

SUNDAY
August 29, 1999



**Positively ...
Big Spring**

Kountry Kids contest entries due Wednesday

Entries are due Wednesday for the Howard County Fair Kountry Kids contest.

The contest is planned Saturday.

Boys and girls ages 0-5 years old are eligible to enter and will be judged according to age groups.

Entries are due to the Howard County Extension Office with a \$10 entry fee. Children entered in the competition must be attired in a sportswear garment of at least 50 percent cotton.

Entry forms are available at the chamber of commerce and the extension office. Call the extension office, 264-2236, for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

□ Line dancing, 10:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

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

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEATHER

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New tool allows local police to find suspects in the dark

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Department has a new tool in fighting crime.

As a result, it will be much harder for bad guys to hide themselves or illegal substances from the long arm — and now the long eye — of law enforcement.

Big Spring Police Department received a thermal imaging

camera this month through a federal grant through the Office of the National Drug Control Policy.

The camera "sees" in the dark, but not by conventional photography methods, explained Det. Daniel Mohn, caretaker of and training officer for the \$15,000 device that somewhat resembles a home video camera.

The camera is sensitive to

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Demonstrating the new Big Spring Police Department thermal imaging camera are Det. Daniel Mohn, left, and Lt. Stan Parker. The camera is sensitive to heat from any object and has already helped officers locate a suspect hiding in the brush at night.

HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

Corwin gets it done behind the scenes

Editor's Note: Nancy Koger is once again our correspondent "At The Fair." She will be reporting on the Howard County Fair in each issue.

Trying to find, keep up with, and talk to Tommy Corwin is like attempting to corral a whirling dervish. This retiree from Texas Electric is always busy working on his rental property or doing electrical jobs for friends and neighbors. But around fair time, he's really on a roll.

Since February of this year, he's been the man in charge of the large county fair barn, and he's spent a great deal of time cleaning, mending and repairing there.

A member of the Howard County Fair board of directors since 1991, Corwin is always a man on the move with his pliers and wirecutters. He's the one who keeps the lights burning, and for the past eight months the person to credit for the good shape the main fair barn is in. Both jobs require time and effort during the year, but during the fair they take constant attention.

When a friend asked him to join the fair board because they really needed an electrician, he gladly volunteered.

Corwin says what keeps him on the board is, "the people you work with. It's given me a chance to meet and work with people I'd never have known otherwise. I've met some great people by being here."

The Ponca City, Okla., native, has worked with interesting



HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

Retiree Tommy Corwin is in charge of the large county fair barn. He's been busy preparing for the annual Howard County Fair, which officially gets under way Monday with a ribbon cutting at 4 p.m.

people around Big Spring for years in his job, for his church and his kids. His wife, Jo Beth, formerly a teacher who now substitutes at Big Spring schools, has worked beside him in many volunteer efforts. The Corwins were extremely active as band parents while their four children were in high school.

Corwin enjoys the freedom of retirement because his grown children are scattered about the country.

Melinda, his oldest and nearest, teaches speech pathology at Texas Tech in Lubbock. She is the mother of the Corwins' only grandchild, 4-year-old Bethany. Son Mark is a chemist at Lake Jackson; Medina is an occupational therapist in Orangeburg, Mo. The youngest, recently-married Marilyn, is a lawyer in

Columbus, Ohio. Since their four children have such diverse occupations and live varying distances away, the Corwins find it important to be able to travel.

In fact, Corwin says as soon as the fair is over, he plans to get in his pickup and head for Colorado. His idea of a vacation is to "point that pickup in the general direction and then let the wife tell me what we're going to see."

Asked what his dreams for the county fair are, and what changes he'd like to see, the affable electrician states, "I'd like to see more things to get the kids involved and get them to come out and see the demonstrations that show them how our part of the world really

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AT THE FAIR

The Howard County Fair officially opens Monday, with hours Monday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Entry fee is \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids. Saturday, those who arrive before noon get \$1 off the ticket price.

Today

- Goat show, 1 p.m., judging arena
- Receipt of entries in creative arts, canning and art, 1-4 p.m., Dora Roberts Fairbarn

Monday

- Ribbon cutting, 4 p.m., front gate
- Harley Owners motorcycle and chili supper, 5 p.m., rodeo bowl
- Ranch rodeo, 7 p.m., rodeo bowl
- Pet-a-zoo, 4-10 p.m., fairgrounds
- Tip-Top Amusements Carnival, fairgrounds
- Fair queen contest, 8 p.m., entertainment tent

Tuesday

- Agriculture products received, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., activity barn
- Agriculture products judging, 5 p.m., activity barn
- Domino tournament, 6 p.m., activity barn
- Battle of the cheerleaders, 7 p.m., rodeo bowl
- Pet-a-zoo, 4-10 p.m., fairgrounds
- Carnival, fairgrounds

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BSJH

Soil specialist says grouting method could be successful

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Compaction grouting, a method proposed by engineers and architects to stop the sinking of Big Spring Junior High, is a viable solution, said a local soil scientist.

"I've worked on these type of projects, and while there are no guarantees, this should work. It has been used successfully in buildings in many other places," said Scot van Pelt, a soil scientist with the USDA's Big Spring Research Station.

School officials and trustees last week learned that the \$10 million structure is experiencing excessive movement, and is sinking on the east side, as well as sustaining damage in northeast and southeast sections.

Some of the interior cinderblock walls have cracked, and fissures have developed in the terrazzo flooring in at least one athletic dressing room. At least two doors will not close, and gaps are visible in the exterior brick facade.

Officials met with architect Tommie Huckabee and several engineers and determined that emergency steps need to be taken to stop the problem.

A special meeting has been called Tuesday to allow trustees to meet with experts and discuss compaction grouting, a pressurized method of injecting concrete grout beneath the surface.

The problem, as explained by Huckabee, is that the soil about eight-to-10 feet below the surface of the east side of the school, where the support bearings are placed, has become saturated and lost its density.

This loss of density has weakened the soil, which has caused these bearings to sink, thereby lowering the east side of the building sufficiently to create cracks and crevices and other structural problems.

Huckabee said one theory about the cause of this moisture is that in hastening the growth of the landscape, excessive amounts of water were applied through the use of an elaborate sprinkler system.

He estimated that as much as 50 inches of water have been applied to the areas within the past two months.

Van Pelt said if estimates are correct, 36 to 50 inches of water is about twice what is typically used to grow lush lawns, and might have resulted in the water seeping into the ground on the east side of the building as far as eight to 10 feet below the surface.

"This is a real common thing. The rule of thumb is one-fourth to one-third inch of water, and this is about twice what was needed," van Pelt said.

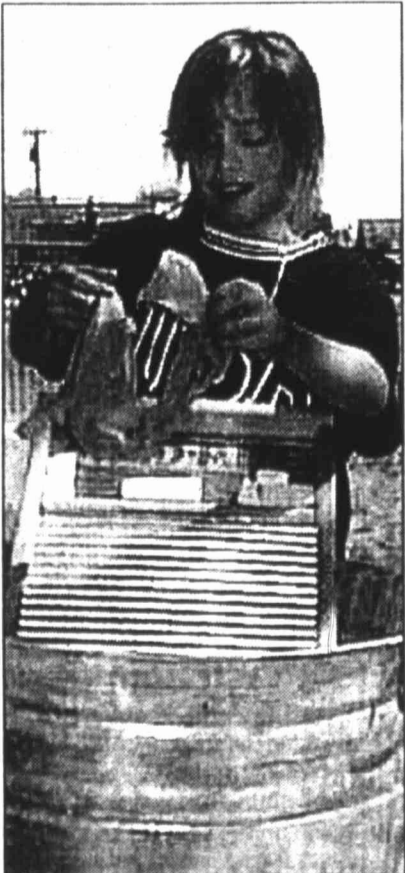
And excessive watering of the grass might result in moist soil as deep as eight to 10 feet or more, he said.

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Hundreds take part in Pioneer Days Saturday

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Children of all ages steeped themselves in crafts and skills of yesteryear at the 8th annual



HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin
Tori Mrotz, 7, tries her hand at washing clothes the old fashioned way at the 8th annual Pioneer Days.

Pioneer Days at the Potton House Museum at 200 Gregg St. Saturday.

Old fashioned butter churning, corn husk doll making, feather quill calligraphy, old time washing and ironing, children's marbles and jacks, and leisurely touring of the 1901 Potton House kept children and adults streaming through the historic grounds from the beginning at 9 a.m. to the close at noon.

"I learned a lot about living in old times," said Dustin Lloyd, 11, who was taking in games of jacks on the Potton front porch. "Yea, and I don't want to (live then), either. It's annoying... too much work."

Attendance appeared to set a record, according to Heritage Museum curator Angie Way, who said there may have been 500 people taking part.

"Attendance is much larger than last year," she said. "It was very crowded the first two hours (9-11 a.m.) and only slowed up with the heat."

Handing out samples of freshly churned butter was Eunice Thixton, who has been doing this for several years now.

"It's not a regular hobby with her."

"I don't know why I started in it," she said. "I was asked to do it one year and I said, 'I can do this.'"



HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

Learning to play marbles at the Potton House Saturday were, left to right, Brandon Gross, 13; Mitchell Lowery, 11 and C.J. Lowery, 13. Attendance during Pioneer Days appeared to set a record, according to Angie Way, Heritage Museum curator.

She had no shortage of takers for her homemade butter, which she would not guarantee was low cal and low fat.

The Potton house was built in 1901 by Joseph and Mary Potton.

Construction was of Sandstone, as a help in preventing fire.

Furthermore, a docent

explained, the house is riddled with doors, with nearly every room having a door to the outside, in the event of fire, which was common in those days.

The house, with its 12-foot ceilings, is carefully preserved with such original amenities as a Sears and Roebuck fireplace.

It is open to visitors Tuesday through Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Barney G. Mims

Barney G. Mims, 96, of Stanton, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 1999, in a Midland care center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 1999, at Stanton Church of Christ with Clay Mims and Deral McWhorter officiating.

Mr. Mims was born on Aug. 7, 1903, in Indian Territory, Okla. and married Ila R. Haley on Dec. 23, 1923, in Lueders. She preceded him in death on April 18, 1973.

He moved to Taylor County when he was an infant, then to Jones County where he farmed until 1938 when he moved to the Lenora community. He and his brother, J.T. helped organize a Church of Christ, Mr. Mims served as an elder in the Stanton Church of Christ for many years.

Survivors include three sons, Doug Mims of Cisco, Clay Mims of Wichita Falls and Jack Mims of Midland; a daughter, Dorothy Pinkston of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Christine Mims Barnett, and four brothers, Ernest, J.T., Joe and Edwin Mims; and a sister, Viola Carnes.

Memorials may be made to Home Hospice, 1802 W. Wall in Midland, 79701.

Victoria Perez

Funeral services for Victoria Perez, 70, of Stanton, are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel. Mrs. Perez died Saturday, Aug. 28, at her residence.

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works." One of his fellow board members has commented that "Tommy must wear his clothes out from the inside," because he's always on the run. So you may not see this guy at the fair, but he'll definitely be there.

SCHEDULE

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Wednesday
• Horseshoe and washing pitching, 6 p.m., show arena
• Pet-a-zoo, 4-10 p.m., fairgrounds
• Carnival, fairgrounds
• Gene Watson performs, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Entertainment tent

Thursday
• Steers begin arriving, 11 a.m., steer barn
• Area school tours, afternoon, fairgrounds
• Team roping, 6:30 p.m., rodeo bowl
• Pet-a-zoo, 4-10 p.m., fairgrounds
• Carnival, fairgrounds
• Gospel night, 7 p.m., entertainment tent

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Makayla Moore, 3, of Euleus, gets a demonstration of buttermaking and a taste of the product during Pioneer Days festivities at the Potton House Saturday. The Morre family is visiting Makayla's grandparents.

- Steers in place, noon, steer barn
• Area school tours, afternoon, fairgrounds
• Pet-a-zoo, 4-10 p.m., fairgrounds
• Carnival, fairgrounds
• Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., entertainment tent

- Saturday
• Steer show, 8 a.m., judging arena
• Remote control car races, 5 p.m., show arena
• Kountry Kids, 10:30 a.m., entertainment tent
• Pet-a-zoo, 4-10 p.m., fairgrounds
• Carnival, fairgrounds
• Johnny Rodriguez performs, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., entertainment tent

SINKING

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"We have studies of hydrocarbons, which are the last things left when water soaks into the ground, at depths of 15 feet in this area. This is an extreme event, but not at all unusual," said van Pelt.

However, van Pelt said that to determine the exact cause of the sinking, tests should be conducted to locate the soil density in several areas.

"Considering the classic profile of this soil it shouldn't happen, but it is possible. But to determine exactly what the problem is, we need to look at the density of the soil under the building," he said.

He added that soil density tests typically consider both dry and wet conditions, and present recommendations based on that data.

"In a 50-year design, how wet the soil could be during the 50 years is a consideration, because we can have some very wet periods. At times it is very rainy," van Pelt said.

Within the past 100 years, Howard County has recorded annual rainfall of more than 30 inches six times. Annual rainfall in excess of 25 inches has occurred 14 times within the past 100 years, he said.

Van Pelt also said that soil samples retrieved from 25 to 35 feet below the surface should have been adequate to determine undisturbed soil.

"But I do not know what sort of grid they tested with," he said.

Van Pelt declined to speculate about the cause of the problem, citing, "I don't want to be an arm chair quarterback."

"But I believe this might go back to site history, and I'd ask questions like what was this site used for previously, and what else has been here and what is the history," he said.

CAMERA

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heat from any object and is sensitive to the difference in radiated heat from different objects. Furthermore, images on the viewing screen are shaped by areas of heat instead of areas of

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reflected light, Mohn said. Big Spring police have already put it to its intended use by locating a suspect who was hiding in a patch of brush one night. The thermal camera was brought out and the silhouette of the suspect could be seen behind the brush, Mohn said.

The camera will even pick up hand and foot prints left behind by fleeing suspects for a brief period of time — usually until the hand or foot prints temperatures equals the ambient temperature.

The same goes for solid object, Mohn explained. An object, such as a weapon for example, will show up on the thermal camera as a warmer object than the outside ground, at least for a while.

The police department "kind of stumbled on to the program," explained Mohn. "We had never heard of this program before."

The department was invited to a demonstration in in Houston in March. Only one piece of equipment could be applied for at one time. The thermal camera was the choice the department got it five months later.

Some of the more exotic things it will do include being able to locate a body in a shallow grave from differences in temperature. Even an old, cold body can be found using the device because undisturbed, packed ground has a different temperature than disturbed soil, the officers said.

Another application can be found in compartments of fuel trucks or automobiles. Compartments filled with packed contraband will show up as separate objects because the reflected heat will be different from surrounding areas.

The lens on the camera is good up to a half-mile, Mohn said.

Students, at least one district, buck prayer ban

HOUSTON — As school boards across Texas struggle with a federal ruling outlawing prayers before high school football games, some students are taking things into their own hands.

In Stephenville, a group of 15 students led an unauthorized prayer Friday night over a portable address system smuggled into the high school stadium. Fans gathered for a game against Weatherford stood and bowed their heads.

"This was not about football,

it was about God," student Alan Ward told the Stephenville Empire-Tribune. "We decided to pray for God."

Superintendent Larry Butler said the students did not have the district's permission and he does not believe the school district, located 60 miles southwest of Fort Worth, could be held liable for a spontaneous act.

"With that being said, I applaud them for doing something that they feel really strongly about," he said. "I think the entire community of Stephenville believes in school prayer."

In Andrews, 20 miles northwest of Odessa, trustees have decided to continue student led prayer at football games — at least until a lawsuit is filed.

"If somebody says, 'Hey, you're violating my rights,' then I guess we'll have to stop," Andrews superintendent Pete Francis told the Odessa American. "It is the feeling of our community that the community wants it."

The U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in February that limited student-initiated prayer is appropriate at commencement but not at less-solemn, informal events such as football games.

Widespread defiance of the court's ruling suggests that the issue could become a "flashpoint" in the larger debate over separation of church and state, legal analysts say.

"The average American doesn't follow what the courts are saying about things. It doesn't seem very relevant to what most of us do during our day-to-day lives," said Teresa Collett, a South Texas College of Law professor and an expert on church-state relations.

"But when, as in this circumstance, all of a sudden people who have been largely sheltered from development of law come face-to-face with it in a way they think is unfair and not necessary, you're going to have civil disobedience."

Her colleague, Paul McGreal, an expert in constitutional law, said the context of football masks a deeper struggle.

"This is really a symptom of a much larger debate in America — our disagreement about what place religion should have in public society... about whether we should be using religion to make public policy decisions," he said.

Both analysts said they believe the 5th Circuit Court's ruling can and will be enforced if lawsuits are filed by those who object to prayer at sporting events. The chief danger to

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schools is the possibility that a judge or jury might award monetary damages.

Although McGreal said he believes the best option for schools is to provide a "moment of silence" prior to football games, Ms. Collett said she doesn't believe that would work.

"It might withstand judicial scrutiny, but I don't think it will satisfy the parents and the students," she said.

The Santa Fe school district in Galveston County has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the ruling of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bellamy Brothers to perform at United Way event

HERALD Staff Report

Tickets to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kickoff luncheon are on sale at the United Way office.

The luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. Sept. 7 at Garrett Hall, will feature the internationally acclaimed Bellamy Brothers, who have scored 13 number one singles.

The Bellamy Brothers' first hit, "Let Your Love Flow" was released in 1976, and hit the #1 spot on the charts in 10 countries. It is one of 13 number one hits, 30 Top 10 hits and 50 chart singles they have released.

"If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body" stayed on the top of the country charts for three consecutive weeks and was originally penned by David on a dinner napkin.

The luncheon includes a meal, catered by Al's & Son Bar-B-Que. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the United Way office, 406-1/2 Runnels St.

The luncheon annually marks the beginning of the United Way fund drive. This year's goal is \$225,000.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.
•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

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

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of

MEETINGS

Moore Development For Big Spring, Inc. board will convene at 3 p.m. Monday.

Directors will go into executive session to discuss real estate with Hirschfeld Seel.

EDINBURG (AP) — than 20 years, Me Betts taught first eighth-graders in school.

As a black teacher the Rio Grande Valley children, she was what her white colleagues made. district gave her teaching materials.

Thirty years later school district had elementary school honor.

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POLICE

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

•CALVIN WILLIAMS, 46, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JAMES ESCOBAR, 21, was arrested on local warrants.

•NOEL ORTEGA, 22, was arrested for public intoxication.

•RAFAEL LOPEZ, 55, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy and the 1100 block of Gregg.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson and the 200 block of Cindy.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Young.

•FORGERY was reported in the 1700 block of State.

•THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of E. Fourth, 800 block of Lancaster and the 1900 block of Gregg.

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Court overturns conviction of Republic of Texas leader, follower

EL PASO (AP) — Organized crime convictions against Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren and an associate were overturned by an appeals court that said there was insufficient evidence against them.

"What it boils down to is if you allege it you've got to prove it," said Mike Barclay, an attorney for McLaren associate Robert "White Eagle" Otto.

In separate but nearly identical opinions issued Friday, the Texas 8th Court of Appeals entered judgments of acquittal for McLaren and Otto in connection with the kidnapping of

a couple.

"There was no showing that McLaren abducted Joe and Margaret Ann Rowe," the El Paso-based appellate court said. Prosecutors had argued that while McLaren was not present at the Rowes' home, he had plotted and directed the kidnapping.

The kidnapping preceded a weeklong standoff by the Republic of Texas — which believes Texas is an independent nation — with about 100 law enforcement officers in the mountains of far West Texas in April 1997.

McLaren is serving a 99-year

prison sentence and Otto received a 50-year term for the kidnapping. Barclay said he plans to ask for bail for Otto as early as Monday.

It is unlikely McLaren will be released from prison any time soon. In addition to the state term, he was sentenced to 12 years in federal prison for participating in a fraudulent scheme to distribute \$1.8 billion in worthless Republic warrants, which resembled cashier's checks.

Prosecutor Albert Valadez said an appeal was in the works. He also said McLaren and Otto could face additional

charges stemming from the same incident, such as burglary or aggravated assault.

Asked about the possibility of additional charges, McLaren attorney Frank Brown said: "We'll have to litigate the issue of double-jeopardy at that time."

Testimony in McLaren's trial in October 1997 in Alpine showed that three of his followers in the Republic had stormed the Rowes' home in the Davis Mountains Resort and taken them hostage on April 27, 1997. The couple, who lived near Republic members and had quarreled with McLaren, were taken hostage, allegedly in

retaliation for the arrest of another Republic member, Robert Scheidt.

The Rowes were held hostage in their own home for more than 12 hours before they were exchanged for Scheidt.

The hostage-taking touched off a standoff between McLaren and other Republic members and scores of state troopers, who laid siege to the group's remote resort 175 miles southeast of El Paso until the group surrendered a week later.

Months later, McLaren and Otto were convicted of engaging in organized criminal activity — essentially participating in a

conspiracy — to commit aggravated kidnapping.

Republic members contend the U.S. annexation of Texas in 1845 was illegal and refuse to recognize Texas' statehood and institutions, including the court system.

At trial, McLaren and Otto represented themselves and treated the proceedings as a sham. After the prosecution rested, they asked their standby court-appointed counsel to file motions for a mistrial and for directed verdicts of acquittal. The judge denied both and a jury eventually took less than two hours to convict.

Corpus Christi officials move to fire no-shows

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — City employees who blew out of town when Hurricane Bret threatened might soon find themselves out of work.

City Manager David Garcia is moving to terminate at least 67 employees who broke their deal to be available for work when the weather gets rough.

"It's a requirement for working for the city," Garcia told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times for Saturday editions. "We need them to keep the water running, the gas going, the streets cleared — there are a 100 essential functions that these employees need to be doing."

All of the city's police officers and firefighters reported for

work during last weekend's storm. Bret appeared headed directly for Corpus Christi but hit shore about 70 miles south in sparsely populated Kenedy County.

The city's actions are not unprecedented. In 1980, when Hurricane Allen hit, 40 essential city employees left their coworkers to twist in the wind. Four were fired and the rest disciplined.

The employees — from 10 departments including gas, water, wastewater, parks and streets — all agreed to work during hurricanes and other emergencies when they were hired, said Cynthia Garcia, the city's human relations manager.

Each year, just before hurricane season, essential employees sign documents saying they understand the policy. About 1,500 of the city's more than 3,600 employees are designated as essential.

Cynthia Garcia said each of the no-shows has been sent a letter, asking them to explain why the city shouldn't fire them.

The city can fire the employees, suspend them without pay or do nothing.

She said she has seen few good excuses.

One employee said his elderly mother was evacuating with other family members and

became hysterical when he told her he was going to stay — so the employee left.

Another employee heard there was an evacuation of the city, so he left.

One worker said he was fishing, received a page but had no phone to return the call.

David Garcia said he will consider each case but noted that, "For every excuse that someone makes for not showing up, we've got a 100 employees that showed up."

"This kind of behavior is not going to be tolerated," he said. "It reflects poorly on the thousands of employees who left their families and came and did their duty."

Border school honors African-American teacher

EDINBURG (AP) — For more than 20 years, Melissa Dotson Betts taught first- through eighth-graders in a one-room school.

As a black teacher teaching the Rio Grande Valley's black children, she was paid half what her white and Hispanic colleagues made. The school district gave her no money or teaching materials.

Thirty years later, the same school district has named an elementary school in Mrs. Betts' honor.

It's the only school in the Rio Grande Valley named after an African-American.

Quite a departure from Mrs. Betts' one classroom building, the new school has about 30 classrooms and 25 teachers. There's also a library stocked with books, networked computers, and multimedia equipment.

Although you probably won't spot a black face among the 500

or so prekindergartners through fifth-graders, that doesn't mean the kids won't be learning about black history and culture.

"The African-American community is a rich one and it has done a lot of things in building this community, but it's been a history that's been overlooked," said Beverly Fridie, the educator who led the effort to have a school named after Mrs. Betts.

Through books, videotapes, and other materials, the school will be a resource for African-American history in the predominantly Mexican-American Valley, said Ms. Fridie, who also heads the Valley chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"I always say to know African-American history is to know your own because it's intertwined," Ms. Fridie said. "You can't know one without

the other."

Born in Giddings in 1902, Mrs. Betts taught black children at the George Washington Carver School in Edinburg from 1938 to 1961, seven years after the Supreme Court declared segregation unconstitutional.

There were only two schools in the Valley for black children back then and students had to leave the Valley if they wanted to attend high school, Ms. Fridie said.

After desegregation, Mrs. Betts also taught white and Hispanic students. She died in 1988.

Betts Elementary was one of six new schools named by a committee that considered nominations from the community.

Choosing Mrs. Betts from all the candidates submitted was a color-blind decision, said Carmen Gonzalez, an assistant superintendent for the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District.

Mrs. Betts' accomplishments and contributions to the community were what made her stand out.

"I don't think that we realized that we were making history," Ms. Gonzalez said.

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OUR VIEWS

We'll meet you at the county fair

Have you ever seen a "ranch rodeo?" Care to try rock climbing or bull riding? Want to know who makes the best cookies in town?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then you belong at this year's Howard County Fair. But in fact, the fair offers much more than that. There are steer, goat and lamb shows, a domino tournament and a remote-control car race. The Harley Owners Group will be selling barbecue and chili, and local and area cheerleaders are slated to "battle" for awards.

For the kids, there is a carnival and petting zoo each day of the fair. Food is in plentiful supply also, from burgers and soft drinks to Belgian waffles and ice cream.

Don't miss the nightly entertainment, which is free with your fair admission. It includes Gene Watson on Wednesday, Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys Friday, and Johnny Rodriguez closing the fair Saturday night. On Thursday, local musicians will treat fairgoers to "Gospel Night."

If all that is not enough, there will be plenty of booths in the main fair barn, hawking their wares or advertising goods and services. While there, you can see hundreds of pieces creative arts, baking, canning and handicraft entries.

In short, the fair has more to offer than we could name in one place. It's better that you just give it a try.

Take the family and visit this once-a-year attraction Monday through Friday between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., or Saturday from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Entry fees are \$4 for adults and \$2 for kids, and on Saturday, those who arrive before noon get \$1 off the ticket price.

Join us at the fair — a local tradition not to be missed!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Recently, lightning set a CRP grass fire just south of us.

Didn't get their names but a volunteer fire crew came on the west and another on the east and soon had it under control.

Howard County is fortunate to have these prompt and well-trained caring crews for our protection.

Thank you Howard County Volunteer Firefighters for another job well done.

LELAND WALLACE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
Thanks to all who helped make our annual festival at Sacred Heart Church very successful.

May God bless you. Thanks to: Tony and Michelle Uranga, Seneca Arguello, Janet Wiggins, Letty Lozano, Ramona Foster, Elvira Gandar, Lupe Garcia, Michael Rangel, Dolores Rivera, Monica Gonzales, M.J. Viera and Little Adam L.

FATHER PLAGENS AND
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OTHER VIEWS

The alliance between Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and ex-premier Yevgeny Primakov is one of the most interesting developments in Russia's politics. The alliance seems very strong ... and it appears likely to get a majority in the Duma and (to elect) one of its candidates to the presidency of the federation.

It is certain, however, that in the upcoming months the confrontation between this party

and President Boris Yeltsin's allies will be violent, and it will be filled with low blows from both sides.

The main actors on the political scene are what they are: but nobody has so far spoken out against democracy, and hopefully a new generation of politicians will come out after the year 2000 to clean up the worst aspects of Russian politics.

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Finding the importance in what we've lost

It took me more than 31 adult years, but I've now experienced something I never really believed would happen.

There was the usual pomp and circumstance of a high school football game ... there were cheerleaders greeting one another ... there were student council officers shaking hands ... but there was something missing. Never in my life would I believe we would open a high school football game without a prayer, but we did.

Fear of lawsuits and incurring the wrath of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals have caused school officials across the land to halt the practice of student-led prayers before football games. And while those districts might not have said "no" to the pre-game pause to ask God to intervene and keep participant and spectator alike from harm, they have at least said "not now."

In a land where our currency reads "In God We Trust," those who would be offended by a pre-game prayer have forced all others to kowtow to their beliefs.

As I try to sort out the court's ruling that football games are not a solemn enough event to warrant student-led prayer, I get caught up in the thought that if every day life is a solemn enough event for us to go to the Lord in prayer, then surely an activity where there is some risk of injury to the participants is serious enough for us to ask God to hold us in His hands.

I don't envy the courts, because they must deal directly with the law. Problems arise, however, over the interpretation of the law and the imposition of personal beliefs and feelings when rulings are handed down — and the fact common sense can't come into play.

Our country was founded by people who were seeking religious freedom ... who wanted to be able to worship as they pleased ... who didn't want to be persecuted for their belief in God Almighty.

That doesn't seem so different from people today, does it?

It would be refreshing to think there was a school district out there where the trustees were gutsy enough to stand up to the ruling, but common sense — at least in this case — should override guts.

Nowadays, trustees also face legal challenges for their actions. That means if there was a pre-game prayer and Little Susie didn't like it, her folks could go out and find

themselves an ACLU attorney and file suit — against the district as well as the trustees individually.

There's no doubt the court's ruling has created controversy and placed pressure on those involved.

Consider 16-year-old Stephanie Vega, who is a junior at Santa Fe High School in Galveston County.

Stephanie had been elected by other students to deliver short messages "solemnizing" each of the Santa Fe Indians' home games. But with her high school at the center of a national debate over school-sanctioned prayer, the 16-year-old junior changed her mind.

School districts statewide have been struggling to decide how to comply with a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that football games are not a solemn enough event to warrant student-led prayer.

In Santa Fe, superintendent Richard Ownby had warned publicly that any student who led prayers at the Indians' Sept. 3 opener against Crosby "would be disciplined as if they had cursed."

In a statement released through Houston attorney Kelly Cogan, Vega explained her resignation.

"When a student is told by the government that she may say anything except a prayer, and if she does pray, she will be disciplined as if she had cursed, it is just too much pressure," the statement read.



JOHN H. WALKER



Redigging the wells at Victory United Methodist

The preacher quoted from Genesis 26, the story of a resolute Isaac, who redug the wells of his father after the Philistines filled them with earth.

Carter Clay, the church's youngest member, passed out copies of a poem he had written, "From the Ashes."

Men stood for long, quiet minutes, staring blankly at the black and curdled remains of Victory United Methodist Church.

There was genuine grief, so the women brought food, and lots of it. In the South, nothing works better than a casserole balm.

"If we learned one thing from this," Alvin Chambers said, "it's that nothing is permanent. The Lord might trust you with it awhile, but he can take it away."

Then Alvin, 72, cut into his

yellow meat watermelons and spread the quarters on a long table, for the crowd.

In a picnic pavilion on a steamy, cloudless night, the members and friends of Victory Church vowed to rebuild. Less than a week after lightning struck a pole and fire engulfed the beautiful 1897 building on Aug. 12, those who loved it were determined to be brave and cheerful. It was hard, with such a great loss outlined in red and yellow plastic tape right behind them.

Victory Church meets only once a month and has but 14 members. The church, though, has long been a community gathering spot, a historic landmark, a constant in a countryside where things change too quickly and too often. Victory, the community, is like something from a calendar page, a summer month, its rolling green lawns and milk-white houses the stuff of another era.

And the centerpiece, the pride, was the 102-year-old church. It defied architectural description, with a three-story bell tower and steeple on one side, a pagoda on the other. The interior was as plain as the outside was fancy. Walls

were of unpainted heart pine, which, of course, burned fast and furiously as members like Alvin watched helplessly in the night.

There was a carillon, its speakers on a pole that drew the lightning bolt.

"When you were hot and working a fence row, that bell would ring," Eric McGrew said, his voice trailing off. "I think you just became chairman of the bell committee," Tommy Greer, the pastor, said. Everyone laughed.

Greer pointed out that the two things the church needed to carry on had survived: the cornerstone, which was undamaged, and a century-old bell, cracked by the heat, but "which we will ring to let people know we've rebuilt."

Greer took an informal vote, and everyone agreed with a basic plan: "We'll try to get as close as we can to what we had." Then, as churches are wont to do, he said he'd name a committee.

Meanwhile, offers of help are coming, including one from the Bowdon Area Historical Society. It offered the use of a restored Protestant-Methodist chapel in nearby Bowdon for

Victory's interim services.

Others have offered hymnals, a piano, chairs, pews, money and bulldozing. The church had insurance, but not enough to replace the lost structure. Donations can be sent to Victory Church at P.O. Box 2069, Carrollton, GA 30117.

When the preacher finished, Alvin Chambers presented him with a plywood sign, the paint still sticky. "Future Home of Victory United Methodist Church," it read. Retired Air Force Col. L.E. Witt had painted the sign — "with less than 24 hours notice" — Chambers said. Everyone clapped.

The sight from the farm road would have looked peculiar to a stranger passing in the twilight. The blackened ruins, dividing the sky like matchsticks dropped on a blue rug. The pews and altar, looking as if they'd been dipped in bubbling tar, and singed red hymnals stacked on the steps. A brass collection plate, melted like a stick of butter.

And in the shadow of that demolished building, the people who'd been coming here a lifetime, having a picnic, soldiering on.

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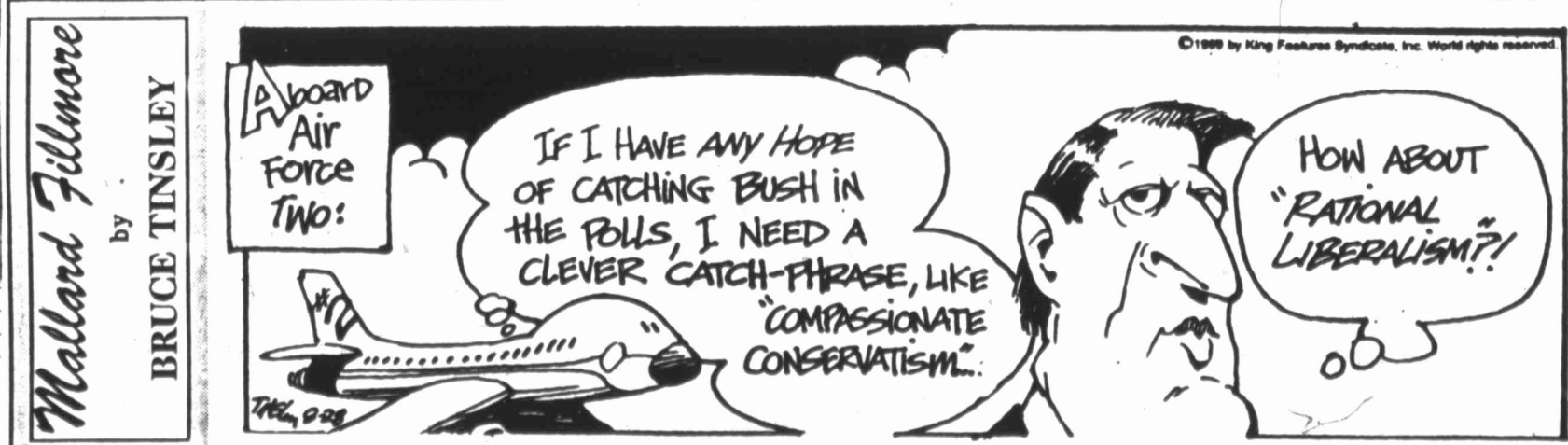
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FCC order updates police access to phone calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — New government wiretapping rules will allow police, with a judge's permission, to track cellular phone users by their location at the beginning and end of a call.

The rules, announced Friday by the Federal Communications Commission, are intended to help law enforcement authorities keep pace with advances in phone technology. Privacy groups complained that the government was effectively turning cellular phones into tracking devices.

Another rule would allow investigators to listen in on phone conversations of all parties to a conference call, even if some are put on hold and are no longer talking to the target of the legal wiretap. Authorities with a court order also could determine when someone is using call-forwarding, three-

way calling or other features.

"Our actions today will help ensure that law enforcement has the most up-to-date technology to fight crime," FCC Chairman Bill Kennard said.

The rules help implement a 1994 law that requires companies to make digital wiretapping technology available to law enforcement agencies.

The commission stepped in after the Justice Department, FBI and the telecommunications industry failed to agree on a plan after years of negotiations. The Justice Department and FBI got much of what they sought.

The companies have until March 2000 to set equipment standards that integrate the added requirements and until Sept. 30, 2001, to implement them.

The Justice Department said

the FCC's order addressed its major concerns and would aid officers in fighting terrorism, organized crime and illegal drug activity.

"The continuing technological changes in the nation's telecommunications systems present increasing challenges to law enforcement," Attorney General Janet Reno said. "This ruling will enable law enforcement to keep pace with these changes and ensure we will be able to maintain our capability to conduct court-authorized electronic surveillance."

Privacy groups said the FCC overstepped the 1994 law.

"We are deeply disappointed that on all the issues that mattered, the commission ruled against privacy and in favor of expanded FBI surveillance," said Jim Dempsey, counsel at the Washington-based Center

for Democracy and Technology.

Industry groups said communications companies will have a hard time meeting the deadlines.

"It's a real time crunch and resource drain," said Grant Seiffert, vice president for government relations at the Telecommunications Industry Association, which represents major equipment manufacturers.

The requirements also will be costly for the nation's local phone companies, according to the United States Telephone Association.

Tom Wheeler, head of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, said he hoped law enforcement authorities would "provide carriers with the flexibility necessary to implement these capabilities in a way that makes sense."

Western wildfires have revived conflict over forest management

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — As more than 20 major wildfires charred brush and timber on thousands of acres in five western states Friday, critics said the Forest Service should be doing more to clear undergrowth that can fuel catastrophic wildfires.

Forest Service officials say it will take years of aggressive cutting and controlled burns to return the forests to the state they were in before humans intervened.

Wildfires had raged across at least 190,000 acres by Friday afternoon — more than half in California and others in Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Texas.

Hundreds of residents were chased from their homes in California and Nevada early this week, but few homes have burned, and no mandatory evacuations were in effect Friday.

Firefighters have carved con-

tainment lines around some of the smaller lightning-sparked fires so they can focus on battling uncontrolled blazes.

"They've been able to handle the new starts and get a better handle on what they're already fighting. Things are looking better today," said Janelle Smith of the National Interagency Fire Center.

Environmentalists and loggers have had a long-standing argument with the government over federal forest management.

Michael Papparian, a Sierra Club representative, said the wildfires underscore the need for active forest management.

Years of aggressive firefighting have allowed brush to flourish that, left alone, would have been cleared away naturally by wildfires, he said. That brush now fuels wildfires, making them so hot they kill large trees that otherwise would likely survive.

Greenspan: Stock market playing bigger role in economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve needs to pay closer attention to what happens on Wall Street, Chairman Alan Greenspan said Friday, since Americans reaping the rewards of the high-flying stock market are using those paper profits to justify spending and other financial decisions.

Some economists interpreted his comments as a signal that the Fed may further raise interest rates this year. Two previous increases — this week and on June 30 — have failed to dampen the Wall Street stock-buying "exuberance" that Greenspan has expressed concern about.

Stock prices were down slightly after his speech.

"We no longer have the luxury to look primarily to the flow of goods and services, as conventionally estimated," when

evaluating broad economic conditions, Greenspan told colleagues at the Federal Reserve's annual retreat in Wyoming's Grand Tetons. The text was distributed in Washington.

The Fed's recent interest rate increases have been aimed at easing inflationary pressures that central bank policy-makers fear are building in the economy as U.S. consumers continue a protracted spending binge.

Despite the announcement on Tuesday of this year's second quarter-point increase in the influential federal funds rate — the interest rate at which banks lend each other money — the Dow Jones average of industrial stocks hit a record high of 11,326 on Wednesday before declining a bit the next day.

"The concern is this: The major driver of consumer spending right now is the stock

market. Until and unless we can reduce some of that unwarranted enthusiasm in the stock market we are not going to be able to slow consumer spending for a soft landing," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist with Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis.

There has long been a debate in economic circles over whether financial markets should be taken into consideration when the Fed sets interest rate policy. Since a primary goal of the central bank is to keep inflation in check, some argue, it needs to focus mostly on price changes in the real economy, looking at such things as whether commodity prices or wages are rising too quickly.

Greenspan, however, in Friday's speech, said that given the larger percentage of house-

hold wealth that is now accounted for by investments, the central bank needs to watch financial markets more carefully.

An estimated 44 percent of American households owned stock either directly or through retirement plans in 1998, up from 20 percent to 25 percent about a decade earlier.

"There are important — but extremely difficult — questions surrounding the behavior of asset prices and the implications of this behavior for the decisions of households and businesses," Greenspan said.

The difficulty for economic forecasters, Greenspan said, is that despite all the sophisticated economic models at their disposal, it still is virtually impossible to predict when a financial market becomes overvalued and a crash is imminent.

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Panel suggests studying genetic link to Gulf War illnesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — A presidential panel looking into Gulf War illnesses said Friday that it can't pinpoint causes of the ailments and recommended further studies into whether there are genetic reasons for why some troops got sick when others did not.

In an interim report, the Special Oversight Board on Gulf War Illness ruled out one suspected cause — exposure to depleted uranium used in U.S. munitions. The panel agreed with independent studies that found no evidence for the uranium link.

The board, headed by former Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., issued a series of recommendations designed to keep better track of those with diagnosed and undiagnosed Gulf War illnesses, make clearer information available to the public and lead to better federal coordination.

While the Defense Department "has conducted a credible investigation into the causes of Gulf War illnesses," the board "has not been shy about pointing out areas needing further improvement," Rudman said.

For instance, the report suggested that the Pentagon office on Gulf War illnesses had

engaged in "mission creep," expanding its responsibilities and publishing "information papers" that didn't relate directly to Gulf War illnesses.

The board also suggested declassifying certain intelligence reports on the war that might bear on the illnesses.

If a series of what it called "observations," the panel said: — More extensive study into whether genetic predisposition to certain illnesses may explain why some Gulf War veterans with similar exposures are ill while others are not.

The government should try to correlate signs and symptoms of Gulf War illnesses with "an age- and gender-matched general population sample."

For future wars, the Pentagon should consider fitting soldiers with electronic identification badges so that satellites can track and record battlefield movements.

The report sought to settle the debate over the danger of depleted uranium, which coats U.S. artillery shells and bombs designed to penetrate tank armor.

On impact, the shells create an airborne dust.

Some veterans groups have suggested hundreds of thou-

sands of the men and women who served in the Gulf War had come in contact with depleted uranium. Some claimed to suffer from unexplained illnesses or increased cancer rates.

But studies by the Pentagon and Rand Corp., an independent research organization that specializes in military affairs, failed to find a link between depleted uranium and these illnesses, suggesting radiation levels in the substance are relatively low.

"The board agrees with the conclusion that the available evidence does not support claims that depleted uranium is causing the undiagnosed illnesses some Gulf War veterans are experiencing," the report said.

One veterans' group, the National Gulf War Resource Center, denounced the panel's findings on depleted uranium as "incomplete whitewash and failure."

The panel ignored research suggesting that the material "settles in the bone, brain, kidney, lung, liver and testicles," the group said.

The panel was also criticized for not reaching any conclusions on whether contaminants from oil well fires in Kuwait

contributed to the illnesses.

The panel said it would deal with that issue in its final report.

As many as 30,000 veterans of the war have complained of mysterious maladies, including fatigue, joint pain and memory loss, that they claim are related to their service in the Gulf.

A final report is due in May.

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Anger over FBI's Waco admission stokes congressional investigations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prompted by the latest furor over federal law enforcement's conduct during the final, fateful hours in the 1993 standoff with the Branch Davidians, Congress is scurrying to review years-old hearing records and organize a fresh round of inquiries.

Congressional ire was raised with the FBI's admission this week — after years of claims to the contrary — that a "very limited number" of incendiary tear gas grenades were lobbed near the Davidians' compound outside Waco, Texas, in the hours before the wooden structure erupted in flames. The acknowledgment came on the heels of a newspaper report challenging the earlier statements.

"It is now clear that the Justice Department misled the Congress and the American peo-

ple," said House Government Reform Committee Chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind., accusing officials of "sitting on this evidence for six years, all the while maintaining that it didn't exist."

Burton, who dispatched investigators to Austin this week to review evidence gathered from the compound's charred remains, pledged to convene hearings, calling them "absolutely essential."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who pronounced the credibility of Attorney General Janet Reno's Justice Department at "an all-time low," is moving towards hearings as well. And House Judiciary Committee staffers are wading through testimony from the 10 days of nationally televised House hear-

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—Attorney General Janet Reno

ings in 1995 to determine if new inquiries are warranted.

Rep. Bob Barr, who participated in the earlier hearings, suggested that perjury charges should be considered. "To me, the Waco attack was the darkest day in U.S. law enforcement history, and I would hate to see that darkened even more by perjury," the Georgia Republican said.

A clearly frustrated Reno, who had earlier assured Congress that only non-burning tear gas was used during the

April 19, 1993, assault, ordered up a probe of her own. "I don't think it's very good for my credibility," she said of the FBI's about-face. "That's the reason I'm going to pursue it until I get to the truth."

Reno, who has been a favorite target of congressional Republicans over her handling of issues ranging from Whitewater and Democratic campaign fund-raising abuses to the appointment of independent counsels, will face the hot seat again. Burton said he will summon Reno to

testify.

"As I've always said with respect to congressional oversight, I welcome it, and I'll be happy to cooperate in every way that I can," she said prior to Burton's announcement.

Details of the investigation ordered by Reno have yet to be ironed out. A team of 40 FBI agents is standing at the ready to investigate the events surrounding the final assault, awaiting a decision from Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh on who will head the probe and what its parameters will be.

FBI spokesman Tron Brekke said Reno and Freeh have not discounted the possibility of appointing an outside investigator.

The former senior FBI official who touched off the controversy by publicly revealing that mili-

tary pyrotechnic canisters were used in the waning hours of the 51-day siege said the Justice Department "has no business" investigating itself.

Danny Coulson, who was a deputy assistant FBI director during the standoff, voiced little support either for congressional hearings, which he termed political theater.

"It needs to be investigated and decided in a cooler environment, one away from the TV cameras," Coulson said, recommending an independent investigation.

Spurred by the FBI's reversal, Barr and others are pressing for inquiries far afield of the tear gas issue. They are demanding answers to some nagging controversies, among them why the Army's secretive Delta Force was on the scene.

Weapons labs scientists contend polygraphs make us all suspects

LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) — The intent is to catch spies. But the effect of polygraph tests at Energy Department weapons labs will be to scare off new researchers and demoralize those who remain, scientists there say.

"I don't think you'll find very many people who are in favor of polygraphing," says Betty Gunther, who works in the computing division of Los Alamos in New Mexico.

"What we're talking about is destroying a very good research institution."

The tests are proposed as part of a new spy-fighting initiative prompted by allegations that a Los Alamos scientist passed nuclear secrets to China. The investigation, which found the man had downloaded thousands of files of super-secret codes into his unclassified computer, brought accusations the labs aren't doing a good job of keeping nuclear secrets.

Since the Energy Department announced its plans earlier this year, scientists at the nation's three nuclear weapons labs, Livermore in California and Los Alamos and Sandia in New Mexico, have made it clear they're worried about hanging their careers on the squiggly lines of a polygraph machine.

"Our concern here is that it will actually undermine, not bolster, national security," said Alan Zelicoff, a senior scientist at Sandia.

He said the tests have a very low "true positive" rate, meaning they won't be very efficient spycatchers, but probably will be effective at putting off bright young recruits.

"Come to the DOE labs, we'll pay you a third of what you'd get in Silicon Valley and, by the way, you're guilty until proven innocent." That's counterproductive, Zelicoff said.

National weapons lab scientist Patrick Weidhaas likened the

situation to anti-Communist sweeps of the 1950s.

"This was America at its worst, and we do not need another witch hunt," he wrote in a newsletter this month to colleagues at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Details of the tests — who must take them and when — are still being worked out. The first of four public hearings on the issue will be held Sept. 14 in Livermore.

The tests consist of only four work-related questions — "basically, are you a spy," says Jim Danneskiold, Los Alamos spokesman.

Opponents worry about the possibility of "false positives" from the polygraphs, which are generally not admitted in court because of questions about their reliability.

"Once that red flag goes up, it won't go down," Weidhaas said this week.

Energy Department officials

say the tests should have a very small error rate. The department's security head, Eugene Habiger, who passed one last month, said the tests should have fewer than one error in a thousand.

Employees who fail can take a second, more detailed, test. A

second failure triggers an evaluation that also includes such things as work history.

The testing is supported by the University of California, which manages Los Alamos and Livermore.

"National security now is of the utmost importance and with new technologies out there ... new ways of penetrating security systems, it is just more important than ever to make sure that those people in those sensitive positions are completely reliable and understand their responsibilities," said UC spokesman Rick Malaspina.

Starr paid \$4.2 million for outside help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kenneth Starr's office paid \$1.5 million to private investigators and spent \$843,000 for advice on legal and ethical issues, a new accounting of his five-year investigation of the Clintons and their associates shows.

Starr's independent counsel's office listed \$4.2 million in contract work in response to questions from Democratic Sens. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota and Patrick Leahy of Vermont. The investigation's total cost has topped \$40 million.

Payments ranged from \$591,915 for computer support to \$263 to the appraiser who put a value on President Clinton's gifts to Monica Lewinsky, the General Accounting Office said

this week.

A single contract for investigative work was \$341,703.

In all, Starr's office reported 10 contracts with outside investigators who interviewed witnesses, analyzed evidence and handled other tasks.

No other details were provided and the investigators' names were withheld for "security reasons," the GAO said in letters to Dorgan and Leahy.

"There is no conceivable way to justify these types of expenditure," Leahy said Friday. "This is after he tied up 78 FBI agents" assigned to his office.

Leahy complained that Starr gave incomplete answers to auditors for the congressional watchdog agency and said he

would press for more details. That GAO accounting was requested by Leahy and Dorgan.

"The taxpayers are entitled to it, so we don't make these kinds of mistakes in the future," he said.

Leahy said accountability was a long-standing problem with the independent counsel law under which Starr was appointed.

The law expired June 30 but the work of existing independent counsels continues.

Elizabeth Ray, a spokeswoman for Starr's office, said the office's mandate involved a "monumental effort" that "required unusual commitments of resources."

Panel reaches compromise on Commandments

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) — Hoping to avoid a fight over a proposal to post the Ten Commandments in schools, a committee proposed on Friday that officials create an elective in comparative religion and allow student Ten Commandment Clubs instead.

"I'm confident that what we have before you today is something that can withstand any challenge," said the school district's attorney, David Andrews.

A Baptist pastor had suggested posting the Ten Commandments in every school in the district as a counterbalance to the use of metal detectors and guards in the 9,400-student district that spends about \$300,000 a year on security.

The Rev. Gary Dull had also asked the school board to offer an elective on the Ten Commandments and allow his congregants to give students bookmarks spelling out the religious rules.

A school board committee that included Dull and a rabbi worked on the compromise, which must be approved by the board.

Under the agreement, high school students would be able to take a new comparative religion class, the Ten Commandments and other religious documents would be available in the libraries of every school and students would be able to start after-school Ten Commandments Clubs to further discuss them.

The proposal also would allow

religious groups to distribute literature to students outside schools, though that's already allowed on public property.

The district carefully couched the proposal in secular terms in an attempt to avoid legal challenges, calling it an effort to build the characters of students.

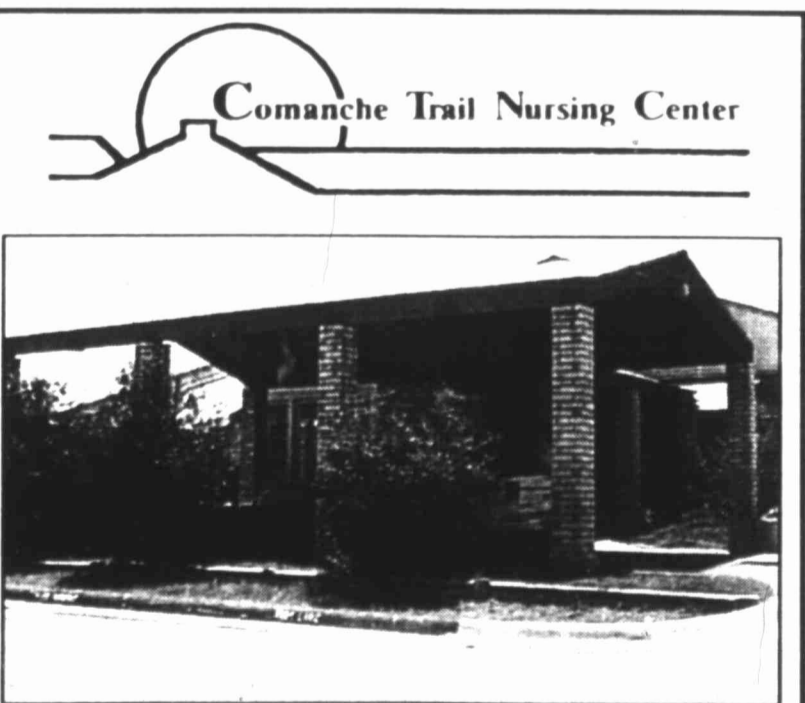
The U.S. Supreme Court barred schools from posting the

Ten Commandments in 1980.

"What's the challenge?" Superintendent Dennis Murray said.

"How can you be against character building? I'm sure somebody will be."

Members of the clergy, elected officials and lawmakers nationwide are pushing the Bible as a solution to school violence.



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4	30,895	2,575	595
5	36,112	3,010	695
6	41,329	3,445	795
7	46,546	3,879	896
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Popular as gun c makes s

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Popular show in the sights as gun control momentum makes strides in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Emboldened by a shooting rampage in its own backyard, Los Angeles County is trying to shut down weapons sales at the nation's largest gun show, igniting a volatile battle between California firearms sellers and anti-gun forces.

The vote last week by the Board of Supervisors to ban gun sales on county property is part of a groundswell in California, where Gov. Gray Davis signed three weapons-related laws on Friday.

"This is the right thing to do," said Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, whose ordinance won initial approval on a 3-2 vote and is headed to a second vote.

"Real people, the people in supermarkets and in the corridors of the county buildings, are stunned that the county is profiting from guns," he said in an interview. "Why are we facilitating the sale and distribution of weapons?"

The ordinance would hit hard at the Great Western Gun Show, which boasts as many as 5,300 vendor tables and draws up to 35,000 people to each of its four annual events at the Los Angeles County fairgrounds in Pomona.

The vote came just two weeks after a gunman shot up a Jewish community center in the San Fernando Valley, wounding three little boys, a teen-age girl and a woman, and then gunned down a postal worker delivering mail nearby.

The assault also revived memories of the notorious 1997 North Hollywood bank robbery shootout between police and two gunmen in body armor firing automatic rifles. More than a dozen people were wounded before the robbers went down.

But those who defend the right to gun ownership remain adamant in their views.

"The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors has behaved immorally," raged Wallace Beinfeld, head of the National Association of Arms Shows.

In spite of recent revelations that some guns possessed by the North Hollywood gunmen came from the Great Western Gun Show, Beinfeld insisted, "Bad guys stay away from gun shows. They're better off buying guns at kitchen tables."

The show has had only four arrests in 20 years, he claimed, adding, "That's safer than Disneyland."

Beinfeld downplayed a recent sting operation by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer's undercover agents that found illegal weapons so readily available at the Great Western Gun Show that agents ran out of money.

Lockyer said his agents were able to buy modified assault weapons, flame thrower kits, a rocket launcher and kits to convert guns into illegal automatic weapons.

Agents also said they witnessed the selling of handguns to people who were not asked to wait 10 days for a background check, as required by law.

"No one asked for any background checks, waiting periods, no paperwork," Lockyer said.

County Supervisor Mike Antonovich voted against the gun show ban and denounced it as political grandstanding that penalizes the law-abiding.

"The solution to gun violence is a zero-tolerance policy against criminals who use guns, and enforcing the law to confiscate guns from convicted felons," Antonovich said.

Family campaigns for responsible drinking

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — At midnight on the dawn of his 21st birthday, Bradley McCue and his buddies headed to a downtown bar for a collegiate celebration ritual: drinking the number of shots equal to his age.

Bradley knew the record among his friends was 23 shots. So he drank for 90 minutes until he reached 24.

His friends took him home and put him to bed. As he passed out, they scribbled "24 shots" on his forehead, thinking he just needed to sleep it off.

A few hours later, Bradley was dead. The alcohol had depressed his system so much that he stopped breathing, his blood-alcohol level at 0.44 percent.

Devastated by their son's death, John and Cindy McCue set out to keep it from happening to others — and to make binge drinking and its dangers more widely known.

"After we started reading and

investigating, we found out this happens a lot," Mrs. McCue said. "People hide it because they're embarrassed, but hiding it means that nobody understands it."

Six months after Bradley's Nov. 5 death, the McCues formed B.R.A.D., for Be Responsible About Drinking, to educate people about drinking and alcohol poisoning.

With their own money and contributions, they send birthday cards to every Michigan State student turning 21 — about 5,000 a year. Each card is signed by the couple and features Bradley's story and picture.

"You're turning 21 ... celebrate! We want you to turn 22 ... celebrate responsibly!" says the card, which includes a wallet-size insert on alcohol poisoning.

The McCues also started a B.R.A.D. Web site that gives alcohol information and memorializes Bradley, a junior who was majoring in parks and

recreation management and was looking forward to a study program in the Netherlands when he died.

They have produced the wallet-sized cards for distribution at colleges and high schools, made videos about alcohol abuse, talked to college and high school groups, and given Michigan State \$7,000 for alcohol education projects.

"They're probably the most powerful spokespeople the university could have," Michigan State spokeswoman Kristan Tetens says. "They bring a real-life perspective. We can talk about it, but they know it."

Sometimes, students who get the birthday cards write back.

"I am writing you to just let you know that you are affecting others and are helping them to make the right decisions," a Michigan State senior wrote in an e-mail.

Mrs. McCue doesn't fault Bradley's friends, pointing out that they had appointed a desig-

nated driver and propped him up when they put him to bed so he wouldn't choke if he vomited.

"It took us a long time to come to grips with the fact that if he had come home that night, we would have done the same thing his friends did," she says. "They thought that when you passed out, you were just sleeping it off."

Now, she hopes Bradley's death and her family's efforts can save others.

"It was on the back burner and this brought it forward," she says. "Drunk driving 20 years ago didn't have the attention it does now. If it takes 20 years to make this a socially acceptable issue, then it will take that long."

The McCues' Web site can be found at www.BRAD21.org. Tax deductible donations to B.R.A.D. can be made through Clarkston State Bank, 15 S. Main St., Clarkston, Mich. 48346.

Finding prompts scientists to look for more water in space

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having found water in a 4.5 billion-year-old meteorite, NASA scientists are searching for more that may have been overlooked in other space rocks.

The water, locked in a purple crystalline mineral called halite — or rock salt — remained uncontaminated by the Earth's atmosphere because scientists studied the meteorite quickly, less than 46 hours after it fell, said Everett Gibson, the NASA scientist who retrieved the space rock last year from Monahans.

Gibson said, "If one can be recovered quickly, please take care of it." He advised anyone who finds a new meteorite to wrap it up and keep it from moisture.

While some look to the heavens for further signs of extraterrestrial water, other examples may be sitting in display cases.

"I'm going around to museums to look for falls from the past that were immediately curated in dry laboratories," said Michael Zolensky of NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Zolensky, who described the discovery Friday in the journal Science, said that older meteorites may still contain water trapped deep inside. He has already found a Moroccan asteroid called Zag that shows signs of containing water.

The Monahans meteorite

dates back to the birth of the solar system, when the sun and planets were a condensing spiral of dust and gas. The tiny bubbles found inside provide the first close look at water not originating on Earth.

"We've known for some time that there was water in the early solar system because we've seen evidence for it," Zolensky said.

The presence of salt is even more mysterious than the water, since sodium chloride usually forms when large bodies of water like oceans evaporate, Zolensky said.

The meteorite may be a piece of a larger asteroid that had liquid water flowing over its surface.

An icy comet could have slammed into the asteroid, delivering the water which then boiled off very quickly, leaving behind the salt crystals with water trapped inside. Another theory is that ice inside an asteroid may have been heated by radioactive decay, creating the halite.

While life beyond Earth remains elusive, the presence of water improves the odds.

"Now we know from this meteorite that there must have been a lot of water around for quite a while and the same meteorites have organics. That basically says all the conditions were there for getting some biology going," Zolensky said.



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Evening Lions Club slates football barbecue Friday
The Big Spring Evening Lions Club has scheduled its 39th annual Football Barbecue for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday 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.

Big Spring Steer tickets still 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 Friday, Sept. 3.
Tickets will be sold from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

County roping scheduled for Sept. 2 at Rodeo Bowl
A "county roping" for Howard County residents has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.
Books open for the event at 5 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. Fees are \$40 for four head, and participants may enter as many as five times.
For more information, call Steve Fryar at 398-5513 or Diane Hofack at 267-8041.

Beach volleyball tourney scheduled for Sept. 18
A beach volleyball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee has been scheduled for Sept. 18 at Comanche Trail Park.
Entry fees for the event are \$40 per team. Each team must have at least six players.
Three sand courts will be set up just west of the Jora Roberts Community Center for the tournament.
For more information, call Javier Becerra at 664-9874 or 267-4560.

YMCA begins registering for inline hockey program
Registration is now under way for the Big Spring Family YMCA's fall inline hockey program.
Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 17 are eligible to play.
Fees for the program are set at \$15 for full YMCA members, \$25 for program members and \$32 for non-members.

Cowboys, Broncos trying to get offenses untracked

IRVING (AP) — Although the Denver Broncos and Dallas Cowboys will probably have explosive offenses this season, they're sure doing a good job of hiding it.
Each team's first unit has had nine drives over three exhibition games and each has scored a grand total of one touchdown. It's not much cause for panic, but it is a slump both teams would like to shake out of tonight when starters get their last extended look of the preseason.
Denver and Dallas will both stick with their first teams throughout the first half.
"Everybody talks about how good or bad a team looks in preseason and it really doesn't matter," Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman said. "We're evaluating players, seeing which guys are doing what and how aggressive they're playing and whether they know their assignments."
An offensive fade was behind Dallas' 2-4 skid to end last season and many of the problems were addressed in the offseason. So far, there's been little improvement.
Aikman has ended three drives by fumbling a snap and throwing two interceptions. Fellow starters haven't helped, committing five penalties for 45 yards.
"We're not looking at results so much," Aikman said. "We're working on a lot of different things."
Cowboys coach Chan Gailey, who is 0-8 in exhibition games over two summers, is looking for improvement more than a victory.

"If it goes great, we don't need to pat ourselves on the back and say we're a lock for the Super Bowl," Gailey said. "We know we have work to do no matter what."
Denver is 2-1 this preseason but its only score from the first team was a 3-yard touchdown run by Derek Loville in the second game. Despite the drought, the two-time Super Bowl champions aren't worried.
"So what?" receiver Rod Smith said. "It's not like we're not going to score any touchdowns. Just right now, it's a feeling-out process."
John Elway could brush off his August critics the way Aikman is, but it's not as easy for Elway's successor, Bubba Brister. He's made himself an easy target by throwing interceptions on the

first play of Denver's first and third games.
Brister fully understands the pressure he's facing and hopes that more playing time Sunday will give him a better chance to get comfortable.
"We moved the ball pretty well in every game, but we just shot ourselves in the foot," Brister said. "We need to get in there and score and finish off drives and gain some confidence."
One way of doing that would be by giving the ball to Terrell Davis as much as possible.
"I'm looking forward to that, seeing where I am as far as my stamina and whether I can go a half down there in the hot Dallas weather," he said. "It should

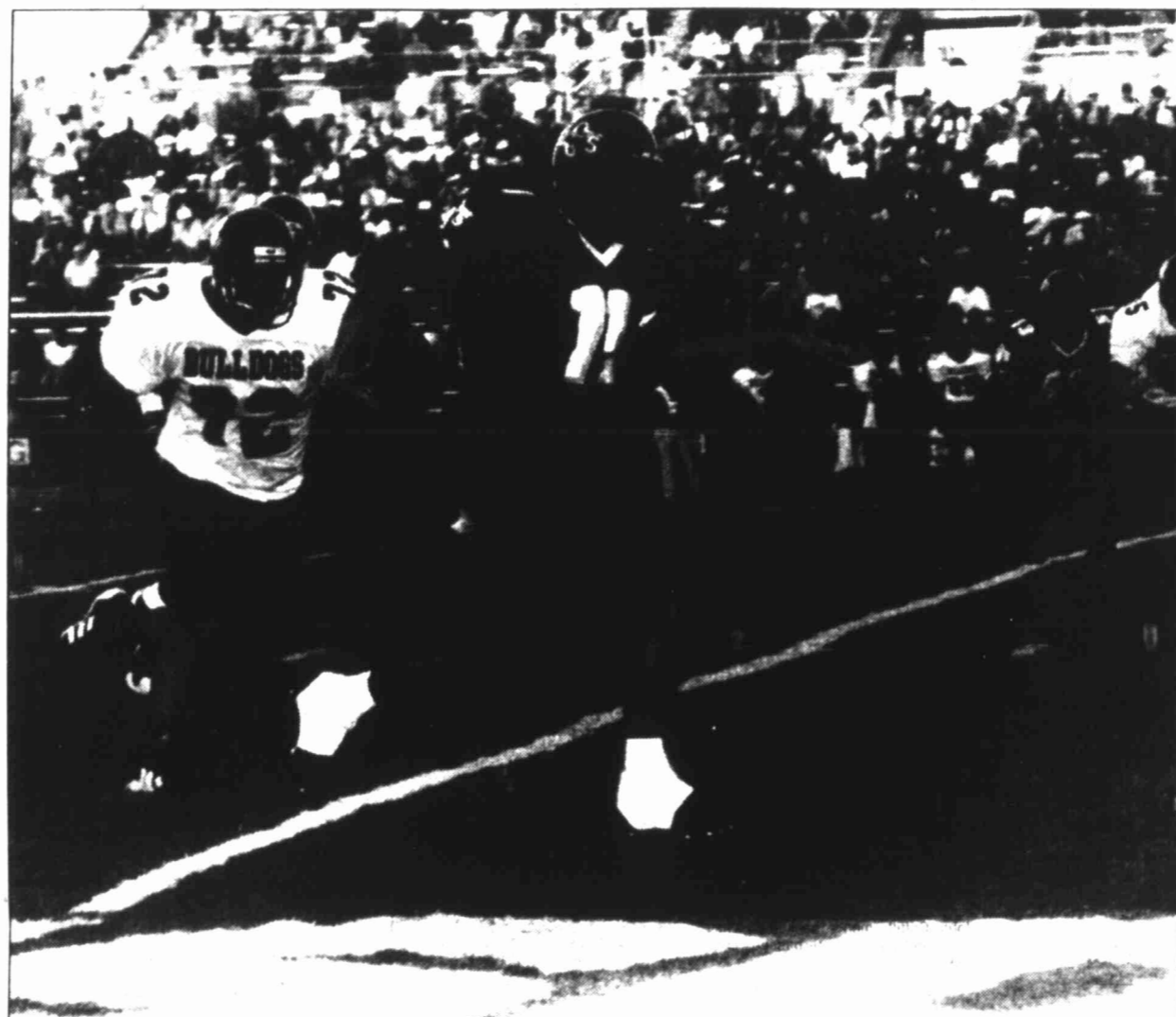
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Steers shock Plainview, 17-7

Carnero's TDs provide upset of No. 10 Dogs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Surprise! Big Spring's Steers delivered the first shocker of the 1999 schoolboy football season Friday night, scoring 17 second-half points to upend No. 10-ranked Plainview's Bulldogs at Lowery Field.
The win was clearly a taste of sweet revenge for the Steers, who'd suffered a 34-16 defeat at the Bulldogs' hands in the first game of 1998, a game that wasn't as close as the final score.
Early in the first half Friday, it looked as the Bulldogs would again steamroll the Steers.
Plainview took the opening kickoff and marched 72 yards in eight plays to take a 7-0 lead. Blue-chip tailback Rod Ansley did most of the damage, accounting for all but 11 yards of the drive, capping the march with a one-yard plunge.
That would be all the Bulldogs could muster, however, as Big Spring's young defense provided a spectacular stand at their own goal with just seconds left in the first half, allowing the Steers to enter the break trailing by just seven.
Plainview had taken possession at its own 8-yard line midway through the second quarter and proceeded to drive to Big Spring's three in 15 plays.
But a fumble by Ansley on a first-and-goal situation was recovered by the Steers, avoiding what would have been a demoralizing blow.
"That was the key play of the game," Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler said. "That's when our kids decided they could play with them. Then, just before we came out for the second half, I reminded them that that were 28 points down at this point last year, but that we were a different team and a better team than that one."
Clearly believers, the Steers took the second half's opening kickoff and junior Colby Ford returned it to midfield.
From there Big Spring dealt the Bulldogs a steady dose of straight ahead running from Ford and Carnero.
While the game was billed as a showdown between Ansley, one of the state's most highly-recruited running backs, and Ford, it was Carnero who stole the show.



Big Spring quarterback Lance Brock (11) scrambles to his right and picks up a first down, as Plainview defender Jon David Shannon (72) tries to make a play from behind during the second quarter of both teams' season opener Friday in Lubbock. The Steers upset the No. 10-ranked Bulldogs, 17-7.

Carnero capped the Steers' drive with a 3-yard plunge to paydirt, but Josh Spencer's extra-point kick sailed wide left, giving Plainview a 7-6 lead.
The Bulldogs seemed poised to answer Big Spring's threat, quickly driving to the Steers' three before again running into trouble.
Plainview was penalized five yards for having two men in motion on a one-and-goal situation, backing them to the Steers' eight. Worse still, Ansley was flattened by three Big Spring defenders and was momentarily forced to the sidelines.
His replacement, Chris Aldape, was promptly thrown for a two-yard loss, and when Ansley returned, the Steers were waiting — throwing him for a seven-yard loss.
The Big Spring defense then flushed Bulldog quarterback Ryan James, forcing him to scramble on a fourth-and-goal situation at the 17. James picked up eight yards, but the Steers took possession.
By that point, the momentum

had clearly swung in Big Spring's favor.
The Steers at up the next eight minutes of the clock in moving to the Plainview 10. A penalty and incomplete pass left the Steers attempting a 31-yard field goal. Spencer atoned for his extra-point miss earlier, splitting the uprights and giving the Steers a 9-7 lead with 4:47 remaining in the game.
Plainview would have just two plays before James mishandled a snap and Big Spring linebacker Arthur Gonzales pounced on the loose football at the Bulldog 17.
With the Bulldog defense again keyed on Ford and for a second time were blistered by Carnero, as he bolted 17 yards up the middle to ice the win. Ford tacked on the two-point conversion run to cap the scoring.
While Ansley led all rushers with 138 yards on 21 carries, Ford lived up to his billing by gaining 117 on 23 carries, setting the stage to spring Carnero, who finished the night with 65 yards on 15 carries

and the two touchdowns.
Butler heaped praise on his players following the victory, offering kudos not only to Carnero, but to both his offensive and defensive lines and quarterback Lance Brock.
Brock, who finished the night 5-for-9 passing for a crucial 100 yards, made the right decisions all night long, Butler said.
"It was exactly the kind of performance we needed from Lance," the Steers boss explained. "He threw to the right receivers when he was supposed to, ran when he was supposed to and threw the ball away when he was supposed to."
More than anything, however, Butler said it was his team's conditioning that made the difference.
"We could tell halfway through the second quarter that we were in better shape than they were," he explained. "Our kids to sense it, too, and they got a lot more aggressive."
"Early in the game, our

Lady Steers consolation champions

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Lady Steers ran their match record to 7-3 Saturday, taking three straight wins to claim the consolation championship of the San Angelo Invitational Volleyball Tournament.
After getting off to a sluggish start in pool play Friday, the Lady Steers were still in a position to put themselves into the tournament's championship bracket when they took on Lubbock Monterey.
But the towering Lady Plainsmen managed back-to-back 15-14 wins to send Big Spring into the consolation bracket.

The Lady Steers had opened pool play with a 15-12, 15-12 win over El Paso Ysleta, then suffered 15-11, 15-13 losses to Water Valley's Lady Wildcats.
"I'd chewed on them pretty good during the Ysleta and Water Valley games, but I couldn't complain about the way we played Monterey," Pierce explained. "And I could tell by the way we challenged Monterey that we were going to come out and play better volleyball on Saturday."
And that they did.

The Lady Steers made quick work of Bronte in the first round of consolation action, posting a 15-6, 15-7 win before getting a much more serious test from El Paso Bel Air.
"We still have times when we lose focus ... start thinking about what we did wrong on the last point, rather than letting that go and getting our minds on what we want to accomplish now," Pierce said after having watched the Lady Steers survive a first-game scare and advance to the consolation championship game with a 12-15, 15-3, 15-4 win over the Lady Highlanders.
Big Spring got an even bigger scare in the championship match with El Paso Bowie, as the Lady Bears jumped out to a 14-9 lead and appeared ready to take control before the Lady Steers got things turned around.

The Lady Steers, getting strong play at the net from sophomore Meghan Pudliner, solid serves from Nina Evans and impressive midcourt work from Lacey Anderson and Monica Rubio, battled back with seven straight points to win the first game 16-14 and then blitzed Bowie in the second game 15-4.
See LADY STEERS, page 9A

Former Steers seem on decidedly different paths at Miami

If you happen to tune in your television to ABC's broadcast of college football's Kickoff Classic pitting Miami's Hurricanes and Ohio State's Buckeyes at 1:30 this afternoon, don't be surprised if former Big Spring Steers star Daniel "Bubba" Franks gets some attention.
In his sophomore season of eligibility in 1998 — he was red-shirted his freshman year — all Franks managed to accomplish was earn All-Big East Conference honors at tight end for Butch Davis' Hurricanes.
Franks is known as a devastating blocker and was one of the big reasons

why his former roommate, Edgerrin James was made the No. 1 pick in this year's NFL draft, selected ahead of Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams of Texas.
That's not particularly good news for the No. 9 Buckeyes, especially since they've announced that two of their top linebacks will not play in the game, one because of a suspension for a violation of team rules and the other because of academic problems.
Franks enters his junior year considered to be a lock for all-conference honors again and perhaps as an all-America candidate.
It should be noted, however, that Franks has also proven to be an excellent receiver — the rare of occasions when Davis' offense calls on him in that capacity seem to make his catches of huge importance.
Do not, however, look for former

Steers sprint phenom Tory Mitchell on the 12th-ranked Hurricanes bench. He won't be there.
In fact, Miami officials were not sure where Mitchell was when they left for New York on Thursday.
Mitchell, who Miami coaches had already determined would be red-shirted in football as a freshman, hasn't been seen in Miami since the first day of two-a-day practices.
And according to beat writers who cover the Hurricanes, like the *Palm Beach Post's* George Milian, Davis doesn't react well to questions concerning where the two-time Class 4A double sprint champion is.
Even Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler, who helped Mitchell decide on signing with Miami, says he hasn't heard from his former star pupil.
According to Butler, Mitchell attended an informal practice for incoming fresh-

men at Miami the day prior to the official start of two-a-days.
"From what I understand, people were kidding around, having a good time and that Tory had impressed them with his speed," Butler said. "The next day, though, Tory doesn't show up for workouts."
Miami coaches apparently asked Franks to go by and check on Mitchell, but was he unable to get Mitchell to unlock the door to his dorm room.
"When they (coaches) went by to check on him after practice," Butler added, "he was gone."
Mitchell reportedly called university officials the next day and told them he'd had to return home for a family emergency, adding that he'd be back the next week.
Butler said he has since learned the

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SPORTS

LOCAL BOWLING

STARGATE LEAGUE
AUG. 28
RESULTS—Three Stages Twelve 232, Team four over 16.5-8.5, Team ten over 16.4, FBI over Team six 17.8, Q and Minor over 3.16 15.51. Tunes over Bottle Rocket hdp game Jerald Burgess game: Jerald Burgess 27-series Jerald Burgess 944, Philip Ringinger 922.

STANDINGS—Team 10 22, Team four 197, 128, FBI Looney Tunes 175, 150, Q and Minor 173, 150, Bott 166, 5:15, 5. Three Stog 163.5, Team six 159, FBI 145, 5:17, 5. We're Dirt 14, 120-205, Team Twelve 98-2.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
Jackie Lecky, Terry Davis Burgess.

SUMMER PIN POPPERS
WEEK 15
RESULTS—Idots over M Lady Bugs over Untrackable 8 tied A&B Farms 4.4, Go-G Rafter One 6.2, hi sc ser Cunningham 502, Delores 475, hi sc team series 1232, Untrackables 892, hi sc ga Cunningham 192, Patsy 177, hi sc team game Te Untrackables 327, hi hi Barbara Cunningham 6 Underwood 601, hi hdp 1 Lady Bugs 1165, Team 8 13 game Patsy Underwood 2 Cunningham 232, hi hdp Team 8 447, A&B Farms 4.

STANDINGS Lady Bugs 6 Girls 70, 50, A&B Farms 61, 59, Rafter One 61, 59, Untrackables 54, 66, M Team 8 38, 82.

FRIDAY COUPLES
WEEK 10
RESULTS: On My over No. tied OOPS 4.4, Hindot Gang 4.4, hi sc team 34 1038, Chan Gang 1038, hi sc team game Hindot 380, 336, OOPS 309, hi sc series Soldana 607, Guy Low Robert Beaty 454, hi sc series Soldana 209, Guy Low Robert Beaty 454, hi sc series Vicky Renshaw 179, J 162, Mary Lou Soldana 1 team series Hindot 1232, 1214, On My 1180, hi hdp Hindot 428, Chan Gang 413, hi hdp series Moore 654, Tony Soldana 631, 585, hi hdp game men G 221, Ken Lackey 220, T 217, hi hdp series W Moore 601, Mary Lou S Vicky Renshaw 578, hi women Jette Moore 213, Soldana 211, Vicky Renshaw.

STANDINGS Hindot 51 47-33, OOPS 44-36, Chan On My 34-46, E&L 28-52.

FRIDAY COUPLES
WEEK 11
RESULTS—Hindot over Chan Gang over E&L 8.0 On My 8.0, hi sc team 5 1191, Chan Gang 1038, hi sc team game Hindot 811, 358, OOPS 332, hi sc series Lowrance 661, Tony Robert Beaty 524, hi sc series Robert Beaty 216, hi sc series Vicky Renshaw 500, Jette Moore 374, hi hdp women Vicky Renshaw 174, Rives 141, Grace Labarre team series Hindot 1232, 1246, OOPS 1160, hi hdp Hindot 478, Chan Gang 428, hi hdp series men G 713, Tony Soldana 621, 617, hi hdp game men G 274, Robert Beaty 247, 237, hi hdp series Renshaw 384, Jette Moore Labarre 555, hi hdp g Vicky Renshaw 204, G 201, Esmeralda Reyes 223.

STANDINGS Hindot 57 36, On My 43-39, Chan On My 34-54, E&L 28-60.

FRIDAY COUPLES
WEEK 12
RESULTS: OOPS over C 2, On No over On My 8 Hindot 8.0, hi sc team 5 979, E&L 964, On No 862 game Hindot 375, Chan E&L 323, hi sc series Soldana 526, Guy Low Robert Beaty 512, hi sc series Soldana 232, Guy Low Robert Beaty 185, hi sc series Renshaw 462, Esmeralda Mary Lou Soldana 384, women Esmeralda Reyes Renshaw 161, Mary Lou S hi hdp team series E&L 1186, OOPS 1125, hi hdp E&L 440, Hindot 408, On hdp series men Robert Ken Lackey 596, Guy Low hdp game men Tony Solda Lackey 229, Guy Low hdp series women Esme 632, Myn, Lou Soldana Labarre 590, hi hdp Esmeralda Reyes 223.

STANDINGS OOPS 58 39, On No 57-39, Chan E71 36,60, On My 34,62.

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Tunes over Bottle Rockets 17-8; hi
hdcp game Jerald Burgess 281; hi sc
game Jerald Burgess 274. hi hdcp
series Jerald Burgess 944; hi sc series
Philip Ringener 922.
STANDINGS—Team 10 222-5102.5.
Team four 197-128. FBI 190-135.
Looney Tunes 175-150. Quality Glass
and Mirror 173-150. Bottle Rockets
165-5158.5. Three Stoggles 161.5-
163-5. Team six 158-167. Monstat 3
145-5179.5. Weir D 143-182. 3:16
120-205. Team twelve 98-227.
LEAGUE CHAMPION—Team
Jackie Lecroy, Terry Davis and Jerald
Burgess.

SUMMER PIN POPPERS

WEEK 15
RESULTS—Idats over Misfits 6-2.
Lady Bugs over Unthinkables 6-2. Team
8 tied A&B Farms 4-4. Go-Go Girls over
Rafter One 6-2; hi sc series Barbara
Cunningham 502. Delores Winkscale-
475; hi sc team series Lady Bugs 433.
Unthinkables 892; hi sc game Barbara
Cunningham 192. Patsy Underwood
177; hi sc team game Team 8 332.
Unthinkables 327; hi hdcp series
Barbara Cunningham 622. Patsy
Underwood 601; hi hdcp team series
Lady Bugs 1165. Team 8 1152; hi hdcp
game Patsy Underwood 246. Barbara
Cunningham 232. hi hdcp team game
Team 8 447. A&B Farms 82-38.
STANDINGS—Lady Bugs 82-38. Go-
Go Girls 70-50. A&B Farms 67-53.
Idats 61-59. Rafter One 56-64.
Unthinkables 54-66. Misfits 52-68.
Team 8 38-82.

FRIDAY COUPLES

WEEK 10
RESULTS—On My over E&L 6-2. On
My tied OOPS 4-4. Hindot tied Chan
Gang 4-4. hi sc team series Hindot
1088. Chan Gang 977. On My 856; hi
sc team game Hindot 380. Chan Gang
336. OOPS 309; hi sc series men Tony
Soldana 607. Guy Lawrence 404.
Robert Beaty 484; hi sc game men Tony
Soldana 209. Guy Lawrence 201. Ken
Lackey 176; hi sc series women Vicky
Renshaw 494. Jette Moore 436. Mary
Lou Soldana 414; hi sc game women
Vicky Renshaw 179. Jette Moore
162. Mary Lou Soldana 152; hi hdcp
team series Hindot 1232. Chan Gang
1214. On My 1180; hi hdcp team game
Hindot 428. Chan Gang 415. On My
413; hi hdcp series men Guy Lawrence
654. Tony Soldana 631. Ken Lackey
585; hi hdcp series men Guy Lawrence
221. Ken Lackey 220. Tony Soldana
217; hi hdcp series women Jette
Moore 601. Mary Lou Soldana 591.
Vicky Renshaw 578; hi hdcp game
women Jette Moore 247. Mary Lou
Soldana 211. Vicky Renshaw 207.
STANDINGS—Hindot 51029. On My
47-33. OOPS 44-36. Chan Gang 36-44.
On My 34-46. E&L 28-52.

FRIDAY COUPLES

WEEK 11
RESULTS—Hindot over On My 6-2.
Chan Gang over E&L 8-0. OOPS over
On My 8-0. hi sc team series Hindot
1161. Chan Gang 928. OOPS 822; hi
sc team game Hindot 431. Chan Gang
358. OOPS 332; hi sc series men Guy
Lawrence 661. Tony Soldana 611.
Robert Beaty 524; hi sc game men Guy
Lawrence 255. Tony Soldana 228.
Robert Beaty 216; hi sc series women
Vicky Renshaw 400. Jette Moore 397.
Mary Lou Soldana 373; hi sc game
women Vicky Renshaw 176. Esmeralda
Reves 141. Grace Labaree 137; hi hdcp
team series Hindot 1320. Chan Gang
1246. OOPS 1160; hi hdcp team game
Hindot 478. Chan Gang 434. OOPS
428; hi hdcp series men Guy Lawrence
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617; hi hdcp series men Guy Lawrence
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237; hi hdcp series women Vicky
Renshaw 584. Jette Moore 509. Grace
Labaree 555; hi hdcp game women
Vicky Renshaw 204. Grace Labaree
201; Esmeralda Reves 198.
STANDINGS—Hindot 57-31. OOPS 52-
36. On My 49-39. Chan Gang 44-44.
On My 34-54. E&L 28-60.

FRIDAY COUPLES

WEEK 12
RESULTS—OOPS over Chan Gang 6-
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Hindot 8-0; hi sc team series Hindot
979. E&L 9-1. On My 867; hi sc team
game Hindot 364. Chan Gang 326.
E&L 323; hi sc series men Tony
Soldana 526. Guy Lawrence 517.
Robert Beaty 512; hi sc game men Tony
Soldana 232. Guy Lawrence 203. Ken
Lackey 185; hi sc series women Vicky
Renshaw 462. Esmeralda Reves 456.
Mary Lou Soldana 445; hi sc game
women Esmeralda Reves 164. Vicky
Renshaw 161. Mary Lou Soldana 159;
hi hdcp team series E&L 1255. On My
1186. OOPS 1125; hi hdcp team game
E&L 440. Hindot 408. On My 406; hi
hdcp series men Robert Beaty 596.
Ken Lackey 596. Guy Lawrence 565; hi
hdcp game men Tony Soldana 237. Ken
Lackey 229. Guy Lawrence 219; hi
hdcp series women Esmeralda Reves
633. Mary Lou Soldana 622. Grace
Labaree 595; hi hdcp game women
Esmeralda Reves 223. Mary Lou
Soldana 217. Grace Labaree 208.
STANDINGS—OOPS 58-38. Hindot 57-
39. On My 57-39. Chan Gang 46-50.
E&L 36-60. On My 34-62.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Acquired DH
Harold Banks from the Baltimore
Orioles for RHP Juan Aracena and a
player to be named. Designated OF

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

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WNBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
Tuesday, Aug. 24
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Charlotte 60, Detroit 54
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles 71, Sacramento 58
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Friday, Aug. 27
Charlotte 78, New York 67.
Charlotte leads series 1-0
Sunday, Aug. 29
Charlotte at New York, 7 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 30
Charlotte at New York, 7 p.m., if nec-
essary
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday, Aug. 26
Los Angeles 75, Houston 60, Los
Angeles leads series 1-0
Sunday, Aug. 29
Los Angeles at Houston, 3 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 30
Los Angeles at Houston, 9 p.m., if
necessary
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-5)
Friday, Sept. 2
TBA, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 4
TBA, 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 5
TBA, 2:30 p.m., if necessary

SOCCER

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay 2, Columbus 1
Saturday's Games
New England at Dallas (n)
Los Angeles at Dallas (n)
DC United at Colorado (n)
New York Jersey at San Jose (n)
Today's Games
Miami at Kansas City, Noon

TEXAS LEAGUE

Friday's Games
Arkansas 9, Jackson 1
El Paso 4, San Antonio 3
Shreveport 19, Tulsa 7
Midland at Wichita 6
Saturday's Games
Jackson at Arkansas (n)
San Antonio at El Paso (n)
Midland at Wichita 6
Today's Games
Miami at Kansas City, Noon

TEX-LA LEAGUE

Friday's Games
Lafayette 5, Abilene 1
Amarillo 8, Alexandria 7
Rio Grande Valley 11, Greenville 6
1st game
Rio Grande Valley 3, Greenville 0,
2nd game
Saturday's Games
Abilene at Lafayette (n)
Alexandria at Amarillo (n)
Rio Grande Valley at Greenville (n)
Today's Games
Rio Grande Valley at Lafayette
Abilene at Ozark

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Garciaparra, Boston, .352; Jeter, New York, .347; Williams, New York, .345; Ramirez, Texas, .341; Fernandez, Toronto, .338; Vazquez, Cleveland, .336; Ramirez, Cleveland, .330; Rujns—Balkman, Cleveland, .111; Ramirez, Cleveland, .105; Griffey Jr., Seattle, .103; Jeter, New York, .102; Green, Toronto, .102; Durham, Chicago, .99; Delgado, Toronto, .97; RB—M Ramirez, Cleveland, 130; RPalmeiro, Texas, 124; C Delgado, Toronto, 119; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 112; Green, Toronto, 104; JuGonzalez, Texas, 104; Mordonez, Chicago, 102; HITS—Surhoff, Baltimore, 173; Jeter, New York, 172; Stewart, Toronto, 166; BeWilliams, New York, 163; Randa, Kansas City, 161; Durham, Chicago, 160; Beltran, Kansas City, 157; Damon, Kansas City, 157.
HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 41; RPalmeiro, Texas, 40; C Delgado, Toronto, 38; Ramirez, Cleveland, 36; Green, Toronto, 34; Rodriguez, Seattle, 33; Canseco, Tampa Bay, 31; STOLEN BASES—Stewart, Toronto, 35; Hunter, Seattle, 31; Vazquez, Cleveland, 30; RAlomar, Cleveland, 30; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 30; T Goodwin, Texas, 29; Encarnacion, Detroit, 28.

NFL PRESEASON

Thursday's Games
Jacksonville 31, Kansas City 6
Minnesota 17, Philadelphia 13
Friday's Game
Tennessee 17, Atlanta 3
Saturday's Games
Detroit at Miami (n)
Carolina at Baltimore (n)
Buffalo at Cincinnati (n)
Washington at Pittsburgh (n)
Chicago at Cleveland (n)
Green Bay at New Orleans (n)

Tiger's blowing away field; leads tourney by 5 strokes

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Right now, Tiger Woods has no rival. In an awesome display by the No. 1 player in the world, Woods ripped up the back nine of Firestone Country Club on Saturday for an 8-under 62 that gave him a five-stroke lead going into the final round of the NEC Invitational. Woods made five birdies in a seven-hole stretch, none longer than about 10 feet. He threatened to tie Jose Maria Olazabal's course-record 61 but missed a 6-foot birdie putt on the 18th green. He also missed a 3-foot birdie putt on No. 12. Woods finished at 11-under 199 and is in a comfortable position. He has won his last eight tournaments when he has had at least a share of the lead going into the final round. "He's on a roll. He's the best player in the world right now, and he's proving it every week," said Fred Couples, whose 63 looked rather ordinary in comparison but was enough to put him at 6-under 204, tied with Nick Price (68). Woods has been dismissing talk of a rivalry since it began earlier this year — first with David Duval after he replaced Woods as No. 1 in the world,

then with Sergio Garcia after the 19-year-old Spaniard gave him a run for the money in the PGA Championship two weeks ago. But Woods has towered over everyone this summer. Since the Nelson Classic, in which he opened with a 61 and finished in a tie for seventh, Woods has been even more dominant than when he won the Masters in 1997. He has won four times since his post-Masters break this year and had only one finish lower than seventh, that last week in the Sprint International when he battled a head cold and fatigue coming off his second major championship of his career at Medinah. "I've been leading up to this," Woods said. "I've been hitting the ball well. Today, I got the ball a little closer. I can't say I was putting great, because most of my shots were within 10 feet." Garcia looked like he might challenge Woods again, especially when he tied him at 6-under by making birdie on No. 9 with a 6-iron approach shot from the 10th fairway. But wildness off the tee cost Garcia dearly on final three holes.

He hooked one into the trees on the par-5 16th and had to go on a miniature safari just to find the ball. He took a penalty drop and made bogey. He hit into the rough on No. 18 and only advanced the ball 10 yards, then missed the green badly to the right and finished with a double bogey for a round of 69, seven strokes back at 204. "I finished pretty bad. What can you do?" Garcia said. British Open champion Paul Lawrie, tied for the lead at 5-under after two rounds, failed to make a birdie in a round of 74 that dropped him 10 strokes behind. That was the margin he faced on the final day at Carnoustie, but the conditions aren't nearly as cruel — and Woods is not Jean Van de Velde. Carlos Franco, who also had a share of the lead, bogeyed the first two holes and the 18th in his round of 70. A victory in the \$5 million World Golf Championship event for Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup players would give Woods \$1 million and push his earnings for the year to \$4.2 million. It also would give him \$8.9 million in three full years on the PGA Tour.

Devers wins third world hurdles title

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — Gail Devers and Ludmila Engquist, two perfect illustrations of medical miracles, performed some miraculous feats at the World Championships on Saturday night. The 32-year-old Devers, who has overcome life-threatening Graves' Disease, ran the race of her life, winning the 100-meter hurdles title for the third time in 12.37 seconds, the fastest in the world in seven years and an American record. The inspirational Engquist, 35, now in the midst of chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer, was a fast-closing third in 12.47, her best of a star-crossed year, and just behind the 12.44 of silver medalist Glory Alozie of Nigeria. The warmth and empathy between Devers and Engquist was evident after the stunningly fast race. The two hugged and embraced, then took a victory lap together, each stopping to kiss Engquist's husband, Johan.

The dream almost disappeared Saturday over the last of the 10 hurdles, a scary reminder of the 1992 Olympics, when she fell while leading and had to scramble over the finish line for fifth place. "I was trying to attack the hurdles and I didn't want 1992 to come back at me," she said. "On the last two hurdles it felt like I was getting too close to them. I backed off a little, but I tried to attack the last hurdle. I bumped it, but I was determined to stay on my feet." Devers' time was the fastest since Engquist ran 12.26 at Seville on June 6, 1992, and broke her U.S. record of 12.46, set at Stuttgart, Germany, on Aug. 20, 1993. Devers was diagnosed with

Graves' Disease in 1989 and didn't compete again until June 1991. Her condition, requiring radiation and chemotherapy treatments, became so serious that she came close to having a foot amputated. She then made an astonishingly rapid recovery and won the 100 hurdles at the 1991 USA Championships. The disease flared up again this year and she ran the World Indoor Championships in extreme pain, finishing second. It still bothers her occasionally, causing difficulty in sleeping and eating, and her body to ache badly. Despite all the physical anguish, Devers could lay claim to being the greatest woman track and field athlete of the decade and the best sprinter-hurdler ever.

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"It was just an up-and-down kind of tournament for us," Pierce said following the consolation title win. "The important thing is that we got three wins today and that's what we really needed."

The Lady Steers return to action Tuesday when they play host to Midland Greenwood's Rangerettes and San Angelo Central's Lady Bobcats in a three-way match set for a 5:30 p.m. start in the Big Spring Junior High School gym.

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Irish pound Kansas, 48-13

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Notre Dame's tuneup could've been a major breakdown.

The 18th-ranked Fighting Irish turned in a dominating second half after squandering a 20-0 first-half lead and survived three interceptions off Jarious Jackson in beating Kansas 48-13 on Saturday in the Eddie Robinson Classic.

Kansas cut Notre Dame's lead to 20-13 after converting the first interception off Jackson into a 30-yard touchdown pass from Zac Wegner to Michael Chandler. Jackson's next pass was picked off and returned to the Notre Dame 33 on the third play of the second half.

Notre Dame stopped the Jayhawks on the Irish 37, and Joe Garcia lined up for a 49-yard field goal attempt that would have cut the lead to four. Clifford Jefferson blocked the kick, and Rocky Boiman returned it to the Kansas 34.

Tony Fisher ran the last two yards out for a touchdown.

Notre Dame took control of the game after Anthony Denman picked up a fumble on the next Kansas possession drive and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown and a 34-13 lead.

Fisher added another touchdown, and backup quarterback Arnaz Battle reeled off a 74-yard run in mop-up duty.

The Irish scheduled the game to give its 11 new starters a chance to gel at home in

front of a friendly sellout crowd rather than more than 100,000 screaming Michigan fans on Sept. 4.

Coach Bob Davie also hoped the game would answer some questions about his inexperienced backfield, now without Autry Denson, and an offensive line that returned just one experienced starter from last year.

In some ways, the Irish came through the first test with high marks. The offensive line went through the game without a penalty, and the Irish rushed for 363 yards, 150 more than last year's average.

Fisher led with 111 yards on 13 carries.

Pass protection was shoddy at times, and Jackson finished 9-of-17 for 89 yards while rushing 12 times for 85 yards.

Notre Dame also had problems with its kicking game, missing two field goals and an extra point.

Notre Dame built a 20-0 first-quarter lead in part from three Kansas turnovers, including two fumbles by tailback David Winbush. The Irish were sloppy as well, however, and both teams finished with four turnovers.

Florida St 41, Louisiana Tech 7

Peter Warrick's slithering 20-yard touchdown run late in the first half broke a 7-7

tie as top-ranked Florida State overcame a sluggish start for a 41-7 victory Saturday over Louisiana Tech.

Warrick, who caught nine passes for 121 yards, took a handoff from quarterback Chris Weinke and ran laterally across the field - reversing direction twice to elude several Bulldogs defenders - before racing to the end zone to give the Seminoles a 14-7 lead 39 seconds before halftime.

Weinke was 20-of-32 for 242 yards and threw two touchdown passes to Anquan Boldin on plays covering 4 and 29 yards.

Florida State blew the game open in the third quarter.

William McCray scored on a 1-yard run and Sebastian Janikowski kicked a 49-yard field goal in addition to Boldin's second TD catch as Florida State made it 31-7.

Louisiana Tech tied the game 7-7 midway through the second quarter when quarterback Tim Rattay arched a 13-yard scoring pass to John Simon.

Penn State 41, Arizona 7

Who says Penn State has no offense?

Kevin Thompson threw for two touchdowns, Chafie Fields ran 70 yards for a score and caught a 37-yard pass for another Saturday and the third-ranked Nittany Lions overwhelmed No. 4 Arizona 41-7 in the Piskin Classic.

Penn State's highly touted defense exceeded even its own expectations by shutting down Arizona's high-powered offense on the way to a 31-0 halftime lead.

SCHOOLBOY SCORES

Here are results from Friday night's limited schedule of Texas high school football games. The season gets fully under way the weekend of Sept. 3.

HOW THEY FARED

Table with columns for Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, Six-Man, and Private Schools. Lists school names and scores for various games.

Gonzalez's two-run homer sparks Rangers to 9-7 win over Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) - There's no homefield advantage in the SkyDome these days.

Juan Gonzalez hit a two-run homer off David Wells and the Texas Rangers handed the Toronto Blue Jays their eighth straight home loss, 9-7 Saturday.

Gonzalez's shot in the second inning gave the Rangers a 5-0 lead over the Blue Jays, who haven't won at home since Aug. 1.

"We've lost eight in a row at home because we've been behind early and been playing catch up," catcher Darrin Fletcher said. "It would be nice to get ahead in a ball game early, and let them chase us for the rest of the game."

Wells (12-9) gave up a season-high seven runs on nine hits and two walks in four innings. He had a 5.41 ERA.

"I don't have a remedy for why we're losing at home, we're just going through some bad times here," Wells said. "I got the ball up in the zone and they capitalized on it. I got my butt kicked out of embarrassment."

Patent Palmero drove in two runs and Gonzalez's team scored on all RBIs in a month. The Blue Jays had three hits and scored three runs.

"We're unable to get to Wells with any of our big hits. He just didn't have his A game today," Palmero said.

Scott Sizemore (17-7) won for the second time in nine starts. He pitched eight in six innings.

Two pitchers in the league a month ago, they know it was very embarrassing to get up so they hear down, and that's what Sizemore did."

He pitched the last three games before being sent to the AL wild-card game, where he won 10 of 11 starts.

"I'm happy to see him get it's not a surprise," Scott Sizemore said. "I'm happy to see him get it's not a surprise."

Manly Ramirez singled in Omar Vizquel in the eighth. The Devil Rays loaded the bases against Nagy with two outs in the second, but Terrell Lowery struck out to end the

threat. Dave Martinez opened the sixth with a double down the right field line, but he advanced no further.

Rockies 11, Phillies 6

DENVER (AP) - Todd Helton tripled, doubled and drove in two runs as the Colorado Rockies beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-6 Saturday in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

Helton hit one of Colorado's four doubles in a four-run first inning. The Rockies had six doubles overall.

David Lee (3-1) pitched the win.

Rockies starter Jamey Wright pitched six innings and gave up six runs.

Trailing 6-5, the Rockies scored twice in the seventh off Scott Aldred. Helton tied the game with a sacrifice fly and took the lead when Domingo Cedeno threw wildly past first base on an apparent double-play grounder allowing the go-ahead run to score.

Aldred (1-1) gave up five runs, four earned - on seven hits in two innings.

Chad Ogea allowed six runs and eight hits over six innings for Philadelphia.

Indians 3, Devil Rays 0

CLEVELAND (AP) - Charles Nagy shut out Tampa Bay on four hits through eight innings and Harold Baines had an RBI single as the Cleveland Indians beat the Devil Rays 3-0 Saturday.

Nagy (14-9) walked three and struck out six, while Bobby Witt (7-11) lost his 11th decision against Cleveland, a streak dating back to 1991.

Mike Jackson pitched the save.

Baines' single drove in Roberto Alomar in the sixth.

Carlos Baerga drove in Cleveland's first run in the second with a single following walks to Jim Thome and David Justice.

Manny Ramirez singled in Omar Vizquel in the eighth.

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Yankees 2, Mariners 1

NEW YORK (AP) - Scott Brosius hit a game-winning single off the glove of second baseman David Bell with two outs in the ninth inning and Orlando Hernandez struck out 13, leading the New York Yankees over Seattle 2-1 Saturday.

Hernandez allowed three hits in eight innings.

Mariano Rivera (3-3) won, getting Rodriguez to ground into a double-play in the ninth following a single by Ken Griffey Jr.

Tino Martinez struck out against Jose Paniagua (6-10) leading the ninth, but reached on a passed ball by Tom Lampkin. When the next pitch bounced away, Martinez tried to advance but was thrown out by Lampkin.

Chili Davis walked. Chad Curtis pinch-ran, swiped second, and Jorge Posada advanced Curtis with a flyout.

Ricky Ledee walked. Brosius followed with a liner that Bell couldn't handle.

Mariners starter Jamie Moyer allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings.

Dodgers 4, Cubs 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Chan Ho Park pitched eight strong innings to earn his first win at Dodger Stadium this season, and Eric Karros and Gary Sheffield homered as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Chicago Cubs 4-3 Saturday.

Sammy Sosa, who leads the majors with 53 homers, had one hit in four at-bats and drove in two runs. His RBI single in the eighth drew the Cubs within one run, but Park then pitched out of the jam.

Jeff Shaw got the save.

Park (8-10) allowed seven hits while walking two and striking out six, including Jose Nieves to end the eighth.

Sheffield homered off Andrew Lorraine (1-3) to break a 2-all tie in the third.

The Cubs took a 2-0 lead in the first on a grounder by Sosa and Adrian Beltre's throwing error.

The Dodgers tied it in the second when Karros homered and Raul Mondesi followed with a double, stole third and scored

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Hunting, fishing licenses set to expire; new programs announced

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With the opening day of dove hunting season — Sept. 1 in most areas — fast approaching, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding outdoorsmen that all 1998-99 hunting and fishing licenses will expire Tuesday.

That means that hunters who want to purchase licenses before opening day have just a couple of days to do so.

Hunting and fishing licenses for the new year went on sale Aug. 11.

Game wardens also noted that those planning to hunt migratory game birds, such as dove and waterfowl, must be certified under the Harvest Information Program (HIP).

The hunter's HIP certification will automatically be printed on their

license at the time of purchase after a brief series of questions have been answered. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds.

The objective of program, initiated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is to create a database on the harvest of ducks, doves, geese and other migratory birds.

This is the second year Texas has fully participated in the federally-mandated program.

Hunters not planning to hunt for migratory birds need not answer the HIP questions.

Fishing licenses for Texas residents are priced at \$19 each, three-day and two-week licenses are also available for \$10 and \$12 respectively.

A resident hunting license is \$19,

while the combination hunting license is \$32.

A number of license combinations are available through both the TP&WD's offices and retail outlets throughout the state.

For avid outdoorsmen, the "Super Combo" license includes a resident combination hunting and fishing license, plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold separately, the face value of the package is \$82.

Several other items can be bought wherever licenses are sold, including the new "Big Time Texas Hunts" special drawings, which include the "Texas Grand Slam" and "Texas Exotic Safari."

The annual public hunting permit, which allows hunters access to more

than 45,000 acres of public dove leases and more than 1.4 million acres in the Parks and Wildlife public hunting program, are also available at all license sales outlets.

Map booklets and dove lease supplements will be mailed to hunters unless a permit is purchased at Parks and Wildlife law enforcement offices.

The Big Time Texas Hunts program offers chances to win so-called "dream package hunts" whose proceeds are dedicated to the state's public hunting and wildlife management programs.

In addition to the "Grand Slam," a once-in-a-lifetime package containing four separate hunts for bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer, the program also include the Texas Exotic Safari, Texas Whitetail Bonanza, Texas Waterfowl

Adventure and Texas Big Time Bird Hunt.

Entries for the program's drawings are \$10 each, and there is no limit to the number of times a hunter can enter. In addition, applications can be purchased as gifts.

In addition to purchasing licenses and drawing tickets at sporting goods stores and other retail outlets, customers can use a toll-free license service that serves both Texas residents and those from other states.

To take advantage of that service, hunters and anglers can call 1-800-895-4248 and buy licenses by phone with credit cards 24 hours a day.

Parks and Wildlife officials noted that when ordering by phone or mail during a peak period, customers should allow two weeks for delivery.

Japan wins Little League World Series

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — That's Kazuki with a "K."

Kazuki Sumiyama struck out nine Saturday as Osaka, Japan, beat Phenix City, Ala., 5-0 in the championship game of the Little League World Series.

Sumiyama, a soft-spoken 12-year-old whose favorite U.S. player is Mark McGwire, struck out three of Phenix City's first four batters and had a total of 19 strikeouts in his two appearances. And he can hit, too, batting .615 in the two wins.

U.S. teams have won only six of the last 20 Little League series.

Only Zach Martin and Cory Rasmus got hits, both singles, off Sumiyama, who throws a fastball and variations his teammates call the "Kazuball" and the "Thunderball." His coaches

say he is shy even back home in Osaka and that he is already being recruited by Japanese high schools.

He was not bashful about keeping runners off base. The 5-foot-7, 122-pound Sumiyama, or "Sumi" to his friends, did not allow a run in 11 innings at the series. His father was home in Osaka running the family liquor store Saturday, but his mother made the trip to Williamsport along with seven other parents of team members.

In the second, Kazutoshi Adachi scored the first run of the game from third on catcher Rasmus' throwing error on a steal attempt. Martin threw four straight balls to Adachi to start the inning after getting two strikes on him before about 42,000 fans at Howard J.

Lamade Stadium.

Phenix City manager Tony Rasmus, who quit his job as a coach at a private school to stay with the team through the series, had to use Martin, his No. 3 pitcher, after both his son, Colby, and 5-foot-4 curveball specialist Bryan Woodall pitched in the U.S. championship victory over defending champion Tom Rivers, N.J., a game that was stretched over Thursday and Friday by rain.

In the fourth, Osaka got a run on consecutive doubles by Kazunori Morishita and Kazuya Yamasaki, and Yamasaki scored when a low pitch squirted off Rasmus' glove for a 3-0 lead. Osaka had a two-run fifth as well before a crowd that included celebrities such as Tommy John and Brian Sipe.

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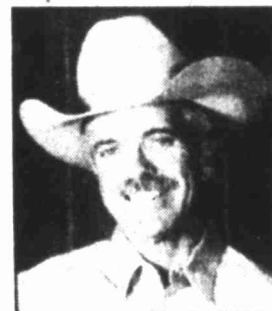
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defense was sitting back ... trying to react to Ansley," Butler added. "But late in the first half and all though the second half, we started getting to him with three and four tacklers. That made a difference."

Indeed, So did Big Spring's offensive line charge in the second half and Carnero's ability to gain good yardage in crucial situations.

"Our offensive line did a great

job of taking it to them in the second half," Butler noted, "and Jose is so short that he sometimes gets lost in the shuffle and it's hard for the linebackers to spot him. Plus, he runs so tough and is so difficult to get your hands on ... people have a hard time hitting him where it'll knock him off his feet."

In other games involving District 5-4A teams, Andrews beat El Paso Eastwood 21-3, San Angelo Lake View defeated Abilene Wylie 26-6 and Snyder suffered a 39-6 loss to Monahans.

Plainview	Team stats	Big Spring
16	First downs	15
177	rushing yds.	215
73	passing yds.	100
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4-17	pen-yds	7-45

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Second Quarter
No scoring
Third Quarter
BS - 7:06, Jose Carnero 3 run (kick failed).
Fourth Quarter
BS - 4:47, Josh Spencer 31 field goal.
BS - 3:36, Carnero 17 run (Colby Ford run).

MOSELEY

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speedster was recently in Austin and that University of Texas track coaches had called Miami to see if Davis and his staff would be willing to release Mitchell from his letter of intent.

That is apparently something Davis and Miami track coaches are not inclined to do.

To make matters even worse, Mitchell has until later this week to report on campus. If not, he runs the risk of being

ruled in violation of his agreement with the university.

Should the NCAA rule that Mitchell voluntarily failed to live up to his commitment to Miami, he not only would lose one season of eligibility for transferring elsewhere, but a second.

When Butler was asked if he expected to hear from Mitchell, he expressed sincere doubt.

"To be honest, I don't expect to hear from Tory any time soon," he explained. "I told him he was making a huge

mistake when he first told me about this. That wasn't what he wanted to hear, so he's probably not going to be calling me about this."

Those of us who've seen Mitchell display his considerable talents for the past three or four years and can dream of what's possible in his future sincerely hope he comes to his senses and finds his way back into the Miami fold.

John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Herald.

COWBOYS

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be a good test for us." Brister will be relieved by Brian Griese. Chris Miller will miss a third straight game with tendinitis in his throwing elbow.

The injury report is improving for the Cowboys as receiver Raghieb Ismail, offensive linemen Everett McIver and Tony Hutson and cornerback Charlie Williams are expected to get into their first games of the summer. Running back Chris Warren should be back after missing the New England game.

Dallas also will be keeping a close watch on how veteran Alonzo Spellman handles his first full-time gig at defensive tackle. The lifelong end moved inside this week in an experiment coaches are eager to see succeed.

The Cowboys still won't have linebacker Quentin Coryatt (Achilles' tendon) or cornerback Kevin Smith (bulging disk).

While both teams will use the

first two quarters to evaluate their overall progress, the second half will be final auditions for reserves fighting to stick around past Tuesday, when rosters are cut to 65 players.

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And when the fair formally opens Monday at 4 p.m., some of their creations will be on display again, several festooned with winning ribbons.

Take Candy Andrews, whose 1998 Best of Show in the art category was a total surprise. She was urged to enter her artwork by a teacher in the early 1990s, and did. She continued to send in an example of her painting or other artwork each year, earning various ribbons. Then she took the top prize with a diorama of a chicken coop.

"Heavens no," she exclaimed, when asked if she expected the piece to win. "I have fun, even when I don't win."

Andrews has entered more than 20 pieces of handiwork and art this year. Meanwhile, her enthusiasm for the fair's competitions is spreading.

"I'm always encouraging my friends to enter," she said. Even her husband, Raymond, who once ribbed his wife about her dedication to the contests, has caught the bug. He won a blue ribbon for woodworking last year, and has two entries in this year's fair.

Ruby Lewis has been entering Howard County Fair contests for at least eight years, bringing home dozens of ribbons in canning, baking, handiwork and photography.

Canning is her mainstay, with a slew of Ball Awards to prove it.

"I grew up canning," Lewis explained. "We always lived at the farm, and our mothers had to can just to be able to feed their families."

Lewis has been able to share her talent with her great-niece, Leslie Phinny, who won the youth division with her black-eyed peas last year.

And this year, Lewis contributed two butter dishes to the special contest for those heirlooms.

Nell Burgess is not the fair queen, but she is in the running for the fair's "queen of bread." She has won the grand champion for her bread three times.

"This recipe has always been one of my family favorites," said Burgess, who shuns the bread machine and kneads her dough by hand.

"I have a big mixer, and it does some of the work for me," she said. But no one, it seems, can explain why her bread tastes so good.

"I give them the recipe every year, but people say it doesn't taste the same," Burgess said. "I've told them exactly what to do, even down to the brand of yeast I use."

Burgess said she enjoys entering her baking at the fair, and would do it even she had no chance of winning.

"The fair is a wonderful thing," she said. "It brings people together."

St. Mary's Episcopal School students are a mainstay of fair contests. They enter everything from special art projects to baking to jellies and jams.

Administrator Carol Hanes said teachers at the school plan fair projects for their students every year, despite not being required to do so.

"It's a good project; it's creative; it takes some planning and some critical thinking,"

Hanes said, adding that, for those qualities alone, fair participation meets with the school's mission statement.

"But we also do it because it supports the community," Hanes said. "We feel like it's a way of giving back to the community."

After the children work to create their projects, many parents then take them out to the fair so they can see their work on display, Hanes said. That increases traffic at the fair, another benefit of class participation, she added.

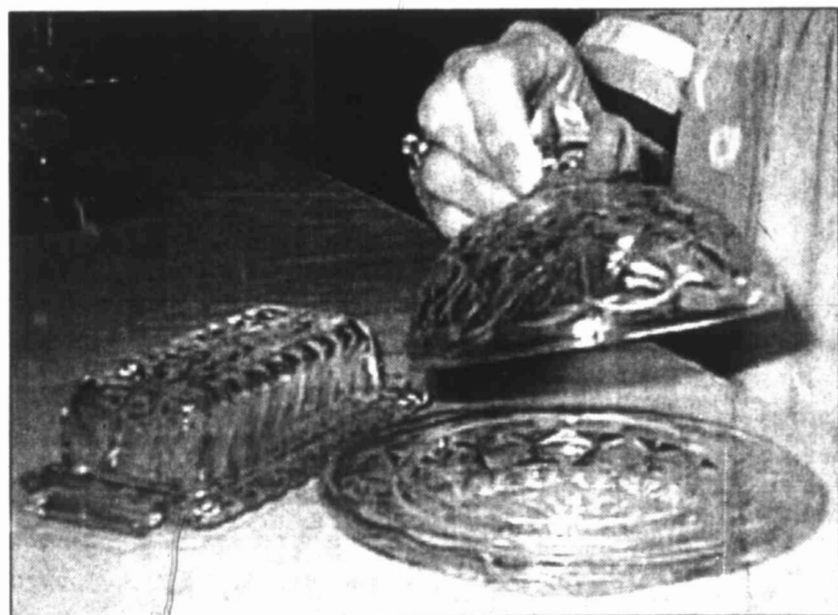
"For us, the fair is just a win-win-win situation."



In the photos: At left, Ruby Lewis shows off her cake and some canned goods she entered at the Howard County Fair this year. Above, Nell Burgess holds some of the ribbons she has won entering homemade bread for the last several years. Below, Candy Andrews holds a painted sawblade she entered in the art competition this year. She is standing underneath last year's Best of Show, a diorama of a chicken coop she created.



Above, St. Mary's Episcopal School first graders, from left, Luke Lewis, Randi Thomas and Jacquin Civello work on some decorated cookies the class entered in the fair. At left, Ruby Lewis entered these two butter dishes in that competition.



Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen



Fair brings out admiration, envy in those of us cooking-impaired

I enjoy visiting the Howard County Fair every year, but I have one favorite part.

It's that back room of the main fairbarn, where all the baked goods, canning jars and handiwork are on display.

This week, you might spy me hanging out back there, just staring at everything with that glazed-over look of someone in love.

For two years, I have had the delicious honor of judging baked goods, and besides adding a few pounds it gives me even more appreciation for the work some of these dedicated bakers put into their creations.

What astonished me most, I'm not ashamed to admit, is that they do it all "from

scratch."

If I were to enter the Howard County Fair's baking contests, they would have to come up with new categories, like — "Best Cake from a Mix with Icing from a Can," or "Best Slice and Bake Cookies."

I'm not saying that I don't bake, you understand, it's just that measuring out all that flour and sugar and stuff takes so much time. I prefer to just open a box.

And the canning competition? I could enter that, too, but only if they added a couple of new categories — "Can Opening, Electric" and "Can Opening, Manual."

In any of those new categories, I might be a winner.

At home, we love our bread

machine, because we get "homemade bread" (from a mix usually) within a few hours

without much work. Of course, Howard County Fair Grand Champion breadmaker Nell Burgess told me she just doesn't like the taste of bread from a machine. It's not the same as a homemade, hand-kneaded loaf.

Ouch! That really hurts. But I have to admit, she's right. I get

an occasional loaf of homemade bread as a gift, and I treasure each bite.

Of course, the folks that organize the Howard County Fair each year are not about to add to or change these traditional fair competitions. Every year, they celebrate the now rare skills of baking a perfect cake or canning vegetables to perfection. Fair contestants even embroider and crochet!

It's people like me that are stuck wandering around the fairbarn, looking at these homemade creations with wonder. "How do they do that?"

And taking a bite of most of these homemade baked goods is like taking a trip back in time for me — to my grandmother's house, where a box of cake mix

or rolls of cookie dough never dared to enter.

That's why I love the Howard County Fair. In those display cases, I see more than just the finished product. I see the hard work that went into it. I see skills passed down from one generation to another — lovingly taught to a daughter who will keep the tradition alive for her family.

Ruby Lewis, a Howard County Fair regular, is a great example. She has shared her canning skill with her great-niece who now enters her own canned goods in the fair's youth division.

No, most of us don't need to can vegetables anymore. And we buy our jelly from the grocery store. Few of us in

Generation X would know where to start if suddenly called upon to provide food for our families without stores.

But there is just something about the sight of a hand-embroidered tablecloth, or the taste of homemade preserves. Someone who can — and chooses to — create such beauty with their own hands has my utmost admiration.

I may some day enter something that I've made in a competition at the Howard County Fair. I might take the time to bake a cake from scratch or try my hand at a loaf of fresh bread that isn't square.

But, at the same time, I may just talk to members of the fair board about these ideas I have for some new categories. ...



DEBBIE L. JENSEN

WEDDINGS

Arrick-Anderson

Jamie Jon Arrick and Heath Alan Anderson, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows on July 17, 1999, on Padre Island with the Rev. John Roberts of the Saint John's United Methodist Church officiating.



MR. AND MRS. HEATH ALAN ANDERSON

She is the daughter of John and Sidney Arrick of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Jewell Arrick of Big Spring.

He is the son of Rita Anderson Botha of Big Spring, Donny Anderson of Corpus Christi and Rocky Ford of Midland, and the grandson of Robert and Leta Pruitt of Big Spring.

Guitarist was Adrian Calvio, and vocalists were Adrian Calvio and Lacy Anderson, sister of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father John Arrick and her son, Austin Burton, the bride wore a sleeveless white linen dress. Both bride and groom wore white orchid leis.

Matron of honor was Brooke Everett, sister of the bride.

Lacy Anderson, Heather Anderson, both sisters of the groom, and Tracey Gallo were the bridesmaids.

Kirk Klatt was the best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Ryan Williams, Jay Arrick, bride's brother, and Chris Wollenzien.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held on the beach underneath a tent decorated with white lights, tiki

torches and tropical flowers. Adrian Calvio, Donny Anderson, father of the groom, and Heath Anderson entertained guests by playing and singing.

The wedding cake was a three tiered almond cake with almond creme filling. It had fondant icing in the colors of fuchsia, lime green and yellow with Gerber daisies and lilies made of icing.

The bride is a graduate of Permian High School and is currently attending Texas Tech University.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is currently attending Texas Tech University. He is employed by Pacific Sunwear.

The couple have made their home in Lubbock.

Welch-Jones

Tiffanie Welch and Devane Jones Jr., both of Midland, were united in marriage on July 26, 1999, at the Sandals Resort in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

She is the daughter of Adron and Barbara Welch, Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Geraldine Robertson, Big Spring.

He is the son of Devane and Jane Jones of Corpus Christi.

The bride wore a white lace gown accented with roses and a tulle train.

She carried a bouquet of mixed tropical island flowers accented with white satin ribbons.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Sandals Resort.

The wedding cake was a traditional Jamaican fruit cake with vanilla icing adorned with fresh tropical flowers.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College and Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Fla. She is



MRS. AND MRS. DEVANE JONES JR.

employed by Fed-Ex.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Permian High School and attended Odessa College. He is employed by Fed-Ex.

Following a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica and the Dunns River, Jamaica of the West Indies, the couple has made their home in Midland.

Osburn-Sanchez

Karen Osburn and Michael Sanchez, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage on Aug. 7, 1999, at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo with the Rev. Karen Schmeltekopf of the First Christian Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gammons of San Angelo, and Mr. Gary Osburn of Big Spring. She is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Osburn of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ms. Oralia Sanchez of San Angelo, and the late Mr. Daniel Sanchez of San Angelo.

Given in marriage by her mother, the bride wore a white short sleeved gown with floral embroidery. She carried a bouquet of white roses with white lilies.

Matron of honor was Srisuda Gollan of Pasadena, Md.

Bridesmaids were Candice Ducote, Christie Fisher, Christy Nix, cousin of the bride, Michelle Ramirez and Stacy Gonzales.

Ashlie Nix, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl, and Jacob Lara was the ringbearer.

Clint Easterling of Austin served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Jim Lombardo, Paul Harper, Gary Osburn, brother of the bride, David Guevara and Chris Word.

Kasey Gammons, brother of the bride, and Eloy Morales, nephew of the groom, were the



MRS. MICHAEL SANCHEZ

ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Cactus Hotel.

The bride's cake was a white cake decorated with daisies.

The groom's cake was a chocolate basket weave cake with the groom's initials and strawberries on top.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Central High School and is attending the Dental Hygiene program at Howard College.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Central High School and is attending Angelo State University. He is employed by Goodyear Proving Grounds.

Following a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple have made their home in San Angelo.

Reeder-Young

Katherine Kay Reeder and Stephen Deeg Young, both of Driftwood, exchanged wedding vows on July 24, 1999, in the Driftwood Methodist Church with the Rev. Floyd Vick officiating.

She is the daughter of J.W. and Betty Reeder of Buffalo.

He is the son of Kenny Kay Stephens and Tommy Young, both of Big Spring, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Priest Jr. of Big Spring.

The bride wore an ankle length white gown with an open back. She carried a bouquet of white baby rose buds.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Salt Lick Pavilion.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Buffalo High School and a 1991 graduate of Sam Houston State University. She is currently employed by the Hays Consolidated Independent School District.



MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN DEEG YOUNG

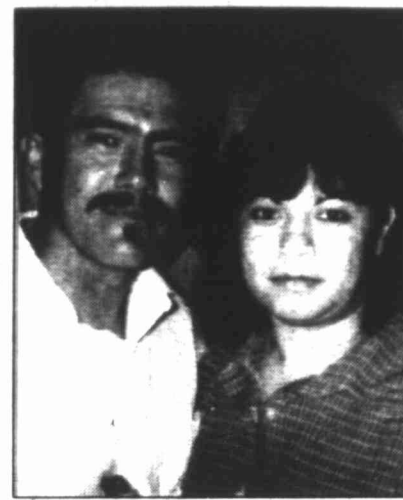
The groom is a 1987 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is employed by York International.

Following a wedding trip to the coast, the couple has made their home in Driftwood.

GETTING ENGAGED



Sheryl Jene McCurtain and Earl Reed Burnett Jr. will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 11, 1999, in front of the totem pole at Comanche Trail Park. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCurtain of Big Spring. The prospective groom is the son of Earl Burnett Sr., Big Spring.



Alicia M. Hernandez, Austin, and Rafael V. Ortiz Jr., Big Spring, will be united in marriage on Sept. 18, 1999, in Austin with Judge Elena Diaz officiating.

She is the daughter of Lucy G. Hernandez of Austin, Jesus A. Ramirez Jr. of Big Spring, and the late A.F. Hernandez Jr. of Austin.

He is the son of Fred and Irma Martinez of Big Spring, and the late Rafael V. Ortiz Sr. of Immokalee, Fla. He is also the grandson of Gabino Rosa of Stanton and the late Rebecca Rosa of Stanton.

Cheryl Hill, Big Spring, and Richard Overton Jr., Coahoma, will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 18, 1999, at the Church of Christ in Coahoma with Randy Overton officiating.

She is the daughter of Debra Wasson and the late Paul Wasson of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Venice Cawthron of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ricky and Cindy Overton of Coahoma, and the grandson of Fannie Overton and Neal and Joy Ward, all of Coahoma.



Marci Ann Golden and Cort Richard Petterson, both of Lewisville, will unite in marriage on Sept. 11, 1999, at Temple Baptist Church in Odessa with Larry Ashlock of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland officiating.

She is the daughter of Paula and Terry Golden of Odessa.

He is the son of Paul and Gloria Petterson of Whitesboro, and the grandson of Evelyn Coker of Big Spring.



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

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

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

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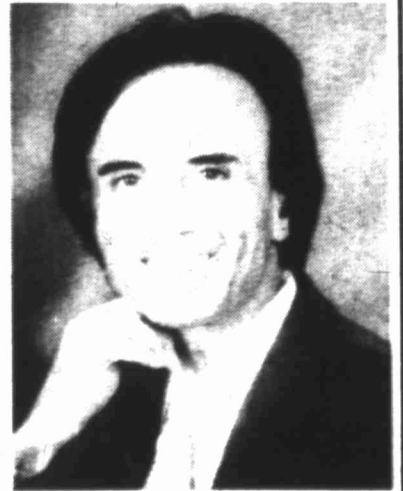
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Tom and Helen celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 29, 1999, on a trip to Cloudcroft with their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Tenn., and she was born in Kennett, Mo. They were introduced by mutual friends in Kingsport, Tenn., when Tom was in the military and Helen was in the nursing profession.

They were married in Franklin, Tenn., in 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Helen have two sons and daughters: Tom Jr. and Patricia Germany and Paul Colleen Ament and four daughters: Brenda and Colleen of Farmington, N.D.; Dennis Gal Duncanville, Tenn.; and Jennifer Watkins of San Antonio, Texas.

They also have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The couple have lived in Selma, Ala.; San Antonio, Texas; Panama Canal Zone; Bernardino, Calif.; Japan; Albuquerque, N.M.; and Big Spring in 1968.

Presently, Tom works for the U.S. Air Force for 30 years and worked at Big Spring High School in Metalton, Pa.

Bill and Jane celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reception on August 29, 1999, in the Molly B. Greer, Ariz., home.

He was born in and she was born in County as Jane. They met while attending Spring High School and both graduated on Sept. 2, 1949, in the 1949 class.

Blalack, with Dr. pastor of the Church, officiating. The couple have three children: Bruce Lubbock, Kathy of Tempe, Ariz., and Blalack of Lewisville, Texas.

Ramona Jenea Dwain Zant, Ackerly, will celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 1999, at the home of Mickey Fry in Paris, Texas. Reception Sept. 5, Church of Christ, 3 to 5 p.m.

The couple were married Sept. 15, 1949, in Doyal Kelsey, N. Ackerly Church.

STC CLUB

Logan Reed Edwards, five pounds six ounces long, and I Edwards, five pounds and 18 1/2 inch born 6:15 p.m. A Covenant Hospital. Parents are Mickey Edwards of Lubbock. Grandparents Patsy Fryar of E.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Ament

Tom and Helen Ament celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5-7 with a trip to Cloudford, N.M., with their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Nashville, Tenn., and she was born in Kennett, Mo. as Helen James. They were introduced by mutual friends in Kingston Springs, Tenn., when Tom was home on leave from the U.S. Air Force after serving time in Guam.

They were married on Aug. 5, 1949, in Franklin, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Ament have two sons and daughters-in-law, Tom Jr. and Patty Ament of Germany and Leonard and Colleen Ament of Lewisville, and four daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Clarence Dye of Farmington, N.M., Mary and Dennis Gahagan of Duncanville, Jennie and Kenny Watkins of San Angelo, and Rebecca and Cleve Ales of College Station.

They also have 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The couple has lived in Kingston Springs, Tenn.; Selma, Ala.; San Antonio; Panama Canal Zone; San Bernardino, Calif.; Tachi Kawa, Japan; Albuquerque, N.M.; Montgomery, Ala.; and came to Big Spring in 1969.

Presently, Tom is retired. Previously, he was in the U.S. Air Force for 22 years and worked at Big Spring High School in Metal Trades. Helen



MR. AND MRS. AMENT

previously worked for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. They are affiliated with the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and are involved in the Retired Teacher's Association and the Confederate Air Force. They enjoy airplanes, reading and doing crafts.

This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage.

"Marriage is a union of two people who love and trust each other and are always truthful with each other."

Blalack

Bill and Jane Blalack will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a luncheon and reception on Sept. 2, 1999, in the Molly Butler Lodge, Greer, Ariz., hosted by their family and friends.

He was born in Big Spring, and she was born in Nolan County as Jane Brookshier. They met while attending Big Spring High School from which they both graduated. They married on Sept. 2, 1949, in Big Spring in the home of Bill's grandmother, Mrs. F.B. Blalack, with Dr. P.D. O'Brien, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

The couple have three children. Bruce Blalack of Lubbock, Kathy Blalack Lyons of Tempe, Ariz., and Paul Blalack of Lewisville. They also

have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bill was associated with Saunders Company in Big Spring from 1946 until his retirement as Vice-president of the company in May 1992.

Jane was employed with Jane's Flowers for five years and Saunders Company as showroom manager for 10 years, also retiring in May 1992. They have lived all of their married life until their retirement in Big Spring, at which time they began to travel full time.

The couple enjoy hiking, gun collecting, crafts and reading along with traveling in their travel trailer. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Kerrville and Bill serves as deacon.

Zant

Ramona Jeneane and Dudley Dwan Zant, formerly of Ackerly, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 4, 1999, with a dinner at the home of Michael and Pam Fry in Paris, Texas, and a reception Sept. 5 at the College Church of Christ building from 3 to 5 p.m.

The couple was married on Sept. 15, 1949, in Ackerly with Doyal Kelsey, minister of the Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating.

They began their married life farming in Vealmoor and later moving to Ackerly. After 21 years as a cotton farmer, they moved to east Texas, near Paris, to ranch. They currently reside on a small ranch just outside Paris.

They are both retired. The couple have four children, Ricky, Craig, Pam and Barbara, and 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

STORK CLUB

Logan Reed Edwards, five pounds six ounces and 18 inches long, and Luke Michael Edwards, five pounds 14 ounces and 18 1/2 inches long, boys born 6:15 p.m. Aug. 11, 1999, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Parents are Michael and Raemi Edwards of Lubbock.

Grandparents are Claud and Patsy Fryar of Big Spring, and

Wesley and Norma Edwards of Lubbock.

Ashlan Paige Armstrong, 8:26 p.m., three pounds 13 1/2 ounces and 17 1/2 inches long, and Andi Renae Armstrong, 8:24 p.m., four pounds four ounces and 18 inches long; parents of the girls are Stacy and Andrew Armstrong.

Grandparents are Douglas and Katherine Wurmnest of Fresno, Calif., Wendell Armstrong of Big Spring, and Janet Wurmnest of Fresno, Calif.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, beans, lettuce/tomato, milk/buns, pie.

TUESDAY-Pork chops, sweet potatoes, peas/carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken, rice, broccoli/cheese, pea salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

THURSDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, green beans, cucumber salad, rolls/milk, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Pork roast, potatoes, beans, salad, rolls/milk, cake.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Pizza or baked potato/bread, peas & carrots, tossed salad, fruit cup, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Baked chicken or baked turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered carrots, fruit

cobbler, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.
(Rest of the week's menus not available)

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY

MONDAY-Sandwich, waffle fries, green beans, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Fish fingers, macaroni & cheese, blackeye peas, fruit cobbler, hushpuppies, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Mexican jambalaya, salad, rice, charra beans, orange wedges, milk.

THURSDAY-Breaded chicken patty, mashed potatoes, English peas, pineapple, roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pinto beans, lemon pie and milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Cheeseburgers, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

TUESDAY-Frito pie (corn

dogs), corn, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Smothered steak (burritos), gravy, mashed potatoes, breaded okra, rolls, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Homemade burritos (cheese fries, crackers), pinto beans, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Spaghetti (chicken patty on bun), salad, bread, carrots, cherry cobbler, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL

MONDAY-Chef salad, broccoli/celery, wheat crackers, jello salad, milk.

TUESDAY-Hot dog, potato salad, veggies, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Sloppy joes, potato chips, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Western casserole, corn, cornbread, fruit, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Burritos, salad, corn, hot sauce, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Bar-be-que ribs,

ranch-style beans, potato salad, cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco salad, chips, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, slice potatoes, salad, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza (hut), salad, pork & beans, cake, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Western casserole, corn, salad and crackers, pudding and cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sloppy joe, french fries, pickles and onions, salad, ice cream, milk.

THURSDAY-German sausage, pinto beans, whipped potatoes, sliced bread, fruit pie, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken strips and gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, jello and fruit, milk.

WHO'S WHO

The largest number of graduates ever in the history of TSTC West Texas received degrees and certificates Aug. 13.

Local and area residents included: Earl R. Burnett, Matt E. Crawford, Pamela J. Crockett, Casey K. Fambro, Bradley K. Hildebrand, Charles R. Huiitt, Lorri C. Hurst, Jason M. McVean, Kevin J. Menges, and Roman J. Ortega, all of Big Spring.

Also Mary S. Crisp, Martin D. Givens, Angela Haltom, and Kevin D. Mc Kerley, all of Loraine.

Erin Denise Roberts graduated from Texas Tech University on Saturday, Aug. 14, with a Master of Science in Microbiology. Her thesis was entitled "Regulation of Inflammation: The Role of the

Endothelial Cells." Erin is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School. She will be working for the University of Texas/MD Anderson Research Clinic in Smithville.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Shelene Roberts and the granddaughter of Thelma Roberts, all of Big Spring.

Melodia Tello graduated from the Scott and White Program in Clinical Laboratory Science, Temple, on July 22, 1999. The program was created in 1988 to meet the need for well-trained, quality clinical laboratory scientists. Students gain their clinical experience while rotating through the laboratories at Scott and White, its regional clinics, King's Daughters Hospital and the Central Texas Veterans Healthcare system. She also received the NCCLS Honored Graduate Award.

On Aug. 14, Tello graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton during their 1999 summer commencement

exercises.

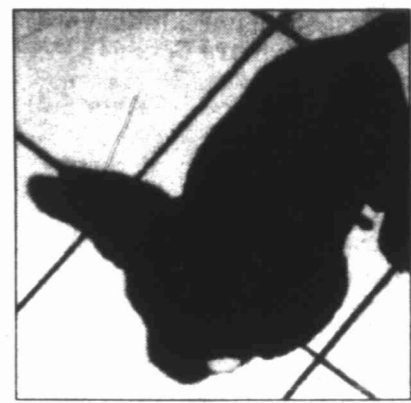
She received a Bachelor Science Degree in Medical Technology. She is currently employed at Parkland Memorial Hospital Outpatient Clinic Laboratory, Dallas, as a Medical Technologist.

She is the daughter of Gregory and Delia Tello of Big Spring.

Four Big Spring students at Angelo State University were among 238 students to receive degrees during the Summer Commencement at the university.

Michelle Dawn Biddison received a Master of Science, with a major in Psychology - Counseling Option; Elizabeth Hernandez received a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Spanish; Jerriann Mitchell received a Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, with a major in Communication; and Estanislaw D. Solis received a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Management.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Katy" Dachshund mix, black female, 3 years old, spayed.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Dorothy" Black and white Border Collie mix, 11 month old female, spayed.

"Stan" Black/tan shepherd mix, 11 month old male, neutered.

"Samantha" Part Lab. gold/brown, 1 year old plus female, spayed.

"Sparky" Red Heeler, male, 1 year old plus, neutered.

"G.W." Blue Heeler, male, 2 years old, neutered.

"Emma" Black Lab mix, 1 year old female, spayed.

"Blue" Chow/Heeler, black and white male, 2 years old plus, neutered.

"Muffin" Pit mix, black/white female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Caroline" Boxer/Pit mix, brown and white female, 2 years old, spayed, very sweet.

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

ENTERTAINMENT FLASHBACK

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Entertainment highlights during the week of Aug. 29-Sept. 4:

60 years ago: "The Women," directed by George Cukor, premiered in Hollywood. The film starred Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell and Joan Fontaine.

55 years ago: Frank Capra's "Arsenic and Old Lace" starred Cary Grant, Raymond Massey and Peter Lorre.

50 years ago: James Cagney, Virginia Mayo and Edmond O'Brien starred in "White Heat," directed by Raoul Walsh.

40 years ago: A New York radio station banned the song "Mack the Knife" in response to a wave of stabbings.

30 years ago: Chicago Transit Authority, Janis Joplin, Led Zeppelin and Santana performed at the Texas International Pop Festival in Dallas.

20 years ago: INXS performed its first concert in Toukley, Australia.

15 years ago: "Purple Rain," the movie starring Prince, went into general release in Britain.

10 years ago: The Rolling Stones opened a 29-city Steel Wheels tour with concerts at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia.

Five years ago: Singer Willie Nelson performed at the federal prison in McKean, Pa. "Let's get this jail moving," Nelson told prisoners. They shouted back, "We love you, Willie!"

One year ago: The Venice Film Festival paid tribute to actress Sophia Loren. Her husband, producer Carlo Ponti, accepted a lifetime achievement award for Loren, who was kept away from the festivities by illness.

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Ron and Jeany Mayberry, San Angelo. He is the Howard College Women's Basketball Coach.

Tom and Carol Bradley and daughter Lauren, Hobbs, N.M. He is employed by Sid Richardson Carbon Black Pilot Plant.

Michael and Lynette Nickell, Lubbock. He is associate professor of biology at Howard College.

Pam Rummell, son Patrick, daughters Melissa and Jessica and grandson Jayden, Sheridan, Ore. She is a C.N.A. at Mountain View Lodge.

Nickolas and Karla Arriaga, Amarillo. He works for Signal Homes.

Frank Eller, Abilene. He is employed by Hirschfeld Steel Fabrication Co.

Keith and Jessica Greni, Hetland, S.D. He is employed by Fina Oil & Chemical, and she is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

IN THE MILITARY

Jennifer J. Mata, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Mata of Big Spring, enlisted in the the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on Aug. 23.

Mata attended Howard College and is currently scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Nov. 3. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, she is scheduled to receive technical training in the security career field.

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Company says it placed no hazardous waste in Detroit sewers or landfills

DETROIT (AP) — Officials for a Houston-based company deny that the company dumped untreated hazardous liquids into Detroit sewers or into western Wayne County landfills. "As far as we know, we are not engaging in illegal activity," Gary Van Rooyan, general counsel for Houston-based US Liquids Inc. told the Detroit Free Press on Thursday. "When all the facts are known, the allegations will be determined to have no merit." Federal agents executed search warrants Wednesday at

the company's USL-City Environmental Inc. waste treatment plant in Detroit and at a landfill in Van Buren Township. An investigation is under way to determine whether USL-City Environmental has dumped between 20,000 and 100,000 gallons of liquid waste daily from its plant into Detroit sewers. FBI agents completed the searches and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency took water samples from the treatment plant Thursday, FBI spokeswoman

Marciann Grzadzinski said today. She did not know when results would be available. Five employees of the company told federal investigators liquid waste has been dumped into the sewers for up to two years, the newspaper reported. The company also is suspected of dumping improperly treated hazardous solid waste into the Woodland Meadows landfill in Van Buren Township and the Carleton Farms landfill in Sumpter Township, according to an affidavit in support of the search warrant. Neither landfill

is licensed to accept hazardous materials. Owners of the two landfills denied illegal activity. Tom Corbett, assistant general counsel for Waste Management in Houston, which owns the Woodland Meadows landfill in Van Buren Township, said: "It's my understanding that we are witnesses in this case. Our facilities were not the subject of any search. It was the trucks that were brought to our facility that were the subject of the search." Matt Davies, vice president

for Republic Services Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., which owns Carleton Farms in Sumpter Township, said there has been no dumping by USL-City Environmental since Republic bought the landfill from Waste Management in February. Van Rooyan said US Liquids, which owns 40 treatment plants nationwide, bought the Detroit plant in May 1998 from USA Waste Services Inc. The Detroit plant accepts waste from 20 states, with 50 percent to 60 percent of the

waste coming from metropolitan Detroit. It generates revenues of about \$25 million annually. Van Rooyan said the USL-City Environmental plant has been cited for "occasional violations" by the state Department of Environmental Quality and has "corrected them." US Liquids signed a consent order with the federal Environmental Protection Agency earlier this year for inadvertently accepting PCBs from a plant in Kentucky, Van Rooyan said.

County fair officially opens 4 p.m. Monday

The 27th Annual Howard County Fair will officially get under way on Monday beginning at 4 p.m. The Howard County Fair Association Show on Saturday with over 120 entries from all over the state. Today, the fair will host the Junior Meat Goat Show at 1 p.m. Approximately 200 entries are expected to exhibit. There is no charge for admission to the Goat Show. Entries for the Agricultural Products Show will be accepted from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, with judging to begin at 5 p.m. Larry and Bertie Fay Shaw and Rick Campbell will serve as superintendents for the agricultural Products Show.



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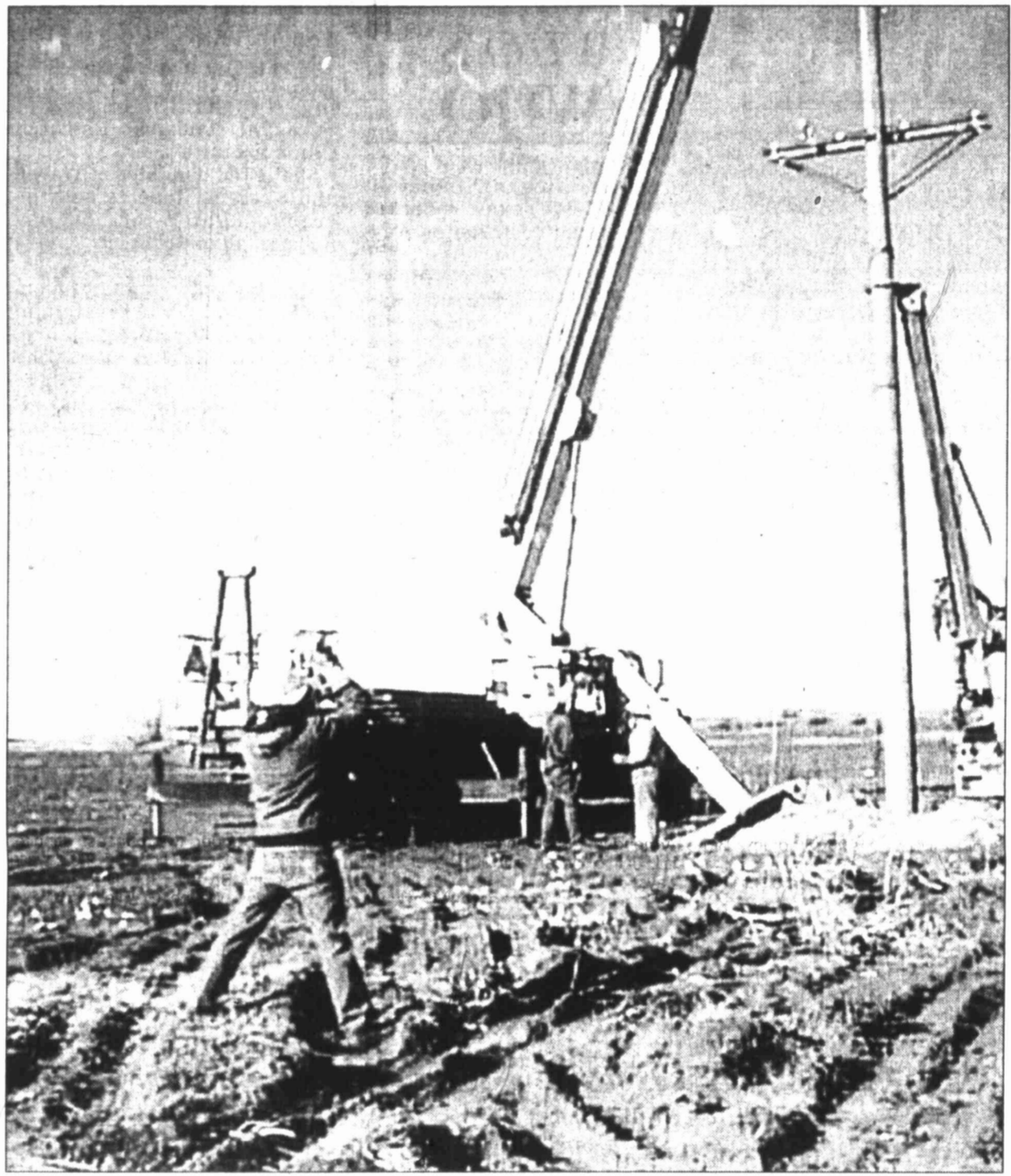
All products must be grown by the exhibitor in Howard or an adjacent county. The following divisions will be offered: watermelon, cantaloupes, pumpkins, peppers, tomatoes, onions, okra, squash, peas and beans, miscellaneous vegetables, fruit and pecans. There is also a division for most unusual garden produce. The Howard County Cotton Show is open to any producer in Howard County. Plaques will be awarded the champions of each of the following divisions: Tallest stalk of cotton; most unusual stalk of cotton; cotton stalk with the most formed bolls (only bolls that are dime size or larger will be counted); and best stripper

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Cap Rock acquires McCulloch Electric

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Cap Rock Electric is acquiring McCulloch Electric Cooperative — its third acquisition of the 1990s. "If companies like ours are going survive, we've got to get larger. We've got to enlarge our customer base," said Peggy Luxton, Cap Rock Electric communications manager. "There's not that much growth going on, so combining is one way to do it. It's good for all customers, both Cap Rock and McCulloch." The acquisition will add almost 6,000 meters to the 27,000 Cap Rock currently services. Cap Rock has nearly 9,000 miles of line and will add another 2,600 with the acquisition of McCulloch, which is headquartered in Brady. McCulloch will become an operating division of Cap Rock, which already has such operating divisions in Stanton, Colorado City and Celeste. Cap Rock, which has its corporate office in Midland, acquired Lone Wolf Electric in Colorado City in 1991 and Hunt-Collin Electric in Celeste in 1992. Cap Rock in the process of becoming a community based stock company, a move approved by its customers last year. "The cooperative philosophy was a fine way for us to conduct our business for more than 60 years," said Cap Rock President and Chief Executive Officer David Pruitt. "Some of the cooperative principles hold and are very essential; however, others create a financial burden on a company moving into a deregulated market. Cap Rock is the only cooperative in the nation trying to combine the best part of the cooperative structure, community ownership and community base, while taking advantage of the financial benefits of being a stock company. "It is in the best interest of



HERALD file photo
Cap Rock Electric has acquired McCulloch Electric of Brady. It is the third acquisition of the 1990s for the Midland-based company. Above, workers install new poles along FM 700 north of Big Spring.

our customers to own a part of a public stock company than to own capital credits or equity in a cooperative," Pruitt said. In the past, members of Cap

Rock were allocated capital credits, or ownership equity. Those were returned at approximate 20-year allocations. Like Cap Rock customers, the mem-

bership of McCulloch Electric Cooperative will be offered a discounted lump sum of their See CAP ROCK, Page 5B

Ridin' high

Gondolas will cart tourists to high peak

EL PASO (AP) — Step into the gondola and take a deep breath. And away you go, rising slowly over a steep mountainside covered with red rocks, yuccas and prickly pear cactus. Four and a half minutes later, you're standing atop a 5,632-foot peak in the Franklin Mountains, the southernmost Rockies. From here, you look out at a vast expanse of rolling hills and bustling neighborhoods, at the Rio Grande snaking its way between Texas and Mexico, at sun-kissed mountains in the distance. Gondola rides that have been off-limits to the public for 13 years will soon be available again, and promoters are hoping the activity gives a little boost to tourism in El Paso. "It's a wonderful thing for the community," said state Rep. Pat Haggerty, who has worked to get the tramway reopened to the public. "It would be a tremendous tourist attraction. It gives El Paso a sense of identity in some way — it's the only tramway in Texas." Two gondolas similar to the kind that swoosh along sky-high cables at amusement parks and up mountainsides at ski resorts have been in use at El Paso's Ranger Peak since 1960. The operation originally was put in place so that workers for a television station could erect a broadcast tower at the top.

At one point, the owner of KTSM-TV decided to allow the public to take the ride, which brings passengers 940 feet higher on the mountain. During the climb, the gondola rises as high as 300 feet off the ground. But in 1986, because of the cost of liability insurance, the station closed the gondolas to everyone except its own maintenance workers, who need access to the broadcast tower. Then, a few years ago, Haggerty and Richard Pearson, KTSM's current general manager, got to talking at a cocktail gathering at the base of the mountain. Pearson told Haggerty he'd like to open the gondolas to the public again — as long as the state took over the operation. Haggerty, R-El Paso, appealed to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, which agreed to run the tramway. The TV station's owners turned over the property and equipment free-of-charge.

Now, the state has bought two new, eight-person gondolas from a Swiss company for \$61,000, to replace the two that have been in use since 1970. At the site, extensive renovations are under way. New cable will be installed, new observation decks put up, the road leading to the loading platform upgraded, parking added and a gift shop and interpretative exhibits built. The total cost is \$1.5 million, said Delton Daugherty, a regional director for Texas Parks and Wildlife. When construction is finished, probably this spring, rides will cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under, with profits going to state parks in the area. The hours will vary depending on the season.

Dave & Buster's stock plummets by nearly half

DALLAS (AP) — The stock of Dallas-based restaurant chain Dave & Buster's Inc. dropped by nearly half Friday after the company said it expected weak earnings in the second and third quarters. The company had announced after markets closed Thursday that that earnings would be roughly half as much as analysts expected for the quarter ended Aug. 1 and would continue below expectations in the third quarter. The company said same-store revenues would be lower than

expected — down 2.2 percent overall, and even worse at three restaurants in California. Shares hit a 52-week low of \$12.62 before closing at \$13.75, a drop of \$11.12, or nearly 45 percent. "This appears to be severe punishment from the street, but then, we've never missed our numbers," said co-chairman Buster Corley, who joined with Dave Corriveau to found the chain in 1982. Analysts surveyed by First Call had expected 28 cents a share in the recent quarter, but

the company said Thursday it would be 14 to 16 cents a share. Analysts immediately downgraded the stock, and it plunged at Friday's opening bell. Volume was heavy — about 4 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange, compared to an average of 55,000 shares. Dave & Buster's operates 21 large fast-food restaurants in Texas, California and several other states from coast to coast. The stores, as the company calls them, offer virtual-reality games and feature full bars and are marketed as fun dining

entertainment for adults. Several other chains that combine amusement and themes with food have also reported recent downturns and their stocks have slumped. Corley blamed the results in the three California restaurants on poor management, and said several supervisors had been replaced. He said no layoffs or headquarters changes are anticipated. He said fourth-quarter earnings should be back on track. In line with other analysts, Andrew Barish of BancBoston

Robertson Stephens lowered the rating from buy to long-term attractive. He cut his estimate of earnings for this year by 15 percent and next year by 12 percent. "The company will be in the 'penalty box' for some time," Barish said, but added that the chain's concept remains strong. Corley said the company is proceeding with plans for two new stores this year and 15 more in the next two years. The company also operates two Dave & Buster's in the United Kingdom.

Physicians file suit against Scenic Mountain Medical

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Two former Big Spring doctors who have been sued by Scenic Mountain Medical Center for breach of contract have joined a third doctor in a suit against the hospital claiming breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation, fraud, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The documents have been filed in 118th District Court. The suit by doctors Rory Minck, Carlos Mercado, and Maria de la Vega, seeks millions of dollars in damages and declaratory judgment. For breach of contract, the plaintiffs are seeking damages not to exceed \$2 million. For negligent misrepresentation, the defendants are asking for no less than \$2 million. For fraud, the defendants are seeking no less than \$2 million or the rescinding of the contracts.

Exemplary damages for fraud are in an amount to be determined. The suit claims the hospital "intentionally inflicted emotional distress on the plaintiffs" and for that they seek "no less than \$2 million" plus "exemplary damages to be determined." The exchange of lawsuits began with Big Spring Hospital Corp., parent company of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, suing Mercado and de la Vega, who now live and practice in Orlando, Fla., for breach of contract, court filings show. The two physicians have been sued by the hospital for \$40,015.85 and \$38,575.04, respectively. The hospital is seeking those amounts plus attorney's costs. The hospital's lawsuit claims Mercado and de la Vega agreed to practice medicine in Big Spring by Dec. 1, 1996 and agreed to maintain a full-time practice in Big Spring for three years. The original hospital suit claims

Mercado and de la Vega were advanced \$232,394.19 and \$226,862, respectively, to establish their practice in Big Spring, but ended their practices, prompting the breach of contract suit. The two were joined by Minck in the new suit and now claim they were allured here from other practices under representations that included: • The hospital would guarantee the doctors a steady income during the time they were establishing their practice and that the guarantees would be necessary for only six to nine months, by which time the doctors would generate enough income on their own to discontinue such guarantees. Minck was guaranteed \$34,167 per month and Mercado and de la Vega were each guaranteed \$22,000 per month. • That Big Spring needed doctors with their qualifications. • The hospital would actively and continually advertise their medical prac-

tices to ensure establishing a strong patient base. • An office facility would be ready for Mercado and de la Vega by Nov. 15, 1996. • The hospital would provide billing services. Based on the representations, the court documents read, Minck signed a contract on Aug. 11, 1997. Mercado and de la Vega signed Aug. 7, 1996. The suit claims that the hospital "as part or practice of negligent or fraudulent misrepresentations, failed to comply with its representations and contractual responsibilities, plaintiffs were unable to generate monthly income equal to the income guarantees and became dependent upon these guarantee payments." The suit claims the hospital "did not disclose that the center has suffered from a poor reputation in the Big Spring community" and "this reputation has

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Veribest High School ag/science teacher Kevin Newsome judges this medium wool sheep entered by Heather Shortes of Seminole at the Howard County Fair. Goats will be judged today. The fair officially opens at 4 p.m. Monday.

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made it impossible for plaintiffs to generate a significant patient base, because many Big Spring residents go to other communities to obtain medical treatment." The suit also complains this was "exacerbated by a failure to provide advertising at a level as it (hospital) had promised to do."

In addition, the suit claims the hospital "did not disclose to Minck that his practice would be limited to indigent patients... and... contributed to Minck's inability to generate monthly income that even closely approximates the monthly guarantee payments because "insurance reimbursement for such patients is significantly lower than for patients who are not on indemnity or managed care insurance plans."

The suit also claims that the hospital "did not disclose to Minck that the center has inadequate nursing staff, inadequately or poorly maintained surgical equipment, and/or inadequate surgical assistance."

Furthermore, the court filing continues, the hospital "failed to disclose... that the defendant (hospital) intended to actively solicit additional family practitioners to Big Spring. The success of these recruiting efforts has impeded the ability of de la Vega and Mercado to generate sufficient income to eliminate the... guaranteed payments."

The suit contends that Minck was not provided with on-call relief as was promised and wasn't told that Malone-Hogan Clinic obstetrician/gynecologists "did not wish to share calls. As a result, Minck has, of late, been on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to his physical and emotional detri-

ment." Collection efforts for bills have also been called "ineffectual" by the suit. Amber Rich, director of business development and human resources for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, declined to comment on the case. Telephone calls to the plaintiff's attorneys, McGinnis, Lochridge and Kilgore in Austin were not returned.

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"McCulloch's membership approved the acquisition," said Luxton. "Cap Rock customers didn't vote because we take on new members every month, so it was no change for them."

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- Peter Andrew Buske, 27, and Amanda Michelle Hernandez, 22
- Roy Olivas Gomez Jr., 26, and Raye

Court Records:

- Judgment & sentence DWLS: Daniel G. Bell \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 15 days in jail, Tomas Kirkpatrick \$250 fine, \$240 court cost and 5 days in jail, Ishell Williams \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 90 days in jail, Ronnie James Coleman \$100 fine, \$275 court cost and 60 days in jail, Thomas F. Figueroa \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
- Judgment & sentence display altered vehicle registration Ascencion Rios Jr \$100 fine, \$184.25 court cost
- Probated judgment DWLS: Priscilla Ann Garcia \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Jody Stolt \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Billy McGee \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Hal D Turner \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Trevor North \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Mary Jean Berry \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
- Probated judgment sale of alcoholic beverages to a minor: Michelle R. Grace \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
- Order of dismissal: Donald Lee Varner, Michael Allen Seay, Paul Douglass, Paul E. Merrell, Thomas Edward Watson, Harold David Varner, Ronald Crockett, Jennifer Brienne Perez, Jerry Jimenez Gomez, Joy Chandler Aldridge, Priscilla Carrillo
- Judgment & sentence DWLI: Marcos Albert Ayala \$250 fine, \$254.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
- Probated judgment theft over \$50/under \$500: Alicelis Saurez \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
- Probated judgment criminal mischief over \$50/under \$500: Teresa M. Armendaraz \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Jaime Nevarez \$100 fine and 180 days in jail
- Probated judgment assault/family violence: John E. Hood \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Evaristo Trevino \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail

- Williams, Cruz Gutierrez, Antonio Martinez Rodriguez, Johnny Joey Jones, Calvin Parnell, Marcus Eugene Gray, Felipe Hernandez
- Judgment & sentence theft over \$50/under \$500: Ishell L. Williams \$250 fine, \$254.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
- Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Denise Deanda, Lionirez Cortez Jr., Cecilia Mendez, James Michael Black, Israel Martinez
- Deed Records:**
- Deed with vendor's lien:** grantor: Alvine McCasland grantee: Shawn Ann Simpson and Billy Ray Brooks property: lot 4, blk. 10, Monticello Addition filed: Aug. 20, 1999
- 118th District Court Filings:**
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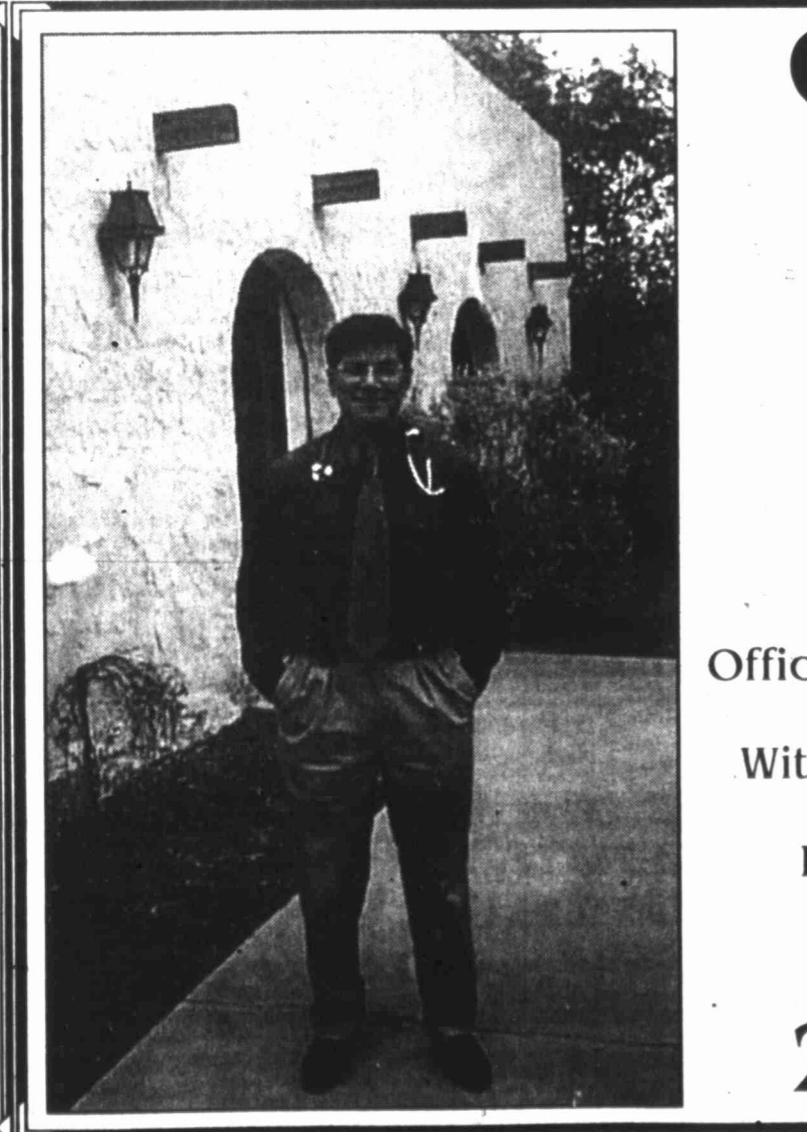
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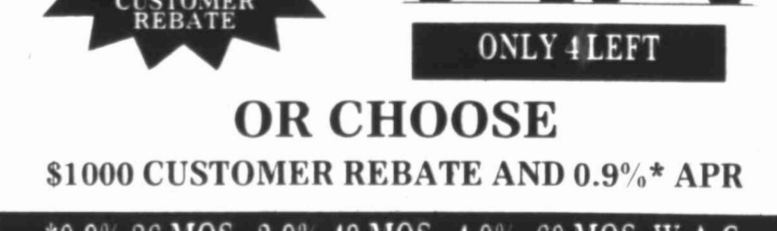
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ACROSS

- Star of "Just Shoot Me"
- Puts on
- Fraternity ceremony
- Celtic land
- Group of rooftop cells
- Perfect match
- Figure-skater's jump
- Musical syllable
- Other: Sp.
- Upward motions
- Dupe
- WW I spy
- Become obvious
- City near London
- Basketry willow
- Fords and Dodges
- Time charges
- Miller play, "All My ..."
- Betel palm
- Made logs
- Alaska buyer
- Increases inclination
- Persuaded
- Inna of tennis
- MX divided by V
- Chinese cooker
- Part of MIT
- Surf sound
- Idleness
- Poetic works
- Menacing character
- Chipper
- Those who put up with others

DOWN

- Put off guard
- Absence of oxygen
- Most loathsome
- Nation of Roma
- N, E, W, or S
- Blackjack
- School org.
- Misbehavin'
- Go-getters
- Tie together
- Female evil being
- Sacred story set to music
- Four-fifths of Earth's atmosphere
- Tennis footwear
- Org. of Lighting and Flames
- Asian ox
- Spanish Miles
- Medical care plan; abbr.
- Minute amounts
- Small salamanders
- Farm income producer
- Part of a telephone number
- Script doctor?
- Most frightening
- Leak slowly
- Jackie's second husband
- "Agnus ..."
- Joyce of "Three's Company"
- Hedge shrub
- Pacific weather phenomenon
- Homesteader
- Woodland gods
- Hawaiian singer
- Maiden or Marx
- Mediocre grade
- Black goo
- Letter-learning method; abbr.

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While most boys pour over baseball cards and speak of little girls, Trevor has taken an interest in cooking and dance. He doesn't mix well with other boys, is teased constantly and hates the walk to school. He is effeminate and introspective. I have come to the conclusion that Trevor is a homosexual - or rather, will be when he's more developed.

My question to you Abby, is - what can I do to make this "coming out" process easier on my son? I support him in his interests. I even bought him a cookbook for his birthday this year. Do you think it's too early to speak of sexuality to Trevor? Should I enroll him in karate? What do you think? -

DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother with two sons, ages 10 and 18, both of whom I love very much. I am becoming more and more concerned about my 10-year-old, "Trevor." Trevor has many interests and is highly intelligent for his age. But his interests trouble me.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **You feel out of sorts and unsure about what to do. Pressure from an authority figure could force your hand. Choose your words carefully. Build on established relationships. A talk helps you gain a perspective. Slow down and take some time for yourself. Tonight: Play it to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ****Trust a friendship. Follow through on planning a get-together. Unexpected news might have you kicking up your heels. Listen to others and share news. Build a better understanding with a controlling partner. Step away from a control game. Don't play into it! Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****Accept the limelight; listen to a partner who generally has an unusual perspective. Discussions bring feedback that might make you uncomfortable, but it is worthwhile. Reconsider a long-term goal that suddenly is fraught with problems. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****Play your imagination and spontaneity into the moment and into making plans. Others respond in a similar manner, letting out their playful nature. A partner reveals another side of himself that you thoroughly enjoy. A roommate or family member still may be overly serious. Explore a new hobby. Tonight: Rent a movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****Getting together with special people proves to be a pleasure. If unmarried, your ring finger could get itchy. You might be looking to the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ****Dealing with others runs the gamut between pleasure and difficulty. A difficult person becomes even more contentious, but a child or new love is delightful and full of surprises. Challenge your communication style to reach others. Consider taking a course specializing in how to convey your message. Tonight: Where others are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****Plunge into a project that you've been putting off. A family member's odd reaction shouldn't surprise you; he has been offbeat lately. A real-estate investment picks up speed. Crunch the numbers and make a decision soon. You might opt to remodel. Tonight: Make it an easy, relaxed night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ****Your cheerfulness helps others get over themselves. Your zest for living sparks; what you do today encourages others to be spontaneous, too. An internal transformation starts to manifest itself externally. You might want to reorganize. Tonight: Suddenly, your energy fizzles out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ****Stay close to home, reflect and consider a financial question. You could be thrown off by a material need. Build security; think conservatively. Invite others over for a fun afternoon or an early dinner. Don't make anything more difficult than it needs to be. Tonight: Play it low-key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ****You can't help but follow your whim. The unexpected occurs, no matter where you go or what you decide. Keep your answering machine on; another's suggestion delights you. Join friends for a summer get-together. Your impression of a friend changes. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****Indulge and enjoy yourself with an older relative or someone you put on a pedestal. You might be surprised by how different another can be when both of you are relaxed. Treat a friend to lunch and maybe a movie. Tonight: Don't push a difficult conversation.

BORN TODAY Actress Rebecca DeMornay (1962), singer Michael Jackson (1958), senator John McCain (1936)

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