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Big Spring Mall to open at 7 a.m. weekdays now

Big Spring Mall will now open its doors at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday for those who want to walk for exercise inside the building. Mall Manager Kathy Lusk said there are at least 20 people who walk inside the mall daily, and several had requested to be allowed in at 7 a.m.

"Safety, cool and comfort are the reasons we were asked to open earlier," she said. "We are trying to do what we can to help in the community."

Previously, the mall had opened at 8 a.m. for walkers.

Evening Lions to offer glasses

Big Spring Evening Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY
Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY
Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast Served.
Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The Pottin House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Site preparation for Big Spring Veterans Home to begin next month

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Site preparation on the Big Spring Veterans Home is expected to begin next month, State Rep. David Counts said Thursday.



COUNTS

"They'll have the heavy equipment moved on for site preparation Sept. 2," said

Counts. "There's an extensive amount of dirt work to be done."

That is good news, he said, for a project that has continually been delayed. The most recent news prior to Counts' announcement was that construction would not begin until early or late October.

"I think it's fantastic. The quicker we can get places for our veterans to stay, the better off they're going to be," Counts said. "I'm just tickled pink. Everybody has been working so hard to get to this point, and

finally we're going to see some progress."

The latest delay had been because of a lack of bidders for the Bonham state home, but that's apparently been resolved.

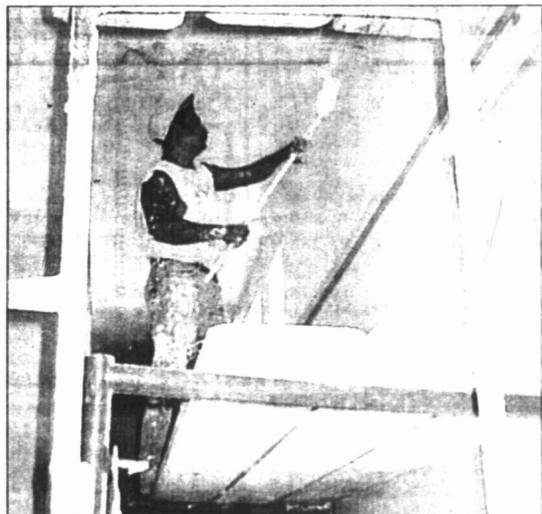
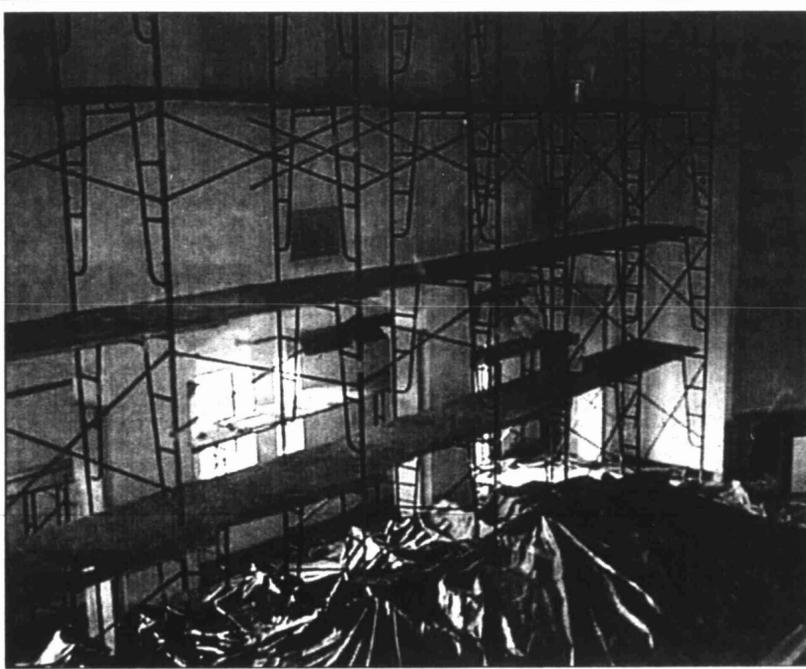
"They tell me that's been taken care of, all the paperwork is in and everything is ready to begin site construction Sept. 2," Counts said.

There are four State Veterans Homes being built, with construction already under way in Temple and Floresville. The

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An artist's rendering of the Texas State Veterans Home to be built along U.S. Highway 87 just north of Interstate 20. Site preparation is scheduled to begin in early September. The entire project should be completed within a year and will house 160 veterans with a workforce of 150.



Construction crews are in high gear making long-awaited repairs on the historic Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Johnston Construction currently has the facility's interior covered in plastic sheets, scaffolding, plaster dust and the smell of fresh paint. The \$174,763 project is being paid for though the city's insurance policy from damage done in the hail storm of 1996 when the roof was battered and interior damage resulted. Among the craftsmen at work Thursday was painter Tony Pena of Big Spring.

HERALD photo: Rick McLaughlin

BSISD

Enrollment is down 211 students compared to this time last year, trustees told

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District learned Thursday that enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year has decreased by 211 students, as compared to this time last year.



MURPHY

"This is fourth-day attendance, and we are down substantially from this time last year. This is the trend we have seen all over West Texas. Midland reported they are down 1,500 students compared to last year," said Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent for BSISD.

The four-day total enrollment

is 4,103, as compared to 4,313 for the same time last year.

"It's not that the fourth day is a special day, it's just the fourth school day. We take daily enrollment every day, and by the 10th day we usually have an accurate count. The high school is enrolling new students every day," he said.

For this calculation, only the 12th grade and the eighth grade report any enrollment increase. Seniors at Big Spring High School total 216 for the fourth class day, compared to 204 for 1998-99, an increase of 12 students.

At least 348 eighth-graders at Big Spring Junior High School are enrolled now, compared to 337 last year, an increase of 11 students.

The most marked decline in enrollment is at Anderson

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Trustees to reconsider workshop decision concerning vacation time

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

After debating for about 30 minutes, trustees for Big Spring ISD asked administrators to further study reducing vacation time longevity bonuses for paraprofessional, maintenance, transportation and janitorial employees, and bring those findings to the Sept. 9 board meeting.

"I would like to see those employees who are working now, as of Sept. 1, 1999, grandfa-

thered in so that they receive the same benefits they were promised when they were hired," said trustee Mike Dawson.

Several of the 160 employees affected by this decision attended the board of trustees meeting, and listened to the discussion without comment.

Under debate is the 15-year longevity bonus of a three-week vacation for these employees. Trustees decided during budget workshop in July to reduce this

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Negotiations on Permian Building asbestos removal continue

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees for Howard College have learned that negotiations between Howard College and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice concerning asbestos removal in the Permian



SPARKS

Building are continuing to progress.

"We have been working on the demolition of the Permian Building for almost a year. The discussion started last August and during the past few weeks we have been working with TDCJ regarding asbestos abatement of that building," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College.

Sparks said officials from TDCJ, Jimmy Simpson and Kurt Drew recently visited Big Spring and consulted with city officials and Terry Hansen, vice

president for administrative systems.

"Drew was here to draw up specifications, which have to be done prior to beginning the project. Simpson is preparing an agreement between the city and TDCJ outlining the cost for TDCJ to do the work," Hansen said.

Once the agreement is received, city officials will have an opportunity to review the contract and accept or reject the proposal, he said.

We discovered our landfill is qualified to accept both types of

asbestos found in the Permian Building, which will be a cost savings. The original estimate to abate the building was \$10,000, but that was before this visit and is subject to change," Hansen said.

Officials are now looking at a mid-September work date for the asbestos removal team of inmates from TDCJ to begin the work on the Permian Building, Hansen said.

Asbestos abatement for the old Mehan Hall dormitory will be postponed at this time, Sparks said. She began negotia-

tions with TDCJ to remove the asbestos from the dormitory. That discussion grew to include consideration of the Permian Building.

"We have raised money to take down that building, and we recognize that the community wants that building down, so we are willing to wait," Sparks said.

The TDCJ asbestos removal team is working in cooperation with the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation systems

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Suspected vehicle thief is nabbed near Ackerly

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Sheriffs from Howard and Dawson counties, their chief deputies, DPS troopers from Lamesa and Big Spring and officers of the Big Spring Police Department were involved in a 32-mile chase of a stolen car at speeds up to 100 miles per hour Thursday.

The pursuit, which began at the Dawson County Courthouse, ended about 1:15 p.m. south of Ackerly when DPS troopers placed "stinger spikes" on U.S. Highway 87 near Ackerly to puncture tires on the stolen 1987 El Camino.

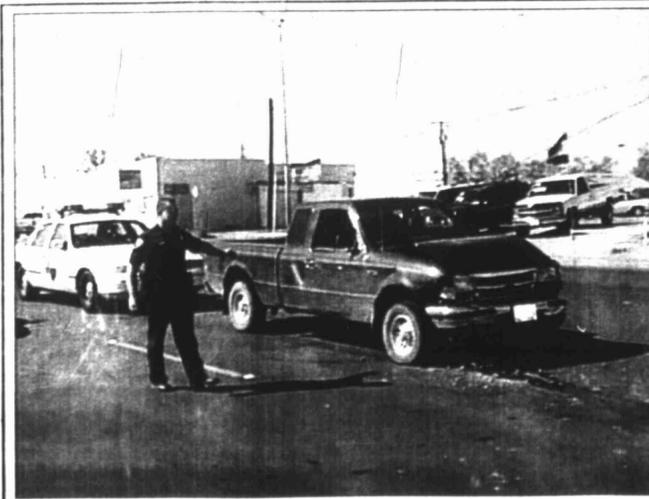
Elias Duarte, 17, of Weslaco, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest and is in custody in Dawson County Jail.

Dawson County Sheriff Terry Brown said the El Camino had been parked in front of the courthouse in Lamesa where the owner went to visit his mother.

Duarte's car had broken down in Plainview and the suspect had caught a ride to Lamesa, where he was dropped off at the sheriff's office near the courthouse.

"He saw the El Camino, stole

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Big Spring Police Department Officer Sid Brunson directs traffic around a three-car mishap Thursday about 10:30 a.m. at 4th and Gregg. All drivers and passengers refused treatment or transport, according to a Big Spring Fire Department spokesman.

HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

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OBITUARIES

Gladys Merrell

Gladys Merrell, 81, Big Spring, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999, at Mt. View Lodge following a long illness.

Services are 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ricky Carstensen, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



MERRELL

Gladys was born on Sept. 28, 1917, in Cordell, Okla. She married R.T. Merrell on Sept. 16, 1939, in Cordell, Okla.; he preceded her in death on Oct. 23, 1996.

They moved to Big Spring in 1959. Gladys was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church since 1959 and was active in the Joy Class until her illness.

Gladys had been a volunteer for R.S.V.P. She and Mr. Merrell had been active in the Stardusters Trailer Club.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra and Dewain Cox and Pam and Buster Carlile, all of Big Spring; one sister, Joyce Merrill of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren, Brad Cox and his wife Kim, DeAnn Lynch and her husband Terry, Denise Bell and her husband Joe, Kristy Hooper and her husband David, Kevin Carlile and his wife Katina; five great-grandchildren, Austin and Erika Cox, Jaycie and Chase Lynch and Lauren Bell; and two nieces, Kay Graves and Karen Walter and her husband C. Allen of Oklahoma City.

Pallbearers will be Bradley Cox, Kevin Carlile, Terry Lynch, David Hooper, Joe Bell, Austin Cox and honorary pallbearer, Chase Lynch. The family will be at 1512 Vines, Big Spring.

Irene Terrazas Marquez

Service for Irene Terrazas Marquez, 79, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Friday, Aug. 13, 1999, in a local hospital.

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projects are funded in pairs. Barring another delay, a September start would place the actual opening of the 76,000

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square-foot facility here in August or September of 2000, since officials have said it will take 11 to 12 months to build. When opened, the home will house 160 veterans and employ 150 workers.

Built with what design engineers are calling a "neighborhood" concept, it will feature natural lighting, shelves in each residents' room and a play area for children visitors. A secure, 32-bed Alzheimer's unit will be included. Other features will include a library, chapel and gift shop. Paul Sturrock, spokesman for the Texas General Land Office said.

"It will be designed for veterans who need skilled, long-term care," he said.

The facility will provide physical, speech and occupational therapy, on-going health care assessments, hospice care, respite care, social services, therapeutic activities and wound care.

The Park Associates and its partners, Reese Associates, Inc., a Dallas-based architectural and planning firm, will operate the four veterans homes, being built by MW Builders from Temple.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Big Spring facility were held Aug. 10, 1998, and officials showed architect's plans in a public meeting on Oct. 18.

ASBESTOS

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to remove asbestos from their existing buildings, including the Big Spring State Hospital.

"We can wait until they come back to do that work," Sparks said.

Thus far, \$103,000 has been raised by Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc., the city of Big Spring and Big Spring Main Street Inc. to have the Permian Building destroyed. Cornell Corrections has also agreed to assist with funding the demolition of the structure.

The building is unsafe and subject to falling bricks and mortar, due to deterioration of the building facade. Barricades have been in place around the building for more than two years, to prevent injury to pedestrians passing the area.

A study by the city found that refurbishing or remodeling the building is not cost effective, due to the volume of repairs required in electrical wiring and plumbing as well as structural repairs.

BSISD

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Kindergarten Center. Thus far 288 kindergartners are attending school, compared to 322 for the 1998-99 school year, a decline of 44 students.

"We always like a kindergarten class of at least 350, and we were hoping for a large class this year. This is a small class, much lower than we expected," Murphy said.

Bauer Magnet School has reduced in size by 15 students for the fourth class day, 269 compared to 284 last year.

Goliad Elementary enrollment declined by 16 students with the inclusion of College Heights Elementary students. In grades

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first through fifth, total enrollment stands at 290, compared to 297 last year.

Sixth grade enrollment at Goliad is 346, a decline of nine students from 355 for last year, he said.

"But with merging the two schools, we really didn't lose that many and this is a good enrollment," Murphy said.

Marcy Elementary enrollment declined 12 students, 375 now compared to 387 this time last year. Moss Elementary reduced by 18 students, from 318 to 300 this year on the fourth class day.

"We are in the substantial throes of a depleting population, and we figured on smaller enrollment, but we didn't quite think this," Murphy said.

Washington Elementary reduced enrollment by 39 students, 342 now compared to 381 last year. And seventh graders declined by seven students, 335 compared to 342.

"But overall the junior high school is up by four students, which is good," he said.

There are 39 less students now in both ninth and eleventh grades at the high school. In 1998-99 freshmen numbered 381 last year, compared to 342 now.

And juniors numbered 254 last year, compared to 215 now. Sophomore class reduced by six students, bringing a fourth class day enrollment to 298, down from 304 last year.

The Personalized Achievement Center and Kentwood Elementary retained the same number of students for the first enrollment count. Kentwood remains at 145 students, and PAC continues to serve 23 students.

The engineering classrooms of Big Spring State Hospital also saw a reduction in enrollment of five students, from 49 down to 44 this year.

Enrollment reports are important for school officials when calculating the amount of state funding the district will receive. State funds are based on attendance, not enrollment, known as the ADA or Average Daily Attendance, and while Big Spring has not fallen below its projected attendance of 3,950, just 153 students absent may affect funding.

"3,950 is the magic number, that's what we look toward," said William McQueary, superintendent for the district.

Murphy said he compared enrollment figures for the district for the past five years, and these figures reflect a marked decline in the number of students in BSISD.

"In the past five years we have lost 434 students and we have been down every year for the past five years," he said.

VACATIONS

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benefit to a two-week vacation, 11 paid holidays, five sick days and five personal days off.

Board president Larry McLellan, while not in favor of changing the decision made during the budget workshop, polled each individual school board member to determine the opinion of the board.

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employees. I am not in favor of taking away benefits, but if we can increase their pay and be accountable to the tax payer, that's what I'm for," McLellan said.

McLellan said these employees received a double step salary increase, and he believes these days off are adequate compensation for the employees.

Dawson said an \$836 raise did not equate to a three-week vacation, and he asked that trustees reconsider the action to grandfather those workers now employed by the district.

"All new hires will be given the two-week vacation. But this is like dangling a carrot out in front of them, and then taking the carrot away," Dawson said.

The discussion concluded with trustees instructing administrators to research the situation, determine how many employees would be affected and bring their findings to the Sept. 9 school board meeting as an action item.

Trustees also approved the handbook for students and employees, the student code of conduct bids for athletic supplies and one resignation and one employment.

CHASE

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it and the chase was on," said Brown. The sheriff's office in Lamesa is only a block from the courthouse, Brown noted.

The suspect was headed south at speeds of 85 to 90 miles an hour and even up to 100 mph toward Big Spring, Brown said, so the Department of Public Safety and the Howard County Sheriff's Department were called with Brown in pursuit, with his chief deputy, Ray Mojica in another car.

While Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings was approaching from the north, DPS troopers threw the tire-puncturing devices across the road south of Ackerly. The El Camino stopped about a mile south of the roadblock with three flat tires, according to Brown, and Duarte was arrested.

Units from the BSPD attempted to assist but returned to Big Spring when the suspect was apprehended.

The El Camino sustained damage to a spoiler under the front bumper and a hole in the windshield.

All in all, Brown said, there were five DPS cars, including one from Lamesa, two Howard County Sheriff's Office cars, and the Big Spring Police Department.

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SHERIFF

The following information was transcribed from the Howard County Sheriff's Department arrest logs through 8 a.m. Friday.

JACKIE EUGENE LONG, 24, was arrested for contempt of child support order.

SHAUNA DANIELLE JENKINS, 26, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

JESUS M. BUSTAMANTE, 20, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/criminal mischief.

ESTANISLAD DAVILA SOLIS, 27, was arrested for driving while intoxicated/2nd offense. (BSPD)

JESSICA RAMIREZ RANGEL, 17, was arrested for driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

RANDY JOE HURRINTON, 39, was arrested on a bench warrant on a motion to revoke probation for theft from a person.

POLICE

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

ROBERT RANGEL, 23, was arrested on local warrants.

JOSEPH YANEZ, 27, was arrested for driving with license suspended.

ROSENDO RODRIGUEZ, 29, was arrested for a class A assault/family violence.

JUAN HARO, 52, was arrested for public intoxication.

FELIX AGUIANO, 35, public intoxication.

MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at 4th and Gregg.

MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1000 block of Rosemont, the 700 block of Lancaster, the 400 block of Rannels, 1200 block of Main, and the 700 block of 15th.

THEFT was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway, in the 2300 block of Wasson and at 400 E. 4th.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Lexington.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1000 block of NW First.

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Summer electricity demands lead to costly blackouts across Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Power outages forced James Shead to shut down his convenience store on the ground floor of the Dallas Market Center earlier this week, and his pocket felt the jolt.

"When I have to shut down from 1 to 5 (p.m.), I'm probably losing 60 percent of my business," he said.

Shead and scores of others became victims of "interruptible" electricity contracts this week. His store was forced to

close for several hours Tuesday and Wednesday. TXU Electric warned the building's management of a possible third day of outages Thursday, which never happened.

The five-building complex has an agreement with TXU that allows the company to shut off electricity when demand reaches dangerous levels. In exchange, TXU offers significantly lower electricity rates and usage levels drop off a bit. That's little consolation to

Shead. "I don't know if this is in my lease," he said, "but I'm going home to read it tonight before I call my lawyer."

Demand for electricity reached record levels this week. The Kelly-Springfield Tire Co. plant in Tyler had power cut off for several hours Tuesday and Wednesday, leaving about 1,450 employees in limbo. The same was true for Tyler's Trane Co. air conditioner plant.

"This is our peak time," said

Ricky Harrell, a union official representing the Trane workers. "We're losing lots of air conditioners right now."

At Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene, engineers used emergency generators after West Texas Utilities' capacity was strained by mechanical problems at its largest plant.

TXU spokeswoman Gyna Bivens said the industrial-customer outages are designed to preserve power for homes and emergency services like hospi-

itals and police stations.

Decisions to cut off heavy power users are usually made at the request of ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, a coalition of utilities and power producers that operate the state's main electricity grid.

With temperatures topping 100 degrees for more than two weeks straight in some regions, the state's demand on electricity is not expected to fall soon. No rolling blackouts have been

required yet, but mechanical difficulties in at least two Texas power plants aren't helping.

Meanwhile, the exodus continued at the Dallas Market Center, where more than 2,000 suppliers sell everything from men's suits to books for vendors to purchase.

TXU determined late Thursday it would not cut power at the 6.9 million square-foot complex again, but most employees left by midday after hearing another outage was likely.

Secretary Richardson recommending disciplinary action in nuclear spy case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, citing a "total breakdown in the system," recommended disciplinary action Thursday against a former director and two officials at the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory because of failures identified in the China espionage investigation.

Richardson did not identify the three officials. But sources familiar with the internal investigation said one of them was Siegfried "Sig" Hecker, who was director of the New Mexico weapons lab from 1986 to 1997.

The three officials' "responsibilities were clear and that they failed to meet their responsibilities" in the investigation of alleged spying by Los

Alamos scientist Wen Ho Lee, Richardson said.

Lee was fired last March after being under investigation since 1996.

While an internal investigation also cited "systemic problems in the Energy Department's management of counter-intelligence matters," no action was taken against any department headquarters officials.

The report by the DOE's inspector general said certain senior DOE officials with direct management responsibilities over the lab contributed to the problem because they "were not aware nor did they seek essential information" about the Lee investigation.

One department source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said two senior

officials — former Deputy Energy Secretary Elizabeth Moler and Assistant Secretary Victor Reis — might have been subject to sanctions had they not left the department.

Reis resigned as head of the nuclear weapons program in June because of disagreement with Richardson over department reorganization. Moler, who briefly served as acting energy secretary, left when Richardson was named secretary last year.

The Washington Post identified the other two Los Alamos employees recommended for disciplinary action as Robert S. Vrooman and Terry Craig, both former counterintelligence officers at the lab. Vrooman has retired but is a part-time consultant.

Mayor doesn't want to know which residents are illegally in U.S.

EL CENIZO, Texas (AP) — The mayor of a community on the Mexican border says he doesn't know and doesn't care how many of the town's residents are illegally in the country.

Mayor Rafael Rodriguez stood fast Thursday behind ordinances adopted last week declaring the town a "safe haven" for undocumented immigrants and requiring only Spanish to be spoken in City Council meetings.

"We don't know who's legal or

illegal. I would treat anyone the same, whether they're here illegally or not," said Rodriguez, who himself was once an undocumented resident.

"We're residents and we don't want to create problems by getting into private lives."

El Cenizo, incorporated in 1989, is an impoverished town with a high population of first-generation immigrants, both documented and undocumented. It sits alongside the Rio Grande about 10 miles south of Laredo.

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China considers using force against Taiwan, reports say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chinese government officials have warned the Clinton administration that Beijing is considering military action against Taiwan because of its recent moves toward independence, according to published reports.

The New York Times and the Washington Post reported today that while the warning could be saber rattling or psychological warfare aimed at Taiwan, the administration believes the threats could be real.

Unidentified administration officials told the Times that Washington has warned Beijing

that any military action would force the United States to retaliate.

The newspapers said the warnings have come from lower-ranking Chinese officials and not from China's top leaders. It was unclear if they were trying to measure how the United States might respond or if they were hoping the Clinton administration would urge Taiwan to back down.

The Post said the White House believes it's unlikely that Beijing would launch any military action before October to avoid spoiling a meeting next

month between Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin in New Zealand.

"I don't think they'll do it soon, but I can't say they won't do it at all," a senior administration said.

White House officials said military action could range from striking Taiwan to seizing an unpopulated island belonging to Taiwan.

Officials told the Times that attacking Taiwan appeared to be the least likely action.

But one official said the military situation was "dangerous" and "very delicate."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL AND THE BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA**, which embarked on a joint effort to create an employee child-care center at the state hospital.

• **PARTICIPANTS IN THE JESUS VIDEO PROJECT**, who distributed 10,000 videos to more than 60 churches this week. The videos are planned for distribution to every household in the county Aug. 21-31.

• **THE BIG SPRING HARLEY OWNERS GROUP**, which recently went "over the top" in its fundraising drive to buy a thermal imaging camera for the fire department.

• **UNITED WAY** of Big Spring and Howard County, which announced its goal of \$225,000, and to Carol Jennings, UW executive director, for securing the Bellamy Brothers for the kickoff luncheon on Sept. 7.

• **NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER** and Max Webb, executive director, who aided 100 students with school supplies and other services.

• **THE WOLF FAMILY OF HOWARD COUNTY AND THE CALVERLEY FAMILY OF GLASSCOCK COUNTY** who were recognized at the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion, and to all of the other participants who were recognized.

• **HOWARD COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**, which helped get Big Spring ISD teachers and staff off to a good start with a luncheon.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

Even if the American Academy of Pediatrics had never uttered a syllable on the subject, many parents would have figured out for themselves that too much TV is bad for their children. But many might not have concluded that children under 2 should be kept from the tube entirely.

The pediatricians say so, however, and while they cannot demonstrate definitively that damage is done by such early viewing, they do make the interesting case that a blaring, nearby TV could keep these infants and toddlers from what counts far more in their development — face-to-face interaction with their parents and other caring adults.

Television can affect attitudes and breed habits of passivity. It clearly can have psychological, physical and societal consequences, as the

pediatricians claim. Television is a fact of life in our times, and in some families, its regulation obviously can be difficult. ... But aiming to control the watching of TV by children is a good idea for parents, and the American Academy of Pediatrics deserves credit for saying so.

THE STUART (FLA.) NEWS
Japan's Asian neighbors will be watching very carefully to see that a stronger national self-confidence doesn't turn into a new nationalism or even militarism. So far there is no weighty sign of that. But Japan has to continue to promote trust in its peaceful intentions, above all because it has so far dodged a convincing coming-to-terms with its militaristic past.

SUEDDEISCHE ZEITUNG, MUNICH, GERMANY

Democrats have Sherwood Forest legend backward

Middle America, hold on to your wallets, the Democrats are about to engage in class warfare again. What's got the Democrats donning their Robin Hood costumes? Why, the Republican proposal that all working Americans ought to be able to keep a little bit more of their hard-earned incomes and pass on to their children and grandchildren the accumulated savings of a lifetime. As usual, the Democrats are using their favorite ploy to convince Americans to turn over their money: Scare the old folks into believing that the Republicans want to slash their benefits, and make everyone else believe that programs for the elderly won't be there when they need them.

The Democrats' tactics are as unscrupulous as they are predictable. Instead of explaining why they oppose returning to the American people \$792 billion in excess taxes the government expects to collect over the

next 10 years, Democrats are intent on changing the subject. Democratic National Committee chairman Gov. Roy Romer set the tone last week. "Everyone from families around their kitchen tables to top economists are worried about the challenges facing Medicare — everyone that is, except the Republicans, who voted for this risky task (sic) scheme," warned Romer on the DNC's Internet web site. But the Democrats' facts are as bad as their spelling.

Neither Medicare nor Social Security are the issue. The Social Security system currently collects more taxes than it dispenses in benefits, creating a temporary surplus. Republicans have introduced legislation to protect 100 percent of this surplus as insurance toward future Social Security claims when the baby boomers hit retirement, although Senate Democrats have so far blocked its passage. As for Medicare, it's the Democrats who have balked at genuine Medicare reform, opting instead to promote costly new programs. Overall, the Democrats have proposed almost \$1 trillion in new spending, and want to create more than 80 new federal programs.

The Republican plan doesn't go nearly far enough to reduce tax rates — the bill cuts rates

by a mere 1 percent over the next decade — but it does include other important changes that will eliminate some of the gross inequities in the current system. Legislation passed last week includes an increase in the standard deduction for married couples, so that the federal government stops penalizing marriage, as it does now, by allowing a larger deduction for two single adults who live together than it does for husbands and wives.

The bill also eliminates the current death tax, which penalizes family members who inherit the fruits of their parents' and grandparents' hard work. The current system taxes every person's earnings and capital gains during his or her lifetime, then, taxes it again when the person dies and passes on his or her property if it exceeds \$650,000 (although the amount not subject to taxes will rise gradually over the next nine years under current law).

The original purpose of the inheritance tax was pure socialist engineering to prevent a permanent class of wealthy individuals from developing in the United States.

But its effect has been to deprive thrifty families whose retirement funds have gone up with the booming stock market from passing on their own

money to their heirs. This policy has wreaked havoc on family businesses and farms, forcing some families to sell off their inherited property just to pay the taxes.

Despite their more moderate image in recent years, Democrats still like to play the class-warfare card. They want to penalize "the rich" with higher taxes and redistribute wealth as they see fit through government programs. But threats of soaking the rich have never worked particularly well in the United States, where almost everyone hopes to make enough money someday to be counted among the wealthy. That hope has driven Americans to work longer and harder and to take chances that others would never risk. It has spurred creativity and entrepreneurship that makes American business the envy of the world. So, why do the Democrats want to discourage such efforts?

The middle class won't benefit by depriving the rich of more of their money. The Democrats have got their Sherwood Forest legend backward. They're not stealing from the few to give to the many, but taking from everyone to feed government. Maybe Democrats should adopt the Sheriff of Nottingham, not Robin Hood, as their true idol.



LINDA CHAVEZ



OLD MOTHER CLINTON

The welfare gamble heading our way

They can't work, won't work. It doesn't matter. After five years on welfare they will be cut off, and we, through our government, will turn our backs on them. That is what the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act has in store for the needy, desperate and forlorn as well as the lazy members of society. It is a human disaster in the making.

Meanwhile, welfare rolls have dropped 50 percent. But sources at the state level tell us that only a third of the people who get off welfare are actually moving to employment despite the unusually low unemployment rate.

Others are taking to the streets, moving in with relatives, or finding assistance elsewhere. And a phenomenon rumored among welfare workers is that states with depleting welfare rolls are lauded, so long waiting lists and bureaucratic hoops are being created to throw people off the lists.

The majority of those leaving welfare (called "leavers") are single women under the age of 25 with two or more children. They work more than 35 hours

a week in service or retail jobs that pay about \$6.60 an hour, according to an Urban Institute Study.

Most of these women do not have partners, receive child support or have a high-school education, and they are not covered by company health-care plans. The lucky few who do have partners, work odd hours to trade off child-care duties.

Most of those people who find work do not make enough to pull them out of poverty. A study performed by the National Governors' Association found that the average job taken by a former welfare recipient pays \$7 an hour — slightly higher than the Urban Institute's findings — which is not enough income to lift a three-person family out of poverty, or even provide as much money as they received on welfare. The Salvation Army has determined that an hourly base pay of \$9 to \$12 is essential to crack the poverty barrier.

Meanwhile, are we simply shifting the burden to charities? The number of people on food stamps has declined rapidly, from 28 million in 1994 to 19 million last year. Simultaneously, we have seen a rise in demand for private charities, food banks and meal programs.

In many states, the numbers on the Salvation Army rolls increased in lockstep with the numbers of people leaving the

welfare rolls. We spoke with Theresa Whitfield at the national headquarters of the Salvation Army, who indicated that Salvation Army officials find that many of their new patrons are jobless but off the rolls, trying to make do as long as possible because they are aware of the five-year lifetime limit to federal benefits, which they want to save for use in dire times.

Although the Salvation Army, along with the United Way and hundreds of outreach agencies, try to take up the slack by providing assistance and job training, it was the inability of charities to cope with the problem that led to enactment of the original welfare legislation.

There are many people who have lived their whole lives on welfare and have no intention of getting a job now. Others have real logistical obstacles to working that a minimum-wage job does not immediately correct, such as child care or transportation. Others are not hired due to traits many employers find unattractive: limited education, illiteracy, criminal records, mental illness or drug addiction.

Now the question looms: What is going to happen when a downturn in the business cycle coincides with the end of welfare eligibility for large numbers of needy people? A 20 percent exception to the five-year rule is built into the law, but will it be enough?



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◆Roget's Thesaurus was named for Peter Mark Roget, an English physician and scholar. It first appeared in 1852.

◆Webster's Dictionary was named for Noah Webster, a lexicographer, author and teacher. He published the first dictionary in 1806.

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Be sure you listen to the right voice

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me..." (John 10:14).

Shepherds in Jesus day gathered their sheep at night into one large pen for safekeeping. The next morning each shepherd would come to the gate and call to his sheep, who, knowing his voice, would go out the gate to follow him to pasture that day. Those sheep that were not his would ignore his voice and wait until they heard the voice of their shepherd calling and then respond to that voice.

Jesus uses this picture to illustrate the relationship between himself and his followers. The illustration assumes that there had been an ongoing relationship between the sheep and the shepherd and that the sheep had spent enough time with the shepherd to be able to distinguish between his voice and all of the other voices which called to them.

Lambs learned the shepherd's voice because they followed their mothers, who followed the shepherd. They grew up in the flock under the care and protection of the shepherd. They spent their life with this man and trusted him implicitly.

Therefore, when he called, they followed. This continued generation after generation, each new generation following the previous one in following the shepherd.

Today, especially with all of the tragedies which are going on among the young people in our nation, it appears that people no longer follow Jesus as their shepherd or recognize His voice when He speaks to them. I do not claim to be a great analyst of society, but it seems to me that if our adults were spending more time following Jesus, that perhaps their children might also come to know Him better and be more inclined to follow Him.

People are asking "What is wrong with our society and our young people?"

The answer, it seems to me, is the same thing that is wrong with our society and our adults. People are not spending enough time in the Good Shepherd's company and enough time listening to His voice.

The Bible says, "Lead up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." The emphasis has to be on lead. We have a nation of adults who think they can "point" their children in the direction they should go but are not willing to "lead" by their own example.

How many people put every Sunday worship ahead of other activities on the weekend? How many of our people give honor to God by their life and conduct and witness? If there is a problem within the Christian church, what can we expect from those who do not even know Jesus as their Good Shepherd?

Is there hope for our country

Wouldn't it be something if people started listening to Jesus and following Him rather than all the other voices they listen to?

and our younger generation? Of course there is. But the hope for the future and the solution to our social problems is not in passing laws or making stiffer gun or other regulations.

The solution must be a change from within, not legislation from without. The hope is Jesus. There is no hope other than Him. He is the Good Shepherd and He alone will lead us into the pastures where we need to be. He is the voice we should be listening to, rather than the myriad of voices calling to us to follow them to what appear to be greener pastures.

When I was a kid at home on the farm, we lived on a rather busy country road. A lot of cars drove up and down the road. I had an old mongrel dog who used to spend most of his time lying in the yard next to the back door. He largely ignored everything around him except the flies that harassed him.

He did not respond to much, and especially not to the cars that went up and down the road. Certainly chasing cars was not his thing. That took much too much effort. But there was one car that he responded to. Long before I could even hear a car coming, you would see him lift his ears and get up and walk toward the front driveway. When he did that you knew that my dad was coming home.

Old Butch had heard his car long before I could ever hear it and had recognized the sound of it.

He could tell that the sound was different than all the other cars which went up and down the road. He knew the sound of my dad's car and knew who was coming. He had practiced listening and knew the sound of that car from every other car that went down the road.

Obviously it is not only sheep that know the shepherd's voice. In fact, every animal that I have ever been around seems to be able to distinguish their caretakers voice from all others. They know who cares for them.

Wouldn't it be great if people could be as smart as animals? Wouldn't it be something if people started listening to Jesus and following Him rather than all the other voices they listen to?

Some people are saying that we need to analyze our society and figure out what the destructive forces are that are affecting our youth and adults today. I may sound oversimplified, but I think the Bible told us long ago what the solution to social ills as well as spiritual ills, and all other ills, is.

It is listening to the Good Shepherd's voice, following Him and tuning out the other siren voices which call to us with their alluring, seductive but destructive offers of pleasure.

Think about it!
Carroll Kohl is pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church.



CARROLL KOHL

Jesus Video Project getting under way

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Pastors, youth ministers and lay people from nearly 60 local churches picked up boxes, bags and paperwork Wednesday to prepare for the Jesus Video Project.

Sixty churches, along with many volunteers, plan to hand out a video about the life of Jesus Christ to every household in Howard County — 10,000 in all. The movies will be free and those who accept them are under no obligation of any kind, organizers said.

"It's gone well, very well," said Everett Bender Wednesday as he oversaw distribution of the videos to church representatives. The local businessman and leader of the Christian Training Center has been an organizer of the effort.

Using a computer program, maps and lists of volunteers, he parceled out a set amount of

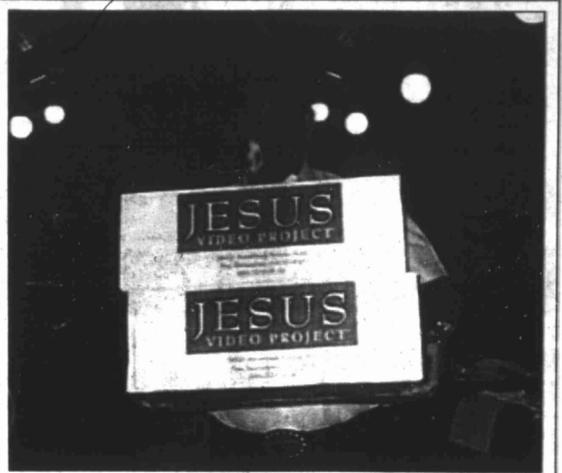
videos, ranging from less than 100 to 500 or more, to each participating church.

Bender began to spearhead the "Jesus Video Project" several months ago at the suggestion of some friends from Midland. They had just completed a mail-out of more than 50,000 videos in their community, and gave 10,000 more to Bender for use here.

Volunteers, working in teams of at least two, will go house to house in the neighborhoods around their church, giving the videos to anyone who is at home, and leaving the others in a plastic bag attached to the front door.

They will pray before and after distributing the videos, but Bender said they will not ask to enter the houses of those who receive them, preach or visit with them.

Anyone who is interested in participating can volunteer to help with distribution by contacting a local church or pas-



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

H.C. McPherson of Calvary Baptist Church, carries boxes of videos about the life of Jesus Christ out of the distribution center Wednesday. The church will be part of a community-wide effort to hand out the free videos to every home in Howard County.

An Internet website, www.hcchurch.org, is being set up so people online can learn more about the project.

Many of the videos will be handed out locally on Aug. 21, but the distribution is expected to continue through the end of the month.

CHURCH NEWS

Templo Belen Assembly of God

A youth concert "Jam Explosion" is planned Saturday, 6:30 p.m. in Comanche Trail Park Amphitheatre. The event is sponsored by Templo Belen Assembly of God.

Admission is free to hear the music of "Step of Faith" and "Junior Martinez," along with guest speaker Elie Amaya. There will also be free food, drinks and door prizes along with other fun activities.

In case of bad weather, this activity will be moved to Evangel Temple Church building, 2205 Goliad.

First Assembly of God

Children and youth are a vital part of the ministry of The First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster.

Each Sunday morning at 10:40 Robert and Sharon Rich conduct an exciting children's church. The children's church included puppets, singing and worship and the scripture.

Each Wednesday night at 7 there is a Missionettes for the Girls, and Royal Rangers for the boys.

The youth have their service at 7 p.m. each Wednesday, which includes worship and

ministry of the word.

Pastor Havener conducts a Bible study for the adults each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

First Assembly, a family centered church, invites you to join them this week for a wonderful experience of worship.

College Baptist

Church visitation for College Baptist is conducted every Tuesday evening. Church members are asked to meet at the church at 7 p.m.

A Women's Ministry meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ladies will enjoy a salad supper and a time to share ideas about women's ministry at CBC.

Acteans are invited to a pool party Saturday, Aug. 21. Girls may contact Stacy Bloodworth or Penny Evans for additional information.

As a part of their annual "Christmas in August" observance, GA's are collecting school supplies for the Buckner Hearshstone Children's Home.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

This Sunday is the Feast Day of St. Mary the Virgin. Holy Eucharist begins at 9:30 a.m. with a special celebration planned and a reception in the Parish Hall after the service. Everyone is invited to join us for worship and fellowship on this special day.

The Vestry of St. Mary's will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, Aug. 16, at 5:30 p.m.

There will be a Cursillo/Walk to Emmaus gathering on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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The youth group giant garage sale is set to open Saturday at 7 a.m. at the north end of our church building, 7th and Runnels. There will be clothing, toys, household items and much more! All sales will go to benefit planned activities of our youth in the coming year.

This Sunday will be the formal installation service for our new pastor, the Rev. Dianne E. Brown.

This special service begins at 7 p.m. with Dr. Robert Shelton, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, as guest minister. Participating ministers and elders will come from several other churches throughout the West Texas area, and many guests are expected.

A reception will follow in the parlor and courtyard area.

Splash splash, it's a Kids Club bash!

Children in grades second through fifth from First Presbyterian and St. Mary's Episcopal churches and their guests are invited to attend a swimming party Wednesday, Aug. 18, 5-6:30 p.m. at 909 Highland Drive. Please call the church to reserve a spot.

First Baptist Church

There will be a special time of prayer for all public and private teachers in our area this Sunday. The Lord's Supper will also be observed. Pastor Eddie Tubbs will complete his series concerning emotions with a sermon about joy. If you are unable to attend worship services, please join each Sunday morning on cable channel 6.

J&M continues every Sunday evening at 7 in the chapel following the 6 p.m. worship hour.

All of our area youth and young adults who like to attend a more contemporary style of worship and praise are invited to attend these services.

Two new classes are beginning at First Baptist! The first class, which begins this Sunday, is for single adults who are 25 and older. Terry and Jan Sims will be teaching this class.

The second class is evening Sunday School. Barbara Couch, teacher, will present the same lesson that she shares at the 9:30 hour. This will give adults the opportunity to work in other areas of the church during the Sunday School hour and still be involved in a class situation. These classes begin Sept. 19.

Hey kids! Summer is over, and that means choirs and mission activities have begun again on Wednesday evenings. Call the church at 267-8223 for more details.

CLUB NEWS

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday in regular business session, with First Vice President Ben Boadle presiding.

Jarrell Barbee worded the opening prayer and Herschell Matthies led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes and treasurer's report was approved as given and Boadle read a thank you note from the Texas Lion's

Camp for the donation made in memory of Nora Matthies.

Discussion was held on available projects The Club could be involved in. Betty Franklin made a motion to support a food bank with each member bringing non-perishable items to each meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

Howard Hornsby, of Isaiah 58, will be our guest speaker for the Aug. 16 meeting.

The Sand Springs Lions Club is proud to welcome Connie Alvarado as a new affiliate member. Connie and her husband have the La Posada Restaurant.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at the

Sand Springs Lions Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Any interested person is welcome to attend.

Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, Aug. 16. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

President Harold Bentley will preside at the meeting, which will include a report of legislative action.

Other officers for the local organization include Nila Allen, first vice-president, Betty

Cox, second vice-president; Myrtle Lee, recording secretary; Jean Warren, corresponding secretary; Billye Grisham and Clarence Hawkins, co-treasurers.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend the meeting.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary the Eagles Lodge is continuing a canned food drive during the month of August. Cans of food collected will go to help replenish the Salvation Army food bank.

Call 264-7518, 268-9689, or 267-7115 for information on how to make your donation.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) — Dozens of poor people in and around Bruce Springsteen's hometown can thank The Boss for their home repairs.

A charity funded by Springsteen has quietly provided \$350,845 in home improvements in Monmouth County since 1995, according to Internal Revenue Service filings.

Freehold's favorite son and his E Street Band end their 15-date concert run at The Meadows on Thursday night. They are in the midst of their first U.S. tour together in more than a decade.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sean Connery, who gave up his license to kill when he walked away from the James Bond movies, has a new title: "Sexiest Man of the Century."

The Scotsman was the No. 1 choice in a survey conducted by New Woman magazine and the Web site Women.com. Connery defeated Brad Pitt, Mel Gibson and Paul Newman.

More than 16,000 readers responded to the survey, which will be published in the September issue of New Woman.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Mens Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

SANDS ELEMENTARY WILL HAVE an open house for all students and their parents, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

THE LAST WORD

News is history shot on the wing.
Gene Fowler

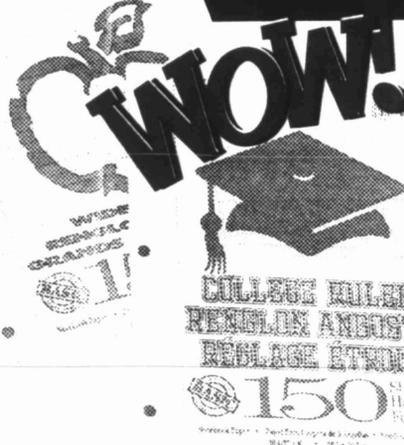
A man's opinions are generally of much more value than his arguments.
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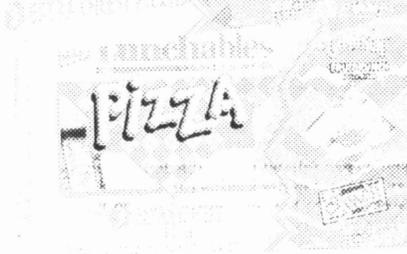
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Coahoma boost 'Watermelon Bowl'

The Coahoma B has scheduled a "Bow!" intrasquad for 9 a.m. Saturday at Stadium.

Both the junior varsity Coahoma take part in the scrimmage.

Booster club members serve watermelon and spectators.

International League sets meeting for

The International League has scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at league's field.

New officers will be elected during the meeting.

Youth soccer registration scheduled for

The Big Spring Soccer Association will hold registration for the upcoming season 5 p.m. Saturday at Spring Mall.

A second registration will be held to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Any youngster 5 years of age or older is eligible to play.

United Girls Soccer public meeting

The United Girls Association of Big Spring scheduled an open house 7 p.m. Tuesday at Dora Roberts Center.

UGSA officials invited past coaches, managers and chaperones as concerned parents to attend.

For more information contact Clay Slape at 268-1111.

Big Spring Steers on sale to season

Season tickets for the first option of Steers 1999 football are now on sale at BSISD Business Center.

The four-game season is priced at \$10. Holders will have to purchase tickets for each game.

Monday ticket sale to the general public will continue until Friday.

Tickets will be on sale 8:30 a.m. until office will be closed until 1 p.m.

Little League registration

Youngsters in grades through sixth grade in taking Crossroads Little League football this fall from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday at Spring Mall.

To register as a player or a cheerleader, participants must have a certificate and a card for last year.

Fees for the program are \$35 for player and \$25 for cheerleader.

For more information call 263-0754 or 264-1111.

Little League sets appreciation

An appreciation program for Little League participants in the fall has been scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 28, at Coahoma Park.

Parents, players and sponsors are invited to attend.

ON THE

Radio MAJOR LEAGUE I
3:40 p.m. — Telemundo
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7:05 p.m. — At Los Angeles Dodger Stadium

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9:05 p.m. — At Los Angeles Dodger Stadium
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IN BRIEF

Coahoma boosters slate 'Watermelon Bowl' event

The Coahoma Booster Club has scheduled a "Watermelon Bowl" intrasquad scrimmage for 9 a.m. Saturday at Bulldog Stadium.

Both the junior varsity and varsity Coahoma teams will take part in the intrasquad scrimmage.

Booster club members will serve watermelon to all participants and spectators at 11:30 a.m.

International Little League sets meeting for Monday

The International Little League has scheduled a meeting for 7 p.m. Monday at the league's field.

New officers will be elected during the meeting.

Youth soccer registration scheduled for Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association has scheduled registration for the upcoming season for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

A second registration session will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

Any youngster who was 4 years of age or older by Aug. 1 is eligible to play.

United Girls Softball sets public meeting for Aug. 17

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled an open meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

UGSA officials encourage all past coaches, umpires, managers and chaperones, as well as concerned parents of players to attend.

For more information, call Clay Slape at 268-9869.

Big Spring Steer tickets on sale to season buyers

Season ticket holders have the first option on Big Spring Steers 1999 football tickets, that are now on sale at the BSISD Business Office.

The four-game ticket package is priced at \$16, and ticket holders will have until today to purchase tickets.

Monday tickets will go on sale to the general public and continue 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.

Little League football registration scheduled

Youngsters in the third through sixth grades interested in taking part in Crossroads Little League Football this fall will register from 6 to 8 each evening through Friday at the Big Spring Mall.

To register as either a player or a cheerleader, youngsters must have their birth certificate and their report card for last year.

Fees for the program are set at \$35 for players and \$15 for cheerleaders.

For more information, call 263-0754 or 264-0887 after 8 p.m.

Little League football sets appreciation picnic

An appreciation picnic for participants in the Crossroads Little League Football program has been scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Comanche Trail Park.

Parents, players, coaches and sponsors are encouraged to attend.

ON THE AIR

Radio
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
3:40 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox, doubleheader, KBST-AM 1490.

Television
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
9:05 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Los Angeles Dodgers, TBS, Ch. 11.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
7:15 p.m. — Preseason, New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Loter selected to take over BSHS baseball program

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Pat Loter has been named the head baseball coach at Big Spring High School, filling the vacancy created when Bobby Doe was re-signed in July.

Big Spring athletic director Dwight Butler announced Loter's appointment Thursday, noting that he believed the district had been fortunate to have two qualified applicants already on the staff.

Greg Winder, who had served as a baseball assistant under Doe, decided against taking the job because he did not want to give up his responsibilities as an assistant on Butler's football staff.

Winder will remain an assistant on Loter's staff, along with Jason Phillips.

"Pat probably has a bit more baseball experience than anyone else on our staff," Butler noted, "and I think he fits in very well with what we're trying to do with our overall athletic program."

The 44-year-old Loter joined the Runnels Junior High School coaching staff last year, moving to Big Spring when his wife, Kathy, was hired as head girls' basketball coach at the high school.

Before coming to Big Spring, Loter spent 11/2 years as a full-time employee of the Baseball Academy of Texas in Round Rock conducting baseball clinics and camps, as well as coaching the academy's 17-Under select team.

Prior to joining the academy's staff on a full-time basis, he spent two years as a part-time employee while serving as defensive coordinator on the varsity football staff at Wimberly High School.

"I love baseball ... have a passion for the game," explained Loter, an Irving native who played baseball at Irving MacArthur High School, Hill Junior College and Texas Tech University.

"And I'm really excited about this opportunity," he added. "We've got 20 kids in the baseball offseason program right now. They're out there working hard and that's going to be the key for us."

"I'm going to be working hard and the kids are, too," Loter continued. "We're going to try and outwork people."

The new Steers diamond boss said he believes the key to turning around a team that won just five games last season will be improving each player's skills.

"We've got to go out and improve our skills ... that's what we're going to be concentrating on from the word go," Loter explained. "I didn't get a chance to see our kids play much last year, but I

know we've got to be able to go out there and compete at a much higher level."

Loter said he continues to work with players he coached at the Baseball Academy of Texas.

"I'm still going to be involved with the academy," he explained. "It's just unbelievable how much I've been able to learn about the game from being around the top-flight coaches and former major league players I've worked with there. It was a tremendous experience."

Before moving to Wimberly, Loter spent three years as head baseball coach at Marion High School, his last season there leading the Bulldogs to a Class 3A regional finals berth and a 26-4 finish.

He also spent four years as head baseball coach at Van High School, leading the Vandals into the playoffs three times and claiming an area championship.

Loter began his coaching career in Levelland where he spent six years on the staff there.



LOTER

Injuries lead Graf to retire

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — Steffi Graf, one of the most dominating tennis players in history, retired from the sport today following a series of injuries.

During her 17-year career, Graf used her powerful forehand shots to win 22 Grand Slam singles titles and more than 100 tournaments on the WTA Tour. She spent a record 377 weeks as the No. 1 player in the world.

In her latest comeback, the 30-year-old Graf stunned top-ranked Martina Hingis to win the French Open. She then lost in the Wimbledon final to Lindsay Davenport.

After both tournaments she said she had made her last appearance at the events. Last month Graf said she would probably leave the women's tour at the end of the year.

She later said it was "a mistake" to announce her retirement from those tournaments, saying she had been too emotional at the time. However, Graf said today she would no longer play at all.

"I feel I have nothing left to accomplish," Graf said at a news conference in Heidelberg, near her hometown of Bruhl. "The weeks following Wimbledon weren't easy for me. I'm not having fun anymore."

She strained her left hamstring and was forced to retire from a second-round match against Amy Frazier at the TIG Classic in Carlsbad, Calif., earlier this month.

At the time, Graf said she didn't believe the injury would prevent her from playing in the U.S. Open in New York next month. But that turned out to be her final match.

"After that, the decision (to retire) was very easy, maybe too easy," Graf said. "I was pulled back-and-forth, but when I made my decision I didn't think about it one minute afterwards."

Graf says she plans a farewell tour of exhibition matches later this year, and will concentrate on her marketing company and developing young German talent.

The first thing she plans to do is travel — without a tennis racket.

"On the plane coming back from San Diego, I just started pouring through these magazines and thinking of all the places I could go," Graf said.

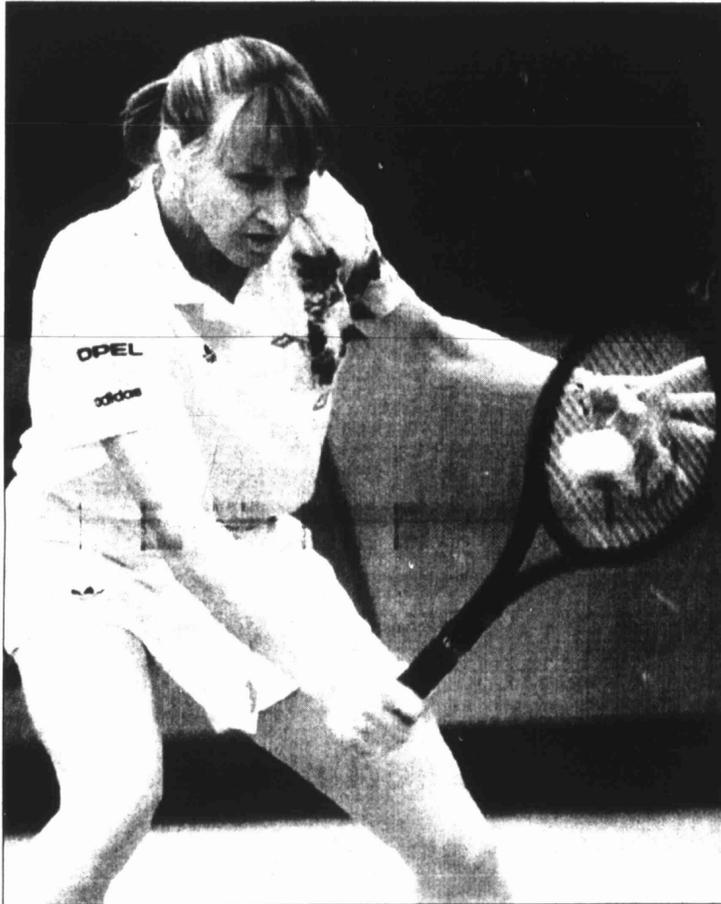
Nicknamed "Fraulein Forehand" for her devastating trademark shot, Graf won more than \$20 million in her career. In 1988, she completed a "Golden Slam," winning the four majors and the Olympic gold.

She won Wimbledon seven times, the French Open six times, the U.S. Open five times and the Australian Open four times.

In the early '90s, she met her match in the young Monica Seles. But Seles was stabbed by a deranged Graf fan during a tournament in 1993 in Hamburg, interrupting her career for two years.

Graf won 107 WTA titles in a career that paralleled that of Germany's male star, Boris Becker.

Becker and Graf were responsible for making tennis one of the most popular and lucrative sports in Germany. Becker also retired earlier this year, playing his last



AP file photo

Steffi Graf, pictured here during the French Open in 1991, announced her retirement from professional tennis today. While she had earlier indicated she would leave the tour at the end of the year, Graf said she feels there's nothing left to accomplish and that she's not having fun any more.

match at Wimbledon.

Graf endured personal setbacks late in her career.

Her father, Peter, spent time in prison after being convicted for evading taxes on her earnings.

A long list of injuries hindered her in the last few years. Graf spent long spells off the circuit and began losing to lower ranked players she would normally beat with ease.

She turned professional in 1982, when she was 13 years and four months old. She won her first tournament in April 1986, beating Chris Evert in Hilton Head.

Graf beat Evert again 11 months later in

Key Biscayne, becoming the youngest player to pass \$1 million in earnings.

She won her first Grand Slam in June 1987, beating Martina Navratilova at the French Open, and in August of that year Graf earned the No. 1 ranking for the first time.

In later years, Graf's fragile body found it hard to keep pace with the teen-age generation of Hingis and others.

After winning three Grand Slams in 1996, Graf won only one tournament in 1997 and four more in 1998.

The French Open was her only title this year and her first Grand Slam in three years.

Rangers waste 13-strikeout performance by Sele in 3-1 loss

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aaron Sele got a career-high 13 strikeouts against the Detroit Tigers. He also saw his five-game winning streak come to an end.

Tony Clark had three hits, including a homer, and the Tigers limited the Rangers' dangerous lineup to five hits in a 3-1 victory Thursday night, despite the most strikeouts by a Rangers pitcher in seven years.

Sele (12-7) pitched seven innings and had the most strikeouts for Texas since Roger Pavlik fanned 13 against Seattle on Aug. 7, 1992.

"It's a shame that he came out and gave us a chance to win and we couldn't do anything with it," Texas' Roberto Kelly said.

Sele saw his five-game winning streak stopped. He allowed three runs and eight hits.

"Strikeouts don't matter," Sele said. "We lost the game."

In the only other American League

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

games, Minnesota topped Toronto 3-0 and Tampa Bay beat Kansas City 7-6.

The only National League games saw New York top San Diego 9-3 and Los Angeles beat Montreal 10-5.

The light-hitting Tigers got a rare victory because they dodged the critical late-inning mistakes that have been beating them all season.

"For the most part this season, we've been able to battle for five or six innings," Clark said. "But then we always seem to fall apart. Tonight we got good starting pitching, a good night from the bullpen and a few clutch hits. That's exactly the way you draw it up."

Tigers starter Dave Mlicki (7-10) allowed four hits in 5 2/3 innings to help Detroit end its four-game losing streak against Texas.

"I didn't have my best stuff," said Mlicki, who's won four of his last six

decisions. "I had to battle all night against a very good lineup. I've been trying not to overthrow. Earlier in the season, I was trying to throw the perfect pitch."

Reliever Francisco Cordero struck out four straight Rangers in the sixth and seventh, Doug Brocail threw a scoreless eighth and Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

The Rangers completed their at 8-5. Texas held two of its biggest offensive stars, Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez, out of the starting lineup.

Gonzalez missed his second straight game with a strained hamstring and Rodriguez struck out as a pinch-hitter with a runner on first to end the game.

"Take those two out of the lineup and obviously they're not as good," Mlicki said. "Even with them out, you can't make mistakes against that lineup."

Juan Encarnacion's run-scoring single in the first and Clark's 19th homer in the third gave the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

Bill Haselman's run-scoring single in the sixth extended Detroit's lead to 3-0.

Texas broke up Mlicki's shutout bid on Lee Stevens' sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Twins 3, Blue Jays 0

Rookie Joe Mays gave up four singles in seven-plus innings and pitched Minnesota past Toronto at the Metrodome.

Down 2-0, the Blue Jays loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh. But Mays escaped by retiring Darrin Fletcher on a foul out and striking out Tony Batista and Willie Greene.

Pat Hentgen slipped to 11-3 lifetime against the Twins.

Prior to the game, Toronto outfielder Curtis Goodwin left the team and said he was retiring. The 26-year-old Goodwin, claimed off waivers from the Chicago Cubs last week, was 0-for-8 with the Blue Jays.

Goodwin left a note for manager Jim Fregosi announcing his departure. Fregosi speculated Goodwin was upset that the Blue Jays' recent acquisition of

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MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Fired Phil Garner, manager. Named Jim Lefebvre interim manager. Reassigned Sal Bando, general manager, within the organization.

BASETBALL National Basketball Association CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed F Mark Bryant to a two-year contract.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed F Lamar Odom to a multiyear contract.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed C George Mikan to a one-year contract. Re-signed F Scott Brunell.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Re-signed F Malik Rose.

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Acquired G Brent Barry from the Chicago Bulls for G Hershey Hawkins and G James Cotton. Signed G Shammond Williams to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL National Football League DENVER BRONCOS—Waived LB Ronnie Wynn.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Antonio Freeman to a one-year franchise tender.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed RB Edgerrin James to a seven-year contract. Claimed OL Jamie Wilson off waivers from the Green Bay Packers. Released WR KO Stanford.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Claimed RB Raymondutherford off waivers from the Oakland Raiders.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Announced the retirement of LB Ken Harvey.

HOCKEY National Hockey League NHL—Announced New Jersey Devils F Brian Rolston was awarded a two-year contract, and Nashville Predators F Darryl Lambert, Buffalo Sabres F Dixon Ward and Pittsburgh Penguins F Matthew Barnaby were awarded one-year contracts in arbitration.

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed D Georgia Kinnear and F Sean Richards.

DALLAS STARS—Signed C Derek Plante to a one-year contract.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Named Stan Wong medical trainer. Pavel Rosta chief European scout, Sean O'Brien amateur scout, and Brent Flahr scouting and video coordinator.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Announced the retirement of C Bob Carpenter and named him assistant coach for Albany of the AHL.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed F Marusz Czerkawski, C Daniel Lacroix, D Dallas Eakins and D Arts Brimaris.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed G Patrick Lalime to a two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed D Ian Moran to a two-year contract.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Re-signed F Jamal Mayers, D Chris McAlpine and D Jamie Rivers.

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James inks seven-year deal with Colts

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — Now that he's gained financial security, running back Edgerrin James is feeling no pressure to start earning the millions the Indianapolis Colts have invested in him. James, the surprise first-round pick of the Colts when Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams was still available,

signed a seven-year contract valued at \$49 million Thursday. He quickly began a crash course on the team's offense. "He's a bright young man. He seemed to pick up things during minicamp and summer school," coach Jim Mora said. "I was surprised he came out to practice so quickly. He wanted to get right in there. ... I think

he'll be fine by the time we open the season (Sept. 12) against Buffalo." On Thursday evening, James began making up for the 21 days of training camp he missed. He spent several hours studying with running backs coach Gene Huey while the rest of the team had the night off.



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ROUNDUP

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outfielder Brian McRae would cut his playing time.

Devil Rays 7, Royals 6

Paul Sorrento went 4-for-4, including a three-run homer in the sixth inning that broke a tie.

Sorrento drove in four runs and scored twice as Tampa Bay won for the second time in 10 road games. Kansas City lost its third in a row.

Mike Sweeney extended his hitting streak to 24 games, six shy of the Royals record held by George Brett.

Mets 9, Padres 3

The Mets got home runs from Darryl Hamilton and Roger Cedeno and moved back into a first-place tie with idle Atlanta with the win.

Handyman Shawon Dunston, filling in for Henderson in left field, drove in a run with a sacrifice fly, then beat out a bunt for a single and scored when winning pitcher Al Leiter (10-7) hit a bases-loaded double. It was Leiter's fourth hit of the season and raised his batting average to .103, matching his career average.

The fifth-inning rally restored a six-run lead, and New York coasted after that. Leiter allowed just four hits in seven innings, all of them in the fifth, when the Padres scored all their runs. Eric Owens accounted for two of the runs with his eighth homer of the season.

Leiter has been the cornerstone of a stunning reversal of fortune by New York. The Mets have the best record in baseball since June 5 at 43-18, including 20-7 since the All-Star break. Leiter is 8-2 in his last 10 decisions.

Dodgers 10, Expos 5

Mike Judd posted his first major league win as Los Angeles took advantage of Montreal's five errors at Olympic Stadium.

Pitching in the majors for the first time this year, Judd gave up four runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings. He had made eight relief appearances for the Dodgers in 1997-98.

Gary Sheffield hit his 20th homer for Los Angeles. He scored three runs and was thrown out at the plate trying to score another.

Raul Mondesi, benched the previous two games, went 1-for-5. On Wednesday, the Dodgers outfielder launched into a profanity-filled tirade criticizing manager Davey Johnson and general manager Kevin Malone.

After this game, the Dodgers released a press release in which Mondesi apologized to Johnson, Malone, his teammates and the fans.

Vladimir Guerrero hit his 26th homer, and Shane Andrews also connected for the Expos.

COWBOYS

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EARRINGS AND TATTOOS

Nathan Davis could be the Dallas Cowboys' answer to Dennis Rodman.

The 312-pound defensive tackle wears two earrings in each ear, two rings on his tongue and two on each of his eyelids.

"The other two are below the belt," Davis said with a smirk. No reporters pressed him for further details.

Davis also sports a huge tattoo of the word "Persevere" in green, gothic-style letters on his back. On his right arm, he has a tattoo of a scorpion and the word "Fury."

Asked if his teammates poke fun at him, Davis said, "Yeah, I hear about it, but I figure you've got to do what you've got to do. ... I even hear about it from my family."

Campo said the motley look doesn't bother him.

SPECIAL GUEST

Ethel Thompson just hoped to catch a glimpse of her favorite team. Instead, the 102-year-old received the red carpet treatment when she visited Cowboys training camp Thursday.

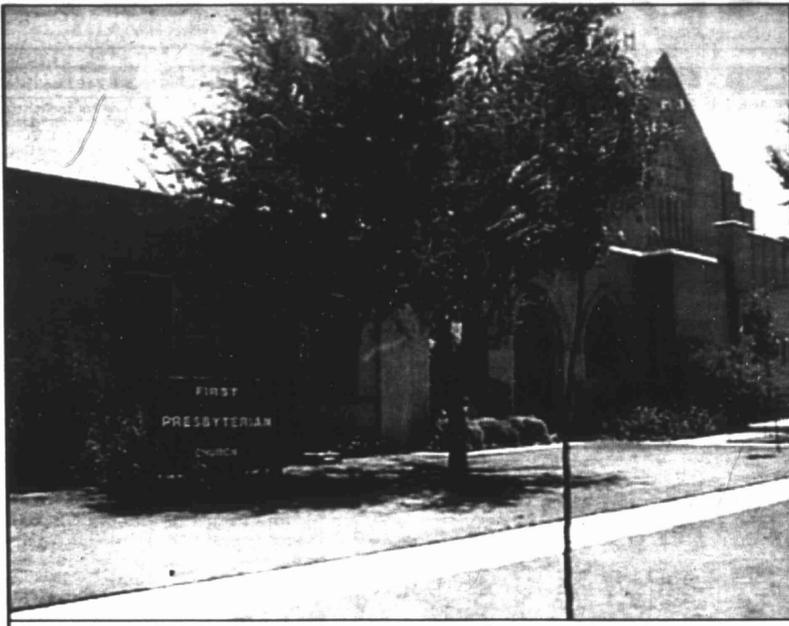
The team and a local radio station arranged for her to travel in a limousine from her hometown of Henrietta.

Thompson even ate lunch with the Cowboys.

Thompson never made it out to the practice field, but she did leave camp with a football autographed by Deion Sanders.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 14:

Communication is the key to moving others' opinions. Keep talking; don't allow confusion or misunderstandings to intimidate you. It is important to let others express their ideas, even if they don't always make sense to you. You often read more into what others are saying. Be realistic. Recognize a tendency to put partners on pedestals. If you are single, your charm lures admirers. Love relationships are intense; you could fall into control games. Keep dialoguing. If attached, there's a lot of heat between the two of you. Learn to manifest this energy positively. LIBRA loves to chat with you.

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)

HOROSCOPE

****Dig; question; sort through misunderstandings. Another clearly doesn't hear you. Explain what you need to do. Remain open to others' input. Your sense of humor helps a friend see how silly all the confusion is. Keep talking, and you'll find answers. You have an open admirer. Let him indulge you! Tonight: Take off. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ****You need a low-key weekend with few obligations and a lot of relaxation. Unwinding from work and personal responsibilities could take a lot. Be less demanding of yourself. Family gives you heavy feedback. Be sure of yourself. Listen to a partner; he really cares. Tonight: Be nurturing. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ****Love heats up, even if you aren't sure where it is going. As passion builds, you become more sure of yourself

MOBILE HOMES

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Very nice furnished 1 bedroom apt. All bills paid including cable. \$400/mo., \$200/dep. (\$300 Move-in). Call 268-1202.

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Extra Clean 1 bedroom house. 1216 Mesquite. \$225/mo., \$150/dep. Sorry, no pets! 263-4922.

For Lease: One bedroom cottage. Fully furnished. Lg. lot, well water furnished. \$300 + \$150/dep. 267-7714.

One bedroom furnished trailer. Large utility room, fenced yard! No Pets! Inquire at 1213 Harding

Room to rent in my home. Male, non-smoker. All utilities paid. \$275/mo. Call 264-0934.

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Large pool!

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting at 8:00 P.M. on the 19th day of August 1999 at 207 N. Hwy 137 in Stanton, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is 0.01987 per \$100 of value. 2442 August 13, 1999

LOCKOUT BY NIECE'S HUSBAND STOPS AUNT'S PANTRY RAIDS

DEAR ABBY: My "Aunt Maude," whom I dearly love, visits me once a month to do some shopping - in my pantry. She lives 40 miles away and comes over with a shopping bag she fills with canned goods as well as paper products. My husband is furious about it, a remark that if Aunt Maude was in financial distress, there would be no problem. However, she owns rental properties and is financially secure. He calls her a parasite and a vulture for taking advantage of a younger relative with a heart of gold. He has threatened many times to put a lock on the pantry door to prevent such thievery, and he finally did, installing a strong lock and keeping the keys.

During her next visit, Aunt Maude, after making some small talk, went to the pantry only to find it locked and barred to her. In short order, she said she had to visit another relative and left. Now she refuses to visit me.

Abby, I know what she was doing was wrong, but she did bring me news of the family and I enjoyed her company. What can I do to repair the damage and make her feel at home, without her grabbing the goodies from my pantry? My husband told me the minute he hears she's on the way to visit us, the pantry door will be locked again. Any advice? - SAD NIECE, SAN ANTONIO

DEAR SAD NIECE: If coming into the house of relatives and raiding the pantry is considered acceptable behavior in your family, you should make that clear to your husband. If it's not, then it's time you opened your own direct line of communication with your relatives so that you no longer have to "ransom" news of them from your dysfunctional aunt.

You might send her a gift basket filled with the kinds of

GOODIES FROM NIECE'S HUSBAND STOPS AUNT'S PANTRY RAIDS

goodies she's been stealing from your pantry, and hope she'll accept your conciliatory gesture - but I can't guarantee

FRIDAY AUG. 13. TV schedule grid with columns for station (e.g., KMIJ, KPEJ, KERA) and time slots (e.g., 6:30, 7:00, 7:30).

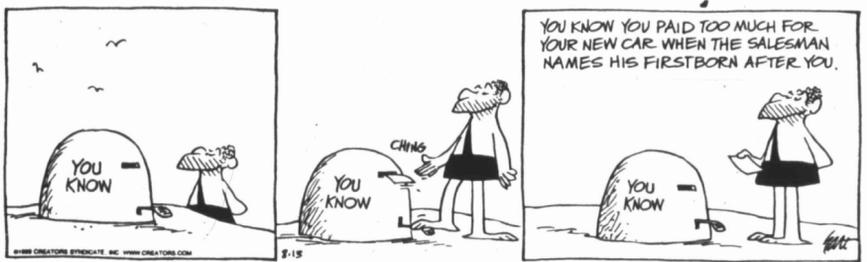
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"No, Grandma, but I ate everything that was on it."

"THE BURGERS LOOK A LOT LIKE THE CHARCOAL."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

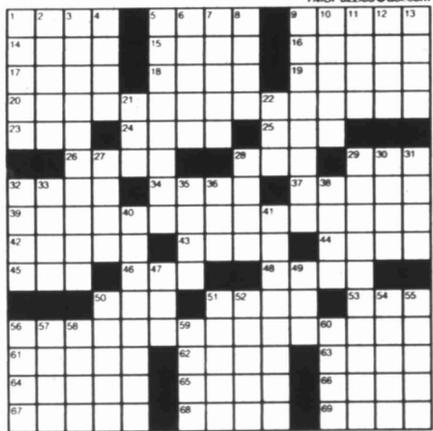
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Aug. 13, the 225th day of 1999. There are 140

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Aug. 13, 1899, movie director Alfred Hitchcock was born in London.

Hernando Cortez captured present-day Mexico City from the Aztec Indians. In 1624, French King Louis XIII named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.

THE Daily Crossword

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Today's Birthdays: Television evangelist Rex Humbard is 80. Cuban President Fidel Castro is 73. Actor Pat Harrington is 70. Singer Don Ho is 69. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 66. Blues singer-musician Son Seals is 57. Actor Kevin Tighe is 55. Actress Gretchen Corbett is 52. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 51. Singer Dan Fogelberg is 48. Thought for Today: "A woman, I always say, should be like a good suspense movie: The more left to the imagination, the more excitement there is. This should be her aim -- to create suspense, to let a man discover things about her without her having to tell him." - Alfred Hitchcock (1899-1980).