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August 24, 1999



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## Memberships available for air museum

Hangar 25 Air Museum is making available memberships to interested citizens. Members will get discounts at the gift shop, receive a quarterly newsletter and invitations to member-only parties. Anyone who purchases a membership through the end of this year will be considered a charter member. The membership will be valid through 2000. Memberships available are Founder, \$1,000; Patron, \$500; Supporting, \$250; Family, \$60; Individual, \$30; and Student, \$15. Hangar 25 was chartered in October 1998 as a volunteer, non-profit corporation and is supported entirely by membership dues, fundraisers, gift shop sales, grants and other donations. For more information, contact Nelda Reagan or Susan Lewis at 264-2362.

## WHAT'S UP...

- TODAY**
- Big Spring Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., BSHS Athletic Training Center.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
  - Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of the movie theater box office.
  - Line dancing, 10:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
  - Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
- THURSDAY**
- Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4296, 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.

- WEATHER**
- Tonight:**
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- PARTLY CLOUDY**
- TONIGHT** 68°-72°    **WEDNESDAY** 90°-95°

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## Howard College trustees approve tax hike to help fund salary increases

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Trustees for Howard College on Monday unanimously agreed to raise the tax rate 6.133 percent to 25.854 cents per \$100 valuation, which will generate about \$120,000 in new funds for the college.

"It is a hard thing to do, to raise taxes. We've been holding the tax rate all these years, and now we need the money to give raises," said board president Don McKinney.

Board secretary Harold Davis



**McKINNEY ETHRIDGE**

agreed. "We've gone a long time without a tax increase, and now we've got to. We're all taxpayers, too, and we've been

electd to provide good direction with the taxpayers' money."

The tax increase will partially fund full-time employee raises, including raising the salaries of faculty and instructors. Howard College instructor salaries rank at the lowest end for all junior colleges in the state, 47 out of 47 for entry level master's degree positions.

The approved tax rate increase will fund about half of the money needed to provide a 15 percent increase for entry level salaries, and a 3 percent

increase for those employees with longevity.

By increasing the tax rate from 21.23 to 25.85 cents, a homeowner of a \$30,495 house within the college district may expect an increase of \$14.10 for a total tax levy of \$78.84 for Howard College.

A home valued at \$40,000 will have an \$18.50 increase, for a total of \$84.92 in junior college taxes.

For a home with an assessed value of \$100,000, a taxpayer may expect a \$46.24 increase, or a total tax levy of \$246.23 for

Howard College.

Trustee Rob Ethridge said he has asked citizens for an opinion on the tax increase, and received no negative comments. A tax hearing at the college last week was unattended by taxpayers.

"No one has met me on the street to speak out against this. I think our community accepts this very well," Ethridge said.

In other business, trustees approved core curriculum changes the sale of a property to David Weseloh and bids for services and supplies.



The Community Pep Rally for the 1999-2000 fall sports teams for Big Spring High School brought at least 3,000 parents, teachers, family members and athletes to Comanche Park Amphitheater Monday night. Here junior and senior varsity cheerleaders entice the crowd to join in *Go! Fight! Win!* cheers, while Big Spring High School flutists Madera Gray, left, Sara Murphree and Amanda Gray perform.

HERALD photos/Marsha Sturdivant

## Trial

### Jury selected in case of man charged on sexual assault counts

By **JOHN H. WALKER**  
Editor

A jury of seven women and five men began hearing testimony today in 118th District Court in the case of 40-year-old Kendall A. Ruffin, charged with aggravated sexual assault and sexual assault of a child.



**RUFFIN**

Jury selection was held Monday for the trial.

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

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

Assistant District Attorney William Dupree said Ruffin turned down a pair of plea bargains.

"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.

"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," Dupree added.

Dupree said the offers were made considering the nature of the local charges, as well as prior felony convictions from 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.

Ruffin made several attempts to avoid standing trial either in Howard County or before Judge Robert H. Moore III by having Don Richard, his court-appointed attorney, file motions to remove Moore from the case as well as to seek a change of venue because of excessive pre-trial publicity.

Richard also filed a motion for a competency hearing.

"Due to some bizarre behavior in county jail, we had several psychologists and a psychia-

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## Registration under way for Big Spring Citizens Police Academy

By **RICK McLAUGHLIN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents who are interested in learning how the community's police department works and who may want to get involved in volunteering with the police department, may be interested in joining the Citizens Police Academy (CPA).

The CPA, which starts on Thursday, Sept. 9, attempts to increase the community's

awareness of the police department, and what it does and how it does it.

"We also want to give residents an idea of what we can do for them and their neighbors, too," said Lee Everett, police department training officer and CPA coordinator.

The classes are on Thursdays until Nov. 18, with graduation ceremonies on Dec. 3.

The academy sessions begin with an orientation, including a history of the Big Spring Police

Department. Instruction includes familiarization with and shooting of pistols and shotguns in the classroom and on the firing range.

Instruction in building searches and "shoot-don't shoot" situations includes suiting-up in old clothes while armed with paint ball guns for realistic practice.

Classroom work examines felony traffic stops, discussion of the warrant division of the department, a SORT (special

operations response team) demonstration, and the rights of citizens and dangers of making arrests, among others.

Everett said the academies have had students from their early 20s to the oldest at 81. "We only take age into account if they are under 18," he added.

"We teach people how to be better witnesses," said Everett, noting that people often look for the wrong things or aren't looking well at all during a criminal situation.

Graduates may belong to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and help the police department with parades, Pops In The Park, rodeos, traffic direction and other activities. Alumni Association members wear a police-style uniform. The alumni are not police reservists, but are only volunteers, noted Everett.

Application forms are required. For more information, call Everett at 264-2564.

## Drop in delinquent tax collections prompts new strategy

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners Monday learned delinquent tax collections have hit a four-year low, and also agreed to fund the Census 2000 effort.

"Our delinquent tax collection has seen the toughest year, the worst year, and is at the second-worst year in the past six years," said attorney Drew Mouton, who handles all delinquent tax collection for the county.

Mouton said he has collected \$121,333 for the county, compared to \$131,476 for the 1997-98 recap. Total collections for all the entities within the county are \$556,275, a reduction of \$62,339 from the \$618,614 collected last year.

"This is reflective of what has been happening in the county, with the economic downturn and the decreased oil and property values," Mouton said.

One reason for the lessened delinquent tax collection is because much of the success in the past was due to large dollar amounts collected from individ-

uals accounts.

However, most of the larger accounts that could be collected have been either satisfied or placed on payment schedules, and now Mouton said the remaining amounts may be attributed to small accounts of less than \$3,000 each.

"Now we have 17 accounts over \$10,000 and six of those are listed as bankruptcies. Now we're chasing smaller dollars, and it requires a lot more of these accounts to add up to \$10,000 or more," he said.

Therefore, Mouton and his assistant Richard Cypert have developed a strategy to collect the smaller accounts and more lawsuits will be filed to bring those accounts to payment, he said.

Part of the problem with securing payment on some of the smaller accounts is the necessity to do a thorough title search of the property, to determine who actually owes the taxes, he said.

An option Mouton and Cypert are negotiating is to consult with "land men" who generally perform title searches for oil

field work. By performing successful title searches, prosecutions of the owners will lead to additional collections, he said.

"If this bottleneck was opened up by the land men, who will run records for us, we can be more aggressive and file suits and pursue these smaller accounts," Mouton said.

Mouton pointed out that Howard County has experienced several good years of delinquent tax collection, and cited several different accounts that had amounts reaching into the thousands of dollars which have been collected.

Commissioners also agreed to fund the Census 2000 effort with \$1,400, to help offset the cost of printing brochures and purchasing helium for balloons to be distributed during public awareness meetings.

"The only funds we receive are for my position. All the rest is volunteer effort," said Charlene Wurtz, Census 2000 partnership specialist.

Wurtz, who is in charge of the Census 2000 efforts in 12 coun-

## Project to turn former library into courthouse placed on hold

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Remodeling the old Howard County Library into a courthouse for 118th District Court and other district offices may remain on hold for a while longer, according to commissioner Jerry Kilgore.

"We have the money and we are ready to go on that building, but we felt like we should put it off for now. The decision we will have to make is whether to go ahead with the project or give the money back to the Dora Roberts Foundation," Kilgore said.

The foundation awarded the project \$350,000, with the understanding the county would contribute about \$150,000.

While bids have not been sought for the work as yet, and no actual amount for the remodeling has been determined, Kilgore said \$500,000 was the estimate by the architect, who has completed the plans for the structure.

Funds for the project were included in the 1998/99 county budget, but have not been placed into the 1999-2000 budget as yet, he said.

"And we've received a pretty good chunk of interest during this time. We're up to about \$400,000 for the grant," Kilgore said.

Kilgore said he is in favor of pursuing the project, but timing remains a priority. He said a decision may be made in the near future.

The project calls for a courthouse to be centered inside the first floor of the old library, which was once the local post



**KILGORE**

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OBITUARIES

Aaron Lloyd Boadle

Aaron Lloyd Boadle, 18, Big Spring, died on Sunday, Aug. 22, 1999, in a Columbia, Mo. hospital.



BOADLE

Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 1999, at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Carroll Kohl and Pastor Steve Stutz, both of St. Paul Lutheran Church, officiating.

Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on April 17, 1981, in Big Spring.

He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where he was very active in the youth group. He grew up in Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. He played varsity football and baseball in high school. Aaron was active in the Key Club, FFA and Big Spring Young Life Club.

Survivors include: his mother and step-father, Barbara and Terry Brumley of Big Spring; his father and step-mother, Miles and Doris Boadle of Boonville, Mo.; five sisters, Le Ann Brumley and Kate Brumley, both of Big Spring, Niki Boadle and Missy Boadle, both of Crane, and Abbey Boadle of Boonville, Mo.; one brother, Ben Boadle of Boonville, Mo.; one step-brother, Jason Johnson of Boonville, Mo.; his maternal grandfather, Lloyd McLeod and his wife, Juanita McLeod of Alexandria, La.; his paternal grandparents, Ben and Madeline Boadle of Big Spring; his step-grandparents, L.S. and Bonnie Witt of Stanton; three uncles, Eugene Boadle and John McLeod, both of Big Spring, and Mike Brumley of Denver, Colo.; two aunts, Laurie Platt and Jackie Mauch, both of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Vera Lea McLeod.

Pallbearers will be Joe Owens, Buddy Owens, Brock Gee, Jeff Denton, Drew Wegman, Larry Bob Conway, Terry Hansen, Tom Bill Kuykendall and Brent Schroeder. All former teammates are considered honorary pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Youth Fund; 810 Scurry, Big Spring, or Big Spring Young Life Club; P.O. Box 147, Big Spring; 79721-0147.

The body will lie in state at the funeral home Wednesday evening and Thursday until service time.

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

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Aaron Lloyd Boadle, 18, died Sunday. Services will be 3:00 PM Thursday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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trist examine him. While he may be antisocial, the jury found him competent to stand trial," Dupree said.

Dupree said evidence will be presented by both the Big Spring Police, Department as well as the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

(Staff writer Marsha Sturdivant contributed to this report.)

PROJECT

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office.

Offices for the district clerk, the district judge, a new grand jury room, as well as the courtroom would all be placed on the first floor of the building if the project gets final approval.

The remodeled basement area would house district attorney offices, Kilgore said.

He added that what would be placed on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse has not been determined.

"But I feel like we can use the room there," he said.

COUNTY

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ties, said one campaign to inform the public and stress the importance of the census will be directed toward public school children.

A coloring book will be distributed to the schools to be provided the students.

"We estimate that response has decreased 10 percent per year, and we are anticipating a 50 percent response rate for Census 2000. We are hoping, with public education, to increase that to at least an 85 percent response rate," Wurtz said.

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, Candace Carothers, Jimmy Ray Carter, Robert Michael Carter, Yvette Casillas (Padilla), Lucy Cervantes, Mary Lucy Cervantes (Sotello), Ema Chavez, 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, Nancy Jo Hall, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Bill Henry, Selestino Hernandez, David Hilario, Iascuila Hilario, Luis Hinojos, Arthur Huse, Carlton Campbell Jackson, Johnny James, Doris Ann Jenkins, Deborah Ann Jensen, Nancy Kasch, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Charles Kimble, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Susan Lawhon, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kenneth Charles Le Roy, Roger Leviere, 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 Muse, Coleman Nalls, Garland

Newton, Larry Newton, Doris Virginia Noble, Jane Ovalle, John Paffnel, Ralph Passmore, John Patton, Richard Barry Payne, Roger Dale Peacock, Tony Perez, Janet Lee Perry, Alan Lee Peters, Angelina Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl, Cathy Poole, Arthur Porras, Paula Ramirez, Mary Rhodes, Peggy Riherd (Williams), Ophelia Alvarez Rios, Terry Joan Robertson, Jamie Rouch (Ethun), Pam Rowland, Karen Joyce Russell, Larry Russell, Brenda Campbell Rhyne, Jennifer Schneider, Adrian Saldivar, Adelyne Ann Scott (Lews), Rowan Settles, Larry Sloan, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gweneth Gayle Smith, Wendell R. Stewart, Sharon Swim (Lane), Tommy Switzer, Don Thompson, Robert Gale Thompson, Linda Rose Thorpe (Howard), Fidel Tovar, Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia Valencia, Armando Flores Vera, Carl Van Vleet, Charlie Voight, Roy Lee Warren, Glen Webb, James Webb, Wm. David Webb, Michael David Wiggins, William Robert Wilson, Rocky Woolley, and Manuel Ybarra. Please contact Shelane Parnell Roberts at 267-2798 or 267-5858 if you have any information on these graduates.

Man wrote letters of confession in killing of truckers

DALLAS (AP) — The man accused of shooting two truckers to death in the Dallas area last August confessed to the slayings in letters to a detective and prosecutor, officials said at the beginning of his trial.

Dallas County prosecutor Jason January read letters written about two months ago by Douglas Alan Feldman as the trial opened Monday.

January told jurors that the letters will help the state prove "beyond any shadow of a doubt" that Feldman was guilty of capital murders in the shooting deaths of Robert Stephen Everett, 36, of Missouri, and Nicolás A. Velásquez, 62, of Irving.

Feldman faces either death by injection or life in prison if he is convicted.

Defense lawyer Jim Oatman says Feldman's state of mind and his mental health at the time of shootings will be issues during the trial.

A fingerprint expert testified Monday that he found Feldman's fingerprints on one of the confession letters. Both letters were signed by Feldman with his birth date, jail book-in number and Texas driver's license number.

"I am sending your this voluntary statement in order to disclose my role and guilt in the crimes with which I am currently charged," January quoted Feldman, 41, as saying in the letters.

"I am solely responsible for the shooting deaths of Mr. Robert Stephen Everett and Mr. Nicolas Velasquez," he wrote. "I have no valid excuse for my actions except that I was in a state of extreme emotional distress at the time.

Feldman wrote that he was involved in a traffic altercation with Everett, a part-time truck driver and minister from Missouri who was hauling a shipment of toys the night of the shooting.

Feldman wrote that after the accident, "I exploded in rage and committed the murders outlined above."

There was also testimony during the opening day of the trial from motorists who witnessed the shooting death of Everett on U.S. 75 near the Allen-Plano line north of Dallas.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Man gets community service for cursing offense

STANDISH, Mich. (AP) — Being nationally known as the potty-mouthed canoeist has made Timothy Boomer think twice about what he yells in public.

"I've learned my lesson," Boomer said Monday after a judge sentenced him to four days of community service and a choice of three days in jail or a \$75 fine for cursing near children.

"Every day I'm teased, every day I'm harassed, every day someone can't walk by without saying, 'Watch your mouth, here's the cursing canoeist.' I'll hear it every day for the rest of my life," he said.

The 25-year-old computer programmer admitted he let loose with a stream of a profanities after tumbling out of a canoe last summer on the Rifle River.

A nearby couple with two young children said they were so horrified by his blue streak, they paddled swiftly away. The sheriff's deputy who ticketed Boomer said he could hear the shouts from a quarter-mile away.

A jury convicted Boomer in June of violating Michigan's 102-year-old ban on using profanity in the presence of children.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is representing Boomer, contends his freedom of speech was violated. Prosecutors argued the outburst wasn't protected because it conveyed no specific thought.

District Judge Allen Yenior, who ordered Boomer to work in a child care program as community service, put the sentence on hold while the conviction is appealed.

Boomer contends he was made a scapegoat for rowdy boaters along the rural waterway in Standish, about 130 miles north of Detroit.

"I know I am being punished by a law that not one person in a million in America ever thought existed," he said. If his conviction is upheld, Boomer said he will pay the fine rather than go to jail.

When asked whether he has cleaned up his language since the incident, Boomer replied, "I sure have."

SUPPORT GROUPS

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, 905 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769. •Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518. •"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

TEXAS LOTTERY

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WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 52.45 cents, up 10 points; Oct. crude 21.60, down 24 points; cash hogs steady at 36 even; cash steers steady at 55 even; Oct. lean hog futures 46.10, down 32 points; Oct. live cattle futures 64.77, up 7 points. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

CORRECTION

Jason French, 18, was arrested Saturday for minor in possession of alcohol, not possession of marijuana, as was reported by the Big Spring Police Department.

RECORDS

Monday's high 97 Monday's low 72 Average high 93 Average low 67 Record high 105 in 1950 Record low 53 in 1961 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.98 Month's normal 1.30 Year to date 7.63 Normal for the year 11.46 Sunrise Wednesday 6:16 a.m. Sunset Wednesday 8:19 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

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

MONDAY 6:51 a.m. 2700 block Clanton, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 7:51 a.m. 1100 block Lloyd, medical call, service refused. 8:33 a.m. 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:00 p.m. 200 block Little, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:12 p.m. 300 block Veterans Blvd., structure fire report, cancelled en route.

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# Remnants of Hurricane Bret credited for claiming four lives

LAREDO (AP) — The remnants of Hurricane Bret sloshed across southern Texas, soaking the region with up to a foot of rain and sending about 3,500 people to higher ground along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The most powerful hurricane to strike Texas in 20 years unwound from 125 mph at the coast to 40 mph winds on Monday during its inland trek toward the Rio Grande.

"The only thing we're still following and worried about is the rise in the river," said Laredo Mayor Betty Flores.

Heavy rains that washed over the area were blamed for a Monday crash in which four people died. A tractor trailer jackknifed just south of Laredo and hit a pickup, killing the big

rig driver and two women and a man in the truck, police said.

They were the only reported deaths from the storm that crossed the coast on Sunday evening midway between Corpus Christi (population 300,000) and Brownsville (132,000). Bret blew into the cattle country of Kenedy County, where cows outnumber people 60,000 to 458 and where damage was considered light.

"You might call it the great escape. I think the city of Corpus Christi is very fortunate," said Mayor Loyd Neal.

Residents in Laredo braced for flooding, but by Monday night the threat appeared to have diminished. Nonetheless, Laredo businesses were ordered to close, and the Laredo

International Airport and all three bridges linking Texas with Mexico were closed.

"I always worry that people will lose their lives or their property," said Ms. Flores. "Thankfully, we've been able to avoid, for now, a serious situation."

Bret moved slowly across Texas' southern tip with drenching rain of 8 to 12 inches after landing. About 3,500 people on both sides of the Rio Grande left their homes for higher ground as a precaution.

The National Weather Service said early today that the storm could produce an additional 5 to 10 inches of rain along the Rio Grande watershed.

Janie Mena and 11 family members took refuge in the

Laredo Civic Center.

"We live in a mobile home and since the wind was blowing pretty hard we came," the 17-year-old said. "I wish other people would do it, too, because you never know."

Marla Reyes and 13 members of her Corpus Christi-area family ran from the storm — but they headed to Laredo, directly in the path of what they were running from.

"We got out of one and came to another," said Ms. Reyes of the severe weather, which kept them stuck at the civic center Monday night.

Back at the coast, Texans streamed back to their mostly unscathed homes Monday after Bret cleared the area.

"We're thrilled out of our

minds, is what we are," said Corpus Christi teacher Rita Clark, whose home had only a downed tree limb in the yard. "It was nice enough to fall gently against my house."

Hurricane damage was substantial in Falfurrias, a town of 5,800 about 60 miles southwest of Corpus Christi, Mayor Michael Guerra said.

The wind ripped roofs from homes and businesses and up to 90 percent of the town had no electricity.

Major damage also was reported in Port Mansfield, about 50 miles north of Brownsville, especially to mobile homes.

A tornado that was spun off by Bret between Rockport and Aransas Pass destroyed a

mobile home and damaged several other buildings.

Three of the four downed high voltage lines that bring electricity to southern Texas were functioning again Monday, and the fourth was expected to resume operation today.

The number of customers without electricity dropped from 16,000 to 11,000 on Monday, the Public Utility Commission reported.

The King Ranch in Kenedy County reported downed trees but no livestock losses on one of the country's largest cattle operations.

Ranch President Jack Hunt said all 300 people who live on 825,000 acres tending the livestock were evacuated before the hurricane hit.

## Intelligence figure quits, attacking IG report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department intelligence officer who raised suspicions of Chinese espionage at Los Alamos National Laboratory has resigned after an internal report failed to back his assertions.

Notra Trulock, the Energy Department's deputy director of intelligence attacked a report issued by the agency's inspector general last week that failed to back him up and hold Clinton administration officials liable for security failures. The Washington Post and The New York Times reported today.

"I think the time has come for me to move on," Trulock told the Post.

Trulock could not be reached by telephone for comment Monday night, but the Energy Department confirmed his resignation.

Department spokeswoman Brooke Anderson issued a statement saying Secretary Bill Richardson was "disappointed" by Trulock's decision, believed he "performed valuable work and recently awarded him a \$10,000 bonus for his role in helping uncover evidence of espionage and for his persis-

tence in pursuing it."

On the other hand, Richardson stands by the findings of the IG's report, she added.

Trulock had come under criticism in recent weeks, as two government reports and other intelligence and security officials questioned whether he should have made a Chinese-American scientist at Los Alamos, Wen Ho Lee, the prime espionage suspect.

Other officials participating in the investigation have said they believe Trulock and the FBI singled out Lee mainly

because of his ethnicity. Lee, a Taiwanese-born nuclear physicist and U.S. citizen, has denied the allegations of espionage and has not been charged with any crime.

At least three other Energy Department employees have filed grievances against Trulock for alleged discrimination.

Trulock was demoted to deputy director last year after serving as the Energy Department's intelligence director for four years.

In the Post interview, Trulock denied focusing on Lee because he was Chinese.

## Bennett tells black leaders he's sorry for remark

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Sen. Bob Bennett said he didn't mean to offend anyone when he predicted that George W. Bush will be the GOP presidential nominee unless "some black woman comes forward with an illegitimate child that he fathered."

"When I make a mistake, it's a beaut," Bennett, R-Utah, said Monday after a private meeting with civil rights leaders. "There's no question this was a mistake. I had no intention of offending anyone."

Bennett had said he regretted making the "clumsy" remark to the editorial board of the Standard-Examiner newspaper in Ogden on Aug. 13.

Bennett said he was thinking of the movie "Primary Colors" and its portrayal of a fictional Southern governor's womanizing.

"Unless George W. steps in front of a bus or some woman comes forward, let's say some black woman comes forward with an illegitimate child that he fathered within the last 18 months, or some other scenario that you could be equally creative in thinking of, George W. Bush will be the nominee," Bennett told the newspaper.

"It was simply a clinical description of the state of politics in America, but it was not received that way, and I should have been smart enough to real-

ize it probably would not be received that way," Bennett said Monday.

"We told him that was a very poor excuse," Jeanetta Williams, president of the NAACP's Salt Lake City branch, said after meeting with Bennett.

"Only Sen. Bennett can give you a clear explanation about what was in his mind," said Edward L. Lewis Jr., president of the NAACP's Utah, Idaho and Nevada branch.

Leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also are upset with comments made by Utah's other Republican senator, Orrin

Hatch.

"People of color can't do anything about their color," Hatch said recently.

"But I do believe gay people have a choice to live within the legal rules or not. It's up to them, they do have a choice, where an African-American has no choice with regard to the color of their skin."

Williams and Lewis criticized Hatch for contrasting gays and blacks in terms of civil rights.

"We do not equate being gay or being lesbian with 300 years of slavery and being black in America. It is not the same thing," Lewis said. "However, we do feel that everyone should have their civil rights."

## School board reverses decision on Star of David

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — A school board has overturned its controversial decision that prevented a Jewish student from wearing a Star of David necklace to school.

The Harrison County School Board voted unanimously Monday to exempt religious symbols from its policy prohibiting students from wearing anything that could be viewed as a gang symbol.

"My decision was based

entirely on the safety of the students.

But after consideration and a lot of soul searching, I think it's justifiable that he and any other student get to express their religion," board member T.J. Harder said after Monday's vote.

The parents of 11th-grader Ryan Green asked school officials to reconsider the policy, emphasizing that the Star of David was a religious symbol,

not a gang symbol.

Security officials had told board members that some gang symbols incorporate six-pointed stars, and that the Star of David could be confused as such. On Aug. 16, the board unanimously upheld the anti-gang policy.

When pressure and national attention mounted after its decision, the board met last Thursday with members of the Jewish community and decided to reconsider its decision.

"We realized that it infringed on freedom of religious expression, and that freedom supersedes the safety issue," said Randy Williams, the board's president.

Tom Green, Ryan's father, declared the reversal a victory.

"It's a wonderful feeling," he said.

"We are truly joyous. As a father to a son this is the best principle I could teach him: Stand up for your rights."

## TV maker Zenith files for bankruptcy restructuring

GLENVIEW, Ill. (AP) — Zenith Electronics Corp. filed for bankruptcy as part of a long-planned overhaul of the struggling maker of televisions, VCRs and digital equipment.

The Glenview-based company said the Chapter 11 filing on Monday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Del., was one of the final steps in its restructuring, which is aimed at reducing debt and de-empha-

sizing manufacturing.

Zenith announced last year that it would file for bankruptcy after coming up with a turnaround package that would essentially remake the company.

"Our operational restructuring — transforming Zenith into a sales, marketing and technology company — is proceeding on schedule," said Jeffrey Gannon, president and chief

executive officer.

The company's chief stockholder, LG Electronics of South Korea, has agreed as part of the restructuring to exchange \$200 million of its debt claims for 100 percent ownership of the reorganized Zenith.

Zenith earlier this year obtained a \$300 million line of credit from Citicorp North America Inc. to cover its debts during the restructuring period.

LG Electronics, which owns 55 percent of Zenith's outstanding shares, acquired its majority interest in November 1995.

John Koo, LGE's vice chairman and chief executive officer, said the company remains committed to the restructuring "because we believe that a restructured, refocused Zenith can be an effective competitor in the North American television industry."

## AMA backs legislation to better protect managed care patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bipartisan bill being crafted in the House to better protect the rights of patients in managed care plans has received a strong endorsement from the American Medical Association.

"This bill delivers the essential protections patients and voters are demanding," AMA President Thomas R. Reardon

said in a statement Monday. "Doctors will be allowed to make medical decisions. Health plans will be held accountable for their actions."

The AMA's backing, decided at an annual meeting of the 290,000-member group, provides a powerful weapon to supporters of the bipartisan bill before an expected House vote next

month on HMO patient rights.

President Clinton, in a statement, said the AMA endorsement "sends a strong message to Congress" on the need to pass legislation that "provides meaningful protections for all Americans in all health plans, and holds plans accountable when their actions cause harm to patients."

The legislation, sponsored by Reps. John Dingell, D-Mich., and Charles Norwood, R-Ga., would ensure that people in HMO plans have access to emergency room care, guarantee access to specialists, permit patients to get referrals to doctors outside their networks, and allow lawsuits against HMOs that deny care.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED GAS RATE CHANGE

On August 4, 1999, Energas Company filed Statements of Intent to change its gas rates with each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing. Each city may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days.

The Company proposes to increase rates to General Service (residential and commercial), Small Industrial Service, Large Gas Air Conditioning and/or Electric Generating Gas Service, and the Air Conditioning Rate Rider. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increased revenue does not exceed that specified herein.

The proposed changes are expected to increase the company's annual revenues by approximately 8.8 percent or \$9.8 million. The proposed changes to the rates are unrelated to gas cost which the company will continue to charge only cost paid to its supplier. The proposed changes could affect approximately 200,000 gas consumers in the following communities:

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Happy	Palisades	Vega
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Hereford*	Panhandle	Wilson
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\*The level of revenue increases in these communities constitutes a "major change" as defined by state law.

Copies of the filing are available at the Energas Office at 5110-80<sup>th</sup> Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424.

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Big Spring Independent School District is offering  
Driver Education to those students who are eligible this school year at Big Spring High School. Upon completion of this course the student will earn 1/2 local credit. Registration will take place on Tuesday through Thursday, August 24-26., at the Big Spring High School, Room 102, 707 Eleventh Place, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For further information contact Mr. Collinsworth at 264-3641, Exts. 185 or 172.

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OUR VIEWS

We're thankful for Canterbury and its residents

On Aug. 29, 1979, when the first resident moved into St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc., many in the community breathed a sigh of relief. Thanks to the vision of church leaders, there was finally safe, affordable housing for the elderly and disabled.

If they had only known all that "Canterbury" would become! During the next two decades, the retirement center's residents would create a legacy of activity, service, caring and fun.

The file on Canterbury at the *Big Spring Herald* is a testament to the community involvement and can-do attitude of its residents. Stories and photographs over the years show a full slate of activities undertaken at the complex — most of them for the benefit of others.

Several photographs over the years show Canterbury residents making favors for other senior citizens — those confined to nursing homes. Over the years, residents of both North and South Canterbury are shown in photographs, tending to plants, rosebushes and small gardens they kept.

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

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.

And together, residents and staff share good times, such as the birth, or later the visits, of grandchildren. Residents also assist each other when ill health strikes, and mourn together when death takes a friend.

Just this past Saturday, Canterbury performed a huge public service by sponsoring a health fair for all senior citizens of the area. They offered a variety of health screenings and information at no charge.

We are proud to have the residents of Canterbury as citizens of Big Spring. They add much to the quality of life in our community.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Rachug and the members of Central Baptist Church for preparing a meal for all of the faculty and staff that work at Elbow Elementary. This is the third consecutive year that Elbow personnel have been invited to start the new school year in prayer and fellowship with a church membership that has devoted itself to pray for our students and staff. I begin each day knowing that people have sought God's will, purpose, and protection for what goes on in my classroom.

What a way to start the day!

I was glad to hear that a similar ministry has been started this year for Big Spring schools.

In light of what is happening in schools across this country, I cannot think of a better way to make a true difference in the climate and culture of a learning community.

Many of us forget is that God is not limited by manmade boundaries. Prayers said outside the school can be just as effective as those said inside school walls.

CARIE DUNNAM  
BIG SPRING

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Media should report the news, not make it up

While the rest of the country was relaxing at the beach, hiking in the mountains, or obsessing about

the second annual Sosa-McGwire home-run derby, the political press corps last week was engaged in its favorite pastime: Creating news where there is none. For months, totally unsubstantiated rumors about Texas Gov. George W. Bush and drugs have circulated among political insiders, provoking several news organizations to launch their own investigations. And what have they found? Absolutely nothing. Not a single, credible source for any of the stories; indeed, no actual story.

But despite the dearth of evidence, or even a specific allegation, the news media have gone wild with speculation about whether Bush used cocaine

some time in his past. The topic has become fodder for late-night TV jokes and a staple of the 24-hour cable shows that have helped turn TV news into an entertainment medium. No wonder Americans have become so cynical about the news industry.

In the past, journalistic ethics would have prevented reporters from running with these rumors. At the very least, any reputable news organization would have required that someone who claimed firsthand knowledge be identified as the source of an accusation before deciding to print or air a story about a politician's alleged misbehavior or moral lapse. But no more. Journalists have moved beyond the somewhat dicey practice of relying on anonymous sources to having no sources at all, save each other.

Once a story has appeared in print or aired on TV — even if it happens to be a trashy tabloid newspaper or program — the mainstream press feels free to repeat it. In fact, not to run with a story that has moved into general circulation — no matter through what backdoor means — is dangerous in an industry that has

become increasingly focused on ratings. Fewer people today read newspapers or watch television news than in the past, which has led to a fierce competition for the remaining audience.

The news business has become just that — a business whose prime motivation is to sell its product. It wouldn't be so bad if reporters, editors and producers would admit that what they're after is market share. Instead, they couch everything in terms of "the search for truth" and "the public's right to know." Hogwash. A slow news week and a Republican primary contest that seemed all-but-decided more than a year before the election were excuse enough for most news organizations to begin peddling gossip about the GOP front-runner.

Politics has become nothing more than a horse race to most news organizations. So long as the race remains close, reporters have something interesting to write about. But when one candidate outdistances his opposition too far — as Bush has in both public opinion polls and money raised — the incentive becomes to close the gap, even if it means repeating

rumors that no one can quite trace to a source.

Bush has said he won't play the game of shooting down every wild allegation about his past and that he's said all he intends to about his putative drug use — namely, that he meets the government's own standard for fitness to serve. But the pressure is on to say more, from both his political opponents and some supporters. It's hard to imagine what he could say that would help him, however. Admitting former drug use — even if it took place some 25 years ago or earlier — could hardly be a plus for a Republican candidate. And if he didn't use drugs and denies the rumors outright, some portion of the public will believe that he did, anyway, simply because they read so in the newspapers or heard about it on the news.

Bush's best hope is that the reporters will tire of repeating tales based solely on innuendo and that the issue fades. Who knows, with the president back from vacation and Congress back in session next week, maybe political reporters will go back to reporting real news rather than making up their own.



LINDA CHAVEZ



U.S. Military is underpaid and overworked

In 1975, the United States ended the draft and instituted an all-volunteer armed force with a promise of "comp pay." In short, the government said that military pay would be comparable to civilian pay, resulting in a financially competitive recruiting environment. It was just another broken promise.



JACK ANDERSON

Instead, America's defenders have fallen behind the pay curve, and the Department of Defense (DOD) estimates 11,000 enlisted military personnel collected federal food assistance benefits last year.

Sydney Hickey, spokesperson for National Military Families Association in Alexandria, Va., told us: "The DOD only knows that 1 percent of the entire military force is eligible for food stamps, but that is not taking into account the number of

children or whether a spouse works or if the enlisted man has a second job. We have a good many more than 1 percent of families eligible."

"What is not being covered by the media," Hickey says, "is how close our junior enlisted men are to the wire. Our military families are on and off federal assistance. Any number of things could set the family back. Deployment means that the serviceman loses the all-important second job, or sometimes a spouse must quit a second job to provide childcare. Or if an enlisted man is sent across country, he must absorb the third of expenses that the military does not reimburse. This creates a situation where we have servicemen in Kosovo or Bosnia worried about whether or not their family back home will have enough to pay the bills."

The comp pay in 1975 was a couple of percentages below the Employment Cost Index (ECI), the measurement of hourly wages and benefits. In 1980, President Ronald Reagan instituted a 15-percent pay raise to try and bring military pay up to speed with the private sec-

tor, and for a few years it did. But it began to fall behind again in 1982, and now there is a 13.5-percent ECI pay gap with the private sector. In the same period, the pay has fallen 11.6 percent behind the Consumer Price Index (CPI). (Note: We are including housing and food allowances in military pay.)

Congress passed a 4.8-percent military raise that will take effect January 1, 2000. This law also includes a provision to raise salaries every January for six years, in accordance with the ECI, plus .5 percent, which clearly fails to bring the military up to the comp pay level of 1975. Hickey calls this a "small piece of a catch-up" that won't remove every one from the food stamp rolls."

Much of the problem, according to the DOD, is that composition of the force is much different than in years past.

The young enlisted person formerly was a single man who bunked free at the barracks and ate at the mess hall. Now many of the young recruits are married with several children, paying more for housing (and by many accounts, the military housing is unacceptable) and

food. Many servicemen are forced to get second jobs to make ends meet, though Hickey says that is near to impossible when most servicemen are working 16-hour days, six or seven days out of the week.

Next to pay, the biggest problem is the mismatch between the number of active duty personnel and the increase in missions. In recent years, troop strength has been drawn down over a third while there has been a 300-percent increase in missions, including Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo. The military is literally being overworked and underpaid.

Hickey said, "Currently the Army, Air Force and particularly the Navy aren't meeting recruitment goals. Our greatest recruiters have always been former service men and women who have passed on a commitment to country and patriotism to their children while also impressing on family and friends a good quality of life found in the service. But now our veterans don't have good things to say about military life; now many are saying, 'my country betrayed me.'"

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**Evening Lions 39th football**  
The Big Spring Lions Club has its 39th annual Football for 5 p.m. to 7:30 Sept. 3, in the Dorothy Garrett Center.  
The barbecue priced at \$6 per plate will also be served.

BSHS tennis meeting slated

All parents of and high school in Big Spring are invited to an organizational meeting for the Big Spring Tennis Boosters at 7:30 tonight in the cafeteria.  
Players from both high school and tennis teams will be present during the meeting.  
For more information call 263-3848.

Little League sets appreciation

An appreciation dinner for Little League participants in the Little League program has been scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Comanche Trail Center.  
Parents, players and sponsors are invited to attend.

Beach volleyball scheduled for

A beach volleyball tournament sponsored by the Spring Area Commerce Sports Center has been scheduled for 18 at Comanche Trail Center.  
Entry fees for men and women are \$40 per team.  
Three sand courts will be set up just west of the Roberts Community Center for the tournament.  
For more information call Javier Becerra at 267-4560.

YMCA begins registration for inline hockey

Registration for the Big Spring YMCA's fall inline hockey program begins now.  
Boys and girls ages of 8 and 17 are invited to play. No tryouts are required.  
Fees for the program are \$15 for full members, \$25 for new members and \$35 for non-members.  
For more information call Steve Fryar at 267-4560.

County roping for Sept. 2 at

A county-wide roping event will be held at the Howard County Fairgrounds on Thursday, Sept. 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed to the public.  
Fees are \$40 for men and \$30 for women.  
For more information call Steve Fryar at 267-4560.

Big Spring Steers now on sale

Season ticket holders for the Steers 1999 football game are invited to purchase tickets on sale at the Big Spring Office.  
The tickets are priced at \$16 and are available until 8:30 a.m. until the office will be closed until 1 p.m.

ON THE AIR

- Radio MAJOR LEAGUE**  
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball on KSTX-AM 1490.
- Television MAJOR LEAGUE**  
6:35 p.m. — CBS at Atlanta Braves  
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball on KSTX-AM 1490.
- WNBA**  
6 p.m. — Eastern Conference first round game Detroit, ESPN, Channel 8 p.m. — Western Conference first round game Los Angeles, ESPN.



### IN BRIEF

#### Evening Lions Club slates 39th football barbecue

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club has scheduled its 39th annual Football Barbecue for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, in the East Room at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The barbecue meals will be priced at \$6 per plate. To go plates will also be available.

#### BSHS tennis boosters meeting slated tonight

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 tonight 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 at Comanche Trail Park.

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

#### Beach volleyball touney 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.

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 begins 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.

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

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

#### County roping scheduled for Sept. 2 at Rodeo Bowl

A "county roping" for Howard County residents has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Books open for the event at 5 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. Fees are \$40 for four head.

For more information, call Steve Fryar at 398-5513 or Diane Hofacket at 267-8041.

#### Big Spring Steer tickets now on sale to public

Season tickets to Big Spring Steers 1999 football games are on sale at the BSISD Business Office.

The ticket packages are priced at \$16, and will be available until Friday, Sept. 3.

Tickets will be sold from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

### ON THE AIR

#### Radio

##### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7:10 p.m. — New York Yankees at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

#### Television

##### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:35 p.m. — Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.  
7:30 p.m. — New York Yankees at Texas Rangers, TCA Ch. 97.

#### WNBA

6 p.m. — Eastern Conference first round game, Charlotte at Detroit, ESPN, Ch. 30.

8 p.m. — Western Conference first round game, Sacramento at Los Angeles, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Lady Steers setting sights on tonight's volleyball home opener

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers will finally get a chance to display their talents in front of a friendly crowd tonight when they play their 1999 home opener in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

Fresh off what some would consider a surprising fourth-place finish at the Ector County ISD Invitational Volleyball Tournament, the Lady Steers will first play host to Lamesa's Lady Tors at 5:30 p.m., followed by a match with Abilene Cooper's Lady Cougars at 7:30.

"This is going to be another really strong test of this team," Lady Steers head coach Traci Pierce said as she prepared her team for facing the Lady Tors, a Class 3A state finalist last season, and Cooper's strong Class 5A squad.

"We had a really good tournament over the weekend, even though we felt like we should have had a chance to play for the championship," Pierce added. "But we've got to stay focused and realize that we're going to be really challenged by two very good teams the first time we play in front of a home crowd."

"We've clearly raised the bar as what we expect from ourselves and what people are going to expect from us," the Lady Steers boss continued.

It was the Lady Steers' inability to overcome what they believed were crucial missed calls by officials during the semifinal game against Midland on Saturday that are a clear sign that there's still room for improvement.

"We just didn't get the calls against Midland High and that took the wind out of our sails," 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," she 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.

Evans wound up earning all-tournament team honors. And while they weren't named to the all-tournament team, Jaure and teammates Lacey Anderson and Monica Rubio also received votes for the honor squad.

"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."

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 and everyone else'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."

"We've got a tough schedule this year... we set it up that way for a reason," the Lady Steers boss added. "We're aren't going to be able to slip up on anyone."

"Everybody knows about us now and we've got to be ready to have everyone throwing their absolute best at us," she added. "Sure, we're a much better team than we have been in the last few years, but now we've got to keep going out there on the floor and proving it."

## Recovered Mills key for Cowboys

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Ernie Mills lifts his jersey to reveal a tight blue pad around his torso, an elastic wrap that looks like something people wear to lose weight or to hide weight they need to lose.

But this stretchy thing isn't there for vanity. It's a shock absorber worn to protect his midsection in case he's ever jolted the way he was by Seattle's Fred Thomas on Nov. 22.

In what seemed like a routine tackle, Mills suffered a season-ending and career-threatening perforation of his small intestine after making a 3-yard catch. He underwent surgery the next day, then went nearly two weeks before eating solid foods.

"He wasn't a big guy," Mills said. "He just hit me right."

The blow took out more than the 5-foot-11, 192-pound Mills. It also seemed to level the Cowboys.

Dallas went on to beat the Seahawks to improve to 8-3. The Cowboys lost their next three, barely beat two bad teams, then ended the season in the first round of the playoffs against Arizona, a team they'd beaten twice with Mills.

In six games without Mills, Dallas averaged 16.5 points per game. They averaged 26.7 points in the 10 games he was healthy. And, he still wound up leading the team with four touchdown catches.

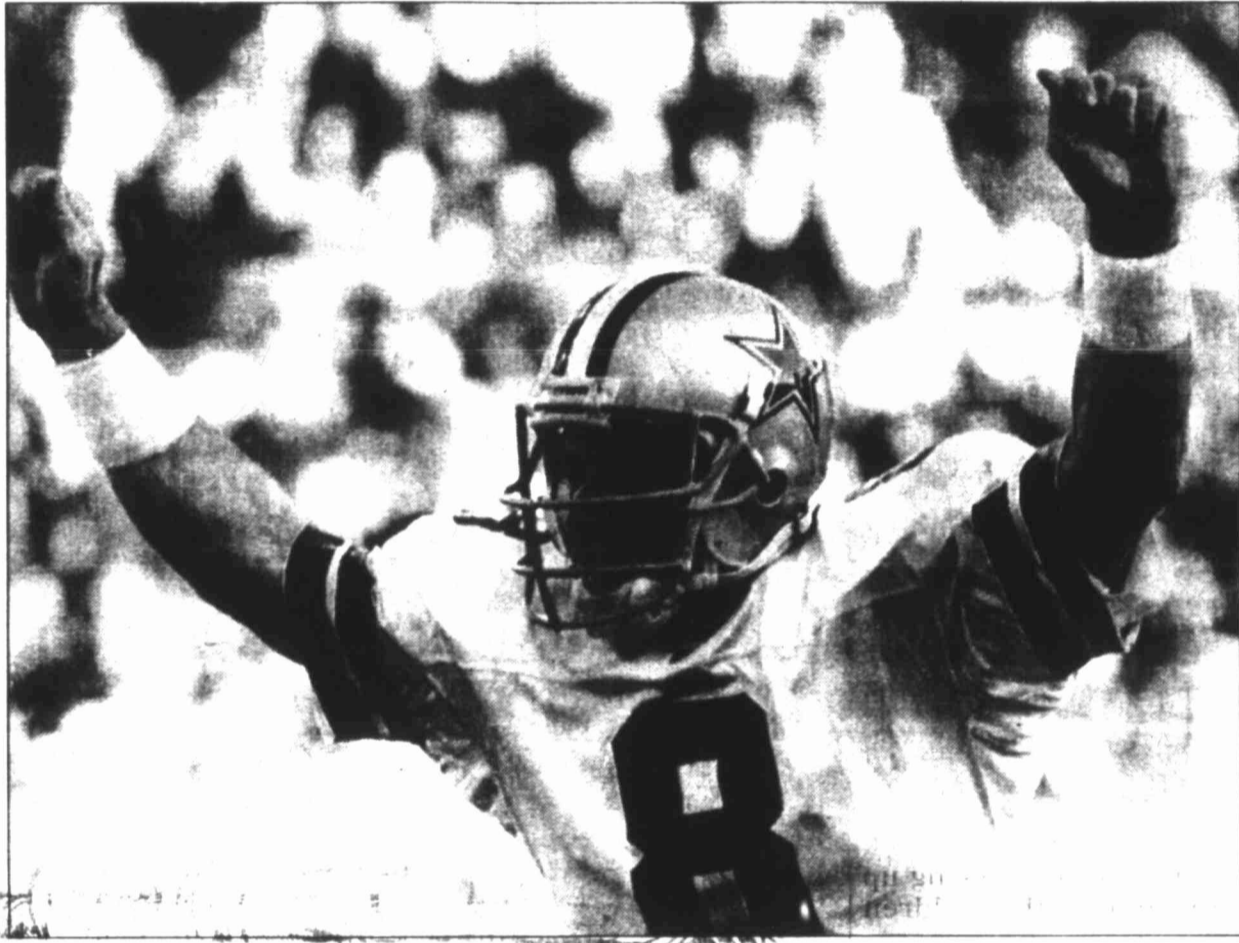
Other factors also contributed to the Cowboys' collapse, most notably an injury to Deion Sanders. But the drop in scoring indicates Mills' absence also was a factor.

What made Mills so vital to an offense headed by Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin was his knowledge of the offense being installed by then-rookie coach Chan Gailey. Mills had played for Gailey in Pittsburgh from 1994-96.

Mills left the Steelers in 1997 for what turned out to be a disastrous season in Carolina. When he was looking for a job in 1998, he reunited with his former coach on his new team in Dallas.

Mills was like a coach on the field and in the locker room as he helped teammates grasp the new system. Then he made defenses pay for single covering him while double-teaming Irvin.

The results: 28 receptions, of which 21 went for first downs,



With wide receiver Ernie Mills back at his disposal, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman hopes there's be more celebrations like the one he enjoyed after throwing a touchdown pass in Super Bowl XXX against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

12 came on third downs and nine covered at least 25 yards.

"I had a lot of confidence in what I was doing," Mills said. "The injury really, really hurt me because there were some things I really wanted to do."

Mills returns to even better circumstances this year. His teammates understand Gailey's system better, an improved offensive line should give Aikman more time and the addition of Raghob "Rocket" Ismail should ensure Mills will continue to be single-teamed.

"It's good to see him back out there," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. "It was a close call for him last year, but he's got it behind him mentally and physically and we're all happy to have him."

The soft-spoken Mills was respected by teammates before he was hurt, and there's no doubt their appreciation of him has grown.

"He is a very smart player," Aikman said. "He really understands how to set up routes and makes them all look the same. Ernie is probably the slowest receiver we have on the field, yet he gets open as much as anybody."

Mills, a nine-year veteran, said he doesn't expect any problems related to the injury.

"I'm fine," Mills said after a recent workout. "I don't feel any pain."

He feels so good that he doesn't even think he needs the protection around his waist. He insists he's only wearing it to make others happy.

#### ABSENCE ANNOYS GAILEY

Dallas Cowboys coach Chan Gailey is tired of playing Warren's Warren?

Running back Chris Warren, who left training camp early last week after asking permission to visit a groin specialist he's been working with in Colorado, was supposed to back a few days later. A schedule change allowed him to be out until Monday.

But a morning meeting and afternoon practice passed without Warren arriving. He was expected back late Monday.

The look on Gailey's face and the tone of his voice when discussing the matter made it obvious this wasn't an excused absence.

Gailey indicated that Warren would be fined for his tardiness, but the coach refused to give any details about the situation.

#### ABSENT, BUT EXCUSED

Emmitt Smith and Mills watched Monday's practice on the sidelines, with Deion Sanders because of minor injuries.

Smith's eyes had to be dilated because of blurred vision stemming from a slight concussion he suffered Saturday night against the Patriots. The dilation left him sensitive to light. Mills had a slight hamstring problem.

#### NO NEWS ON LETT

Although the Cowboys are going about their business as if they'll be without suspended defensive tackle Leon Lett, they'd still like to know when the NFL will let him return.

Lett began his third suspension for violating the league's substance abuse policy on June 4. His return is at the discretion of NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who last month was believed to be leaning toward a four-game ban.

## East bests Central in matchup of National League's best

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Score Round 1 for the NL East.

On a night when the top four teams in the National League squared off, the Atlanta Braves and New York Mets of the Eastern Division beat the two best teams in the NL Central on Monday.

Chipper Jones homered and drove in three runs, Kevin Millwood (14-7) pitched three-hit ball for seven innings and Atlanta remained atop the NL East, beating the Cincinnati Reds 6-2.

"This is a lot of fun," said Jones, who hit his 33rd homer and had two of Atlanta's seven stolen bases. "It's nice to come to the ballpark in July, August, September and have it be like a playoff game. In a sense, all of these games are playoff games."

The Mets kept pace with Atlanta, beating the Houston Astros 3-2 on Matt Franco's pinch-hit single with two outs in the ninth inning to remain a half-game behind the Braves.

"It's a great quality to have, to know we can string a couple of hits together and get a win against a team like Houston," said Mike Piazza, whose streak of 10 straight games with an RBI came to an end.

With the pennant races starting to heat up, the only changes in the standings came in the wild-card race, where the Mets moved 2½ games ahead of Cincinnati.

The Astros are a half-game ahead of the Reds.

In other National League games, it was Montreal 11, St. Louis 7; Arizona 2, Pittsburgh 1; San Diego 7, Philadelphia 6; and Los Angeles 8, Milwaukee 4.

The San Francisco Giants' game against the Chicago Cubs was rained out.

In American League games, it was New York 21, Texas 3; Boston 4, Minnesota 1; Toronto 9, Oakland 4; Seattle 4, Cleveland 1; Chicago 10, Tampa Bay 2; Baltimore 4, Kansas City 2; and Anaheim 6, Detroit 5.

#### Braves 6, Reds 2

Atlanta shook up Cincinnati by coming within one stolen base of the franchise record. Jones also scored on a wild pitch that rolled no more than 4 feet from the plate.

"Regardless of whose fault it is, it shouldn't happen that many times in a game," Reds catcher Eddie Taubensee said.

The NL's best home team, Atlanta improved its mark at Turner Field to 43-21 against the Big Road Machine. The Reds won 33 of their previous 44 games away from home and still have the top road mark (38-18) in the majors.

Brett Tomko (4-7) took the loss.

#### Mets 3, Astros 2

Franco, who personally blamed himself for a loss the previous day, delivered the game-winning hit off Jay Powell (4-4) in the bottom of the ninth.

"It was great to have a chance to do something good," Franco said.

A day earlier, Franco grounded into a bases-loaded double play and also misplayed a fly ball into a three-run double during the Mets' loss to St. Louis in the second game of a doubleheader.

"Matty redeemed himself a little bit," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "He's a standup guy and he got a big hit for us."

Armando Benitez (3-2) struck out Lance Berkman with runners at the corners to end the ninth.

#### Expos 11, Cardinals 7

Vladimir Guerrero had three hits, including his 30th homer, to extend his hitting streak to 28 games.

Rick Ankiel didn't get a decision in his major league debut, allowing three runs and five hits in five-plus innings. He walked three and struck out six.

Trailing 6-3, the Expos scored three runs in the seventh off Heathcliff Slocumb and five in the eighth off Rick Croushore (3-4). Winner Anthony Telford (4-2) pitched two innings.

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I'd say to "Travel Terror," "Go for it, honey. Enjoy vacations like you have never known before." An RV with a happy couple in it becomes vacation transportation, just as a cruise ship, airplane, train or bus - and the feeling of getting away from it all and having fun overwhelms any other problems. - JOHN W. STROBEL III



TUESDAY												AUG. 24											
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6:30 News (CC)	6:30 Simpsons Home Imp.	6:30 Science Guy Zoboombaloo	6:30 Wild-Animals Show-Furry	6:30 News Ext. Tonight	6:30 News (CC) Fortune	6:30 News Sainfield (CC)	6:30 Just Shoot Me 3rd Rock-Sun	6:30 Baseball Cincinnati	6:30 Precious	6:30 So Weird (CC) Dark Takes the	6:30 Waltons (CC) Nashville	6:30 Story (CC)	6:30 Rozanne (CC)	6:30 News John Haggie	6:30 Law & Order (CC)	6:30 Wild Discovery	6:30 ER (CC)	6:30 Sports News Last Word	6:30 NBA Basketball	6:30 Sports	6:30 AMC	6:30 BET	
7:30 Spin City (CC)	7:30 The Millers	7:30 Life of Birds (CC)	7:30 Life, Camera Life, Camera	7:30 JAG (CC)	7:30 Spin City (CC) Spin City	7:30 The Millionaire	7:30 Dharma-Greg Sports Night	7:30 Will & Grace	7:30 Angela	7:30 (7:50) Movie: Can of	7:30 Country Awards (CC)	7:30 Movie: Greedy (CC)	7:30 Movie: Hush	7:30 Movie: Feels of Freedom: Games	7:30 Faith Pleases God	7:30 Shoot Not to Kill	7:30 Family Values: The	7:30 Start Baseball	7:30 Playoffs	7:30 Sports	7:30 AMC	7:30 BET	
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**HAGAR**

WHAT'S FOR DINNER, MELGA?  
YOU'RE HAVING LEFTOVER, LEFTOVER, LEFTOVER LEFTOVERS!  
SHE JUST WON'T GIVE UP ON THAT LIVER AND SPINACH CASSEROLE

**BLONDIE**

WERE YOU ASLEEP WHEN YOU WROTE THIS MEMO? WHAT THE HECK IS IT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?  
WELL, IT, UH... HMMM... MY GUESS IS EITHER IT COULDN'T BEEN, BUT I'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE  
EVEN HIS EXPLANATIONS DON'T MAKE ANY SENSE!

**B.C.**

MAN, THE IS STEEP!  
I MEAN!  
FOOLISH GIRLS, YOU TOOK THE WRONG MOUNTAIN! -I'M OVER HERE!  
HA HA HA...  
DON'T FLATTER YOURSELF GU-GU... WE'RE GOING TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY!  
GOOD COME-BACK.  
HIGHER AUTHORITY?  
WAIT UP!

**GEECH**

WHAT'S THE SPECIAL TODAY?  
MEAT LOAF DELUXE.  
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AND THE REGULAR MEAT LOAF?  
THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE REGULAR MEAT LOAF.

**WIZARD OF ID**

CRIME IS DOWN FIVE PERCENT  
STOP THAT MAN!  
MAKE THAT FOUR PERCENT

**HI AND LOIS**

EVERY DAY I READ IN THE PAPER ABOUT HOW PEOPLE ARE GETTING RICH IN THE STOCK MARKET!  
DO YOU FEEL LEFT OUT?  
NO WAY! I WON \$50 LAST WEEK IN THE LOTTERY!  
CHANCE BROWNE

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

What are you doing, Mother?  
What does it look like?  
Packing! Why? Are you leaving?  
Slim! Sometimes I wonder about you!

**SNUFFY SMITH**

TATER GOT HIS BOOSTER SHOT TODAY  
HOW DID HE TAKE IT?  
EEEEEE YOW!

**BETLE BAILY**

OTTO'S HERE TO SNIFF OUT ANY SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES  
MAIL ROOM  
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?  
COOKIES FROM HOME  
SNIFF! SNIFF!

**FAMILY CIRCUS**

"Mommy, the box guy is here."

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"IF THESE ARE THE 'DOG DAYS', SHOULDN'T WE GIVE OL' RUFF A PRESENT OR SOMETHIN'?"

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 24, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect.

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 1999. There are 136 days remaining in the year.

On this date: In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1814, British forces invaded Washington, setting fire to the Capitol and the White House.

In 1899, Argentine poet and author Jose Luis Borges was born in Buenos Aires.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly nonstop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1959, three days after Hawaiian statehood, Sen. Hiram L. Fong and Rep. Daniel K. Inouye were sworn in. Fong became the first Chinese-American senator, and Inouye the first Japanese-American congressman.

In 1968, France exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific, becoming the world's fifth thermonuclear power.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock star John Lennon.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida.

Ten years ago: Commissioner A. Bartlett Gi' matti banned Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose from major league baseball for gambling. Colombian drug lords declared "total war" on the government. The Voyager 2 space probe flew past Neptune, sending back striking photographs.

Five years ago: Israeli and PLO negotiators agreed on an accord to give the Palestinians control of health care, taxation, education and other services in West Bank areas still controlled by Israel.

One year ago: The United States and Britain agreed to allow two Libyan suspects in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 to be tried by a Scottish court sitting in the Netherlands. A federal court rejected the Census Bureau's plans to use statistical sampling for the 2000 census, a decision later upheld by the Supreme Court. Actor E.G. Marshall died in Mount Kisco, N.Y., at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Durward Kirby is 87. Former education secretary Shirley Hufstедler is 74. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 65. Composer-musician Mason Williams is 61.

**THE Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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**Monday's Puzzle Solved**

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12 Sailor's saint  
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18 Hay wagon  
19 Page's PBS program  
23 Moises or Felipe  
24 Diminutive  
25 Don Carlos in "Don Carlos"  
26 Aluminum company  
27 Heavy rope  
28 Exclusively  
29 "Speedy Gonzales" singer  
30 Some of Kite's clubs  
31 De Mille or Moorehead  
33 Primary  
36 Least active  
37 Spike or brad, e.g.  
38 Put up for sale  
43 Submissively  
44 Underside of a beam  
45 Bean curd  
47 Related product  
48 Touch against  
49 Gandhi's garb  
50 View quickly  
51 Ancient Greek portico  
52 Via, for short  
53 Naked  
54 European eagle  
55 Deceased  
57 Legendary Giant

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