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Canterbury has big plans for 20th anniversary

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Residents and staff at St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Center, or Canterbury, are gearing up for one of their biggest weekend activities ever.



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Saturday and Sunday, events are planned to celebrate the facility's 20th anniversary.

"We've had calls from all over West Texas about this, and we are sure it's going to be a lot of fun," said Executive Director JoAnne Hyer. She added the public is welcome at both celebrations: a come-and-go reception Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster; and a worship service Sunday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, at 9:30 a.m.

"We're glad to have anybody who wants to come and visit, join us," Hyer said. At about 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, there will be a short program with remarks from the Rev. Harland Birdwell, former rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and members of the center's board of directors.

WHAT'S UP...

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

SATURDAY
Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Howard County Fair Lamb Show, noon, sheep barn; all baked goods received, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Dora Roberts Fairbarn.

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Tonight:



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Howard County jobless rate continues to drop; workforce grows

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Business diversification after a series of economic setbacks in the late 1970s and early-to-mid 1980s is the reason Virginia Belew thinks Howard County's unemployment rate continues to drop and the work force grows.



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"I continue to think diversification has made the difference," Belew, Texas Workforce Center (TWC) area manager, said. "I think our economy is better and we're seeing new job creation and not in the oil industry."

According to July statistics released by the Texas Workforce Commission, Howard County continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in the Permian Basin at 5.9 percent — down nearly a full percentage point from June's 6.7 percent.

The work force also increased

by 175 persons to 15,221.

"Things are really on the upswing," Belew said. "In the previous three weeks, we'd filled 65 new job openings in addition to those on the July report."

July marked the sixth month in a row that Howard County had the lowest unemployment rate in the Permian Basin region. It was also the sixth month in a row that the local work force had grown.

Belew did point out that in the next two months, the closing of Walls Industries will be reflect-

ed in the local unemployment figures.

"Next month, we anticipate an increase in unemployment because of Walls, but we've already started working with those people on retraining."

Because Walls is moving the jobs to Mexico, displaced workers are eligible for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance — which could include training, a job search allowance, relocation allowance and other reemployment services.

While Howard County's

unemployment rate dropped, five counties in the region reported double-digit unemployment, led by Winkler County (Kermit) at 11.8 percent. Others with double-digit unemployment included Reeves (Pecos) at 11.4, Andrews (Andrews) at 10.6, Ector (Odessa) at 10.4 and Ward (Monahans) at 10.3.

Other West Texas unemployment figures for July included: Dawson, 7.3; Martin, 6.5; Midland, 7.7; Mitchell, 6.3; Pecos, 8.9 and Scurry, 8.1.

The statewide rate for June dropped to 4.7 percent.

Solution proposed for BSJHS sinking problem

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Less than three weeks after seventh and eighth graders began using Big Spring Junior High, cracks have appeared in the classroom cement walls, lockers in the physical education dressing rooms have shifted, the terrazzo flooring is cracking and exterior bricks are gaping.



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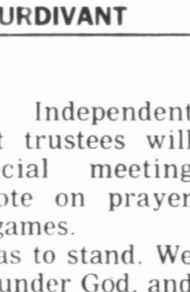
The \$10 million structure is sinking on the east side, and the architect, engineers, district administrators and trustees gathered Thursday to come up with an emergency plan to prevent further damage.

"There is excessive movement on the northeast corner of the building. It's slipping, it's active and we need to stop it as far as I'm concerned. The safest, fastest fix is to improve the soil, we need to improve the density of the soil," said Tommie Huckabee, architect for the project and designer of the building.

"What options have you considered?" Big Spring ISD board president Larry McLellan asked Huckabee.

A solution proposed by structural engineers Charles Terry and Patrick Moore of Dallas-based Charles F. Terry Inc. is a procedure called compaction grouting.

"The process of compaction grouting is to inject a mixture below the footings, about eight to 12 feet, through a four-to-six-inch diameter hole. The mixture expands, creating balloons of concrete, which will



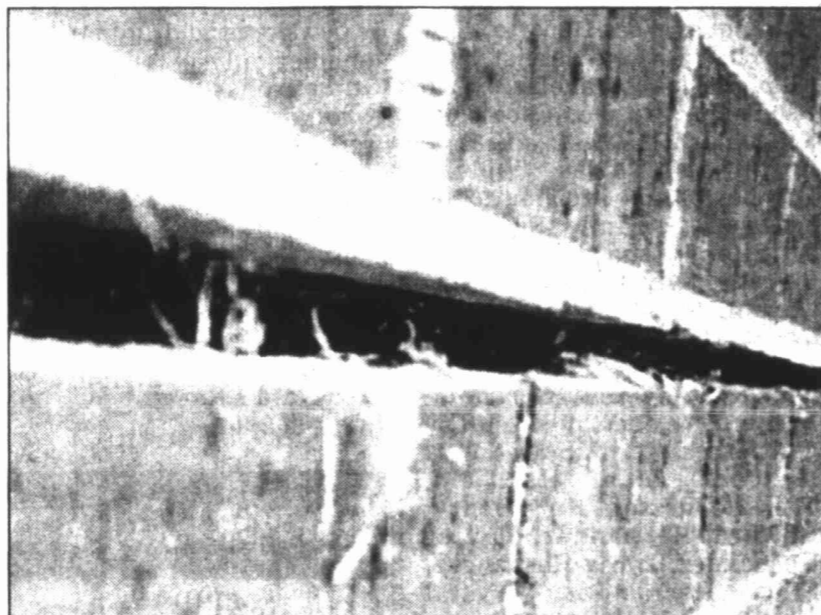
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strengthen the soil," said Moore.

By monitoring the pressure of the grouting as it is poured underground, specialists will be able to determine when enough cement has been used to raise the building back to its original position.

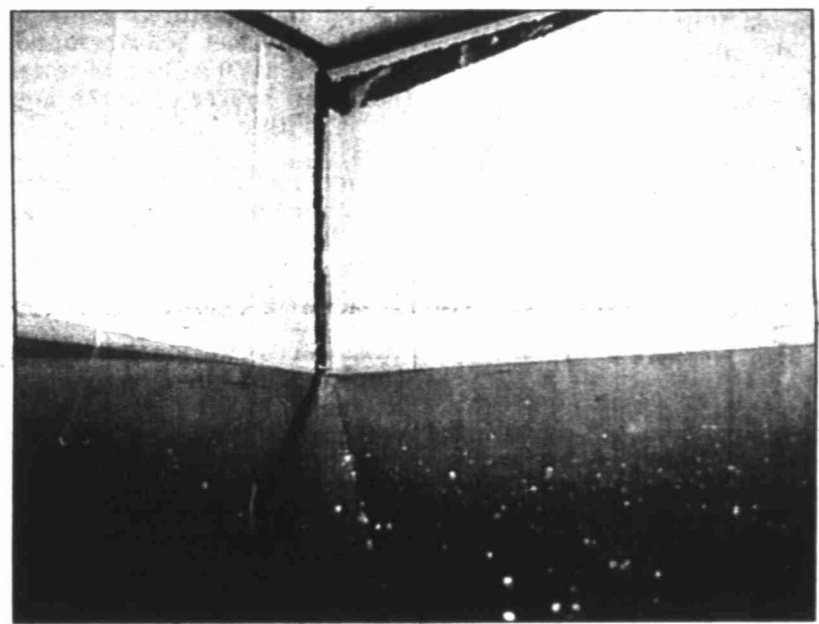
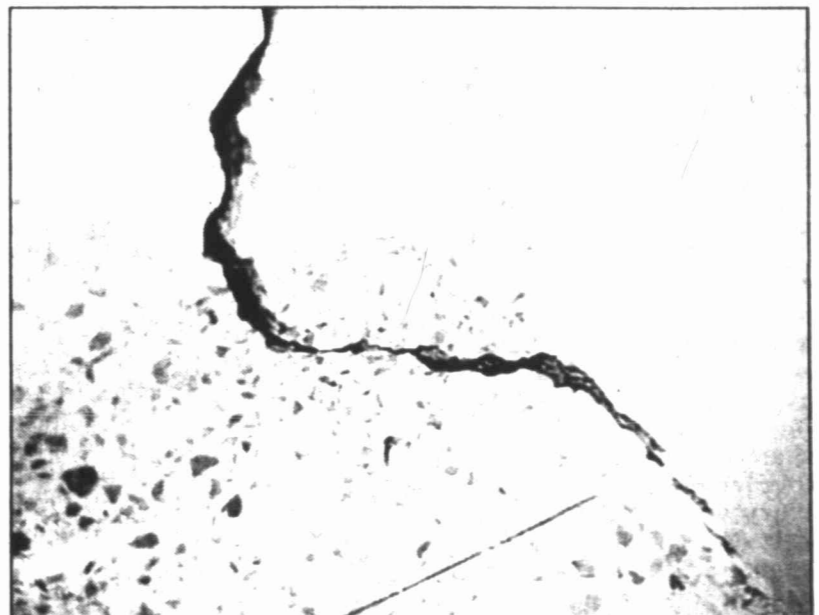
Moore told officials he has seen this procedure done and it is effective in cases of foundation failure.

The problem, according to Clem Bommarito, a department head of the geo-technical department of Terra Con, a Kansas-based firm, is that eight



HERALD photos/Marsha Sturdivant

Shifting and sinking in the underground foundation supports of Big Spring Junior High School have resulted in noticeable cracks and crevices in several east areas of the building. Pictured clockwise is an exterior crevice in the brick facade, a crack in the terrazzo flooring in a corner of the girls' physical education locker rooms, and separation of the lockers from the ceiling and wall inside that same locker room. Other visual damage includes two doors that will not close, cracks in the exterior classroom walls on the east side of the building, a gap in the brick facade on the north east portion of the exterior wall, cracks in the east sidewalk and obvious misalignment of the exterior bricks.



to 10 feet below the surface, the soil is excessively moist, causing the bearing foundation to sink.

Terra Con performed soil tests on the site before construction began, and has recently performed more soil tests since learning that the building began shifting.

"The moisture increases in the soil have caused the soil to lose its strength and the footings have settled. There has been a definite increase in moisture and a definite decrease in strength," Bommarito said.

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Prayer issue to prompt trustee vote in special session next week

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will have a special meeting Tuesday to vote on prayer before football games.

"Somebody has to stand. We are one nation under God, and our money says in God we trust, and I want to vote on whether we continue prayer before our games," said long-time school board member Al Valdes at a special board meeting Thursday.

Valdes, along with trustee Mike Dawson, expressed dis-



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agreement following the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision that prayer before football games is unconstitutional.

"When we took God out the front door, the devil came in the back door. What was every-

body doing after the Columbine tragedy? We were all praying.

"I disagree with the appeals court, and this is not a written in-black-and-white law. It is obvious what our constitution wants and I believe the Supreme Court will have to make a decision," said trustee Dawson, who is a Department of Public Safety trooper.

Other board members expressed opinions that the most prudent course of action at this time is to follow the appeals court ruling and discontinue prayer before games.

"We will not police anybody who may choose to pray on their

own, but we cannot use our microphones to broadcast a prayer. We could have attorneys fees and punitive damages, and we need to follow the law until we change the law," said board president Larry McLellan.

Irene Bustamante, vice president of the board, said she believes the appeals court decision must be followed, regardless of her personal beliefs.

"This is not very easy for any of us, but until we can get a hold of our Legislators, we have to teach our kids to obey the law," Bustamante said.

Trustee Frank Long said he

supports obeying the appeals court decision until a ruling is made by the Supreme Court.

And board secretary Steve Fraser said a dilemma stems from having a liberal justice system amidst a conservative nation.

"We need to elect conservative folks. Our courts are liberal and we get into liberal issues," Fraser said.

Superintendent Bill McQueary presented trustees with information he has obtained from Region 18 Service Center, as well as an

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Pioneer Days offers glimpse into past Saturday morning at the Potton House

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

For the early settlers of Crossroads Country, projects such as making lye soap and churning butter were a necessary part of the daily routine.

But today's children, more accustomed to using a television remote control or computer mouse, can try those old-time skills and many others on Saturday morning.

It's the eighth annual Pioneer



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Day at the Potton House, from 9 a.m.-noon at 200 Gregg St. The Heritage Museum organizes the yearly event for children to experience a way of life more familiar to their great-grandparents.

And because it has been underwritten by Northwest Bank, all activities at Pioneer Day are free.

This year's event is going to be larger than ever before, said museum Curator Angie Way.

"Thanks to our kind volunteers, everyone who comes to Pioneer Day will have the chance to try out all sorts of pioneer ways," she said.

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

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

Games, such as marbles and jump rope, can be experienced as the early settlers might have played them. Participants can also try their talents at painting old-fashioned cameos.

Way said the goal is that every person who attends have the opportunity to make something to take home.

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

At least 300 people are expected to stop by during the three-hour event.

Rape Crisis/Victim Services director terminated today

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Gail Earls, one of the founders of the Rape Crisis/Victim Services Center in Big Spring, has been terminated as its executive director.

Earls was notified of the decision earlier today by board president John Rheinscheld and another board member.

Rheinscheld said nine of the 10 board members met Thursday night and voted



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unanimously to dismiss Earls.

"I don't vote unless there is a tie," Rheinscheld said. He said a job search would begin immediately, with ads being run in area newspapers beginning Sunday.

Rheinscheld read the organization's by-laws to explain the board's decision.

"The executive director shall be employed by the board of directors for as long as they maintain the confidence of the board."

Rheinscheld said he felt the unanimous vote to terminate Earls's services indicated that confidence had been lost.

Earls was named executive director of the United Way

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OBITUARIES

E.P. Madison

Graveside service for E.P. Madison, 82, Stanton, was 1 p.m. today at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Guy W. Orbison officiating. Mr. Madison died Thursday, Aug. 26, 1999, in a Big Spring hospital. He was born on Sept. 17, 1916, in Knapp. He married Claudine Barber on Feb. 4, 1938, in Colorado City. He moved to Stanton in 1973 from the Valley View community. He was a farmer and a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include: his wife, Claudine Madison of Stanton; a son, Glenn Madison of Stanton; three grandsons; and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

J.F. Neel

Service for J.F. Neel, 81, of Memphis, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Memphis with the Rev. O.K. Brown officiating, and assisted by Jim Bryant. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Memphis. Mr. Neel died Thursday, Aug. 26, in Collingsworth County. He was born on April 14, 1918, in Justine. He graduated from Big Spring High School. He also ran the Purina Feed Co. Mr. Neel served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Betty Gene Milam in March of 1945. They moved to Memphis in 1962. Survivors include: his wife Betty Neel of Memphis; two daughters, Tanga Kay Shafer of Amarillo, and Jan Rene Bryant of San Antonio; two sisters, Wanda Wiley of Albuquerque, N.M., and Virginia Wright of Muskogee, Okla.; one brother, Dr. C.M. Neel of Keller; and eight grandchildren. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Memphis Funeral Home.

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attorney at the Texas Association of School Boards. "I have received 593 calls in this issue, and have had 592 in favor of prayer, and one against. So we know we have at least one person out there who is against prayer," McQueary said. He added that he is ready to assume personal liability to continue praying before games, but he cannot assume liability for the school district or the trustees. "There are significant legal risks and even a moment of silence can be struck down if the purpose of it could be considered religious," he said. McQueary said anyone with an opinion on the issue may request an audience with the board in writing, to be placed on the agenda of the special meeting with is set for Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. "And I ask folks to please stop calling Claudia, my secretary. If there are enough people interested in addressing the board, we may look at appointing a

spokesperson on Tuesday," McQueary said. In other business, trustees unanimously approved the 1999-2000 budget of \$24,186,086 revenues and \$24,786,506 in expenditures. Also, the sale of a property on the west side of town to David Weseloh was approved, and trustees heard a delinquent tax report from Drew Mouton. The issue of employees receiving three weeks vacation was discussed, and will come to a vote at the Sept. 9 regular board meeting.

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member agency in February 1998 after serving as interim director following the resignation of Vonda Stephenson in September 1997. The organization was founded in 1984 and provides counseling and support services for residents of Howard, Martin, Borden, Glasscock and Mitchell counties.

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Huckabee said relying on the structural engineers' expertise is crucial, because he has never encountered such a situation in his years as an architect. "We've never had a foundation failure so we're a little green at this. I have checked our specifications, which were based on the soil analysis of 2,500 pounds per square foot. And I checked to make sure the contractor had adhered to those specifications. I found that we are at about 60 percent of that value, which means we are well under the limits set by the soil engineer," Huckat said. Huckabee said excessive watering of the lawn may have caused the moisture now found eight to 10 feet below ground. As much as 50 gallons of water has been poured onto the new grass within two months, he said. Ron Logback, assistant business manager, said the watering and landscaping was all performed under the direction and instruction of the contracted landscape architects. Huckabee said he has heard stories of the site once being a ravine. Moore researched records in Dallas on Howard County, and could find no evidence that the area was once a canyon or ravine. "I know we did our job, based on the information made available to us by the tests the district had performed," Huckabee said. Trustees will meet with a compaction grouting expert at a called meeting scheduled for Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. "We need to move on this at emergency warp speed," said Superintendent Bill McQueary. Trustees instructed McQueary to begin emergency procedures to circumvent the standard bid law, which requires written bids be solicited and received for any work with a dollar value of more than \$10,000. "We do not have time to do the standard bid process on this work," McQueary said. An expert in compaction grouting is expected in Big Spring Monday.

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REUNIONS

THE BIG SPRING HIGH Class of 1959 will have a 40th reunion Oct. 15-16. We need the address for the following people: Carol Aston, Jerry Baird, Karen Baldwin Argo, Mary Ruth Barrington Kennemur, W.L. Bowen, Warren Boyd, Nancy Branch Hope, Ronald Paul Buie, Lewis Burns, Walter Brent Clark, Linda Fern Conwell, Bill Cooper, Jeanette Culwell Williams, Joe Davis, Nancy Eldridge, Cliff Epps, Beatrice Gonzales, Marilyn Hall, Ronnie Hammack, Joan Heise, Rosie Hinojos, Jo Ann Lane, David Leppert, Joe McCowan, Larry McNeill, Joe McWilliams, Ross

Plant, Don Pederson, Don Richardson, Tommy Roger, Amelia Rosas, Irene Rudd Thornton, Marvin Simmons, Bessie Lucille Smith, Sylvia Valdez, and Charlene Williamson. Please Call Toni Hamby at 267-7737 if you have any information about these '59 graduates.

BIG SPRING HIGH CLASS of 1989 is looking for the following class members in preparation for a 10th reunion: Dino Aguilar, Cheryl Alcantar, Lori Anderson, Daniel Andrews, Andrew Bacon, Jerry Baldock, Tana kay Barbee, Mark Barkley, Emma Bermea, Barry Blausler, Gary Boyd, Shana Brasel, Rodney Brown, Shirrel Brumley, Doug Bryan, Brandon Burnett, Brian Burson, Michael Calvio, Stacie Carmichael, Amy Carroll, Michelle Carter, Domingo Castillo, Joella Childress, Bobby Chrane, Vance Christie, Eric Cisneros, Todd Cline, Pamela Coker, Rebecca Cook, Alan Cox, Chris Crownover, Cynthia Davila, Barbara Davis, Andrew Davis, Danny Ditto, Penny Doggett, David Dominguez, Michael Dominguez, Lora Doport, Joey Douglas, Randy Earnst, Tex Ellis, Maria Escanuelas, David Escovedo, Frances Escovedo, Scott Farris, Wesley Fields, Rosalinda Flores, Delena Franco, Daniel Freshour, Ben Fritzier, Suzanne Fulesday Jennifer Fugua, Christopher Futrelle, Sylvia Gaitan, Alicia Garcia, Ben Gonzales, Ester Gonzales, Gregoria Gonzales, Lori Gonzales, Veronica Gonzales, Beverly Gresham, Melynda Grifford, Timothy Guitierrez, Terry Hall, Sonya Hancock, Dennis Hartfield, Tina Henderson, Kurt Henry, Edward Hernandez, Javier Hernandez, Lydia Hernandez, Steve Hernandez, Crystal Hicks, Lisa Hilliger, Jamie Hinojos, Nancy Hollingsworth, Cheryl Holt, Janene Horton, William Horton, Aretha Isaiah, Joey Jabor, Irene Jara, Shanette Johnson, Marty Kirby, Eric Kruegar, Todd Kuykerdall, Jeffrey Leal, MarJane Lehman, Mary Lemon, Anthony Lewis, Arturo Lopez, David Lopez, Michelle Lovelace, Anna Martinez, Melissa Martinez, Robert Martinez, Chris Mason, Eric Mayes, Eric McKinney, Victor Mendez, Lyndel Moody, Irma Moreno, Hector Morin, Pamela Mudrick, Melody Musick, Monica Nellen, Maria Nieto, Victoria Norwood, Jeff Obrien, Jose Ortega, Ruben Ortiz, Dianna oviedo, Armando Paredes, Louisa Ovalle Paredes, Richard Parnell, Sherman Powers, Tim Pruitt, Debra Pulver, Brandy Qualls, Adam Ramirez, Adela Ramirez, Beatrice Ramirez, Russell Reeves, Carrie Reid, Renae Reinert, Mark Richardson, Jesse Rios, Robert Ross, Thomas Rudd, Michael Rush, Thane Russey, Karin Sabaitis, Joe Savell, Tracey Schaffner, Kerstin Schmenger, Shelley Scott, Traci Seibly, James Servantes, Abner Shellman, Wade Shoup, Troy Simonek, Samuel Sims, ad Small, Heather Smyrl, John Sotelo, Orlando Soza, Kneel Stallings, Christopher Steelman, Stephanie Stevens, Melissa Stewart, Eli Stovall, Richard Swafford, Angela Szabo, Jody Taylor, James Thompson, Priscilla Torres, Jose Tovar Christa Tucker, Rex Tucker, Edward Urias, Amado Valle, Bertha Valdez, Michael Vera, John Vidlak, Danny Ward, Terry Ward, Andrew Warner, Kim Watkins, Maxwell Watts, Kimberly White, Michael White, Amy Williamson, Patricia Wright, Debbie Yandrich, Michael Yarbrough, Shane Yeager, and Derrick Young. If you know the address or phone number of any of the people please call Deanna Beckham Settles at 1-817-545-6292 or Shawn Proffitt Hatfield at 263-7916 in the evenings.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL BARBECUE sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club will be Friday, Sept. 3, from 5-7 p.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Advance tickets are on sale now for \$6 each. The meal includes smoked brisket, beans, potato salad, bread and iced tea. Takeout is available. This new location for the barbecue will allow those attending the Steers football game to simply walk across the parking lot to the stadium after the meal. For more information, call Donna Groenke, 393-5298, for more information.

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. For more information, contact Nelda Reagan or Susan Lewis at 264-2362.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY

- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:15 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.
- Al Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.
- Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:15 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.
- "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.
- West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3

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TEXAS LOTTERY

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

PICK 3: 3,7,8
CASH 5: 7,13,15,22,27

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

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Dec. cotton 51.60 cents, down 50 points; Oct. crude 21.02, up 7 points; cash hogs steady at 37 even; cash steers steady at \$1 higher at 66 even; Oct. lean hog futures -45.07, down 7 points; Oct. live cattle futures 66.52, up 17 points.

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As Reno opens new Waco probe, military defends its role

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Attorney General Janet Reno opens a full investigation into the FBI's newly disclosed use of incendiary devices in the 1993 Waco siege, the military is insisting it only played an observer's role on the day the Branch Davidian cult compound burned.

Three Army special operations officers were present that final day, April 19, 1993, but they were not involved in the FBI operation in any way, not even in an advisory role, a senior Pentagon officer said Thursday.

The officer, who is familiar with the military's participa-

tion in the 51-day standoff but spoke only on the condition of anonymity, said the Pentagon had no say in the FBI's decision to use potentially flammable tear-gas grenades.

Federal law prohibits the military from direct involvement in domestic law enforcement, unless a presidential waiver is granted. The Pentagon officer said no such waiver was requested in the Waco case because it was not deemed applicable.

"We had no operational involvement in this activity, or planning," the officer said.

Even so, the military did provide a wide variety of support

services, including the loan of radios and other communications equipment, tanks, tents, helicopters and, at least in the early stages, some antiterrorism advice.

Reno pledged on Thursday that a new investigation of the siege will "get to the bottom" of why the FBI took six years to admit such grenades apparently were used on the day of the siege, although six hours before the compound burned.

The FBI previously had denied using such devices at all. The attorney general described herself as "very, very troubled," "very, very frustrated," and "very, very upset" by

the FBI's belated admission. She said she still does not believe the FBI is responsible for the 80 who died, including cult leader David Koresh.

The government contends that Koresh set the fire himself that consumed the compound and that the conflagration was not caused by tear gas the FBI pumped into the building.

After Reno ordered the new investigation, FBI Director Louis Freeh assigned 40 FBI agents to re-interview everyone who was at the scene.

Republicans in Congress also moved toward new hearings.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said President Clinton

"stands with the attorney general in her determination to get all the facts in this case and to make them available to Congress and the public as soon as possible."

The military's role was given fresh attention with comments by the chairman of the Texas Department of Public Safety, James B. Francis, reported in the Dallas Morning News, that members of the Army's secret Delta Force anti-terrorism squad were at the scene the day of the siege.

Pentagon officials would not comment on the Waco matter publicly or say whether Delta Force members played a role.

However, the senior officer said that the three military observers at the scene were special operations officers with expertise in hostage rescue and terrorism. They were under strict instructions not to participate or even give advice, the official said.

In addition, the officer also disclosed that two Army experts with similar background had been called in during the early stages of the standoff to review an FBI "contingency plan."

They expressed opinions on the plan after studying it but were not among the officers at the compound on the final day, the officer said.

Strike looms as Boeing, union enter final negotiations

SEATTLE (AP) — After more than a year of negotiations, The Boeing Co. is prepared to make a final contract offer to its largest union, hoping to ward off a strike by thousands of workers.

Talks between company officials and leaders of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers ended late Thursday with no agreement. Boeing was to present its offer today.

Boeing spokesman Peter Conte said he was optimistic,

but he acknowledged the company has already painted a perimeter for picketers around its plants.

Union officials said it seems likely their 44,000 workers will strike the world's largest aerospace company next week, with both sides acknowledging a lack of consensus on major issues.

"It's just going to take a miracle to put all the pieces together," said Bill Johnson, a member of the union's negotiating team. "I don't see it happening."

Union officials will review Boeing's offer over the weekend before making a recommendation for a rank-and-file vote on Wednesday. Since the current contract expires Wednesday at midnight, a strike could begin immediately if authorized by two-thirds of the Machinists.

The union wants to preserve jobs, improve medical benefits and increase pensions. Boeing is seeking to cut costs through subcontracting, paying less for health benefits and adopting a flexible work week.

The average machinist at Boeing earns \$40,000 a year before benefits or overtime.

The current 44-month contract covers 31,000 workers in Washington state, 1,400 in Portland, Ore., and 11,600 in Wichita, Kan.

In July, Machinists in all three states voted overwhelmingly to support a strike if negotiations fail.

Strikes have resulted during two of the past three Boeing contract talks, the most recent lasting 69 days in 1995.

Fires are roaring across half-dozen Western states

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — More than two dozen major fires are burning across the West, charring thousands of acres and forcing the California governor to call out the National Guard to help.

Experts feared that firefighting resources were being stretched thin.

"The situation is escalating and it's getting to the point where we're concerned about being able to respond to all the fires adequately," said Janelle Smith of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

By early today, 27 fires have burned 121,000 acres of grass, brush and timber in six states: California, Nevada, Oregon, Montana, Washington and Idaho.

Gov. Gray Davis on Thursday declared fire emergencies in four Northern California counties, allowing them to recoup the costs being

spent fighting the blazes. He ordered California National Guard personnel to assist firefighters — some of whom have been on the job for more than 30 hours.

Western fires have roared out of control since last weekend, with many fires sparked by lightning.

Thick smoke has blanketed Reno, Nev., and cities in California's Central Valley, including Sacramento, where authorities warned residents to avoid unnecessary outdoor activity.

"It feels like I have a freight train sitting on my chest," said Tina Munoz, a severe asthmatic who runs a coffee cart near the state Capitol. "This reminds me of the air when Mount St. Helens blew its top."

Few structures have burned and there have been no mandatory evacuations, but one death in California was blamed on the fires.

Poll: Posting police in schools would quell violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Posting police officers in hallways would help curb school violence, two out of three adults say in an Associated Press poll. But most Americans see dangerous acts as events that happen elsewhere, with more than 80 percent saying they think schools in their own communities are safe.

Even for people who are comfortable with the safety of their own schools, police officers in schools can provide peace of mind.

"I like the idea of a human being, someone the kids could go to if there was trouble," said Mary Beth Corvati, a mother of two children in Harford County, Md., and one of 1,016 surveyed in the poll conducted by ICR of Media, Pa.

While 65 percent said they thought stationing officers in schools would reduce violence, compared with 33 percent who said it would not, Americans were less certain that metal detectors would help. Fifty percent said they would not.

"I would like for my children to view a police officer as some-

one who could help preserve their safety, be a role model — someone they could look up to," said Mrs. Corvati. "I don't think my children could look up to a metal detector."

People have had the summer to assess how they feel about school safety after two students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., killed a dozen classmates, a teacher and themselves last April. A sheriff's deputy was on duty at the school when the shootings occurred.

Despite the Columbine shootings and other high-profile cases of violence in schools, only 14 percent of Americans say their schools are not safe.

Blacks were more likely than whites — 30 percent to 10 percent — to say schools in their community were either "not too safe" or "not safe at all."

But more than four out of five of all respondents felt their schools were relatively safe.

"After Columbine, we had a little flurry of activity, but for the most part our schools are pretty safe," said Carrie Clark, a mother of two young children from Dover, N.H. "We had one incident in an elementary school — a boy was caught with a gun in his knapsack. He was expelled."

Her efforts to shelter her children include keeping toy guns away from them, but that has met with mixed results.

"I don't let them play with toy guns, but they build Legos into guns," she said. "My daughter's play hairdryer is a gun. When I'm in another room I hear them (say) 'bang, bang, I'm going to kill you' or (shooting) their stuffed animals."

Reducing violence in TV

shows and movies was cited by one-third of those surveyed as the most effective way to stop school violence, with women, Republicans and older Americans most likely to choose that option. Another 22 percent said increased counseling for teen-agers would be most effective. Stricter gun laws and putting metal detectors in schools were chosen most effective by 16 percent each.

Former Mexican prosecutor jailed in New Jersey

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

A former Mexican deputy attorney general, sought by that country on obstruction-of-justice charges and also the subject of extradition hearings in the United States, was arrested Thursday in New Jersey and held in federal custody, his attorney said.

Mario Ruiz Massieu was detained at his home in Newark, N.J., according to attorney Tony Canales in Corpus Christi, Texas.

"His wife, Maria, called me and told me he was arrested at home," Canales said. "It was a surprise, but we suspect it is an indictment out of Houston."

He said Ruiz Massieu has a hearing Friday morning before a federal magistrate in Newark.

The U.S. government won a jury verdict in Houston in 1997 allowing it to seize \$7.9 million from \$9 million Ruiz Massieu had in bank accounts in Texas, claiming the money came from drug traffickers.

Ruiz Massieu had been under house arrest in New Jersey while he fought extradition to Mexico. But Canales said that he had successfully fought multiple extradition hearings.

In Mexico, the federal Attorney General's Office said in a statement that a U.S. grand jury had indicted Ruiz Massieu on charges of drug trafficking and money laundering.

Ruiz Massieu would remain in the United States to face trial, it said.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

- **HOWARD COLLEGE**, which announced this week that early enrollment figures indicate more students are attending classes this fall, both on the local campus and all campuses combined.
- **LEE GEORGE AND MAX GREEN**, who were named to the Moore Development For Big Spring, Inc. board and to **TERRY WEGMAN** and **STAN PARTEE**, outgoing members, for their efforts and dedication.
- **THE VOLUNTEERS**, ESTIMATED AT 1,000, who have been helping to distribute video cassette recordings about the life of Jesus to every Howard County household.
- **JOHN & CHARLOTTE PLAIA AND CHILDREN JOSHUA AND JUSTIN**, who were selected as Big Spring's Family of the Year by the Samaritan Counseling Center, and to **MYRA ROBINSON**, who received the Center's Permian Basin Ethics in Business Award.
- **HOWARD COLLEGE**, which was awarded a multi-year, \$1.9 million federal grant that will be used in part toward an excellence center.

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

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
This public letter of thanks is overdue by a few months. Please allow us this space to give a heartfelt congratulations to the citizens of Howard and Glasscock counties for another record setting Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Who would think that the small community of Big Spring, in a year with no cotton crop and depressed oil prices, could gather for a weekend camp-out and raise \$106,378.78? Never underestimate the power of community.

We have identified a common foe that attacks randomly and claims many of our family members. But Big Spring will not surrender, nor succumb. We continue to fight to find a cure to fund the research that has led to more effective treatments and means of prevention. The result so far is a decline in cancer deaths for the first time in 30 years! That is an encouraging statistic, although of little consolation when far too many of our neighbors are diagnosed and thrown into their own life and death struggle. Relay For Life appears to be an event tailor-made for a community like Big Spring. Good, clean, family fun for people of all ages, all for a good cause.

The Relay organizing committee thanks every person who made a donation, every person who was on a team, every team captain, every singer (Raymond, your Shania Twain was unforgettable).

table!), fiddle and guitar player, kids' choir, line dancer, square dancer, tap dancer, gospel trio, Meistersinger...who volunteered to keep everyone entertained.

We thank The Relay major underwriters for their generous support: Wal-Mart, Norwest, Malone Hogan Clinic, HEB, 7-11, State National Bank, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Fina, Parks Agency and Choate Well Service, which collectively contributed more than \$20,000. Overall expenses were below 6 percent which is far below the rate of most major fundraising events. When we commit to raise money for charity — WE RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY.

This week, Diane Wood, Relay co-chair, will travel to Chicago to participate in the National Training Conference for Relay For Life. Big Spring was chosen to attend because of the overwhelming success that Relay has been for a community our size.

Last year JoAnne Forrest, Relay Luminaria chairwoman, delivered a keynote address at the National Relay Conference held in San Antonio. Without a doubt, Big Spring is on the map and its all because of you!

The organizing committee is already gearing up for next year's Relay. So mark your calendars for May 5 and 6, 2000.

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One president's deception shadows the next

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

When the other George Bush was president, he called have-you-ever questions about his personal life an outrage, saying that even the asking of them perpetuated sleazy rumors.

Campaigning for the job his father held, George W. Bush sounds a bit like him as he tries to dismiss questions about his past, specifically, whether he has ever used cocaine.

His response has been that he made mistakes when he was young, that he learned from them, and enough is enough of the personal questions.

But the Texas governor bent the line he'd drawn against what he describes as gotcha questions, to the extent of denying drug use at least since 1974.

That drew more questions because he didn't say never. As rival Dan Quayle observed, he opened the door a bit. Closing it firmly will be difficult, but Bush says he will, in a stand against destructive personal politics.

But the questions will keep coming: in a traveling cam-

paign, there's always a reporter waiting in the next city to ask the question the candidate rebuffed in the last one.

And even some Bush supporters are suggesting that he ought to just say yes or no. Endorsing him this week, Bob Irvin of Atlanta, Republican leader in the Georgia House, said, "I think he ought to tell the truth and tell the full truth as soon as possible."

So far, polls indicate the voters don't much care. An ABC News poll showed Bush running even further ahead of his rivals for the 2000 Republican nomination since the cocaine question flap than before it. More than half of those polled said he shouldn't answer any more questions; four in five said their votes wouldn't change even if he did use the illegal drug as a young man.

Nonetheless, the question will still be there and it will still be asked.

Personal questions have become part of the pattern, especially over the past 12 years, since long-past marijuana use derailed a Supreme Court nominee and Gary Hart quit the campaign for the Democratic presidential nomi-

nation in an other-women controversy.

"I don't have to answer that question," Hart angrily replied when a reporter asked whether he had ever committed adultery.

That was the question that angered President Bush in 1990, after a footnote in a book became a headline in the New York Post alleging a tryst with a longtime aide. There had been rumors about it during the former president's 1988 campaign; George W. Bush answered them with a denial in behalf of his father.

"I'm outraged," then-President Bush said when the question was put to him at a televised news conference in 1990. He called it a lie, but said he wouldn't take such sleazy questions. Then, in an NBC interview, he was asked whether he had ever had an affair.

"You're perpetuating the sleaze by even asking the question, to say nothing of asking it in the Oval Office," the former president said, refusing to answer.

As earlier episodes emboldened reporters to get personal with candidates, President

Clinton's conduct and deceptions will make the process even more intrusive.

Clinton's spokesmen have just denied that he ever used cocaine, after Gennifer Flowers, with whom the president finally admitted a brief sexual affair, said in a cable TV interview that he'd told her he had used the drug.

Clinton himself has not answered directly. He tried to evade a question about marijuana use in that campaign, saying he had not broken U.S. laws. When the question was put more pointedly, he admitted trying it as a student in England.

And, of course, he flatly denied his sexual contacts with Monica Lewinsky, deceptions he finally had to admit in the affair that led to his impeachment.

All of that intensifies the scrutiny and personal questioning of candidates to succeed him. Deceived by a president, reporters are going to press harder on the people who want to be the next one.

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Welcome to Criminal University

If the crime rate is falling, why is the prison population increasing? The statistics are staggering.

Today, there are 4.1 million people under police supervision, and 1.82 million of them are behind bars, an increase of 163,800 inmates since 1997.

One answer, we are told, is that new get-tough laws such as three-strikes-and-you're-out or mandatory minimum sentencing simply have put a higher percentage of guilty people in prison. Once again, the facts belie the myth. Adult crime has indeed fallen — violent crimes by 7 percent and property crimes by 12 percent between 1996 and 1997. However...

Juvenile crimes, arrests and incarcerations are another matter. Between 1988 and 1997, juvenile crime increased 35 percent. In 1987, a total of 559,400 juveniles were arrested. By 1998 the figure was 2.84 mil-

lion. That is 2.84 million children between the ages of 10 and 17, and 21 percent of them were detained in juvenile detention centers.

More than 25 percent of this juvenile crime is centered in just eight cities and their environs. Sources provided us with an exclusive glimpse at the unreleased federal list. These are:

Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and New York. Large cities notably missing from the list include: Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Denver, Louisville, Minneapolis, Miami, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland (Ore.), Raleigh-Durham, St. Louis, San Diego, Seattle and Washington, D.C. (though more people — 58 percent — live in fear of juvenile crime in Washington than anywhere else).

What is going on? The answer is drugs. Those new get-tough laws have cracked down on both dealers and users in a battle in the War on Drugs that is aggressively being waged in the criminal-justice system. It is a war we are still losing.

And we may be losing more than that war, because jails

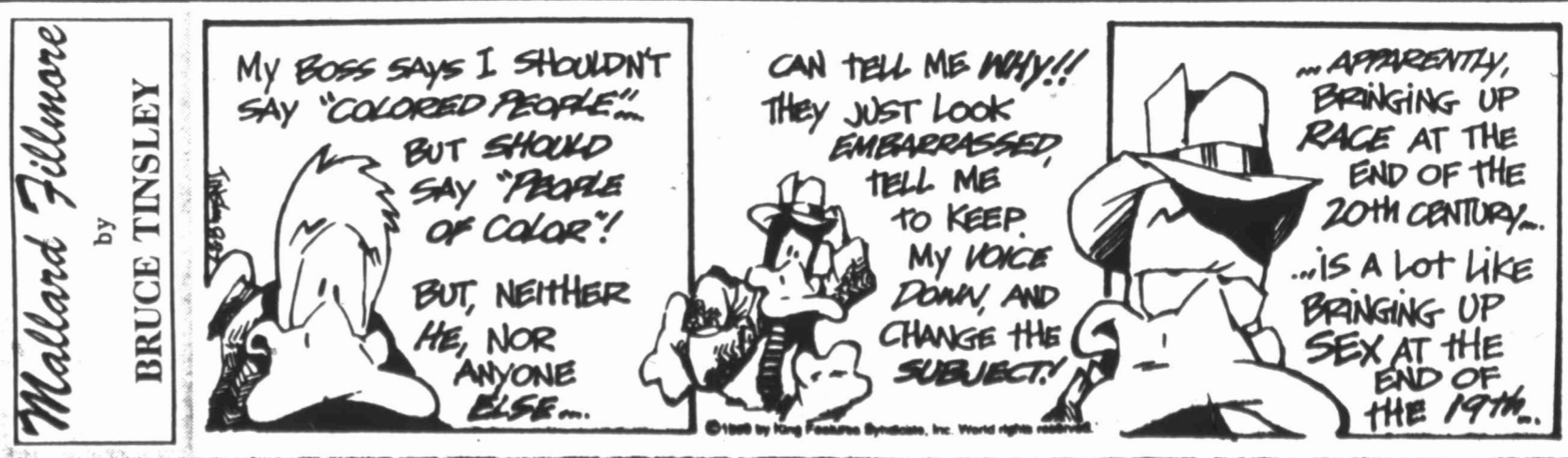
and juvenile detention centers are not rehabilitation centers. Just the contrary, they are training centers for criminals. A young non-violent drug offender goes into the system confused and naive, but all too often comes out hardened and dedicated to a life of crime because jail is the ultimate place for criminal education and networking.

So pervasive is the criminal education that we could reasonably look at our jails as criminal universities. One ironic example, sources inside the system tell us, is that drugs are more prevalent there than on the outside.

So the question must be asked: Is the get-tough policy for non-violent juveniles deterring or encouraging criminal behavior? Is the purpose of jail to remove a threat to society, to punish a wrongdoer, or is it rehabilitation? Of more significance is the question: Which of these — removal, retribution or rehabilitation — most benefits society? The simple, politically-motivated mantra that emphasizes inflexible incarceration and ignores rehabilitation may be creating a very unpleasant future for all of us, wherever we live.



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'This church's best days are still ahead'

Lacey retires from Hillcrest Baptist Church pastorate after 12 years

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Rev. Robert Lacey, an expert in Biblical prophecy, could have predicted the reaction to his announcement of retirement.

"They were surprised," he said of his 300-plus congregation at Hillcrest Baptist Church. "I think most of them thought I would stay another year."

But other plans and family responsibilities have called Lacey, 64, to East Texas, where he and his wife, Evelyn, will live near their daughter and grandchildren.

It has also been a longtime goal for Lacey to retire at age 64. After 47 years of preaching, he said he is ready.

"I have no regrets in my ministry," he said. "I've been able to accomplish what I set out to do."

After starting his life's work while still in high school, Lacey went on to college at

Eastern New Mexico University. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and then studied further at Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla.

Over the years, he has worked as a missionary in Kenya, led crusades in the Philippines, Mexico, Panama, Brazil and the Caribbean, written and published a book on Biblical prophecy, and developed a conference on the subject.

He has presented the conference on prophecy at several churches throughout West Texas and eastern New Mexico, and plans to do more of them once he retires. He also plans to do supply preaching and possibly an interim ministry or two.

When he first arrived in Big Spring 12 years ago, Lacey said he expected to serve as pastor of Hillcrest about three years. This is his seventh church.

"Hillcrest is a great church, very active and loving," he

said. One thing he has noticed is there are more men active in this congregation than in any other he has led.

"That lends a lot of strength and stability to the congregation," he said.

Hillcrest has a mission church, Northside Baptist, and continues to have a large youth program. It may be best known in the community for Hillcrest Child Development Center, a large, popular day-care program.

Over the years, Lacey said he came to know and appreciate many members of the congregation, and he also saw a lot of "comings and goings" among the mobile community.

He never considered leaving until it came time to retire, however.

"Pastoring people is a relationship," he said, "just like any other relationship. And we've had our ups and downs. We've just had a lot more 'ups.'"

But this "blue-collar church

with people from all walks of life," will probably continue to grow in coming years, Lacey said.

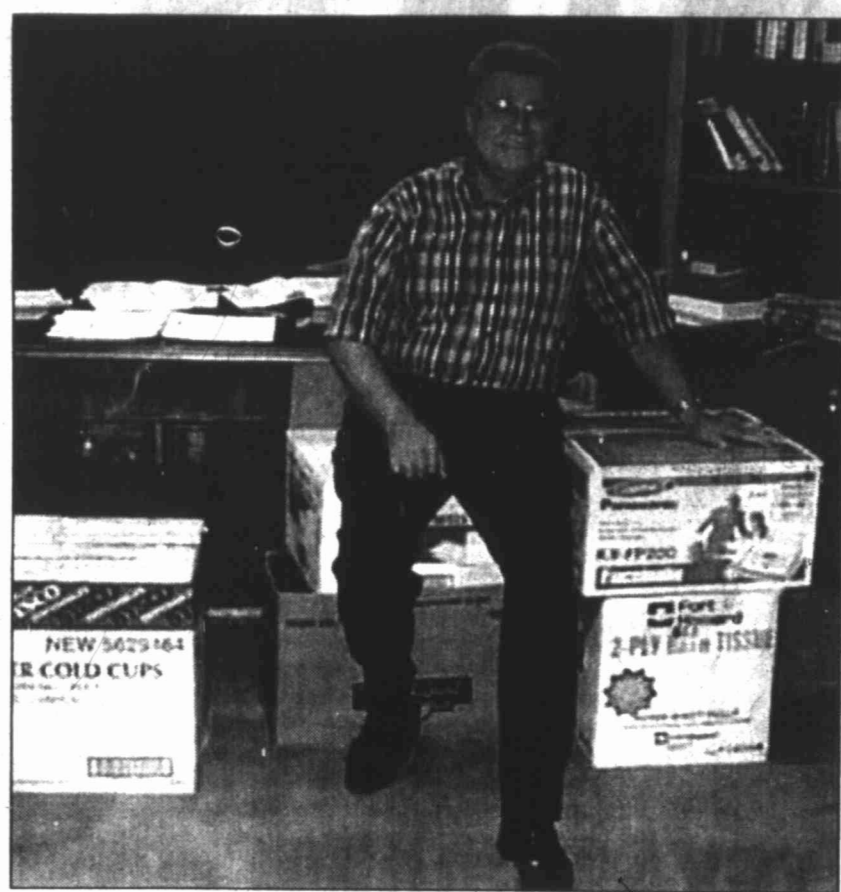
"This church's best days are still ahead," he said. "I can envision this congregation doing great things in the community."

Part of the reason for that expectation is the general spirit of caring that pervades the membership, he said.

"We have a large number of visitors," he said, "and their number one comment about this church is that it is so friendly."

Hillcrest is racially mixed, informal dress is common, and even the worship service has "something for everyone," Lacey said. Hymns include today's contemporary praise and worship styles, and the more traditional Baptist hymns.

On Sunday — Lacey's last as pastor — members will host a luncheon after worship for the Laceys, followed by a short ser-



Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, is shown with packing boxes in his office. He is retiring at the end of the month. Church members have formed a committee to begin the process of searching a replacement for Lacey.

Prepare yourself to be reminded

A close pastor friend once remarked, "I am always excited about preaching, because I wonder what I am going to say." This man did extensive preparation to preach and to teach. However, his point was that no matter how much we prepare to preach, teach a Bible study, lead a youth group, etc., God wants to refine and focus the message or lesson to touch the lives of people who are thirsty for living water.

Christians often struggle with the motivation to tell others about their relationship with Christ and a reluctance to raise this issue with someone who is a stranger, or even someone who is a friend.

As a young minister whose work was with youth, I was embarrassed at my difficulty in talking with persons about their personal relationship with Christ. I had gone to work in a department store at age 14 and thought that I had gotten over any shyness around strangers. However, I found myself too often completely tongue-tied when I tried to communicate the message of Christ's love and salvation to someone whom I did not know well.

While this problem really bothered me, I was at a loss as to how to change things. Of course it was clear that prayer and the presence of the Holy Spirit were essential to any

success in the area of witness. Gradually I realized that there were other things which need to be coupled with these two in order to effectively share a gospel witness.

The necessary changes began when our church was part of an evangelistic training school.

In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul wrote to young pastor Timothy, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." There was preparation for which I was responsible, and this included appropriate training and submitting to personal mentoring by more mature persons.

Over the next three years, God began to reshape the way that I thought about sharing the gospel of Christ with people. This "reshaping" included correcting relationships, asking forgiveness, reading, allowing the Holy Spirit to work freely in my life, and just trying to pay attention to what God was

saying through his word.

Too often when we read the words of the Great Commission, we want God to pick us up and move us through witnessing to people with all our old fears suddenly gone - with no effort or preparation on our part. In John 14:20 Jesus said, "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. These words and those of Paul to Timothy remind us that we too are to make an investment of preparation in order to be ready to do what God wants us to do."

This is true for every Christian and not just for persons in the ministry.

Note that Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will both teach us what we need and remind us of what we have already learned when it is needed. Unless we are cooperating with the Holy Spirit in building a personal data base, how can He remind us of what we need to say? God has promised and provided the resources needed for us to be effective witnesses. However, He has left us with responsibility of working with the Holy Spirit in the preparation of our lives for effective service.

Dwayne Wheat is pastor at Berea Baptist Church.



DWAYNE WHEAT

CLUB NEWS

Mighty Oaks Seniors

The Mighty Oaks Senior Adult Club of East Fourth Street Baptist Church met Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. A program of gospel music was presented by Anette Roberts, Melissa McCullough, Velma Ruth Wood, Merle Roman and Vera Hipp. Nineteen members and guests attending.

Guests included Mar Lou Dyer Davis, Big Spring and Florence Radle of Waco.

July and August birthday honorees were Lee Roy Day

and Vera Hipp. The next meeting will be Sept. 21.

Coahoma Lions Club

The Coahoma community blood drive, sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, will be held again on Wednesday, Sept. 8, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the Coahoma Church of Christ. Everyone in the community who is able to donate blood is encouraged to come. Call to set up an appointment at 394-4277 or you stop by.

Woman's Club

The Big Spring Woman's Club held their first meeting of the 1999-2000 club year at the home of Cheri Lewis. Hostesses were Carrie Canfield, Christi

Daniel and Susan McLellan. Kay Bancroft, owner of Simpler Pleasures, gave a wonderful presentation about the basics of interior design, and up and coming trends. President Terri Peterson reviewed the club's plans for the 1999-2000 club year.

To begin the new year, First Vice President Kellie Wash discussed the club's fundraising plans, and distributed packets to begin wrapping paper sales. She also discussed the club's plans for another fundraiser, a golf tournament at the country club on Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. It will benefit the Blake Broman Cancer Fund. For more information regarding the tournament, please contact Kellie Wash at 263-0987.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Canterbury, St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc., will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on Saturday. A reception will be held at 1700 Lancaster from 2 to 4 p.m. Also, there will be a special worship service and reception at the church on Sunday in honor of Canterbury.

Worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these two special events.

First Baptist Church of Ackerly

The First Baptist Church of Ackerly will have the Jake Merrick Family ministering in music and God's word at the 10:50 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Aug. 29. There will also be a 1 p.m. performance. Everyone is invited and there is no admission charge.

First United Methodist Church

"Now I can See" (Isaiah 42:16) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. The message is about how God will help us see our way. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroadstx.com/dove>.

Do you have teenagers who need guidance in morality and a friendly group of other teenagers to have as healthy friends? We have a youth group called "Common Ground" led by our full-time youth minister, Vergil Feinsod. On Sunday evenings, mid-high age young people meet in the Partee building at 5 p.m. and senior high young people meet at 7 p.m. to learn about Jesus and His way. Senior high Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday night. To learn more, call Mr. Feinsod at 267-6394.

There is also the children's vocal and handbell choirs led by John and Denise Ross and a single adults class on Sunday

mornings. The First United Methodist Church thanks to all the workers and helpers from the church, especially the youth, for helping distribute the Jesus video this last week.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

Jesus Video Project

The community-wide response to The Jesus Video Project has been overwhelming! People are actually asking for and excited to receive their free Jesus Video — which dynamically presents The Gospel Message!

Over 300 Houses of Prayer have been established in our community. With an average of two people per home, that's a potential of over 50 hours of prayer per day for our community, which we didn't have six months ago.

Approximately 1,000 volunteers have been participating in evangelistic work in our community through their help in distributing the Jesus Videos.

Now, we have two requests. First, since so much seed has been sown in our community, through the distribution of the gospel message illustrated in the Jesus Videos, we need to water that seed with prayer so we can reap a full harvest of new souls who come to know Jesus personally and who experience His supernatural Kingdom.

Second, we need to recycle these videos into the lives of others. Surrounding communities are requesting videos and we'll have a booth at the Howard County Fair next week to distribute more of them. Everyone is encouraged to watch their video this week and then take it and its plastic bag to church this Sunday, so we can share the Jesus Video with others.

If you appreciate the efforts of the churches of Howard County to work together on this project, show your appreciation this Sunday by going to church, thanking the pastor and dropping off your video and plastic bag so we can share

this dynamic presentation of The Gospel Message with others at the Howard County Fair next week, as well as with those in the surrounding communities.

First Baptist Church

This Saturday, all youth are invited to a time of discipleship from noon until 7 p.m. in our Family Life Center. Trevor Carpenter and Travis Burleson will be leading us in a great time of games and Bible study.

This Sunday, First Baptist Church is honored to have "Among Thorns" return to our church. They will lead us in worship during the 10:45 a.m. service and Pastor Eddie Tubbs will preach the sermon, "What Do You Make of This Clay?"

At 7 p.m., "Among Thorns" will present a concert. You are invited to come and participate in this time of worship and praise.

Orientation and registration for the Weigh Down Workshop will be this Sunday at 4 p.m. The introductory video will be shown. Actual classes begin Sept. 12. Questions? Call Mickie McGregor at 268-9853.

Crestview Baptist Church

Crestview Baptist Church will be observing the Lord's Supper in the Sunday morning worship. Also, Wayne Rhyne and Allen Sundy will be ordained as deacons. This will be a beautiful service and everyone is invited. A pot luck lunch will follow.

First Presbyterian

Saturday, FPC youth fellowship will begin their fall activities with a lock-in. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at Pam and Mark Morgan's for swimming. Afterwards, youth will move on to the church for the remainder of the evening. Youth will wind up their fun with Rally Day festivities on Sunday morning.

On Sunday, we celebrate "Rally Day." Members and friends, young and old, are invited to our Rally Day breakfast at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come join our celebration as we rally toward a new year of church school and learn that everyone is necessary in God's "band" of disciples.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Joyce Baggett, teacher in the Forsan School system for 33 years, will be honored with a retirement reception at Elbow Elementary School on Monday, 1:43:30 p.m.

Baggett came to Forsan in August of 1966, beginning as a home economics teacher. During that time, she and her students planned, cooked and served a dinner for school board members each year. She added a library certification to her accomplishments and served as both teacher and librarian for two years.

In August 1970, she became kindergarten teacher at the newly expanded elementary school at Elbow. She has served in that capacity for 29 years, retiring at the end of the 1998-99 school year.

In addition to her duties as a school teacher, she has served in TSTA for a number of years as well.

All former students and parents of the children she has taught are invited to join in the reception. Baggett will be presented with a quilt of squares made by each of the staff members at Forsan Elementary.

Baggett has also been asked to serve as a substitute teacher for kindergarten this year, and will continue to participate in various activities at the school.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE ANNUAL FOOTBALL BARBECUE sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions Club will be Friday, Sept. 3, from 5-7 p.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Advance tickets are on sale now for \$6 each. The meal includes smoked brisket, beans, potato salad, bread and iced tea. Takeout is available.

This new location for the barbecue will allow those attending the Steers football game to simply walk across the parking lot to the stadium after the meal. For more information, call Donna Groenke, 393-5298, for more information.

THE LAST WORD

Example is the school of mankind, and they will learn at no other.

Edmund Burke

Nothing is miserable unless you think it so.

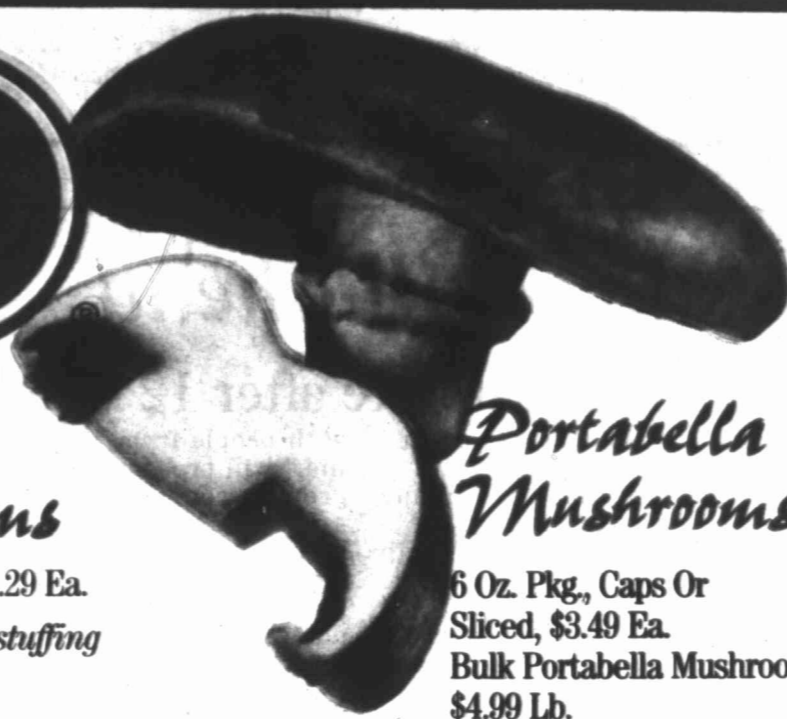
Boethius

Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them.

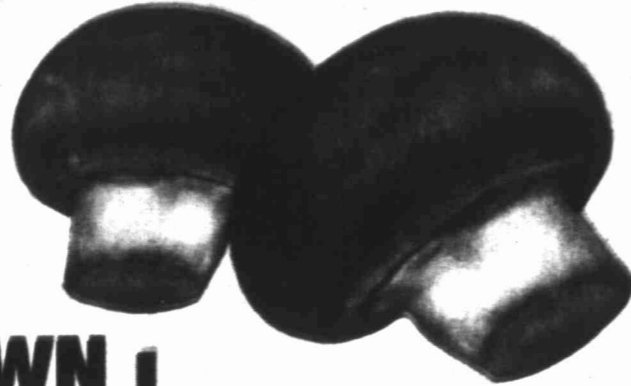
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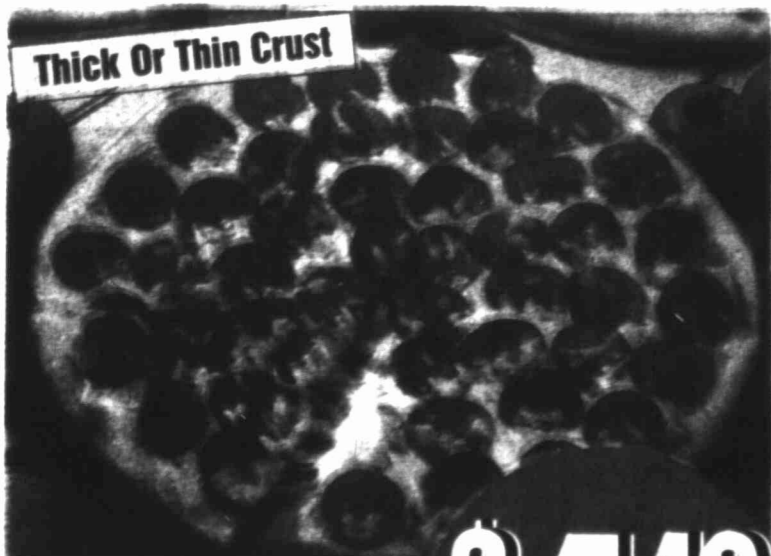


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Lady Steers season's first

Big Spring School's seventh Steers opened the football season with Andrews' Lady Steers' white the night with a suffered 15-5 and the next two Andrews claim match.

The visitors took a win over Big Spring, 15-4, 15-2.

Arienne Brown for Big Spring's the opening game points, while and Cindy Padro points each.

The second game Rodriguez and Emerson score the Lady Steers, Yarbar had one.

In the rubber and Salazar earned points, while another.

The black team of its points in Higgins, while R. Chelsea Abner second game's score.

The Lady Steers another shot at they pay a call Mustangs Thursday.

BSHS tennis elect new year

The Big Spring Tennis Boosters new officers during meeting of the 19 year.

Dennis Smith Richardson were chairmen for the Fred Watt was selected chairman. Sand Edgemon is the tary.

Evening Lions 39th football

The Big Spring Lions Club has 39th annual Football for 5 p.m. to 7 Sept. 3, in the Dorothy Garrett.

The barbecue priced at \$6 per plates will also.

Little League sets appreciation

An appreciation participants in Little League program has been 11 a.m.; to 3 p.m. Aug. 28, at Coppark.

Parents, players and sponsors are to attend.

Big Spring Steers now on sale

Season tickets Steers 1999 football now on sale to public at the B Office.

The four-game are priced to be available un

LOCAL

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m. - Big Spring vs. Plainview Bulldog Stadium in Lubbock

ON THE

Radio HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

6:30 p.m. - Texas vs. Plainview Bulldog, Lubbock, KBST-FM, KBST-TV

Television MAJOR LEAGUE

6 p.m. - Texas vs. Toronto Blue Jays 7:05 p.m. - Atlanta Braves vs. St. Louis Cardinals

NATIONAL FOOTBALL

7:15 p.m. - Atlanta Falcons vs. Titans, ESPN, CH TRACK & FIELD 12:50 a.m. - Track and Field (delayed tape), T

IN BRIEF

Lady Steers seventh drops season's first to Andrews

Big Spring Junior High School's seventh-grade Lady Steers opened their 1999 volleyball season playing host to Andrews' Lady Mustangs.

BSJHS' white team opened the night with a 15-10 win, but suffered 15-5 and 15-9 losses in the next two games, as Andrews claimed the first match.

The visitors then romped to a win over Big Spring's black team, 15-4, 15-2.

Arienne Brown led the way for Big Spring's white team in the opening game, scoring five points, while April Salazar and Cindy Padron added three points each. Kate Smiley added two more.

The second game saw Elida Rodriguez and Tiffany Emerson score two points for the Lady Steers, while Chelsey Yarbar had one.

In the rubber game, Smiley and Salazar each had four points, while Brown added another.

The black team got all four of its points in the first game of its loss from Shannon Higgins, while Rachel Gee and Chelsea Abner provided the second game's scoring.

The Lady Steers will get another shot at Andrews when they pay a call on the Lady Mustangs Thursday afternoon.

BSHS tennis boosters elect new year's officers

The Big Spring High School Tennis Boosters Club elected new officers during its first meeting of the 1999-2000 school year.

Dennis Smiley and Jack Richardson were named co-chairmen for the club, while Fred Watt was selected as vice chairman. Sandra Roffers was elected treasurer and Connie Edgemon is the group's secretary.

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.

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.

Big Spring Steer tickets now on sale to public

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

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

LOCAL GAMES

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m.
• Big Spring Steers vs. Plainview Bulldogs at Lowery Stadium in Lubbock.

ON THE AIR

Radio HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

6:30 p.m. — Big Spring Steers vs. Plainview Bulldogs at Lubbock, KBST-FM 95.9 and KBSI-TV 11.

Television MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Toronto Blue Jays, FXS, Ch. 29.
7:05 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at St. Louis Cardinals, TBS, Ch. 11.
7:15 p.m. — Preseason, Atlanta Falcons at Tennessee Titans, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TRACK & FIELD

12:50 a.m. — World Outdoor Track and Field Championships (delayed tape), TBS, Ch. 11.

Michael Johnson claims world record in 400 meters

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — Michael Johnson has the record he craved his entire career. Now he wants to break it again.

Just minutes after shattering the 11-year-old world record in the 400 meters with an electrifying time of 43.18 seconds, Johnson set his sights on running even faster.

"I can do better," said Johnson, after winning his fourth consecutive 400 title at the World Championships. "I know I can run 42 seconds."

That certainly seems possible for the athlete they call Superman, perhaps the greatest 400 runner in history.

The only milestone that had eluded Johnson has been the 400 record. On

Thursday night, he not only broke it — he destroyed it.

Johnson shaved .11 seconds off the record of 43.29 set by fellow American Butch Reynolds in 1988, the longest standing men's track record.

"I've always wanted this record," he said. "It completes the circle."

It was a dazzling performance reminiscent of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, where Johnson ran 19.32 seconds to break his own world record in the 200.

But Johnson said there's more still to come.

He compared Thursday's record to when he set his first world mark in the 200, clocking 19.66 at the Olympic trials in 1996. Two months later in Atlanta, he

lowered his record by 0.34 seconds.

"I broke the 200 record ... and later came back and shattered it, and I think I can do the same thing in the (400)," he said.

His coach, Clyde Hart, agreed. "Now that he's broken it, I think he'll do it again," Hart said. "He did that in the 200. It just might not be this year. It might be next year at the Olympics — that's a pretty big setting."

Johnson and Hart sat down at the beginning of the season and decided to attack the world record in Seville.

When Johnson ran 43.95 seconds in the semifinals, even after shutting down several times in the last 60 meters, it was clear that he was poised for the record in

the final.

Thursday night, coming off the final bend with a big lead, Johnson powered down the straight, legs churning in his upright stance.

Pulling way ahead of the field, he glanced out of the corner of his eye at the trackside clock. When he crossed the line and saw the time, Johnson punched the air with his right fist.

Johnson got down one knee, head bowed, then dropped on his back for a minute. He got up, grabbed an American flag and took a victory lap, soaking up the applause from the near capacity crowd in the 60,000 Estadio Olimpico.

Johnson's splits for each 100 were approximately 10.9, 10.1, 11.3 and 11.9.

Steers' defense under gun

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

As Big Spring's Steers head into tonight's season opener against Plainview in Lubbock, Dwight Butler realizes his still relatively young team will have its work cut out in handling the state-ranked Bulldogs.

Although the Bulldogs are getting used to the system new head coach Marty McClintock brings with him from Borger, preseason polls have listed Plainview among the state's top 10 teams.

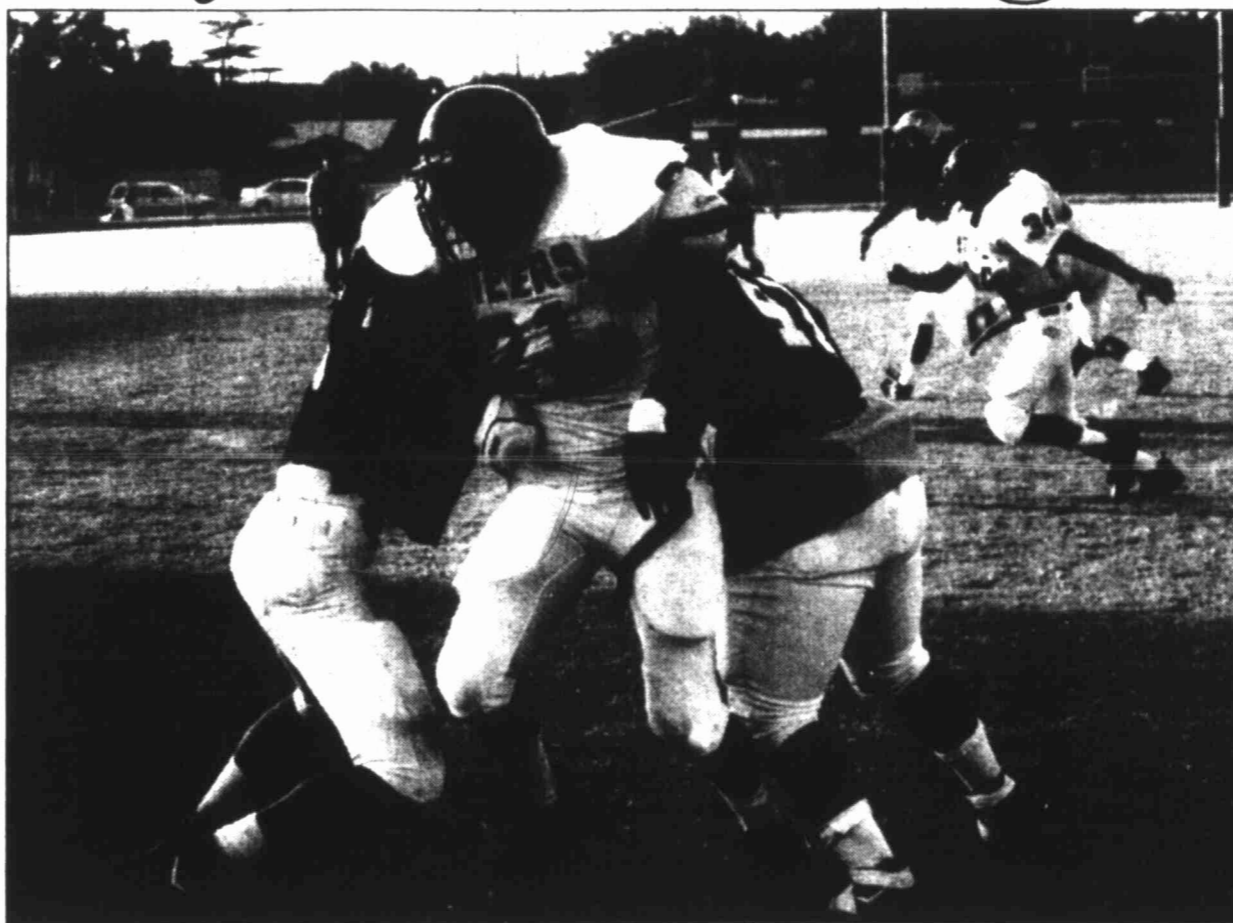
The Associated Press' preseason schoolboy poll has the 'Dogs ranked No. 10 in Class 4A, while *Texas Football Magazine's* preseason Top 25 lists Plainview at No. 7.

"Believe me, they're every bit deserving of their ranking," Butler said Thursday afternoon as he looked ahead to tonight's 7:30 kickoff at Lowery Stadium in Lubbock. "They've got a lot of great athletes coming back from last year's team that made it to the state semifinals. They're big, strong and fast ... we've definitely got our work cut out for us."

Not the least of Butler's worries is how to stop running back Rod Ansley, a 6-3, 200-pounder with 4.4-second speed in the 40 who earned second-team all-state honors a year ago after piling up 1,497 yards and scoring 24 touchdowns on 175 carries.

What's more, Ansley operated behind an offensive front that features the likes of 6-foot-4, 240-pound tackle Luke Quebe and guards Matt Jeffers (6-1, 272) and Chris Weeks (5-11, 246).

"The important thing for us is to not let them just run rough shod over us early and get behind 21 points," Butler explained. "We're still a very young defensively. We've got a bunch of kids that have some experience last year because they started as sophomores, but we're probably going to start a



Big Spring defensive end Jason Woodruff (21) draws a double-teamed block from Lamesa offensive linemen during the Steers' scrimmage with the Golden Tors. Woodruff and his teammates will have their work cut out for them at 7:30 tonight when they face No. 10-ranked Plainview's Bulldogs at Lowery Stadium in Lubbock.

couple more this year.

"What we really want to do is be close at halftime," the Steers boss added. "It's no real secret we were a second half football team last year, primarily because our kids were in good physical shape, and we think we'll still be that kind of team again this year."

Of course, the Steers aren't without weapons of their own, including an offensive backfield that returns intact from 1998.

Senior Lance Brock returns to quarterback the Big Spring attack and spent much of the summer entering 7-on-7 football tournaments with several of his receivers.

"We feel like that's going to help our passing game and

we're spending a lot of time preparing to throw the ball."

Butler noted. "And we're going to have to be able to throw the football. We can't allow people to jam things up, put eight to 10 kids up on the line of scrimmage, and think we're still going to be able to run with the football. We've got to be able to keep people honest."

If the Steers can keep the Bulldogs' defense "honest," then there's every reason to believe Big Spring could have a big night from junior tailback Colby Ford.

After moving into the starting tailback's spot during the second game of the 1998 season, Ford piled up 1,586 yards and is expected to be among the state's statistical leaders again

this year.

Senior fullback Jose Carnero returns to the backfield as well for the Steers, as does junior Jason Woodruff, who's capable of providing backup for both Ford and Carnero.

The other good news to Butler's way of thinking, is the size of his lines.

"We're a little bigger up front than we've been in the last few years ... not as tall as Plainview, but we're much more competitive size-wise than we have been," he explained. "Of course our big worry in the line is avoiding injuries. We just don't have a lot of depth at those positions. We've got some kids that are working hard to get there ... they're just not there yet."

Dolphins' Martin ready to work following his acquittal

MIAMI (AP) — Football practice never has looked so good to Tony Martin.

The Pro Bowl receiver returns to the Miami Dolphins' camp today, free to run routes and catch passes with impunity after being acquitted on all charges of laundering drug money.

Jurors deliberated almost 17 hours in a span of three days before declaring Martin innocent on four federal counts of

laundering drug money for a longtime friend and one of conspiracy to hide drug proceeds.

After Thursday's nerve-racking wait, wind sprints should be a joy.

"It's so relaxing," Martin said as he left the courthouse grounds. "I'm going to get ready for practice now. Coach might make me run extra laps, but that's OK. I'm ready for it."

And the Dolphins will be just as thrilled to see Martin, who

signed a four-year, \$14.2 million contract with the club in April.

"I've been worried about him a lot," fellow wideout O.J. McDuffie said. "Now that it's over with, I'm happy that we can get down to just football."

Jimmy Johnson said: "Forget about the football and forget about catching passes. He didn't belong in jail and so I was happy to see him acquitted."

Johnson, McDuffie and other players sat through opening

arguments nearly four weeks ago to show their support for Martin, and quarterback Dan Marino took the stand as a character witness.

Martin was grateful for the turnout.

"I don't think that was inappropriate," he said. "The guys have always been there for me. I'm happy they supported me. Dan Marino has known me 10 or 11 years. He knows the person I am."

Sosa grabs home run lead; Johnson chalks up 300th strikeout

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

No one has ever homered at the pace Sammy Sosa is setting this year, and no one has ever struck out 300 batters as fast as Randy Johnson.

Sosa hit his major league-leading 53rd home run Thursday, and the Chicago Cubs rallied from five runs down to beat the San Francisco Giants 11-10.

"It's not for me to think about the race," said Sosa, who is four games ahead of Mark McGwire's record-setting pace last season. "All I can do is go out and be patient."

Johnson reached 300 strikeouts in record time, notching nine in seven innings to help the streaking Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Florida Marlins 12-2.

Johnson (14-8) achieved the milestone in his 29th start. The previous best was Pedro Martinez, who reached 300 in 31 appearances in 1997.

"It's a special achievement," Johnson said. "My primary goal is to put us in a position to win, but anything that comes with that is great."

In Montreal, Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer in his second at-bat to extend his hitting streak to 31 games — the longest in the majors in 12 years — in the Expos' 10-4 loss to the Cincinnati Reds.

In other National League games, it was Pittsburgh 8, Colorado 4; and San Diego 4, Milwaukee 3.

In the only American League games Thursday, Kansas City blanked Baltimore 6-0 and Tampa Bay beat the Chicago White Sox 9-7.

Cubs 11, Giants 10

The Cubs trailed 7-2 after three innings before rallying behind Sosa and Mark Grace, who hit consecutive solo homers in the fifth inning.

Sosa, who has 10 homers in the last 12

games, connected on a 1-1 pitch from Livan Hernandez in the fifth. Sosa is nine games ahead of last year's pace, when he hit No. 53 in the Cubs' 135th game and ended with 66.

"It's easy this year after last year and everything I've been through," Sosa said of the attention. "This is a piece of cake."

After Grace tied it with a two-run single in the eighth, the Cubs won the game in the bottom of the ninth. Jeff Reed hit a leadoff double off Robb Nen (3-7), and two outs later, Mickey Morandini doubled.

Terry Adams (5-3) pitched one scoreless inning.

Diamondbacks 12, Marlins 2

Damian Miller hit a grand slam to cap Arizona's team-record eight-run ninth. Matt Williams drove in four runs with two singles, a double and a sacrifice fly. Tony Womack had two hits and a walk,

two stolen bases and three runs scored.

The NL West-leading Diamondbacks extended their winning streak to six games and completed a three-game sweep at Florida, which has lost six in a row.

Johnson reached 300 strikeouts with his eighth of the game against Kevin Millar to end the fifth.

"If I had to face Randy Johnson every night, I probably wouldn't be here," said Millar, who struck out in all three of his at-bats. "You can have your A-game, and he can make it a D-game real quick."

Johnson, who also achieved the 300-strikeout milestone in 1993 and 1998, joins Nolan Ryan and Sandy Koufax as the only pitchers to reach the 300 mark three times. Ryan had a record six 300 seasons.

"I don't know if everybody grasps the type of achievement that is," manager Buck Showalter said. "We're all lucky to be here to see it."

Steers netters tumble

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Steers netters are still looking for their first team tennis win of the season after playing host to Odessa High's Bronchos at the Figure 7 Tennis Center on Thursday, but turned in their best performance of the season in the 16-8 loss.

The Steers' strongest showing came in the boys' divisions where they won two of three doubles matches and managed three singles match wins.

Jay Shroff and Alex Edgemon led the way, posting victories in both their singles matches before teaming together for a 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 win over OHS' Bret McKinley and Matt Barron.

Shroff's 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 singles win came that the expense of Odessa's Jason McPherson, while Edgemon needed less time to take a 6-4, 6-4 win over Brad McKinley.

The other boys' singles win came from Michael Williamson who won in three sets over Teddy Hackney, the final set coming down to an 11-9 tiebreaker.

Odessa's singles wins came from Adam Carson, a 6-1, 6-3 winner over Zach Smiley; Matt Hambree, who defeated Brian Watt 6-3, 6-4; Bret McKinley, a 7-6, 6-3 winner over Aaron Langford; and Barron, who beat Michael Roffers 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Carson and Hambree then teamed for a 7-6, 6-2 win over Smiley and Langford in doubles, but Watt and Roffers combined to defeat Brad and Brent McKinley, 7-5, 6-4.

Odessa was a little more successful in the girls' divisions, as Megan Roffers provided the only singles win for Big Spring, a 6-2, 6-3 defeat of Shanna Moody. Roffers then teamed with April Ward to take a 6-2, 6-4 doubles win over Madeline Boles and Krystal Handley.

Big Spring's final match win came in mixed doubles where Mindy Partee and Williamson combined for a 6-0, 6-1 win.

OHS dominated girls' singles play as Nicole Byenning took a 6-2, 6-3 win over Ward; Krystal Handley defeated Becky Vera 6-3, 7-5; Jennifer Kupper beat Annette Richardson 7-6, 6-2; Kathleen O'Hearn stopped Corina Lara 6-1, 6-0; Primera defeated Seneca Arguello 6-0, 6-2; and Boles beat Partee 6-2, 6-1.

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BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Announced the signing of free agent pitcher Jeff Fassero from the Los Angeles Dodgers to a one-year contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Josh Beckett. Released C Jorge Fajardo. Recalled C Ramon Castro from Calgary of the PCL.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Agreed to terms with P Lenny Colchino on an injury settlement and to release WR Wally Cole. Released WR Wally Cole.

AL LEADERS BATTING—Garcaparra, Boston, .353; Williams, New York, .346; Jeter, New York, .345; Palmeiro, Texas, .339; Vizquel, Cleveland, .338; T. Martinez, Toronto, .338; El Martinez, Seattle, .331.

NL LEADERS BATTING—Walker, Colorado, .357; Albert, Philadelphia, .350; Gonzalez, Arizona, .341; Coles, Cincinnati, .332; Everett, Houston, .332; Giambi, Philadelphia, .331; Vidro, Montreal, .326.

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Arizona kicking off season with a visit to Penn State

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joe Paterno just about fell off his chair when he heard the question: Would he have agreed to play Arizona in the Pigskin Classic if the game was in Tucson?

"In Arizona? In August? Sure I would," the Penn State coach said, his Brooklyn accent dripping with sarcasm as he pondered a sweltering afternoon in Arizona Stadium.

That coach Dick Tomey is flying his fourth-ranked Wildcats 1,900 miles east to play No. 3 Penn State in Beaver Stadium says a lot: He must think he has quite a football team.

Risking a season-opening loss is always scary for a team with national championship dreams. Risking one of these games on the road against a Top 5 opponent? That just isn't done.

"They have a lot of confidence in their program and a lot of respect for the Penn State players to come into this area and play us," Paterno said.

Most of Tomey's players have never been closer to Pennsylvania than the Rockies. And add a dash of jet lag to the novelty factor: The players will have lost two hours by the time they arrive in State College today after a five-hour charter.

As Hawaii's coach for a decade, Tomey knows better than most how to handle a football team on a marathon trip, and he said he is making no special preparations.

At Hawaii, "we traveled west to east quite a bit to play in our conference, and those trips are more arduous and difficult than any anybody could possibly make on the mainland," Tomey said.

Elsewhere on the opening weekend of the college football season, it's Louisiana Tech at No. 1 Florida State, Kansas at No. 18 Notre Dame and North Carolina State at No. 17 Texas on Saturday, and No. 9 Miami vs. No. 12 Ohio State on Sunday.

Heisman Trophy race.

Linebacker Marcus Bell is back after putting up similarly gaudy number on defense. Last year, he had two 21-tackle games and several other games with 11, 12 or 13 tackles.

Penn State has as much talent back, at least on defense. All three starting linebackers — LaVar Arrington, Brandon Short and Mac Morrison — are Butkus Award candidates.

On offense, the Lions will try to counter Kansas with tailback Eric McCoo, who had a team-best 822 yards a year ago. Quarterback Kevin Thompson and receivers Corey Jones and Charlie Fields are all seniors now, and they promise they've left behind a past littered with bad routes, overthrown passes and dropped balls.

For both teams, this is the chance to find whether they can live up to their lofty preseason billings.

"We're all anxious to see what we can do," Short said earlier this month. "I mean, there's no better team to be playing than a top-ranked team, somebody that's also in the link like yourself."

Arizona's players, however, are uncomfortable about putting too much emphasis on one game, especially a season opener.

"It's a big game that might have national championship implications, but that's nowhere in my mind," Jenkins said. "You never know how the season will go, and we just want to get better."

In truth, more might be at stake for Arizona, a school saddled with the Pac-10's lousy reputation — all offense, no defense. Defeating the Big Ten's top team would add a breath of national credibility.

They've done it before, beating Nebraska 23-20 in the Holiday Bowl. "The thing that Pac-10 people get tired of hearing is that the Big Ten is where real football is played, where the real tough guys are," Tomey said this week. "We got tired of that before the Nebraska game last year, that the Big 12 was more physical."

Louisiana Tech at Florida St.

Once again, the Seminoles are loaded. Chris Weinke has recovered from a neck injury that sidelined him for the final three games of the '98 season, and wide receiver Peter Warrick and running back Travis Minor return. Add seven starters from the nation's top-rated defense, and it's easy to see why Florida State starts the season No. 1 for the fifth time since 1988.

Kansas at Notre Dame Bob Davie opens his third season in South Bend, Ind., knowing four of his predecessors won national titles in their third year. That streak will probably end, but the Irish were happy to add a 12th game to avoid opening on the road against Michigan on Sept. 4.

"There's no suspense to why we did it," Davie said of scheduling. "We wanted to open up at home."

Tony Driver, a strong safety last season for the Irish, has been returned to tailback.

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Lions lose first pick for season

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

When the Detroit Lions selected Aaron Gibson in the first round, they figured he would be opening big holes for Barry Sanders. Now, Sanders is retired and Gibson is out for the season.

In the latest training camp blow to hit the Lions, Gibson will undergo season-ending surgery on his left shoulder next week.

"He's done," coach Bobby Ross said Thursday.

Dr. James Andrews, an Alabama-based orthopedist, evaluated Gibson Wednesday after the Lions put the 6-foot-4, 380-pound rookie through two weeks of rehabilitation.

The Lions believe that Gibson injured the shoulder prior to being drafted out of Wisconsin in April. Gibson told the Detroit Free Press that he believes he suffered the injury on the third day of training camp.

There is no medical term for the condition, but doctors will go in to "clean some things out" during surgery in Birmingham, Ala., on Thursday, Lions spokeswoman Deanna Caldwell said.

Lions medical personnel originally thought surgery was not needed immediately. They had hoped weightlifting and other exercises would allow him to play at least part time this season.

"At this point, it's time to move on," Ross said. "We have a plan and we have to put it in place. We were never going to be able to use him the way that we wanted to use him, which was as a starter."

Ross, who has been shuffling several injured players on offense, said Gibson could make a good right tackle, but might have used him at guard.

Juan Roque will start at right tackle against the Miami Dolphins on Saturday, replacing Tony Ramirez, who sat out of the team's double practice sessions Wednesday with an injured ankle.

Greg Engel will be at center instead of Mike Compton, who sprained a ligament in his left knee. The Lions aren't sure who will start at left guard.

Cornerback Bryant Westbrook, who broke a bone in his left hand three weeks ago, had the pins removed Tuesday and should be ready to play next week against St. Louis, the Lions said.

Rookie running back Sedrick Irvin out of Michigan State will miss the Miami game because of turf toe. Fullback Brock Olivo is expected to take his place.

"This game is going to give us an awful lot of information with regards to where we are as a team heading into the regular season," Ross said. "It is a great opportunity for us to evaluate people in this situation."

Cardinals

Arizona gave offensive lineman Ernest Dye a reserve non-football injury classification.

Cardinals spokesman Paul Jensen said the team, while under no obligation, would continue to pay Dye's medical benefits, although it would no longer pay his salary.

Dye and two teammates were returning to training camp Aug. 16 when they were injured in an auto accident.

Chargers

Junior Seau was impressive on the last day of training camp. The surprising part is that the All-Pro linebacker turned heads while catching the ball.

Seau, who wants to play tight end this season, caught one pass while falling backward and smacked his head on the ground.

The Chargers had said that Seau probably wouldn't make his tight end debut until the opener at Cincinnati on Sept. 19.

Saints

Cam Cleeland plans to miss all or part of the upcoming season.

An examination on the tight end showed some flakes left over from offseason bone-spur surgery, Cleeland said. Those flakes are causing swelling and irritation in his Achilles' tendon.

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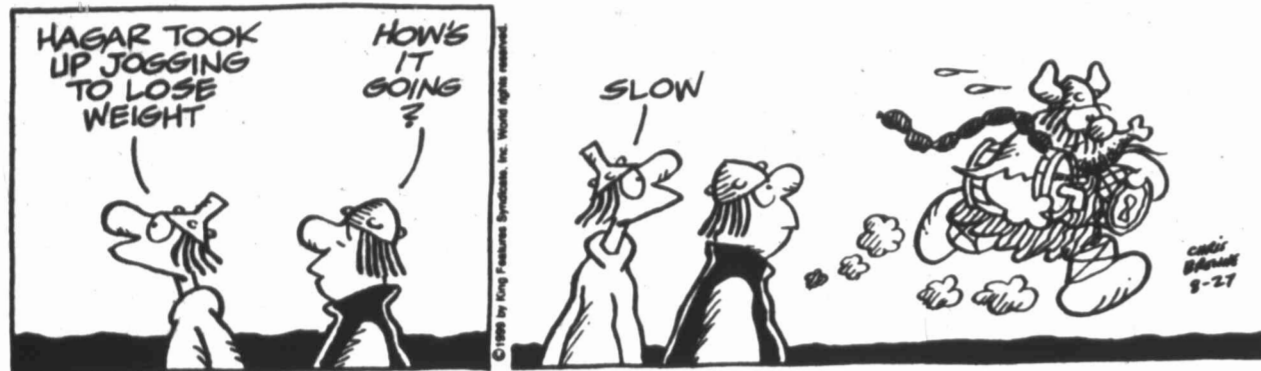
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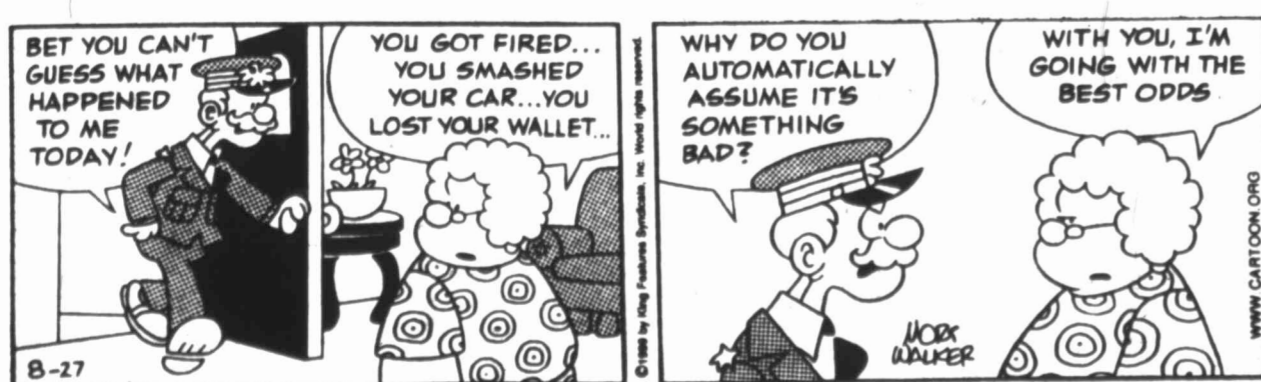
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 1999. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa erupted, with resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait killing some 36,000 people in Java and Sumatra.

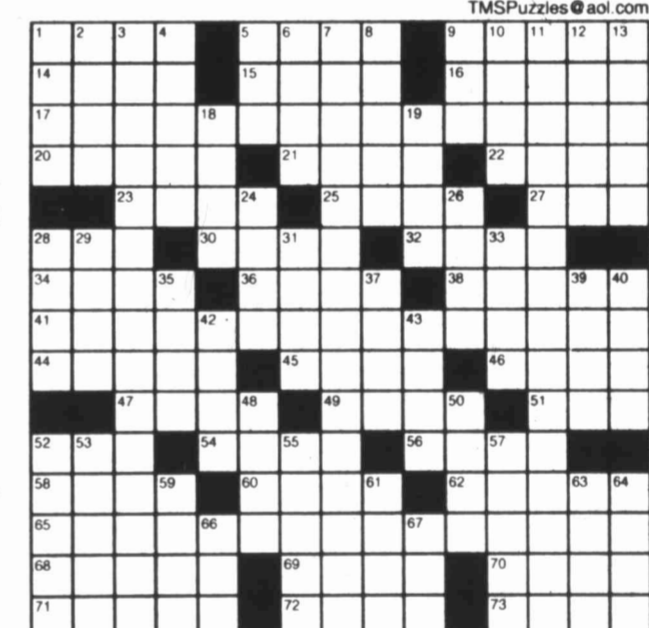
On this date: In 1770, German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel was born in Stuttgart. In 1859, Edwin L. Drake drilled the first successful U.S. oil well near Titusville, Pa. In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera House, on Broadway at 39th Street. In 1894, Congress passed the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act, providing for a graduated income tax that was later struck down by the Supreme Court. In 1908, Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas. In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes. In 1945, American troops began landing in Japan after the surrender of the Japanese government in World War II. In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus the following December. In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of sleeping pills. In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed in a boat explosion off the coast of Ireland; the Irish Republican Army claimed it was responsible. Ten years ago: The first U.S. commercial satellite rocket was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., a Delta booster carrying a British communications satellite. Five years ago: The State Department said the United States and Cuba had agreed to resume talks on Cuban migration, with the hope of stemming the flow of refugees headed toward Florida. One year ago: Two suspects in the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya were sent to the United States to face charges.

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