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## Eagles Auxiliary collecting goods for SA food bank

The Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a canned food drive all month.

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

Bring donations to the Lodge on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., or Saturday evenings 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

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

□ Community Pep Rally, 8 p.m., Comanche Trail Amphitheatre.

### TUESDAY

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

□ Big Spring Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., BSHS Athletic Training Center. Everyone is welcome.

### WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

### THURSDAY

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

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

## WEATHER

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## Potential for wildfires is significant, Forest Service officers warns

RICK McLAUGHLIN  
Staff Writer

It's hot. It's dry. It's dangerous. And that worries the Texas Forest Service and Ed Brown, fire information officer for the West Texas Wild Fire Prevention Team in Abilene.

Unrelenting high temperatures and an absence of significant rainfall have left vegetation dormant, dry and extremely fire-prone in most areas of the state, including West Texas and Howard County.

Dangerous wildfire conditions

now exist across much of Texas, and continued hot, dry weather will only increase the magnitude of the fire problem, according to Brown.

"Wildfire activity and fire size are increasing as moisture and moisture in vegetation have been depleted to critical levels. Grass and brush have become extremely dry and volatile, meaning the fires will start easily and burn rapidly," he said.

Within the next two weeks, most of the state will likely see drought index values rising above 600, a hazardous level similar to that present last summer when the state

endured a record fire siege, Brown observed.

West Texas is not known for its forests, but it does have the Texas Forest Service stationed in Abilene and other cities to help volunteer county fire departments, including Howard County's, prevent and extinguish potentially deadly and damaging wildfires, Brown said Friday.

"Our main job is to spread the word about how dry it is. If we can help prevent a fire from getting started, it's better than having to go

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## TEXAS FOREST SERVICE TIPS

- Dispose of smoking materials properly.
- Keep vehicles out of flammable vegetation.
- Use barbecue grills only on fire-safe surfaces, away from grass and other dry vegetation.
- Make sure mowers, chain saws and other outdoor equipment have mufflers in good working order.
- Avoid using welding or grinding equipment near dry grass and brush.
- If vegetation can't be cleared from the work area, use a field sprayer or backpack sprayer to wet vegetation both in and downwind from the work site.

## Common cause unites many denominations

RICK McLAUGHLIN  
Staff Writer

More than 400 Christian missionaries took to the streets of Big Spring and the roads of Howard County Saturday morning to begin a 10-day effort distributing 10,000 videocassette recordings about the life of Jesus.

The goal of the project is to see that a copy of the video goes to every household in Howard County.

Volunteers are working in teams of two, going from house to house and neighborhood to neighborhood, giving the videos to anyone at home and leaving others in a plastic bag on the front door.

Steve Stutz, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, said Saturday morning that the project was going well and quickly.

"It doesn't take very long when you have more than 400 volunteers from 60 different churches. Our biggest problem is that we have only 10,000 videos and we have 13,000 households in Howard County," he noted.

"The phenomenal thing is that 60 churches in Howard County are all working on this together," he added.

"This is a great opportunity to share our faith with the community in a concrete way and a non-threatening manner," said St. Paul's church member



Glenn Graves and his daughter, Casi, stop at the home of Elouise McRae Saturday to give her a videotape on the life of Jesus. The Graves are members of the Baptist Temple Church.

Bruce Schooler. "For the 60 churches involved, this is a way to reach the unchurched. That is the mission of all the churches, to bring all the people to Christ. To me, it is reaching out."

"You couldn't get people to go out and do this in a normal

evangelical missionary way, but they'll go out and hang those video bags on door knobs," added Stutz.

The video missionaries will not ask to enter homes, and will not preach to anyone who receives the movies.

Everett Bender, organizer of

the effort, is a businessman and leader of the Christian Training Center. He organized the project with dozens of other pastors and members of several churches.

Anyone interested in helping should contact a local church or pastor.

## Pioneer Day an opportunity to take trip back in time

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

On Saturday, local youngsters can take a trip back in time — to learn the ways of the pioneers.

It's the eighth annual Pioneer Day at the Potton House, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Heritage Museum organizes the yearly event for children, their parents and grandparents.

And because it has been underwritten by Norwest Bank,

all activities at Pioneer Day are free.

"This one is going to be larger than ever before," said museum curator Angie Way. "Thanks to our kind volunteers, everyone who comes to Pioneer Day will have the chance to try out all sorts of pioneer ways."

Children can make cornhusk or handkerchief dolls, try a hand at churning butter, play games at least 100 years old and learn pioneer poetry.

Volunteers from the community will man booths that feature various activities and crafts. They will also sell a cooling drink of lemonade for the pioneer price of "two bits."

There will also be demonstrations of such necessary skills as making lye soap. Games, such

as marbles and jump rope, can be experienced as the early settlers to Big Spring might have played them.

Every person who attends will have the opportunity to make something to take home.

"That's what is really special about this," Way said. "Every child leaves with a handful of their own 'pioneer heirlooms.'"

And children, Way added, learn that the early settlers had uses for things we might never consider, such as making dolls of cornhusks — a part of the corn plant that is normally thrown away today.

At least 300 people are expected to stop by during the three-hour event, and Way said there is plenty of shade on the Potton House lawn for those who don't



WAY



Darci Owens of Big Lake gets ready to enter her animal in one of two Texas Junior Meat Goat Association shows at the Martin County Fair in Stanton on Saturday. The shows drew several hundred entries from all across Texas. The two-day annual fair featured pageants, musical entertainment, a 4-H ice cream freeze-off and numerous judged contests.

HERALD photo/Don McClellan

## Bustamante one of 36 chosen for TASB program

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School board vice president Irene Bustamante is one of 36 school board members selected statewide for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) 1999-2000 leadership program.

"I am really honored and very excited to have been selected for this position. I am the first person from Big Spring and the first woman from Region 18 to be selected," said Bustamante, who has been a BSISD trustee for five years.

TASB leadership members attend six sessions throughout the year and generate ideas and solutions for their individual

districts. Special projects are selected for board members to participate with, and presentations are included once the project is completed.

Some of these projects may include education and critical leadership experiences as well as opportunities to meet with state and national leaders.

"They will ask each of us for special challenges our district faces, as well as special challenges from our area," she said.

From the challenges submitted by each of the 36 members, a series of projects will be prepared, common to each district and area, and leadership program members will then work toward finding solutions that may be applied throughout the state.

"They also want input about our area and our district, such as economy and situations we deal with unique to Big Spring," she said.

## Enrollment improves but still trails '98

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Enrollment figures for Big Spring Independent School District have improved since the first day of school, but district enrollment is still less than last year.

"We're down 172 students on the ninth class day, and we expect to remain at about 150 students down for the year," said deputy superintendent Murray Murphy.

"We've seen a trend of smaller classes coming in, in the past three years. This is a bad trend and we are really concerned about the kindergarten and second grade," Murphy said.

Murphy said this trend is seen throughout West Texas school districts, and he attributes the decline to the economic conditions of the area.

"This is A-typical for what is going on now. Snyder is down about 175 students, as is Sweetwater. Ector County is down 1,100 students, and Midland is down 1,500. Andrews is down 211 students," he said.

For the ninth class day, Big Spring High School reports an enrollment of 1,126, which is 10 students less than this time last year. Junior high school totals are 686, compared to 699 for the same grades last year.

"We're down 34 students on the secondary level," Murphy said.

Elementary enrollment has declined substantially, 128 students less this year than last. The 1998-99 enrollment for grades first through sixth was 2,447, while the 1999-2000 enrollment for the ninth day was 2,319.

By campus, Anderson Kindergarten Center enrollment

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MURPHY

BUSTAMANTE



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out and suppress a wildfire if one gets started."

In addition to traditional fire-fighting manpower and equipment to help county fire departments, the TFS has moved an air operation to the Abilene airport, said Brown. Two converted crop sprayers have a fire-fighting capacity of 800 and 500 gallons of fire retardant, respectively, he noted.

Fortunately, it's been quiet and the team's fire prevention education effort is paying off. In addition, Brown noted, 70 counties have issued bans on outdoor burning in response to the growing threat. The Texas Forest Service credits such bans with helping to eliminate many wildfires.

"Counties and fire departments have been good at implementing these bans, but we are seeing a slight increase in (fire) activity," he said. "Signs of some of these can often be seen along the interstate caused by someone flipping a cigarette butt or from a catalytic converter caused by driving into dry grass."

Howard County has not implemented a burning ban, Brown observed, and has had approximately four wild fires reported and suppressed in the last two weeks. "If they had the burning ban, they may not have had the fires," he said.

Firefighters can expect vegetation to burn quickly and intensely, said Brown. The intense heat will increase the likelihood that burning embers may be blown well beyond the main fire to ignite spot fires well in advance of the main fire front.

Extra time and care will also need to be devoted to fire mop-up operations, to reduce the threat of rekindling or flare-up of wildfires after the firefighters are gone.

Brown noted that vegetation is so dry, almost any type of spark would start a wildfire. Welding sparks, mowers hitting rocks, hay balers, carelessly discarded smoking materials and catalytic converters have ignited several recent wildfires.

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ment was 298, compared to 342 last year. Murray said the past three years enrollment has substantially declined at this grade level.

Bauer Magnet School has a total enrollment of 270, compared to 286 last year. Kentwood has 145 students, down three students from last year.

Marcy Elementary reported a ninth class day enrollment of 378, down 12 students from the 390 enrolled last year. Moss Elementary has reduced by 18 students, from 320 to 302, he said.

Washington Elementary enrollment declined by 34 students, from 305 to 271 on the ninth class day.

Murray said the district will take appropriate measures, based on the declining enrollment.

"We will deal with this problem in the best way. We have already cut some teacher positions," he said, referring to realignment that was accomplished earlier this year.

A&M faculty questions Bush family influence

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University faculty members are questioning the Bush family's influence over A&M and its George Bush School of Government and Public Service, the Bryan College Station Eagle reported in Sunday's edition.

Spokespersons for Texas Gov. George W. Bush and his father, former President George Bush, deny that the two have attempted to interfere with the school's academic autonomy. But citing interviews and documents obtained through the Texas Public Information Act, the newspaper related a series of incidents in which concerns were raised.

Last October, Bush School officials briefly considered issuing written guidelines for faculty to follow when discussing the Bush family with the news media. The proposal came in response to a complaint from Dale Laine Jr., then manager of Gov. Bush's re-election campaign.

Laine phoned Elynn Perrone, director of external relations at A&M, about quoted remarks critical of George Bush's speaking ability attributed to a researcher in the Bush School's Center for Presidential Studies.

Perrone said Bush School director Charles Hermann drafted the proposed guidelines, which banned faculty members from identifying their affiliations with the Bush School when commenting to the media about the Bush family.

"This policy is a matter of sensitivity and simple courtesy to the people who have made possible this school and many of the opportunities it has," a draft of the guidelines states.

The proposal was quickly shot down.

"Fortunately they didn't do anything stupid," A&M President Ray Bowen said. "You can't blame us for thinking about doing something stupid."

Asked if Gov. Bush asked Laine to make the call, Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for the governor, told The Eagle "I don't have any information that that was the case."

Other incidents raised regarding the Bush family's influence include:

• The removal in July of the Bush School from A&M's College of Liberal Arts;

• A decision by Don Powell, chairman of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and a key Texas fundraiser for the governor's presidential campaign, to lead an influential external advisory board to the Bush School.

• And the statement in July by Robert Gates, former CIA director under President Bush, that he accepted the position of Bush School interim dean at the former president's request.

Philadelphia mob boss expected to testify in trial

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — No one knows just what the future of the Philadelphia mob will be now that reputed leader Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino is in jail.

But with Merlino's alleged predecessor, Ralph Natale, producing a bombshell this week by reportedly agreeing to testify for prosecutors, the gangland landscape could change dramatically.

"It's very unusual," Edwin Jacobs Jr., one of Merlino's attorneys, said Saturday. "As far as I know, it's the first time a person identified as a head or a former head of an organized crime unit by the FBI has ever flipped sides."

Natale, who is currently in

jail on federal drug conspiracy charges, has reportedly agreed to provide information on drug dealing, murders and political corruption in Philadelphia and Camden, N.J., after secretly meeting with federal authorities for about two months.

Such cooperation, reported this week by newspapers citing law enforcement officials, would make him the highest-ranking American Mafia figure ever to cooperate. It also marks a possible turning point for the future of the Philadelphia mob, which has endured a series of turncoats and other troubles in recent years.

"Ironically, one of the most outspoken critics of such a deal is Natale himself," Jacobs said. "He's been very vocal in the past about using rats as government witnesses."

In the last 13 years, nearly a dozen initiated or "made" members of the local crime family have turned into government witnesses. It was mobster Ronald Previte, a top Natale associate, who wore a hidden wire provided by the FBI, that led to the arrests of Natale, Merlino and four other Boston mob associates on drug charges in June.

In 1993, internal divisions erupted into a mob war that almost led to the assassination of then underboss Merlino. And most recently, Joseph Anthony Ligabbi emerged as the new mob boss after just two years in the organization, a sign of the vacuum in the power leadership, according to law enforcement officials.

Natale has been quietly negotiating a deal with federal authorities since his arrest on federal drug charges two months ago. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported Friday. He has been held in the Salem County Jail in southern New Jersey on charges that he operated a methamphetamine distribution ring.

REUNIONS

THE CLASS OF 1969 will be having a class reunion on Oct. 15-16. We are searching for the following graduates:

Steven Aubrey Austin, Ruth Bailey (Collins), Douglas Ball, Rhonda Barger, Warren Bell, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown, James Brown, Kenny Brown, Mike Brumley, Sherry Buford, Allen Bunn, Mary Beth Burcham, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Sotello), Ema Chavez, Tim Childress, Gwen Clark, John Douglas Cockerham, Elodia Corrales (Cherry), Kathryn Crenshaw (Milch), Benjamin Rush Crocker, Joann Davis, Alanda Deans, James Dement, Robert Christy Deming, Glenda Kay Digby, Robert Domino, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, Callan Elliott, Debra Miller Erhardt, Michael Evans, Clifton Ray Fidler, Pattie Lue Finke, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Debbie Fritz, Larry Froman, Dicky Wayne Gibson, Wanda Sue Gipson, Kerry Gunnels, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iascula Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Arthur Huse, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Nancy Kasch, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Charles Kimple, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Barbara Long, Roberta Hazel Marks, Juanita Mata, Gerald Matin, Carolyn McMurtrey, Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene Willard Meyers, Earsie Jean Miller, Thomas Molina, Carolyn Ann Montgomery, Karen Marie Moore, Irene Munoz (McCurdy), Sherry

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY

LOTTO: 5,15,24,27,32,33

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

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Please contact Shelene Parnell Roberts at 267-2798 or 267-5858 if you have any information on these graduates.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1989 is looking for the following class members in preparation for their 10th reunion:

Dino Aguilar, Cheryl Alcantar, Lori Anderson, Daniel Andrews, Andrew Bacon, Jerry Baldoock, Tana Kay Barbee, Mark Barkley, Emma Bermea, Barry Blauser, Gary Boyd, Shana Brasel, Rodney Brown, Shirrel Brumley, Doug Bryan, Brandon Burnett, Brian Burson, Michael Calvio, Stacie Carmichael, Amy Carroll, Michelle Carter, Domingo Castillo, Joella Childress, Bobby Chrane, Vance Christie, Eric Cisneros, Todd Cline, Pamela Coker, Rebecca Cook, Alan Cox, Chris Crownover, Cynthia Davila, Barbara Davis, Andrew Davis, Danny Ditto, Penny Doggett, David Dominguez, Michael Dominguez, Lora Doporto, Joey Douglas, Randy Earnst, Tex Ellis, Maria Escanuelas, David Escovedo, Frances Escovedo, Scott Farris, Wesley Fields, Rosalinda Flores, Delena Franco, Daniel Freshour, Ben Fritzier, Suzanne Fulesday Jennifer Fugua, Christopher Futrelle, Sylvia Gaitan, Alicia Garcia, Ben Gonzales, Ester Gonzales, Gregoria Gonzales, Lori Gonzales, Veronica Gonzales, Beverly Gresham, Melynda Grifford, Timothy Gutierrez, Terry Hall, Sonya Hancock, Dennis Hartfield, Tina Henderson, Kurt Henry, Edward Hernandez, Javier Hernandez, Lydia Hernandez, Steve Hernandez, Crystal Hicks, Lisa Hillger, Jamie Hinojos, Nancy Hollingsworth, Cheryl Holt, Janene Horton, William Horton, Aretha Isaiiah, Joey Jabor, Irene Jara, Shanette Johnson, Marty Kirby, Eric Kruegar, Todd Kuykendall, Jeffrey Leal, MarJane Lehman, Mary Lemon, Anthony Lewis, Arturo Lopez, David Lopez, Michelle Lovelace, Anna Martinez, Melissa Martinez, Robert Martinez, Chris Mason, Eric Mayes, Eric McKinney, Victor Mendez, Lyndel Moody, Irma Moreno, Hector Morin, Pamela Mudrick, Melody Musick, Monica Nellen, Maria Nieto, Victoria Norwood, Jeff Obrien, Jose Ortega, Ruben Ortiz, Dianna oviedo, Armando Paredes, Louisa Ovalle Paredes, Richard Parnell, Sherman Powers, Tim Pruitt, Debra Pulver, Brandy Qualls, Adam Ramirez, Adela Ramirez,

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If you know the address or phone number of any of the people please call Deanna Beckham Settles at 1-817-545-6292 or Shawn Proffitt Hatfield at 263-7916 in the evenings.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

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

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

Howard County Commissioners Court will convene at 10 a.m. Monday to consider personnel, the annual tax report, a physician contract for CHC and a video tape request from the county attorney.

A budget session, appointment of an outside auditor and

purchase requests are also on the agenda.

Howard College trustees will convene at 12:30 p.m. Monday to consider adoption of the tax rate for 1999-2000 and hear a report on summer enrollment.

Consideration of core curriculum and a West Texas Training Center agreement are on the agenda, as are sale of delinquent tax property, a tax collection agreement and board handbook changes.

Stanton City Council will convene at 7:30 a.m. Monday in council chambers to consider the tax rate for the year 2000 and to consider and take action of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Big Spring City Council will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday to consider awarding a bid for the demolition of the Permian Building appointments to Moore Development for Big Spring board and to hold a public hearing regarding the annual budget.

Other agenda items are suspension of an Energas rate schedule increase and annual agreements with the Heritage Museum, chamber of commerce, Rape Crisis/Victim Services and others.

Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. board will convene at 3 p.m. Wednesday to consider co-sponsoring an event for the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation visit and financial assistance for a MHMR vocational training building.

Other items are consideration for assistance in partial funding of an integrated pest management program and a request from the U.S. Flight Academy. Monthly financial and investment reports are also on the agenda.

POLICE

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

•WES KERBY, 21, was arrested for failure to identify.

•LLOYD COBB, 42, and DONALD BELCHER, 52, were arrested at Comanche Park for public lewdness.

•JOSE HOLQUIN, 24, was arrested for driving with license suspended.

•WILBERT POWELL, 56, was arrested for injury to a child.

•CAROLL CALVERT, 58, was arrested for driving while under the influence.

•RICHARD DYER, 20, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JOSHUA MILAN, 17; JASON ORTEGA, 18; J.P. HAVERCROFT, 19; WILLIAM GUY, 17; TIM NARLOCK, 18; and JASON FRENCH, 18; were arrested for possession of marijuana.

•FRED WEATHERBY, 38, was arrested for making alcohol available to minors.

•THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, the 400 block of Birdwell, and the 1000 block of N. Lamesa.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of W. Ninth.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported at 3rd and Union, 22nd and Gregg and the 1100 block of Gregg.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 4200 block of Walnut.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF over \$50 was reported at Wasson Corners.

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First

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Hurricane Bret Saturday at the Gulf coast, residents of 3 Island were given time to get out of town.

Officials of the port island in the Gulf ordered the 2,100 pack and leave by 6 Mayor Ed Cysganiew.

Residents of Port the mainland side way to the barrier given until 9 a.m. to

School buses were deployed to transport to inland shelters County Judge Gilbert said Saturday after

If residents don't leave, Hinojosa said hand out little book "You're not going you stay on the island hurricane hits."

Hudsp

ODESSA (AP) — lawyer is threatening state on behalf of Texas county that v posed home of a tr level radioactive wa

Attorney Kit Bram resenting Hudspeth its dispute with Vermont over paym ated with the dump.

He is now threaten Texas into the fray.

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Teen-age

LITTLE ROCK, A Louisiana juvenile le pending for two boy questioned by Arka after their father, police officer, was while fleeing auth Arkansas State Pol man said Saturday.

James B. Frye, 30 Orange, Texas, poli shot dead Friday a two women hostage business in Bryant wanted at the time o out of Texas and Lo

His two sons — De 16, and Damon Frye

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# First major storm since 1988 menaces lower Gulf Coast

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — As Hurricane Bret took aim Saturday at the lower Texas coast, residents of South Padre Island were given until sunup to get out of town.

Officials of the popular resort island in the Gulf of Mexico ordered the 2,100 residents to pack and leave by 6 a.m. today, Mayor Ed Cyganiewicz said.

Residents of Port Isabel, on the mainland side of the causeway to the barrier island, were given until 9 a.m. to evacuate.

School buses were being deployed to transport residents to inland shelters, Cameron County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa said Saturday afternoon.

If residents don't want to leave, Hinojosa said, "then we hand out little body tags."

"You're not going to live if you stay on the island and the hurricane hits," he said.

*"You're not going to live if you stay on the island and the hurricane hits."*

—Cameron County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa

"You're going to drown."

At 1 p.m. CDT, Bret was located about 210 miles southeast of Brownsville and was moving to the north-northwest at 8 mph.

Maximum winds were near 95 mph, but were expected to reach at least 110 mph before the storm makes landfall Sunday afternoon near the mouth of the Rio Grande, forecasters said. A hurricane with winds over 101 mph is classified as "major."

In addition to powerful winds, Bret was expected to spin off destructive tornadoes, drench the region with up to 10 inches

of rainfall and assail the coast with a 10-foot storm surge or wall of water, forecasters said.

"The storm is pretty impressive from the satellite perspective," said meteorologist Rick Smith in the National Weather Service' Southern Region Operations Center in Fort Worth. "The eye has become very visible in the satellite pictures, indicating some strengthening."

At midday Saturday, some tourists remained on the beach even though the seas were choppy and skies were turning gray. Veronica Nunez of Monterrey,

Mexico, was flying a kite with her husband and two daughters.

"We were supposed to leave tomorrow, but we have to leave this afternoon instead," she said.

At the 187-room Radisson Resort South Padre, front office manager Agustine Rodriguez was scrambling to help a long line of concerned guests.

"We've had quite a few early check-outs," he said. "We were sold out for tonight and now I'm looking at about 30 rooms."

At the Sheraton Fiesta Beach Resort, workers were busy boarding up windows and laying sandbags around the first floor of the 12-story, beachfront hotel, general manager Tim Goodman said.

Goodman said some patrons had checked out, citing worries about the hurricane, and the hotel has received a large number of weekend cancellations.

While the Sheraton went through its preparatory drill last year for a tropical storm, the only storm damage the hotel has seen in its 13 years came in 1988 when Hurricane Gilbert hit 80 miles south of Brownsville.

"There was some flooding in the first floor, but nothing severe," Goodman said. Homeowners also were taking precautions. Building supply stores were overrun with customers wanting plywood, nails, flashlights, generators and sand.

"Let me tell you, we are swamped," said Alma Ortiz at the Home Depot store in Pharr-McAllen, about 60 miles inland.

"We opened at 6 a.m. and at 10 minutes until 6 there were already lines out there," she said.

Even though the store had

called in extra help, there was a still 45-minute to one-hour wait for checkout, she said.

At a Shell station inland in Harlingen, Ruben Ramirez bought bottles of water he said would be his only preparation for the storm.

"Everything else I leave up to the Lord," he said.

Cameron County officials said about 6,000 sandbags have been filled in case they are needed, and another 10,000 were ordered for Sunday.

"We're trying to get a jump on this thing because it's so close to us because it could increase its forward movement speed," Cameron County Emergency Management Coordinator Desi Najera said.

Eighteen Mexican ports along the Gulf were closed Friday to small and medium craft navigation.

## Hudspeth County lawyer says he may sue Texas

ODESSA (AP) — An El Paso lawyer is threatening to sue the state on behalf of the West Texas county that was the proposed home of a tri-state low-level radioactive waste dump.

Attorney Kit Bramblett is representing Hudspeth County in its dispute with Maine and Vermont over payments associated with the nonexistent dump.

He is now threatening to draw Texas into the fray.

All three states are "talking nice" and making vague references to services that could be offered to the West Texas coun-

ty, but no monetary offers to settle differences have been made, Bramblett said.

Hudspeth County officials contend they are owed \$2.5 million for serving as the tri-states proposed disposal site for civilian-generated low-level radioactive waste.

Linda Edwards, spokesman for Gov. George W. Bush, disagreed.

"We don't think Texas owes them anything," said Ms. Edwards. She added that it was premature to talk about a potential lawsuit.

Citing environmental con-

cerns, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission rejected the Sierra Blanca site as a potential underground dump for radioactive waste.

But Hudspeth County officials contend the tri-state compact states that \$2.5 million was to be paid the county when the tri-state compact was ratified by Congress. That occurred in September 1998.

"It's really not Maine and Vermont's fault. Texas told them not to send the money," Bramblett said. "We should have got our money long before

the ... (TNRCC) ever turned it down."

Bramblett said he is preparing a lawsuit that will name Texas, Maine, Vermont and the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority, which will be merged with the TNRCC at the end of the month.

Ms. Edwards said there is a provision in the compact agreement that Texas had to approve the site before any payments were made.

"The law defines the host county as where the facility is located or where it is being developed," she said.

## Teen-age sons of former police officer wanted in Louisiana

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Louisiana juvenile warrants are pending for two boys who were questioned by Arkansas police after their father, a former police officer, was fatally shot while fleeing authorities, an Arkansas State Police spokesman said Saturday.

James B. Frye, 36, a former Orange, Texas, policeman was shot dead Friday after taking two women hostage at a local business in Bryant. Frye was wanted at the time on warrants out of Texas and Louisiana.

His two sons — Derrick Frye, 16, and Damon Frye, 15 — fled

when officers pursued their father, but they were found later and questioned.

State police/spokesman Bill Sadler said Saturday that authorities learned around midnight Friday that "both teenagers were wanted on juvenile warrants in Louisiana."

The 16-year-old was then released to his mother and returned with her to Louisiana, Sadler said. The 15-year-old was being detained in a juvenile detention center in Arkansas. "He will face some sort of a hearing on Monday to arrange for his transfer to Louisiana

sheriff's deputies," Sadler said.

Sadler would not say why the two boys were being treated differently, nor specify what the teen-agers were wanted for in Louisiana.

Asked if they had any involvement in their father's alleged criminal activities, Sadler said, "That was the reason that the state police wanted to talk to the boys."

"It was an attempt to try to learn information from them as to any other crimes that may have been unreported or to see if there is any connection between the boys and crimes

that were under investigation" in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas, he said. "There is no connection."

Meanwhile, state police are investigating Frye's shooting at Middleton Heat and Air in Bryant, Sadler said. A final report should be ready by Thursday, possibly earlier, he said.

Sadler would not say which officer apparently fired the fatal shot. But "I will say the two initial agencies represented as the situation began to go bad was the U.S. Marshals Service and the Bryant Police Department."

## Suspect failed polygraph, according to arrest warrant

SAGINAW (AP) — A polygraph examiner who questioned Richard Lee Franks about a 6-year-old girl missing since March said in his opinion Franks was deceptive when he denied abducting Opal Jo Jennings and when he denied knowing the location of her body.

The information was in an affidavit, obtained Friday by WFAA-TV of Dallas.

FBI and local police officers covered more territory Friday — a park, a 4-H complex and a pond — in their continued search for the girl. Officials said Franks suggested the places on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Franks' wife says he couldn't have kidnapped Opal because she was with him the entire day the girl disappeared.

Judy Franks said she and her husband were together at their South Fort Worth home most of that day, according to a copyrighted story in Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

She said her husband told her that he gave investigators his alibi but "they don't believe me."

FBI officials said they talked

to Mrs. Franks but declined to discuss the conversations.

Franks, 30, was arrested Tuesday. After the lie detector test, police said, questioning continued and that Franks admitted that he had driven to Saginaw on March 26 and saw the girl playing with two other children in a field.

Franks, who has a history of sexually abusing children, said the girl walked over to his car and began talking with him, then reached into the vehicle and tried to grab him. He said he pushed her back.

According to the affidavit, Franks said the girl got into the car with him and that he drove her to a convenience store, where he waited while she went inside. Later, he said, the 6-year-old girl initiated sexual contact with him and told him she wanted him to have sex with her.

He said he refused, telling her she was too young, and that he could get into trouble. He claimed that he took the girl back to the same place he picked her up and let her out of the car. Franks said he didn't know if she went into the house. He said he just wanted to get away from her.

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## Howard County Jesus Video Project



### A Covenant of Christian Love

**Whereas** God will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, (1 Timothy 2:4) and  
**Whereas** God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, (2 Peter 3:9) and  
**Whereas** God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life, (John 3:16) and  
**Whereas** there is no salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved, (Acts 4:12) and  
**Whereas** it is the responsibility of every Christian and every Christian Church to reach out with the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus as their Savior, and  
**Whereas** the "Jesus Video" has proven to be an excellent method of bringing people to a knowledge of Jesus as their Savior and faith in Him,

**Therefore be it resolved** that we the undersigned Churches of the Big Spring community herewith covenant together in Christian Love:

**To work** together to reach all people of all ages in the Big Spring area with the message of Jesus' love and the gift of eternal life through faith in Him, and

**To give** a positive witness of our mutual determination to reach the lost for Jesus and a commitment to be more concerned with bringing people to faith in Jesus than we are to build our own individual congregations, and

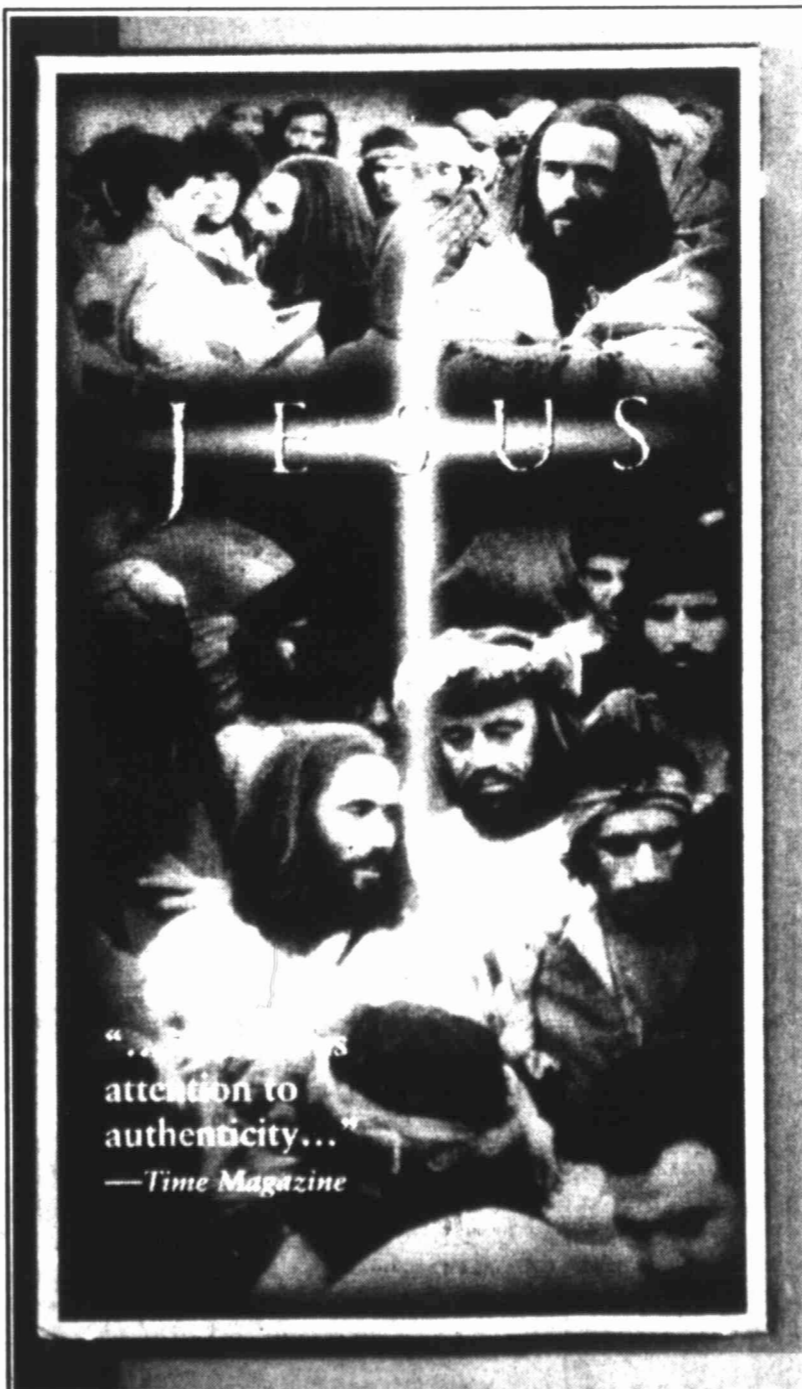
**To seek** to establish "Light Houses of Prayer" on every block or area of our community to pray for the people of our community that they might grow in the love of Jesus, if they have already known Him as their Savior, or that they might accept Him as their personal Savior, if they have not yet done so, and

**To encourage** our members to pray daily for the success of the "Jesus Video" project so that through this project every person in the Big Spring area may have a personal relationship with Jesus as their Savior, and

**To help** to distribute the "Jesus Video" to every household in the Big Spring area, and finally,

**To follow up** on each and every person in our community who indicates a desire to know more about Jesus, come to a personal relationship with Him, or rededicate their lives to Him.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit



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### Howard County's Participating Churches

- Abundant Grace Family Church
- Airport Baptist Church
- Baker's Chapel AME Church
- Baptist Student Ministry, SCWID
- Baptist Temple Church
- Berea Baptist Church
- Birdwell Lane Baptist Church
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Central Baptist Church
- Christ's Community Church
- Church of the Harvest
- College Baptist Church
- College Park Church of God
- Cornerstone Church
- Crestview Baptist Church
- Crossroads Church
- East Fourth Street Baptist Church
- East Side Baptist Church
- First Assembly of God
- First Baptist Church - Big Spring
- First Baptist Church - Knott
- First Christian Church
- First Church of God
- First Church of The Nazarene
- First Presbyterian Church - Big Spring
- First Presbyterian Church - Coahoma
- First United Methodist Church - Big Spring
- First United Methodist Church - Coahoma
- Forsan Baptist Church
- Hillcrest Baptist Church
- Iglesia Bautista Central
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Catholic
- Living Water Ministries
- McGee Chapel, Church of God in Christ
- Midway Baptist Church
- Miracle Revival Center
- North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church
- Northside Baptist Church
- Northside United Methodist Church
- Power House Church of God in Christ
- Primera Bautista Mission
- Prairie View Baptist Church
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- St. Joseph Catholic Church
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church
- St. Paul Lutheran Church
- St. Thomas Catholic Church
- Salem Baptist Church
- Salvation Army
- Seventh Day Adventist
- Shilo Church of God in Christ
- Spring Tabernacle
- Templo Belen, Assembly of God
- Vincent Baptist Church
- Wesley Methodist Church



# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

### Common cause brings together many churches

This week, our community is going to experience something unprecedented. More than 50 local churches will work on a project at the same time.

Instead of disagreements, judgment or just ignoring each other, these churches of various denominations have already committed their time, energy and even their feet, to the Jesus Video Project.

They started Saturday, covering every street of the county, handing out free copies of a movie about the life of Jesus Christ. Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Nazarenes and all the rest agreed to not only distribute the videos, but also to pray extensively for our community at the same time. For months they have discussed, organized, planned and prayed.

So if someone comes to your door, offering a movie about Jesus, don't worry, it isn't a member of some strange cult. It's a member of a church in your community. It may even be a friend or neighbor of yours or of someone you know.

Those who can appreciate the magnitude of such a project (there are 10,000 videos to be handed out) should thank Everett Bender. The local businessman and leader of Christian Ministries spearheaded this effort since its beginning here months ago.

It was with his organizational plan that the churches began distribution Saturday, to continue through the end of this month.

We salute all those churches who chose to join this effort. And we hope it signals a new era for cooperation among our various Christian denominations. Working together, they can be a vital link in helping to improve the community where we all live, work and worship.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

I just want to thank Howard Hornsby for opening up his house for the youth of Big Spring to come fellowship, play, jam to great music, and worship.

We need more willing adults in this town to actually get involved in the social development of the local youth's lives. Thanks Howard!

Also, I thought it was wonderfully touching to see so many different denominations out there supporting this event. We had leaders and members from: First Baptist, Hillcrest, First Methodist, Christ Community, Church of the Nazarene, College Baptist, etc.

That is what we need to see

more of. Not competition, but collaboration. This was an awesome time of worship and fellowship and seeing everyone come together was quite encouraging and uplifting.

Contrary to popular belief, Big Spring does have "clean fun" for youth to participate in. I think the churches of Big Spring are doing a tremendous job of working together and making the town a better place to live.

I am extremely pleased to see us all work together here. Thanks again everyone! Also, I am looking forward to the Among Thorns concert at the First Baptist Church Aug. 29. Hope to see everyone there.

SARAH SMITH  
BIG SPRING

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### What? The White House isn't Y2K compliant?

The White House may not make it. Sources there tell us that the White House Y2K problem is not scheduled to be resolved until some time in October, just over two months ahead of computer doomsday — and that is cutting it too close.

Most computers express years in two digits. For example, 1999 becomes 99. If these machines are not updated to become Y2K compliant by Jan. 1, 2000 — what we call Y2K Day — they will interpret 00 as the year 1900.

What happens then is anybody's guess. Will airplanes fall from the sky? Will banks

collapse and checks bounce from coast to coast? Will commerce grind to a halt, with grocery shelves bare and houses dark and dry for lack of electricity and water? Will the White House shut down? Scare speculation abounds.

The federal government would seem to be the logical leader in this race to avoid chaos, but it literally does not have its own "House" in order.

None of us really knows what goes on in the deeper recesses of the White House. The commander-in-chief, the chief executive officer, the most powerful man in the world lives and works there. Presumably, the accountants and people supporting those positions are also there or next door in the Old Executive Office Building. In other words, the bulk of one entire branch of our government, the executive branch, is working in a non-Y2K compliant environment.

According to the Office of

Management and Budget, the White House did reach the 65 percent compliance mark this summer, and assures us that all will be well by Y2K Day. However, the OMB's budget and other predictions have often been wide the mark, causing us to remain skeptical. Even if, as planned, the OMB announces this fall that compliance has been achieved, the White House staffers still will be holding their breath come January.

Many scenarios are possible. We list a few. From most likely to least likely, what could happen?

No. 1: A few nonessential computers spew out gibberish, causing some employees to be idled and forcing some meals and menus to be reconstituted by hand.

No. 2: Disruptions in several offices occur, slowing the wheels of this branch of government.

No. 3: The intranet (in-house

network) goes down, causing a reliance on intercoms, phones and runners.

No. 4: Some current data is lost. Older data, hopefully, will have already been saved on backup disks, drives and CDs.

No. 5: Calendars and guest lists are altered or destroyed.

No. 6: Nothing happens.

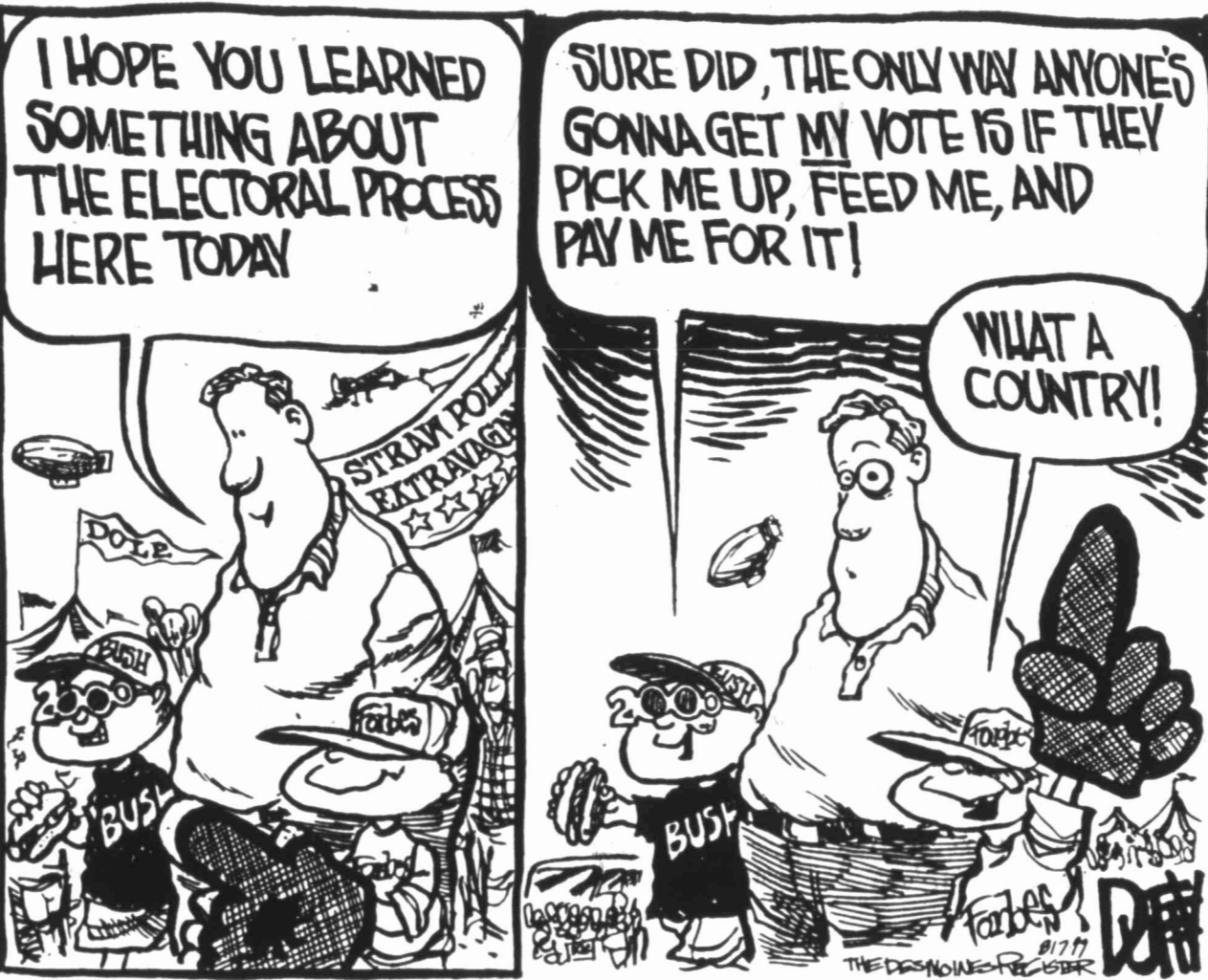
No. 7: One or more important systems crash, causing disarray in daily operations.

No. 8: Important files are corrupted, causing policy-making problems.

No. 9: Important files are lost.

No. 10: The White House and Old Executive Office Building shut down.

We list these problems not to alarm but to explain the scale and scope of what may befall the White House come Y2K Day. In truth, no one knows, and we have been among those who assumed that American technology would overcome the problem. Now, we are not so sure.



### Clean Texas Water: Tackling the challenge

By JOHN BAKER & TONY GARZA

There's nothing like a long, hot summer to remind us of the importance of our state's most precious natural resource — water.

Too often we take clean water for granted, assuming a constant and never-ending flow from our taps.

Clearly, we all have an interest in protecting and preserving Texas water. And no one recognizes this more than the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and the Texas Railroad Commission. During much of its 108-year history, the Railroad Commission has worked to conserve and promote Texas' vital resources.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, too, strives to protect Texas natural resources, focusing on clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste, with an emphasis on pollution prevention.

The TNRC and the Railroad Commission are committed to conservation. Our land, water, air and mineral resources are interwoven. Action in one area can greatly impact the quality and availability of other resources.

That's why the TNRC and Railroad Commission are joining forces in a strategic partnership that will positively impact water quality along the Upper Colorado River. This is just one way we can serve as

stewards while making a significant impact on water quality for Texans.

Under this collaborative effort, the TNRC will provide \$1.6 million in funding with the Railroad Commission contributing \$1 million in resources to plug oil wells along a portion of the Upper Colorado River basin. With the TNRC's funding, the Railroad Commission will plug 171 abandoned wells in and around the river basin. As the program progresses, our agencies will work together to monitor the success and impact we make on water quality for the state.

Why should we focus our resources and energy on the Colorado River? Communities from San Angelo to Big Spring, Midland and Odessa depend on the E.V. Spence Reservoir and the Upper Colorado River to provide them with water for human consumption, recreation and power. The E.V. Spence Reservoir provides water to more than 300,000 residents in seven Texas cities.

Yet, the region's water in many instances exceeds drinking water standards for chlorides, sulfates and dissolved solids, placing greater strain on public water systems. The TNRC has noted that as a result of higher levels of pollutants, many public facilities have experienced increased costs for water processing.

Increased chloride levels can be traced to a variety of sources, both man-made and

naturally occurring. Over the last few years, the TNRC, the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD), the Upper Colorado River Authority (UCRA), the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and other organizations have identified seepage from old, abandoned or unplugged oil wells as one significant source of increased salinity. With the expertise of the Railroad Commission, we've identified those wells in the region that pose the most significant environmental threat.

The responsibility for restoring these waterways falls to multiple agencies and groups, which requires a cooperative working relationship for the good of the state. That's why this new partnership is so important.

By focusing our financial and technical resources on the Upper Colorado River and the E.V. Spence Reservoir we should see a measurable and significant reduction in salinity levels. By forming alliances between agencies, we effectively and efficiently work toward the common goal of clean Texas water.

The plugging of these 171 additional wells marks an increase of more than 20 percent from the Railroad Commission's original fiscal year 1999 well-plugging projections. Further, the program earmarks money to determine the source of saline seeps in

the river basin and assess possible remediation of other oil-field sites.

Over the next three years, the Railroad Commission will lock arms for Texas with TNRC and local agencies to implement this \$2.65 million well-plugging program. Our progress will be tracked and information shared through a site on the World Wide Web.

The end goal is both realistic and attainable: enhance the Railroad Commission's pollution prevention efforts and contribute to the restoration of one of the Colorado River's most important water basins.

Without doubt, ours is an alliance that enhances our agencies' commitment to cleaner lands and waterways.

Cleaner, healthier rivers and water supplies are vital for Texas. That's what we aim for and what we're working to achieve. After all, so much can be done if we put our collective knowledge, experience and resources to good use. We all have a stake in clean rivers and waterways, and our agencies are doing their part to help guarantee a steady and clean supply for generations of Texans to come. Drop by drop and well by well, we can make a difference.

(Tony Garza is Texas' 41st Railroad Commissioner and chairs the commission. John Baker was appointed to the TNRC by Governor George W. Bush.)

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# Report claims welfare reform leaving poorest families poorer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Welfare reform has driven the poorest families deeper into poverty, while slightly raising the incomes of those who are a little better off, say researchers who hope to broaden the debate over what constitutes success.

The biggest problem, opposing camps agree, is that many families leaving welfare are not getting food stamps although they remain eligible. In 1995, 88 percent of poor kids received food stamps. By last year, it had fallen to 70 percent.

"The conventional wisdom here in Washington is that welfare reform is an unqualified success because caseload reductions have been so dramatic," said Wendell Primus, a researcher at the liberal-leaning Center for Budget and Policy

Priorities, which was releasing the report Sunday. Welfare caseloads have been cut nearly in half since peaking in 1994.

"We are not saying in this report that welfare reform is terrible. We're saying we have to bring more balance to what welfare reform is all about," added Primus, who resigned a top post with the Department of Health and Human Services to protest President Clinton's signing of the welfare bill three years ago Sunday.

Enthusiasts of the reforms argue that, overall, most families are better off.

"More Americans are enjoying the freedom of independence from the chains of welfare," said a statement from Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways

and Means Committee, which oversaw the reforms.

Still, even reform backers acknowledge problems.

A report from the Ways and Means Committee and testimony from the Clinton administration earlier this year acknowledged that the poor are losing ground, and Sunday's study is the most extensive documentation of these suspicions.

"There are people at the bottom who are worse off. We need to do something about that," said Ron Haskins, staff director for the committee's welfare panel, who helped write the welfare law.

But he argued that more people are better off.

The report, which used Census and caseload data, examined families headed by

single women and found their economic situations generally improved between 1993 and 1995.

But over the next two years, the poorest 20 percent of these families lost an average of \$577 per year, with incomes falling to \$8,047 annually.

Typically, these are families that left welfare but had not made up lost benefits with wages.

The situation was particularly bad for the poorest 10 percent, who lost an average of \$814 per year.

The problem, both sides explained, is people who are forced off the rolls but haven't figured out how to support themselves.

"In the old days, nobody cared about them. They just stayed on

welfare forever," Haskins said. "Now, even to stay on welfare you need a certain level of competence. There are things you must do. If not, they cut your benefits."

The report also examined families in the next income tier — those making between 75 and 112 percent of the poverty line. They came out ahead, but only by an average of \$110 per year, bringing their average income up to \$15,857 per year.

Essentially, these families were able to replace welfare with work and come out ahead, if only slightly, but would have fared better had they kept the food stamps they were entitled to.

They lost an average of \$530 in stamps between 1995 and 1997. Primus suggested that, given

the strong economy, they would be doing even better. Haskins said the law was designed so people would replace welfare with work: "The system is working exactly the way you drew it up on the chalkboard," he said.

President Clinton also expressed concern about declining food stamp rolls. Speaking at a welfare-to-work conference in Chicago this month, he called it "the only piece of troubling news in this whole happy scenario."

He said the administration has been unable to figure out why the rolls are falling, though some suspect families do not know they remain eligible for food help when they leave welfare. "We have to work on that," Clinton said.

## Republican lawmakers reveal HMO legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Patients damaged by HMO decisions would get limited new rights to sue their health plans under legislation disclosed Friday by Republican lawmakers trying to keep their fractured party together on the issue.

"This bill provides the patient protections that the American people have been demanding for years," said a statement from Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who developed the bill with Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz.

Speaker Dennis Hastert has promised to bring the bill to the House floor for a vote in September.

The proposal outlined Friday includes many of the same popular measures found in Democratic and some GOP

actions. Unlike the bill passed by Senate Republicans, the Coburn-Shadegg measure would cover all 161 million Americans with private health insurance.

It would require health plans to let patients appeal to independent panels when care is denied.

It would guarantee payments for reasonable emergency room visits and allow women direct access to gynecologists and obstetricians, without prior referrals.

Patients harmed by an HMO's actions could sue in federal courts but not state courts, which are more prone to large jury awards.

And health plans that promptly follow recommendations of the independent panels would not be liable for punitive dam-

ages.

"This measured bill demonstrates that Congress can protect patients without prescribing costly new benefit mandates or encouraging frivolous lawsuits," Shadegg said in a statement.

The bill leaves out another provision backed by many Democrats, giving doctors the right to determine medically necessary care. Insurance companies would retain that right.

Hastert and other GOP leaders hope the legislation will dissuade Republicans from supporting a bill backed by Democrats and Republicans led by Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga.

With only a razor-thin majority in the House, Republicans could lose a floor vote on the politically charged issue unless

they come up with a bill that brings back many of the 20 Republicans who signed onto the bill co-sponsored by Norwood and Democratic Rep. John Dingell of Michigan.

A day after Dingell and Norwood announced their coalition, Hastert directed Coburn and Shadegg to develop an alternative proposal.

This represents the first time GOP leaders have backed an increased right to sue. Business and insurance companies argue it will drive up the cost of health care.

Businesses, in particular, worry that they will be sued, although the new legislation tries to clarify that they are protected if they are not the ones making the health care decision.

## West Virginia man wins \$250,000 on quiz show

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Doug Van Gundy prides himself on his knowledge.

But the self-proclaimed "information junkie" insists he hasn't spent his whole life preparing for a game show — it just looks that way.

The West Virginia fiddler, who makes \$11,000 a year, claimed one of the largest cash prizes in American television game show history, walking away with \$250,000 from ABC's new "Who Wants to be a Millionaire."

Van Gundy, 33, correctly answered Nome as the Alaskan city where the Iditarod sled-dog race ends.

"I just spend a lot of time reading and watching movies or TV," said Van Gundy, who also works as a substitute teacher. "I can credit it all to growing up to the son of a college professor and a nurse. We always had lots of books in our house."

Van Gundy watched Friday's show from his home in Marlinton, one night after he was in New York for the show's taping.

"Millionaire," modeled after

a popular British quiz show, features host Regis Philbin and 10 contestants who compete for escalating prizes that eventually can total \$1 million. The last of the original 13 installments will be broadcast Aug. 29.

Reminiscent of quiz shows that captivated the nation in the '50s, "Millionaire" is off to a promising start.

It captured the 8:30 p.m. time slot among adults 18-49 and among total viewers Thursday, outperforming CBS's "Martial Law," NBC's "Jesse" and Fox's "World's Wildest Police Chases," ABC said, citing Nielsen Media Research figures.

While other game shows often force would-be contestants to travel to New York or California to compete, "Millionaire" picks players over the phone. For \$1.50 on a 900 line, people can play an initial round that is rated on accuracy and speed of response. The top players proceed to a second round, also played on the phone.

Ten finalists and two alternates are then flown to New York.

## Doctor, 67, sues hospital for saving his life

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A doctor who attempted suicide two years ago is suing the hospital he worked for after doctors saved his life following a stroke — ignoring his instructions to let him die.

Dr. Marshall Klavan wrote a living will in 1993 asking that he never be kept alive on life support after being haunted for years by memories of his father's stroke.

Today, 67-year-old Klavan is living the life he tried to avoid. After doctors helped him recuperate from a stroke that followed his suicide attempt, he now sits in a wheelchair unable to talk.

The stroke left him physically and mentally incompetent, his lawyer said.

"The irony of all this is he was determined not to go through what his dad went through. His dad had a devastating stroke and lived for years just drooling from the mouth," attorney James Lewis Griffith said Friday. "Now, look where he's at. He's a man who can't see, can't read, can't speak, can't take care of himself."

According to court documents, Klavan could live another 18 years in a nursing home that costs his family \$100,000 a year.

The court-appointed guardian for Klavan has filed a "wrongful life" lawsuit against Crozer-Chester Medical Center in federal court, arguing that doctors used "heroic lifesaving measures" to save Klavan twice, but violated his 14th Amendment right to refuse unwanted medical treatment.

"Dr. Klavan's situation cries out for prompt and definitive judicial resolution," U.S. District Judge Stewart Dalzell ruled Monday.

He said, however, that the case needs to be addressed in state court before being heard in federal court. Griffith said he is reviewing his options.

Klavan was chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the Delaware County hospital in April 1997

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Dying — the nonprofit organization that created the living will in 1967 — said most living wills are uncomplicated and properly executed.

"But this is not a pure case," Carol Sieger said. In all cases, people are usually resuscitated in 911 emergency situations despite living wills, which usu-

ally only pertain to long-term illnesses or deteriorating medical conditions — not suicide, she said.

"He would never had a stroke if he had not attempted suicide," she said. "If it were me, I would not put much credence to a doctor's living will right before an attempt at suicide."

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# Research: Mother and home, more than child care, shape children

BOSTON (AP) — Working parents, take heart: Researchers report that even lots of child care won't diminish the profound influences of family on young children.

The findings should help ease the mind of parents who fear that too much care by others is bound to short-change a child, especially of the benefits of a mother's attention, the researchers contended.

"It's not an issue of quantity, as much as quality. You really need to look at what is the nature of the experience in child care," said Ellen Peisner-Feinberg, a developmental psychologist at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. She worked on an earlier large study of child care and is familiar with the new results.

The latest findings stem from an ambitious project carried out by the federal government's Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Researchers followed about 1,300 newborns at 10 sites over seven years. By age 6 months, most were in child care with someone other than a parent — a relative, home provider, daycare center. Some of the findings were summarized Saturday at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.

The researchers measured the quality of family environment based on such factors as income, a mother's education, how sensitively the mother handles her child's needs, and how well she plays with her child. High scores in such areas turned out to predict good

outcomes in children more strongly than the quality of care by someone else. Such outcomes at ages 2 and 3 included mental and language skills, school readiness, and positive social behavior.

In a finding that surprised some researchers, the relationship between the family factors and outcomes in children stays the same whether the children spend less than 10 hours or more than 30 hours weekly in out-of-family child care. When both family and child care appear to influence outcomes in children, the estimated impact of family is at least twice as great as the child care influences.

The project's findings are similar to earlier research on the impact of preschool, which children usually attend at ages 3 and 4. "I find it very reassuring

for parents who work," said Sarah L. Friedman, scientific coordinator of the federal project.

"It means what parents believe and what parents do and the quality of the family environment make a difference."

Dick Clifford, who helps run a research center on child development in Chapel Hill, N.C., said such findings stand to reason. "Families have a huge amount of contact with kids. Parents have these kids seven days a week," he said. "It tends to be one-on-one contact."

Psychologist Margaret Burchinal, who analyzes statistics for the federal project, cautioned that the research also underscores the value of good child care. "It's not as important as the home, but it is important," she said.

## Boys are fashioned for violence, discontent, researchers contend

BOSTON (AP) — Raising boys to be strong and silent is promoting the outbreak of mass school shootings and a broader, smoldering climate of despair among male teen-agers, experts suggest.

"I think we have a national crisis of boys in America," said William Pollack, a psychologist at Harvard Medical School.

He and several other researchers on Friday discussed violent boys at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association. They were responding partly to public concern over recent mass killings at schools.

In April, two students killed 12 classmates and a teacher before committing suicide at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Other school shootings have struck Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas and Oregon.

The increase in such crimes is statistically small. There were two school homicides with multiple victims in 1992 but six last year — and they were largely at suburban schools.

The number of victims increased from four to 16. The psychologists said American boys are still reared largely in keeping with the traditional code of male toughness, which encourages boys to take action but squelches expressions of feeling and gestures of physical affection by and toward boys.

"You can punch one another, but you can't really have an affectionate touch," said Dan Kindlon, a psychologist at Harvard School of Public Health.

The researchers said cross-cultural studies demonstrate a clear link between violent societies and those that treat children with little physical warmth, according to University of Miami researcher Tiffany Field.

# Louisiana schools scrambling to make new policies for the 'yes sir' law

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Students who fail to address their teachers with courtesy titles will be disciplined under a state law taking effect when classes start this year — but many school officials have yet to decide just how mete out the punishment.

Believed to be the first in the nation mandating respectful conversation, the law requires students in kindergarten through fifth grade to address teachers and other school employees as "ma'am" or "sir,"

or to use the appropriate titles, like Mr. or Ms.

Each of the state's 66 public school systems is supposed to decide how to punish impolite students — with the law's only restriction on school officials saying that they can't expel or suspending violators.

New Orleans schools have a committee looking into policy changes but it has not settled on anything, even with classes starting Thursday, said spokesman Walt Pierce.

Neither have schools in

Terrebonne Parish or Beauregard Parish.

"We just received the legislative update and we will bring it up," said Beauregard Superintendent Joe Aguilard.

He said he does not expect the law to be difficult to enforce, thanks to a program it already set up a few years back to teach students about respect.

Bossier Parish also does not anticipate any problems because of its Care to Education program, which encourages students to respect their teachers,

administrators, and each other on a daily basis, said Betty McCauley, director of student services.

Some schools have established disciplinary guidelines.

East Baton Rouge Parish schools adopted a policy that will consider a violation of the rule as a minor offense. That means teachers will warn the students first. If the problem continues, they will contact the parent by telephone or request a conference. Notes will be sent to the student's parents if the

problem persists.

"Students should not be forced to say it, but they should follow the rules," said Julie Madere, a spokeswoman for East Baton Rouge Parish public schools.

Most East Baton Rouge teachers already require students to address them as "ma'am" and "sir," Madere added.

Cliff Friedman, superintendent in Jefferson Davis Parish, suggested letting principals at each school handle any violations.

"I don't really see a situation where punishment is going to be a major problem," Friedman said. "Good teachers know how to handle those types of situations without a major distraction."

Sue Hall, who has taught in New Orleans schools for 28 years, said most students do not address her as ma'am, but that doesn't mean they lack respect.

"It's a nice (law) in theory, but not in reality," said Hall, who teaches fifth grade at Gentilly Terrace.

# Touted 'virtual university' is still virtually unattended after one year

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — So far, reality isn't so pretty for the virtual university that opened a year ago amid a lot of pomp and circumstance.

The Western Governors University was heralded as a landmark online college, and Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt predicted thousands of students would be enrolled within a few years.

But a year after the school opening with an operating budget and startup costs totaling \$13 million, only about 120 students have enrolled in slightly fewer than 130 courses offered over the Internet by various universities.

"It's very possible that (the publicity) has created an image for it that it will take some time to fulfill," Leavitt said recently.

It's just that the WGU faces a key visit from accreditors next year.

While about 100 more students have signed up for four unaccredited degrees in the past four months, officials say it's the concept, not the numbers, that people should pay attention to.

"We're pioneering here," Leavitt said. "We haven't succeeded at it yet, but we're clearly the furthest along of anyone who's attempted it."

Charlotte Farr, director of distance education and creative services at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, isn't so for-

giving. She said she'd have a lot more students with the same funding.

"I'm dumbfounded," she said. Western Governors University was the vision of Leavitt and former Colorado Gov. Roy Romer. It has 39 higher-learning institutions in 19 states and Guam offering courses over the Internet. The goal is to provide college courses to isolated, rural citizens and training to workers in highly technical fields.

Measuring the success of an institution like WGU is difficult, said Leavitt. "There is no model to hold us up against."

Maybe not for long. Michigan Virtual University was launched on Wednesday and Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University is expected to go online in the fall.

While enrollment may be low at WGU, educators agree the school has forced traditional universities to embrace, or at least grudgingly accept, distance learning as a way to remain competitive.

"It certainly has given a vision to all higher education in the western United States that there are other ways to get a degree," said Weldon Sleight, an associate vice president at Utah State University, a WGU member.

WGU President Robert Mendenhall said he suspects thousands of students have

used WGU's course catalog to find Internet classes, only to go directly to the university providing the course to bypass WGU's \$30 processing fee.

For that reason, WGU has abandoned the fee in favor of an agreement under which member universities share 20 percent of the tuition paid by students signing up through WGU. In exchange, WGU will market the courses globally.

Leavitt says it is the degree programs that will make or break WGU.

The governor says enrollment in "on track" for the two-year associate degree programs in general studies, network administration and electronic manufacturing, and the masters degree program in learning and technology.

Leavitt expects 300 students in the degree programs by the end of the year and believes that should be enough for accreditors to evaluate the university when they visit early next year.

Without accreditation, WGU degrees are of little value. But Leavitt believes the school will be accredited and enrollment will jump.

It will have to if WGU is to remain financially viable. Mendenhall says the school needs 3,000 students in its degree programs to break even, a goal he expects to reach in three years.

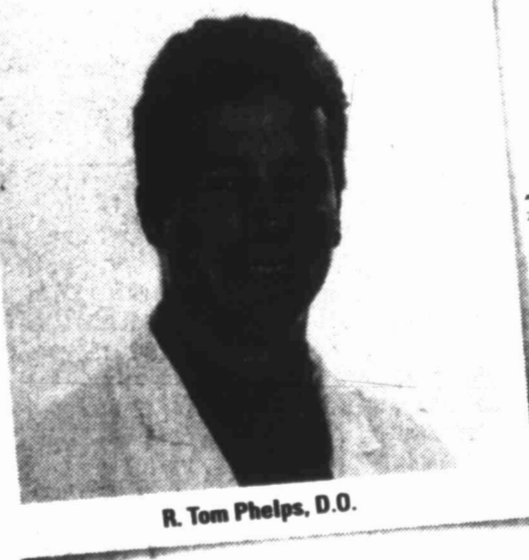


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# President Clinton urges protection for national parks, historic sites

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — President Clinton on Saturday urged Congress to fund his efforts to preserve national parks and historic sites, saying GOP leaders' tax plan "would actually roll back our progress" on environmental protections.

In a radio address taped while here on vacation, Clinton asked for the full \$1 billion included in his budget proposal for a "lands legacy" initiative. The money would be used to acquire and preserve 110 parks or historic sites in 40 states and territories. He also urged lawmakers to approve permanent funding of \$1 billion a year for such projects, beginning in fiscal 2001.

But the Republican-controlled Congress has approved less than half of Clinton's request for the budget year that begins Oct. 1, which he said means that national treasures could become a victim of Republican leaders' push for a large tax cut.

"The Republican leadership's risky tax plan would actually roll back our progress," Clinton said. "It would cut funding to our national parks, even threaten to shut some of them down."

"Throughout this century, the stewardship of our lands has not been a partisan issue. It's been a bipartisan cause," he said. "It is our sacred obligation to leave this land a better land

for our children and for generations yet to come."

A House Republican leader responded by saying "there isn't a single aspect" of the tax-cut plan that will hurt the environment.

"This is just one more attempt by President Clinton to scare the American public with threats of dire consequences if sound Republican ideas are implemented," Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma said in a statement.

"So far, not a single one of his dire predictions has come true," Watts said.

Clinton announced that the U.S. Forest Service has reached

a \$13 million agreement to acquire more than 9,000 acres of forest and grasslands adjacent to Yellowstone National Park that will help bison and other roaming herds survive and preserve underground springs that feed the park's geysers.

"We'll ensure that Old Faithful remains faithful for years to come," he said.

Under the agreement, the Forest Service will acquire 9,300 acres of the 12,000-acre Royal Teton Ranch north of Yellowstone, which is a collection of forest and grasslands that run from the Yellowstone River to the Gallatin Range.

The agreement also gives the

ranch's geothermal rights to the government.

Clinton called the agreement "another milestone in our effort to preserve the matchless wonders of America's first national park" and said the government was acting to protect other sites.

Among them are ancient petroglyphs in New Mexico's Bandelier National Monument, the Big Sur Coast in California and the birthplace of Martin Luther King Jr. in Atlanta.

William Meadows, president of the Wilderness Society, praised the Yellowstone acquisition and expressed "hope that Congress promptly enacts legis-

lation that would increase funding for national conservation and recreation programs."

With permanent funding, Clinton said Civil War battlefields, the Lewis and Clark trail, the Cape Cod national seashore and the Pelican Island refuge in Florida, the nation's first wildlife sanctuary, also could be preserved.

"Our land is more than a haven for wildlife or a vacation spot. It embodies our very history and our culture," Clinton said.

"In too many places, vital pieces of this heritage are disappearing. Once lost, they can't be replaced."

## Some cattle ranchers being driven out of business

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Drought ran Earl and Bobby Rogers out of the cattle business last week.

After spending years building their beef herd in eastern Kentucky, the brothers are being forced to sell.

"I'm out of water. Out of pasture, too. Don't have enough hay to carry 'em," Earl Rogers, of Owingsville, said Thursday. "You work eight or 10 years to get your brood stock up the way you want it, then something like this happens."

The brothers are not alone — livestock auctions are booming throughout the drought-stricken East.

Randy Goolman has been putting in 20-hour days hauling livestock to markets in central Kentucky.

"Farmers are calling and begging for trailers," said Goolman, of Winchester.

"If you can't feed them, you

can't keep them," said Everett Willoughby, who plans to sell 20 of his 70 dairy cows.

Along with trying to manage herds they no longer can feed, many farmers also are faced with grain, vegetable and tobacco crops that have been ravaged by dry weather.

Drought-related losses to date total at least \$1 billion, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates.

Supermarket shoppers, however, will hardly notice, especially at major chains that buy produce on a national market, USDA Chief Economist Keith Collins said Friday.

"The rest of the nation has such plentiful crops, and we had ample supplies to begin with," Collins said.

And the milk supply isn't affected because the areas of top production — California and the upper Midwest — have escaped the drought, said Chris

Galen, a spokesman for the dairy lobbying group National Milk in Arlington, Va.

Drought has most seriously affected New England, the eastern Corn Belt and middle Atlantic states. Five entire states — Kentucky, West Virginia, Delaware, Massachusetts and South Carolina — have been declared disaster areas by the Department of Agriculture. So have parts of six western states and 16 other states east of the Mississippi.

In northern New Jersey, the volume of cattle sales at Hackettstown Livestock Auction has increased by a third in recent weeks, manager Robert Shotwell said.

"We're seeing cattle that I know would not normally be coming to auction," Shotwell said.

Michael O'Farrell sold half his black Angus calves at a loss

in July at Hot Springs, Va. "Enough is enough," he said. "I'll probably sell the rest of the herd next year."

Corn for livestock in southeastern Pennsylvania "has pretty much been devastated," said Stan Guest, a farmer in Pottstown. "There's some forage there, but basically no ears."

And in West Virginia's Jackson County, "you can get corn... easier than you can find hay," farmer Owen McNeely said.

Agriculture departments in Kentucky and several other states are running "hay hotlines" to put farmers needing hay in touch with anyone who has enough to sell.

Rolls of hay, weighing 1,200 to 2,000 pounds, usually fetch \$10 to \$12 apiece. The range now is about \$15 to \$20, "which is not outrageous," said Doug Rathbun of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

## Panel to mull whether Santa can be a woman at Wal-Mart

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Should a department store Santa always be a man?

A woman who lost her role as Santa Claus at Wal-Mart when a customer complained it was a man's job is seeking \$67,000 from the nation's biggest retailer for lost wages, pain and suffering.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights heard arguments Friday in the sex-discrimination complaint of Marta Brown against Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

"Mrs. Brown proved she could play the role of Santa, but she was rejected based on her female status," said her lawyer, Almeta McWilliams. "Mrs. Brown was totally humiliated."

Wal-Mart stands by its decision to replace Brown based on her gender, company

spokesman Mike Maher said from Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark.

"The bottom line is we do believe Santa Claus is a man; he has always been portrayed as a man," Maher said.

Mrs. Brown, 46, had volunteered in December 1995 to play Santa at the store where she worked in the western Kentucky town of Morganfield.

She was replaced after her first day when a child pinched her breast and complained to his mother that Santa was a woman. The mother complained to store managers.

Wal-Mart attorney Kathryn Quesenberry said the company feared Christmas sales, which account for half the Morganfield store's annual revenue, could suffer if children didn't beg their parents to take them there to see Santa.

## Not a record, but still a hot July

WASHINGTON (AP) — It wasn't a record month, but for the many folks who remember July as hot and dry — you're right.

In 105 years of recordkeeping, it was the seventh driest July on record in the Central and Southeast states and the ninth driest in the Northeast.

At the same time it was the seventh warmest July in the Northeast and 10th warmest in the East North Central region of the country, the National Climatic Data Center reported Friday.

That will come as no surprise to gardeners and farmers watching the crops and flowers wilt on the stem.

On the other hand, residents of the East North Central States sloshed through their third wettest July on record.

A regional breakdown of rainfall and temperature for July:

—Northeastern states (New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware) averaged just 2.73 inches of rain for the month, well below the normal 3.81 inches. The record July low was 2.02 inches in 1968 and the record high was 6.57 inches in 1897.

Temperature averaged 72.2 degrees. Normal is 69.3. The warmest July was 1958 at 73.8 degrees and the coldest 1962 at 66.1.

—East North Central states (Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan) averaged had 5.31 inches of rainfall in July, much more than the normal 3.61 inches. The dryness record is 0.85 inches in 1936 and the wettest July was 1993 with 6.13 inches.

Temperature averaged 72.8 degrees, topping the 70.2 normal. The hottest July was 1936 with 76.2 degrees and the coldest was 1992 at 64.0 degrees.

—Central states (Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia) had 2.54 inches of rain, well below the 4.25 inches of a normal year. The record low was 1.47 inches set in 1930 while the record for wetness was 8.27 inches in 1958.

Average temperature of 78.4 topped the normal 75.3 degrees but failed to reach 1901's record 81.2. The coldest July on record was 1947 at 71.9 degrees.

—Southeastern states (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida) had 4.03 inches of rain, compared with the normal 5.56 inches. The record low is a mere 2.94 inches in 1983 while the wettest year was 1916 with a hefty 11.55 inches.

The average temperature of 80.1 degrees beat the normal average of 78.6. But 1993 still is

the warmest July on record at 82.7 and 1947 is the coldest at 76.3.

—West North Central states (Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska) averaged 1.75 inches of rain, below the normal total of 2.02. The record low is 1917 with 0.84 inches and 1993 was the wettest at 5.56 inches.

The average temperature of 69.7 degrees was just above the normal 69.5. The record high is 77.4 in 1936 and the low was 62.7 set in 1915.

—Southern states (Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi) had 2.13 inches of rain, compared with 3.03 inches in a normal year. But the record low is 1.34 inches in 1980 and the wettest July was 1950 with 6.04 inches.

July was warmer than normal at 81.7 degrees, topping the usual 81.3. The hottest July on record is 1980 at 85.9 and the coldest, 1906 at 78.0.

—Southwestern states (Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico).

Monsoonal rains made it a wetter than normal July with 2.32 inches, topping the typical 1.83 inches. The wettest July was 1911 at 3.51 inches and the driest was 1911 with 1.00 inches.

The average temperature of 73.2 was a bit cooler than the 73.6 normal.



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## NATO warning Serbs in southern Kosovo to turn in their arms

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO ordered Serbs in a southern Kosovo town to hand in their weapons Saturday or face arrest in a last-minute crackdown before Dutch troops turn security over to the Russians.

In the Kosovo capital, Pristina, a joint Serb-ethnic Albanian council formed to advise the U.N. mission held its second meeting Saturday — but without Kosovo Liberation Army leader Hashim Thaci.

Thaci's rival, moderate politician Ibrahim Rugova, boycotted the first session July 16, complaining about the allocation of seats. Rugova, elected president of the unrecognized Republic of Kosovo, was present at Saturday's meeting, along with U.N. and NATO representatives.

Both Thaci and Rugova claim leadership of Kosovo's majority ethnic Albanian community. Chief U.N. administrator Bernard Kouchner said Thaci told him earlier he would be out of the country but would attend the next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday.

Early Saturday, German and Dutch troops posted signs throughout a Serb neighborhood in the city of Orahovac with the names of Serbs NATO believes were given weapons by Serb police.

The signs ordered Serbs to turn in their weapons Saturday to NATO collection points in the center of town.

"If you respond to this, you will be freed of punishment," the signs said.

The warning added that peacekeepers would begin house-to-house searches after the deadline, and "if we find any weapons, you will be arrested."

By mid-afternoon Saturday, NATO officials said Serbs had turned in 120 weapons, mostly Kalashnikov rifles.

Orahovac, 40 miles southwest of Pristina, is in the German-controlled sector of Kosovo. Dutch soldiers have been stationed there for weeks but are to hand the town over to Russian peacekeepers starting Monday.

Ethnic Albanians resent the Russians, accusing them of favoring their fellow Slavic Serbs. Many Serbs believe only the Russians can protect them from ethnic Albanians seeking revenge after an 18-month crackdown in Kosovo, a province of Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic withdrew Serbian forces from the province as part of a peace plan reached in June.

On Friday, NATO said Dutch and German peacekeepers arrested three Kosovo Serbs in Orahovac on suspicion of committing atrocities against ethnic Albanians during the crackdown.

Yugoslavia's state-run Tanjug news agency said four people were detained in Orahovac and described them as "respected figures" in the community.

In a commentary Saturday, Tanjug denounced the arrests, calling them a "grotesque move" and claiming NATO troops "have turned the barrels of their guns on the victims."

Reprisal attacks have prompted most of Kosovo's former 200,000-member Serb community to seek sanctuary in other parts of Yugoslavia. The majority of the province's population is ethnic Albanian.

On Saturday, two Serb brothers were wounded when ethnic Albanians attacked Banje village in central Kosovo, Tanjug reported.

French troops rushed to the scene and transported the two to the nearby French military hospital, Tanjug said.

## To help Turkish quake victims, US says send cash

WASHINGTON (AP) — After Hurricane Mitch struck Central America last fall, Americans eager to help sent winter coats, high-heeled shoes and other items that were inappropriate or just got in the way. Now U.S. officials have this advice for people who want to aid earthquake victims in Turkey: Send cash.

"We're trying hard to discourage people from sending things," Harriet Babbitt, the No. 2 official at the U.S. Agency for International Development, said Friday.

AID is urging Americans to call 1-800-872-4373 (USAID-RELIEF) during normal business hours if they wish to make a donation through one of the more than two dozen private voluntary agencies involved in the relief effort. Alternatively, donors can call InterAction, an umbrella group for private voluntary organizations at 202-667-8227.

Babbitt recalled the difficult

situation at the time of Hurricane Mitch when relief workers were bogged down in gathering, sorting and delivering donations, many of them inappropriate to the need.

During natural disasters, "piles of goods get in the way of legitimate goods coming in," said Bryna Brennan, head of public affairs at the Pan American Health Organization. "Bad goods keep out good goods," she said.

But Turkish authorities are welcoming donations of material goods — provided they fall into certain categories. A list of more than 100 items considered "urgently required" ranges from tents and body bags to jackhammers and surgical kits. The great majority of the items are medicines and medical equipment. InterAction's Web site carries the complete list: www.interaction.org.

Individuals or institutions wishing to make donations can also contact the Turkish Red

Crescent in Istanbul at 90-212-227 51 64 or 90-212-227 51 71.

Turkish Airlines will transport donated material to Istanbul free of charge on its flights from New York, Chicago and Miami. Routine customs requirements have been waived.

The grim pictures of death and devastation in western Turkey have prompted offers of assistance from across ethnic and religious lines.

The American Jewish Committee said Friday it is giving \$225,000 in cash to predominantly Muslim Turkey. Earlier, the AJC contributed \$25,000. Perhaps facilitating that generosity are the friendly ties Israel maintains with Turkey. But Greece and Greek Cypriots also have contributed to the relief effort despite their longstanding enmity toward Turkey.

Babbitt said AID contributions to the earthquake relief total about \$3 million and are

increasing. The Pentagon also has made contributions, but no figures were available.

The Pentagon intended to send four Air Force transport planes to Turkey to help fight fires triggered by the earthquake, but scrapped the plans Friday after Turkish officials said the planes were no longer needed.

A U.S. Navy medical team from Naples, Italy, arrived on the scene with 27,000 pounds of medical gear and surgical supplies. The team of 22 people, including doctors and nurses, brought tents, water and prepackaged meals plus surgical supplies, anesthesia machines and intravenous fluids.

Meanwhile, three Navy ships led by the USS Kearsarge headed toward Turkey to stand by in case the Turkish government requests additional medical assistance. The ships were due off the coast of Istanbul on Saturday.

## Israeli, Palestinian negotiators meet to discuss prisoner dispute

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators met Saturday to try to resolve a dispute over releasing Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails, the latest deadlock in attempts to implement a U.S.-brokered peace deal.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat highlighted the importance of the issue with a warm reception for the longest-serving Palestinian prisoner, released by Israel on Wednesday, and a vow to bring the rest of the prisoners home.

The two sides have been trying to hammer out an agreement on how to carry out provisions from the peace deal brokered by President Clinton in October at Wye River, Md.

Palestinians demand Israel release 650 so-called security prisoners — Palestinians jailed for actions against Israel — by Sept. 1, the date implementation of the accord is to begin.

Israel says it will not release prisoners "with blood on their hands," a category it has generally defined as those involved

in attacks in which Israelis were killed or injured.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has offered to release 250 prisoners by Oct. 8.

Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat and Barak's envoy Gilead Sher met Saturday night in Jerusalem to try to reach agreement on a timetable for completing all obligations under Wye, including the opening of a passage between the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the opening of a Gaza seaport.

The main points of dispute, however, remained the timetable for completing a West Bank troop withdrawal and the prisoner issue, Erekat said before entering the meeting.

"We want to agree on every prisoner's name before he is released," Erekat said.

In the Gaza Strip, Arafat celebrated the return of Khalil e-Rai, released as a conciliatory gesture after 25 years in an Israeli prison, by appointing him to the revolutionary council of Arafat's Fatah faction of the PLO.

## Briton sets off across country on motorized toilet

PLYMOUTH, England (AP) — Hank Harp settled into the driver's seat Saturday morning, checked his headlight and handlebars and set off on a cross-country trip at top speed, a whopping 4 mph — on his motorized toilet.

Harp and his traveling comrade set off Saturday from Land's End, in southwesternmost England, on a 874-mile journey to John O' Groats at the northern tip of Scotland.

The charity trek was the brainchild of Steve Gilks, who runs Cash for Trash, a charita-

ble group that recycles household rubbish to raise money.

Harp's potty, complete with three wheels and a 24-volt motor, is expected to reach its destination Sept. 20.

A wheeled rubbish bin is trailing along behind the toilet, and he plans to collect trash along the way. Gilks plans to present equipment to hospices and physicians along the route to help patients with breathing problems.

Ten years ago, Gilks made a cross-country trek of his own — in a motorized shopping cart.



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### IN BRIEF

#### BSHS tennis boosters set meeting for Tuesday

All parents of junior high and high school tennis players in Big Spring are invited to an organizational meeting of the Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters Club set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the BSHS cafeteria.

Players from both the junior high school and high school tennis teams will be introduced during the meeting.

For more information, call 263-3848.

#### Grady's Caroline Madison plays in Hawilan tourney

Grady Lady Wildcats star Caroline Madison was one of 204 schoolgirl athletes chosen to compete in the Hoopsmart USA Hawaii Classic in July.

More than 4,000 high school basketball players applied to be selected for the tournament's teams.

Madison and her teammates, six Texans and a Nebraskan, were coached by Glenna Clay of Nocona.

She helped lead her team to a 5-2 record in pool play, earning an eighth seed for the tournament's championship round. They finished sixth in a field of 24, earning a bronze medal.

#### Community Pep Rally scheduled for Monday

The annual Big Spring Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

The pep rally, sponsored by the Steers Booster Club, will give members of the community to meet members of the Steers football team, BSHS band and cheerleaders.

#### 'Meet the Bulldogs' night scheduled for Monday

The Coahoma Athletic Boosters Club and the Coahoma Band Boosters Club will stage the annual "Meet the Bulldogs" night at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the elementary school cafeteria.

Members of the public will meet with coaches, football players, cheerleaders and members of the band.

#### Little League football sets appreciation picnic

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

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

### ON THE AIR

#### Radio

##### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:40 p.m. — Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

#### Television

##### AUTO RACING

11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Winston Cup Pepsi 400, ESPN, Ch. 30.

3 p.m. — CART FedEx Championship Grand Prix of Chicago, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

##### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Cleveland Indians at Seattle Mariners, ESPN, Ch. 30.

##### MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Noon — EP Diablos at Midland Rockhounds, KMID, Ch. 2.

##### GOLF

2 p.m. — PGA Sprint International, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.

3:30 p.m. — U.S. Amateur Open Championship, finals, NBC, Ch. 9.

4:30 p.m. — Senior PGA BankBoston Classic, ESPN, Ch. 30.

##### TENNIS

12:30 p.m. — RCA Championships, final matches, NBC, Ch. 9.

3 p.m. — ATP Legg Mason Washington Classic, finals, FXS, Ch. 29.

##### TRACK AND FIELD

11 a.m. — World Championships NBC, Ch. 9.

## Lady Steers post fourth-place finish at Odessa tourney

HERALD Staff Report

ODESSA — Losses to Midland High and Midland Lee on Saturday left Big Spring with a fourth-place finish in the Ector County ISD Invitational Volleyball Tournament, but not before the Lady Steers served notice that they are a force to be reckoned with.

The Lady Steers opened Saturday's quarterfinals with a 15-13, 15-7 win over Amarillo Palo Duro before seeing their bid for a berth in the tournament's championship match dashed as Midland High posted a 6-15, 15-12, 15-10 semifinal victory.

Perhaps still demoralized by having lost a match they believed they should have won, the Lady Steers suffered a 15-12, 15-2 loss in the third-place game.

"We just didn't get the calls against Midland High and that took the wind out of our sails," Lady Steers coach Traci Pierce noted. "We felt like we should

have won that match and been playing against Lake View for the championship.

"But you can't let officiating affect you like that ... you have to be able to overcome it," Pierce added. "That's something we've got to work on, and I mean all of us including myself."

Senior hitters Nina Evans and Cathy Jaure did most of the damage for the Lady Steers, spearheading an offensive effort that attacked the ball 170 times in Saturday's three games.

"We were extremely aggressive," Pierce added. "That's 170 times that we went up for a kill shot. Even though we wound up not being where we wanted to be, we did an outstanding job."

Evans earned a spot on the all-tournament team, finishing the day with 24 kills on 43 attempts, while chalking up 22 blocks and serving a pair of aces.

Jaure, while not earning all-tournament honors, did receive a number of votes, as did teammates Lacey Anderson

and Monica Rubio.

Jaure added 23 kills during Saturday's three games, managed five blocks and served a pair of aces, as well.

"Every kid on the team thrilled me today," Pierce added. "We played the kind of volleyball I thought we were capable of playing in this tournament."

The Lady Steers have traditionally found themselves making an early exit to the consolation bracket, but instead, reached Saturday's quarterfinal with a 5-1 record in Friday's pool play.

Big Spring opened the tournament with a 15-10, 15-9 win over El Paso Austin and then delivered a 15-9, 15-8 thrashing to Odessa High School's host Lady Bronchos.

The Lady Steers closed out pool play by splitting with El Paso Socorro 11-15, 15-9.

While the Big Spring varsity was powering its way into the championship bracket, the Lady Steers junior varsity claimed the tournament's consolation

championship — posting a 2-15, 17-15, 16-14 win over Midland Lee's sophomores in the semifinals and then taking another three-game match 14-16, 15-11, 15-5 over San Angelo Lake View's JV.

The Lady Steers, now 5-2-1 on the season, will play their home opener Tuesday, taking on Lamesa's Lady Tors and Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

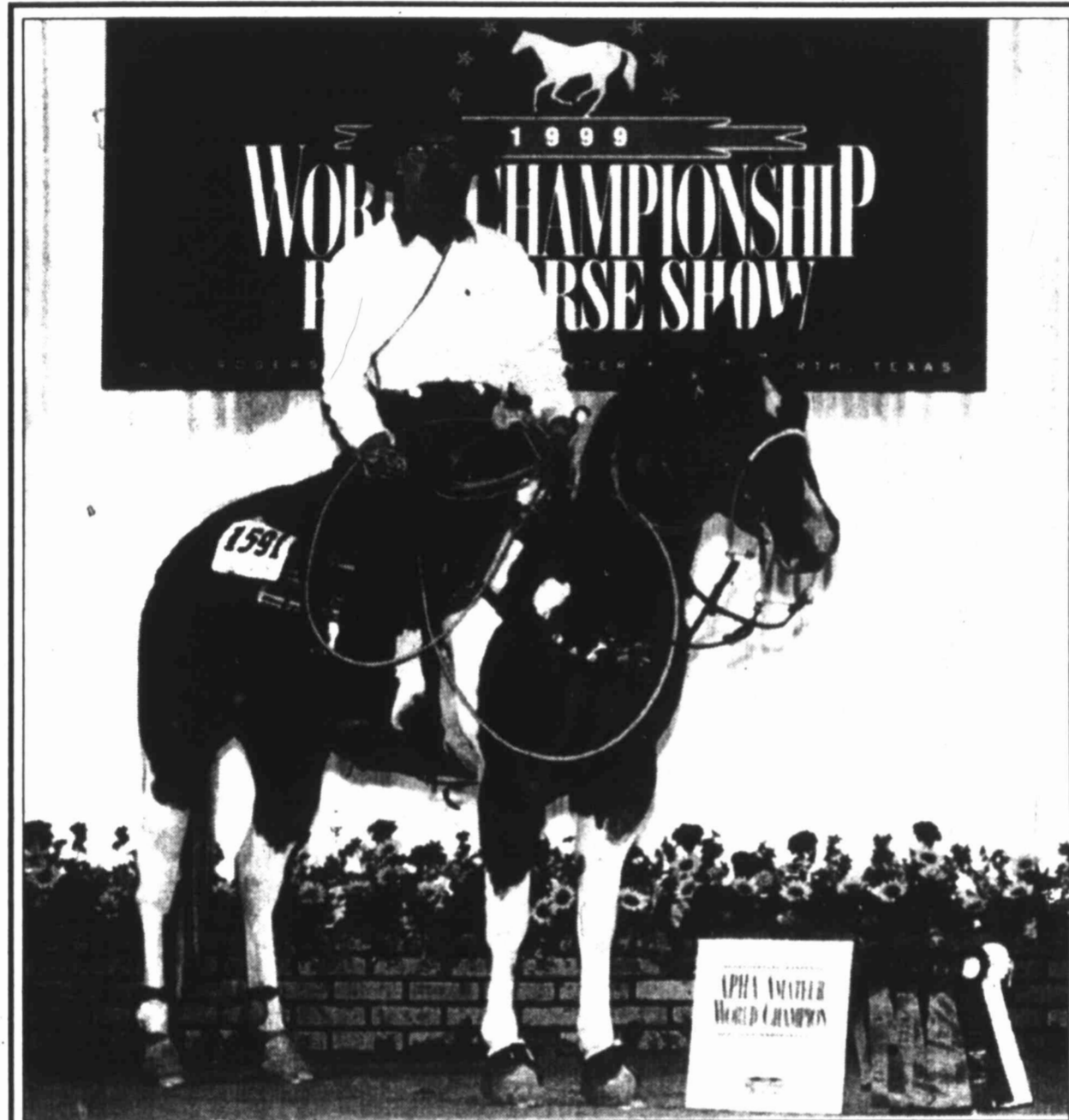
Lamesa, a Class 3A state finalist a year ago, will step onto the court against the Lady Steers at 5:30 p.m. in the three-way match's opener, and Big Spring will take on the Lady Cougs at 7:30 p.m.

While the Lady Steers may have been somewhat of a surprise during the Odessa tournament, they are now a known commodity.

"Believe me, we got Lake View's attention," Pierce said of the highly-ranked Maidens. "They came to watch us play our matches. But we can't afford to sit around and look ahead to when we play them in district."



MADISON



Sid Westbrook of Big Spring and "Turbo Max" pose with their awards after winning the amateur calf roping competition at the 1999 World Championship Paint Horse Show in Fort Worth.

## Westbrook shows 'Turbo Max' to APHA world championship

HERALD Staff Report

It's not every day one wins a world championship.

And that means that most counties in Texas get relatively few chances to claim they're the home of a world champion.

That is not the case for Howard County, however. At least not since the 1999 World Champion Paint Horse Show held at Fort Worth's Will Rogers Equestrian Center in July.

That was when Sid Westbrook of Big Spring showed his American Paint Horse "Turbo Max" to a world championship title in the show's amateur calf roping competition.

Westbrook and "Turbo Max" topped a field of 20 contestants, drawing praise from American Paint Horse Association (APHA) world show

manager Lex Smuthwaite.

"Sid should be extremely proud of this accomplishment," Smuthwaite said following the competition. "The APHA world show is a highly-competitive event. It takes a great deal of both talent and hard work to reach this level of competition. By winning, Sid and 'Turbo Max' proved they were the best of the best."

The championships, a non-qualifying event hosted annually by the APHA, is considered the Super Bowl of Paint Horse competition, Smuthwaite added.

With more than \$380,000 in prizes, the show attracted more than 4,300 competitors and 1,800 horses from across the United States and Canada that not only competed in the calf roping divisions, but in halter, Western, English, cattle driving and speed classes.

## First scrimmages put smiles on most of Crossroads coaches

While you're not going to find a Crossroads Area football coach that can't find something his team needs to improve on following this weekend's first scrimmages, they almost to the man say they're pleased with what they've seen from their teams.

Among the happiest was new Forsan head coach Roger Hudgins.

While the Buffs' two touchdowns-to-none win over Water Valley on Thursday wasn't exactly an offensive showcase, Hudgins was particularly pleased with what he saw from his defense.

"To be honest, I was a little worried about our defense going in, but we played pretty well," Hudgins explained.

"Normally, you'd expect your defense to jell before your offense does, but we hadn't been seeing that in workouts." Following the Buffs' stonewalling of

the Wildcats, Hudgins believes the lack of defensive fireworks during Forsan workouts has been the result of the oppressive heat area teams have been forced to endure during the last couple of weeks.

"It's been so doggone hot, by the time we get around to working on defense in the second half of practice, the kids are just worn out," Hudgins explained. "We keep water out for them, but with the kind of heat we've had this past week, you can't give them water breaks often enough."

The heat was apparently a concern for Water Valley boss Will Reid, because he wasn't willing to scrimmage as long as Hudgins would have liked.

"I thought we'd go 20-and-20, then come back with 15 plays apiece," Hudgins added. "But after they'd run their 20 plays with the varsity, he (Reid) was ready to get back on the bus. We'd really have liked to have worked a little longer than that."

With the Buffs' defensive showing, Hudgins says he believes his team is well on track.

"We moved the ball well offensively ... just put it on the ground too often," he explained. "I don't know why we had so much trouble holding onto the ball, I guess we just needed to get that our of our system before the season starts. At least I hope we did."

New Coahoma boss Robert Wood has to be pleased with the Bulldogs' showing in a three-way scrimmage with Ozona and Midland Greenwood on Thursday.

Although his charges are learning new offensive and defensive schemes, the 'Dogs opened their first offensive possession with an 11-play drive for a touchdown against Greenwood.

The Rangers' defense would stiffen and refuse to allow any more scoring by the Bulldogs, the Coahoma wing-T scheme was able to move the ball with some success.

Defensively, only a couple of breakdowns allowed Ozona to score two touchdowns. A misread in the middle of the Bulldog defense allowed Ozona's fullback to break loose on a long run for a touchdown and the Lions added a

long touchdown pass late in the scrimmage.

Stanton coach Mark Cotton couldn't have been much happier with his Buffs following their scrimmage with Crane.

The Buff freshmen battled Crane's frosh to a 0-0 deadlock, the junior varsity teams finished in a 2-2 standoff, and the highly-touted Golden Cranes managed just a 1-0 win over the Stanton varsity.

That's a far cry from the spanking Crane issued the Buffs a year ago, and that Stanton team was a defending Class 2A state champion that reached the 2A semifinals.

"We didn't have a lot of offense," Cotton noted, "but we knew we were going to be trying to get some offensive linemen ready. Of course, they (Cranes) didn't manage to put up a lot of yards against us, either. They hit a long pass to set up a short touchdown pass late in the scrimmage, but other than that, it was just about a standoff, too."

And from the looks of things Friday, See MOSELEY, page 11A



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## Americans shine as Jones, Draglia equal or set marks

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — Now, Marion Jones has another contender to deal with — her husband.

As Jones, the defending champion in the women's 100 meters, was smashing the World Championships record during a quarterfinal heat Saturday, C.J. Hunter won his first major international title in the shot put with a career-best 71 feet, 6 inches.

Meanwhile, American Stacy Draglia, winner of the first world indoor women's pole vault title in 1997, completed a historic double, winning the first outdoor world title and equaling the world record of 15-1.

The usually passive 300-pound Hunter couldn't contain his emotions after the surprising throw on his final attempt ended John Godina's string of two consecutive world titles. He swung his arms in wind-mill fashion and smiled broadly.

"Other than the birth of my kids and marriage to Marion, this is the best thing in my life," Hunter said.

After his winning throw, Hunter made eye contact with Jones, who was sitting in the front row of the stands.

"I knew as soon as I let it go ...," Hunter said of the feeling on his final toss. "I didn't want to hold back."

Hunter said he and Jones wouldn't celebrate until Oct. 3, their first wedding anniversary.

"Tonight we'll shake hands, I'll give her a kiss and that will be it," he said. "It's not about bragging rights. It's a family thing. She just said she was proud of me and that was it."

"This is the first step in fulfilling a big goal. The big picture is to do the triple — this year, next year (Olympics) and the year after (worlds)."

The frustrated Godina fouled

on five of his six attempts and finished seventh at 66-90.

"It's hard to say what went wrong," Godina said.

Before Hunter began his celebration, the stage was set for some sizzling sprint times over the lightning-fast Olympic Stadium track, with Jones and Maurice Greene sending out strong messages with sparkling times in the quarterfinals.

Jones, seeking an unprecedented four golds, won her heat in 10.76 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year.

Greene, aiming for a rare sprint double and three golds, ran 9.91, the sixth fastest time in the world this year.

Jones' time shattered the previous championship record of 10.82 by Gail Devers in 1993 at Stuttgart, Germany. She also bettered her season's leading previous best of 10.80.

Only four women in history have run faster, including Jones, who clocked 10.65 last year. The late Florence Griffith Joyner holds the world record of 10.49.

The 100 semifinals and finals are Sunday.

"The track is fast, fast, fast," Jones said. "Watch for some world records. I'm not saying it's going to be me. Watch those men ..."

Jones was cautious out of the blocks because of one false start and fell behind early. Once she accelerated, she overwhelmed the field.

"I thought that first start was on the money," she said. "I wasn't about to false start twice (and get disqualified)."

The other quarterfinal heat winners included Inger Miller, in a personal best 10.86, her first sub-11 since 1996; Greece's Ekaterini Thanos, also in 10.86, a national record; and Devers and France's Christine Arron, each in 11.00.

## Burba tosses Tribe to 6-0 win over Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — Dave Burba pitched 7 1-3 strong innings and the Cleveland Indians scored two unearned runs on Ryan Jackson's error in the fourth inning to beat the Seattle Mariners 6-0 Saturday.

Burba (10-7) allowed five singles, including a pair to David Bell, while walking three before being taken out in the eighth.

Enrique Wilson doubled off Gil Meche (4-3) to open the fourth, Roberto Alomar sacrificed Wilson to third and Manny Ramirez walked. After David Justice struck out, Jim Thome's grounder went between Ramirez's legs off Jackson's glove and into right field to score Wilson.

The Indians scored four runs in the eighth off Jeff Fassero. Ramirez and Sexson had RBI doubles, Carlos Baerga scored with a single and Jim Thome had an RBI groundout.

Meche went six innings and gave up two unearned runs, five hits and three walks. He struck out seven.

### White Sox 4, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE (AP) — Craig Wilson had three RBIs and Brook Fordyce drove in the tiebreaking run with an eighth-inning bloop single as the Chicago White Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 Saturday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

With the score 3-3 in the eighth, Carlos Lee hit a one-out double off Al Reyes (0-1). After Wilson struck out, Fordyce's bloop landed at Ryan Minor's feet as Brian Simmons scored.

Bill Simas (5-2) pitched a perfect seventh for the White Sox and Bob Howry worked the save.

Anderson homered off Chicago starter John Snyder to open the game.

Wilson tied it with an RBI double in the third, then put Chicago up 2-1 in the fourth. Chris Singleton reached first on Doug Linton's wild pitch, and one out later Wilson doubled.

Linton allowed three runs and 10 hits in six innings. He struck out four.

### Giants 5, Brewers 1

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rich Aurilia and F.P. Santangelo hit run-scoring triples to back Livan Hernandez and give the San Francisco Giants a 5-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday.

The Giants started scoring against Kyle Peterson (1-4) in the second on Stan Javier's single and a triple by Aurilia, whose drive veered left, past a startled Marquis Grissom in center.

Marvin Benard doubled and scored on a one-out triple by Santangelo in the third inning for a 2-0 lead. The Brewers

avoided further damage when catcher David Nilsson picked Bernad off third with Barry Bonds batting.

Hernandez (7-11) allowed six hits and struck out eight in eight innings, retiring 11 straight batters at one point.

The Giants added a three run ninth off Mike Meyers and Rocky Copping, and four walks. Aurilia hit a sacrifice fly and Ellis Burks hit a two-run single.

Peterson allowed five hits and no walks in seven innings.

### Mets 7, Cardinals 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Pat Mahomes, Turk Wendell and Armando Benitez teamed on six innings of one-hit relief and struck out 11, and Mike Piazza homered again as the New York Mets beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-4 Saturday.

Starter Kenny Rogers left after the third because of back spasms with the Mets trailing 4-3.

Mark McGwire singled and struck out three times, fanning against Wendell with a runner on third and one out in the seventh with St. Louis trailing 5-4.

Piazza hit a three-run shot. Rickey Henderson's RBI single in the sixth broke a 4-all tie.

Mahomes (7-0) took over in the fourth. He struck out five and walked three. Mahomes left after walking

J.D. Drew with one out in the seventh. After Drew stole second and continued to third on Piazza's throwing error, Wendell struck out McGwire and Ray Lankford to preserve a 5-4 lead.

### Braves 6, Padres 2

ATLANTA (AP) — Greg Maddux won his sixth straight start despite continuing his struggles against Tony Gwynn in the Atlanta Braves' 6-2 win over the San Diego Padres on Saturday.

Gwynn had two hits off Maddux.

Maddux (16-6) gave up eight hits, two runs and struck out nine in seven innings. He didn't walk a batter.

Gwynn drove in the game's first run in the third by doubling to score Andy Ashby. Reggie Sanders followed with a single that was misplayed by Andruw Jones, allowing Gwynn to score on the error.

### Cubs 8, Rockies 6

CHICAGO (AP) — For a second straight year, Sammy Sosa didn't stop after hitting his 50th homer.

Sosa hit his major-league leading 50th and 51st home runs Saturday for his second two-homer game in as many days to lead the Chicago Cubs to an 8-6 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

## ROSE

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agreeing he must avoid gambling completely. In the years that followed, he changed his mind.

Saying he doesn't have a gambling problem, Rose has done promotional appearances at casinos and placed bets at race tracks. It leaves him vulnerable to suggestions that he's not dealing with his biggest problem, the one that got him in trouble in the first place.

"If I state my feelings, I'm (considered) in denial," Rose said. "But I don't look at it like that."

Selig wouldn't say whether Rose's gambling is a major impediment to reinstatement. Dowd thinks it's an example of how Rose remains fundamentally unchanged.

"Other people who get in trouble in baseball are honest about it. That's the way they get redemption," Dowd said. "Here,

it's ridiculous. They just don't get it."

The 58-year-old Rose would like to manage again — he was managing the Cincinnati Reds when he was banned — and he thinks someone would hire him if he were reinstated.

"I'm totally convinced that there's a couple of teams out there that could really use my leadership, without being arrogant," Rose said. "I understand how I can motivate people and deliver a message to people."

First, he has to convince Selig that he deserves a second chance. The odds are against him.

"Do I wish that it all hadn't happened? Of course," Selig said. "I always worry about the game, its image and its ethics. I know Bart felt the same way."

"I reread Bart's press statement that day and it's still painful to reread it 10 years later. There's no doubt it was a stain on the game and it continues to be."

## MOSELEY

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the District 6 six-man chase will be every bit as interesting as it was a year ago when Sands' Mustangs took the loop title and Borden County advanced to the state championship game.

The Coyotes had no trouble in handling Dawson's Dragons in their scrimmage, and Sands seemed to score almost at will in the Mustangs' three-way scrimmage with Buena Vista and Marathon.

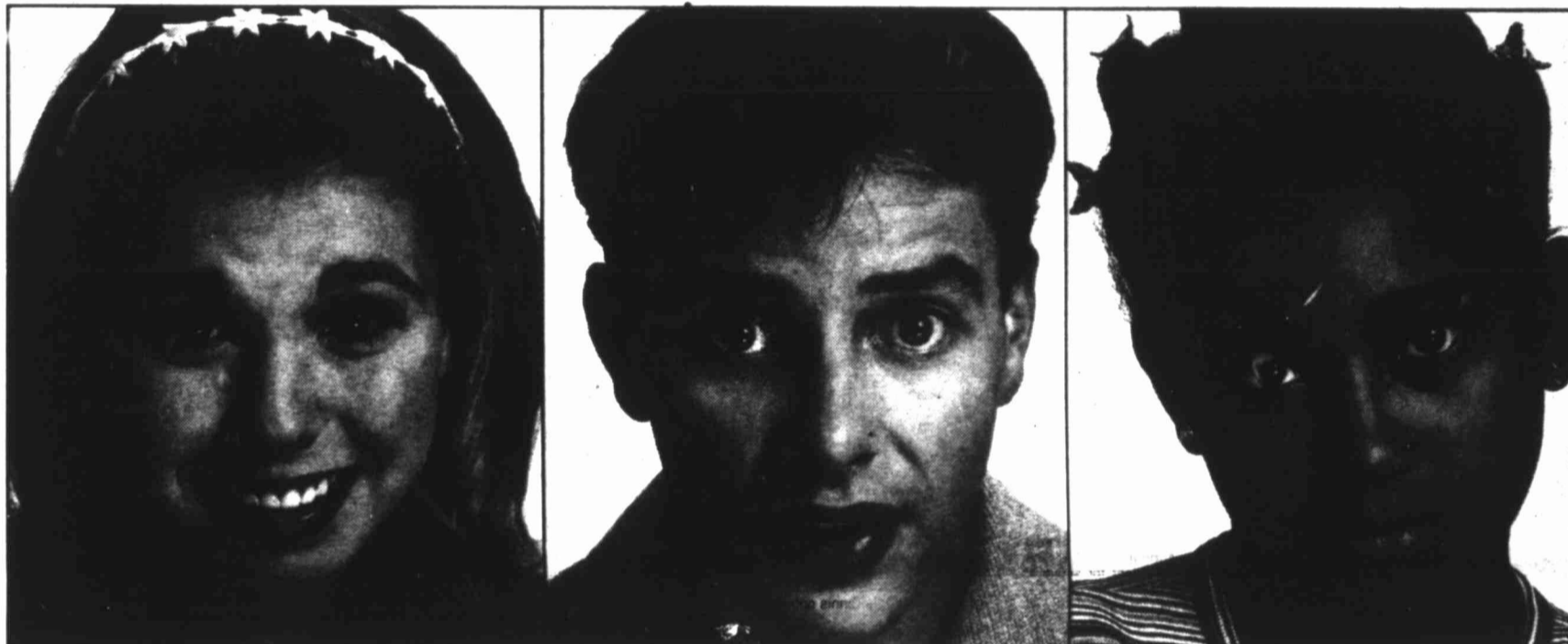
With Grady's Wildcats looking much stronger than anyone expected in a 4-2 win over Meadow and Ira expected to be a contender, the district might just be stronger than it was last season.

Of course, Grady boss Roger Smith isn't ready to say the Wildcats are contenders. Not just yet, anyway.

"We've still got a long way to go, but we played a lot better than I thought we would," Smith said after watching senior tailback Frankie Garza rush for two touchdowns and throw for two more.

"We had some bright spots, but we had a lot of mistakes, too," he added. "We don't have the personnel to match up with people like Sands and Borden County, so we have to make sure we minimize mistakes and that means we've got to get a bunch better."

John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Big Spring Herald.



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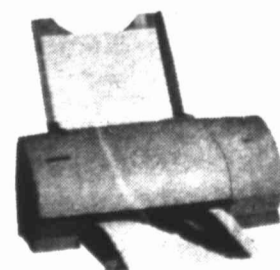
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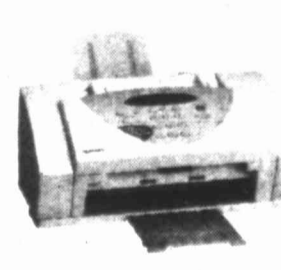
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# Canterbury tales

On Aug. 29, 1979, when the first resident moved into St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc., or Canterbury, it was a landmark for the community: housing specifically designed for low-income senior citizens and disabled people.

Little did they know what Canterbury South and its companion, Canterbury North, would become.

"Our mission was safe, affordable housing," said Executive Director JoAnne Hyer, "but the truth is, the ministry of Canterbury has been so much more."

During the next two decades, the retirement center's residents would create a legacy of activity, service, caring and fun.

"It's been a wonderful place," said Mabel Richmond, who was one of the first residents to move in to the building and still lives in the same apartment.

Now 98, Richmond said she has curtailed her activities somewhat, but she loves her view from the top floor, and has made some wonderful friends over the years.

Moving to the center was a snap decision for Richmond, who was taken on a tour of the place by her brother shortly before it opened. Before that day, the 78-year-old widow had not considered leaving her home.

"I went home and looked around at the back yard and the front yard I had to mow," Richmond said. "I called my brother and said, 'I'm ready to move.'"

For the next 15 years, Richmond volunteered answering phones and greeting visitors at the information desk. All residents are given the opportunity to do volunteer work at the complex.

They also have the choice to participate in a wealth of activities that include bingo, Bible study, dances, health fairs, craft bazaars and rummage sales.

"You have the choice to get out and be friendly, or stay home, whatever you prefer," Richmond said. "There are so many activities."

"Our main goal is to make the residents happy," said Pat Edwards, assistant director. "We work at it in many different ways."

And the residents themselves create and initiate many of the activities, including regular community service. The file on Canterbury at the *Big Spring Herald* is a testament to the community involvement and can-do attitude of its residents.

In 1988, a story, "Seniors pitch in to help schoolchildren" detailed Canterbury residents' efforts to provide school supplies for needy children of the area. Working with West Texas Opportunities, seniors who lived at the complex conducted a drive for the supplies.

Several photographs over the years show Canterbury residents making favors for other senior citizens — those confined to nursing homes. At Easter and other holidays, Canterbury's seniors created tray favors that would brighten the day at mealtime.

In 1990, Canterbury North residents sent boxes of sweets to soldiers in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf. Within a month, they began receiving letters of thanks.

Over the years, residents of both North and South are shown in photographs, tending to plants, rosebushes and small gardens they kept. When the community began sprucing up the Settles Hotel by replacing its broken windows several years ago, Canterbury residents pooled their funds and bought a window.

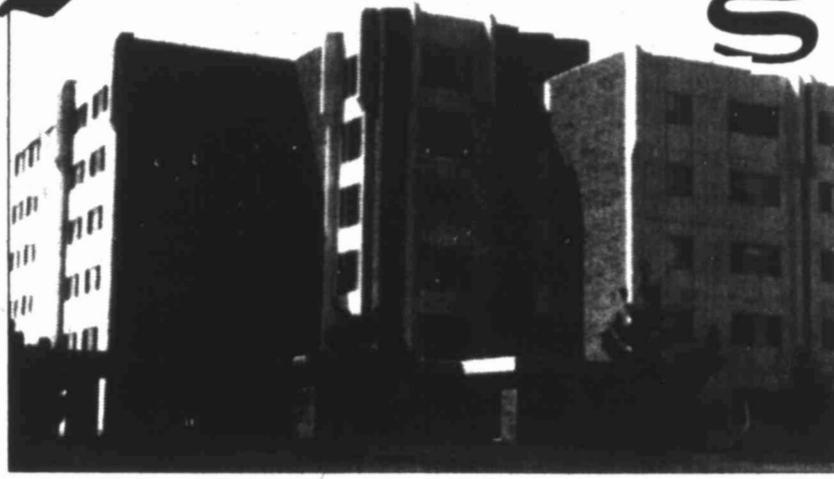
And then there is the annual tradition at Halloween, The Canterbury Spook House. Residents delight in dressing up in silly costumes and giving out candy to the children of Big Spring.

"This is our longest running activity," said Edwards, who started her job with the complex just before it opened. "Providing a safe Halloween activity for the children of Big Spring is something we look forward to every year."

The Christmas Bazaar started a few years later, in 1981. There residents showed their skills at crafting, sewing and painting, selling decorative holiday items to the community.

Talent is in no short supply at Canterbury, where musicians, crafters and even a clown have taken up residence. The projects, activities and volunteer jobs residents take have created an image for the community of Canterbury as a busy, thriving place.

"That is the building's personality," said Hyer. And together, residents and staff share good times, such as



In the photos: At top, the Canterbury South building opened Aug. 29, 1979. Above, Canterbury North residents Mary Raley, Jo Nell Wilson, Shirley Smith and Edith Trapnell show off their artwork in this 1992 photo. At right, Brandy Shapland, 5, gets a look at dancers Juan Luan and Loretta Cone at a dance at the complex in 1987.



In the photos: Above, left, the Canterbury clown is Lois Peters, shown in this 1998 photo. At left, this 1988 photo shows Canterbury North residents, left, Ann Bailey, and right, Altie Lambright, with West Texas Opportunities director Pat Lawlis during a school supply drive for needy children that was conducted by the residents. Above, Canterbury residents were making Easter tray favors for those in nursing homes in this 1985 photo.

the birth, or later the visits, of grandchildren. There have been several weddings between Canterbury residents over the years. Residents also assist each other when ill health strikes, and mourn together when death takes a friend.

Hyer said the atmosphere at Canterbury is warm, caring and truly unique.

"I guess we're family," she said.

The 20-year anniversary of the opening of Canterbury will be celebrated Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 28-29. A reception from 2-4 p.m. Saturday is planned at 1700 Lancaster, and the public is invited. A worship service Sunday, Aug. 29, begins at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, with special recognition for the ministry of the retirement center.

## Canterbury facts

The idea for St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc. began with the Rev. Harland Birdwell and other members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church who shared a vision.

An application for a government loan was filed to fund the building, prepared by Guilford Jones III, an attorney, and blueprints were drawn by Don Bailey.

Groundbreaking was Dec. 29, 1977, on the site at 1700 Lancaster that had been used for youth baseball fields.

Canterbury opened in August 1979 with 120 apartments, rent subsidized by HUD. Canterbury North opened in 1985. All apartments have appliances and basic utilities are paid. The non-profit corporation that operates Canterbury uses any money generated to maintain the buildings.

Story by Debbie L. Jensen

All photographs from Big Spring Herald files.

## Grown-up fears replaced innocent fun of fright in childhood

Don't look for me in the theater during "The Blair Witch Project." Don't bother giving me a seat for "The Sixth Sense."

I can't watch horror movies anymore. Even the commercials for them are enough to send me out of the room.

As a youngster I gleefully trooped into the theater for "Poltergeist," "The Amityville Horror," "Halloween" and whatever else came along. Then I would hardly sleep at all for a night or two, forget about it a few days later, and wait for the

next one to come along. Something has changed since then.

I realize it every time I see a television news report of a shooting, bombing or other real-life horror. I think about it every time I read newspaper stories about the evil, frightening things people do.

I think that's why I don't enjoy horror movies anymore. The "horrors" they describe and picture (often in graphic detail) are too real for me. Violence, even if it is an integral part of the story, also dis-

turbs me.

And if children are involved, I can almost become physically ill.

Like recently, when a gunman walked into the Jewish community center in Los Angeles, and began shooting. I heard a

report that, several days later, a little girl who had witnessed the attack began crying suddenly for no apparent reason.

Her teacher asked her what was wrong and the little girl — far too young to have witnessed such a real horror — said a bad man had a gun and he was shooting.

It was apparently a flashback to the real-life event.

It made me wonder if that little girl would grow up to be like me — not interested, or too afraid to watch horror movies.



DEBBIE L. JENSEN

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# WEDDINGS

## Fulfer-Boyles

Michele Fulfer and Marvin Boyles united in marriage on July 24, 1999, at the couple's home with Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs officiating.

She is the daughter of Betty and Floyd Benson of Dalhart. He is the son of Martha Caffey of Big Spring, and the late George Boyles of Amarillo. Instrumentalist was Willie Hull of Cartersville, and vocalist was Tracy Christian of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her uncle Tom Kirkpatrick of Big Spring, the bride wore an off-white suede halter-style top and skirt.

She carried a bouquet of wildflowers with light mauve and green ribbons accented with beads and feathers. She also carried a small Indian medicine bag.

Christine Clark, Big Spring, was the maid of honor.

Ian Boyles, son of the groom of Coahoma, was ringbearer.

Best man was Tommy Coats of Big Spring.

Other attendants were Keith and Theresa Ploog, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, of



MR. AND MRS. MARVIN BOYLES

Dalhart.

Following the ceremony was an outdoor barbecue reception.

The wedding cake was heart shaped tiers separated by Cupid pillars and cascading mauve roses and topped with love birds.

The bride is a housewife.

The groom is in the auto repair business.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple have made their home in Big Spring.

## WHO'S WHO

Vanessa Yanez competed in Dallas for the Miss American Coed Pageants on Aug. 7-9. She won three trophies: Year of the Heart, The Best Sponsor Letters and for participation.



YANEZ

Yanez is the daughter of Ricky Yanez Sr. and Alma Yanez, and the granddaughter

of Horace and Pilar Yanez.

Weylin Wolf and Cash R. Berry, both of Coahoma, recently graduated from World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa, earning the honorary title "Colonel."

They successfully completed the course of instruction and training covering all phases of auctioneering taught by 20 professional instructors at the college.

Courses included conducting auctions ranging from automobiles and livestock to real estate, antiques and general consignments. Other subjects included business management, marketing and the development of an auction chant and bid calling.

## 'Mickey Blue Eyes' is witty, offbeat tale

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stammering, eyelid-fluttering Hugh Grant as an innocent who marries into the Mob?

It sounds like an idea offered by a junior executive at a studio meeting, but it works — beautifully.

Thanks to a witty, offbeat script by Adam Scheinman and Robert Kuhn and feather-light direction by Kelly Makin, "Mickey Blue Eyes" takes off from the opening scenes and the laughs keep building. Grant contributes his best screen work, proving that he is the best light comedian in films today.

Grant plays a successful auctioneer in a British-owned gallery in New York. He is enamored of a black-haired beauty, Jeanne Tripplehorn, and he proposes marriage in a Chinese restaurant. She admits she loves him, but says they can never marry.

She dashes out, leaving Grant dismayed. He discovers that her father runs a restaurant nearby, and he goes there to seek an explanation. He is greeted warmly by the father, James Caan, and is introduced to a gallery of tight-lipped, battle-scarred relatives and

friends. Grant gets an inkling of the family's occupation when he goes looking for the men's room. He mistakenly opens the walk-in freezer.

Shivering inside is a man unhappily in arrears of his debt payments.

Miss Tripplehorn's fears are realized when her father insists on a marriage and Grant is inexorably drawn into the family business.

"Mickey Blue Eyes" (the name Grant is given when he is forced to masquerade as a Midwest mobster) contains a series of convulsive scenes.

Among the best has the members of two New York mobs holding a peace meeting in an abandoned warehouse. The leader of one side delivers his edicts in a high-pitched rasp that sounds like an incoherent Don Corleone. His henchman acts as interpreter.

To pose as Mickey Blue Eyes, Grant must convert his English accent into mob talk. Caan's attempts to teach him the dialect are hilarious.

If "Mickey Blue Eyes" seems a perfect fit for Grant, it may be because he reportedly worked with the screenwriters over a two-year period.

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Pictured: "Maggie" Black and white short-haired female, 1 year old plus, spayed.

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"Tuffy" Grey and white short-haired male, 1 year old plus, neutered.

"Jackie" Grey and white short-haired female, 2 years old plus, spayed.

"Terry" Orange tabby, short-haired male, 3 years old plus, neutered.

"Rocky" Grey tabby, long-haired male, 4 years old plus, neutered.

"Buffy" Grey/brown tabby, short-haired female, 1 year old plus, spayed.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

## STORK CLUB

Cayleigh Dorothea Moore, girl, July 1, 1999, 7:13 p.m., six pounds 12 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Wacey Scott and Beverly Moore, Crockett.

Grandparents are Tonia Cowger of Lovelady, Randy Moore of Sand Springs, and Gary and Debbie Hanson of Big Spring. Great-grandparents are Wilbur and Donna Cowger of Rochester, Ind., the late P.E. and Dorothy Moore of Sand Springs, J.C. and Patsy Self of Big Spring, and Marion and Charlene Hays of Westbrook. Great-great-grandmother is W.D. Hays of Coahoma.

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Zoey Lynn Berry, girl, Aug. 17, 1999, 8:37 a.m., seven pounds one ounce and 19 inches long; parents are Phillip Berry and Rinnie Carson.

Grandparents are Cindy and Doyce Coyle, Jimmy Berry, Royce Carson and Carrol and Troy Jobe, all of Big Spring.

Randell Chance Hesson, boy, Aug. 18, 1999, 8:41 a.m., seven pounds 2.5 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Russ and Laurie Hesson, Forsan.

Grandparents are James and Novie Mills, Leon and Julie Henson, and Joanneta Hesson, all of Big Spring.

Chloe Kay Seago, girl, Aug. 9, 1999, 12:44 p.m., six pounds 13 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Salena Taylor and Cameron Seago.

Grandparents are Jack and Retha Taylor, Big Spring.

Isaiah Matthew Rios, Aug. 15, 1999, 12:31 p.m., six pounds 15 1/4 ounces and 20 inches long; mother is Valerie Rios.

Grandparents are Irma Rios and Faustino Rios Jr., deceased. Great-grandparents are Horace and Pilar Yanez.

His brother is Aron Michael Rios, and his uncle is Jeremy Rios.

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## Eason-Sparks

Summer Shonté Eason and Randy Eugene Sparks exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 7, 1999, at Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating.

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

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

Beverly Norman was the pianist.

Given in marriage by her stepfather, the bride wore a moonlight gown with a traditional V-neck, lace, sequins and pearls. It featured a chapel length train and she wore a two-tier veil.

Maid of honor was Lori Graham, and Angie Jackson was the bridesmaid.

Ben Strickland served as best man, and John Kilgore was the groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fel-



MR. AND MRS. RANDY EUGENE SPARKS

lowship hall.

The wedding cake was a three tiered white and lilac cake with pearls and lace trim.

The groom had cheesecake drizzled in chocolate and topped with blueberries.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring.

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- "Black Notice" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
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- "Mother of Pearl" by Melinda Haynes (Hyperion)
- "Granny Dan" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
- "The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon" by Stephen King (Scribner)
- "The Edge" by Catherine Coulter (Putnam)
- "The Testament" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
- "Worst Fears Realized" by Stuart Woods (HarperCollins)

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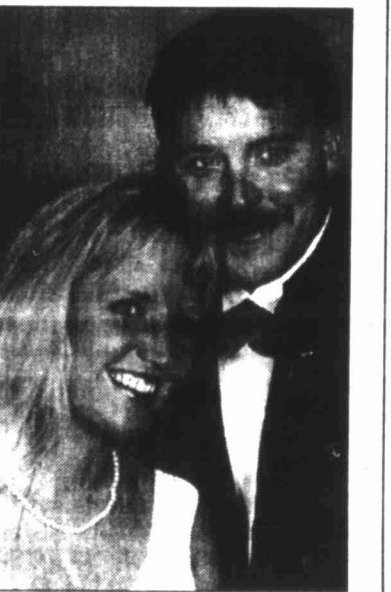


## Husted-Grigg

K. Michelle Husted, Big Spring, and Pank Grigg of Ackerly were united in marriage on July 16, 1999, at the First Baptist Church.

She is the daughter of Carroll and Judy Husted of Big Spring.

He is the son of Joe Grigg of Coahoma and Cindy Grigg of Ackerly.



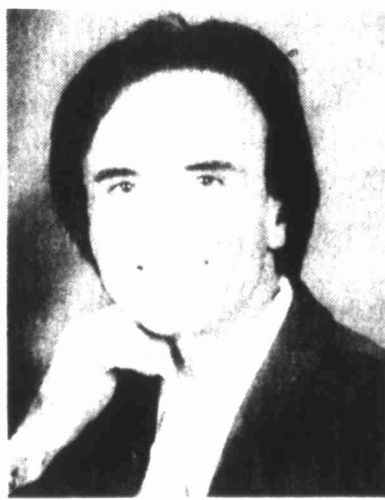
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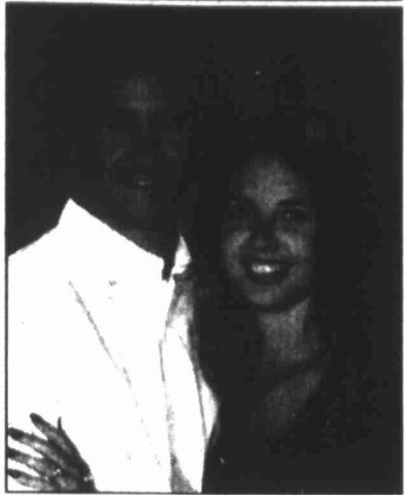
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She is the daughter of Carol and Francis Lambrecht. He is the son of Thomas Sanchez and Evelyn Marshall.



Deanna Avery and Chauncey Ford will be united in marriage on Sept. 4, 1999, at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. E.C. Wilson officiating.

She is the daughter of Deidra Avery of Big Spring and Bill Boyd of Abilene.

He is the son of Bertie Ford and Melvett Ford, Big Spring, and the grandson of Corine Thomas of Big Spring.



Meredith Baker and Charlie Crisp will unite in marriage on Dec. 18, 1999, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs officiating.

She is the daughter of Donnie and Linda Baker of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Lela Geer of Big Spring, and Evelyn Gray, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mary Crisp and the late Gene Crisp of Clovis, N.M.

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THURSDAY-Stew, broccoli, salad, corn bread, milk, cobbler.  
FRIDAY-Turkey/dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, applesauce.

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TUESDAY-Chicken strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello hot rolls, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese enchiladas, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler, milk.  
THURSDAY-Country fried steak w/gravy, whole new potatoes, blackeye peas, fruit, hot rolls, milk.  
FRIDAY-Fiestadas, green salad, potato salad, fruit, milk.

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THURSDAY- Chicken nuggets, peas, mashed potatoes, fruit, hot roll, milk.  
FRIDAY-Corn dog, pork & beans, spinach, peaches, milk.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
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TUESDAY-Tacos (ham sandwich), salad, ranch beans, fresh fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Chili dogs, (baked potato w/chili & cheese), fries peach cobbler, milk.  
THURSDAY-Chicken spaghetti (burritos), peas, salad, bread,

milk, jello.  
FRIDAY-BBQ beef on bun (corn dogs), chips, baked beans, pickle spears, apples, milk.

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MONDAY-Burritos, buttered potatoes, salad, fruit pies, milk.  
TUESDAY-Chicken and noodles, black-eyed peas, salad, graham crackers with peanut butter, peas, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-BAR-B-Q on a bun, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, pudding, vanilla-wafers, milk.  
THURSDAY-Bean chalupas, corn, salad, taco sauce, fruit, milk.  
FRIDAY-Braised beef tips, rice, green beans, jello and fruit, hot rolls, milk.

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MONDAY-Bologna & cheese sandwich, potato chips, celery w/peanut butter, melon slice, milk.  
TUESDAY-Cheese enchiladas, refried beans, jello w/fruit, cornbread, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Stromboli, potato rounds, broccoli & cheese spiced apples.  
THURSDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, sliced carrots, pear half, hot roll, milk.  
FRIDAY-Cheeseburger, salad, french fries, border beans, brownie, milk.

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TUESDAY-Beef spaghetti or corndog, green beans, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.  
WEDNESDAY-Baked chicken or country steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, blackeye peas, fruit cup, hot roll, milk, or fruit drink.  
THURSDAY-Beef taco or tamales, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cornbread, milk, fruit drink.  
FRIDAY-Grill cheese or steak fingers, french fries, vegetarian beans, fruit cup, milk, fruit drink.

## IN THE MILITARY

Stephanie E. Mosley, daughter of Mark and Betsy Gentry of Big Spring, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force on Aug. 11.

Stephanie is a graduate of Central High School in San Antonio. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at

Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Mosley is scheduled to receive technical training in the contracting career field. In conjunction with the vocational skill, she will be earning college credits towards an Associate Degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Draper



MR. AND MRS. BILL DRAPER THEN AND NOW



Helen and Bill Draper celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 21, 1999, with a dinner reception hosted by their children and granddaughter Stephanie Proctor.

He was born in Brownfield, and she was born in Petersburg as Helen Simpson. They met in 1942 when Bill's family moved to Lubbock and into the same neighborhood as Helen's family. They attended junior high, high school and college together.

They were married on Aug. 19, 1949, at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Draper have two children, Sara and David Draper of Midland, and Kelly Draper of Beaumont. They also have one

grandchild. The couple lived in Lubbock until 1954 when they moved to Big Spring.

They are both retired. Previously, they owned and operated Faye's Flowers for 35 years, retiring in 1989. They are affiliated with the First Baptist Church of Big Spring and are in the Sandhills Ramblers RV Travel Club. They both enjoy traveling.

This was their comment about their 30 years of marriage, "We have been best friends ever since we first met. This made it easy for us to love and respect one another. Our love for God, our family and our friends has made our marriage complete."

Pioneer Day is Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Potton House. Take a trip back in time with the Heritage Museum.

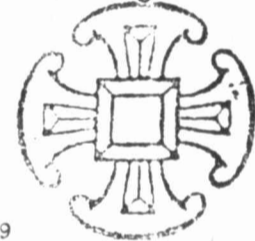
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## Don't stuff it in the mattress: Texas banks preparing for Y2K scare

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans inclined to stuff their cash under a mattress or bury it in the back yard in preparation for Y2K should be more concerned about doomsday scams, banking officials warned last week.

"I can tell you without question that the safest place for your money is in the bank," said Rick Smith, president of the Texas Bankers Association. "That's been true in the past. It's true today and it's going to be true into the future, especially as we turn into the millennium."

But fear of a potential computer glitch could leave some Texans vulnerable to scams preying on their anxiety that some systems won't be able to handle the date change from 1999 to 2000, officials said.

"We feel that probably between now and the end of the year there is going to be a heightened interest in people attempting to scam people," said Larry Marik, an advisor representing the American Bankers Association.

There have already been complaints about scam artists pos-

ing as bank employees who want to check Y2K readiness by validating checking account or credit card numbers, Marik said. Some banking customers have received unsolicited offers to hold their money until after Jan. 1 in a place safer than a bank, he said.

When approached with these types of offers, Texans should remember that if their money is in a bank, it's already insured by the federal government, Marik said.

"In no way shape or form is there a necessity to give out

account information ... or any financial information unless we're absolutely sure who we're giving it to and for what purpose," said Marik.

Smith said banking officials have been upgrading computer systems, particularly those with date-specific technology, to ensure they can handle the date change from 1999 to 2000. Computer scientists say computers might read only the last two digits of 2000, causing some systems to freeze up and in some cases, shut down at midnight on Jan. 1.

"The bankers of the United States of America have been preparing for this event for several years. We've devoted significant resources and lots of manpower to make sure that the banks are ready for this Y2K event," Smith said.

Most financial institutions already are using computer systems with state-of-the-art technology that are Year 2000 compliant, regulators said.

"We have extensive background records on all of our customers' accounts," Smith said. "So they can rest assured

that whatever happened over year end their records are going to be safe and secure."

The federal government also will print extra cash to make sure banks have enough on hand in case of a rush for withdrawals, said Randall James, deputy commissioner of the Texas Department of Banking.

"We're concerned about people wanting to pull too much cash," said James.

Texas banking customers that do withdraw large amounts of money risk losing the cash or being robbed, he said.

## Deer seminar planned next month at A&M

Big, heavy antlered deer are the dream of hunters and game managers alike. Unfortunately, really good bucks are still more the exception than the rule. Like any good animal production enterprise, the "secret" to producing top bucks is proper management.

Discover the secrets Sept. 21-23 at "Deer Management 1-1-From the Ground Up!", a symposium sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at the Rudder Conference Center on the Texas A&M University campus.



DAVID  
KNIGHT

Dr. Dole Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist, San Angelo, and a symposium coordinator said the "Management 101" moniker might turn some seasoned managers off, but it shouldn't.

"The '101' doesn't infer that this is a beginning course, but rather it refers to the sound habitat foundation that must be built one step at a time if really quality deer are to be produced on a sustained basis.

Our goal here is to provide a forum for information exchange among the leading scientific authorities and field practitioners in the areas of deer and deer habitat management."

The program features 20 internationally known speakers who are all experts in the particular deer management niche. Initial registration and exhibit viewing is from 3 to 7 p.m. on the first floor of Rudder Tower. Registration thereafter opens each morning at 7:15 also on the first floor of Rudder Tower.

The two days of programming are divided into eight sessions. The sessions are broken by breaks designed to give participants ample time to view exhibits set up on site.

Topics include: Habitat Management 101; Deer Population dynamics-Balancing You Herd with the Habitat; Deer Nutrition-What Do We Know?; Collecting and Interpreting Deer Herd Data; Aging Deer on the Hoof; supplemental Feeding-Yes? No/How? Cost? Effect?; Herd Health Issues; Harvest Strategies; Use of Infrared Camera Technology in Deer Management; Managing Whole Systems vs. Individual Species; TPWD Deer Permit System; Marketing Your Hunting Operation; Deer Management in the Next Millennium.

Experts will also debate the management implications of high fences.

Scheduled speakers include: Steve Nelle, NRCS biologist; Dr. Tim Ginnette, TAES; Dr. Robert Brown, Wildlife and Fisheries Department-TAMU; Misty Sumner, TPWD Biologist; Dr. Charles DeYoung, TAMU-Kingsville; Bill Armstrong, Kerr Wildlife Management Area-TPWD; Gary Homerstad, TPWD; Mike Krueger, TPWD; Mickey Hellickson, King Ranch; Larry Varner, Purina Mills, Inc.; Dr. Don Davis, College of

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## County cotton crop spotty, but way up from '98

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

It's a better cotton crop than a year ago — that's something Howard County farmers and ag authorities can easily agree upon. But they also say a lack of rain over the past few weeks has turned what looked like a very good 1999 crop into a very ordinary year.

"We just needed one more good rain about the first of August," said Howard County producer Johnny Middleton, who farms about 15 miles north of Big Spring. He said some of the cotton he has planted is looking "pretty good" and some of it is not.

Across the county, farmers and ag specialists are saying one of two things — rain is needed immediately, or was needed two weeks ago.

"The main thing is crops are needing a drink. We've got a lot better crop compared to last year. But some guys are on the edge — they have just enough going to have to farm it," said Brandon McGinty, assistant county extension agent. "They more or less have to farm for a crop; they can't disaster it out."

Rick Liles, Howard County Farm Service Agency executive director, said about 100,000 acres was planted in the county. Probably 10,000 of that didn't make, he said, leaving the county with about 90,000 acres.

"As of right now, we have some around the Knott Community that is looking pretty good but for across the balance of the county, the crop is poor," said Liles. "It came up and has just kind of petered out."

Not everyone would even agree that the crop even looks good around Knott.

"It needs rain and needs it bad. The crops in our area were



Brandon McGinty, assistant extension agent for Howard County, looks over some of the cotton planted in the agency's test plots. Although this cotton looks fair, a lot of the crop in the county is in worse shape, stressed from a combination of too little rain and too much heat.

looking good until a week and a half ago. If we don't get rain within the next week, we will have a lower-than-usual crop," said Van Gaskins, who farms the area.

"The farther south and east you go, the more it is already through. By through, I mean rain may help it a little, but it won't help as far as yield goes," Gaskins said.

"Rain would maybe help some. But most of the cotton is already stressed out," echoed Liles. "Much of it will still be taken to harvest, but a lot of it

is going to be way off what it should be. Cotton this time of year should be knee-high and it is 8 to 10 inches tall.

"Guys are looking at making a third of what they would hope for," Liles added.

Rainfall in Howard County is below normal for the year, but that's not the problem, said Liles.

"Rainfall on the average doesn't look too bad. It's below normal, but the timing of the rain is what matters," he said.

And the amount, apparently. "If we do get a rain, we don't

need a big rain," said McGinty. "With a big rain, a lot of plants could go back into growing. They put on new growth and there is a tendency to drop bolls and try to make new bolls. That would set up a late harvest date and if we get an early freeze, it would be worse."

"Generally, after mid to the end of July, what bolls are on that plant will be the main part of your plant," McGinty said.

Horace Tubb, said the cotton is literally burning up in the

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## Southwest wrests contract from American Airlines

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines has won back a contract to fly state employees between Dallas Love Field and Austin with a bid nearly 40 percent lower than last year's price.

Southwest bid \$27.78 per passenger, easily beating American's bid of \$37.21.

The big winner in the bidding, however, appears to be the state of Texas. Southwest's price is far below the \$45 that American bid last year, when it took the business away from Southwest.

"The state government business is very valuable to us. We are glad that because of our low-cost structure and our efficient

employees, we can save taxpayers' money as a result of these low state government fares," said Southwest spokeswoman Melanie Jones.

Southwest bids aggressively for state contracts elsewhere. It won a Nevada contract for travel between Las Vegas and Reno at \$31.48 for a one-way ticket, or less than 9 cents a mile. The Austin-Dallas fare is more than 15 cents a mile.

Ms. Jones said Southwest will make a profit on the route, even though it's barely one-third the amount of Southwest's losing bid of \$79 last year. But an American spokesman was skeptical.

"We had no intention of

putting forth a bid that barely covers the administrative costs of operating the flight," American spokesman Tim Smith said. "I would imagine that it would cost Southwest less to give the seat away."

Smith noted that Southwest bid \$9 to \$18 more for travel from Dallas to San Antonio, Houston and Oklahoma City.

"I think clearly the disparity of that Austin bid versus other cities shows perhaps that Southwest was embarrassed by not having the city last year and was willing to virtually give away the service to get the bid back," Smith said.

The loss of the state business will probably mean even fewer

passengers on American's already lightly filled flights between Austin and Love Field, which began a year ago.

Smith said American sells about 30 percent of the seats on the flights but has no intention of leaving Love Field, in case it needs to expand service there to compete with other carriers.

Plans for expanded service at Love Field, including planned flights by startup Legend Airlines, have been the subject of several lawsuits and legislation in Congress.

American did win the state contract to fly employees between Austin and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for a one-way fare of \$53.02.

## Energy official says they've got a plan to help ailing oil industry

MIDLAND (AP) — A top federal energy official came to the Oil Patch this week and said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson will help struggling oil producers learn how to cope with low prices.

"This area has been overwhelmed, and we want to know what the Department of Energy can do to assist local producers," said deputy Energy secretary Philip Vasquez during a stop Thursday on his three-day tour of West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

"Production is down 360,000 barrels per day and 10 percent of oil industry jobs have disappeared," Vasquez said Richardson's strategy will be to share the lat-

est knowledge on increasing production and lowering costs with domestic independents.

"We are trying to provide ways of producing oil and gas faster, cleaner and more efficiently," Vasquez said.

He said Richardson may also propose tax-law changes to help domestic producers.

Vasquez praised cost-sharing programs among oil and gas operators in the Permian Basin, which he estimated at \$70 million. Other programs include low-cost loans and, when those steps fail, worker retraining.

A former landman for the oil company now known as BP-Amoco, Vasquez said domestic independents have a great opportunity to take over assets

of major oil companies, which are focusing more attention on international activities.

Also on his trip, Vasquez defended the department's opposition to a recent effort by producers in Texas and Oklahoma to punish four countries that they accuse of selling oil below cost.

A group called Save Domestic Oil accused Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Iraq of predatory oil pricing.

Vasquez said the department opposed the petition, which was rejected by the U.S. Commerce Department, because it believes in free trade.

The domestic producers are appealing the Commerce Department's decision.

## Pizza Hut promises sensitivity training as part of settlement

CHICAGO (AP) — Tens of thousands of Pizza Hut employees will receive racial-sensitivity training over the next 5 years as part of the settlement of a lawsuit filed by a black family that alleged they were turned away from one of the restaurants.

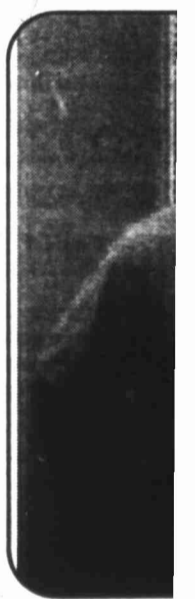
The family claimed they were not allowed to celebrate a son's 10th birthday at a Pizza Hut restaurant in suburban Midlothian, Ill., on a summer evening in 1996. The family filed suit and a settlement was reached in May.

It was to have remained confidential, but a copy was obtained by the Chicago Tribune after it was attached to a court filing made by the plaintiffs last week.

The attorney for the plaintiffs, Fay Clayton, declined to comment on the settlement. Pizza Hut's director of public relations, Jay Allison, said: "We're going to uphold our end of the bargain and not discuss it."

Pizza Hut settled a similar lawsuit last year in which black customers at a restaurant in Godfrey, Ill., said Pizza Hut employees insulted them with racial slurs, refused to wait on them and threatened them in the parking lot.

In recent years, the Denny's restaurant chain paid out \$54 million to thousands of black customers nationwide, and Shoney's paid out \$105 million to settle discrimination claims by minority employees and job applicants.



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grantor: Billy Richard Halford and Sandra Kay Halford grantee: Mike L. Flores property: all of lots 3-4 blk. 9, Brown Addition filed: Aug. 2, 1999  
grantor: Delbert W. Holt grantee: John Paul Ferguson property: the north 64' of lot 12, blk. 19, Boydston Addition filed: Aug. 3, 1999  
grantor: Cruz Rodriguez grantee: Samuel H. and Mary Elizabeth Rodriguez property: lot 1 and the north 40' of lot 2, blk. 28, Ackerly filed: Aug. 3, 1999  
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grantor: Norwest Bank of Texas, N.A. grantee: Teri D. Shaw and Ioma T. Shaw Revocable Living Trust property: the surface estate only of a tract of land in section 43, blk. 33 filed: Aug. 4, 1999  
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grantor: Bobby Wayne Price and Sandra Rae Price grantee: Betty Lou Price property: surface estate only in and to three tracts of land out of section 30, blk. 33 filed: Aug. 9, 1999  
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grantor: Duwan Wells, attorney-in-fact for Fern Ellington grantee: R.H. and Joyce Weaver property: lots 3-4, subdivision 'B', blk. 12, Fairview Heights Addition filed: Aug. 11, 1999  
grantor: Lois Mesker grantee: Clyde and Iva Treadway property: the south 75' of lot 1, blk. 79, Original Town of Big Spring filed: Aug. 11, 1999  
grantor: Mark and Tina Sundry grantee: Pedro Jr. and Margaret S. Trevino property: all of lot 14, blk. 10, Hall Addition filed: Aug. 12, 1999  
grantor: Albino Renteria Jr. grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum property: lot 1, blk. 14, Monticello Addition filed: Aug. 13, 1999  
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grantor: Brett A. and Jennifer K. Baker grantee: Harlingen National Bank property: lot 22, blk. 3, Kentwood Addition Unit No. 1 filed: Aug. 13, 1999

Deed without warranty:

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grantor: Marion Savell grantee: Thomas Wayne Savell Jr. property: lots 3-4, Subdivision B, blk. 22, Fairview Heights Addition filed: Aug. 4, 1999

Deed with vendor's lien:

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grantor: Gerald and Ramona Harris grantee: D.W. Holisenbeck property: lot 3, subdivision 'B', blk. 16, Fairview Heights Addition filed: Aug. 12, 1999

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum grantee: Mark Maas property: all of lot 1, blk. 14, Monticello Addition filed: Aug. 13, 1999

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Ricky Robertson vs. Whataco of Texas, Inc.  
Suzanne Tucker and The Lucky Lady vs. Cecil Stevens and Scott Emerson

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Reggie Kendrick vs. Shanna Adcock  
Delisa G. Wade vs. Kirk J. Wade  
Carly Torres vs. Adam M. Torres  
Angela D. Clanton vs. Steven B. Matthews

Divorce:

Noemi Alvarez vs. Gerald Joe Alvarez  
Teresa Louise Dunn Winters vs. Terry Lee Winters

Holley Jennings vs. Jim Jennings  
Sherry Leigh Brown vs. David Harley Brown  
James Daily White vs. Patricia Alene White

Accounts, notes & contracts:  
Roy Minck, M.D., Carlos Mercado, M.D. and Mara DeLaVega, M.D. vs. Big Spring Hospital Corporation, d/b/s Scenic Mountain Medical Center  
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KIGHT

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Veterinary Medicine/WFSC; Dr. James Kroll, Forest Resources Institute; Ben Koerth, Arthur Temple College of Forestry; Dr. Fred Bryant, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute; Butch Young, TPWD; Greg Simons, Wildlife Systems; Dr. Don Steinbach, WFSC and Dr. Billy Higginbotham.

Participants are urged to pre-register to facilitate planning. Preregistration on fees are \$100 per person and must be received by Sept. 7.

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field.

"It's kinda' going to the devil," he said. "The stuff we planted in April is doing pretty good. The bolls are not as good as they ought to be, but it has lots of them.

"They've got good crops at Lomax and Elbow but it's a burnin,'" Tubbs said. "We're still going to make some cotton, but I don't know how much."

At current prices, around 50 cents, farmers don't stand to do too well even if they do have a decent crop.

"That's 1950s prices," panned McGinty.

It may be too late for a good rain to help the cotton crop, but it's still much-needed.

"A good rain could still help our pasture conditions," said Liles. "The ranchers are really suffering through the dry spell again. We need rain real bad."

"The pasture is really dry. The last few years haven't made much of a seed crop to replenish the grasses we've lost. A lot of it is just weed. We need to make a seed head to get some seed back in the ground to have some grasses for next year," said McGinty.

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**ACROSS**

1 Sunspot, of a sort  
8 "Marty" director Mann  
15 "Myra Breckinridge" co-star  
16 Praise singer  
17 Electric current units  
18 Tenor Pavarotti  
19 Concerned person  
20 Evade  
21 Arduous journey  
22 Wood fragments  
24 April 15 org.  
25 \$100 bills  
26 Salton or Caspian, e.g.  
29 Seine tributary  
31 Head-to-head competitions  
33 Credulity  
34 De Carlo and Mitchell  
36 Nixon V.P.  
37 Shine  
39 Supporting piece  
40 Glacial pinnacles  
41 UFO pilots  
42 Crisp cracker  
44 City near Essen  
45 Items draped on tubs  
48 Ricochet  
49 Send a different way  
50 Large centerpiece  
52 Reveille, for instance  
53 Consider beneath oneself  
54 Walks unsteadily  
55 No longer living

**DOWN**

1 Insignificant  
2 Second union  
3 Setting forth in words  
4 Small stream  
5 John or Deborah  
6 Shelter  
7 Bradley and Begley  
8 Courier  
9 Oozes forth  
10 Shoe salesman, at times  
11 Ecstasy  
12 French state  
13 Russo of "Get Shorty"  
14 Too many in Tours  
20 Location on the Web  
22 Tizzy  
23 Billets-doux  
25 "Enterprise" personnel  
26 Nose or ear, e.g.  
27 Automated  
28 Evaluation  
30 First lady  
31 Adams and Cornelius  
32 French one  
35 Bad habit  
38 "Exodus" author  
40 Helen of "City Slickers"  
42 Cry to be heard  
43 Entertain  
44 Gras  
45 Irritating child  
46 Dynamic starter?  
47 Jogger's gait  
48 It is French?  
50 Dutch commune  
51 Movies, in "Variety"

**Friday's Puzzle Solved**

DAMP FOCUS GIBBS  
ARE A IRANI ELLE  
WORKING VACATION  
NO SINESS INTACT  
SIR CLAY  
PRETTY UGLY TAD  
AODAI NRA PHONE  
NANNA IOU AORTA  
TRAIL POD ROSIN  
SSS HOME OFFICE  
OVID NAB  
AMTRAK BELIEVED  
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The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 2448 August 22 & 29, 1999

INVITATION TO BID Bids for the construction of 1999 Exterior Lighting Project Howard College 1001 Birdwell Lane Big Spring, Texas will be received at the Howard College Board Room located in the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas until 2:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, September 14, 1999. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

Bids will be addressed to Mr. Terry Hansen, Executive Vice President, Howard College Reserve Parking Area 1999 Exterior Lighting Project. This will be a single lump sum contract and shall include Churchwell work. Make proposals on unaltered proposal forms furnished by the Architect. Fill in all blank spaces and have the proposal signed by a legal officer of agent authorized to bid the Bidder to a contract. Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner or to the bid opening.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of J. Phillip Furquerson, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. 915-267-3794. Copies of these documents shall be available at the office of the Architect in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The deposit will be \$25.00 per set.

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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)

Others look to you for information. You might not be comfortable with a financial decision. Others present their points of view, making you feel pressured. Do what feels right, and you'll make money. You'll also spend it! Tonight: Visit with an older relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Expansion marks your interactions. Be aware that it can affect your physical body as well as your emotional, spiritual and professional lives. A trip or outing with a foreigner revives your spirit and broadens your point of view. Tonight: Be adventurous.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

What happens between you and another doesn't have to be public information. The less said, the better. Recognize that others don't always see things as you do. Your ability to see a bigger picture is a great asset. Tonight: Mum's the word.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You thrive on interpersonal relationships. Let others make suggestions; getting together with others proves to be exciting and fun. A loved one lets you know just how important you are. You glow when you're with friends. Tonight: Just say yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Another puts you on a pedestal; to him, you walk on water. Make the effort to help this person feel comfortable. Your extra efforts make a huge difference. Ask for what you want. Others can't do enough for you. Tonight: Get a head

start on tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Romance is available for those who are young at heart. If attached, relish the day with loved ones and children. Talk about a trip or favorite adventure together. Planning could be as much fun as doing. Start now. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Family ties remain a high priority. Discussions about a new expenditure add excitement. Listen to others; together, you decide what you want to do. Unity is the natural outcome of these talks. Do some price comparison together. Tonight: Home is your castle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Others clearly adore you. You have many choices. Popularity is high. Hang out with others. Follow through on a suggestion. You have a ball wherever you are. A new friend appears - get this person's number! Tonight: Visit the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Once more, you are lucky. Don't take any great gambles, but a risk here or there wouldn't hurt. Be nurturing, and you'll receive in multiples. Your caring touches others, but a luxury or two makes a big difference. Tonight: Early to bed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your natural appeal comes out. A child or loved one joins you. Do something together that you both enjoy, no matter what that is. Let down your guard. Intimate discussions bond you. If single, a new playmate could romp into your life. Tonight: You'll love whatever you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Take time for yourself or with one other person. Enjoy a leisurely day of escape and fantasy. Watch some movies, visit with a friend or order in a pizza. Or, just take an extra snooze or two. Tonight: Continue the indulgent mood.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

A friendship blooms. Enjoy and share your day with another. Visit and touch base with others. Being social will enhance your present relationship. Make sure your answering machine is working - you could get an interesting call. Tonight: Do whatever you want.

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