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Salvation Army getting help from Eagles Auxiliary

The Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a canned food drive all month to benefit the Salvation Army. 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 mem-

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
 □ 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

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 68°-74° TUESDAY 88°-95°

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Permian demolition, Moore appointees top council's agenda

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Demolition of the Permian Building, selection of two new members for the Moore Development board and a public hearing on the annual budget are among the items Big Spring City Council will address in a meeting set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Council members will also consider 13 items of new business, most of which are annual agreements.

In regards to the Permian Building, City Manager Gary Fuqua is expected to announce that enough funds have been

accumulated to begin demolition of the aging downtown structure. However, Fuqua is also expected to ask the council to reject current bids for the demolition and re-bid it as a "turn-key" project.

"We think we may be able to reduce the cost of the project and the time it takes to complete it, too," he said.

With the notice last week that Cornell Corrections has committed \$25,000 to the project, some \$128,000 has been acquired for the demolition. That includes \$50,000 each from the city and Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. board and \$3,000 from Main Street, Inc.

Demolition costs have been calculated

at \$126,610. That figure includes a bid for the demolition itself and insurance — which Fuqua will be asking to re-bid — as well as \$21,100 for asbestos abatement.

The city could save approximately half of the abatement costs if a plan by Howard College comes through that would secure Texas Department of Corrections inmate labor for the project.

In other business, council members are expected to consider a list of four individuals to fill two spots on the Moore board Sept. 1. They are Lee George, owner of Lee George Construction; Maxwell Dee Green, CEO of Green & Fillingim PC and former Big Spring

mayor; Penni Kothmann, owner of Kothmann's Klassic Kleaners; and Chuck Bagwell, owner of Al's and Son Bar-B-Q.

Also, a public hearing on budget will provide an opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed budget. Big Spring City Council has already approved a resolution to keep the tax rate under the notice and hearing limit, which is 62.101 cents per \$100 valuation and below the effective tax rate of 63.178 cents. Last year's tax rate was 61 cents per \$100.

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Canterbury resident Wanda Coots, right, gets her index finger connected to a machine that reads blood oxygen levels and takes the pulse rate. Administering the screening is Sharon Lawley, R.N., of Express Medical. Canterbury's first health fair was deemed a success, with more than 250 persons lined up before 9:30 a.m.

Trial

Charges of aggravated sexual assault and sexual assault of child faced by 40-year-old

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Jury selection for a 40-year-old man accused of aggravated sexual assault and sexual assault of a child begins today in 118 District Court, with Judge Robert H. Moore III presiding.

Kendall H. Ruffin faces a possible life sentence if convicted of the aggravated sexual assault charge, a first degree felony, which occurred in December 1998.

"Aggravated sexual assault involves some sort of threat of injury or injury, or a display of weapon, and carries a two-to-99 years, or life sentence," said Assistant District Attorney William Dupree, who is prosecuting the case.

The second charge, sexual assault of a child which occurred last January, is a second degree felony, punishable by two-to-20 years in prison if convicted. Both charges carry a \$10,000 fine each, Dupree said.

"The state offered him 15 years each for both charges, or 17 years for one charge with the other dismissed. He turned down both offers," Dupree said.

Dupree said the offers were made considering the nature of this accusation, as well as prior felony convictions Ruffin acquired in Florida.

He said that while Ruffin might have been charged with crimes of a sexual nature, those offenses were either dismissed or reduced. Ruffin did receive convictions for aggravated robbery while in Florida, Dupree said.

The trial, which will begin tomorrow, follows several motions which were filed by

Ruffin's court appointed attorney Don Richard, as well as plea bargains offered by the district attorney's office last week during the pretrial motions.

Defense attorney Richard filed for a competency trial by jury for Ruffin, which means evidence had to be presented that Ruffin was unable to assist his attorney in his own defense.

"Due to some bizarre behavior in county jail, we had several Ph.D. psychologists and a psychiatrist examine him. While he may be antisocial, the jury found him competent to stand trial," Dupree said.

Richard also filed motions to have Moore removed from the case, as well as a change of venue for the trial, on behalf of Ruffin, Dupree said.

"He asked that Judge Moore be recused from the proceedings based on the fact that he refused to have Ruffin's bond lowered. A judge was brought from Midland, who determined that the motion was baseless, and Judge Moore will be presiding," Dupree said.

The change of venue motion, claiming excessive publicity had tainted any possibility of securing a fair trial in Howard County, was also dismissed.

"A change of venue exists if pretrial publicity has everyone in town convinced this man is guilty, or if a conspiracy of combined influential people in town prohibit a fair trial. We have not treated him any differently than any other defendant, and sufficient evidence was not presented to warrant a change of venue," Dupree said.

Evidence will be presented by both the Big Spring Police Department as well as the Howard County Sheriff's Office. The trial begins Tuesday.

Sands gets \$50,000 technology grant

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Sands Consolidated Independent School District received word last week that it had been awarded a grant of \$50,000 from the state's Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board.

"We're really tickled about this, and we intend to use the money to purchase equipment for a distance learning laboratory," said superintendent Dr. Donald Bryan.

The district has dedicated \$7,000 in matching funds toward the project, and technology administrator Scott Ragle said a room has been prepared for the laboratory.

"We'll be offering dual credit courses for our high school stu-

dents, those courses that provide both college and high school credit," Ragle said.

The district will also use the distance learning laboratory to offer other courses not readily available, such as a special German course or an upper level English course.

"We'll also offer college courses for our teachers who are wanting to work on obtaining their master's degree or who wish to take mid-management courses," he said.

And another great bonus to having a distance learning laboratory is that teachers will be able to take required in-service training through the computer system.

"We have some one who drives to Lubbock nearly every day. This will be much better for our teachers," Ragle said.

Ragle said this is the second TIF award Sands CISD has received. He and Bryan worked together to write the 50-page grant application that earned the district the funds.

"They furnish strict guidelines, but if you dot all you Is and cross all your Ts and show a real need, that's the difficult part," Ragle said.

The laboratory should be complete by November, when Region 17 intends to test the lines and linkup.

He said the goal is to have the system in place in November, so that senior high school students will be able to take college courses for dual credit in January.

Ragle said learning to write the grants for the district has been challenging, but a task he is enjoying and learning.

Plans being finalized for local MDA effort

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Preparation for Big Spring's Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon is on track, organizers said last week.

Firefighters and members of the Harley Owners Group (HOG) are arranging logistics, fundraisers and entertainment during the event, which will broadcast from Big Spring Mall.

"It's a year-round thing," said Trudy Espinoza, district director for MDA's Midland office. "Once we finish one telethon, we start planning the next one."

Big Spring's telethon, which Espinoza called "a remote site" for Midland's telethon, will offer activities from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Labor Day.

There will be a live band, barbecue sandwich sales and a silent auction. Most activities will take place inside the mall, or in the parking lot under a

large tent sponsored by HEB Grocery Stores.

Other sponsors include the Fina Refinery. Sponsorships are available at \$500, \$400 and \$125 levels. In addition, Pizza Inn donates workers and food for the event, while Cellular One will offer free use of phones.

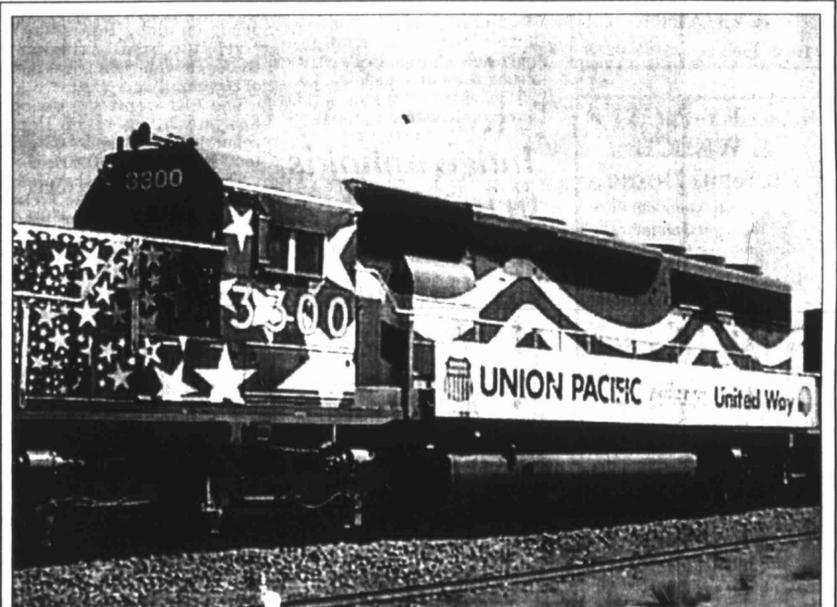
Barry Barnett of HOG said the group is still gathering items from local merchants for the silent auction.

"If anyone else would like to donate something for the auction, they can call the Harley (Davidson) shop and we will come pick it up. We're happy to have as much as we can get for the auction."

The HOG members and firefighters have a friendly competition each year, trying to raise the most money to benefit the cause. Both conduct fundraisers for MDA throughout the week-end.

Firefighters will begin their

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With the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's annual campaign about to open, this Union Pacific locomotive decorated for United Way came through Big Spring a few days ago as part of a consist pulling a westbound freight.

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OBITUARIES

Vickie Marie Berry

Service for Vickie Marie Berry, 54, Grapevine, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Grapevine. Burial will follow in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville.

Mrs. Berry died Saturday, Aug. 21, in Grapevine. She was born on Dec. 4, 1944, in Big Spring. She moved to Grapevine in 1964. She was employed by Mesco Metal Buildings as a customer service representative. Mrs. Berry was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grapevine where she taught Sunday School for 20 years.

Survivors include: her husband, Kenneth Berry of Grapevine; one son, Robert Woodard of Sunset; two daughters, Susan Anderson of Flower Mound, and Jennifer Berry of Grapevine; her parents, Marvin and Virginia Parkhill of Big Spring; one brother, Jimmy Parkhill of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Lucas Funeral Home, Grapevine.

Ethel Gilmer

Service for Ethel Gilmer, 86, Angleton, was 10 a.m. today at Palms Funeral Home with Brother J.D. Benson officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Mrs. Gilmer died Friday, Aug. 20, 1999, in Angleton. She was born on April 11, 1913.

Survivors include: two sons, John Edward Gilmer of Angleton, and Lennox Gilmer of Woodbridge, Va.; two sisters, Doyle Campbell of Lake Jackson and Elton Campbell; one sister, Myrtle Clay; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Palms Funeral Home, Angleton.

Billye Saunders

Service for Billye Saunders, 74, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Carl Leonard Jr. and Otis Adams officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Saunders died Saturday, Aug. 21, at her residence. She was born on April 23, 1925, in Colorado City. She married Dan Saunders on July 18, 1950, in Hobbs, N.M. He preceded her in death on April 27, 1995. She and Dan moved to Stanton in 1951 from Plainview.

Survivors include: two sons, David Saunders and Sid Saunders, both of Stanton; a sister, Mozelle Yates of Lamesa; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Aaron Boadle

Service for Aaron Boadle, 18, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Sunday, Aug. 22, 1999, in a Columbia, Mo., hospital.

MDA

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fundraising drive Saturday, Sept. 4 with their annual "Fill the Boot" campaign. Firefighters will be at the intersection of FM 700 and US 87 from early morning until late afternoon, collecting donations for MDA in a fireman's boot.

"People who want to give but won't be around for Fill the Boot," said organizer Paul Brown, "can still donate in the name of Big Spring firemen by calling the (Midland MDA) office."

For information about sponsorships, donations or other telephone plans, call the MDA office at (915) 570-4970.

COUNCIL

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Under new business, the board will consider suspending an Energas rate increase for 90 days while a study is made to determine whether the increase is justified. Energas is requesting an 8 percent rate hike.

Council members will also consider annual contracts with the Howard County tax assessor, with The Heritage Museum for operation of the Potton House as well as historical preservation and restoration projects, with Big Spring Rape Crisis/Victim Services, and with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

A resolution accepting a grant under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act is on the agenda, as is city travel policy, appointments to the Civil Service Commission and sale of a parcel of land located at 4201 West Highway 80.

Council members will also consider on second reading an ordinance creating the Municipal Court Technology Fund and permitting the municipal court to assess a \$4 fine per misdemeanor citation to generate monies for the fund. That ordinance passed 5-2 on first reading.

Dennis Rodman arrested for alleged public intoxication

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Flamboyant basketball star Dennis Rodman was arrested for allegedly being drunk in public and causing a disturbance at a restaurant, police said Sunday.

The former NBA all-star, known for his brightly dyed hair and numerous body piercings, spent a few hours in the city jail before being released without bail early Sunday, police Sgt. Jim Kaminsky said.

The owner of Woody's Wharf restaurant-bar called police Saturday night and "alleged that Mr. Rodman was intoxicated and causing a disturbance," Kaminsky said.

The sergeant said he had no other details on the disturbance. Rodman, 38, was booked for investigation of public intoxication, a misdemeanor. Sometime before his Oct. 1 arraignment date, prosecutors will decide whether to file any formal charge, Kaminsky said.

Rodman played for the Detroit Pistons, San Antonio Spurs and Chicago Bulls before joining the Los Angeles Lakers for a brief stint last season. The Lakers waived him in April.

Judge upholds firing of a woman from the University of Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a former University of Houston employee failed to prove claims that she was dismissed for complaining about racial slurs used by co-workers in the school's affirmative action office.

U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon wrote in a 20-page opinion released last week that

although racial slurs were used in the office, Rachel Garcia was not subjected to racial discrimination or retaliation.

Garcia, who was fired March 5, 1997, worked as a temporary court reporter in the office charged with resolving discrimination complaints.

Garcia maintained she received excellent performance evaluations and was promised a permanent position within months of beginning her job in June 1996.

However, she said her relationship with her supervisors soured when she complained about racial slurs made by fellow employees. Garcia said then-interim Director Sharon Daly failed to respond to her concerns, and began harassing her after she complained to then-UH President Glenn Goerke.

But Harmon said it was Daly who addressed the problem, taking immediate action to stop the slurs and racial jokes after talking to Garcia.

Harmon said Daly met privately with employees who used the slurs and told them that the remarks were inappropriate, after which Garcia admitted she never heard another racial slur.

Daly also called a meeting of all employees to review the office's discrimination policy. That meeting, however, set the stage for more problems when Garcia's colleagues discovered she was secretly tape-recording the meeting, according to court documents.

Daly allowed Garcia to continue recording the meeting after Garcia promised to make a copy of the tape for each employee present, Harmon wrote. However, Garcia failed to do so and eventually told Daly she had discarded the tapes, an act Daly considered insubordinate.

UH officials have said that Garcia was fired because she was insubordinate and uncooperative.

Authorities stymied by robber dubbed 'Average Joe'

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — At least a dozen banks in Kentucky and Ohio have been robbed by a bespectacled man with a leather portfolio and such an unassuming demeanor that the FBI calls him "Average Joe."

The nickname belies his skill at evading police since knocking over his first bank nearly 1-1/2 years ago.

"He's just your average-sized white male," Patrick Bashore, an FBI spokesman in Louisville, said Thursday. "He could be anybody's next-door neighbor. It appears he could fit in just about anywhere."

"Average Joe" poses as a customer before calmly stepping forward in line to demand money from a teller. Warning of a weapon that never appears, he takes the cash and exits quickly, although not in a run.

Average Joe is suspected of one robbery each month this year except for March. The FBI believes his most recent holdup was Tuesday in Lexington, where he is now suspected of robbing three banks.

Six of the robberies have been in Kentucky and six in Ohio. The robberies have occurred along Interstate 75, extending from Lexington to Huber Heights, Ohio, just north of Dayton.

The FBI won't say exactly how much was taken in the robberies, but Bashore said the total is less than \$75,000.

The man is clean-shaven and about 35 years old. He dresses casually, wears large black-framed glasses and baseball caps with varying emblems, and several times has carried a large, dark-leather portfolio.

"He's such an Average Joe, he's not drawing attention to himself," said Linny Cloyd, a detective in Florence, Ky., where Average Joe is suspected in two bank robberies.

The FBI has posted a bank photo of Average Joe on its Web site in the hope that someone can pick him out of a crowd.

The FBI's picture of "Average Joe" can be seen at: www.fbi.gov/mostwant/unkn/unkn.htm.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health and WIC will be closed on Friday, Aug. 27. We will reopen on Monday, Aug. 30.

ALL BSHS VIETNAM AND Korea veterans are asked to contact Craig Fischer at the high school so they can be recognized during the homecoming activities this October.

World War II veterans were recognized during a previous year's ceremony.

Veterans of Korea and Vietnam are asked to send their name, address, class at BSHS, service time and year to: Craig Fischer, Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, Big Spring. You may also call him at 264-3641.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF the Eagles Lodge is sponsoring a canned food drive during the month of August. Cans of food collected will go to help replenish the Salvation Army food bank.

Bring your donations to the Lodge on Wednesday evenings 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.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY PEP Rally will be Monday, Aug. 23 at 8 p.m. in Comanche Trail Amphitheatre. Football players, coaches, band members and cheerleaders will all be recognized.

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations.

Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations.

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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 Galyann 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 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

TUESDAY •Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month.

Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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

•Innovators in glyconutritional are an independent group focusing on sickness prevention and management utilizing non-toxic simple saccharides to help our body heal itself. Training sessions are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 1909 S. Gregg. For more information call 267-3013 or 267-2424.

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

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 52.60 cents, down 88 points; Oct. crude 21.78, down 10 points; cash hogs steady at 36 even; cash steers steady at 65 even; Oct. lean hog futures 45.85, up 120 points; Oct. live cattle futures 65.12, down 32 points.

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Texas Instruments 73 + +
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Unocal Corp 42 + +
Wal-Mart 47 + 3/4
Amcap 18.05-19.15
Europacific 33.68-35.73
Prime Rate 8 %
Gold 254.80-255.80
Silver 5.18-5.23

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

SUNDAY 12:55 a.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, trauma call, service refused.

1:54 a.m. — 800 block State, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3 a.m. — 1000 block Runnels, traffic accident, service refused.

10:42 a.m. — 2300 block Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, transported to SMMC.

2:02 p.m. — SMMC, medical call, patient transferred to Lubbock Methodist.

5:38 p.m. — 1000 block N. Main, grass fire, false call.

10:13 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:40 p.m. — 4000 block W. 80, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 102
Sunday's low 74
Average high 93
Average low 68
Record high 104 in 1917
Record low 56 in 1961
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.98
Month's normal 1.20
Year to date 7.63
Normal for the year 11.36
Sunrise Tuesday 6:16 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday 8:20 p.m.
**Statistics not available

POLICE

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

•JOHN GAY, 17, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

•JOEY WOODS, 29, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•TIMOTHY FLORES, 24, was arrested for theft less than \$50.

•JOSE ONTIVEROS, 21, was arrested for local warrants.

•GABRIEL SALAZAR, 17,

was arrested for public intoxication.

•CARLOS LOPEZ, 17, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MICHELLE GARCIA, 26, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JOHNNY LOPEZ, 20, was arrested for aggravated assault with a motor vehicle.

•STEVEN ROBLES, 25, was arrested for local warrants.

•BEN MOORE, 19, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

•TONY BINGHAM, 18, was arrested for minor in consumption.

•RAUL MARTINEZ, 42, was arrested for solicitation by a pedestrian.

•BOBBY RUTH, 23, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•DANA HUGGINS, 20, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•WILLIAM GUY, 17, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1000 block of North Main and 1500 block of Mesa.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 3300 block of West 80.

•BURGLARY OF HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 2600 block of Albrook.

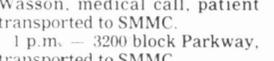
•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Northwest Second.

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Hurricane

By MARK BABINEC Associated Press

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Hurricane Bret weakens as it tracks west over rural South Texas

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

RIVIERA (AP) — A blustery shadow of its former self, Hurricane Bret plodded across a sparsely populated swath of southern Texas today after riding ashore with less might than forecasters had feared.

The storm, the biggest hurricane to strike Texas in nearly 20 years, continued to drench the region with thunderous squalls, but no injuries were reported since Bret made landfall about 6 p.m. Sunday in sparsely populated Kenedy County.

Up to 25 inches of rain had fallen in some areas by early today and flooding was expected, the National Weather Service said. There was still a chance of isolated tornadoes.

Some buildings lost their roofs to the storm winds in Falfurrias, a town about 60 miles southwest of Corpus Christi, but the damage had not been assessed early this morning, said police officer Max Longoria.

Power outages were reported from

the state's southern tip near Brownsville and McAllen to the counties surrounding Corpus Christi, said Jessica Mahaffey, spokeswoman for Central Power and Light Co. in Corpus Christi. The company serves much of South Texas.

"The winds are still howling out there," Mahaffey said. Repair crews have been working as wind conditions permit, and would be joined by others today, she said.

Workers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of Public Safety prepared this morning to move into the storm-blown areas.

"At first daylight, there will be preliminary damage assessment teams that will go into the area and begin to inspect the damage," FEMA spokesman Brad Craine said today.

As of 6 a.m. CDT today, Bret remained a Category 1 hurricane — the weakest of five possible strengths — with 80 mph winds. The former Category 4 storm made landfall with

winds blowing at 125 mph.

On Sunday, Bret unleashed its power on the deserted Padre Island National Seashore, 70 miles south of Corpus Christi, before continuing into desolate, sparsely populated ranch land.

This morning, the center of Bret moved inland across South Texas, going northwest toward Mexico at 5 mph. Hurricane warnings along the coast were downgraded to tropical storm warnings.

Thousands of residents from Brownsville to Corpus Christi had fled north and west as the hurricane approached. Windows throughout the region were taped and boarded in anticipation of the worst storm since Hurricane Allen, another Category 4 storm that struck roughly the same area in 1980, causing \$55 million in damage.

"I think it was overpublicized," said Ralph Huff, who defied conventional wisdom — and an evacuation order — and stayed in his cinder block home overlooking Baffin Bay, just east of this small agricultural town. His phone and power were still working late

Sunday.

Despite the storm's center passing less than 10 miles to the south, "there wasn't even any storm surge," he said.

The 125 mph winds, with gusts blowing even higher, extended 40 miles out from the storm when it first hit land. Forecasters feared possible tornadoes, a foot or more of rain and a storm surge that could approach 10 to 15 feet as it moved over land.

Before the tightly-focused storm made land, National Weather Service forecaster Jim Hoke said it had "clear potential of producing major disaster." He compared the storm to Hurricane Andrew, which battered Florida in 1992.

As Bret arrived, whitecaps crashed into Corpus Christi's seawall and palm trees along the coast bent and frayed with the gusts. A few surfers in Corpus Christi even took to the storm-fed waves.

For those who fled, shelters were set up inland in San Antonio, and hotels offered discounts for evacuees with proof of residence.

A few stragglers stayed behind on the

Padre and Mustang barrier islands after all access to the mainland was severed. The incoming storm, coupled with high tide, threatened to cause coastal flooding.

Gov. George W. Bush said he would sign disaster proclamations for seven counties: Aransas, San Patricio, Kenedy, Cameron, Willacy, Nueces and Kleberg.

President Clinton issued a major disaster declaration Sunday night for the seven counties, freeing funds to help local governments with emergency supplies and debris removal, said FEMA Director James Lee Witt.

Texas hadn't been hit by a hurricane since Hurricane Jerry killed three people in October 1989. However, the state's 367-mile-long coast has been struck by tropical storms since then, including Charley, which dumped 18 inches of rain and killed 19 people after it moved inland in August 1998.

Bret initially had been expected to head for Mexico's northern coast. But after the storm turned toward southern Texas, Mexico got little more than strong wind and warm rain.

GOP rivals say Bush should end drug rumors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential contender George W. Bush is being urged by some of his GOP rivals to get the question of illegal drug use behind him by responding to the issue.

At the same time, his competitors and supporters maintained that past indiscretions, including possible drug involvement, should not disqualify the Texas governor or anyone else from the presidency. And they emphasized there is no evidence Bush ever used narcotics.

But several candidates suggested that a more complete, direct response was required. "Just answer the darn question and get rid of it," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said as the issue dominated the Sunday television talk shows.

Hatch said Bush opened the way for inquiries by giving partial answers. "If there wasn't anything here, then George Bush should have just said there wasn't," Hatch said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "If there was, I think he, at this point, should answer it, get it

behind him, because the polls show most of the American people are forgiving."

While Bush, 53, has acknowledged he once drank heavily and made "mistakes" in his youth, there has been no evidence or even credible allegation he ever has used cocaine or any other illegal drug. When pressed on the matter last week, he gave varying answers and finally said he had not used illegal drugs in the past 25 years. He would not elaborate.

"He has a right to privacy," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., another GOP presidential contender, said on CNN's "Late Edition." He declined to say whether Bush should address the issue further.

But another Republican hopeful, activist Gary Bauer, said Bush and other candidates should "have to answer questions that go to law-breaking."

"I think anything that involves a felony, I don't see how you can get away with" not answering such questions directly, Bauer said on "Fox News Sunday."

Former Vice President Dan Quayle, another rival for the GOP nomination, said he admired Bush for trying to draw a line by not discussing his private life, but he "opened the door a bit" for further inquiries with partial answers.

"Once he started talking about it, you really probably are somewhat obliged to answer these questions," Quayle said on ABC's "This Week." Still, he called the issue of Bush's past indiscretions "a sideshow" in the campaign.

Bauer said Republicans have a duty to give clear answers on the drug issue. "We went nuts when Bill Clinton said he tried marijuana and didn't inhale. There were a lot of people in my party ... that just pounded on that for months and months and months," he said.

Except for Bush, all of the GOP candidates have said unequivocally that they have never used illegal drugs. Vice President Al Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley, rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination, both have admitted

experimenting with marijuana during their youth.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., told CNN that the drug questions were legitimate but that Bush need not be compelled to provide answers.

"I do think that the American people ought to hear a lot more about his past and about his positions," Daschle added. "They haven't heard much yet."

But two Republican governors — Frank Keating of Oklahoma and Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania, both strong Bush supporters — said their colleague had sufficiently answered the questions.

"I don't care what somebody did in college as long as he didn't kill somebody," Keating told ABC. "He's made his stand and we ought to move on," Ridge said on Fox.

Meanwhile, a Fox News-Opinion Dynamics poll found that 72 percent of those surveyed said experimental drug use while young should be forgiven but 69 percent said they would want to know about a candidate's past cocaine use.

Record 4.1 million Americans are on probation or parole

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans on probation or parole has topped 4 million for the first time, the Bureau of Justice Statistics said Sunday.

But the overall increase masked some sharp changes among the states.

There were large declines in the number of adults on parole in several states including Virginia, down 37 percent, and North Carolina, which registered a 30 percent drop. Parole is a period of supervision following release from prison.

At the same time, the number of parolees in Ohio increased 66 percent and in Idaho the figure jumped 55 percent, according to the bureau's report.

A change in Ohio law contributed to its increase, said Thomas P. Bonczar, a bureau statistician. "A lot of states are passing mandatory parole," he explained.

But at the same time, the increase in the number of parolees was balanced by states that have toughened their laws to keep offenders in prison longer.

In Louisiana, which leads the nation in the number of prisoners compared to the total population, the number of people on probation and parole dropped.

The state had 33,028 people on probation at the end of last year, down 6.8 percent from 1997, and 18,759 on parole, down 5.9 percent.

In mid-1998, Louisiana's 31,000 prison inmates worked out to 709 for every 100,000 people in Louisiana — the highest ratio in the nation. Texas was second with 700 inmates per 100,000 residents; its paroled population rose 1.3 percent to 443,758, while the number of inmates on probation rose 2.4 percent to 112,022.

The number of people on probation and parole also rose in Arkansas and Mississippi.

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OUR VIEWS

BS Lady Steers spikers wearing new game face

Something entirely new is in store for Big Spring volleyball fans this season, and the first glimpse for most of us comes Tuesday when the Lady Steers play host to Lamesa's Lady Tors and Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

Not only will the Lady Steers be moving onto a new home court at the junior high school, but more importantly, they are playing a new type of volleyball — winning volleyball.

Although the Lady Steers suffered losses to Midland High and Midland Lee on Saturday, finishing fourth in the Ector County ISD Invitational Volleyball Tournament, that finish alone is clearly a sign that Big Spring's game has changed.

In past years, the Lady Steers have usually returned home from that tournament after competing in the consolation bracket, rather than kicking themselves for letting a chance to play District 5-4A rival San Angelo Lake View for the tournament's championship get away from them.

Big Spring coach Traci Pierce noted from the season's outset that this year's squad is made up of dedicated players, girls who'd made sacrifices all summer to improve their game and were making a commitment to continue those sacrifices as the season unfolds.

Pierce has built this program over a period of several years, patiently working young players into key roles and allowing them to gain experience.

In addition, the Lady Steers have benefited from what had almost been a forgotten legacy, as former Big Spring star and U.S. Olympic gold medalist Rose Magers-Powell has returned home to conduct camps during July's stifling heat in Steer Gym.

All those sacrifices are beginning to pay off, but they won't have been truly worthwhile unless we, as members of the community, don't attend the Lady Steers' games and lend enthusiastic support.

The Lady Steers both need and deserve that kind of backing. We hope our readers will understand that need and respond.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

In Japan, a rating like our schools have received would result in one or more suicides. In most other places, it would mean wholesale resigna-

tions or firings. In Big Spring, it rates a "So What?"

BOOSIE WEAVER
BIG SPRING

OTHER VIEWS

It's grimly ironic that even as the sounds of gunfire continue to stun communities throughout the nation, the danger to children in schools is actually diminishing. While it's important to make schools as safe as possible from potential violence, it's equally important to avoid overreacting in ways that turn schools into maximum-security institutions and their students into virtual prisoners.

The decline in violence at Florida's public school campuses has been dramatic. During

the last four years, state education officials project a 36 percent drop in incidents involving weapons, including knives and guns.

The decline is particularly impressive in the face of rapidly increasing student populations. Much of the change can be attributed to zero-tolerance policies at many schools and programs that are picking up signs of dangerous behavior before violence breaks out.

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Testifying against one's spouse to get supreme test

May a wife be compelled to testify against her husband, or a husband against his wife? The question has been hanging around on the edges of English common law since the 1600s. Now the Supreme Court has been asked to take a fresh look at the situation.



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

The case involves an appeal by Wayne Evans and Madelyn Evans from a court order directing them to testify against each other in a civil proceeding. The Supreme Court has not considered the anti-marital privilege in a CIVIL case since 1839, and then the court came to this inconclusive conclusion: "The law does not seem to be entirely settled."

The pending case arose in this way: The Tohono O'odham Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe in Arizona. In 1994 it hired Wayne Evans to serve as general manager of its farming operations.

It was not a happy relationship. The nation alleges that

Evans misappropriated tribal funds through multiple forgeries, counterfeit invoices, and sweetheart contracts with companies in which Evans had an interest. When tribal officials learned that Evans had covertly transferred \$820,000 to an Indiana corporation, it fired him.

In September 1997, the nation filed suit in U.S. District Court against Wayne and Madelyn Evans and their out-of-state beneficiaries. Before depositions could begin, the Evanses moved to preserve their marital right not to be questioned individually about acts of each other.

District Judge William D. Browning refused to accept that proposition. The 9th Circuit affirmed, and now the Evanses have taken their case to the Supreme Court.

What about it? The 1839 case was a civil case involving the settlement of an estate. The wife of one Francis Stuffle, lately deceased, was summoned to testify that her husband had accepted a bribe. In the Supreme Court, Justice John McLean refused to make her take the stand. "Public policy and established principles forbid it."

"This rule is founded upon the deepest and soundest principles of our nature.... To break down or impair the great principles which protect the sanctities of husband and wife would

be to destroy the best solace of human existence."

These lavender sentiments slowly lost their fragrance. Nearly a hundred years passed before the high court again ruled on the anti-marital privilege, this time in a criminal case. In 1933, in *Funk v. U.S.*, Justice George Sutherland ruled that a wife could testify FOR her husband. The exclusion of a wife's favorable testimony could no longer be justified on any ground of public policy.

Another 25 years passed, and the court reached the case of James Clifton Hawkins. Thanks largely to the voluntary testimony of his wife, he was convicted under the Mann Act of transporting a young woman from Arkansas to Oklahoma. She was to serve as a prostitute in Tulsa.

Speaking for a unanimous court in 1958, Justice Hugo Black ruled that even a wife's voluntary testimony violates the ancient rule. The basic reason the law has refused to pit wife against husband or husband against wife is clear. Its purpose, said Black, is "to foster family peace, not only for the benefit of husband, wife and children, but for the benefit of the public as well." Such a belief, he added, "has never been unreasonable and is not now."

This chronology takes us to 1980, when the court reached

the appeal of Otis Trammel Jr. He had been convicted of importing heroin from Thailand into the United States. Under a grant of immunity, Elizabeth Ann Trammel, his wife, had testified against him. The high court did a U-turn.

Chief Justice Warren Earl Burger ruled, without dissent, that the time had come to abandon the old rule. Half of the states were admitting adverse spousal testimony in their own courts. The ancient foundations for the privilege "have long since disappeared." Her testimony would stand.

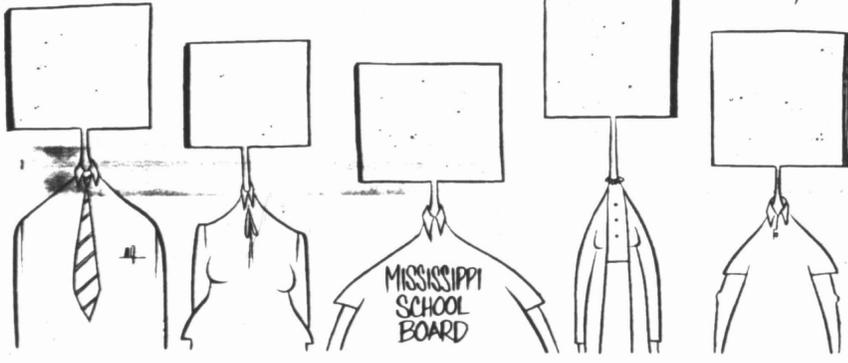
"Nowhere in the common-law world — indeed in any modern society — is a woman regarded as chattel or demeaned by denial of a separate legal identity and the dignity associated with recognition as a whole human being.... When one spouse is willing to testify against the other in a criminal proceeding, their relationship is almost certainly in disrepair. There is probably little in the way of marital harmony for the privilege to preserve."

The upshot is that while wives (and husbands) may not be compelled to testify, they cannot be foreclosed from testifying if they want to. That seems a plausible rule in criminal cases. Now, in the case of Wayne and Madelyn Evans, we may learn if the new rule applies in civil cases as well.

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It is folly to give bad managers more power

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization says it dropped 1,500 cluster bombs on Kosovo. It has belatedly admitted it used depleted uranium. And, between the Serbs and the Albanians, there are some 500,000 mines left lying around.



CHARLEY REESE

The cluster bomb releases 150 to 200 bomblets. According to The New York Times, people on the ground say about 30 percent of the bombs failed to detonate and now represent an additional hazard to civilians and to the people who have to clean them up.

The World Health Organization said that between June 13 and July 12, 130 to 170 people have been wounded or killed by leftover bomblets and mines. By now, more people probably have been killed or injured, and certainly more

people will be in the future.

Wars, even small ones, always leave such a mess — dead people, embittered people, maimed people, impoverished people, toxic contaminants and unexploded ordnance. But, on the other hand, some people can make money, provided that the war stays non-nuclear. Contracts get handed out — contracts to do cleanups, contracts to do construction projects, contracts to supply this or that. And, naturally, all of the used-up ordnance has to be replaced.

It's funny how the more I've learned about the old world, the less enthusiastic I've become for any war. It seems to me the only really "just" war is a purely defensive one, and even just wars are bad experiences. Most of the wars are about territory and power. It seems most of them are real scams, too, because a small elite gets the economic and political benefits while the poor and middle-class folks do the fighting and suffering and dying.

If I weren't Celtic and ill-tempered, I'd probably be a pacifist.

You might think it's a contradiction to be for a strong military and against war, but the best way to avoid a war is to be so strong all your potential opponents will decide that discretion is the better part of valor. Of course, once you have a strong military, you need to make sure you have wise and moral civilians in control of it. Otherwise, the civilians will abuse it by using it for nondefensive reasons, as our current leader is doing.

It's too bad international conflicts can't be resolved by cutting for high card or by at least having the heads of state decide the matter in a duel. It's been a long, long time since any head of state actually did any fighting. Still, it's fun to think of Saddam Hussein and Bill Clinton locked in a dark room with only one sharp knife on a table in the middle of it.

Please don't think me a cynic. I prefer to call my low expectations for the human race and new millennium "realism." Seems to me humans are remarkably unchanged for the past several millennium once you discount

the gadgets.

Worse for me, who's always been a staunch Jeffersonian, I'm beginning to think Alexander Hamilton was right. He thought people were not competent to govern themselves. Hamilton's error, of course, was to not realize that the elitists were not competent to govern, either.

That's the best argument for laissez faire — the smallest, weakest government possible. Start with the proposition that even the smallest, weakest government will be badly run, and then you see the folly of giving bad managers even more power. An increase in power is an increase in the power to do evil as well as to do good. Given the nature of human beings, evil is the safer bet.

Most Americans, though, seem to believe they are living in the best of all possible worlds.

Well, it's certainly better than Yugoslavia and Iraq, both of which our best of all possible leaders have turned into toxic wastelands.

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IN BRIEF

Community Pep Rally slated for 8 tonight

The annual Big Spring Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 8 tonight 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' event scheduled for tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Boosters Club and the Coahoma Band Boosters Club will stage the annual "Meet the Bulldogs" night at 7:30 tonight in the elementary school cafeteria. Members of the public will meet with coaches, football players, cheerleaders and members of the band. Ice cream floats will be served and parents are encouraged to bring soft drinks or ice cream.

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.

Little League football sets appreciation picnic

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

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

Beach volleyball tourney scheduled for Sept. 18

A beach volleyball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee has been scheduled for Sept. 18 at Comanche Trail Park.

Entry fees for the event are \$40 per team. Each team must have at least six players.

Three sand courts will be set up just west of the Dora Roberts Community Center for the tournament.

For more information, call Javier Becerra at 664-9874 or 267-4560.

YMCA still registering for inline hockey program

Registration is now under way for the Big Spring Family YMCA's fall inline hockey program.

Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 17 are eligible to play. No tryouts will be conducted, all children registering will be placed on a team.

Fees for the program are set at \$15 for full YMCA members, \$25 for for program members and \$32 for non-members.

A seven-game schedule will begin the week of Sept. 13. Games and practices will be played at Marcy Elementary School.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

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7:35 p.m. — Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
7 p.m. — Preseason, Denver Broncos at Green Bay Packers, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8

TRACK AND FIELD
11:40 p.m. — World Outdoor Track and Field Championships (delayed tape), TBS, Ch. 11.

Palmeiro homers as Sele tosses shutout in 6-0 Rangers win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Now that they've affected the wild card race, the Texas Rangers are setting their sights on the New York Yankees.

The Rangers wrapped up the season series against playoff-hopeful Boston on Sunday night with a 6-0 victory over the Red Sox.

Rafael Palmeiro homered and drove in two runs and Aaron Sele scattered eight hits as the Rangers beat the Red Sox for a third-game sweep, dropping the Red Sox one game behind Oakland in the AL wild-card race.

Texas and AL East-leading New York open a three-game series tonight at The Ballpark in Arlington, with the Yankees having won six of the first nine meetings this season.

New York knocked Texas out of the playoffs last year and in 1996.

"We've played them close," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates. "It's how you pitch and how they pitch. Their pitching shut down our offense in the playoffs last year, but I think we play well against them."

Texas is trying to overtake the Yankees and Cleveland Indians for the league's best record and home field advantage in the playoffs.

The Yankees will be trying to control Palmeiro.

"I'm just enjoying the streak I'm in right now," said Palmeiro, who tied single-season club records for homers and RBIs by a left-handed hitter. "I don't know anything about these records until

you guys (reporters) tell me. I have no idea why (he's on such a streak). I just want to keep winning."

Palmeiro's sixth-inning solo homer was his 37th of the season, matching his Rangers record for a left-handed hitter set in 1993. His 117 RBIs equal Al Oliver's team left-handed mark set in 1980.

Palmeiro also set a team record with 29 RBIs in August, and tied Juan Gonzalez's 1992 team record with his 12th homer in August. His 351st homer, which extended the Rangers' lead to 4-0, tied him with Dick Allen for 53rd place on the career list.

In the last seven games, he has seven homers and 17 RBIs. Over the series with Boston, Palmeiro finished with four

homers and nine RBIs.

"Good month?" said Rangers manager Johnny Oates on Palmeiro's August. "How about a good year. He's right on everything, whether it's a knuckleball or a fastball. It's a great time for him to have it."

Rusty Greer also drove in two runs for the Rangers, who finished the season 5-4 against the Red Sox, a possible playoff opponent.

Meanwhile, Sele (14-7) struck out five and walked two and beat his former team for the second time in five career decisions.

Sele, traded from Boston to Texas before the 1998 season, pitched his second shutout of the season and fourth of his career.

Cowboys shrugging off 0-3

Players, coaches say exhibitions are where teams spot weaknesses

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — If exhibition games are supposed to help teams figure out what areas they need to improve in, then the Dallas Cowboys are doing a good job.

Dallas lost its third straight preseason game Saturday night, this time falling 34-14 to the New England Patriots in rain and wind.

The first-team offense was unimpressive despite scoring for the first time, the defense gave several big plays and the special teams were well blow their normally high level.

The Cowboys even went 0-for-2 on instant replay challenges.

"There was some good and some bad," said coach Char Gailey, who is still looking for his first preseason victory. "There are some things obviously we need to work on."

The first preseason touchdown from the starters came on a 6-yard pass from Troy Aikman to David LaFleur midway through the first quarter. Aikman also guided two three-and-out drives and was intercepted before giving way to Jason Garrett.

"We didn't play well," Aikman said. "But, thankfully, we don't have to beat our heads against a wall because we have time to improve."

The defense allowed touchdown passes of 24 and 36 yards, plus a 21-yarder that set up New England's first touchdown.

Terry Glenn caught the 21- and 24-yarders, both over Kevin Mathis, Dallas' top cornerback as long as Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith are out. Mathis beat out Smith for a starting spot last season.

Mathis wasn't totally to blame for the touchdown; it came on a lob forced by a blitz that failed to rattle Bledsoe.

New England went just 35 and 37 yards for its first two touchdowns because of special teams breakdowns by Dallas.

Cowboys kickers were off, too, although weather may have been part of the reason for the punters averaging 34.4 yards on five tries and Richie Cunningham missing his only field goal attempt, a 35-yarder.

"We're going to take our lumps in the preseason," safety



Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman admits the Cowboys haven't played well in their first three exhibition games, but says there's no reason to worry because they have time to improve.

Darren Woodson said. "It's no big deal."

The Cowboys can shrug off their summer struggles because the same thing happened last year with no ill effects. An 0-5 preseason was followed by a 10-6 regular season and the division title.

In a real game, Dallas would have scouted its opponent and try targeting their weaknesses. In the preseason, the coaches want to work on their own flaws while testing some of the new plays adding in recent practices. The No. 1 priority is evaluating their own plays and players, with the final score a much lower objective.

"We never like to lose, but we were looking at a lot of people and some new things offen-

sively and defensively that we put in this week," Gailey said. "We evaluate these and continue to try and get better. The objective is to peak when the season starts."

The Cowboys' next game — against two-time defending Super Bowl champion Denver — is the only one of the exhibition season with any weight.

It's not the opponent that matters as much as the fact Dallas will use its starters for two quarters. The second half will be key to players fighting for jobs because it'll be their last opportunity to impress coaches before the next cuts.

"Next week, the starters will play more," Aikman said. "Then, the pressure will be on a little more."

Lee, Stephenville sit atop 5A, 4A in schoolboy poll

DALLAS (AP) — A state championship can do wonders for a team's rankings.

Midland Lee, Stephenville and Omaha Paul Pewitt, all afterthoughts in last year's final regular-season Associated Press high school football poll, followed their 1998 championships with preseason No. 1 rankings in the poll released Sunday.

Sealy, which is vying for its fifth state title of the decade in Class 3A, and 1A Wheeler were also given No. 1 status in the statewide poll of writers and broadcasters.

Midland Lee, which beat SA MacArthur 54-0 in last year's Class 5A Division II title game, topped the state's largest class after ending last year's regular season ranked eighth.

Duncanville, which won the Division I crown, is second, followed by three perennial powers: Converse Judson, Lewisville and Austin Westlake.

Lee is expected to have one of the best offensive backfields in the state as it returns quarterback Jon Rogers and running backs Cedric Benson and fullback Clint McNutt. That trio combined for more than 5,000 yards last year, with Benson rushing for 29 touchdowns, including five in the title game.

"The excitement that the championship brought to this program has been evident all the way down to the seventh grade," Lee coach John Edd Parchman said of his team's 15-1 season. "It's been a shot in the arm, but thinking about being No. 1 again is too far away for us to even compute right now."

In 4A, Stephenville was given the nod over La Marque, which will be trying to feach its sixth consecutive state championship game. La Marque lost to the Stephenville in the Division II final last season.

One of the tightest balloting races in any class was for the No. 3 spot. Jacksonville took it by one vote over Texas City, which was one vote ahead of defending Division I champ Grapevine.

Stephenville returns four offensive and six defensive starters from last year's 15-1 squad. Leading the way will be running back Zac Hunter, who rushed for 1,734 yards on 167 carries, an average of 9.6 yards per carry.

Coach Art Briles said his team embraces the recognition surrounding its 1998 championship, including this year's top ranking.

"I think it's an indication of the stability our program's had throughout the 90s," said Briles, who also guided Stephenville to titles in 1993-94. "This team's motivation is to make sure that tradition continues."

A similar tradition of recent dominance is alive and well at Sealy, despite its run of four straight state championships ending last season. T.J. Mills' team held off Cuero in the poll's closest first-place race.

Sealy returns 15 starters from a team that went 7-3 last year. As per custom, the Tigers likely will be carried by their defense, which will be anchored by a trio of all-district performers — linebackers Derek Curry and Neal Diemer and defensive end Wesley Martinez.

Aledo, which won the 3A

AP RANKINGS

The 1999 preseason Associated Press high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and last season's final record. Voting done by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters.

Team	Rec.
Class 5A	
1 Midland Lee (12)	15-1
2 Duncanville (1)	12-3
3 Converse Judson (2)	14-1
4 Lewisville (1)	8-3
5 Austin Westlake	10-3
6 Copperas Cove (3)	14-1
7 South Garland Prairie	8-3
8 Aldine Eisenhower	10-4
9 Katy	12-3
10 SA MacArthur (1)	11-5
Class 4A	
1 Stephenville (15)	15-1
2 LaMarque (3)	13-1
3 Jacksonville (1)	8-4
4 Texas City (1)	5-5
5 Grapevine	11-4
6 Greenville	11-2
7 New Braunfels Canyon	10-4
8 Brownwood	10-2
9 Bay City	13-2
10 Plainview	11-3
Class 3A	
1 Sealy (13)	7-3
2 Cuero (2)	11-4
3 Aledo (3)	13-1
4 Royse City (4)	12-2
5 Monahans	7-7
6 Breckenridge	12-1
7 Atlanta	9-3
8 Manor	9-5
9 Cleveland	9-2
10 Iowa Park	9-4
Class 2A	
1 Omaha Paul Pewitt (13)	12-3
2 Mart (2)	13-1
3 Elysian Fields (2)	12-4
4 Celina (3)	14-2
5 Iraan	11-1
6 Brookshire-Royal	12-2
7 Grand Saline	11-2
8 Refugio	10-2
9 Boyd	11-2
10 Alto	9-2
Class 1A	
1 Wheeler (12)	12-3
2 Bartlett (4)	12-2
3 Aspermont	13-1
4 Detroit (2)	11-2
5 Dawson	9-4
6 Tenaha (2)	10-0
7 Baird	8-0
8 Iola	5-9
9 Paducah	9-4
10 Sudan	9-3

Division I crown last year, took the third spot in the preseason rankings. Royse City and Monahans, which reached the Division I semifinals, round out the top five.

Defending Division II champion Newton fell just short of 10th place, making the Eagles the only unranked defending state champion.

Omaha Paul Pewitt's move from 3A to 2A was a successful one last year as the Brahmas went 12-3 en route to a Division I title. Pewitt, which beat Mart for the No. 1 position, returns eight starters on both sides of the ball.

All-state performers Kenny Boyd and Jimmy Wilkerson should lead Pewitt on offense and defense. Boyd plays both tailback and defensive back, while Wilkerson starts at quarterback and linebacker.

The voters picked Elysian Fields, defending Division II champion Celina and Iraan as the closest competitors to Pewitt and Mart.

In 1A, Wheeler is the favorite to win its first state title after falling in the championship game the last two years.

All-state offensive lineman Ben Dolan looks to clear holes for the Mustangs' outstanding running back tandem of Casey Childress and Caleb Finsterwald. The two workhorses combined for over 2,600 rushing yards in 1998.

Tenaha begins its defense of the 1A title with a No. 6 ranking.

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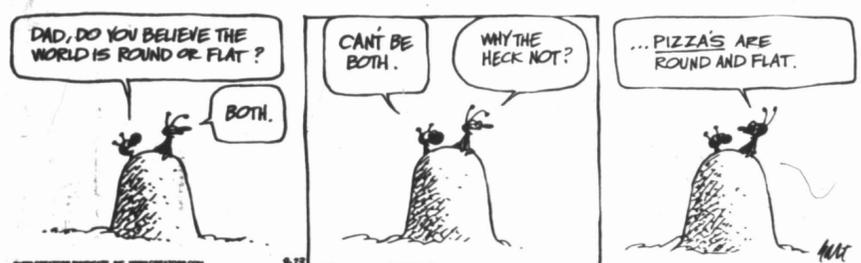
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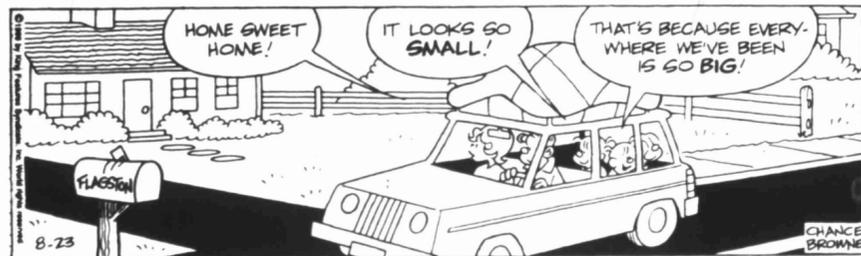
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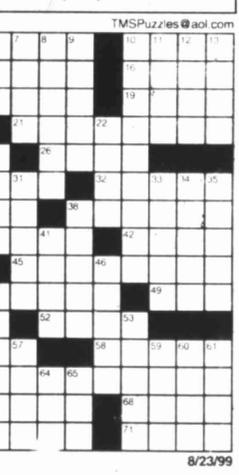
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On this date: In 1914, Japan declared war on Germany in World War I. In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31. In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a non-aggression treaty. In 1944, Ion Antonescu was dismissed as prime minister by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies. In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein II died in Doylestown, Pa. In 1972, the Republican national convention, meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., nominated Vice President Spiro T. Agnew for a second term. In 1979, Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov defected while the Bolshoi Ballet was on tour in New York. In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel as president; Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later. Ten years ago: In a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York City, Yusuf Hawkins, a black teen-ager, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by white youths in a Brooklyn neighborhood. Five years ago: Republican senators threatened to thwart a \$30 billion anti-crime bill unless Democrats accepted changes in the House-passed measure; President Clinton appealed for bipartisan cooperation. One year ago: Boris Yeltsin again dismissed the Russian government, replacing his prime minister, Sergei Kiriyenko, with Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Soviet-style leader he'd fired five months earlier. Today's Birthdays: Movie director Robert Mulligan is 74. Actress Vera Miles is 69. Political satirist Mark Ressen is 67. Actress Barbara Eden is 65. Actor Ronny Cox is 61. Actor Richard Sanders is 59. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 57. Former Surgeon General, Antonia Novello is 55. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 52. Actress Shelley Long is 50. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 50. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 50. Queen Noor of Jordan is 48. Actor-producer Mark Hudson (The Hudson Brothers) is 48. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Stone Temple Pilots) is 38. Actor Jay Mohr is 28.