67 percent of the households surveyed had at least two adults regularly accessing the Internet and 32 percent had at least one child under 18 going online.

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States jumped this week by 22 to 605. Of the rigs running nationwide this week, 102 were exploring for oil and 501 for gas, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. During the same week last year, 816 rigs were operating in the United States. Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom, but has set several records low this year, bottoming out at 498 on April 9. Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas increased by 10, Oklahoma was up by four, California and Louisiana each added two. New Mexico fell by two and Wyoming lost 1. Alaska's tally remained unchanged.

County demonstration farm up and running

Howard County cotton producers will have a first-hand opportunity to see how different crop varieties grow now that the Howard County Result Demonstration Farm is operational. The farm was made possible through the support of Howard County Co-op Gin, Farmers Co-op Gin of Ackerly, Mustang Co-op Gin, Big Spring Farm Supply, Farmers Co-op Gin of Knott, Howard County County Growers Association and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "We established the farm for to evaluate all facets of cotton production for Howard County so that we might enhance the economic benefits to cotton producers," explained Howard County Agent-Agriculture David Kight. Currently there are eight different demonstrations in place: Cotton variety test; Weed control blocks with BKN Stoneville 47; Weed control blocks with Round-Up ready cotton; Plant population study (four plant populations); Minimum tillage test block; Conventional tillage practices; Boll weevil in-season treatments; and Evaluation of the benefits and detriments of cotton burrs on farm land. Kight said both the minimum and conventional tillage test blocks have water monitoring devices set at six-inches, 12-inches and 18-inches to tell how much moisture is in the soil.



The 112-acre Howard County Demonstration Farm is now operational through the efforts of five area agribusinesses, the Howard County Cotton Growers Association and the Howard County Agricultural Extension Service.

"That lets us see how much moisture we might take out of the ground by tilling the soil," Kight explained. He said in the minimum tillage demonstration, the only time a tractor is in the test block is when the cotton was planted. "We hope to show if we reduce tillage operations in the soil, we can conserve our moisture," he said. "In dryland farming, moisture is the most limiting factor we have." While many demonstrations are limited to small plots, Kight said the 112 acres made avail-

able by Howard County Co-op Gin allows for testing under actual field-like conditions. "We aren't talking about 50-foot rows," he said. "We're talking about rows that are a half-mile long, like they are in the field." Kight said future demonstrations will include the effectiveness of drip irrigation. "We have a well out there and will install about five acres of drip irrigation, so we can put some economies to that," he explained. Kight said drip irrigation is the most cost efficient, with about 98 percent of the

water reaching its target. He said additional demonstrations will be conducted on an as-needed basis as directed by the Program Area Committee, which consists of local producers, representatives of the agribusiness industry and financial institutions. "It's made up of a cross-section of the industry," he explained. The demonstration farm, located four miles north of Big Spring, is being operated through the cooperation of Kim Denton, who is farming the facility.

County's cotton crop needs rain — and needs it now

While cotton in northern Howard County is in excellent condition, the same cannot be said for the rest of the county. "There continues to be an area around Luther, Vincent, Vealmoor, Ackerly and Gayhill that has been blessed with rain," explained Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture David Kight. "The area from FM 829 south has not, for the most part, gotten as much rain." Kight said the next two weeks will prove crucial for the 1999 crop. "If we go the next two weeks without seeing some moisture, I think we'll start seeing some real crop quality declines," he

said. Kight said the ideal amount would be a general rain of two-inches. "This time of year, it would be tough to get that kind of rain over a widespread area, but anything would be beneficial," he pointed out. He said the county's cotton, particularly in the north, is very good. "The southern part of the county is not as good," he added. Kight said the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is in the final stages of putting out bright green traps and mapping fields in the Permian Basin Zone. "Their plan," he said, "is to administer the first spray in late August or early

September when we have about 10 or 15 percent of the bolls open on the crop." Kight said significant weevil counts are usually reached by about the third week in August. In a related area, Kight has been successful in obtaining an IPM (integrated pest management) specialist for Howard County. According to Texas A&M University, IPM is a strategy to control pests — insects, weeds and plant diseases, for example — using methods that are effective, economical, and the least harmful to the environment. IPM applies to all kinds of pests

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Allstate, insurance commission negotiate 3 percent auto rate reduction

AUSTIN (AP) — Following months of negotiations with state regulators, Allstate Insurance announced Friday that it will reduce auto rates an average of 3 percent statewide. The Department of Insurance has been reviewing the rates of the state's largest insurers and found that several, including Allstate, were charging more than justified. "We feel that the original rates we filed were accurate but at the same time when the Department of Insurance comes to you we think its best to work with them," said Sharon Cooper, Allstate spokeswoman. "This is a positive change in a competitive market." Allstate Insurance Co. will reduce rates an average of 3 percent. While Allstate Property & Casualty customers can expect a 2.2 percent decrease and Allstate

Indemnity premiums will be lowered an average of 3.6 percent. Customers who have property coverage, including a home-owners or renters policy, in addition to auto insurance will see another 5 percent multi-policy discount. The reductions take effect in September and will vary depending upon the car insured, where a policyholder lives and their driving record, in addition to host of other factors. "We're always glad to see companies respond to us by giving the consumer a lower rate ... and we commend Allstate for bringing their rates down," said Lee Jones, spokesman for the Department of Insurance. Jones said the department is negotiating with two other companies and expected at least one of them to announce a reduc-

tion soon. He declined to name the insurers. Allstate's reductions follow complaints from some consumer groups that insurers intentionally charge higher rates knowing they won't face penalties if the Department of Insurance asks that they be lowered later. "This rate cut is far too little and far too late," said D.J. Powers, attorney for the Center for Economic Justice. The lowered rates are not deep enough considering the amount of profits the company has earned over the last year, Powers said. Allstate used 53 percent of their premiums to cover losses in 1998, while state regulators say insurers earn a reasonable profit after paying out between 71 and 73 percent, Powers said. Texas consumers were overcharged \$200 million by Allstate

last year, but the company wasn't fined by the state, he said. "With a mere 3 percent reduction, Allstate will in all likelihood make addition windfall profits of \$200 million in 1999," he said. Powers added, "They're not going to go back and pay refunds to people who have been overcharged." Ms. Cooper said it's unreasonable to assume that Allstate intentionally overcharges customers or would need to grant refunds when they reduce rates. If there is a rate increase, the company doesn't retroactively increase premiums, she said. The rate increases or decreases apply to renewals or new policies, she said. Besides, changing rates is a costly venture for a company, so there is no incentive to overcharge knowing that another

reduction will be necessary. Ms. Cooper said. Ms. Cooper noted that this is the fifth rate decrease for Allstate since 1997 with the last — 3 percent — coming in April. "To say in any way that our customers are not benefitting from these changes is ridiculous," she said. Industry advocate Jerry Johns said Allstate's announcement illustrates that competition in the auto insurance market is driving down prices. "Most insurance ratepayers in Texas have seen significant decreases in the amount they pay to insure their vehicle," said Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service. Allstate, one of state's largest insurance companies, insures more than 2.5 million Texas homes and vehicles.

Weevils

Foundation concludes initial training set

Extensive employee training continues in all new boll weevil eradication zones. Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation employees are already taking their previous and newly acquired knowledge to the fields. The ongoing training provides growers who fund their boll weevil eradication program with knowledgeable and qualified program personnel. "The training process helps all employees develop and sharpen skills and competencies in a number of different arenas," said program director Osama El-Lissy. "These areas include training in entomology, agronomy, treatment protocol, safety, management and computer skills," added El-Lissy. "In addition, specialized training is provided to those employees who have job functions that require particular knowledge, such as in the areas of environmental monitoring, airport recording, trapping or ground spraying," El-Lissy added. Field Unit Supervisors (FUS) manage up to 40,000 acre units. Their jobs include the day-to-day implementation of program operations. Each FUS undergoes more than 110 hours of specialized training. "The Foundation utilizes technology and methods that weren't available until recently, and as a result, we provide training not only to all new employees, but even those who have been with the foundation from day one," stated El-Lissy. "We are always on the lookout for ways to improve the program, making it as cost effective as possible for our producers," said El-Lissy. Program personnel have recently been active placing boll weevil traps around cotton fields in the new eradication zones. The bright green traps provide important information that determines relative boll weevil population densities in each field. The actual spraying process will commence during the diapause phase in mid-August when aerial applicators will begin treating cotton fields.

HOLIDAY

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Rylander said the annual tax holiday will be the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August. While both state and local sales taxes will be waived this year, in the future, local jurisdictions will have the option of collecting taxes.

Generally, most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be exempt from sales tax, regardless of the size or number of items purchased. For items \$100 and more, the full amount of sales tax will be collected, not just the portion over \$100.

Sales tax still will be collected on gear used primarily for athletic activities, such as football pads, baseball gloves and golf

cleats. But taxes will be waived on athletic items that can be worn every day like tennis shoes, football jerseys and baseball caps.

Many accessories do not qualify for the sales tax exemption. Generally, those are described as items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, backpacks and jewelry.

Courtney said the retailers' association worked with state officials to draft an itemized list of tax-exempt items. The list includes many items not usually associated with school apparel, along with a few quirks.

In addition, sales tax is not due on bridal apparel, baby clothes and diapers; but will be collected on dry cleaning services and alterations.

The comptroller's office estimates the holiday will cost the

state \$10.5 million in lost revenue this year.

Courtney said most Texas retailers are spending a lot of time educating employees about the sales tax rules.

Some items and their exemption status:

- TAX FREE
Baby clothes
Bathing suits
Belts with attached buckles
Boots: cowboy, hiking
Bras
Bridal apparel (not rentals)
Caps and hats: baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
Choir robes
Coats and wraps
Costumes
Diapers: adult and baby
Dresses
Formal clothing
Gloves (generally)
Gym suits and uniforms
Hooded shirts and hooded sweat-shirts

- Hosiery
Jackets
Jeans
Jerseys: baseball and football
Jogging apparel, such as bras, suits and shorts
Lingerie
Neckwear and ties
Pajamas
Pants and trousers
Raincoats and ponchos
Robes
Shirts
Shoes: sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
Socks (including athletic)
Shorts
Suits, slacks and jackets
Sweat shirts
Sweat suits
Sweaters
Swimsuits and trunks
Tuxedos (not rentals)
Work clothes and uniforms
Underclothes

TAXED
Accessories (generally): barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches

- Backpacks
Baseball cleats and pants
Belt buckles (without belt)
Boots: climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
Cloth and lace, knitting yarns and other fabrics
Dry cleaning services
Football pants
Golf gloves
Handbags and purses
Handkerchiefs
Hard hats
Helmets: bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
Ice skates
Jewelry
Laundry services
Leather goods: except belts and wearing apparel
Pads: football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
Personal flotation devices
Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear and costumes)
Roller blades and skates
Safety clothing, glasses
Shoes: bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf

COTTON

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including those in homes, lawns, gardens, crops and even pests on animals. IPM for the yard and garden, for example, includes planting well-adapted varieties that may naturally resist pests, keeping plants healthy and vigorous (and more resistant to insects and diseases), encouraging natural enemies of pests like lady bugs and spiders and, if necessary, using pesticides that are less toxic and break down quickly.

Light said he was currently interviewing for the position. "The successful candidate will head up all aspects of IPM in the county and might possibly assist us with the demonstration farm as well," he said.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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property: section 31, blk 33, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 12, 1999

grantor: Robert Edward Settles and Lynda Settles
grantee: Richard D. Chamness
property: blk 21, College Heights Addition
filed: July 15, 1999

grantor: James D. Hawthorne and Linda J. Hawthorne
grantee: Debra Ann Sanders
property: lot 1, blk 1, Parks Addition
filed: July 15, 1999

grantor: Jose Brito and Teresa Brito
grantee: Sally Grant
property: lot 4, blk 2, Settles Heights Addition and lot 5, blk 5, Settles Heights Addition
filed: July 15, 1999

grantor: Bonnie Bennett
grantee: Mike Logsdon
property: section 43, blk 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 16, 1999

grantor: Bonnie Bennett
grantee: Charles Dyles
property: section 43, blk 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 16, 1999

grantor: Bonnie Bennett
grantee: Dub Grigg
property: section 43, blk 31, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 16, 1999

grantor: Kenneth T. Scott and Mary D. Scott
grantee: Alisa Kay Jaisd and Michael F. Jaisd
property: section 48, blk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: July 16, 1999

grantor: Nonwest Bank Texas, N.A.
grantee: Jimmy A. Bailey
property: lot 1, blk 2, bk 29, Original town
filed: July 16, 1999

grantor: Francis Dwyre Kennedy
grantee: Mary Lois Kennedy
property: lot 13, blk 11, Kernwood 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 Wilkerson
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
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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 corporation
property: lot 4, blk 73, Original town
filed: July 8, 1999

grantor: Candace 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 Ruppard
property: lot 8, blk 22, McDowell Heights Addition
filed: July 9, 1999

grantor: Carol Ann Denton
grantee: J.G.W.S.N. L.P., a Pennsylvania limited partnership
property: lot 11, blk 2, Wesson Place Addition
filed: July 9, 1999

grantor: Rebecca Ann Moore
grantee: Jerry G. Moore
property: section 48, blk 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County
filed: July 9, 1999

Warranty deed with vendor's file:
grantor: Lennie Alton Kincanon and Ysena Kincanon
grantee: Ramon Gomez and Taylor Gomez
property: lot 2, blk 1, Whitaker Addition
filed: July 12, 1999

grantor: Troy E. Boydston and Jesse M. Boydston
grantee: Randy Vaughn and Tracey Vaughn
property: lot 3, blk 1, Parkwood Addition
filed: July 13, 1999

grantor: William M. Homer and Deborah M. Homer
grantee: R. Tom Phelps and Susan Phelps
property: lot 40, blk 3, Highland South Addition
filed: July 15, 1999

grantor: Kenneth R. Gervol and Darlene M. Carroll
grantee: Homer G. Garby
property: section 4, blk 32, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
filed: July 15, 1999

grantor: Gina Miller and Joan Miller
grantee: Fred Marc Arzate and Michelle Jean Arzate
property: lot 4, blk 11, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
filed: July 16, 1999

grantor: Betty Kay Johnson
grantee: Sam Hull and Crystal Hull
property: section 7, blk 32, T-1-2, T&P Ry. Co. Survey
filed: July 16, 1999

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 Traczky
grantee: Kenneth Stonebrook and Enid Stonebrook
property: lot 1, blk 3, of Saton Place Addition
filed: July 15, 1999

filed: July 7, 1999

grantor: Richard Purser
grantee: Timothy 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. Lovelace and Debby G. Lovelace
property: section 24, blk 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County
filed: July 12, 1999

grantor: Leslie Lloyd
grantee: Danny J. Stinson and Jamie C. Stinson
property: lot 12, blk 2, Wiley Terrace Addition
filed: July 13, 1999

Deed without warranty:
grantee: Nettie Susa Miller
grantee: Mary Louise Honeycutt
property: lot 6, blk 29, Original town of Big Spring
filed: July 16, 1999

grantor: George Lujan
grantee: James Limoh and Josephine Stevenson
property: lots 13 and 14, blk 2, Wright's Second Addition
filed: July 16, 1999

grantor: Shavna Renee Garvin
grantee: Kennet R. Garvin
property: section 104, blk 29, W&NW Ry. Co. Survey
filed: July 16, 1999

Executor's Warranty Deed:
grantee: Raganis Dianne Moore
grantee: Krystin Renee Thomas
property: lot 35, blk 26, College Park Estates
filed: July 16, 1999

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Ana Jesusa Perez vs. Mark Hernandez, Family
Anna Ruth Artega vs. Adrian Rodriguez, Family
Majlene Botello vs. Adolpho E. Botello, Family
Diana Yanez vs. Michael O. Yanez, Family
Shayli E. Sullivan vs. Duff W. Sullivan, divorce
Seers, Robertuck and Co. vs. Josie Gonzales, and

Mario Chevette Forman vs. Andrew Davis, family

Pamela Palmer vs. Randy Joe Hurrington, family
Maria L. Perez vs. Jorge Perez Armendariz, divorce
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1 Most compact
8 Pay a brief visit
15 Mixing utensil
16 "Bird" Parker
17 Japanese mats
18 Deals in used
articles
19 Driving area
20 '50s candidate
21 Scottish caps
22 Quaking trees
25 Born in
Bordpaux
26 Alternative to a
salad
27 Share a book
project
28 Part of Q & A
29 Fishing poles
30 Showed
concern
31 Italian article
32 Come to a
conclusion
33 Rubbish
34 Director
Howard
35 Precious-stone
weight
38 de deux
(dance duet)
39 Easter item
40 Skunk indicator
41 Very German
43 Basque city
44 Workroom
45 Offended
46 Hot time in
Paris
47 Torment
persistently
48 Composer
Khachaturian
49 '60s campus
org.
50 Precious's
nation: abbr.
51 stone
53 Developed
57 Judgment
58 Memorial
59 lie of tennis
60 Ancient empire
on the Tigris

DOWN
1 Summer hrs.
2 Pollution patrol
grp.

3 "King" Cole
4 Foreign policy
group
5 The Furies
6 Crafty to the
max
7 School
trainees, in
brief
8 Prelease
viewing
9 Learned papers
10 W. Hemisphere
grp.
11 In a manner
differing from
normal
12 Spicy stew
13 Made a movie
14 Admits (for
short)
15 Comparable
thing
16 In the bank
23 Fly high
24 Use of
circumlocution
31 Big dog
32 Rapturous
stales

36 Colonial
cuckoos
37 Boxing
decisions, in
brief
41 Stone or Glass
42 Moon of Jupiter
43 Garlic-basil
sauces

44 Shoulder
signals
45 Spanish aunt
46 Sound
sheepish?
47 Rocky outcrop
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 25, 1999.

Go with impulse this year, and you'll land on your feet. Instinctively, you know what to do and can see the implications of your long-term goals.

**** Carry on with the weekend spirit. Allow your imagination to work overtime. Sort through work; see what is going on behind the scenes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Your determination makes you a difficult person to disagree with. Evaluate a domestic decision and make needed mental changes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Be more spirited and directed with others who will respond to your energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Get into work and get the job done. You're leaps and bounds ahead of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** A reversal tosses others into chaos. Creativity comes easily when you are true to yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You might not be as directed as others would like. However, you intrinsically do the unexpected and don't like to be controlled.

think you want could change substantially. A friend could also be out of kilter. Keep communication flowing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Indulge yourself; know what you want; remain in sync with a boss who can be extremely demanding.

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Couple's elopement hurts their matchmaking friends

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I eloped last January. We arranged for a minister, rented the tux, got the gown, printed 300 announcements, and told everyone we were going on "vacation."

nude beaches before she was diagnosed. Months after the surgery we were invited to a party where use of the pool and hot tub would be clothing-optional.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

We returned home to a house full of gifts and well wishes. Both sets of parents were very pleased, and everyone couldn't have been more supportive.

When people become more accepting of their bodies, fewer women will believe they must look like some supermodel or hate their bodies.

DEAR BONNY'S GUY: There is much wisdom in your message. Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved wife.

A few nights before we left for Florida, my husband was out with the "guys." Morris pulled him aside and flat-out asked him if we were going away to get married.

Coping with the emotional issue of self-image can be among the most challenging aspects of recovery from surgery following breast cancer.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Had It in San Diego," who complained about the unruly behavior of her nephews.

I hate to lose a friendship over something like this. Do you think we were obligated to tell them our plans?

Well, Abby, I teach first grade and can TELL you what happens. When it's time to open the reading book, point to the words and follow along.

DEAR WONDERING: No, I do not. Just because Morris and Doris introduced you does not mean they own you as a couple.

The well-behaved child will take turns, follow school rules, and interact positively with other students and adults.

DEAR ABBY: I am an 81-year-old male senior citizen and would like to comment on the letter that mentioned nude beaches.

Students who are successful in first grade are usually the successes in fifth grade. They have developed good school habits.

Nudism must be good for the eyesight because I have never seen a blind nudist. A nudist camp is where married couples air their differences and, when they disagree, they barely speak.

If I could give parents one piece of advice, it would be: Teach your children what "no" means. Do not give in!

I visited a nudist colony one time and, as I drove in, I stripped my gears. The only other time I had anything to do with nudism was when I stayed at a nudist lodge.

DEAR TEACHER: Thank you for a compelling letter. Extremely bright children may act out because they are bored.

DEAR ED: That's better than being asked to leave for displaying your shortcomings.

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Children need to be prepared before they are thrust into a classroom environment, but they cannot know what they have not been taught.

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GO TO TOWN WITH THE Big Spring Herald This rocking chair is empty because this senior citizen is part of today's active, mature population.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Listen to information, but be willing to play skeptic. Know what you're looking for.

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GARAGE SALE FEVER Lots of people "brake" for garage sales. In fact, garage sale hopping has become something of a national pastime.

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