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Eagles Lodge Auxiliary holding canned food drive

The Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a canned food drive during the month of August.

Cans of food collected will go to help replenish the Salvation Army food bank.

Bring your donations to the Lodge on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., or Saturdays at 8 p.m. Or call 264-7518, 268-9689, or 267-7115 and club members will pick up your donation.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

- Back-to-school puppet show, Howard County Library, 4 p.m. No charge.
- Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
- Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m.; Senior Citizens Center.
- Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
- VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of theater box office.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

WEATHER

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TONIGHT 71°-73°

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Businesses, volunteers already gearing up for Labor Day telethon

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

The annual Muscular Dystrophy Telethon is more than a month away, but Big Spring businesses are already gearing up for another successful year.

Big Spring Firefighters Association will begin the fundraisers on



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Saturday, Sept. 4, with "Pass the Boot." They will stand at key intersections along U.S. 87 and FM 700, each gathering donations in a fireman's boot.

"We've been officially associated with the Muscular Dystrophy Association since 1983," said Mitch Gill, a Big Spring firefighter involved in organizing the event.

"The Association of Fire Fighters is the largest single contributor to the telethon. No one has beat us yet," he said.

Big Spring Fire Department has participated in "Pass the

Boot" for years. The city of Big Spring has been supportive of the fundraiser, say firefighters.

"We've been really lucky, because the city council allows us to do that," said Gill. "Cities like Midland and Odessa don't allow their stations to do it because they consider it panhandling. We've had good support from the city council and the fire chief."

Pizza Inn will help out by providing the firefighters with free drinks and pizza, and will be supplying personnel to answer

phones at the telethon.

The telethon will be an all day event held at Big Spring Mall on Labor Day, Sept. 6. There will be a large variety of events and attractions, such as a silent auction, karate demonstrations, a radio-controlled car race and refreshments. Three local bands will be providing live music under a rented tent and a motorcycle contest will take place in the mall.

The Harley Owner's Group (HOG) will participate in the contest by lining up their motorcycles in the parking lot.

The bike that gathers the most donations is declared to be the winner.

"As in the past, everybody is more than welcome to bring their motorcycle up there," said Barry Barnett, a member of HOG. "Everyone is given a container, and the bike with the most money will get the prize or plaque for the day."

Cellular One has offered to provide cell phones to use for the telethon, avoiding the cost and trouble of setting up phone

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Take a 'PAWS' to help four-legged friends, Humane Society encourages

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

For several years, volunteers and friends of the Big Spring Humane Society have collected aluminum cans to benefit the shelter. Now they want to step up that effort by involving the entire community.

The humane society will be participating in a new promotion from the American Humane Society, Friskies Cat Food and Alcoa Aluminum. If they send receipts from their aluminum recycling to a program called "PAWS For Recycling," they can earn cases of dog and cat food, and be entered in drawings for cash prizes.

Not to mention the money they will make from selling the aluminum cans to recyclers.

"It's a good moneymaker for us, without taking cash out of anyone's pocket," said shelter manager Fran Turrentine. "We can certainly use the food, and the cash would be wonderful."

For community use, a large bin is available at the shelter for depositing empty drink cans to be recycled. Volunteers with the humane society will also pick up cans donors have collected; just call 267-7832 or 267-5646.

Longtime board member Margaret Lloyd said the can collecting promotion will be an easy way to involve the community in supporting the shelter.

"Most people just fling these cans into the trash," she said. "If they could just set up another little container, and give them to us, we'll put them back to good use."

Turrentine said the humane society would love to have the help of local youth organizations, such as Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts.

"Maybe someone could hold a can-collecting day for us," she said. The PAWS to Recycle pro-



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Sidney Rosene Cook has collected aluminum cans for the Big Spring Humane Society for years. The group is trying to encourage the community to save cans and donate them to the shelter, which can send in the recycling receipts to earn pet food and cash prizes.

gram extends from Sept. 1-Nov. 30, so collecting can start anytime, Turrentine added.

Volunteers like Sidney Rosene Cook, who have been collecting cans for the shelter

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PAWS FOR RECYCLING

Needed: Cans
When: Sept. 1-Nov. 30
Where: Humane Society
Call: 267-7832

Disaster volunteers sought; Red Cross schedules classes

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

American Red Cross of Southwest Texas is looking for disaster response volunteers in Howard County and has set a schedule of five classes to train them.

"What we're trying to do is organize local volunteers to respond to disasters in the Howard County area. It makes for a quicker response time and it is really neighbor helping neighbor," said Janet Cross, emergency services director for American Red Cross of Southwest Texas.

The free classes will be held in Room 212 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center beginning Aug. 9. They will run each evening through Friday, except for Wednesday, and continue all day Saturday, Aug. 14. The schedule is:

- Monday, Aug. 9, Introduction to Disaster Services, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 10, Mass Care: An Overview, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 12, Damage Assessment, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 13, Shelter Operations, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14, Emergency Assistance to Families, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"The first class is for anyone who wants to know about Red Cross and our disaster services," said Cross. "It's also a prerequisite for any of the other classes."

Anyone interested in the Red Cross may attend the first class, but those who don't attend will not be able to attend the second class. It is also necessary for anyone interested in attending Shelter Operations to have previously attended Mass Care, said Cross.

The courses provide volunteers the information they need to respond to a disaster, assess the damage and help victims.

They include a how-to on opening a shelter as well as operating a fixed feeding site or a mobile feeding site.

The last class teaches volunteers to interview victims in order to assess their needs and provide the services Red Cross can help them with.

Disasters may range from a single-family fire, to an explosion or tornado.

"We have volunteers in the community, we do not have dis-

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School days

Bells ready to ring again for Crossroads Area public school students, teachers

HERALD Staff Report

Local and area schools are gearing up for the new year with registrations and special activities this week as the first day of classes is only a week away for some, including Big Spring ISD.

Monday and Tuesday, all BSISD kindergarten through eighth grade students register at the school they will be attending. Registration is open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday and from 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday.

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 Friday, all parents of kindergartners are encouraged to meet their child's teacher from 1-3 p.m. at Anderson Kindergarten Center.

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

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., Monday through Friday. Sixth-grade orientation and schedule pick-up is set for Thursday 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. Thursday. Parents must accompany students to this orientation.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Crossroads Area students are getting ready for the 1999-2000 school year. Not all start school the same day, however.

Big Spring ISD	Aug. 9
Coahoma ISD	Aug. 12
Grady ISD	Aug. 12
Stanton ISD	Aug. 12
Forsan ISD	Aug. 13
Sands ISD	Aug. 16

Big Spring Junior High School seventh graders have an orientation, schedule pick-up and open house set for Thursday 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 Thursday 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 p.m. Thursday. Sophomores may pick up their schedule from 9-11:30 a.m. in the high school office.

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

Bauer Magnet School students

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HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

Buzz McMillan pays cashier Della Mendez for his catfish lunch Friday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Yellow Rose Cafe. The hospital held a benefit lunch for the Salvation Army school supplies drive, raising \$600.

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OBITUARIES

Janie Lera McClenny

Janie Lera McClenny, 97, of Fort Collins, Colo., formerly of Big Spring, died on Monday, July 26, 1999, in a Fort Collins nursing home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 2, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First McClenny United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment will follow at Roscoe Cemetery, Roscoe, Texas.

She was born on Oct. 28, 1901 in Douglasville, Texas, and married Charlie R. McClenny on Oct. 21, 1922, in Loraine, Texas. He preceded her in death on Dec. 29, 1995.

She attended business school in Abilene before her marriage. She had lived in Big Spring for many years and had been in Fort Collins since 1984. She was an expert seamstress and excellent cook and enjoyed caring for her flowers.

Mrs. McClenny was a member of First United Methodist Church and a member and past president of the Social Order of Beauceant #211 in Big Spring. She was a member of Big Spring Chapter #67 Order of the Eastern Star and had been Past Worthy Matron of Loraine Chapter #570 Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her daughter, Louise Cordsen of Fort Collins, Colo.; three grandchildren, Ben and James Cordsen, both of Fort Collins, Colo., and Richard Cordsen of Dedham, Mass.; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers including her twin brother, Lehman Draper, Joe Tom Draper and George H. Draper, and a great-granddaughter.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to: Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 610 Texas Ave., Galveston, TX 77550. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Don N. Grigg

Funeral service for Don N. Grigg, 72, of San Angelo, was held at noon, Saturday, July 31, 1999, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Rische Beeson and Michael McCoy officiating.

Military graveside honors were held at 3 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Mr. Grigg was born June 10, 1927, in Colorado City. He mar-

ried Cleola Griffin Dec. 28, 1947 in Ackerly. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II.

He was a member of the Southgate Church of Christ in San Angelo. He worked in the cotton gin business for 35 years.

Survivors include his wife, Cleola, of San Angelo; a son, Neal Grigg of San Angelo; two daughters, Sandy Womak and Jana Henderson, both of Lubbock; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Storey

Graveside services are pending for Mary Storey, 77, of Hunt, at City Cemetery in Lockhart. She died Thursday, July 29, 1999, at a Big Spring nursing home following a long illness.

She was born April 20, 1922 in Lockhart. She was a speech and hearing therapist and had received a master's degree from Texas Women's University in Denton.

She served with the American Red Cross during World War II in Guam and Okinawa.

She retired in 1981 and had lived in Hunt since then.

Survivors include one niece, Trish Slape of Big Spring; and one nephew, John Gwyn of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

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aster response volunteers in the community. We're looking to find 10 to 20 people who would take on this responsibility and help their neighbors," Cross said. "We need your help."

Those interested in attending the classes should call 1-800-378-6614 or 915-684-6161 to register.

"It's really important to call and register. If we don't get responses, we may cancel, so you need to let us know if you plan to attend," Cross said.

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and parents may meet their teacher Friday about 1 p.m., according to Andre Clark, principal.

Kentwood Elementary is having a meet the new principal watermelon feast Thursday 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 2:30-3 p.m.

Students attending the Coahoma Independent School District will begin school Aug. 12. Coahoma High School announced its registration dates for new and returning students as follows:

Returning ninth graders should register Thursday from 9-11 a.m., while sophomores should register between 1-3 p.m. that same day. On Friday, juniors should register from 9-11 a.m., and seniors from 1-3 p.m.

All new students should call the school, 394-4536, for a registration time.

Coahoma Junior High will hold registration for new students to the district Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A "Welcome Back Night" will be held Thursday for returning students. Eighth graders can pick up schedules from 6-6:45 p.m. and seventh graders will follow from 7:15-8:15.

Coahoma Elementary School will have a "Meet the Teacher" event Monday, Aug. 9, from 1-3 p.m.

Forsan schools have announced their registration and schedule pick-up times as follows: On Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon, 6th graders should attend orientation. New students grades 6-12 should attend registration and orientation from 1-4 p.m. that same day.

On Thursday, juniors and seniors can pick up their schedules from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. On Friday, freshmen and sophomores can pick up their schedules from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

The first day of school for Forsan students is Aug. 13. New student registration for elementary students K-5 is set for Thursday 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.

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

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

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

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

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lines in the mall.

Both the fire department and HOG have been active in the Muscular Dystrophy Association in the past. They work together with Pizza Inn and other key businesses to organize the telethon.

"The firefighters handle the legwork of the telethon, and HOG handles all the glitter of the show," said Gill.

"Harley Davidson and the Firefighters Union are the two largest contributors to muscular dystrophy," said Barnett. "It has evolved into a very friendly competition to see who turns in the most contributions."

Help is still needed to make this year's telethon a success. Pizza Inn is looking for more businesses to run the phone lines during the telethon.

"We have about six places helping out right now," said Billy Shubert, who manages Pizza Inn and is involved in organizing the telethon. "We have enough people to go on with it if we have to, but we could use two or three more businesses to work one-hour shifts."

Businesses will be signing up to work the phones for either one- or two-hour shifts, depending on the amount of volunteers available.

"The more help we have, the easier it will be on people," said Shubert. "We can have more one-hour shifts."

The telethon in Big Spring will happen in accordance with the national event, and all the money will be to help children who have muscular dystrophy.

"There will be something going on all day, and at the end of the day everything goes to the kids," said Barnett. "We would like everybody to come to the mall."

If a business or an individual would like to answer phones for an hour or two during the telethon, Billy Shubert can be contacted at 263-1381. To contribute something to the silent auction, call the Harley Davidson shop at 263-2322.

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for years, say it's an easy way to contribute.

"I've been doing it so long, people know I do it, and they bring cans to me," said Cook, who is moving to Arizona soon and will have to give up her support of the local humane society. "I know it helps them, and it's no trouble at all."

For more information about collecting aluminum cans to support the Big Spring Humane Society shelter, call the facility at 267-7832.

Computer software security flaws could affect millions; fix said in the works

SEATTLE (AP) — Flaws in the Microsoft Office software suite could be used by pranksters or cybercrooks through e-mail or rogue Web sites to retrieve, alter or erase data in computers used by millions of people.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Some newer Compaq and Hewlett-Packard computers that can be upgraded automatically over the Internet also contain flaws that could be similarly exploited, but only over the Web, security experts have found.

Attempts to take advantage of either set of vulnerabilities would not be detected or prevented by antivirus software but there is no evidence that such mischief has occurred, said Russ Cooper of Lindsay, Ontario, in a telephone interview Saturday.

Cooper, who runs a Windows NT security mailing list called NTbugtraq, said Microsoft developers expect to have an Office fix ready as early as Tuesday.

Andrew Dixon, group product manager for Office, did not return a call for comment and other knowledgeable Microsoft officials also were unavailable, company spokesman Dan Leach said.

Jeffrey Schiller, computer security chief at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said the problems illustrate the pitfalls of upgrading programs over the Web or through e-mail despite the convenience.

"It's not clear to me that it's a wise idea to write all these scripting files ... that let you completely control the computer," Schiller said.

Now that the flaws are known, recreational hackers and criminals may well be scrambling to take advantage of them before the fixes are in place, he warned.

The vulnerabilities were first reported Saturday in The New York Times.

Viruses typically have spread through macros, small programs combining a series of commands. A computer user opening e-mail or importing material from a Web site with macros typically is alerted and may disable the macros or reject documents and files that contain them.

The new vulnerability is from a different source.

Last week, Juan Carlos Cuartango, a programmer who previously found security gaps in Microsoft's Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator, discovered that Internet Explorer and Windows are configured to "trust" Word, Excel, Powerpoint and other Office program documents. They may be used as Trojan Horses to implant malicious code into a computer, triggering low-level operating system commands that could change or destroy files or even an entire hard drive without resorting to macros.

"This is a bug that needs to be fixed, a bug of huge proportions," Cooper said. "The ramifications are quite large."

Office 2000 and some of the final versions of Office 97 are free from the flaw, but it is present in millions of installed versions of Office 97 and probably also in many older versions, possibly dating as far back as 1992, Cooper said.

Dixon told the Times that Microsoft may offer a mechanism to alert computer users of embedded system commands and data base queries before they are executed.

"We take security issues very seriously," he said. "Right now, we are working on testing a solution and steps for customers to take."

One Compaq flaw was detected in November by Frank Farance of Farance Inc., an information technology consultant, and rediscovered July 23 by Richard Smith, president of Pharlap Software in Cambridge, Mass.

It involves a Java applet, or small program, that allows the

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quick upgrade of Compaq Presario computer programs over the Internet.

But the applet also can be directed by a Web page to reveal e-mail lists, release financial records or provide addresses, phone listings and credit card numbers.

Smith said he found a similar problem with some Hewlett-Packard computers. Hewlett-Packard officials would not discuss the matter.

A Compaq spokesman said other computer makers have similar problems and suggested there was little chance that a hacker could make malicious use of the applet.

For now, Compaq plans to instruct users on how to disable the utility for now, then will offer an improved applet that is being designed to prevent breaches.

Former editor accused of theft from diocese

HOUSTON (AP) — Jacqueline Srouji, former editor of the Texas Catholic Herald, has been indicted on charges accusing her of causing the Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston to pay for \$25,000 worth of computer and camera equipment she kept for herself.

Ms. Srouji, now a worker at the Catholic diocese in Amarillo, was free on a \$5,000 bond as Harris County grand jurors indicted her Friday on theft charges.

Srouji, 54, a former worker at the Nashville Banner and Tennesseean, engaged in a continuing scheme of theft between March 1998 and April 1999, prosecutor Terry Jennings said.

In addition to camera and computer gear, Srouji allegedly also got herself binoculars, books and software. Jennings said Srouji had the diocese's accounting section pay a \$4,500 bill for her, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Diocese communications director Annette Gonzales Taylor said the diocese fired Ms. Srouji in April for buying an excessively expensive type of paper used by the Texas Catholic Herald, but said that was only one of the reasons leading up to the dismissal.

Through her attorney, Rusty Hardin, Ms. Srouji has previously denied the theft accusations. Hardin could not be reached for comment on the indictment.

One earlier claim was that the diocese sought revenge on Srouji for "whistleblower" activity years ago to expose a priest's sexual act.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

MONDAY
• TOPS Club (Take off pound

Readers Corner

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Mary Storey, 77, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at a later date at City Cemetery in Lockhart, Texas.

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

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Border district attorney says FBI out to get him

LAREDO (AP) — It was a surprise Webb County District Attorney Joe Rubio didn't need on his 45th birthday.

His 72-year-old father, who is blind and wheelchair-bound, was led into federal court to answer public corruption charges.

His brother, cousin and several colleagues faced the same charges. A bail bondsman friend was dragged from his bed in his underwear by federal agents.

Federal prosecutors say 10 people around Rubio took bribes from accused felons in exchange for dismissing or reducing criminal charges ranging from drunk driving to drug possession.

Bribes ranged from \$300 to \$20,000, and in most cases the promised case dispositions were handed down, prosecutors alleged in a 21-count indictment made public July 22.

But Rubio, who has not been charged, denies there's any corruption in his office and says

the federal government is coming after him through family and associates.

"I think it's no secret that they want to change the political leadership at the district attorney's office," said Rubio, also the district attorney for neighboring Zapata County.

Rubio believes his refusal to prosecute federal drug cases angered federal authorities. Border counties typically prosecute lesser federal drug cases, but Rubio said he stopped in 1997 because the cases were costing Webb County \$1 million a year.

Federal agents raided Rubio's office on May 29, 1998, hauling away thousands of files in a moving truck.

A defense attorney has since pleaded guilty to taking bribes for fixing cases.

And Ramon Villafranca, a former prosecutor in Rubio's office, was convicted in January of conspiring to extort money to fix cases and sentenced to 63 months in jail.

But Rubio stands behind his denial of corruption and says the timing of the latest indictments — on his birthday and a week after he announced his bid for a fourth term in office — is proof of a federal vendetta.

"Anyone with common sense knows that the prosecutor controls when the case is presented to the grand jury, so I think that it was no coincidence," he said.

The FBI and Assistant U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle refused comment on case specifics but denied malicious prosecution.

"It's been done thoroughly, competently, professionally and impartially," DeGabrielle said.

Prosecutors say two people close to Rubio — his father Jose Marcelino Rubio Sr. and bail bondsman Jesse Castaneda — got the scheme rolling by offering deals to accused felons.

Castaneda is accused of taking more than \$31,000 in bribes to fix eight cases, including \$15,000 in one drug case. He

denies wrongdoing. Castaneda, who claims FBI agents last year interrogated him in a San Antonio hotel room for 12 hours, has sued the federal government for civil rights violations.

He says his latest treatment by the FBI — an agent named in his lawsuit was among those who broke his door down to arrest him — is payback. Of those indicted last month, Castaneda was among three who were hauled before a judge instead of being allowed to surrender.

"For the FBI, I'm a troublemaker and for some people, I'm standing up for my rights," Castaneda said.

DeGabrielle said the decision to have Castaneda and two others arrested was made by a judge acting on prosecutors' evidence. Laredo FBI spokesman Jonathan Lacey denied officials tried to humiliate Castaneda.

"Mr. Castaneda was treated with respect," Lacey said.

Barton was not manager type, past co-worker says

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — Mark Orrin Barton, who shot and killed nine people in an Atlanta shooting rampage after bludgeoning to death his wife and two children, lived for six years in Texarkana, where he was a chemist for a company that made commercial cleaning cleaners.

"He was paranoid and thought people were out to get him," Lee Ann Burke, who worked with Barton at TLC Manufacturing Inc., told the Texarkana Gazette.

"He was strange but I thought all chemists were strange," she said. "He never took responsibility for himself, it was all someone else's fault."

Barton, a former employee of ZEP Manufacturing in Dallas, moved to Texarkana in 1984 to work for TLC, which made commercial cleaners. The company, based in Monroe, La., no longer has a Texarkana location.

Records show Barton, who had been a top executive of TLC, was fired on Sept. 13, 1990.

Ms. Burke believed part of the reason Barton was terminated was because he was not cut out to be a manager.

"He was not a people person ... and he had trouble taking responsibility," she said.

John Couch, another of Barton's co-workers at TLC, agreed.

"... He was very volatile; he was a loner. He was not someone you could get close to," Couch said. "I worked with him and I worked for him. I'm just real glad that I didn't make him mad like others did."

According to a police report, Barton was arrested Sept. 25, 1990, in connection with a break-in at the company.

He was suspected of taking formulas he had created, but general manager William McKinney told police he thought the burglary was an attempt to hide kickbacks, discrepancies in inventory or the possible sale of chemicals for drug activity.

The charge against Barton was dropped the next day, records show, and his family quickly left town.

"They left right after he was fired," former neighbor Julia Carpenter said Friday. "They were here one day and gone the next. They sent movers to get their furniture. They didn't even pack up. They just left with their cars and what they had in them."

According to real estate records, the couple sold their home on Oct. 22, 1990. They signed the deed in Douglas County, Ga., two days after the sale went through.

The Bartons and his first wife, Debra, had bought the

Son of football great Buddy Dial among victims

HOUSTON (AP) — Kevin Dial, 36-year-old son of former college and professional football star Buddy Dial of Houston, was among the victims of a shooting rampage at two day-trading offices in Atlanta.

For several hours, Dial's relatives hoped and prayed he had survived Thursday's gunfire at an office of Houston-based Momentum Securities. Dial had moved to Atlanta to help establish the company's office there. He was among nine people shot to death by investor Mark Barton.

Upset over stock-trading losses, Barton killed the nine at two Atlanta office buildings after he had killed his wife and two children. He committed suicide when police were about to arrest him.

Dial was a graduate of the University of Texas and worked in Tyler before transferring to Atlanta about a year ago.

Dial's aunt, Carolyn Burris of Houston, said that before word of the rampage hit the television news around 3 p.m. Thursday, someone in the Atlanta office called Momentum's Dallas office and told Dial's brother, David, that Kevin had been shot and was probably dead.

Mrs. Burris said her own son then began calling every Atlanta-area hospital, hoping to hear that Dial was being treated at an emergency room.

"When he couldn't find him registered anywhere by 5:30 p.m., he felt Kevin was dead," she told the Houston Chronicle. "He kept that to himself because we were still hoping."

house in 1986. George Carpenter Jr., who lived next door in the quiet neighborhood of brick homes, said the Bartons kept to themselves.

"They didn't have any friends in Texarkana whatsoever," Carpenter said. "They were pretty reserved. They stayed pretty much inside. You didn't see them much."

The Carpenters recalled the birth of the Bartons' first child, Matthew.

"I was just heartbroken when I heard that he had killed his children," Mrs. Carpenter said. "When Matthew was born, you just never saw two people more happy or excited. They were just thrilled."

Hudspeth County sues two New England states

AUSTIN (AP) — Their radioactive waste site was ultimately rejected, but officials in a West Texas county are willing to sue for \$1.25 million they believe two New England states owe them for the abandoned project.

Hudspeth County officials in May sent a bill to Maine and Vermont officials seeking the money the county was due under a three-state compact to store low-level radioactive waste, the Austin-American Statesman reported Saturday.

Under a deal signed last year, Texas agreed to build a disposal site which Maine and Vermont would pay to use. Texas was to

receive \$25 million and the host county would get \$2.5 million, with half of the money up front.

A 500-acre tract near Sierra Blanca, the Hudspeth County seat, was originally chosen for the disposal site. The deal faltered last October when the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission denied the license for the site, citing concerns about a geological fault under the property.

Hudspeth County Judge James Peace said Sierra Blanca remains the legal host of the non-existent disposal site and is entitled to the upfront payments from Maine and Vermont. Peace said the county is ready to take

its claim to federal court. "The contract reads that when the ... compact has been completed, which it has, they had to cut us a check," Peace said.

"We would like to have our money."

No chance, Maine and Vermont officials say.

"They don't have a facility, they're not allowed to have a facility, and \$1.2 million to them would be an outright gift," said Paul Stern, a deputy attorney general in Maine.

"We're not obligated to pay it," said Richard Solano, commissioner of Vermont's Department of Public Service.

Peace blames anti-dump pro-

testers for killing the Sierra Blanca site.

"We didn't stop it. The damned outsiders are the ones who stopped it," Peace said.

The county has received \$3.9 million from the state of Texas since 1995 for being the host community, Peace said. The county has used that money to buy new firetrucks, and school buses and to build a park, a baseball field and a municipal building.

Maine and Vermont are still waiting for Texas to find a new disposal site. Texas has been trying to develop a disposal site for low-level radioactive waste since 1981.

Alleged killer indicted in slayings of pastor and wife

HOUSTON (AP) — The Mexican drifter suspected of killing nine people in three states has been indicted on two more capital murder charges.

Indictments returned Friday allege that Angel Maturino Resendiz bludgeoned the Rev. Norman "Skip" Sirnic and his wife Karen, both 47.

The Sirnics were killed as they slept inside their parson-

age in Weimar about 80 miles west of Houston.

Maturino Resendiz already faced five charges that carry possible death sentences: two in Texas, two in Illinois and one in Kentucky.

"I don't know that one death sentence is enough," said prosecutor Joe Fling. "They all go up on automatic appeal, and they probably get overturned more

than any other kind of sentence. There's something to be said for multiple sentences from multiple jurisdictions."

A month after the Sirnics' bodies were discovered, the community was terrorized again by the similar killing of Josephine Konvicka, 73.

Maturino Resendiz, awaiting trial in the beating and stabbing death of 39-year-old Dr. Claudia

Benton in the Houston area, also is suspected of killing Ms. Konvicka.

Defense attorney Allen Tanner said he was unaware the grand jury was considering the indictments.

"I think it's interesting that they're doing this now," Tanner said. When asked to elaborate, he replied, "It's just interesting."

Landowners sue federal government for \$60 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Three Austin landowners are suing the federal government for \$60 million, claiming federal rules designed to protect songbirds and cave-dwelling bugs make it impossible to develop their land.

Gary Purcell, GDF Realty Investments and Parke Properties wanted to build a shopping center and high-tech campus on 216 acres in northwest Austin, the Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rules restrict development on the property to protect two endangered songbirds, the golden-cheeked warbler and the black capped vireo, and six rare invertebrates that live in caves.

"Every time we went in there with what we thought would satisfy them, and what they had said would satisfy them, they changed their minds," said Austin attorney, Jim George, president of GDF Realty Investments.

A spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declined comment. In April, Regional Director Nancy Kaufman said the landowners' most recent plans wouldn't protect the birds or the bugs, the newspaper reported.

The lawsuit also accuses the government agency of stalling development in hopes of buying the property itself. In a 1997 memorandum, an agency official described acquiring cave-

"We don't have a problem with them making it a nature preserve, but we expect to be paid for the taking of our property."

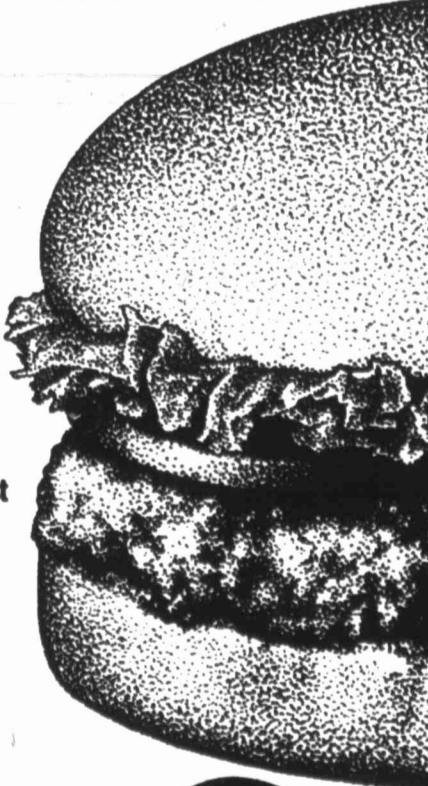
-Fred Purcell, land owner

dwelling invertebrate habitat as "the greatest priority."

"They've been conspiring to buy the property all along, try-

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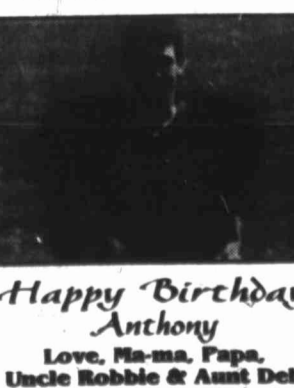
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OUR VIEWS

Short summer; Time to prepare for school again

The signs are everywhere: Registration, "Meet the Teacher," bands and football team practices. There's no mistaking it: School days are on their way back.

If you are like most of us, the summer vacation has passed much too quickly. There wasn't time to accomplish nearly what you had planned, especially that part about "rest and relaxation."

But, like it or not, most of us have only a short time to get ourselves, and our children, ready for another school year.

For drivers, this means taking time to slow down in those school zones. And remember there will be new ones around Big Spring Junior High School. If your route passes by the new building, or you will be dropping off a student each day, make it a point to know where those new zones are located.

In the school zones or outside them, plan keep a watchful eye out for children who may be crossing the street. Excited youngsters do not always remember to look out for cars.

If you have the chance this week or next to attend a "Meet the Teacher" event, please do so. An acquaintance with your child's teacher might come in handy when there's a problem. Plus, it serves to get you more involved in your child's day-to-day education.

If there is an orientation scheduled for your child's grade level, please attend with them if possible. It's another way to show you care about what your child will be learning, and a good place to meet the teacher, principal and other staff.

In short, the time has arrived. Do your part to get your child ready — then get involved yourself, and let's all plan on a great 1999-2000 school year.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like to take this time to thank all the people who have supported me in my recent ordeal with Mr. Dwight Butler. We have received an astronomical amount of phone calls from people in this community as well as other communities showing their support.

I'd like to especially thank all of my family during this time as they have also shown tremendous support.

I am at a loss for words, however, from all the help and support of my former players. These fine young men have called my house, talked with me in person and have been nothing shorter than spectacular just as they were during their playing days at Big Spring High School. You guys mean a lot to me and always will. I have found out that this is what coaching is all about.

My family and I have

finally grown tired of fighting the unfair and untimely decision made by Mr. Dwight Butler (for some reason, I can't bring myself to call him "coach"). I decided to take a year off from coaching. This decision was made solely on getting my life back together. Mr. Butler had no dirt, etc. on me that forced me to make this decision - I just feel like I need to get away from that situation at this time. Mr. Butler needs to take a long hard look at himself to see if he needs to do the same thing.

I'd like to wish next year's BSHS baseball team good luck.

There should be no reason for you guys not to go deep into the playoffs, as I was counting on this team to be the next team to represent Big Spring at the State tournament in Austin.

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Academic sex quackery continues in quantity

Our universities are no longer the scene of political, psychedelic and erotic mayhem that occurred in the 1960s and 1970s. Indeed, there is a renewed sense of purpose among the students I see, a general maturity and a sense that life is both a serious thing and full of interest and opportunity.



JEFFREY HART

But the same cannot be said for many faculty members, who, unlike their students, came of age in the 1960s and 1970s. In their demeanors and focuses of interest, that period still lives on the campus. And, since there are virtually no opportunities for radical politics in America today, their radicalism most often takes a sexual form. They are interested in "transgressive sex," kinkiness, gender-bending, sado-masochism, homosexuality, fantasies, pornography and other "cutting-edge" manifestations of eros.

To be sure, course offerings in this vein are lightly subscribed. In general, students don't want to waste their time and money. They also know that a course like Wesleyan's COL 289, an "interdiscipli-

nary" course entitled "Pornography: Writing of Prostitutes," taught in Wesleyan's College of Letters, will not look impressive on their transcripts when they apply to graduate schools or for serious jobs.

But the fact is that courses like COL 289 continue to be offered in considerable quantity throughout universities because professors drawn to "transgressive" themes want to offer them, perhaps taking some sort of exhibitionist pleasure in doing so in the quasi-public forum of the university classroom.

And these courses enter the catalog because today there is no agreed-upon definition of what constitutes undergraduate liberal arts education. Oh, there are some requirements of various kinds, not very onerous, and everyone knows that students should take a language or languages, literature, history, science, and maybe philosophy, religion and art.

The monthly magazine *The New Criterion* (June) has performed a public service in calling Wesleyan's course to general attention. And remember that Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., is a reputable, even prestigious institution — an "independent ivy," at which the annual cost for a student is \$30,430, and a course like COL 289 costs \$3,800.

The description of the course in the catalog is written in

turgid academic jargon: "The pornography we study is an act of transgression which impels human sexuality toward, against and beyond the limits which have traditionally defined civil discourse — defined, that is, by the regimes of dominance and submission, inclusion or exclusion, in the domains of organ and emotional pleasure. Our examination, accordingly, includes the implications of pornography in so-called perverse practices as voyeurism, bestiality, sadism, and masochism, and considers the inflections of the dominant white-heterosexual tradition of alternative sexualities and genders," etc., etc., etc.

The students in this course read the *Marquis de Sade* and move on to *Hustler* magazine and other pornography and also work on their own "transgressive" projects. The *New Criterion* quotes one account according to which the instructor asserted that nothing would be too extreme for such a project. Describing the final course assignment, the instructor said, "I don't put any constraints on it. It's supposed to be, 'Just create your own work of pornography.'" The professor reassuringly says that a student would never be pushed beyond his or her personal limits. So the projects come up with movies of oral sex, masturbation and even a "scantily clad" young woman being beaten with a whip.

It goes without saying that any subject whatsoever should be available for study at a university. This is one meaning of the term "university." Yet it is a condition for such study that it proceed according to appropriate disciplines.

Nitroglycerin might well be studied in organic chemistry, but it would not be a good idea to have freshmen manufacturing it in Chemistry I. Sexual pathologies could well be studied in a graduate course in abnormal psychology or perhaps in medical school. Nothing about COL 289 suggests that it belongs in the Wesleyan College of Letters or is appropriate for undergraduate, liberal-arts education. Everything about the course, including its description in the course catalog, suggests that it is ideological nonsense, just kidding around with "transgressive" attacks on white-heterosexual blah-blah-blah.

President Douglas Bennet of Wesleyan, probably a decent-enough fellow, did circulate a memo to his faculty questioning the "appropriateness of this course in the Wesleyan curriculum." But his administration issued the kind of response that is part of the problem. It praised the instructor as "one of Wesleyan's most dedicated, serious, and effective teachers."

Students entering college this fall should steer clear of garbage courses.



THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN'

Need to fix Medicare before saving it

More than a quarter of the contractors in the Medicare reimbursement program have been or currently are under investigation for various fraudulent and negligent activity. In other words, Medicare as we know it doesn't work. So before Congress and the Clinton administration talk any more about saving Medicare, they ought to talk about fixing it.

What is the responsible agency, Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), doing about it? According to the Health and Human Services (HHS) inspector general, only three of the contractors identified as having had "integrity problems" were first identified by HCFA.

To date, investigations by the HHS inspector general have resulted in nine civil settlements and two criminal convictions. As a result, the government has collected over \$235 million in fines. Currently, there are 21 open investigations of present or former Medicare reimbursement contractors.

Congress knows about the problem, and that problem, congressional and agency

investigators tell us, is the system. The first line of defense is supposed to be the Medicare contractors themselves, and in fiscal year 1998, HCFA gave them \$1.6 billion to fund their own internal fraud detection units.

But the potential for fraud is high — more than \$700 million in claim reimbursements are paid by these contractors each business day. But according to government investigators, many of the corporate fraud units are incompetent and often turn to fraud to hide their mistakes and astounding laziness. Some of the tricks include:

- Destroying or deleting backlogged claims.
- Failing to collect money owed by providers.
- "Manufacturing" documentation to support paying claims that otherwise would have been rejected as medically unnecessary.
- Switching off customer service telephone lines.
- Shutting off computer edits that would have subjected questionable claims to more intensive review.
- Hiding files.
- Falsifying documentation and reports to HCFA regarding their performance.

Congress is pressuring HCFA to fix the problems. In February, Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., sent a letter to HCFA and a handful of Medicare contractors requesting detailed financial and record-keeping information. The results were not encouraging.

"The answers so far are deeply disturbing," said Bliley. "The contractors (are) able to dupe HCFA Contractor Performance evaluators because HCFA routinely gave them advance warning about the dates of any reviews and about the records the agency wanted to review."

One congressional source close to the investigation told us: "The problems never get fixed. If HCFA is fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, this would have never happened." "The loss to Medicare is twofold: We were paying them to do something they aren't doing, and then (they committed) fraud," said George Grob, deputy inspector general for evaluation and inspections at HHS. "It's impossible to tell how much has been lost to the taxpayers. That is what makes it so scary. In order to chase this down, we'd have to audit each of the institutions that were paying. Some of these contractors handle \$10 billion a year."

The political insults have begun. A bumper sticker reads: "Al Gore Is Not Y2K Compliant."

And the whispered word about G.W. Bush is that he, in contrast to his father, is the "shrub."

This campaign that touts Bush's compassionate conservatism and the Sosa-McGwire-like competition between Vice President Al Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., may degenerate yet.

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ATLANTA (AP)
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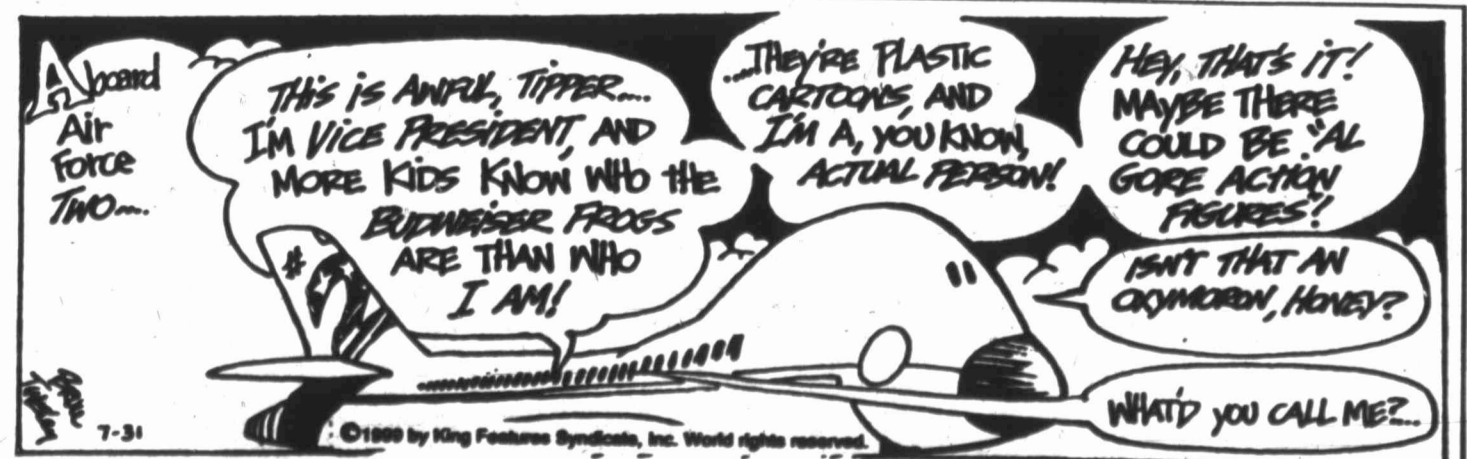
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GOP sets Tuesday deadline for House-Senate compromise on taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are laboring under a tight self-imposed deadline to sculpt a \$792 billion tax cut compromise that can clear the House and Senate by week's end and set the stage for a fall veto showdown with the White House.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., gave fellow Republicans only until Tuesday to resolve differences between bills passed by the House and the Senate.

With the hurry-up compromise effort scarcely under way, Lott criticized President Clinton for opposing the measure. "We should reduce taxes, with the

largest middle-class tax cut since Ronald Reagan was president," Lott said.

"Yes, we should trust the American people to wisely spend, or save, their earnings. And of course, we aren't going to imperil Medicare, or Social Security, or any other essential federal program in the process."

Republican aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the hope of the leadership is that rank-and-file lawmakers will use a month-long August break to trumpet the virtues of tax cuts to their constituents.

The legislation will not go to the White House until after Labor Day, though, to deny Clinton the opportunity for a

widely publicized veto ceremony when Congress is not in session.

Given the compressed timetable that Republicans have set for themselves, it will fall to Hastert and Lott to prod key lawmakers to close the deal. The major decision will be to reconcile the bills' provisions for broad-based tax relief.

The House bill provides for a 10-percent across-the-board cut, phased in gradually. The Senate bill cuts the current 15 percent tax bracket to 14 percent in 2001. Beginning in 2006, it gradually shifts some income currently taxed at 28 percent into the lower bracket.

Most conservatives favor the

across-the-board approach, and Lott was supportive when other Republicans sought unsuccessfully to insert it into the Senate bill.

"There's a lot of support for that," he told reporters Friday. "That is the fairest."

But the across-the-board approach made it through the House only after Hastert and the leadership agreed to condition the tax-rate decline on annual reductions in interest due on the national debt.

There are numerous other differences between the two bills, including, for example, competing proposals for reducing capital gains taxes and varying lists of provisions inserted at the

behest of individual lawmakers. With narrow voting margins in both the House and Senate, Republican leaders will have little margin for error as they produce a compromise. But the price of failure will be high.

Several Republicans, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the GOP hopes to build public support for the measure during the planned August break to fortify the party for the veto struggle that lies ahead.

Most Democrats opposed the Senate bill, as was the case in the House, and Clinton sharply attacked the measure shortly after the Senate approved it.

"The Republican tax cut is so large it would undo our fiscal

discipline and imperil our prosperity," he said in a written statement. "It would crowd out our commitments to pay down the debt, to save Social Security and to strengthen and modernize Medicare with a long-overdue prescription drug benefit."

In addition, he said it would "demand drastic cuts in defense, education, law enforcement, agriculture and the environment."

Lott disputed the claims in his radio address, as did Republicans in three days of debate on the Senate floor.

Those competing positions are expected to produce a veto confrontation that lasts into the fall.

President tells farm states he wants new ag laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — Current law shortchanges American farmers when times are tough, and Congress should act to "fix the underlying problem" rather than dealing with crises as they happen, President Clinton said Saturday.

The 1996 farm law, which ended a Depression-era system of price supports based on production levels, "simply does not do enough to help our farmers and ranchers cope in hard times," Clinton said.

Many American farmers are mired in their worst economic times in more than a decade. Abundant crops at home and in

many places abroad and sharp economic downturns in traditional overseas markets have brought a worldwide glut and extremely low prices for many commodities. In many areas, drought has exacerbated problems this season.

In a message taped for broadcast in farm states, Clinton said he has done what he can, including buying more food for humanitarian aid around the world, accelerating farm program payments and providing \$6 billion in emergency aid last year.

But under the 1996 law, Clinton said, neither the presi-

dent nor the Agriculture Department has "the tools we need to help farmers and ranchers thrive over the long term."

He said what is needed is authority to augment incomes of hurting farmers in bad years, to improve crop insurance and make it and easier to obtain and to expand markets abroad and police market practices at home.

"To really help our farmers and ranchers, we have to fix the underlying problem," Clinton said. "That's the right way to help our farmers and ranchers over the long term."

He said he is committed to

work with Congress "to provide the resources to help our farmers and ranchers by dealing with today's crisis and by fixing the Farm Bill for the future."

So far, Republicans in Congress have refused to tamper with the 1996 law, called "Freedom to Farm," despite Democratic demands to rewrite it as farmers' late-1990s problems grew.

Farm state Democrats proposed in the Senate a \$10 billion bailout last week and want a vote on the package this week before lawmakers break for summer vacation. Republican leaders are working on a mea-

Skydiving plane crash kills 9 passengers, pilot

COTTRELLVILLE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A plane carrying nine members of a skydiving group that was holding its annual campout crashed shortly after takeoff Saturday, killing all the passengers and the pilot, authorities said.

The plane, a twin-engine Beech King Air 200, came down less than a mile from Marine City Airport at 8:20 a.m. in this township about 40 miles north of Detroit, said State Police Sgt. Craig Nyeholt.

The cause wasn't known. The pilot of the plane, Paul Myks, was a Spirit Airlines pilot who flew DC-9's for the airline, said Gary Cooper, regional director of the U.S. Parachuting Association.

All the skydivers on board were members of the Parahawks, a skydiving group that apparently had gathered at the airport for its three-day annual pig roast and campout. The event reportedly was to end Saturday.

A woman who answered the telephone at the Parahawks skydiving center at Marine City Airport refused to discuss the club or the crash.

"This is a very extended family," said James Relken, the local Red Cross chapter director, who was at the crash site counseling families of the victims. "The immediate family may not be here, but they're extended family to each other."

That's very evident." John Sers, who said he was the brother of one of the victims, said the Parahawks jumped weekly.

"This is where my brother loved to be. This is his passion. That's what he loved to do," said Sers, who declined to give his brother's name. "If you've got to die doing something, it ought to be something you have a passion for."

Raymond Wilson said his 22-year-old nephew Roger Engle III had made more than 100 jumps and was also an expert at parachute-packing.

"He was out here all the time. He jumped a whole lot. We were hoping that he wasn't (on the plane), but his grandpa knew he was," Wilson said.

Macomb County Medical Examiner Werner Spitz said the plane, which reportedly crashed shortly after takeoff, broke into three parts and the victim's bodies were strewn across a 50-yard area.

According to Spitz, one body found in the cockpit was not wearing a parachute and is believed to be that of the pilot. The other nine victims were wearing parachutes, but they never had an opportunity to jump, Spitz said.

Robert Franz, who lives near the airport, said he heard the plane taking off — then the engine went dead. A second or two later, he said, there was a loud crash.

Rash of multiple slayings stun Atlanta residents

ATLANTA (AP) — Two decades after the first bodies were found in what became known as the Atlanta child murders, violence has once again thrust this city into the national eye.

This time, during a month of bloodshed, few parts of Atlanta have been spared: Shootings have struck in the suburbs, the inner-city and even in the wealthy Buckhead district.

The victims have been white, black, Asian, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, middle-class, rich, poor, young, old; they have ranged from helpless children to SWAT team officers.

"It's just mind-boggling," said Georgia Hall, who lives across the street from the house where a July 12 murder-suicide left seven dead. "It's almost unbelievable that these tragedies are just happening all together. You get to the point where you wonder what's next?"

That slaying was the worst Atlanta mass killing of the century. It held the mark for just 17 days, when it was surpassed by Mark O. Barton's shooting spree Thursday in the city's Buckhead commercial district.

In July alone, 23 people — including three gunmen — have died in mass killings in Atlanta.

"I've never experienced a year like this before, not this many tragedies in this short amount of time."

—Paramedic Tim Brazie

The toll is apparent on Mayor Bill Campbell, who appeared solemn as he recounted the most recent tragedy to reporters and asked the nation to pray for his city.

"These are unspeakable tragedies. From Colorado to Atlanta, these things occur. We don't know why," Campbell said. "In the span of 10 days, two deranged individuals have killed 17, perhaps more. I don't know if there's any explanation for it."

Campbell has been one of the most vocal proponents of gun control, filing one of the first lawsuits by cities against the gun industry. But much of the state is pro-gun rights and the Georgia Legislature passed a law blocking cities from filing

such suits. Campbell has said he will challenge the state law in court.

Some think he may have more support because of the recent rash of shootings. Among the crimes he can point to:

• On May 20, 15-year-old T.J. Solomon opened fire on classmates, injuring six at Heritage High School in Conyers, just east of Atlanta. None of the injuries were fatal. Solomon faces a hearing this month to determine if he will be tried as an adult.

• On July 12 in southwest Atlanta, Cyrano Marks fatally shot his live-in girlfriend, her sister and five children — aged 9 to 16 — before killing himself. Family members said Marks was upset over his girlfriend's intent to break up with him.

The only survivor in the house was an 11-year-old Santonio Lucas, who hid in a closet for eight hours after being shot in the elbow.

• On July 23, a police sniper shot and killed gunman Greg Smith while he was trying to escape from police by climbing out a bathroom window in an Austell home. Officers said they feared Smith, who had wounded one officer and killed two, was a threat to them and his elderly

mother — still in the house.

The worst was yet to come. Six days later, the same day one of the officers was buried, gunfire transformed the tinted office buildings and neatly manicured lawns of Buckhead into a field of chaos and violence.

In addition to the nine dead in two day-trading offices, 13 were injured before Barton, a chemist turned stock trader, fled to an Atlanta suburb and shot himself five hours later as police closed in.

"It's been a tragic year for the metro Atlanta area," said Tim Brazie, 27, a paramedic who responded to the Buckhead killings and the Cobb County police shootings. "I've never experienced a year like this before, not this many tragedies in this short amount of time."

The spate of killings comes exactly two decades after a string of violence that began in 1979 and left 29 young blacks dead. The killings ended in 1981. Wayne B. Williams was convicted in two of the deaths, and police blamed him for 22 others.

City officials are quick to point out that in the current crime spree, none of the shootings were connected, and note declining crime statistics.

Heat wave continues; in New York, hottest July ever

NEW YORK (AP) — This was the hottest July in New York City history.

Sweaty New Yorkers bid farewell Saturday to the most blistering July since the National Weather Service began keeping track, but forecasters were predicting that the first few days of August would offer some much-needed relief.

The brutal heat extended far beyond the city. Around the country, soaring temperatures were blamed for 96 deaths; one of the most recent was a North Carolina migrant farm worker whose body temperature hit 108 degrees.

From Wisconsin to Texas to western Pennsylvania, temperatures of 90-plus were likely on

Saturday. The nation's high on Friday was in Hobart, Okla., where the temperature hit 108.

There was no respite on Saturday for New York City, when temperatures threatened to top 90 degrees for the ninth straight day and the 18th time in 31 days this month. By 1 p.m., the temperature was already at 88 in Central Park; in Morristown, N.J., it was at 93.

The National Weather Service extended its heat advisory, warning that the combination of heat and humidity would lift the heat index to about 100 degrees.

On Sunday, thunderstorms and a cold front should finally bring temperatures into the 80s for New York and its suburbs,

said National Weather Service meteorologist Scott Reynolds.

"Personally, I'm looking forward to turning off the air conditioning and opening all the windows at home," said Reynolds, echoing the thoughts of many overheated New Yorkers.

The heat wave was not limited to the East Coast. In Wisconsin, temperatures climbed above 100 degrees in some areas. On Friday, severe thunderstorms with wind gusts up to 70 mph toppled trees, downed power lines and killed two people.

In western Pennsylvania, temperatures hit the mid-90s, with the heat index in Pittsburgh expected to hit 105 degrees. In Philadelphia, the mercury was

expected to approach 100 degrees.

Temperatures in Texas and parts of the Southeast and Southwest were expected to approach 100 degrees on Saturday.

In New York, it wasn't just hot — it was dry, too. Rain has become a dim memory.

The city received only .44 inches of rain this month — about the equivalent of two good thunderstorms, said Reynolds. It was the driest July ever in New York, he said.

The previous winner for hottest July was 1995, when the average temperature was just above 80 degrees. July 1999 had an average temperature above 81 degrees.

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Big Spring Steer go on sale Mo

Season ticket holders have the first opportunity to purchase Big Spring Steer ball tickets going on sale Monday morning. BSISD Business Season ticket holders have from Monday, Friday, Aug. 13 tickets.

After that, tickets go on sale to the general public from Monday, Friday, Sept. 3.

Tickets will be available from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

Steer football to be issued T

Football equipment will be issued to the 1999 Steers football team starting at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Athletic Training.

Equipment will be issued first to seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen.

Workouts will be held Wednesday with a practice day scheduled for Friday.

Hunter education offering students

A hunter education course has been scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Big Spring.

The course is offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for residents born on or after January 1, 1970.

Boyce Hale will be the course instructor. The fee is \$10 per student. No previous experience is required.

The course is offered in the home of the instructor. Those who do not have a home will be charged a fee for the materials used.

After completing the course's exercises, students will receive a one-day class field exercise session.

For more information, contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

Area coaches to return questions

Area football coaches are being asked to return questions as soon as possible.

Information provided will be used to produce Crossroads Football section, to be published Thursday, August 5.

Schools include Big Spring, Coalinga, Forsan, Garden Grove, Grady, Stanton.

ON THE

Radio MAJOR LEAGUE

6:40 p.m. — Royals at Texas 1490-AM.

Television MAJOR LEAGUE

12:05 p.m. — Phillies at Atlanta WTBS.

7 p.m. — Karat at Texas Range Southwest.

7 p.m. — New England at Boston Red Sox GOLF

2 p.m. — PGA Hartford Open, CBS.

2:30 p.m. — Marnier Classic 4:30 p.m. — Novell Utah State CAR RACING

10 a.m. — Grand Prix, Fox Southwest 2 p.m. — Indy League, Fox.

BOWLING 1 p.m. — Pro Women's Bowling, ESPN.

HORSE RACING 10 a.m. — Grand Prix, Fox. **HORSE RACING** 4 p.m. — WFLA Saratoga Springs

IN BRIEF

Big Spring Steer tickets go on sale Monday

Season ticket holders will have the first option when Big Spring Steers 1999 football tickets go on sale Monday morning at the BSISD Business Office. Season ticket holders will have from Monday until Friday, Aug. 13 to purchase tickets. After that, tickets will go on sale to the general public from Monday, Aug. 16 until Friday, Sept. 3. Tickets will be sold from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

Steer football equipment to be issued Tuesday

Football equipment will be issued to the 1999 Big Spring Steers football team beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Athletic Training Facility. Equipment will be given first to seniors, then to juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Workouts will begin Wednesday with Steers Photo Day scheduled for 1 p.m. that day.

Hunter education course offering students option

A hunter education course has been scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday 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 this option will study the same materials used in the course. After completing all the course's exercises, they call Hale or the TP&W to schedule a one-day classroom and field exercise session. For more information, call Hale at 267-6957.

Area coaches reminded to return questionnaires

Area football coaches are asked to return their Herald football questionnaires as soon as possible. Information provided will be used to produce the Crossroads Football special section, to be published Thursday, Aug. 26. Schools included will be Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Borden County, Grady, Sands and Stanton.

ON THE AIR

Radio
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6:40 p.m. — Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers, KBST 1490-AM.

Television
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
12:05 p.m. — Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves, WTBS.
7 p.m. — Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers, Fox Southwest.
7 p.m. — New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox, ESPN.

GOLF
2 p.m. — PGA Greater Hartford Open, second round, CBS.
2:30 p.m. — LPGA du Maurier Classic, ESPN.
4:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Novell Utah Showdown, ESPN.

CAR RACING
10 a.m. — German Gran Prix, Fox Southwest.
2 p.m. — Indy Car Racing League, Fox.

BOWLING
1 p.m. — Professional Women's Bowling Association, ESPN.

HORSE RACING
10 a.m. — German Gran Prix, Fox.

HORSE RACING
4 p.m. — Whitney Stakes, Saratoga Spring, N.Y., Fox.

Hunting, fishing licenses go on sale Aug. 11 for Sept. 1 opening day

HERALD Staff Report

AUSTIN — Hunting and fishing licenses go on sale Aug. 11, and Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) is encouraging dove hunters to purchase their licenses well in advance of opening day — which begins Sept. 1 in much of Texas — to avoid peak sales periods. If you are planning to hunt migratory game birds, such as dove and waterfowl this year, you must be certified under the Harvest Information Program (HIP). HIP certification will

automatically be printed on the license at the time of purchase after the brief series of questions have been answered. Lifetime licenseholders must also be HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds. "There are only a few basic questions," said Allison Arnold, HIP coordinator for TPW. "It takes just a minute to answer the questions, and if you don't hunt migratory birds, you don't have to answer." The objective of HIP, which was initiated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is to cre-

ate a harvest database of ducks, doves, geese and other migratory birds. This is the second year Texas has fully participated in this federally-mandated program. For the avid outdoorsperson, the Super Combo license includes a resident combination hunting and fishing license plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold separately, the face value of the package is \$82. Several other popular items can be bought wherever licenses are sold, including the new

Big Time Texas Hunt special drawings, which include the Texas Grand Slam and Texas Exotic Safari. The annual Public Hunting Permit, which allow hunters access to more than 45,000 acres of public dove leases and more than 1.4 million acres in the TPW public hunting program, may also be purchased at all license sales outlets. Map booklets and dove lease supplements will be mailed unless permit is purchased at TPW law enforcement offices. The Big Time Texas Hunts

program offers chances to win one or more dream package hunts with proceeds dedicated to TPW public hunting and wildlife management programs. In addition to the Grand Slam — a once-in-a-lifetime package containing four separate hunts for bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer — the Big Time Texas Hunts program categories include the Texas Exotic Safari, Texas Whitetail Bonanza, Texas Waterfowl

See LICENSES, Page 8A



HERALD photo/John H. Walker
Big Spring High School assistant football coach Rickey Long works on a helmet in preparation for the start of two-day workouts later this week. Steers football players will be issued their equipment beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Two-day workouts are scheduled to get under way on Wednesday.

Final round sprint to finish likely in Herald City Golf Championships

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

It will most likely be a sprint to the finish today in both the men's and women's championship flights of the 1999 Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course. "Anybody can win with tournament," course professional Jack Birdwell said. "It's a tight race." Play resumes at 10 a.m. Going into today's final 18

holes, defending champion Ronnie Broadrick leads the 26-player field with a six-under-par 65. Trailing Broadrick by three strokes is Royce Cox while 1997 champion Charlie Garcia and recent Coahoma High School graduate Blake Nichols are another stroke back at 69. Steve Ward, at 70, was the only other golfer in the championship flight to come in under par while Mike Weaver, who lost a playoff to Garcia in 1997, shot even par 71 for the day. The 26-player field will be

flighted into championship and president's flights for today's final round, but Birdwell said all of the players were eligible to win the title. In the women's flight, Susie Hernandez, who won the title in 1997, and Debra Lusk, the defending champion, came in just a stroke apart. This is the third year for the women's championship. Hernandez' 80 was good for the lead, followed by Lusk at 81. See GOLF, Page 8A

Page handles guard workout with ease

COWBOYS CAMP

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys rookie Solomon Page, an offensive tackle throughout high school and college, handled his first full workout at guard with ease Saturday. Page was supposed to see action at both positions during training camp so he could be a versatile backup in the regular season, but a rash of injuries at guard has temporarily landed him as the first-string right guard. He's expected to start there in the preseason opener Aug. 9. "I've never played guard before in my career, but right

now I'm picking up things really good," said Page, a second-round pick from West Virginia. "I don't mind playing guard in the least bit. I'm in the NFL, you do what you have to do to get out on the field." Page held his own against the first-team defense, then spent another 15 minutes working one-on-one with line coach Hudson Houck. Houck showed Page some of subtle changes required when lining up next to the center instead of being on the outside.

"They're about the same," he said. "You're pushing people at both positions." Everett McIver will be the starter at right guard once he recovers from a torn ligament in his left knee. Tony Hutson was filling in until he sprained a ligament in his right knee Thursday. On Friday, Mike Kiselak suffered a possibly season-ending injury to his left knee. Although Dallas has other players with more guard experience, the team has invested nearly \$2 million into Page. See COWBOYS, Page 8A

4A Football

Steers picked to win 5-4A, finishing ahead of Snyder, Andrews and Sweetwater

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a four-part series on Crossroads Area football teams. Today: Class 4A. Monday: Class 2A. Tuesday: Class 1A. Wednesday: Six-man.

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

If things go as Texas Football thinks they will, Big Spring's Steers (4-7) will find themselves sitting atop District 5-4A football when everything is said and done. Led by runningback Colby Ford (6-1, 205, 4.6), the Steers are projected to finish ahead of Snyder, Andrews, Sweetwater, Lake View and Fort Stockton, in that order. Ford, who shared the limelight a year ago with now-departed Tory Mitchell (Miami, Fla.), enters the season as the sixth-best rusher in Class 4A in the state.



FORD



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Ford's 1,586 yards make him a target for Steers opponents. Ford carried the ball 279 times for 20 touchdowns and a 5.68 yards per carry average.

But Ford is not the only offensive weapon Coach Dwight Butler has his staff have on which to rely. Quarterback Lance Brock (6-4, 175, 4.8) is slow afoot, but was consistent enough passing to get the Steers a first down when needed, completing 48-of-100 for 590 yards and three touchdowns. Ford and Brock are among 19 lettermen, including eight offensive and six defensive starters, who return for the Steers.

Defensively, linebacker Arthur Gonzales had 82 tackles and three fumbles recoveries to pace the defensive returners.

Other players to watch for the Steers include all-district punter James Clements (35.2 yard average), defensive back Jason Choate (46 tackles) and linebacker Bowe Butler (68 tackles).

Snyder (7-4) returns 18 lettermen, including six offensive and three defensive starters, for Coach David Baugh.

The Tigers will be paced by quarterback Sonny Cumbie (6-4, 195, 5.0), who passed for 845 yards and 10 touchdowns while completing 41 of 90 passes.

In addition, linebacker/fullback Paul Camp (5-10, 180, 4.6) rushed for 641 yards on 108 carries and caught another 12 passes for 225 yards and five touchdowns.

Snyder's weakness appears to be the defense, where only three starters — Camp, tackle Joe Esparza (6-1, 260) and linebacker John Ortega return.

At Andrews (10-1), the question is "Will there be life after Shaud?"

Shaud Williams, who was the key to the Mustangs' attack the past four years, is now at Texas Tech and the future of Andrews

Top 25

- Texas Football's preseason Top 25 picks:
1. Stephenville
 2. Texas City
 3. Jacksonville
 4. La Marque
 5. Greenville
 6. New Braunfels Canyon
 7. Plainview
 8. Grapevine
 9. Brownwood
 10. Fort Worth Wyatt
 11. Schertz Clemens
 12. Southlake Carroll
 13. Bay City
 14. Carthage
 15. Coppell
 16. Corpus Christi Calallen
 17. West Orange Stark
 18. Post Neches Groves
 19. Wichita Falls Hirsch
 20. Borger
 21. Denison
 22. Naderlan
 23. Sherman
 24. Cleburne

football lies in the hands of 17 lettermen, including four offensive and six defensive starters. Coach Mike Leppy, who was a finalist for the Dallas Highland Park vacancy last spring, will have to build his team around a pair of defensive standouts — linebacker Jeremy Woods (6-3, 225, 4.6) and back Chris McCain (6-1, 185, 4.6). Scott Kello moves up from the jayvees at quarterback while fullback Chris Nunez will be called upon to fill the void left by Williams.

Sweetwater (6-4) returns 13 lettermen, including four offensive and three defensive starters, for second-year coach Hank Dowell.

Tops among the returnees is tailback Willie Amos (6-1, 175, 4.31), who Dowell thinks can go Division I after rushing for 1,107 yards and 11 TDs in nine games a year ago.

Two other Mustangs to watch include wide receiver Derek Carr (5-10, 165, 4.6), who caught 11 passes for 364 yards and five touchdowns and linebacker Grant Cherry (5-10, 180, 4.75), who had 112 tackles and four sacks on a defense that allowed just 288 yards per game.

At Lake View (4-6), coach Billy Klemstein is banking his hopes on 18 lettermen, including four offensive and eight defensive starters.

Tops among the returnees is runningback/defensive back Rashad Chance (5-9, 150, 4.4), who rushed for 510 yards on 96 carries and caught seven passes for 133 yards while playing both ways for the Chiefs.

The Chiefs have a strong nucleus around which to build in addition to Chance — lineman Joseph Clay (6-2, 220, 4.9) with 49 tackles and seven sacks, back Adrian Greenwood (5-10, 164, 4.6) with 31 tackles and linebacker Alfred Walton (5-10, 182, 5.) with 53 tackles.

Fort Stockton's Panthers (1-9) are hopeful 12 lettermen from an injury plagued team can help reverse a decade-long skid.

Quarterback Nathan Sawyer (6-1, 190, 4.8) completed 17 of 43 passes for 565 yards, five TD and six interceptions in five starts last year.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL. AMERICAN LEAGUE. East Division. West Division. Today's Games. NATIONAL LEAGUE. East Division. West Division. Today's Games.

TRANSACTIONS. BASEBALL. American League. KANSAS CITY ROYALS. Oakland Athletics for RHP Blake Stein. RHP Jeff D'Amico and RHP Brad Rigby. OAKLAND ATHLETICS. Traded RHP Billy Taylor to the New York Mets for RHP Jason Ishiguro.

Brent Geiberger leads GHO with 15-under

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — Brent Geiberger overcame a ferocious rally on the back, getting an ace and three birdies Saturday to go 15-under-par and carry a three-stroke lead into the final round of the Greater Hartford Open. Geiberger, who shared the second-day lead, shot a 66 and was 4-under for the day.

Alomar homers twice as ChiSox outslug Tribe

CLEVELAND (AP) — Roberto Alomar homered twice, Richie Sexson hit a three-run shot and rookie Russell Branyan drove in two runs with a key double as the Cleveland Indians recovered after blowing a big lead Saturday for a 13-10 win over the Chicago White Sox. Alomar hit a two-run homer and connected for a three-run shot in the fourth inning moments after Sexson's homer, as the Indians took an 8-3 lead.

Arizona took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Tony Womack scored on Gonzalez's double-play grounder.

Arizona took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Tony Womack scored on Gonzalez's double-play grounder. In the third, Womack singled with one out and Gonzalez homered one out later off Ismael Valdes (8-9). Los Angeles pulled to within a run in the fourth inning when Mark Grudzielanek beat out a single for the first hit off Johnson. Two outs later, Eric Karros homered.

Senior Utah Showdown

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Dave Eichelberger closed with an eagle and a birdie on the last two holes to build a three-stroke lead Saturday after the second round of the Senior PGA Tour's Novell Utah Showdown. Eichelberger was at 15-under 129 after two rounds of the 54-hole event at Park Meadows Country Club. He shot 9-under 63 on Saturday, bolstered by eagles on the 15th and 17th.

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Yankees get Leyritz, other deals shape up as deadline approached

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

Jim Leyritz will wear pinstripes once again in October.

The New York Yankees made the first move in what shaped up as a busy Saturday, reacquiring former postseason hero Jim Leyritz from the San Diego Padres for minor league pitcher Geraldo Padua.

Many other deals were expected by the midnight Saturday EDT non-waiver trading deadline.

Chuck Finley, Kevin Appier and Roberto Hernandez were among the top players most likely to move as contenders looked for pitching. Baltimore first baseman Will Clark seemed to be in the mix, possibly headed to Atlanta.

Also said to be available: pitchers Arthur Rhodes, Juan Guzman and Jesse Orosco of Baltimore, Darryl Kile of Colorado, Jeff Fassero of Seattle and Ugueth Urbina of Montreal.

The AL East-leading Yankees had thought about sending struggling starter Andy Pettitte to Philadelphia, but manager Joe Torre said before Saturday's game at Boston, "I don't think it's going to happen."

There was still a chance, though, New York would bolster its bullpen by getting Hernandez from Tampa Bay. In the meantime, the Yankees completed a deal for Leyritz.

"He's a good hitter and he loves the spotlight," Torre said. "That's half the battle when

you've got ability."

Leyritz, 36, is hitting .239 with eight home runs and 21 RBIs. He can play first base or DH, and was Pettitte's personal catcher with the Yankees.

Leyritz has 12 career postseason hits, seven of them homers. His three-run shot in Game 4 of the 1996 World Series at Atlanta sent the Yankees toward the championship.

Last year, Leyritz hit four homers in the playoffs for the Padres, who later got swept by the Yankees in the World

Series. This week, Leyritz was activated from the disabled list, having broken his left hand June 23.

Leyritz "was terrific here," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "He's a great player and had some big hits for us. I'm sure he'll be very successful for the New York Yankees."

The Padres got minor league pitcher Geraldo Padua for Leyritz. The 22-year-old righty was 9-4 with a 2.86 ERA for Class A Greensboro.

The AL Central-leading

Cleveland Indians led the pursuit of Finley, mostly because of his 16-9 lifetime mark against the Yankees.

Finley, meanwhile, was supposed to start Saturday night at home against Minnesota.

"Maybe I'll call the press box in the third inning and check," he said.

The Yankees also eyed Finley, who had the right to veto any trade as a 10-and-5 player — 10 years in the majors, the last five with the same team.

Boston wanted Appier to boost

its ailing rotation. The longtime Kansas City ace recently waived his limited no-trade clause.

Last year, there were more than 10 trades on July 31, with Randy Johnson going from Seattle to Houston in the day's biggest deal.

This year, plenty of players were being mentioned in the rumor mill.

"I think I can speak for the whole team," Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez said Friday night. "We just want the trad-

ing deadline to come and go. I think we're all tradable."

Trades can be made after the deadline, but only after players pass through waivers. That can be difficult, because any team can put in a claim and block a potential deal.

With so many possibilities leading up to midnight, it was easy to see why everyone was jumpy.

Well, most everyone. "Unless I get traded, I'm not nervous," Seattle manager Lou Piniella said.

McNabb inked but skips hot morning drill

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Bright and early Saturday morning, Donovan McNabb's teammates were still waiting for him to show up at training camp.

McNabb, who signed a seven-year, \$54 million contract with the Philadelphia Eagles in the middle of the night, skipped the morning workout — a grueling practice that saw some of his teammates overcome by heat.

It was close to 95 degrees when practice started, and once again the only quarterbacks on hand were starter Doug Pederson and backups Koy Detmer and Bobby Hoyer. Of course, there was little time for McNabb to have a physical in time for practice, but he wasn't getting any sympathy from those who were there.

"The perception is that because he's the No. 1 pick and a high pick, his talent is going to allow him to walk in and play immediately," offensive coordinator Rod Dowhower said. "Reality is, Doug knows this offense. Doug knows how to execute this offense. The rest of the offensive players need to catch up with Doug."

McNabb, whose bizarre week culminated with a contract agreement, a lengthy flight from Atlanta and an early morning appearance at Veterans Stadium, stayed at his home in Cherry Hill, N.J., until mid-morning. He was expected to report to the team's afternoon practice at Lehigh University.

Aside from actually seeing McNabb on the field, it will be interesting to see how his image is affected by a contract squabble that was stained by racial accusations by his agent. The talks were stalled this week when agent Fletcher Smith asserted that the Eagles were hesitant to give McNabb a contract with voidable years and a buy-back clause because he is black.

"I always negotiated based on Donovan's merits," Smith said. "It wasn't my intention to play the race card."

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EARLY BIRDS

SOME LOCAL TEACHERS ARE ALREADY BACK IN THEIR CLASSROOMS ... BY CHOICE

Some teachers can't wait to get back to class. Even though they aren't due at work until Wednesday, some have already spent several hours a day, for two or even three weeks, at school.

In some of those cases, teachers are attending workshops in their field. In others, they are learning required skills like CPR. But for still other teachers, that extra time is strictly on their own.

"I'm really excited," said Sheila Abusaab, Big Spring High School Spanish teacher. "And I want the kids to be as excited as I am."

The 12-year veteran of Big Spring schools was busy last week working on decorating her room and the language lab and making assignment notebooks. It was her third week of work, and the continuation of a habit she has every summer.

"I want to find new ways to teach the material," she said. That's why, when her husband, Sonic owner Mike Abusaab, left for a visit to his home country of Jordan a few weeks ago, his wife told him, "I'm going back to school."

The story is much the same for Jennifer Chesworth, a teacher for the last six years at Anderson Kindergarten Center.

"There's just so much to do and get done," she said. "I like for my kids to have a room that's ready for them on the first day."

While she enjoys her summer vacation, and spends as much time as possible with her family, Chesworth said she gets antsy after about four weeks.

"By then, I get ready to come back to school," she said. Ruth Quisenberry and SuAnn Seay, both seventh grade teachers at Big Spring Junior High School, came back to work early in order to get a revise a curriculum.

Although they teach English, and history, respectively, the two will plan projects together.

"We've also got to get our rooms ready," Quisenberry said. "I've never had a new building!"

"We love the new building," Seay added. "We sure do appreciate it. And the students are in awe."

Last week, the junior high was humming with activity. Teachers and staff were in the library, learning how to use new technology. Others were working in their own rooms, or in small groups, planning their classwork for a new year.

"They're so excited," said principal Bill Tarleton, as he pointed to open doors where teachers were working inside rooms. "We think it's wonderful that they're here."

At Bauer Magnet Elementary, teachers and principal Andre Clark came in early to paint and decorate the hallways. Clark said every teacher at the school had already been in to work.

"They're fabulous," she said. "Every year we feel like we need to spruce ourselves up a little, and we do something to brighten the place."

Bauer's Susan Lowery, a 15-year veteran of teaching, recruited not only her daughter, but also her mother, to help in decorating her classroom.

Some teachers hang special bulletin boards. Others paint their doors or make their own colorful curtains and cushions. Many times supplies are purchased with their own money.

Teacher Ann Graumann, who has 10 years of experience, said decorating her classroom is a must.

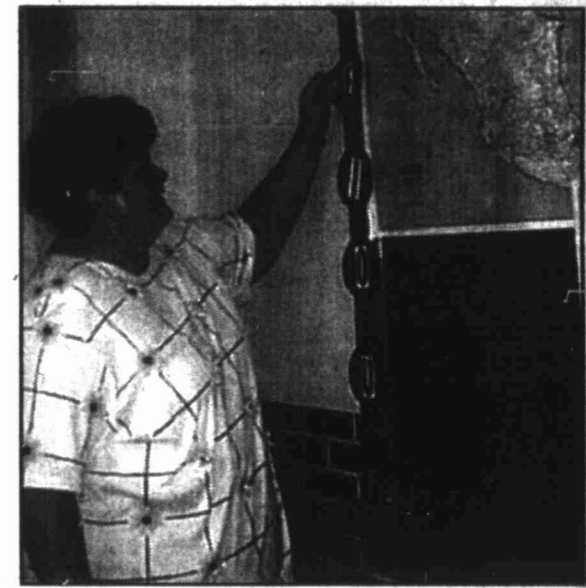
"It really is your home away from home," she said. "You want it to be a nice place."

Some teachers, especially those who are moving to a new school this year, can earn compensatory days for their work during the summer, said Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Others, he added, work in the summer regardless. "They're just devoted," Murphy said. "They do a lot on their



In the photos: Above, left, Ruth Quisenberry and SuAnn Seay, seventh grade teachers, were already at work planning lessons last week. Above, Jennifer Chesworth, a six-year teacher at Anderson Kindergarten Center, said she likes to have her classroom ready when students arrive, and that means getting an early start.



In the photos: Far left, Bauer's Susan Lowery, stapling border to a bulletin board, recruited her daughter, Alyssa Rains, and her mother to help get her classroom ready this year. At left, Ann Graumann hangs a bulletin board in her room at Bauer. She says the room is her "home away from home." Above, Sheila Abusaab has a dozen years of experience teaching at Big Spring High School, but she starts planning during the summer to take a fresh approach each new year, she said.



own. There's quite a bit of ownership and pride that those teachers have."

During the summer, he added, many teachers continue their education with professional conferences and workshops in their fields.

"Teachers are special people," Clark said. "They put in lots and lots of hours that people never know."

"I think we have some teachers," Murphy said, "that start getting ready for the next year the day after school ends."



STORY AND PHOTOS BY DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Memories are made of this: A tribute to Old Settlers' Reunions

The Heritage Museum has some wonderful photos of early day Old Settlers' Reunions. At the first reunion, held in 1924, only men are pictured.

Women, wearing dresses and hats, are included in photos of reunions in the late '20s and the '30s. Comfortable shorts and slacks, as feminine apparel, had not yet appeared on the American scene.

The 1924 reunion was held on the T. J. McKinney farm, north of Coahoma. By 1928, reunions were held at Parrish Park, later known as Cottonwood Park. It was located at the corner of Birdwell Lane and Second Street, next to the railroad tracks.

I need to take my father-in-law, Matt Warren, to these reunions, which, by that time, had moved to the City Park location.

One year my sister-in-law, Wanda Warren, and I took him to an Old Settlers' Reunion at Cross Plains. It was a lovely spot, with huge pecan trees, but it was hot, with no breeze to relieve the high humidity. J. Wray and Laura Lynn were small, but they were undaunted by the heat and had a wonderful time exploring the banks of

nearby Turkey Creek.

Mr. Warren also had a wonderful time visiting with old acquaintances, while some elderly couples danced energetically to live fiddle music.

Wanda and I were the only ones who were tired. We seemed to lack the stamina of either the younger or older generation.

Memories of that hot day make me glad this year's Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers' Reunion, set for Saturday, will be held in air-conditioned comfort in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

There will be many things to do, including the Hoyle Nix Memorial Fiddlers Contest at 2 p.m. and a dance at 8 that evening. Entertainment will also include music by the Anderson Cousins, bingo, and awards.

However, I suspect that the activity folks most look forward to is renewing acquaintances and sharing memories.

All of us cherish our roots — like Bill Birdwell who grew up in Big Spring. He shares his memories via e-mail from his home in Montana, with Nila Allen, long-time family friend. Nila, too, is interested in Howard County history, and has been active in the histori-

cal commission and museum activities.

Bill writes of his memories of the old Birdwell house on Goliad. Although the family has no known connection with the builder, famed Texas Ranger John Birdwell, some cousins lived in the house at one time.



JEAN WARREN

One day Bobby was being chased by his brother Freddie. Bobby came sliding down the beautiful hall banister so fast that he forgot about the heavy glass front door. He sailed on through, sustaining a large cut on his forehead, which left a permanent scar.

Another time Bill and a friend, Robert Earl Taylor, played hooky from North Ward School to go swimming in Birdwell tank, now known as Birdwell Park. After enjoying a swim in the warm water, the boys climbed on a raft — an old wooden door nailed to two railroad cross ties.

They were enjoying them-



This historic photograph, from the Heritage Museum collection, shows an Old Settlers' Reunion sometime in the 1930s at Cottonwood Park.

selves thoroughly when an uncle came by. He made a report to their parents, and the sequel to the story was not so pleasant, for Bill's mother "wore out a bunch of switches on his posterior."

Bill and his three brothers

helped in the family business, the Birdwell Fruit and Vegetable Stand on North Second Street.

He recalls that "they grew up on trucks, driving them from the time they could reach the pedals, to haul fruits and veg-

etables from a wide area back to the store."

The Old Settlers' Reunion will be a good time to share memories like this.

Jean Warren writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.

WEDDINGS

Lee-Coker

Teresa Lee and Kyle Coker exchanged wedding vows on June 12, 1999, at the First Church of the Nazarene with Tim Pearson, uncle of the bride, and the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jimmy and Donna Lee of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Elizabeth Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Lee, all of Big Spring and Nelda Grant, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ronald and Glenda Coker.

Pianist was Elaine Leake and vocalists were Licia Doll, Jennifer and Roger Huff.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a ballroom style gown made of white tulle. It featured a scoop neckline and basque waist. Her veil was a double layer of white tulle edged with white satin ribbon and accented with a pearl comb.

She carried a nosegay bouquet made of large and small fresh white roses, purple larkspur and stephanotis accented with baby's breath and trimmed with a sheer ribbon with satin edging.

Maid of honor was Licia Doll, Big Spring.

Bridesmaids were Kim Avant, Big Spring, Jeanell Scott of Sweetwater, and Tiffany Hancock of Coahoma. Amanda Hart and Kimberly Hart, both cousins of the bride of Brady, were the junior bridesmaids.

Malorie Paredez and Marijo Baeza, both cousins of the bride, were the flower girls, and Alex Paredez, cousin of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Nathan Coker, brother of the groom of Sheridan, Ore., served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Charlie Harman of Big Spring, Chris Perez of Big Spring,



Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Coker

Robert Lee, bride's brother of College Station, and David Lee, bride's brother.

James Fite, Brandon Blagrove, Sterling McIntosh, all of Big Spring, and Justin Richter of Stanton, were the ushers.

Candlelighters were Robert Lee of College Station and David Lee, both brothers of the bride.

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

The bride's cake was a five tiered Italian creme and vanilla cake on pedestals and was accented with blue flowers and silver pearl strands.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake with chocolate icing and decorated with the Dallas Stars Hockey emblem and hockey players.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Howard College. She is employed by Anderson News.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by Signal Homes.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple has made their home in Big Spring.

Thompson-Tuma

Deanna Leigh Thompson of Big Spring, and Scott Alexander Tuma of Kemah, were united in marriage on July 3, 1999, at the 11th & Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with Leslie Boone, minister from Bryan, officiating.

She is the daughter of Robert and Debra Thompson of Big Spring.

He is the son of Frank Tuma of St. James City, Fla., and Linda Bahre of Nassau Bay.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless bouffant gown with dainty rows of satin binding trimming the collar, armholes, basque waist and hem. Beaded Venice appliques trimmed the neckline and waistline. Satin rosettes accented the back and flowed into a sweep train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, daisies, statice stephanotis with accents of lavender and purple flowers with tiny ribbons.

Matron of honor was Jennifer Simpson.

Mary Newton was flower girl, and Taylor Bos, nephew of the bride, was ringbearer.

Daniel Simpson served as best man.

Serving as ushers were Jon Bos, brother-in-law of the bride, and James Rawls.

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

The wedding cake was a two tiered cake with four layers separated by crystal columns arranged over a fountain and decorated with fresh roses,



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Tuma

daisies and baby's breath, and surrounded by three satellite cakes. It was topped with a Kim Anderson collectible bride and groom.

The groom's cake was a two tiered chocolate basket weave cake garnished with chocolate dipped strawberries.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. She will be attending the University of Houston in the Spring.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Clear Creek High School and attended College of Mainland and the University of Houston. He is the owner of Rigging Solutions.

Following a delayed wedding trip to Connecticut, the couple will make their home in Kemah.

Coats-Milliken

Lisa DeeAnn Coats and Jason Layne Milliken, both of San Antonio, exchanged wedding vows on June 5, 1999, in the home of the groom's parents with Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bill and Sue Coats of San Antonio.

He is the son of Mark and Bridget Milliken of Coahoma, and the grandson of Lois Wright and the late Luther Wright and Bill and Lee Milliken, all of Coahoma.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white tea length gown with pearls, lace, satin and short sleeves.

She carried a bouquet of white daisies trimmed with white lace.

Maid of honor was Tanya McGlothlin, and bridesmaid was Tish Milliken.

Rocky King served as best man, and Kirk Allen was groomsmen.

Following the ceremony a barbecue was held.

The bride's cake was a three tiered cake trimmed with yellow daisies.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Milliken

The bride is a graduate of Judson High School in Converse. She is employed by Steven A. Davis, M.D., P.A.

The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School and attended South Plains College in Levelland. He is employed by Palex in San Antonio.

Following a wedding trip to Nashville, Tenn., the couple have made their home in San Antonio.

'Brave New World' is brave new series on ABC

NEW YORK (AP) — When they plug upcoming stories, TV newscasts use a familiar cliche: "What we found just might surprise you!"

Now, in his series of eight ABC News specials, Robert Krulwich could say the same thing. Even though he never gets around to exposing auto repair rip-offs or a dread new health threat, he's never short of surprises.

The first big surprise from Krulwich's "Nightline in Prime Time: Brave New World" is that he doesn't really care about surprising you with answers. Instead, his ambitious series, premiering Thursday at 10 p.m. EDT, believes provocative questions are their own reward.

"This is kind of the un-news news program," said Ted Koppel, who nominally anchors the series. "It's unlike any other news program you've ever seen, in part because we're taking up issues that are so huge and so profound, that most of us are afraid to touch them."

Krulwich isn't. The series'

constant presence, he is game to ask questions, make connections, stir up thought and — yes — have fun with ideas.

This week's "Brave New World" explores speed. What is it about speed that is so irresistible? What is the effect of ever-speedier machines continuously revving up the pace of our lives? How would we even slow down? Would we even want to?

Krulwich clocks the once-acceptable span of time required to place a call on a dial telephone. But now that the far speedier push-button phone is the norm, he wonders why a dial phone seems not just slower, but torturously slow-oow.

He chats with Michael Malone, editor of the magazine "ASAP" (As Soon As Possible), who declares that, in our culture, speed has come to imply accomplishment.

"It used to be that important people were idle," Malone says. But somewhere along the line, he says, "it became a measure of success to have no free time whatsoever."

IN THE MILITARY

Army Pvt. Rodolfo Dominguez III has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky. He completed basic combat training.



DOMINGUEZ

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Dominguez is the son of Jane and Rodolfo Dominguez of Coahoma.

1st Lt. Christopher A. Ficke has been assigned to the National Security Agency at Fort Meade, Md.



FICKE

Ficke, a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University, is the son of Ken and Mary Ann Ficke of Big Spring.

He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force in August of 1996.

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HARDCOVER FICTION

- "Hannibal" by Thomas Harris (Delacorte)
- "Mother of Pearl" by Melinda Haynes (Hyperion)
- "Granny Dan" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
- "White Oleander" by Janet Fitch (Little, Brown)
- "The Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing" by Melissa Bank (Viking)
- "The Testament" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
- "True at First Light" by Ernest Hemingway (Scribner)
- "McNally's Dilemma" by Lawrence Sanders (Putnam)
- "The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon" by Stephen King (Scribner)
- "Lake News" by Barbara Delinsky (Simon & Schuster)
- "MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS"
 - "Point of Origin" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley)
 - "Summer Sisters" by Judy Blume (Dell)
 - "Night Whisperers" by Judith McNaught (Pocket)
 - "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
 - "Tell Me Your Dreams" by Sidney Sheldon (Warner)
 - "The Target" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
 - "Moon Music" by Faye Kellerman (Avon)
 - "Bag of Bones" by Stephen King (Pocket)
 - "No Safe Place" by Richard North Patterson (Ballantine)
 - "The General's Daughter" by Nelson DeMille (Warner)

ANNIVERSARIES

Robinson



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robinson, then and now

Lloyd and Sue Robinson celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a dinner hosted by their children.

He was born in Knott, and she was born in Big Spring as Sue White. They met in Big Spring in 1943 at a Howard County Livestock Show. They were married on Aug. 1, 1959, in the home of Verda and A.L. Cooper.

The couple has three children, Kent and Diane Robinson of Ackerly, Scott and Leslie Robinson of Tarzan and Lance and Leslea Robinson of Ackerly, and four grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have lived on the family farm in Knott their entire marriage.

They own and co-manage the Knott Service Station. They have been lifelong farmers and

ranchers. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Knott, where he is a deacon and she is the song leader. Mr. Robinson is involved in the Sands School Board, is the director of the Farmers Coop Gin in Knott and is the Farm Bureau Director. They are adult leaders in the Howard County 4-H Club and enjoy gardening, reading, their children and grandchildren.

This was their comment about their 40 years of marriage. "Attribute long lasting marriage commitment to strong faith in God and love and trust for each other. We are thankful for our health, children, grandchildren, extended family and many friends."

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"Digger"-white short-haired female eight weeks.

"Sydney"-black short-haired female eight weeks.

"Laura"-short-haired brown tabby female eight weeks.

"Jeepers"-gray tabby female kitter.

"Taggett"-solid male kitter, 12 weeks.

"Britney"-grey tabby, female kitter.

"Smoke"-gray female six weeks.

"Sheba"-grey tabby kitter, 12 weeks.

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Pictured: "Miss Kitty"-black short-haired female, spayed, 5 years plus.

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"Laura"-short-haired, gray brown tabby, female kitten, eight weeks.

"Jeepers"-gray tabby short-haired female kitten, 10 weeks.

"Taggett"-solid black dsh, male kitten, 12 weeks.

"Britney"-grey and brown tabby, female kitten, 10-12 weeks.

"Smoke"-gray female kitten, six weeks.

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FRIDAY-Bar-B-Q chicken, potato salad, beans, spinach salad, milk/rolls, cookies.

WHO'S WHO

Eric Dewain Fisher received a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in finance from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, during commencement ceremonies May 15.

He is a 1993 graduate of Palestine High School, and is the son of Sharon Welch-Fisher and the late Tony Fisher, and the grandson of Edwina Welch-Reagan of Big Spring.

Sul Ross State University has named 261 students to its Dean's List for the 1999 spring semester.

Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or better are eligible for the Dean's List. Graduate hours are not included in Dean's List computations.

Among those included: Robert Coates of Garden City.

Virginia H. Ross earned her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology in the area of Learning, Cognition and Instruction from the University of Texas at Austin in July. As a graduate student, she taught undergraduate classes titled "Cognitive Learning Strategies." She also conducted research in the area of self-regulated learning.

She served an internship at IBM in Austin and worked for IBM Austin Education for six years. She now works in Austin for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as Educational Psychologist and Education Program Specialist.

Ross also earned a BA in Business and Economics from the University of Dallas, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She lived in Big Spring from 1965 to 1981.

Barbara Justiss, a member of the Vocational Home Economics Teachers Association of Texas and a home economics teacher at Coahoma High School, joined a registration in excess of 1,800 teachers at the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) 1999 State Professional Development Conference for Home

Economics Teachers July 19-23 in Dallas/Fort Worth. The annual conference is planned and coordinated by the Home Economics Education Department, a division of Career and Technology Education at TEA.

Justiss was honored by the Vocational Home Economics Association of Texas (VHETAT) for her dedicated service of 30 years in the teaching profession. The award was presented at an awards banquet.

At a special White Coat Ceremony on Monday, Angela Tubb of Big Spring will take part in a time-honored tradition, receiving a white coat signifying entry into the medical profession. Tubb is one of the members of the entering Class of 2003 at the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine. The Class of 2003 will receive their white coats at Rudder Theater on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station.

Sharon Smith, RMT, RP, IARP, a Texas Registered massage therapist in Big Spring, recently became a member of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), a professional association serving 37,000 members internationally, accepts only professional massage therapists who demonstrated a level of skill and expertise through testing and education.

Smith graduated from Midland College School of Massage Therapy and opened Tranquility Professional Massage at 710 Gregg in May of 1997. She is also a member of the Texas Association of Massage Therapists, International Association of Healthcare Practitioners and International Association of Reiki Professionals.



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STORK CLUB

Kaelee Skye Grosse, July 20, 1999, 9:25 a.m., seven pounds 14 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are David and Kristi Grosse.

Grandparents are John and Vivian Gordon, Daisy Spencer, all of Big Spring, and Hans J. Grosse, Dallas.

Big brothers are Tanner and Matthew.

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Preslie Savannah Smithie, girl, July 17, 1999, 11:08 a.m., seven pounds 4 1/4 ounces and 18 1/4 inches long; parents are Shannon and Angela Smithie.

Grandparents are Buddy and Beverly Smithie, James and Carla Collinsworth, all of Big Spring, and Bobby and Wilma Dennis of Fritch.

Great-grandparents are William and Pat McNew of Big Spring.

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Micaela Grace Armstrong, girl, July 19, 1999, 1:05 p.m., nine pounds 14 1/2 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long; parents are Whit and Tracy Armstrong of Deer Park.

Grandparents are Pat and Joy Armstrong of Big Spring, and Larry and Brenda Bishop of Deer Park.

Madison JoAnn Dietz, girl, Jan 6, 1999, 8 p.m., six pounds 11 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Shane and Amanda Dietz.

Grandparents are Deborah Hanson, Rita and Charles Dykes, Sarah and Teddy Dietz, all of Big Spring, and Lee Hanson of Indiana, Pa.

Garrett Lane Evans, boy, July 19, 1999, 8:16, eight pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Tera and Matt Evans

of Lubbock. Grandparents are Terry and Jan Sims, Tom Evans, all of Big Spring, and Lanell Evans of Forsan.

Sean Michael Rios, boy, July 27, 1999, 6:29 a.m., six pounds 15 1/2 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Yolanda Mier and Patrick Rios.

Grandparents are Elena and Humberto Mier and Erlinda and Luis Rios, all of Big Spring.

Keelee Brooke White, July 21, 1999, 8:10 p.m., eight pounds 2.5 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Heath and Marie White.

Grandparents are Leroy and Alma Walker of Coahoma, and Lawanda and Thomas Brewer of Big Spring.

Makayla Olyvia Love, girl, July 19, 1999, 6:47 a.m., seven pounds 13 1/2 ounces and 21 3/4 inches long; parents are Josh and Monique Love.

Grandparents are Jack and Donna Love of Big Spring, Mario and Rosa Ramirez of Midland, and Steve and Arnelinda Robisky of Bettendorf, Iowa.

Sonny Nathen Jackson-Prince, boy, July 19, 1999, 2:28 p.m., eight pounds 7 1/2 ounces and 21 3/4 inches long; parents are Laura Jackson and Sammy Prince.

Grandparents are Mary and Douglas Jackson of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Juan Martin Munoz Mier, boy, July 17, 1999, 9:55 a.m., six pounds 4 1/2 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Oscar Mier and Kristie Munoz.

Grandparents are Efrain and

Cecilia Mier, Virginia Munoz, all of Big Spring, and Johnny Munoz of Arlington.

Anthony Michael Aponte, boy, July 16, 1999, 12:38, seven pounds 15 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Pedro and Sally Aponte.

Grandparents are Gladys Aponte and Anthony DeLeon of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Alycia Marie Martinez, girl, July 15, 1999, 9:32 a.m., seven pounds 15 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Richard Martinez and Melissa T. Gutierrez.

Grandparents are Tom Gutierrez Jr. of Vealmoor, Kenneth Randel Hagins of Big Spring, Sammy Peacock and Janie Peacock, both of Ackerly.

Lane Garrett Williams, boy, July 14, 1999, 12:40 p.m., eight pounds 2 1/4 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Larry and Tonya Williams.

Grandparents are Larry and Glenda Williams, Ella Bridge, all of Big Spring, and Mikel and Judy Bridge of Stanton.

Mark Angel Trevino, boy, July 14, 1999, 2:52 a.m., six pounds 15 ounces and 19 1/4 inches long; parents are Yesenia Davila and Rafael Trevino.

Grandparents are Jaime and Mary Davila of Houston, the late Milton Lozano, and Yolanda Lozano of Big Spring, and Ralph and Teri Trevino of Dallas.

Tearell Audron McVae, boy, July 12, 1999, 10:22 a.m., nine pounds 1/2 ounce and 21 3/4 inches long; parents are Misty Porter and Toma McVae.

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GETTING ENGAGED



Summer Eason and Randy Sparks will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 7, 1999, at Trinity Baptist Church with Randy Cotton officiating.

She is the daughter of Anthony and Connie Jackson and the granddaughter of Donnie and Bonnie Tubb, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ben and Christine Sparks of Coahoma.



JoAnna Brame and Gregory Bodin will unite in marriage on Aug. 21, 1999, at Tres Rios Campground on the Brazos River.

She is the daughter of Danny and Ann Gray of Colorado City.

He is the son of Bill and Shirley Bodin of Sand Springs.



Amanda Michelle Hernandez and Peter Andrew Buske will be united in marriage on Sept. 4, 1999, in Big Spring with Father Cornelius Scanlan, of St. Thomas Catholic Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Pete and Martha Hernandez and the granddaughter of Lusia Cortez and Elvira Hernandez, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Russel and Nan Buske (deceased), Big Spring.



De Anna Paty, Wichita Falls, and Mark Miller, of Holliday, will exchange wedding vows on Dec. 18, 1999, at Midway Baptist Church with Gary Phillips of Hillcrest Baptist officiating.

She is the daughter of Glen and Peggy Paty of Saudia Arabia, and the granddaughter of Leola Newton and the late Lindell Newton of Big Spring.

He is the son of Prissy and Terry Stanley of Big Spring, and Lonnie and Deborah Miller of Holliday.

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Young Tejano star compared to Selena but blazing her own trail

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Tejano singer Jennifer Pena has been winning music awards since she was 13. She has released three hit albums in three years. She's appeared on billboards and TV commercials for milk.

She says it's OK for fans in Texas and Mexico to be on a first-name basis with her. But, please, don't call her the next Selena.

"Basically, I think what I've done, I've done on my own, not using Selena's name," she said.

But the "next Selena" label has been tough for the 15-year-old to shake.

In 1997, at 13, Jennifer took home a Tejano Music Award for female entertainer of the year, a category previously dominated by slain Tejano star Selena Quintanilla Perez. She repeated the feat in 1998 and 1999.

Jennifer y Los Jetz took home the "Most Promising Band" award in 1998 and Jennifer was named best female vocalist in 1999.

"I was very nervous," she said about the first time she stepped on stage to accept an award. "I didn't know what I was saying and I repeated myself like 20 times."

She launches into a self-deprecating version of how her speech must have sounded that night.

"And I'd like to thank ... and I'd also like to thank my family and I'd like to thank my family and my family," she said with a giggle. "And you know what? I think I did that all three years."

Inevitably, the awards brought the comparisons to Selena, particularly because Jennifer is managed by Q Productions, owned by Selena's family.

In fact, it was Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla, who discovered Jennifer when she sent him a condolence videotape in which she sang two of his daughter's songs.

She explained that in 1995, she regularly made videos in the studio of the Catholic diocese where her aunt worked. Then 11, she planned to videotape herself singing the "only two Spanish songs she knew — Selena's "No Debes Jugar" and "Como La Flor" — when the

Tejano superstar was shot and killed by her former fan club president.

"When that happened I didn't want to record the video any more," Jennifer said. "My mom said, 'Let's make a deal. If you do it, I'll send one of the copies to Abraham to show him the inspiration that she gave you.'"

The next thing Jennifer knew she was singing in the Selena tribute concert at the Houston Astrodome, at Quintanilla's request.

But the comparisons don't end with the singers' shared connection to Q Productions.

Both grew up in Corpus Christi. Jennifer, a petite girl with long, straight, brown hair whose baby face and big smile adorn South Texas billboards for Hygeia Dairy, bears only a passing resemblance to sexy, raven-haired Selena. But she shares Selena's penchant for tight, eye-catching concert outfits.

And like Selena, Jennifer sings in Spanish but has trouble conversing in the language.

"I speak OK," Jennifer said, her words occasionally tinged with a Texas accent. "It's still confusing to me and it's still incorrect, but I get my message across."

When speaking in English, Jennifer punctuates her sentences often enough with "like," "cool" and "for real" to prove that she's a normal teenager under the glittery lipstick, blue eye shadow and dark orange nail polish.

At one point, the teen, dressed in a black tank top, silver velvet skirt and black sandals, removes a forgotten price tag from her Contempo Casuals skirt and laughs about it for several minutes.

She giggles a lot, apparently as amused by her stories of life as a Tejano sensation as the other people in the room at Q Productions.

Jennifer seems refreshingly unaffected by her fame in South Texas and Mexico, where her singing has brought some concert audiences to tears. She still shops at local malls, where "everybody's used to me" so nobody really makes a big deal.

"I kind of get embarrassed," she acknowledged.

Artful deception of 'Blair Witch' turning some viewers into believers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Blair Witch Project" is turning out to be a spellbinder that has some moviegoers asking for a reality check.

The film's mock-documentary technique follows three young filmmakers who vanish in the woods near Burkittsville, Md., as they track a 200-year-old legendary witch. It's scary stuff for some — and apparently realistic.

"One guy wrote us to say he went driving around Burkittsville and he felt this strange presence had surrounded him," said filmmaker Eduardo Sanchez, who created "Blair Witch" with Daniel Myrick. "Then he was afraid to get out of his car."

It's no accident. Believability in "The Blair Witch Project" is central to its success, with the film's Web site, blairwitch.com, helping to embroider the tale. The site has a timeline of events that begins with the witch's rumored origin, and ends with details of the search for the missing film crew. It never explicitly states the story is fiction, which it is.

And there's more.

On cable television's Sci-Fi Channel, an "Unsolved Mysteries"-style promotion provides interviews with family and friends of the film's missing characters. A traveling museum making the rounds at theaters exhibits "Blair Witch" lore. And a novel, purportedly written by a private detective who searched for the film crew, includes excerpts from one of their journals.

"The advertising is like a companion piece to this film," said Amorette Jones, a marketing director at Artisan Entertainment. "We never lied to anyone, but we tried to

make it scarier by creating an element of truth in the story."

The marketing scheme has resulted in days of sold-out ticket sales at the 31 locations showing "Blair Witch." The film earned \$2 million last weekend — only slightly less than the total for "Muppets from Space," which was showing at more than 2,200 locations.

Such breakout success has Sanchez and Myrick wondering just how much the film's legend will spread when "The Blair Witch Project" goes into wide release on Friday.

Already, a fan has written the filmmakers to criticize a purported tale of an 1886 search party that was found murdered after its members apparently fell prey to the forest-dwelling witch.

"That letter started out, 'It's all a lie. It's a big hoax,'" said Myrick, 35. "And I thought, 'Well, this guy figured it out.' Then he went on to say, 'You had it wrong. Here's the real way they were found.'"

Some believers have organized search parties to look for the fictional documentary crew, who vanished in 1994. Still others have ventured into the Maryland woods with hopes of being spooked by the witch, the filmmakers said.

"You hate for them to waste their time," Myrick said. "But at the same time you're really excited."

Sanchez, 30, added: "Everybody is getting something out of it on a lot of different levels."

As they spoke at a Beverly Hills restaurant, a waitress volunteered she'd been duped by the "Blair Witch" tale, and admitted she'd spent an hour arguing with a friend who told her the film isn't true.

NEWCOMERS

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

Nilsa Torres, West Haven, Conn. She is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Gabriel and Martha Pena, Levelland. He works for the Railroad.

Hector and Mary Franco, son Alexander and daughter Clarissa, Beaumont. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Juan and Roxana Ortega, Snyder. He works for Marjorie Exxon Services, and she is a student at Howard College.

Sheridan Richardson and child Everly, Midland.

Anna Marie Smith, Austin.

Hector and Kelly Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz. He is employed by Glass Concepts.

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Oklahoma-based group playing risky game by pushing to levy oil import fees

DALLAS (AP) — An effort to punish four oil-exporting countries could set off a fight that might end up costing U.S. consumers more money, according to some energy experts and government officials.

An Oklahoma-based group calling itself Save Domestic Oil filed a complaint with the International Trade Commission and the Commerce Department, accusing Mexico, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and Iraq of illegally dumping oil at below-cost prices into the U.S. market. The group wants the

federal government to levy duties up to 177 percent on oil imported from the four countries.

The countries deny the charges, but analysts told The Dallas Morning News the request for tariffs could succeed and set off a trade war.

"This is uncharted territory for the energy industry," said Philip Verleger, an energy economist. "It has the potential to utterly distort U.S. energy policy. They have essentially put a hand grenade in the middle of the table and, if it goes off, there

will be hell to pay."

Mexico has already retaliated against the filing of the charge by reneging on a pledge to lift tariffs on imports of U.S. natural gas, a blow to Texas producers. Mexico threatens to cut about \$1 billion in U.S. petroleum imports.

Major oil companies, including Irving-based Exxon, are siding against the independent producers.

But that is of little concern to Save Domestic Oil, which represents about 9,000 small producers.

Mike Cantrell, an oilman from Ada, Okla., who filed the tariff request with Save Domestic Oil, is relishing the fight with big oil.

"They have the power and the money," he said. "All we have is one slingshot with one stone, and that stone is the law."

Cantrell said survival of the independent energy business is at stake.

"We have lost 100,000 jobs in the oil industry — 10 times what the steel industry lost, and there was all this gnashing of teeth," he said. "We can't lose

that human infrastructure and expect to have any viable domestic industry left."

The Commerce Department is expected to rule by Aug. 9 whether to pursue Save Domestic Oil's complaint. A department spokeswoman said complainants succeed about half the time.

Mexico has mounted a vigorous counterattack, hiring former U.S. ambassador to Mexico Jim Jones, who also represented the Tulsa area in Congress, to lobby against dumping duties.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson is trying to mediate the dispute. He has said he worries that import duties could spike gasoline prices.

"I do not want to see a situation where, in the end, U.S. consumers are paying more for gasoline, home heating oil and other oil-related products," Richardson said.

Leaders of Save Domestic Oil say those fears are overblown. They note that oil prices are almost double their low point of December, while gasoline prices have risen much more slowly.

IN THE NEWS

STACIA GILL and MITZI KNIGHT have passed their national REGISTERED MEDICAL ASSISTANT (RMA) exams.



GILL

Both are employed at Big Spring Family Medical Center and took the 2-year program through Howard College.

They were among the first four graduates of the program, which is the only one of its kind in the Permian Basin.



KNIGHT

Gill has been with Family Medical Center for 4 1/2 years, working as a receptionist, billing and insurance

clerk, phlebotomist and medical assistant.

Knigh has been in the medical field for approximately 20 years and has been with Family Medical Center for three years.

Gill and Knight are now certified through The American Medical Association.

Family Medical Center is located at 2301 Gregg St. and their telephone number is 267-5531.

MICHELE TREVINO has joined Reeder Realtors as a full-time agent.



TREVINO

She is a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Texas Tech University.

Reeder Realtors is located at 506 E. Fourth St. and their telephone number is 267-8266.

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States fell this week by three to 602.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 102 were exploring for oil and 498 for gas, and two were listed as miscellaneous. Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. During the same week last year, 822 rigs were operating in the U.S.

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

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Changes under way as Wes-Tex Telephone turns 50

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative Inc., is celebrating 50 years by expanding its operations.

It's all part of a multi-faceted project that includes an entry into long distance service, construction of a Big Spring office and remodeling of the Stanton office as well as a system upgrade to digital technology.

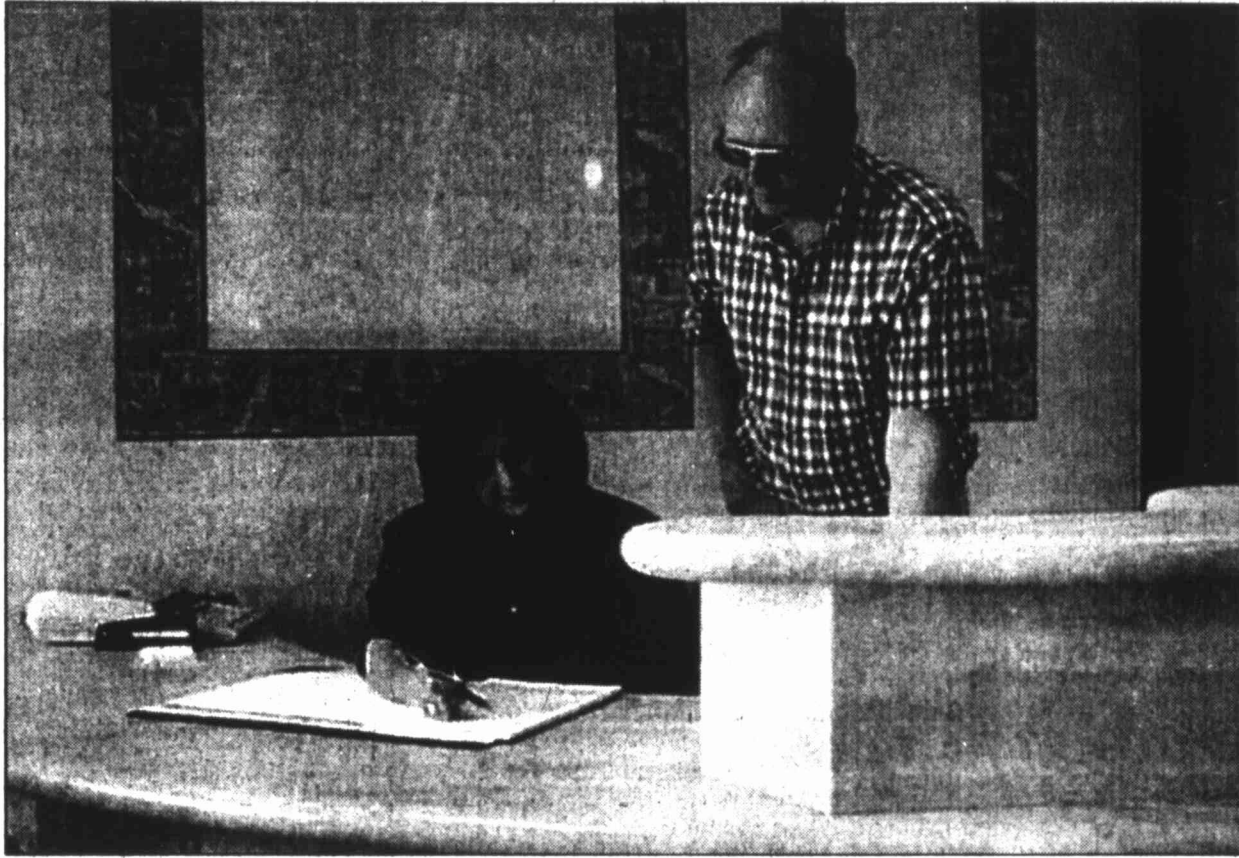
"Wes-Tex will be competing with Southwestern Bell on local service and long distance after the first of the year," said J.R. "Bob" Wilson, Wes-Tex manager. "We're in the process of starting a long distance company at the end of September with some very competitive rates. And if a customer has questions, they won't be calling an 800 number and talking to someone in New Jersey. They'll be talking to someone who knows where Knott, Texas is."

Wes-Tex currently has about 3,400 telephone customers in Howard, Borden, Dawson, Mitchell, Glasscock, Reagan, Midland, Martin and Sterling.

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative was started in 1949 and has been serving parts of nine West Texas counties ever since. The company currently has 19 employees, and plans to add three more with a customer service center in Big Spring later this year.

"We hope to expand that as we grow," said Wilson. "That all depends on market penetration, of course. We think Big Spring will be responsive. We want to offer one-stop shopping for all their communication needs."

That includes, of course, WESTEX Wireless, formerly WESTEX Cellular. The new



West-Texas Telephone Cooperative receptionist Diana Hernandez and manager Bob Wilson look over some account information in the newly remodeled lobby in Stanton.

name reflects a move into digital technology.

"We can serve more people with the same number of channels and there are definitely advantages for the customer," Wilson said.

"You have more privacy — less chance of someone monitoring your calls — and we've upgraded our features," such as caller ID, call waiting and voice mail.

To introduce the new name, WESTEX Wireless is giving its customers a choice of receiving credit for a free month of service under their current plan, or upgrading to the digital plan for \$49.99 a month with 300 minutes of free talk time.

"Communications companies have always done things to attract new customers, but they haven't done anything for existing customers," Wilson said. "So we felt like we needed to tell them 'thank you,' too."

Customers who want to keep their cellular service can do so at current prices with plans ranging from \$10 to \$120.

Those who upgrade to digital, however, will also be offered a \$100 discount on a Nokia or Motorola digital handset.

Wilson said the market expansion will mean some chances to become community partners. He hopes to provide incentives to schools and law

enforcement to switch over to Wes-Tex phone service.

"We want to support our communities and schools. We are looking for instance, to provide phones for school buses, and perhaps bullet-proof vests to law enforcement agencies that subscribe to our service," Wilson said.

"We're locally owned. It is important to us to provide the kind of service that people are proud of and to be available to our customers for whatever their needs may be.

"We're excited about locating a customer service center in Big Spring and expanding our services," Wilson said.

No wine from Delaney's Lamesa vineyards this year as divorce, suit causes wine business to turn sour

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Many a baby boomer has dreamed of quitting the rat race and buying a vineyard, but just ask Jerry Delaney if the wine business can turn sour.

Beset by an ongoing divorce battle and sued by his bank, Delaney hasn't been able to give his usual attention to his 10-acre vineyard.

Weeds choke the spaces between rows of cabernet sauvignon and merlot vines. Some vines are too young to bear fruit, others are recovering from disease, and yet others have been picked clean by birds, Delaney said.

As a result, for the first time

in four years, there will be no harvest. Delaney has canceled his annual grape stomp, which had been scheduled for Aug. 21.

Delaney, who still expects to harvest 100 acres of wine grapes near Lamesa, has also cut back his Grapevine work force from 17 to three.

The grower blames his predicament on a divorce that has put the winery in the middle of a custody battle. A judge has appointed a receiver to run the winery until the ownership is settled — a trial in the case is set for September.

On top of that, Bank One of Texas has sued Delaney for missing payments on more than

\$1 million in loans.

"If you are not distracted by all these outside forces, we would have had a harvest here," Delaney said. "What you work all year for is harvest time."

Delaney's is one of 29 wineries in Texas that produced 1.3 million gallons of wine last year, up nearly 60 percent from a decade earlier.

Delaney built the chateau-style winery in 1996, and Grapevine now has five other wineries or tasting rooms. Local boosters dream that someday, the area will become a Napa Valley of the Southwest. But so far, only Delaney has had a sig-

nificant harvest.

The court-appointed receiver says the Grapevine vineyard is mostly for show; that Delaney's real wine grapes are out in Lamesa. But Delaney did produce wines in Grapevine.

In 1997, he released a 1995 Vintner's Reserve cabernet sauvignon for \$35 a bottle. But any future wines will have to wait. For now, the weeds have the run of the place.

"I was worried about the weeds making the place look shabby," said Bob Martin, the court-appointed receiver. "We're not taking the weeds out because we don't have the money to pay people to do that."

Make sure plants, berries have moisture

Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Hollies will

drop their fruit under drought conditions. Moisture stress can and does happen frequently during August.

With the exception of Live Oaks, prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. If you prefer, mark the limbs to be removed with flagging tape now while leaves are still on



DAVID KIGHT

the trees. This will make it easier to know what to prune out during the dormant season.

Check pecan trees from shuckworm, stink bug and black aphids and spray only if needed. Continue to irrigate trees for kernel filling and stress reduction.

Now is the time to divide spring flowering plants such as iris, Shasta daisy, gaillardia, cannas, daylilies, violets, liri-ope and ajuga. Picking flowers (dead heading) frequently encourages most annuals to flower even more abundantly.

Plant wildflower seeds toward the end of the month. Plant seeds in well prepared soil, 1/2 inch deep and water, thoroughly. Keep grass out of the area where the seeds are planted, if you are planting

bluebonnet seed, they must germinate in late summer or early fall, develop a good root system and be ready to grow in the spring when the weather warms.

Warm season grass seed can still be planted during the month of August. Be sure to keep the seed moist in order for germination to occur.

Establish a new compost pile to accommodate the fall leaf accumulation.

Iron and sulfur products will correct yellowed chlorotic foliage in most cases.

If you have questions, you may also want to visit our website at: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu>.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture.)

July's Yellow Rose program awards given

HERALD Staff Report

Three residences and one business were presented Yellow Rose beautification project plaques for July by the Spade and Hoe Garden Club.

The monthly program is designed to recognize property owners who work to make Big Spring more presentable. The program was started by Pat Simmons.

Awards recipients for July were:

- Whataburger Restaurant, 1110 Gregg St.;
- Gracie Alcanta, 506 NW Delaney St.;
- Johnny Garcia, 700 N. Gregg;
- Carol and Robert Kilpatrick, 3306 Cornell.

To nominate someone for a Yellow Rose award, contact the Spade and Hoe Garden Club.



Whataburger employees display the Yellow Rose Award their restaurant received for July.

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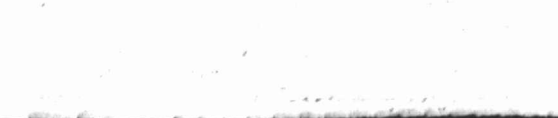
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1:

Ideas come from nowhere. Express them! Others are impressed. One-to-one relating allows a greater connection. You can make an impact with key players and associates in your life. Creativity is high and comes out in your personal relationships. Others love being with you; you add that extra zest to their lives. Open up to travel and different lifestyles. Let your spirituality grow. If you are single, you'll have quite a few admirers surrounding you. Be a bit cynical until you know someone well. If attached, your relationships grows as you alternate between quality time together and being extremely social. ARIES helps you see the other side.

just opt to do something by yourself. Listen to a parent who might be rather nostalgic; let it be your pleasure to listen. Tonight: Doing your own thing. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****You are in the limelight, as others knock on your door. There is much to share; a lot is going on. Feedback is important, although it's not always what you want to hear. Join friends; get together with others; let that gregarious side out. You have a good time, wherever you are. Tonight: Where the gang is.

ing to discuss confusion. Others contribute. Catch up on news; drop in on a friend's party. Do nothing superficial. Follow your heart. Tonight: A scorcher! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****Communication from a parent or an older relative opens your eyes. Apparently this person wants you to do something for him. Make time for a loved one and friends this afternoon. Others seek you out; popularity peaks. Another might be vague, though this isn't meant to cause a problem. Tonight: Let the party continue.

munication flowing. Invite others for a lazy afternoon get-together in the sun. Order in or have a barbecue; simple is the way to go. You don't need to impress anyone! Tonight: Don't complicate anything. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ****You might wonder about an expenditure. Another is confused; the more you listen, the surer you are. Do your best to keep communication open; be as clear as you can be about an idea. Others will join in, getting a charge out of your imagination. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

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The Foran Independent School District is soliciting proposals for the following Employee Health Insurance. Proposals will be accepted until 12:00 Noon on August 9, 1999.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) ****Take your time getting moving this morning. Sleep in; leaf through the paper; luxuriate over a yummy breakfast. The afternoon proves equally as rewarding. You are in the limelight. Getting together with friends proves to be delightful. You're just beginning the weekend, according to you! Tonight: It is your call. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Much goes on behind the scenes right now. Others tell you how they really feel. Make calls early in the day. Plans could take a turn, or you might

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****Take an overview; day-dream; talk to a loved one. Bring friends and family together for a celebration. Others appreciate your efforts. A partner feels that at last there is the type of unity or togetherness he has been seeking. Another wants to chip in and help. Tonight: Leader of the gang. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****Let a partner make suggestions before deciding just what would make you happy. Spending quality time together enhances your relationship; so does a change in scenery. Take a day trip by the water; walk, talk and perhaps stroll through a favorite landmark or place. Pack a picnic! Tonight: Head home as late as you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****Take time for a child or loved one this morning. A phone call invites you to do something very different or exciting. Take off and be your spontaneous self. You might need some time, later in the day; take a walk or spend some time by water or listening to music. Let reverie happen. Tonight: Make it as easy as possible. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****Sweet whisperings might hold you up this morning, but by afternoon, you couldn't care less. You're out having the time of your life. If your profession were play, you would excel. Follow through on what seems like a wild idea. Others join in. Let laughter be your trademark! Tonight: Letting go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Put a request in early if you really want a "yes" answer. Others certainly seem more willing than. Don't worry so much! Enjoy yourself this afternoon. Let more fun into your life; don't be as uptight. Reveal what is on your mind, and share your feelings. Tonight: Treat another to dinner. BORN TODAY Actress Tempestt Bledsoe (1973), guitarist Robert Cray (1953), actor Giancarlo Giannini (1942) For America's best extended horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 740-7444, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, Pa. Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.cool-page.com/bigar.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the 1999-2000 budget for the Howard County Junior College District to be held by the Board of Trustees, beginning at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, August 11, 1999 in the Board Room of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building on the college campus located at 1001 Berdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas.

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Warning to teen drivers still packs powerful punch

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to request a piece you printed some time ago. It was called "Please God, I'm Only 17." My nephew, 17, was just killed in a car accident. Would you please run it again? Thank you, Abby.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

KATHY KNUTTER, INDEPENDENCE, MO. DEAR KATHY: That piece is one of the most powerful I have ever run in my column, and it's one of my most frequently requested. Young people confirm that it has made them think twice about their driving habits and encouraged them to be careful. You are right; it should run again. Read on:

PLEASE GOD, I'M ONLY 17 The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus. But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheeled the car out of Mom. "Special favor," I pleaded. "All the kids drive." When the 2:50 bell rang, I threw all my books in the locker. I was free until 8:40 tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss. Free!

It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off - going too fast. Taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard the deafening crash and felt a terrible jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream. Suddenly I awakened; it was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over. Strange that I couldn't feel anything. Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head! I can't be dead. I'm only 17. I've got a date tonight. I'm supposed to grow up and have a wonderful life. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead!

Later I was placed in a drawer. My folks had to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, "Yes, he is my son." The funeral was a weird experience. I saw all my relatives

and friends walk toward the casket. They passed by, one by one, and looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked away. Please - somebody - wake me up! Get me out of here! I can't bear to see my mom and dad so broken up. My grandparents are so racked with grief they can hardly walk. My brothers and sisters are like zombies. They move like robots. In a daze, everybody. No one can believe this. And I can't believe it, either. Please don't bury me! I'm not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground. I promise if you give me one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance! Please, God, I'm only 17! DEAR ABBY: When I was about 21, I was date-raped, and it took me several years to get myself sorted out. This was my first time, and it is only now that I'm finally at a point where I can trust a man again and want to have sex. My problem is, I don't know if I should tell my boyfriend about what happened to me years ago, and that he will be the first person I have ever really made love with. What do you think? - ANONY-MISS DEAR ANONY-MISS: I think it's very important that you tell him exactly what you have told me - and the sooner the better. To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable - and most frequently requested - poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) ©1999 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE