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It might be hard to believe, but the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution has been part of our community for 20 years.

On Friday, there will be a special ceremony and reception at the facility, located at 1900 Simler on the site of the former Webb Air Force Base.

Today, in a special section, the Herald takes a look at Big Spring FCI's first 20 years in our community.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

- Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 lunch at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.
- Quarterback Club, 7 p.m., Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of theater.
- Line dancing, 10:30 a.m., Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library community room.

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Hundreds gather to celebrate with 'Dr. Nell' at former hospital

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Hundreds of family, friends and former employees and patients gathered Saturday afternoon to honor the 90th birthday of Dr. Nell W. Sanders with handshaking, hugging, kissing, and tears of happiness. Memories surrounded Dr. Nell, as she is affectionately known, since the celebration of her life thus far was appropriately held in their former Medical Arts Clinic-Hospital at 710 Gregg street, which itself is 50 years old this year.

"It's simply wonderful," said Dr. Nell. "It brings back lots of memories. But how could I miss it with so many old friends and patients here."

Dr. Nell told some of the guests that plans are already

under way for her 100th birthday celebration, for which "there will only be one large candle." She also said, rhetorically it is assumed, that at that time, she will also re-open the clinic.

By mid-afternoon, some two dozen former employees had joined the more-than-210 guests. One such was Beverly Hull, who worked there from 1973 to 1979 in the office doing insurance processing. "It was a busy place with lots of patients and lots of friend — and the patients were friends," she added. Another former employee was Paula Martinez, who worked at the clinic for seven years from 1968. "I was in surgery and OB delivery," she said.

Among the former patients

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Dr. Nell Sanders, right, was surrounded by more than two hundred well-wishers Saturday at the old Medical Arts Clinic on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Edna Hayworth, left, and Jerry Heil, pay their respects to the honoree who appeared to be enjoying herself immensely.

HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

BSJH: Map, photo, residents dispute claim school wasn't built atop well-known canyon

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A discovery of a 1953 map and an aerial photograph of Big Spring High School in a 1953 annual proved conclusively that a canyon once existed on the site of the Big Spring Junior High.

And as workers continue to attempt to stop the foundation failure of the \$10 million building, Ron Logback, business manager for the Big Spring Independent School District, said soil samples taken recently confirm that the school is sitting over soil that is not compacted.

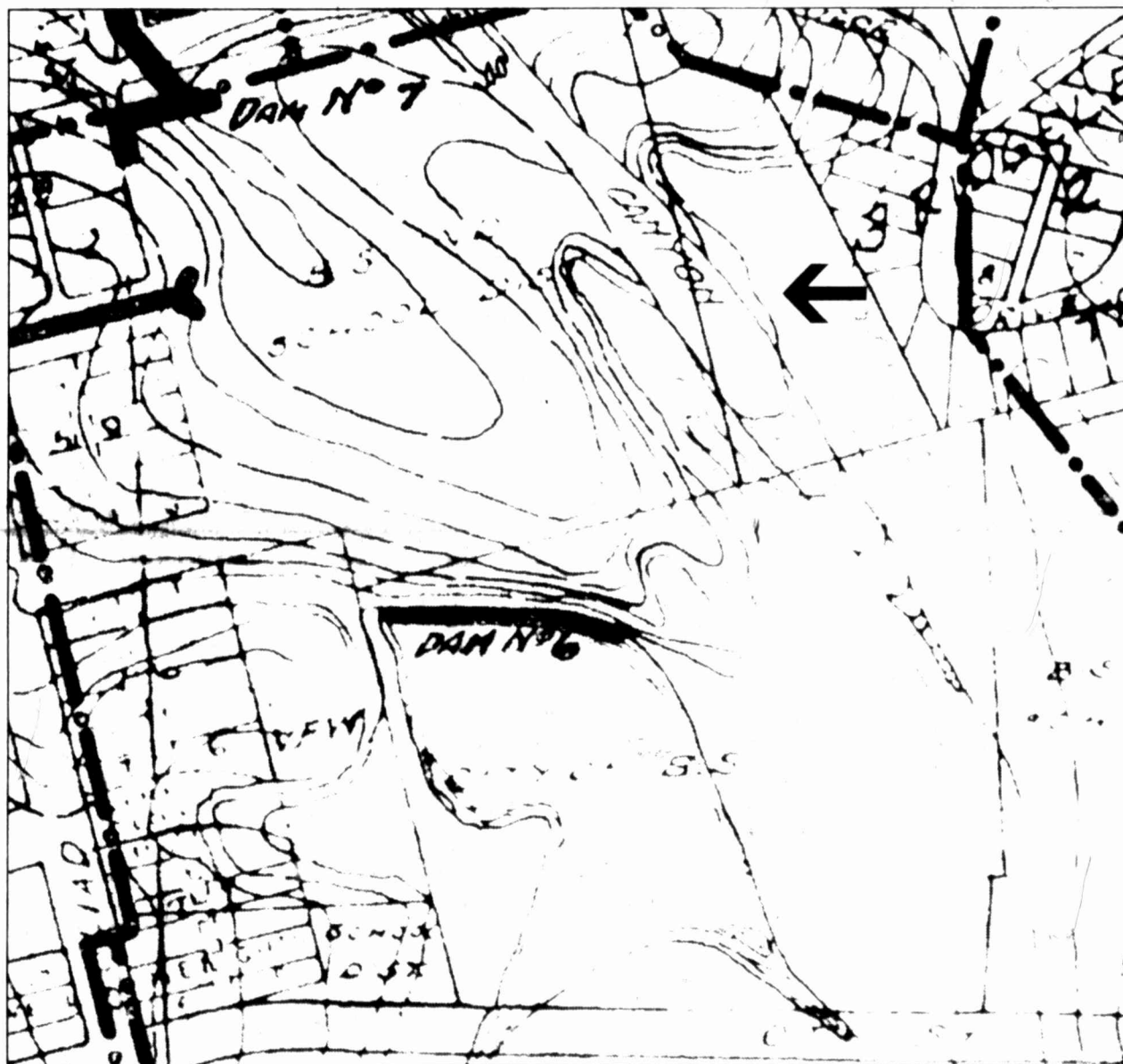
"As we go down about 12 feet, we have hard soil, but from 12 feet to about 25 feet we have soft soil. Then after 25 feet we have really hard soil again," Logback said.

A foundation problem in portions of the east wall of the building was discovered about three weeks after school began. Visible signs of shifting in the structure include gaps in the brick facade, doors that will not close and cracks in interior cinderblock walls.

A compaction grouting process, which has been under way for the past two weeks and is expected to last another three weeks, should stop the building from dropping on the east side, grouting experts with Hayward Baker Inc. said.

At the Sept. 2 school board meeting, Superintendent Bill McQueary said a geotechnical

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Courtesy map

This map, from the 1953 storm sewer drainage master plan, clearly shows a canyon in the area where Big Spring Junior High School was built. Dam No. 6 is the structure at the north end of the current Birdwell Park and was used to contain what was once known as Birdwell Lake. To this day, it keeps water from rushing downhill from the park. Dam No. 7 is now gone.

Lillard, McMahon Sr. recall location and filling of canyon

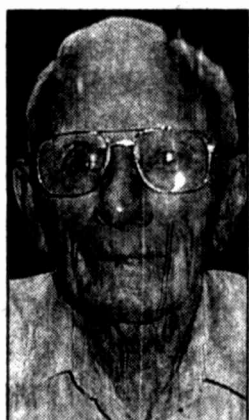
By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Some area residents remember when the canyon underneath the Big Spring Junior High was filled.

Ernest Lillard, a retired engineer who worked for the city in 1959, and Clyde McMahon Sr. both said the canyon was filled in when a section of the incline that now can be seen to the east of the junior high was cut away for Owens Street.

"Owens Street is not on the canyon, most of the canyon was to the west of where the street was paved," Lillard said.

And McMahon said when the YMCA was built in 1959, great care was taken that it



McMAHON

not be built over the canyon.

"Puckett and French were the architects



LILLARD

we had for the YMCA and we told them to stay off the canyon, which they did. We've never had a problem with the YMCA, but we did allow them to build the YMCA parking lot on the canyon, and years ago a section of the parking area sunk 10-20 feet and we had to fill that in and repave over it," McMahon said.

According to a platte map available at the Howard County Courthouse, Charles Rudd petitioned the city to build Ridglea Terrace housing addition, which today is located north of the baseball field.

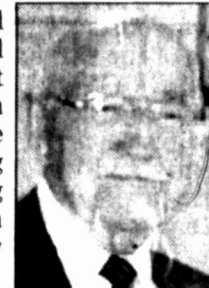
At that time, Owens Street, as well as Eighth and Seventh streets had not been built, and the portion of land where Owens

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Large canyon, gravel pit and rehab center all preceded junior high

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Research into readily available historical records confirms a canyon, a rehabilitation center and a gravel pit could all be found at one time on the site where Big Spring Junior High is today located.



PICKLE

Research into city council minutes also confirmed the area, known as Section 44, Block 32 Township 1-North, historically suffered drainage problems and flooding.

An early 20th Century recorded mention of the area is in 1900, when Arnabel Birdwell bought 260 acres in Section 44. She then sold acreage on the east side of the property, bounded by Sixth Street, to the county.

"It is a greed (sic) that so long as grantor or children may own the adjoining land they may use this land for grazing (sic) purposes except during the time gravel is being removed but when so used by them they shall keep up the fence and use same at their own risk," is recorded in the deed, dated July 22, 1921.

This seems to confirm that the county or perhaps the railroad used dirt taken from the north section of canyon, closest to Sixth Street.

Howard County historian Joe Pickle, who now lives in Austin, said he remembers when the county used the

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Vietnam Memorial's M60-A tank to get fresh coat of paint

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

Nearly a year after its delivery the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial's M60-A tank will be getting a facelift.

Kate Kubernach, who painted the memorial's Phantom F-4E in a traditional Vietnam-era camouflage, will arrive in Big Spring Monday from Las Vegas, Nev. to begin preparing the tank for painting.

The memorial, which began being developed nearly a decade ago, includes a granite obelisk with a map of Southeast Asia and the POW/MIA logo, flags from all United States branches

of military service as well as the United States and POW/MIA flags, a UH-1 Huey helicopter, Phantom F-4E II jet, the M60-A and the Gold Star Chapel.

Kubernach is an employee of Big Spring-based Freecom, Inc., which donated her time and materials for the painting of the Phantom in early 1998.

"We're excited to have Kate back," said Vietnam Memorial Committee spokesman Jerry Groves. "She is the only woman corrosion specialist in the country and is a very talented and unique individual."

The tank was obtained from the Army at Ford Hood and was put in place on the western edge

of the 2-acre memorial on Friday, Oct. 16, 1998 when a group of VMC members, along with volunteers from Jack Cathey Construction Co. and E.D. Walton Construction Co. eased the 100,000-pound behemoth off a Walton low-boy trailer and onto a concrete pad.

Less than two months later, vandals caused at least \$4,250 in damage to the memorial when they defaced the tank and surrounding area with spray paint.

It was at least the third act of vandalism against the memorial — including damage to the obelisk several years ago and the breaking of foot windows in the Huey less than a month

after it was dedicated.

In February, three adults and two juveniles were arrested in connection with the vandalism.

While the juveniles have already been sentenced, the three adults — 19-year-old Norma Godina, 18-year-old Miguel "Mike" Losoya Jr. and 17-year-old Ishmael Rivera — are still awaiting trial.

They are out on \$15,000 bond on charges of felony criminal mischief of more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. If convicted, they face between 180 days and two years in the Texas Department of Corrections and up to a \$10,000 fine.

"All we want is for the justice

system to work," Groves said. "We feel this was a crime not only against the memorial itself, but the memory of those men and women to whose memory it is dedicated as well as the citizens of Big Spring, who have supported this project with their time, money and labor."

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said Thursday afternoon that while he didn't know when the case would make its way through the court system, "they're (defendants) going to stand trial."

"Painting it will give us a dollar amount," he said.

Damage estimates at the time of the incident exceeded \$4,250.

SEPTEMBER 19 1999

OBITUARIES

Lillie Gutierrez

Lillie Gutierrez, 71, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 17, 1999 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas, after a long illness.

Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19, 1999, at Myers and Smith Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 20, 1999 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church officiating.

Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Mrs. Gutierrez was born March 13, 1928 in Charlotte, Texas. She was a homemaker and a resident of Big Spring since 1947. She was affiliated with Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include: one son, Robert Moran of Arlington, Texas; one brother, Manuel Gutierrez of Big Spring; one sister, Irene G. Moreno of Big Spring; one grandson, Robert E. Moran of Big Spring; three great-grandchildren, Zachary Moran, Jacinda Moran, and Raegan Moran, all of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Margarito and Julia Gutierrez and two brothers, Fermin Gutierrez and George Gutierrez.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Gutierrez, Fermin Gutierrez, Manuel Gutierrez, Rudy Gutierrez, George Gutierrez and Alex Moreno.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

(Paid obituary)

Tracy Kupper

Graveside service for Tracy "Kup" Kupper, 82, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park, with the Rev. Dudley Mullins of East Fourth Baptist Church officiating.

Masonic Rites will be conducted by Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, AF&AM.

Mr. Kupper died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1999 at his residence.

He was born Aug. 27, 1917, in Navarro County. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II. He had also served with the police and sheriff's departments in Howard County and was a truck driver for many years.

He was a member of the East Fourth Baptist Church and member of the Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, AF&AM, and was a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite, Lubbock Valley, Lubbock and Suez Shrine Temple of San Angelo.

He married Mabel J. "Nell" Rountree Nov. 17, 1961 in Big Spring.

Survivors are his wife, Mabel J. "Nell" Kupper; one son, Kelton Kupper of Bedford; two step-daughters, Nina Barnes and Margaret Beck, both of Big Spring; one step-son, Wayne York of Snyder; one sister, Leona Connor of Itasca; two grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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GLASSCOCK COUNTY ISD

Trustees for the Glasscock County Independent School District will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the district administration building.

Agenda items include: Supt. Charles Zachry's retirement, scheduled for the end of this school year;

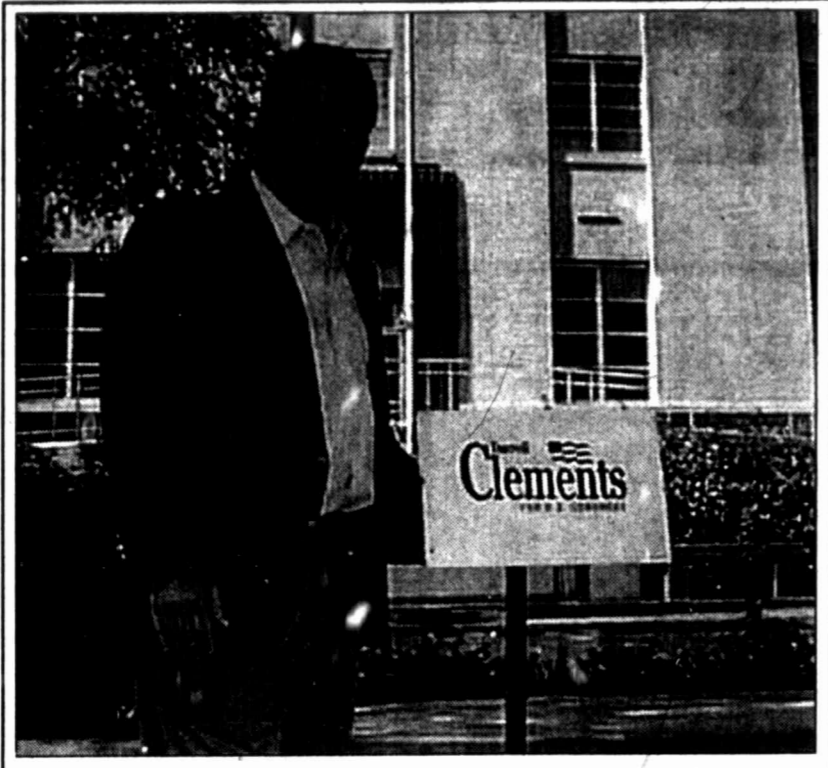
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Darrell Clements, in Big Spring to announce his candidacy for the 17th Congressional District seat held by Charles Stenholm, drew a sparse noontime crowd Saturday at the Howard County Courthouse.

HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

The family suggest memorials to Vista Care Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends Sunday at the funeral home from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch.

DR. NELL

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was Joe Hughes, who said she owes her life to Dr. Virgil "and to Dr. Nell who was right there pitching in." Hughes suffered a life-threatening reaction to medicine. "They just took care of me and I pulled through," said Hughes. "Just look at me now."

Dr. Nell's three children, Randy, Ann and Mark, all of Big Spring were present as were grandchildren. Dr. Virgil's brother Clifton, of Austin, attended.

Dr. Nell and her late husband, Dr. Virgil Sanders and his brother, Dr. Preston Sanders, built and operated the clinic-hospital from its opening in 1949. Preston died in 1950 and Dr. Floyd Mays was added to the staff and retired in 1957. Drs. Virgil and Nell remained until 1993, said Charlene Smith, a personal assistant to Dr. Nell. "It was a 30-bed hospital with offices for 4 doctors."

The facility opened as a hospital and stayed as one with Dr. Nell and Dr. Virgil and partners until 1977 when the hospital floors were closed. They continued to run the first-floor clinic until 1993, when they retired. Dr. Virgil died Feb. 3, 1998, Smith noted. Dr. Nell still owns the building, which is now an office building.

Neither Dr. Nell or Dr. Virgil accepted appointments, it is said, noting that if a person didn't know when they were going to be sick, how could they make an appointment? It was because of that attitude that many have said the two were doctors to everyone.

Dr. Virgil was a 1932 graduate of Big Spring High School. He met Dr. Nell in 1939 while attending the University of Texas Medical School. They were married in 1942.

The couple returned to Big Spring in 1945.

MEETINGS

MOORE DEVELOPMENT FOR BIG SPRING, INC.

The board of directors of Moore Development will meet at 3 p.m. Monday in the Chamber of Commerce board room, 215 W. Third St.

Agenda items include: Executive session to discuss personnel matters; FY 1999-2000 budget; Director's report.

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Alternative Education Program. Hear routine reports from elementary and secondary principals, as well as enrollment reports, activities and areas of concern, he said.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING JUNIOR HIGH will host a Scholastic book fair Sept. 27-Oct. 1. Students, parents and teachers can purchase old favorite books along with new titles, including Newberry and Caldecott award winners. Proceeds will help buy books for the school library. Call 264-4135 for more information.

FORSAN JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH School will have an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. First six-week report cards will be handed out at this time. All parents are invited to attend.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. Sunday. Everyone welcome to come. For more information call 267-5936.

THERE ARE NEW HOURS for the Scout Store, located at 610 Scurry. It is now open from 4-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents through 2 p.m. Saturday:

MICHAEL FOX, 39, was arrested for public intoxication.

SHANA ADCOCK, 38, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

NICHOLAS HORVATICH, 19, was arrested for minor in possession.

ARMANDO HERNANDEZ, 19, was arrested for public intoxication.

WILLIAM WOOD, 19, was arrested for failure to ID.

ANDREW AGUILAR, 30, was arrested on local warrants.

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Leon Bodine celebrated his 90th birthday on September 18th. A birthday party honoring Leon was held on September 12th, at the 1st Baptist Church in Ackerly. The birthday party was hosted by his wife, children, grandchildren, and their spouses. Leon has lived in the Ackerly community and farmed for 74 years. He is a member of the 1st Baptist Church of Ackerly, where he continues to teach Sunday School. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is still an active outdoors man.

Many long-time residents easily remember Cannibal Draw area

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Junior High School building looms over the horizon in an area once known as Cannibal Draw, a canyon many long-time residents remember.

"The Campbell family lived the closest to the draw, and I always thought perhaps the reason we called it Cannibal Draw was from Campbell Draw. That seems as good a reason as any to me," said Robert Reagan, who was born in Big Spring in 1919 and lived on Young Street between Third and Fourth.

Reagan said he remembers walking down the "draw" to school with his older brother and sister.

"We walked from Third Street about where the Oldsmobile place is now, past where the YMCA is now, up to the high

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junior high school. "No one sounded like it was a very big deal. No one really said very much to any of us about this," Fraser said when the failure was first discovered.

And who will ultimately be responsible for the foundation failure remains a concern. The compaction grouting process being used to stabilize and lift the building is a \$90,000-plus contract, with a proposed additional \$50,000 worth of cosmetic repairs.

Thus far, excessive watering of the landscaping has been blamed as the reason for the failure by the architect Tommie Huckabee, who designed the 150,000-square-foot structure.

And Huckabee, along with structural engineers Charles Terry and Patrick Moore of Charles F. Terry Inc. of Dallas, at an Aug. 26 board meeting presented trustees a topography map taken in the early 1960s that does not indicate terrain elevation in the area.

Now that maps and photographs of the canyon have been located, McQuary said he has been cautioned by district attorneys not to speculate publicly about liability for the damage.

"I don't think the question has ever been was there a gully there, but does the junior high school sit on the gully. I would say this is a gully, as I'm from the mountain areas," Logback said.

An overlay of the junior high school placed on top of a 1953 storm sewer drainage master plan map, which accurately por-

trays the canyon, indicates that most, if not all, of the junior high school east wall sits within the former canyon's west boundaries.

Logback also said he recently heard rumors that the site was once a gravel pit, which was confirmed by Howard County historian Joe Pickle, and a 1921 deed from Annabel Birdwell to Howard County that addressed gravel removal at the site.

Also, Howard County Crippled Children's Home was demolished in 1962, less than two years after it was built, because of foundation failure.

At that time, construction workers attempted to shore the structure by pumping concrete under the foundation, but the process did not work.

Logback said the reason that process didn't work was that the cement just added to the weight of the soil that was not compacted or strong enough to hold the weight.

"The process we're using for the junior high is something I have never encountered before. There are many reports of great success with this procedure. This is the same method they used with the airport in Colorado, which is the largest airport in the world, and the grouting process worked with a very large area," Logback said.

According to school officials, the compaction grouting process currently under way at the school seems to be stopping the slippage of the building, which shifted as much as one to three inches in some reports.

school field. It sticks in my mind, because they built the new school behind the Birdwell House," Reagan said.

He also remembers that city residents used the canyon as a dumping ground for all sorts of debris in the 1920s and 1930s, a fact Jimmy Newsom also remembers. Newsom and his family moved to Donley Street in 1941.

"I can remember when the water was 20-feet deep in that canyon after a good rain. We played in it in the 1940s, and I remember a few people drowned. A lot of people dumped trash and grass into the canyon then," Newsom said.

In fact, a Big Spring Herald story in 1962 reports a young girl drowned in Birdwell Park, because rain water caused more than 15 feet of rushing water to roar through the park.

Beverly Mohn said she attended Boydston Elementary School

and remembers chasing balls into the canyon during recess or physical education class.

"We had to ask the teacher's permission to go into the canyon to get the ball," she said.

Many residents remember playing in the canyon, and some remember walking through the canyon to reach a practice field.

The original football field was where the baseball field is today. The sites were changed in 1950, when the high school was being built.

Gary Pickle, who now lives in Austin, said he remembers he and his friends played in the canyon, much to the dismay of their parents.

"It was about 25-feet deep, and had caves in it, all sorts of neat things for kids. When I returned from college, I was surprised to see the canyon was gone," he said.

CANYON AREA TIMELINE

1900 — Annabel Birdwell purchases Section 44 Block 32 TSP (Township) 1-North

1921 — Annabel Birdwell deeds portion to county, specifying using area for gravel removal

1931 — East Ward Elementary built (later Boydston)

1940 — Annabel Birdwell sells Birdwell Tank to city

1944 — Maedelle Birdwell deeds land to Carl Strom "in the draw"

1950 — Ridgela Terrace built

1950 — Storm sewer reroute waterway by city for BSISD

1953 — Master Plan map for city of storm sewers clearly shows canyon and delineation of topogra-

phy.

1959 — YMCA built

1959 — Seventh and Eighth streets paved

1959 — Owens Street paved

1960 — Crippled Children's Home built

1962 — Home demolished because of foundation failure

1970s — MCA parking lot collapses-sinks, is repaired and repaved

1996-99 — BSJH built

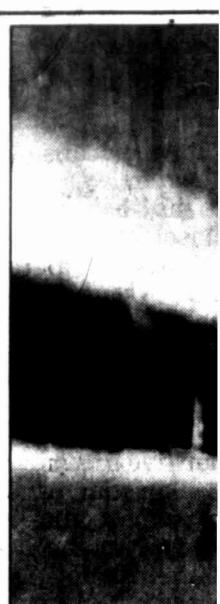
1999 — BSJH sinks.

1999 — Compaction grouting process begins in effort to save \$10 million building.

-MARSHA STURDIVANT

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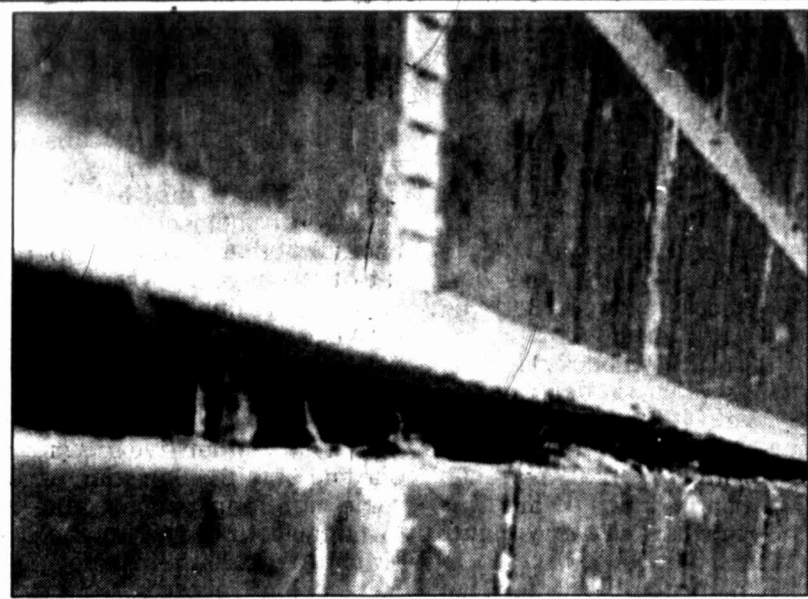
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This crack in a wall at Big Spring Junior High shows the severity of the building's sinking. While BSISD officials said at the Sept. 2 board meeting that there would be no disruption of classes, students were removed from a number of classrooms this past week and the athletic dressing rooms were closed in the \$10 million facility.

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"The canyon ran parallel to Owens Street, to the west, and as they dug out that area they put all the dirt into the canyon, to fill it in.

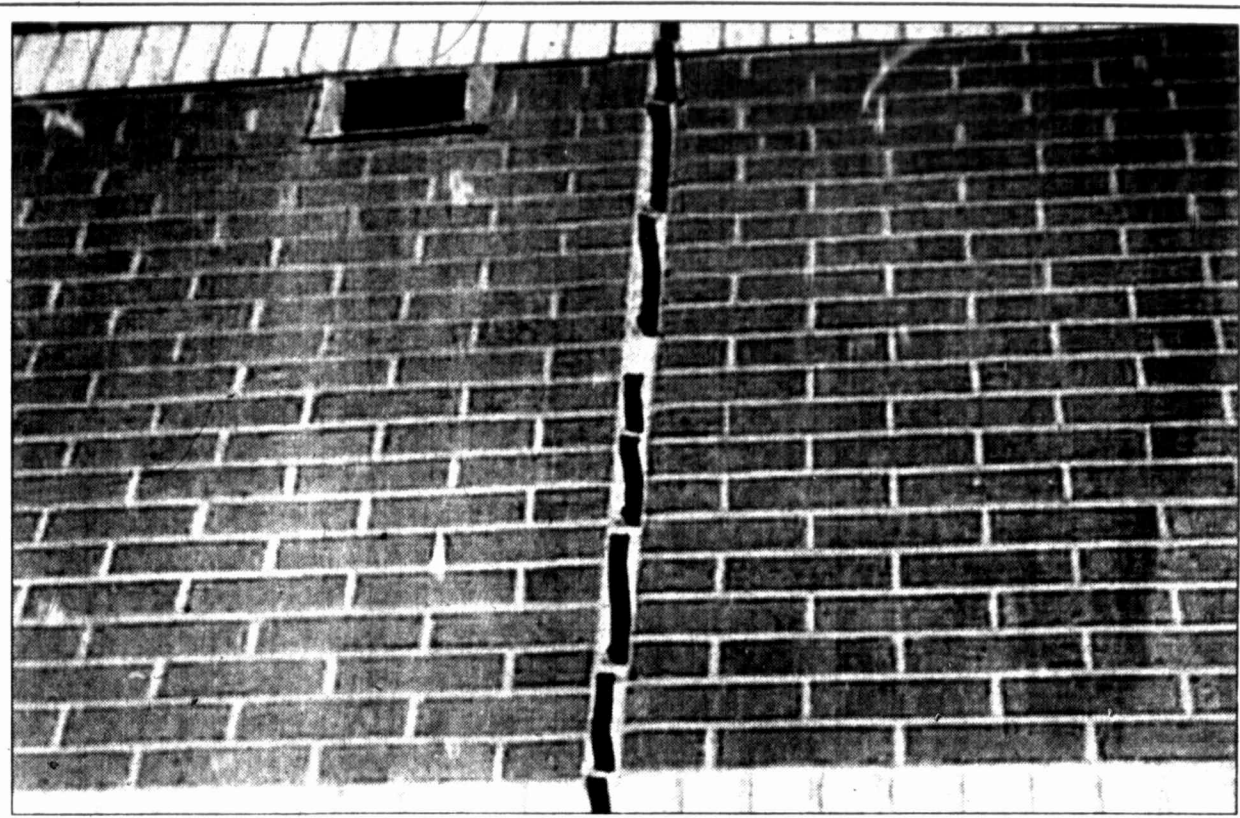
"Good friends of mine on the city council pushed to approve having the canyon filled in, and they did not at all fill it in to prepare it for a building site," McMahon said.

Lillard said until the canyon was filled in by the city in 1959, street sweepers would deposit all the sand and debris collected from town into the canyon.

"After it rained there was a lot of sand on the streets and they used that to fill in the canyon. They had hauled stuff into that canyon for years," Lillard said.

Both McMahon and Lillard agreed that the site was not prepared as a building site. A site may be prepared if every six to eight inches of fill dirt is compacted, according to experts.

Lillard and McMahon said the site was filled in and then leveled by vehicles driven over the area.



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A gaping crack in one of the junior high's exterior walls. Metal flashing has been installed over the exterior cracks to hide them from view.

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canyon as a gravel pit for material to pave what ultimately became I-20 and US 87.

"The county graveled a road for about five miles, and this is where they got the gravel. They had a major operation, and opened up the pit near where Owens Street is now, up to Sixth Street. Then they just abandoned it," Pickle said.

He remembers the gravel pit because he and his friends played there.

"A bunch of us kids used to ride the gravel wagons," he said.

Then, in 1940, Birdwell sold 10 acres of Section 44 to the city of Big Spring, to create Birdwell Park. The city manager was authorized to negotiate with Birdwell to purchase "the property known as Birdwell's Tank for the purpose of eliminating the hazardous condition of this property and to utilize same for flood control purposes," city minutes dated May 28, 1940 report.

Birdwell Tank, first known as Birdwell Lake, became Birdwell Park in 1940, and paving of streets in the area was approved, provided "drainage problems can be solved," according to minutes dated Sept. 24, 1940.

On June 17, 1944, Maedelle Birdwell, who acted as executrix of Annabel Birdwell's estate, deeded to Carl Strom a portion of the land "set in draw," which the Boy Scouts used, according to a deed at the Howard County Courthouse.

"There was a discussion of a drainage problem for the school at Benton and 11th Place," and "There was a discussion of the cost of the storm sewer at the new high school site. The commission were of the opinion that the city should not be required to construct this storm sewer as it was a natural water way the school was wanting changed," is recorded in city council minutes of 1950.

Then in April 1950, the city agreed to build the storm sewer, if the school district supplied all the materials.

"A motion was made ... that the city would install the storm sewer for the school from the intersection of Benton and 11th Place to Goliad Street, provided the school would furnish all material, sewer tile and catch basin material inclusive. Installation to be made after the grounds were leveled down, not before," the minutes read.

A storm sewer drainage master plan map commissioned by the city of Big Spring in March 1953 clearly marks the canyon which lies underneath the school.

However, it was nearly 20 years after the city created Birdwell Park before anyone chose to improve the site of the canyon.

In 1959, Big Spring YMCA was built, and streets were paved into the area. Until that year, east-west routes through that area of the city were located on Sixth Street and 11th Place.

City maps reflect that Seventh and Eight streets were paved from Goliad to Owens in 1959, just after Owens from 11th

'Center officials attempted to save the structure by pumping cement into the cavity beneath the building. But this proved fruitless.'

1962 Herald story about efforts to save the Crippled Children's Home Place to Sixth Street was paved.

Then, the Howard County Crippled Children's Home was built in 1960 on the southeast corner of the lot today occupied by the junior high school south parking lot.

Less than two years later, the Crippled Children's Home was demolished, because of foundation failure.

"Unfortunately the building was built over a former canyon, which had been filled with dirt. Heavy floods have since then eaten away at the building's support," reads a *Big Spring Herald* story from Sept. 17, 1962.

"Located at Eight and Owens, the Crippled Children's Center, has been condemned as unsafe. Flood waters have continued to wash fill dirt from beneath the foundation of the building and the building appears to be almost broken in half," the story said.

Attempts were made to save the structure, which had been built through a community effort, with donated materials and labor.

"Center officials attempted to save the structure by pumping cement into the cavity beneath the building. But this proved fruitless," the story said.

The community effort, which involved dozens of business owners, construction workers and generous citizens, ended with the demolition of the building and the center being relocated.

"After it collapsed, we just lost interest," said Jerry Worthy, a local businessman who helped with the building of the home.

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Street is today was owned by the Boy Scouts.

In 1944, land in the "draw" was deeded to Carl Strom, who worked with the Boy Scouts, according to a Howard County deed filed at the Courthouse. A small wooden building was erected on the site, to be used for scout meetings.

"Carl Strom worked with the Boy Scouts and had control of that deed, and it took him quite a while to get permission to have the Boy Scout building torn down so we could build Owens Street," McMahon said.

McMahon, a long-time concrete contractor in Big Spring, said after Ridglea Terrace was built, the incline to the west of that addition continued to form the east wall of the canyon. A portion of that wall was dug out

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I sincerely thank all the kind friends, especially all of my new friends at the Shuffle Inn, neighbors and relatives for the many courtesies, expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes that were given at the passing of Hazel Shortes.

Love You and May God Bless You!
Marvie Mark Shortes

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Vietnam Memorial gets new 'shine' with M60's painting

Big Spring residents are fortunate to have a group of dedicated citizens, such as the Vietnam Memorial Committee, who have labored for nearly a decade on our own Vietnam Memorial.

That it is a showplace cannot be denied. Visitors from around the country voice the opinion that it is one of the finest in the land.

Part of its reputation stems from the fact the two-acre memorial includes the service flags, the POW/MIA flag, the UH-1 Huey, F4-E II Phantom jet, M60A tank, Gold Star Chapel and the granite obelisk and plaza.

All who served ... no matter which branch of the service ... are remembered.

Another part of its reputation stems from the fact the memorial has been built through donations and volunteer labor.

And this week, Vietnam Memorial friend Kate Kubernach returns from Las Vegas to paint the M60A tank and put a little more shine on the memorial.

The painting of the tank brings to light the fact the three adults who were arrested for more than \$4,250 worth of vandalism to the memorial in the area of the tank have not yet had their day in court.

And to us, that means the memory of those to whom the memorial is dedicated ... the members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee ... the hundreds of volunteers who have labored over the past nine years and the thousands who have supported the project emotionally as well as financially have yet to have their day in court, either.

In the meantime, we welcome Kate back to Big Spring and we once again salute our friends of the Vietnam Memorial Committee for their service to both country and community.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring City Council deserves the gratitude of the citizens for refusing to approve Moore Development Board's budget request. Before the matter is reconsidered, I would like answers to the following questions.

Why did Mr. Sharp submit a request for what he admits was a high number for salary increases when he had no supporting information?

Why did Mr. Sharp request bonuses when he wanted longevity pay?

Why set aside \$250,000 for land acquisition for possible construction of an industrial development park when we already have the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park?

If personal calls, meetings, etc. can not recruit businesses, how effective is a \$30,000 CD likely to be?

Why doesn't the Moore Board publish minutes of its meetings? Are they not public information?

Why does Moore Development Board not publish a quarterly or at least semi-annual report showing their income, businesses recruited, businesses retained, and amount paid back from loans previously made?

Why not furnish an annual report of the Board's accomplishments during the previous three years?

I have talked to quite a number of others who are concerned about these items. I am certain they would appreciate clarification, as will I.

JOHN E. STAULCUP
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this years fair, especially Tommy Corwin. It was a pleasure to take our classes over for a field trip. The people working were very friendly and well organized. A special thanks is sent to those running the funnel cake booth who provided each child with a generous sample of funnel cake and lemonade. What a treat! The demonstration on how to avoid dog bites, the 911 presentation, the petting zoo, the branding demonstration, the chuck wagon talk, as well as the static farm and art displays proved to be both educational and enjoyable. Thank you for a job well done! We look forward to next year.

KAREN CRANDALL
Teacher
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Stop running from questions about beliefs

I'd like to recommend a book. It's "How Now Shall We Live?" by Charles Colson, the Watergate guy who got religion while in prison. The publisher is Tyndale House Publishers Inc.

Now I don't agree with everything Colson says, but the importance of the book is that it raises a question every American ought to face and then answer to his or her own satisfaction: What is your world view? It's always seemed to me, based purely on observation, that the human brain is so constructed that it cannot accept random chaos and thus always orders whatever data it has into a world view — a concept of how the world works and where one fits into it. Sometimes this is done deliberately, but if that task isn't undertaken, the brain seems to

do it on its own. Every government, of course, attempts to impose its world view on its citizens, primarily through government education. I'd say the current world view of the American government is a form of nihilism — the belief in nothing but the efficacy of government.

Religion is a world view, an explanation of the universe and guide for human behavior. This is true whether the religion is deity-based, such as Christianity, Judaism or Islam, or is purely secular, such as materialism, nihilism, stoicism, communism or whatever.

If you wish to test my notion that the human mind necessarily requires a world view, just talk to an illiterate homeless person or a primitive person, if you can find one. No matter how far removed from formal education, each will have an idea of how the world is, how it came to be and what his or her role in it is. It's my experience that the more ignorant people are, the more they are likely to be adamant, if not dogmatic, in their explanations. It is possible these days, I hasten to add, to be both

ignorant and institutionally certified as educated.

C.S. Lewis, that most brilliant of Christian writers, put the matter simply when he said, "The Christian and the Materialist hold different beliefs about the universe. They can't both be right. The one who is wrong will act in a way which simply doesn't fit the real universe."

It's important to think seriously about which of the competing world views one ought to adopt. Colson, of course, argues for the Christian world view. My purpose, however, is just to urge people to stop running from the question "What do I really believe?" Many people do. Like death, they avoid thinking about it. That explains why some people can't walk into a room without turning on the television or get into a car without punching the power button on the radio or tape player, and they hate being alone. They want constant distraction in order to avoid facing themselves and the big questions: What do I really believe? How should I live? And, given my beliefs, how does my behavior measure up?

Colson says if Americans wish to transform today's pagan culture, they have to start with themselves, understanding that individual moral choices determine the quality and nature of a society. Society, after all, is nothing but the sum of the individuals and their individual choices and behaviors.

I would rather live among people of faith, Christian or Muslim, than among secularists, for both Christian and Muslim, while their beliefs differ in some respects, receive their moral code from God. I was lost once at night in terrible slums in Cairo, but, despite being an obvious Westerner, I was neither threatened nor harmed. It wasn't the Egyptian government which protected me. It was the religious faith and moral code of the Muslim residents of that slum.

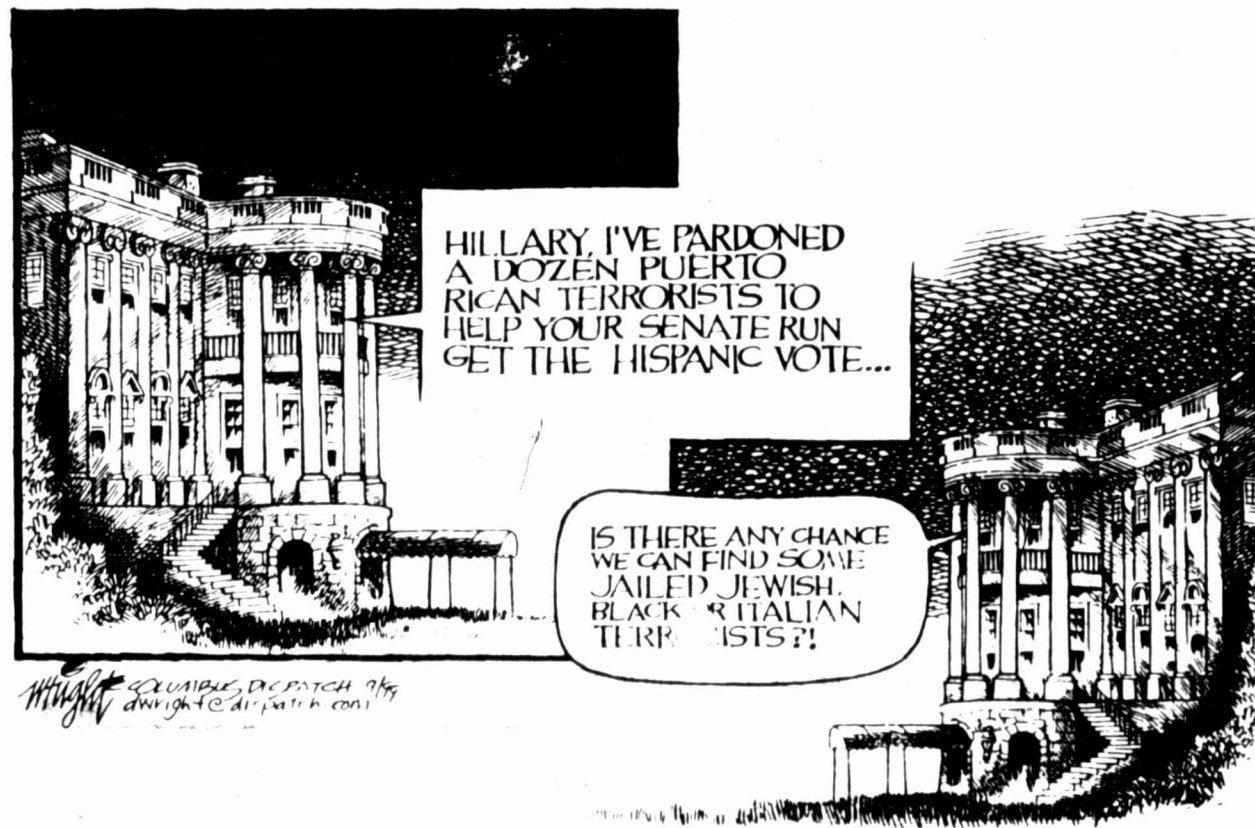
Needless to say, no one recommends getting lost in most American slums day or night in our secular culture.

To use the crude language of the Clinton campaign, "It's religion, stupid."

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National health insurance, unintended

The Law of Unintended Consequences is at play on Capitol Hill, and your health insurance is on the line. The story is fascinating, the possible result surprising.

Last year, the insurance lobby spent \$77 million in campaign donations and lobbying expenditures — besting for the first time the enormous money flow of the giant pharmaceutical industry.

They want you to know that the new managed-care reform ideas — specifically the Patients Bill of Rights coming from the White House and bills pending in Congress — are un-American.

These are simply scare tactics of a concerned industry, according to John Stone, the spokesperson for Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Georgia. Norwood and John Dingell, D-Mich., have come up with a bill that Stone says gives the power to sue back to the patient, a power that was stripped from the patient during ill-considered 1974 reforms.

But there is a catch — a big catch. Stone says that despite what the insurance companies would like the public to think, patients cannot sue their employers for health care gone wrong through this pending legislation, unless the employer in question is also the doctor or the insurance company. We disagree.

The bill actually states: "Employers cannot be sued for their choice of health plan, or benefits package."

And the Speaker of the House, concerned that the bill is too hard on business, commissioned Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and John Shadegg, R-Ariz., to come up with a plan that would tread the course between business and consumers. But this bill also falls short: "Employers are protected from any liability if they are not exercising 'discretionary authority' to make a decision on a claim for benefits."

The language quoted from both bills add up to the same thing: Employers beware. The first lists employer's sue-free areas; the second notably uses the word "if" when referring to employer liability.

Enter the Law of Unintended Consequences. Specifically, what company, large or small,

is going to be willing to provide employees with a health plan, if by doing so the company itself is placed at risk?

Employer-provided health-care plans are pass-through benefits, not employer-provided services.

Yet these bills making their way through Congress do not explicitly exclude employers from liability. The guaranteed issue? Employers will discontinue the health plans.

Enter the Second Unintended Consequence: Health insurance companies will be compelled to deal directly with the public in the sale and collection of insurance premiums, just as they do with auto, life and property insurance.

Enter the Third Unintended Consequence: Individuals who are rejected or charged exorbitant premiums due to pre-existing conditions or age would have no where else to turn except the government, giving us the final result: national health insurance.

Yet, instead of being national health insurance as the first resort, it would be the last resort, and America will have stumbled into a private-public combination that could be just the solution to national health insurance that has eluded administrations from Truman to Clinton.



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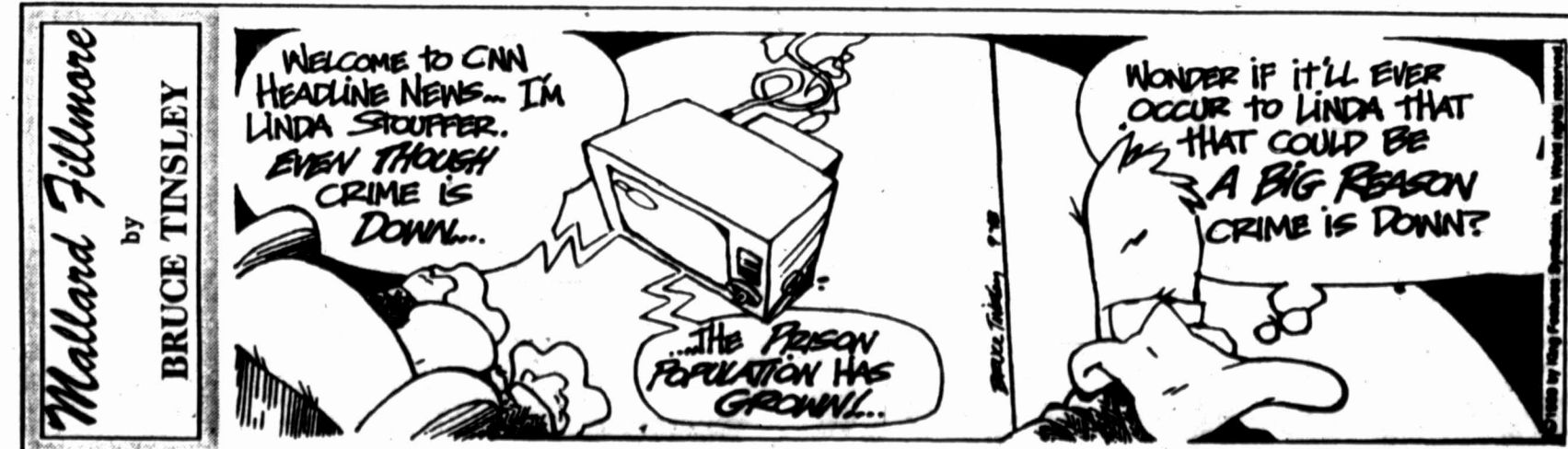
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Mourners gather for day 'of phenomenal sadness' in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — Friends and strangers both hurting and hopeful turned to Scripture on a Saturday "of phenomenal sadness and mourning" to remember victims cut down in the most sacred of places — a house of worship.

More than 1,000 people packed a Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary auditorium for the funeral of Shawn Brown, one of seven people killed by a gunman Wednesday at Wedgwood Baptist Church.

Pastor Al Meredith told those grieving to breathe deeply and focus on their faith "to get your

mind off the pain, and just hang in there."

"Don't expend too much energy trying to understand what happened ... the other night," said Meredith, who called the funerals "a day of phenomenal sadness and mourning."

"This is not Shawn Brown," the pastor said, pointing to Brown's open casket. "He's with the Lord today."

Brown, a 23-year-old Sunday school teacher, was studying at the seminary for his master's degree and hoped to become a youth minister. He was eulogized as fun-loving and eager to

learn, studying guitar and sign language.

In the rotunda just outside the auditorium, Brown's college baseball letter jacket was draped over the arms of a chair. His glove and ball rested in the seat and his empty spikes beneath. Family photos from happier days surrounded the display.

Dan Biaz, who was best man at Brown's wedding two years ago, recalled his friend's "almost-mischievous rapid-fire giggle."

"He was always ready to laugh and make you laugh,"

Biaz said.

Brown's widow, Kathy Jo, said her husband's goal was to immerse himself in his Baptist faith.

"Shawn ran the race victoriously, all the way to God's arms," she said.

Mrs. Brown closed her eyes as a trio sang Christian hymns, including "Sweet Mercies," and "Shout to the Lord."

The funeral for Brown was one of four held Saturday.

Susan "Kim" Jones, 23, worked with youth at Wedgwood. She lived on campus at the seminary where she

just recently began classes after graduating from Texas Christian University. Friends said she loved missionary work and had a ready smile and a personality that lit up a room.

Sydney R. Browning, a 1991 seminary graduate, was the children's choir director at Wedgwood. She also sang in the choir and was a favored soloist. Friends said she loved to sing old hymns. The 36-year-old taught at Success High School, a night school on the Trimble Tech High School campus, where many of her students were dropouts. She was shot while sitting on a couch in the foyer with a friend.

Justin Ray, 17, is said to have blossomed after transferring to the Cassata Learning Center, an alternative school with a self-paced environment. He was a devoted Boy Scout who had developed an interest in the audiovisual arts and wanted to

pursue a career in film and sound production. He was videotaping the band and attending to the sound system when gunfire erupted.

The services were the first following Wednesday night's massacre by Larry Gene Ashbrook, who opened fire during a youth rally at Wedgwood, killing seven and wounding seven before killing himself.

Church members worked to have Wedgwood ready for regular Sunday services.

"It will be difficult to go back into the sanctuary," said Wedgwood deacon Tom August. "Some people may not be emotionally ready for that. At the same time, you've got to get back on the horse."

Two of Ashbrook's victims remained in John Peter Smith Hospital. Justin Laird, 16, and Jeff Laster, 36, were both listed in fair condition.

Dragging defendant: 'I didn't mean to cause his death'

BRYAN (AP) — One of the white supremacists accused of dragging a black man to his death broke down on the witness stand, saying he was a bystander and not the killer.

A co-defendant, John William King, initiated the gruesome killing by fighting with James Byrd Jr. on a remote Jasper County logging road, then a third participant, Shawn Allen Berry, slashed Byrd across the throat and chained him to the truck, Lawrence Russell Brewer testified Friday.

"I didn't mean to cause his death," Brewer said, sobbing and crying during 4 hours of testimony. "I had no intentions of killing nobody."

Brewer, 32, acknowledged using spray paint on Byrd, but said it was reflex action when he kicked the 49-year-old black man while trying to break up the fight between Byrd and King and hurt his toe. Brewer said he was reacting to the pain.

"Remarkable," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said after the defense rested its case, clearing the way for the case to go to closing arguments and the jury on Monday.

"There's no indication that his (Byrd's) throat was slashed."

"He put on a good show to get a little bit of sympathy," Mary Verrett, Byrd's sister, said after watching the testimony.

Brewer said the knifing cli-

maxed a fight on the logging road between Byrd and King, 24, the first of three white men tried for Byrd's June 1998 murder. King, who did not testify at his trial, was convicted in Fand sentenced to death.

Berry's trial is set to begin late next month.

The scuffle, Brewer said, erupted when Berry stopped to take some steroids and King got out of the truck to have a cigarette. Brewer said he and King had been riding in the back of the truck with Byrd and Berry inside.

"He said he wanted to smoke," said Brewer, who quoted Byrd as saying, "Let me smoke with you white boys."

Brewer said he heard some glass break and saw King and Byrd fighting on the back of the truck.

"I don't know what to do," Brewer testified. "When I go around the corner of the truck, I tried to kick Byrd in his side."

After spraying Byrd with the paint, "That's when I heard snapping of Shawn's knife. He popped it open... Shawn came around and I guess cut his (Byrd's) throat."

"Everything stood still just a moment. Byrd slid down the side of the truck."

Brewer said Berry chained Byrd to the truck.

"We heard that chain coming out of the back of the truck, rattling, vibrating..." he said. "Nothing was said what it was hooked to."

Brewer testified that as the truck was speeding down the road, they all were aware of the body hitting a culvert. A pathologist has testified that is where Byrd was decapitated.

Brewer denied prosecution allegations the killing had racial overtones and was related to a white supremacist group he and King belonged to while in a Texas prison.

Brewer defined his membership in the Confederate Knights of America, known as the CKA, as a way to cope with prison violence and ensure protection.

Celina fans pray before game in latest sidestepping of federal appellate ruling

DALLAS (AP) — Add Celina to the list of schools that have sidestepped a federal appeals court ruling that banned school-sponsored prayers at public athletic events.

Fans at Celina High School stadium stood Friday night for the national anthem, then prayed for football players' safety and thanked God for the game north of Dallas.

In February, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals banned school-sponsored prayers before public athletic events, saying the occasions are not solemn enough to warrant organized prayer.

"They can't take God away from us," Janice Hester, a 16-year-old sophomore cheerleader, told The Dallas Morning News. "He put us here, and we live for him."

Pregame prayers, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, violate others' right to freedom of religion as guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

No one has come to the ACLU, which is monitoring the issue in the district, about challeng-

ing Celina's actions.

"The smaller the town, the less likely anyone will say anything," said Michael Linz, who serves on the ACLU's state board of directors. "You have to hire the moving company the same day you speak up."

Schools at McKinney and other districts have ended the prayers. But Frisco, Rockwall and Lewisville districts, among others, have opted for a moment of silence instead.

In Celina, a town of about 2,100, many people have made their view known by wearing orange and white T-shirts, the school's colors, that read: "Celina Bobcats Pray Before They Play."

The district plans to continue the pregame prayer until the U.S. Supreme Court makes a ruling, said school board president Pat Hunn.

"This is something we feel we have the right to do as a Christian community," said Hunn, also the announcer at Friday night's game against Denton's Liberty Christian School. "We need to pray more,

not less."

At its Sept. 3 game against the nearby Anna High School, the 1,000-student Celina district opened its season with prayer and students hope the practice continues.

"I just think it's ridiculous that they're trying to take it out," said Billie Jean Brumfield, who has children in Celina's middle and elementary schools. "Why take out prayers?"

Celina High sophomore Christen Erwin, another cheerleader, said she needs prayer in her life.

"I have to have it," said the 16-year-old.

The Rev. John Mark Arrington, who said he wants Celina to follow God's law, is pastor at Lighthouse Full Gospel Church in Garland. He has printed and sold 250 of the Bobcats pray shirts and is planning more for other small towns.

"We are obeying the law of the land," Arrington said. "We are obeying the law of the spirit of life in Christ's spirit."

Klansman guilty of trying to kill lawmen

BASTROP (AP) — A North Carolina Ku Klux Klansman was sentenced Friday to 99 years in prison for trying to kill a pair of Texas lawmen during a car chase and gun battle.

Jimmy Ray Shelton, 40, who was convicted Thursday of two counts of attempted capital murder, received the maximum allowed sentence.

Shelton was driving his pickup truck through Taylor on March 26 when officers saw him and passenger Eddie Melvin Bradley traveling about 85 mph through a residential area with a 35 mph speed limit, officers testified.

Police chased the men more than 30 miles away on U.S. 290 to an area near McDade.

Along the way, bullets Bradley allegedly fired ripped through the windshields of cars that Williamson County sheriff's deputy Julius Matus and Elgin patrol officer Brian Garvel were driving, narrowly missing Garvel's head.


"I heard what appeared to be a gunshot and simultaneously I was pelted with glass," Garvel testified.

"I wanted to take the vehicle out and stop the pursuit, to shoot the tires out, whatever it took to stop him from going into oncoming traffic," Matus testified.

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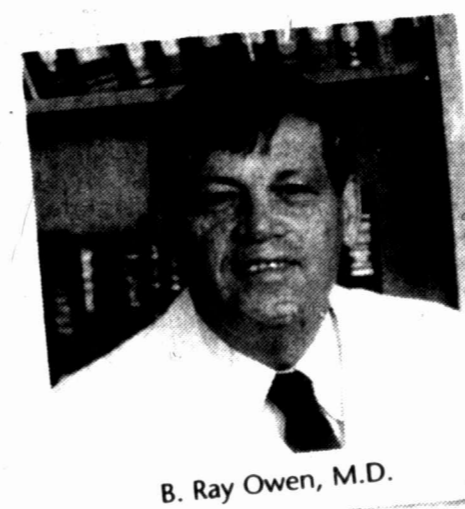
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Hundreds still stranded as Floyd's floods create 'awesome mess'

TARBORO, N.C. (AP) — Rescuers in fleets of helicopters and boats rushed to help people still stranded Saturday by floods from Hurricane Floyd's drenching rainfall. Officials warned that major rivers across eastern North Carolina were still rising.

Hundreds of thousands still had no electricity from North Carolina to Connecticut.

Brown water from the Tar River crept into three blocks of Main Street, where business owners waded or used small boats to check on property that had been dry just 12 hours earlier.

"Nobody knows how bad it is. Nobody expected this," said attorney Tommy Moore, who wore chest waders as he checked on a friend's law office. His own office was dry in Rocky

Mount. A helicopter roared overhead, looking for stranded residents near the riverbank.

"You hear these helicopters, and it just makes you sick," Moore said. "You know they're helping people, but it makes you realize how vulnerable we are. It's like a war zone."

At least 38 people died, including 13 in North Carolina, as Floyd churned up the East Coast and thousands of homes and businesses were damaged.

In hard-hit North Carolina, high water on Saturday still blocked parts of Interstates 95 and 40, the state's two busiest highways, along with more than 300 other roads. More than 5,600 people spent the night in 69 shelters across eastern North Carolina.

Amtrak said Saturday that it

had restored full service along the Northeast Corridor, which connects Boston, New York and Washington. Limited service was being offered south to Richmond and Newport News, Va.

The railroad said it did not expect to resume service until at least Monday on Silver Service trains between New York and Miami; the Carolinian, which runs between New York and Charlotte, N.C., or its Auto Train, which runs between Lorton, Va., and Sanford, Fla.

As Floyd's 15 inches of rain slowly drained away from eastern North Carolina, forecasters warned that more major flooding still lies ahead for the Tar, Neuse, and Cape Fear rivers.

While the Tar River crested Saturday in Tarboro at 43 feet

— 24 feet above flood stage — the Neuse and Cape Fear rivers weren't expected to crest until Tuesday, also well above flood stage.

"It's going to be bad," said Al Lazo of the National Weather Service in Raleigh.

Nearly 50 helicopters, with more expected from other states, were in the air for rescue missions in Edgecombe, Nash, Pitt and Duplin counties. In Edgecombe County alone, 3,500 people had been rescued.

Contaminated drinking water supplies were a growing problem.

Several waste lagoons on North Carolina hog farms had reached or exceeded their capacities, and at least one had ruptured, spilling 2 million gallons of sewage waste into a tributary of the Northeast Cape Fear River.

More than 20 communities and 200 swine farmers have

reported wastewater problems, officials said. The entire water supplies of Pitt and Edgecombe counties were contaminated, said Renee Hoffman, a state public safety spokeswoman.

"It's just an awesome mess," said Ernie Seneca of the state Division of Water Quality.

Water service was restored Saturday for 119,000 people in Portsmouth, Va., and nearby Chesapeake and Suffolk, but residents were told to use the water only for flushing toilets. The area has been without drinkable running water since flooding damaged a pumping station on Thursday.

As many as 1 million people in New Jersey were told to boil their water, at least through the weekend, because flooding overwhelming a treatment plant.

In Franklin, Va., 9 to 12 feet of water from the Blackwater River filled more than 180 downtown businesses on

Saturday, and authorities said the river might not crest until sometime Sunday.

"We all look at each other and have tears in our eyes and our hearts are throbbing," said Mayor Jim Council, whose insurance office had water to its first-floor ceiling. "We're waiting for the water to go down, and then we'll get in there and get back to work."

Greenville, a city of 44,000, was completely in the dark Saturday because the flooded Tar River short-circuited its main power plant. They were among some 225,000 without power Saturday in North Carolina.

Elsewhere, more than 65,000 customers remained without power in Pennsylvania; 110,000 in New Jersey; 6,000 in Vermont; almost 150,000 in Maryland; 5,000 in Connecticut; 60,000 in Virginia and 30,000 in upstate New York.

LAPD scandal brought to light by policeman-turned-drug thief

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A scandal rocking the Los Angeles Police Department with tales of drug thefts, shootings of innocent victims and the framing of suspects was broken open when a cop-turned-drug thief decided to turn snitch as well.

Former Officer Rafael Perez, who pleaded guilty Sept. 8 to stealing \$1 million worth of cocaine, has been cooperating with investigators under terms of a plea bargain. He is in jail pending an Oct. 22 sentencing.

So far, investigators say, the

former undercover narcotics officer has told of handcuffing and shooting a man, planting evidence, lying in court, and witnessing still other police abuses during a raid in which one person was shot to death and another wounded.

The U.S. Attorney's Office announced this past week that it would conduct its own investigation.

As a result of Perez's information, a gang member serving a 23-year sentence for assault on a police officer was freed from prison on Thursday and placed under police protection. Javier Francisco Ovando, who was paralyzed after being shot during the October 1996 confrontation with Perez and his partner, also is cooperating with their investigation, authorities said.

Ten officers and a supervisor who worked at the department's Rampart station have been suspended with pay.

Officers at Rampart, just west of downtown, police an 8-square-mile neighborhood containing one of the city's largest immigrant communities.

Officials said it's too early to tell if the scandal might broaden.

"At this point, I don't think any of us know," Police Commission President Gerald Chaleff said Friday.

But Police Chief Bernard Parks said more than 200 letters have been sent to defense attorneys, telling them that evidence in cases Perez was involved in may have been tainted.

The letters went out a year ago, when Perez was initially arrested, district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said. No one responded, but she expects to hear from several

attorneys now that Perez has been convicted.

Parks' investigators have called it the worst scandal since the 1930s, a time when the LAPD was notorious for corruption and renegade officers were known to sometimes bomb the homes of people who stood up to them.

The scandal began to come to light last year, when Perez, 32, was charged with stealing eight pounds of cocaine from an evidence room.

He eventually told investigators he and a former partner handcuffed and shot Ovando, planted a gun on him and framed him with their testimony in court.

Although a gang member, Ovando had no criminal convictions.

Investigators say Perez also told them a July 1996 raid he took part in was "dirty."

Officers who arrived at a building planning to arrest two armed gang members wound up firing 10 rounds, killing one man and wounding another. The wounded man and another person who was not hurt were charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer.

Police officials maintained that the department has been relatively free of corruption for decades, and an attorney for Ovando's family agreed.

"There are many fine officers in the LAPD. I think we're looking at a small minority here," attorney Dennis Chang said at a news conference.

"But it is the LAPD that investigates the LAPD and it's the LAPD, through its review board, that prosecutes the LAPD," he said.

Glitch in tax code could cost taxpayers millions of dollars

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least 1 million taxpayers could pay higher income taxes next year unless Congress and President Clinton fix a tax code glitch that mainly penalizes middle-class Americans.

Without a deal, millions more Americans next year will have to fill out complicated, time-consuming IRS forms just to determine whether they should pay regular income taxes or the alternative minimum tax, known as AMT, which increases their tax burden.

The AMT was created in 1969 to ensure the wealthy did not escape income taxes through legal loopholes. It was adjusted for inflation in 1993.

In addition, people are rushing to take advantage of personal credits such as the \$500 per-child credit when determining whether the tax should apply.

As a result, rising middle-class incomes and a proliferation of tax credits have forced more people to pay the AMT, which taxes income at a 26 percent rate. Millions of middle-class people pay regular taxes at the bottom 15 percent rate, which applies to married couples with taxable incomes below \$43,000.

The Treasury Department estimates 1 million middle-class taxpayers could get stuck with a bigger AMT tax bill unless current law is changed.

"This is unfair, unjustified and inaction by this body is unreasonable," Sen. Blanche Lambert Lincoln, D-Ark., said in a recent floor speech.

Indeed, virtually anyone who claims new child or education credits would have to work through an IRS worksheet to determine if the AMT applies to them. The tax could kick in if adjusted gross incomes are above \$45,000 for joint filers or \$33,750 for singles.

"Many families will not be able to deduct the full value of their child and education tax credits without reaching the AMT limits," said Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind.

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Multinational fleet sails toward East Timor as U.N. vanguard

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — A multinational fleet sailed toward East Timor under a blazing red sunset Saturday, the vanguard of a U.N.-approved force that will attempt to bring order to the bloodied Indonesian province.

A destroyer and frigate with guided missiles led a nine-ship convoy from the northern Australian port of Darwin, the staging ground for a heavily armed contingent of up to 8,000 troops from a score of countries.

As the United Nations stepped up efforts to drop food to refugees hiding in the mountains and jungles, the commander of the international force, Australian Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove, was expected to fly with an advance team Sunday to the shattered provincial capital, Dili, for talks with the Indonesian army on the rules of engagement.

By Monday, troops were

expected to begin pouring into East Timor.

East Timorese voted overwhelmingly for independence in a U.N.-sponsored referendum on Aug. 30. Since then, military-backed militias have waged a campaign of terror in which thousands have died. Indonesia invaded the former Portuguese colony in 1975.

The Indonesian commander in East Timor, Maj. Gen. Kiki Syahnakri, said he will turn over command to Cosgrove as early as the middle of the week or by next weekend. Indonesia will keep two brigades — more than 3,600 men — in the territory, under the multinational force.

Until then, Indonesian troops were authorized to shoot to kill anyone who attacks the peacekeepers, Syahnakri said.

But bands of pro-Indonesia militias continued to roam East Timor's burned-out capital, setting fire to houses and terroriz-

ing refugees, said a U.N. official based in Dili.

"The militias continue circulating freely, with machetes, with homemade guns and in some cases with automatic weapons," said Christian Koch, head of the Dili office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Indonesian authorities had "expressed their willingness to cooperate, but in practice that willingness has not been reflected," he told reporters in Jakarta after briefing the High Commissioner, Sadako Ogata.

Syahnakri said his forces had arrested 25 civilians and 24 security personnel for looting or other crimes.

Most militiamen have left East Timor, along with army troops who were implicated in the orgy of killing that followed the referendum. But the risks of clashes with the international force remained, despite pledges of cooperation from the

Indonesian military.

"Whoever betrays Indonesia and East Timor should be killed," Fernando dos Santos, the commander of the 1st Battalion of the notorious Aitarak militia, told reporters on the island of Sulawesi, where he took refuge ahead of the advancing peacekeepers. "Whoever betrays us, we will kill, whether they are our fathers, or mothers."

In Darwin, hundreds of residents lined the wharf to bid farewell to the Australian sailors leading the country's biggest military deployment since World War II.

A contingent of U.S. Marines based in Okinawa joined the Australian-led force gathering in Darwin. Up to 200 American troops will provide logistics, communications and intelligence for the Australian-led force. The Pentagon said the U.S. contribution could expand if the force is attacked.

"We're providing unique assets that are not available to the international effort," said Lt. Col. Rick Mingo.

In Dili, thousands of pro-independence refugees camped on the beach under blue and yellow tarps, too frightened to return to their homes until the peacekeepers arrive to protect them. Other refugees trundled aboard ferries carrying household goods, bedding and chickens in plywood cages.

Many were former government workers and locally recruited army soldiers. Few showed signs of regret over leaving after losing the vote for independence.

"I don't want to lose the chance to go," said Hendrikus da Silva Ximenes, 41, waiting with his wife and children for passage to the Indonesian province of West Timor.

Under the May 5 agreement that paved the way for the U.N.-supervised ballot, a formal U.N.

peacekeeping force is to move into East Timor in November, after Indonesia's parliament ratifies the vote and puts the province on the path to independence. That U.N. peacekeeping force will take over from the multinational troops.

Meanwhile, U.N. spokesman David Wimhurst said 20 tons of food were to be dropped to two areas outside Dili, the same area supplied by the first two flights Friday.

"It is clear that a massive amount of humanitarian aid has to go in," Wimhurst said. "We need to get much more tonnage in on the ground and that will be done when the troops go in."

In Jakarta, World Vision official Philip Maher warned: "If we don't get in there, probably within a week or so, we're going to see some starvation — there's no question about that."

Palestinians lay out tough negotiating position

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian negotiators will insist on reaching agreements with Israel on thorny issues such as Jerusalem's status and the return of Palestinian refugees in a final peace accord, the new chief Palestinian negotiator said Saturday.

Yasser Abed Rabbo, who was appointed last week to lead negotiations with Israel on a final peace agreement, said that the Palestinians will not accept leaving any so-called final status issues to later stages of the negotiations.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has suggested that the most hotly disputed issues be resolved through long-term interim accords that would defer a final arrangement.

"The issues cannot be separated," Abed Rabbo told a conference, insisting that an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank is inextricably linked to evacuation of Jewish settlements, an agreement on the status of east Jerusalem, **the main and fundamental issue of the return of refugees.**

The Palestinians demand, at least in principle, that some 3 million refugees be allowed to return to areas they fled or were forced to leave in the 1948 Mideast war and that are now part of Israel.

Barak has said that some refugees should be allowed to resettle in Palestinian areas, but not in Israel.

As for Jerusalem, Israel has said it will never relinquish sovereignty over east Jerusalem, which it captured from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war. The Palestinians claim that Jerusalem should be the capital of a future Palestinian state.

The two sides have until February to draft a framework for a final peace deal and until next September to sign the final agreement. Negotiations opened this week, with both sides staking out maximal positions on issues like Jerusalem, refugees, final borders, Jewish settlements and water rights.

Another senior Palestinian

official, meanwhile, said Israel handed the Palestinians half a percent less of the West Bank than it should have in the most recent troop pullback.

Saeb Erekat, who negotiated the signing of the latest interim peace agreement under which the Palestinians were to receive 11 percent of the West Bank, said that Israel withheld 5.6 square miles when it handed over what it said was 7 percent of the West Bank last week.

Erekat wrote to his Israeli counterpart Gilead Sher, complaining that Israel did not take into account parts of the Dead Sea and Jerusalem totaling about 78 square miles when it calculated how much land to give over to Palestinian civilian control. The areas in question were captured by Israel in 1967, along with the West Bank.

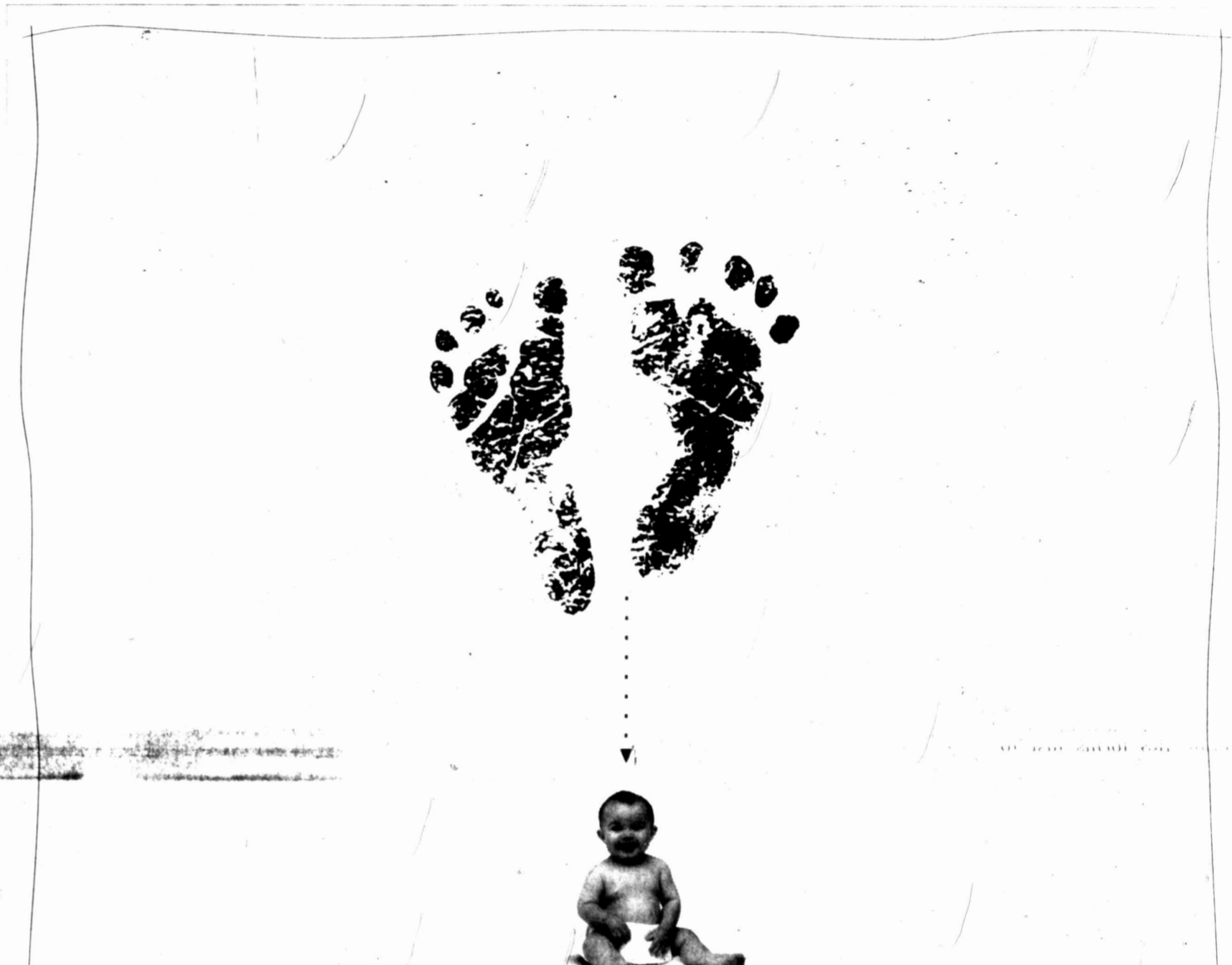
"We want to make sure that the size of the West Bank, as far as we're concerned, is (calculated according to) the June 4, 1967 border," Erekat told The Associated Press, adding that the issue would be raised in committee meetings.

Barak spokesman David Ziso rebuffed the complaint issued four days ago, saying that Israel gave the Palestinians 7 percent of the West Bank "according to precise measurements."

Despite Erekat's claim, the Palestinian Cabinet said following its late night meeting Friday that Israel had fulfilled its obligation in the land handover. Erekat said that engineers noticed the error only after Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed the maps approving the transfer.

Also Saturday, Israel announced a two-day closure on the Palestinian areas for the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, which begins Sunday evening. Beginning midnight Saturday, tens of thousands of Palestinians will be barred from going to their jobs in Israel, the army said in a statement.

Israel often seals the Palestinian areas before holidays in an effort to prevent attacks.



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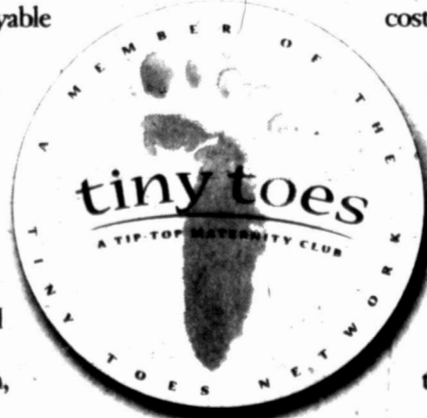
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HC rodeo performers gun for berths in short go

Howard College's Shawn Patrick, Seth McFadden and Renee Rasberry turned in strong performances Friday night and Saturday morning in hopes of earning spots in the short go-round of the Eastern New Mexico University Rodeo.

Patrick turned in a 62-point bull ride and was sixth in saddle bronc riding following Saturday morning's slack events.

McFadden turned in an 8.5 in steer wrestling and should qualify for the short go, while Rasberry posted a time of 18.5 seconds in the barrel racing competition.

Knights of Columbus join CGA in sponsoring tourney

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the second annual Father Delaney Charity Golf Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Fee times for the four-person scramble begins at 10 a.m. and all teams must be registered by 10:30 a.m.

Fees for the tournament at \$25 per player, but do not include green fees.

For more information, call the pro shop at 264-2366.

Local hockey fans plan Jack Pack chapter here

Odessa Jackalopes players and coaches will meet with local fans at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Mall.

Jackalopes head coach Joe Clark, assistant coach Jack Rodrigue and team co-captain Rick Girhiny will join several other Odessa players/signing autographs and having pictures taken with fans.

Organizers say they hope to form a Big Spring chapter of the Jack Pack, the team's official fan club.

Memberships in the fan club are \$10 for individuals or \$20 per family.

For more information, call Carol Jennings at 267-5701.

Coahoma boosters slate meeting for Monday night

The Coahoma Athletic Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the elementary school cafeteria.

Members will conduct a brief business meeting before viewing highlights of the Bulldogs' game against Midland Christian.

YMCA plans three adult sports leagues for fall

The Big Spring YMCA currently registering participants for three adult sports leagues in co-ed volleyball, four-person power volleyball and flag football.

All three leagues are open to those over the age of 18 and each will conclude with a championship tournament.

The deadline for entries in all three programs is Tuesday.

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

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1:40 p.m. — Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

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6:30 p.m. — New York Jets at Buffalo Bills, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

AUTO RACING
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Winston Cup New Hampshire 300, TNN, Ch. 35.

5 p.m. — NHRA Keystone Nationals, FXS, Ch. 29.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
2 p.m. — Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Noon — Washington Red Skins at New York Giants, FOX, Ch. 3.
3 p.m. — Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs, CBS, Ch. 7.
7 p.m. — New York Jets at Buffalo Bills, ESPN, Ch. 30.

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2 p.m. — PGA B.C. Open, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.
4 p.m. — Senior PGA Bank One Championship, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Stanton makes Wolves pay for perceived lack of respect

By TOM RUIZ
Herald Correspondent

COLORADO CITY — Before the season began, sportswriters and broadcasters across the state were treating the Stanton Buffaloes like the Rodney Dangerfield of Class 2A ... with no respect.

In the various preseason polls the Buffs were ranked anywhere from number 15 to number 25.

Friday night in Colorado City, the Buffaloes commanded some measure of respect from the (0-4) Wolves who were sent packing, 37-13 in a non-district game.

The Buffaloes (3-0) roamed up, over, and under the Wolves with 365 yards of

total offense. Jeremy Hull was responsible for 211 of those yards on the ground and three scores.

Still, head coach Mark Cotton was left scratching his head as to why his team wasn't being shown any respect by the media outlets.

"We've been in the playoffs the past four years, we were state semifinalist last year, and state champions in 1997."

Cotton, however, is very much aware that when it comes to proving a team's worth it is made on the gridiron and not on writers' laptops.

So his squad proceeded to do just that against Colorado City.

In the first quarter, on the third play of the game, linebacker Clay White stepped in front of an errant Jason Pharris pass and raced in 21 yards

untouched for the game's first score.

"It was an omen of bad things to come for Colorado City.

Early in the second quarter, Stanton quarterback Will Harris connected up top with Courtney Scurlark for a 35-yard score and 14-0 lead.

With Harris beginning to find his game, that left it up to Jeremy Hull to put the finishing touches on the pack. Hull scored two of his three touchdowns in the second quarter.

The first came as he slid under the arms of a would be Colorado City tackler, resulting in a five-yard score with 3:24 to go.

Hull's spectacular performance against Colorado City could've easily been billed as the "The Incredible Hull mauls C-City."

Thankfully, for the Wolves there won't be a second showing of Hull or the Buffaloes this season who still weren't through scoring in the second quarter.

Just two minutes later, Hull struck again, this time from 64 yards out and a 27-0 lead.

Colorado City, however, did have something to howl about as intermission neared. The Wolves recovered a Stanton fumble at the Buffs' 13.

Two plays later, Pharris found Andrew Spear in the corner of the end zone for the touchdown. The TD was the first one for C-City this season in 14 quarters.

In the second half, the Buffaloes kept the ball a majority of the time and

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Buffaloes get back on track

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

FORSAN — The manner in which Forsan's Buffaloes went about posting a 32-18 win over Sterling City Eagles in non-district action Friday was nothing short of workmanlike.

Convinced they'd cost themselves a chance of winning the week before against Roscoe, the Buffs literally dominated both sides of the football during the first half, jumping out to a commanding 26-0 lead and coasting to the victory.

"We took care of the little things tonight, and that always takes care of the big things," Forsan head coach Roger Hudgins said following the win. "These kids felt like they'd shot themselves in the foot last week and lost a game they shouldn't have. They weren't going to let the wheels fall off."

In fact, Hudgins laid all the credit on his players, stressing that he and his staff hadn't needed to provide any motivation.

"These kids just decided they were going to win this one ... did it earlier today," the Buffs boss added. "After the pep rally today, they got together and had a heart-to-heart. It wasn't anything the coaches did ... it was the character of these kids."

What the Buffs also did was seemingly unending string of fresh running backs to put in the game.

While none of the big running backs Forsan used was able to break the century mark, fullback Brian Young led the way with 99 yards on 15 carries, as the Buffs piled up 248 yards overall.

More importantly, they mounted one sustained drive after another and continually ate up the scoreboard clock.

Hudgins couldn't have been more pleased with solid play his team displayed, adding that continued success for the Buffs depends on it.

"We're going to have to be that methodical about things," Hudgins said. "We have to grind it out and control the football. It's pretty simple, if your opponent's offense isn't on the field, they can't score points against you."

The Buffs also displayed quality defensive play, almost from the outset.

While the Eagles managed a first down on their initial possession of the game, big defensive plays by J. J. White and Derek Wash forced a Sterling City punt.

The Eagles wouldn't move the sticks again until midway through the second quarter, and by then Forsan all but iced the game away by posting a 26-0 lead.

Forsan needed just two offensive snaps to get on the scoreboard.

Running back Dustin Baker figured heavily in that march, starting off 16 yards on the Buffs' first snap, then hauling in a 34-yard pass from quarterback Dustin



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Forsan freshman Wes Longorio (42) is hauled down by Sterling City's Lee Pat Thomas after breaking loose on a 33-yard gain during the second quarter Friday night. Longorio scored from 25 yards out a few moments later, as the Buffs posted a 32-18 win.

Morgan on the second.

Two plays later Wash bolted in from two yards out to give Forsan a 7-0 lead.

Sterling City was allowed just three plays before having to punt and Forsan promptly make it a 14-0 game when it marched 51 yards in seven plays.

Having pounded the ball at the Eagles on five of six plays, the Buffs crossed up the Sterling City secondary on a halfback option. Baker, who backs up Morgan at quarterback, took a pitch to the left, stopped and found Blake White all alone in the end zone.

A 30-yard punt return by Andy Neel gave Forsan its next scoring opportunity early

in the second quarter.

Setting up shop at Sterling City's 30-yard line, the Buffs needed just four plays to make it 20-0, as Morgan hit Baker with a 17-yard touchdown pass with 10:45 left in the first half.

Another four-and-out possession all but doomed the Eagles, as the Buffs needed less than two minutes to make it a 26-0 lead.

Freshman running back Wes Longorio moved into the backfield along with Brandon Bingham to give Wash and Baker a breather.

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Bulldogs improve to 3-0 with win over Midland Christian



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Coahoma running back (34) breaks loose and outruns Midland Christian defenders, getting all the way to the 16-yard line in the fourth quarter Friday night. The play set up a 32-yard Walt Bordelon field goal, capping the Bulldogs' third straight win.

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COAHOMA — Perfect. That, perhaps surprisingly, is what Coahoma's Bulldogs are three weeks into the 1999 football season.

The 'Dogs, still adapting to the new system brought them by head coach Robert Wood, made Midland Christian's Mustangs their most recent victim Friday, as they romped to a 22-7 victory and improved to 3-0 on the year.

Coahoma would do almost all of its damage in the second quarter, scoring three touchdowns and taking a 19-0 lead into the halftime intermission.

More importantly, the Bulldogs defense was able to keep the high-powered Midland Christian offense in check, limiting the Mustangs to just 83 yards rushing and a like number passing.

After a scoreless first quarter, fullback Walt Bordelon put the Bulldogs on the scoreboard with a 14-yard touchdown run and then tacked on the extra point.

Less than three minutes later, Mario Garcia returned a punt 80

M Christian	Team stats	Coahoma
13	First downs	15
83	rushing yds.	226
88	passing yds.	29
8-19-1	Comp/Att/Int	2-5-1
3-47-0	punts-avg.	0-0-0
0-0	fum.-lost	0-0
12-92	pen.-yds.	4-31
Midland Christian	0 0 7 0 - 7	
Coahoma	0 19 0 3 - 17	

Scoring summary:
First Quarter
No Scoring.
Second Quarter
C - Walt Bordelon 14 run (Bordelon kick).
C - Mario Garcia 80 punt return (kick fails).
C - Tommy Cruz 20 run (pass fails).
Third Quarter
MC - Josh Gunter 7 pass from Jamie Beeghley (Beeghley kick).
Fourth Quarter
C - Bordelon 32 field goal.

yards to make it a 13-0 Coahoma lead.

Tommy Cruz bolted in from 20 yards out just before the break to pad Coahoma's edge.

Midland Christian countered with a 7-yard Jamie Beeghley to Josh Gunter midway through the third period, but the Mustangs were held in check the rest of the way.

See ROUNDUP, page 11A

SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL BOWLING

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO WEEK 3

RESULTS—Big Spring Music over No Name 8-0, Slow Starters over Loan Stars 6-2, Alley Cats over Timeless Design 5-3, BSI over MGM 8-0, Spanky's over Robertson Body Shop 6-2, Team 14 over American State Bank 6-2, KC Steakhouse over Arrow Refrigeration 6-2, hi sc team game Robertson Body Shop 604, American State Bank 583, Spanky's 535, hi sc team series American State Bank 1674, Robertson Body Shop 1629, BSI 1507, hi hdp team game Robertson Body Shop 728, Spanky's 707, BSI 686, hi hdp team series Spanky's 2021, Robertson Body Shop 2001, Team 14 1969, hi sc game men Randy Robertson 237, DeWayne Woodall 228, O.D. Daniel 221, hi sc series men Randy Robertson 644, O.D. Daniel 627, Jerald Burgess 581, hi hdp game men DeWayne Woodall 285, Randy Robertson 281, O.D. Daniel 255, hi hdp series men Randy Robertson 776, DeWayne Woodall 732, O.D. Daniel 729, hi sc game women Pattie Hill 182, Kay Hendricks 177, Cathy McMurry 174, hi sc series women Pattie Hill 499, Kay Hendricks 417, Veronica Schroyer 461, hi hdp game women Sheila Welch 251, Patty Mauldin 247, Veronica Schroyer 240, hi hdp series women Fatty Mauldin 724, Veronica Schroyer 683, Wanda Beeler 669, Sheila Welch 669.

STANDINGS—BSI 18-6, Slow Starters 16-8, Big Spring Music 16-8, KC Steakhouse 14-10, Alley Cats 13-11, Spanky's 12-4, American State Bank 12-12, Loan Stars 12-12, Robertson Body Shop 11-13, Timeless Design 8-16, MGM 8-16, Team 14 8-8, No Name 6-18, Arrow Refrigeration 6-18.

GUYS & DOLLS WEEK 3

RESULTS—Hester's Mechanical over Jim's Again 7-1, DeWayne Woodall Photography over Dell's Cafe 6-2, Team #6 over Big Spring State Park 6-2, hi sc game men Robert Beatty 203, hi sc game women Fern Lewis 226, hi sc series men Ace Carter, hi sc series women Fern Lewis 461, hi hdp game men Ace Carter 234, hi hdp game women Fern Lewis 226, hi hdp series men Ace Carter 655, hi hdp series women Nell Clark 649, hi sc team game Jim's Again 148, hi hdp team game Greenhouse Photography 8-2, hi sc team series Jim's Again 1865, hi hdp team series Hester's Mechanical 2375.

STANDINGS—Team #6 16-8, Jim's Again 14-10, Greenhouse Photography 12-12, Hester's Mechanical 12-12, Dell's Cafe 10-14, Big Spring State Park 8-16.

VA COUPLES WEEK 2

RESULTS—Bette's Bandits over Thirteen 8-0, Fifteen over Six 6-2, Eight over Three 6-2, Ten over Five 6-2, Most Ovens over Seven 6-2, Two over NFS 6-2, Sixteen over GSI 6-2, Four Tied Fourteen 0-0, hi sc team series Six 2060, Fifteen 2029, Seven 2021, hi sc team game Fifteen 718, Six 712, Twelve 693, hi sc series men Jerry Bacon 67, Bud Younts 611, Roger Glover 588, hi sc game men Jerry Bacon 256, Bud Younts 245, Roger Glover 231, hi sc series women Laurie Green 591, Jan Graham 532, Vicki Evans 512, hi sc game women Laurie Green 205, Shawn McCutchan 196, Irene Yanez 190, hi hdp team series Fifteen 2770, Six 2756, Twelve 2747, hi hdp team game Fifteen 2770, Six 2756, Twelve 2747, hi hdp series men Jerry Bacon 799, Bud Younts 788, Steve Hamm 745, hi hdp game men Bud Younts 304, Jerry Bacon 301, Michael Shankles 270, hi hdp series women Jan Graham 727, Tina Ramos 209, Vicki Evans 701, hi hdp game women Tina Ramos 267, Shawn McCutchan 265, Rosaleen Hector 265.

STANDINGS—Bette's Bandits 14-2, Sixteen 12-4, Six 10-6, Eight 10-6, NFS 10-6, Fifteen 8-8, Hoot 0-1, B-8, Seven 8-10, Ten 6-10, Three 6-10, Two 6-10, Fourteen 6-10, Four 4-4, Five 2-14, Fourteen 2-6.

MENS MAJOR WEEK 3

RESULTS—Trio Fuels over BSI 8-0, Bob Brock Ford over Mason's Collectables 6-2, Collums Restaurant

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
New York	89	59	.601	—
Boston	86	62	.581	3
Kent	77	72	.517	12 1/2
Baltimore	70	76	.479	18
Tampa Bay	64	84	.432	25
Central Division				
Cleveland	90	58	.608	—
Chicago	87	61	.585	2 1/2
Oakland	87	60	.590	2 1/2
Minnesota	59	87	.404	30
Kansas City	59	90	.396	31 1/2
West Division				
Texas	88	60	.595	—
Oakland	81	66	.551	6 1/2
Seattle	73	74	.497	14 1/2
Anaheim	61	87	.412	27

Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Cleveland 5, New York 4
Boston 9, Detroit 1
Oakland 2, Kansas City 4
Chicago 7, Toronto 4
Tampa Bay at Texas, (n)
Minnesota at Seattle, (n)
Los Angeles at Anaheim, (n)

Today's Games
Detroit (A1) 13:10 at Boston (Wakefield 5:10) 12:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	92	56	.622	—
New York	90	58	.608	2
Philadelphia	70	78	.476	21 1/2
Mt. Carmel	62	85	.422	29 1/2
Florida	58	90	.392	34
Central Division				
Houston	91	59	.607	—
Cincinnati	88	61	.591	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	72	75	.490	17 1/2
St. Louis	70	78	.473	20
Milwaukee	66	81	.449	23 1/2
San Diego	59	89	.399	31
West Division				
Arizona	89	59	.601	—
San Francisco	82	66	.554	7
San Diego	70	79	.470	20 1/2
Los Angeles	67	80	.459	21
Colorado	67	82	.450	22 1/2

Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
St. Louis 13, Houston 6
Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 0
Los Angeles 5, Colorado 4
San Diego 11, San Francisco 5
Arizona 8, Florida 6, 10 innings
Milwaukee 7, Chicago 4, 14 innings
Philadelphia at New York, (n)
Montreal at Atlanta, (n)

Today's Games
Montreal (Lilly 00) at Atlanta (Milwood 17-7), 12:10 p.m.

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled RHP Brian Rose from Pawtucket of the International League.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Activated 2B Carlos Febles from the 15-day disabled list.

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NFL SCHEDULE

Today's Games
Arizona at Miami, Noon
Green Bay at Detroit, Noon
Indianapolis at New England, Noon
Jacksonville at Carolina, Noon
Oakland at Minnesota, Noon
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, Noon
San Diego at Cincinnati, Noon
Seattle at Chicago, Noon
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, Noon
Washington at New York Giants, Noon

Monday's Games
Atlanta at Dallas, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE SCORES

EAST
Boston College 14, Navy 10
Brown 25, Yale 24
Butler 21, St. Francis, Pa. 7
Colgate 49, Fordham 20
Cornell 20, Princeton 3
Delaware 29, West Chester 10
Fairfield 34, Duquesne 21
Georgetown, D.C. 7, Siena 12
Harvard 24, Columbia 7
Hofstra 28, Rhode Island 13
Holy Cross 30, Lafayette 12
Iona 31, La Salle 23
James Madison 35, N. Hampshire 28
Lehigh 56, Monmouth, N.J. 0
Penn. St., Dartmouth 6
Pittsburgh 30, Kent 23
St. John's, N.Y. 16, Marist 0
St. Peter's 33, Canisius 22
Towson 27, Bucknell 20
Villanova 26, Massachusetts 21
Wagner 33, Sacred Heart 0

SOUTH
Auburn 41, LSU 7
Chattanooga 49, Savannah St. 0
Davidson 21, Sewanee 0
Delaware St. 26, Norfolk St. 6
ETSU 26, VMI 17
Florida St. 42, N.C. State 11
Furman 52, William & Mary 6
Hosea 31, Furman 27
Louisiana Tech 29, Alabama 28
Maryland 33, West Virginia 0
Middle Tennessee 52, Wofford 42
Mississippi St. 29, Oklahoma St. 11
Northwestern 15, Duke 12, OT
Penn St. 27, Miami 23
Samford 32, Tenn.-Martin 7
Tennessee 42, Florida A&M 25
Tennessee Tech 18, Liberty 15
Vanderbilt 37, Mississippi 34, OT
W. Illinois 14, Nicholls 13

Mustangs pound Buena Vista

By CARL GRAHAM
Herald Correspondent

CKERLY — Sands found all the right ingredients for a happy homecoming Friday night.

First, alternate four equally-talented running backs in a bruising ground attack. Then add in a tenacious defense that swarms the ball and sprinkle in eight opponent's turnovers and you have the recipe for a 60-38 Mustangs victory over Sanderson's Eagles.

The game wasn't as close as the score might indicate.

After Sanderson's opening possession stalled, the Mustangs drew first blood with 3:30 left in the first quarter when senior Marcus DeLeon crashed in from five yards out.

Sanderson's ensuing drive ended with the second Eagle fumble of the night, giving the Mustangs good field possession.

Sand turned the miscue into six points when junior Cesar Martinez ran in from six yards to culminate an eight-play drive with 9:32 left in the first half.

Sanderson would fumble again, but managed to keep control, and Chris Duarte plunged in from the one to put the Eagles on the board with 7:50 left in the half.

A minute later, DeLeon once again made his way into the end zone, this time on a 23-yard gallop.

A strong defensive effort by the Mustangs, spearheaded by

Coby Floyd and DeLeon ended Sanderson's next drive at the Sands one-yard line.

The Mustangs stayed with their ground game, as the Cesar and Junior Martinez, DeLeon and Dusty Floyd combined on an 11-play march. Cesar Martinez capped the drive from seven yards out, giving Sands a 24-6 halftime lead.

An offensive blitz by both teams erupted in the third quarter, as the Mustangs scored 22 points, while Sanderson mustered 19.

Junior Martinez started the

flood when he scored on a 15-yard run with 9:11 showing on the clock. He again found pay-dirt on a 37-yard burst with 5:53 left to give the Mustangs a 38-12 edge.

Sanderson could have folded at that point. The Eagles didn't. Instead, Duarte scored again, this time at the 7:21 point on the clock.

Cesar Martinez got back in the act with 4:01 left in the third period with another long run, and Dusty Floyd's conversion

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Jal spoils homecoming for Bearkats

By RICHARD JACKSON
Herald Correspondent

GARDEN CITY — Led by quarterback Emmy Lujan, Jal's Panthers spoiled homecoming for Garden City's Bearkats by taking a 26-12 victory.

The New Mexicans improved their record to 4-0 on the season, and prior to making Friday's visit to Garden City, had knocked off two defending state champions in their home state.

Lujan, playing both ways, opened the scoring by intercepting a pass and returning it 30 yards for the score with 3:06 remaining in the first quarter.

Neither team was able to mount an effective drive for much of the first half, but the Panthers' offense finally got on the board with 8:17 showing in the second quarter when Joey Melancon hauled in a 20-yard pass from Lejan. They teamed

together for a two-point conversion pass that gave Jal a 14-0 lead, one the Panthers would enjoy at intermission.

In the third quarter Lujan went back to work, this time hitting Cosme Cervantes with a two-yard scoring toss and increasing the Panther lead to 20-0.

Garden City seemed ready to answer on its next possession.

The Bearkats were driving effectively when the Panthers intercepted a Justin Hillger pass at their own 40 and returned it to the Garden City 19.

Boyd Batla returned the favor a few minutes later, snaring a Lujan toss at the Bearkat 4-yard line.

Those defensive heroics seemed to spark the Bearkats, as they drove 96 yards for their first score of the game — Hillger capping the drive by carrying it in from the one.

The Panthers answered almost immediately, however, needing just 54 seconds to get back on the scoreboard, as Cory Abel bolted in from 30 yards out to make it 26-6.

The Bearkats came right back, however, driving 56 yards for the game's final score. Hillger finished the drive with a quarterback sneak from the one, finishing the game with 81 yards on 18 carries.

Kendall Goodwin paced the Bearkat ground game with 94 yards on 24 carries.

But it was Lujan's 18-of-31 passing for 234 yards that proved to be the Bearkats' downfall. Cervantes was the Panther signal caller's favorite target on the night, as he chalked up 10 receptions for 137 yards.

The Bearkats, now 1-2 on the year, travel to Miles for an 8 p.m. kickoff Friday.

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Steers shine in final warm up for Big Spring Invitational meet

HERALD Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers runners warmed up for their own meet set for next week by posting some of their best times of the season Saturday at the Kings Invitational cross-country meet at Mae Simmons Park.

"If they'd been giving team awards, I don't know that we wouldn't have won the boys' varsity race," Big Spring coach Randy Britton said after seeing four of his five Steers varsity runners place in the race's top 25. "We'd certainly have been on of the top three. It was a tremendously good race for us."

Rolando Ladesma paced the Steers varsity finishing in the top 10 with a 17:24 clocking on the three-mile boys' circuit, while Mike Martinez was 12th with a 17:27. Ben Garcia crossed the finish line 15th at 17:46 and Mike Solis

finished 25th with a time of 18:05. Orlando Ladesma rounded out Big Spring's times with an 18:54.

In varsity girls' action, Sally Arguello paced Big Spring's contingent with a 10th-place finish and clocking of 13:24. Elizabeth Tobar and Priscilla Fuentes followed with identical times of 14:40, while April Aguilar finished at 14:57 and Angelica Hinojos posted a 15:39.

The Lady Steers junior varsity was led by Ashley Martinez with a 14:56, while Yael Portcarrero finished at 15:36. Emily Flores was timed at 17:06 and Jennifer Collins finished with a 17:23 clocking.

Big Spring's junior varsity boys' team also fared well. Chris Martinez leading the way by finishing fourth at 19:28, while Justin Finley was 19th with a 19:48. Ricky Yanez followed with a 20:40 time and Steve Moreno finished at 20:46.

Steers netters post win over Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — Big Spring's Steers opened District 5-4A team tennis play in impressive fashion Saturday, taking a 15-3 win over Sweetwater's Mustang netters.

The Steers swept boys' singles and doubles play, and then won six of the nine girls' matches to win going away.

In boys' singles action, Derek DeHoyos led the way with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Jordan Matcher and Zach Smiley added a 6-4, 6-1 win over Andrew Pennington.

Jay Shroff kept the sweep going with a 6-0, 6-3 win over Andy Montoya, while Brian Watt defeated Allen Pennington, 6-1, 6-1; Alex Edgemond posted a 6-2, 6-3 win over Jon Browning; an Aaron Langford defeated Marcus Dawes 6-0, 6-1.

Smiley and Langford knocked off

Matcher and Andrew Pennington in doubles action 6-2, 6-1; while Shroff and Edgemond took a 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 win over Dawes and Allen Pennington. DeHoyos and Watt rounded out the sweep with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Montoya and Browning.

The Lady Steers' singles wins came from Becky Vera, Megan Roffers and Corina Lara. Vera took a 6-0, 6-0 win over Dawn Palmer; Roffers was a 6-2, 6-1 winner over Stefanie Loven; and Lara defeated Marcie Trent 6-0, 6-0.

Big Spring swept the three girls' doubles matches as Vera and Annette Richardson took a 1-6, 6-0, 6-3 win over Ambra Gage and Margaret Davis; April Ward and Roffers combined for a 6-2, 6-0 win over Palmer and Loven; and Lara and Melissa Hale rounded it out with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Trent and Lucy Hix.

Big Spring had entered Saturday's matches on somewhat of a roll, having

split a dual match Lubbock Trinity Christian on Thursday and posted a 15-7 dual match win over Lamesa on Friday.

Steers freshmen romp over Sweetwater, 46-13

SWEETWATER — Big Spring's freshman Steers powered to a 46-13 win over Sweetwater's Mustang frosh Saturday, as Brandon Mendoza, Ramon Ford and Albert Valle scored two touchdowns apiece in the rout.

Mendoza also added a two-point conversion to his total.

Dustin Beauchamp also had a big day, hauling in a 10-yard touchdown pass from Tye Butler and made a big tackle resulting in a Sweetwater safety.

The young Steers, now 2-0 on the season, will play host to Abilene Wylie's Bulldog freshmen at 5 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

ROUNDUP

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The Mustangs helped in that effort all night, being whistled 12 times for 92 yards in penalties.

Bordelon capped the scoring with just less than two minutes remaining in the game with a 32-yard field goal.

Borden County takes win over Highland

ROSCOE — Ed Rodriguez scored all four of Borden County's touchdowns Friday night, leading the Coyotes to a 26-14 non-district win over Highland's Hornets.

The win was technically a comeback, however, as Highland got on the scoreboard first when Kade Johnson broke into the end zone on a 2-yard burst and Mario Rodriguez kicked the extra points for an 8-0 lead.

Rodriguez and his teammates answered almost immediately, as he hauled in a 50-yard scoring toss from quarterback Kevin Pinkerton.

He added a second touchdown late in the first quarter on a 2-yard run of his own, giving the Coyotes a 14-8 lead going into the second period.

Borden County scored again to open the second quarter when Rodriguez capped another drive from two yards out.

Highland was able to answer that score when Johnson threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Brad Conway.

But that would be all the damage the Hornets could muster, while Rodriguez chalked up his fourth touchdown of the night on a 44-yard burst.

B. County	Team stats	Highland
13	First downs	10
240	rushing yds.	159
94	passing yds.	128
6-15-0	Comp/Att/Int	5-16-3
3-1	fum-lost	1-0
3-15	pen-yds	5-25
Borden County	14 6 6 0 - 26	
Highland	8 6 0 0 - 14	

Scoring summary:
 H - Johnson 2 run (Rodriguez kick).
 BC - Rodriguez 50 pass from Pinkerton (Rodriguez kick).
 BC - Rodriguez 2 run (kick fails).
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 H - Conway 52 pass from Johnson (kick fails).
 BC - Rodriguez 44 run (kick fails).

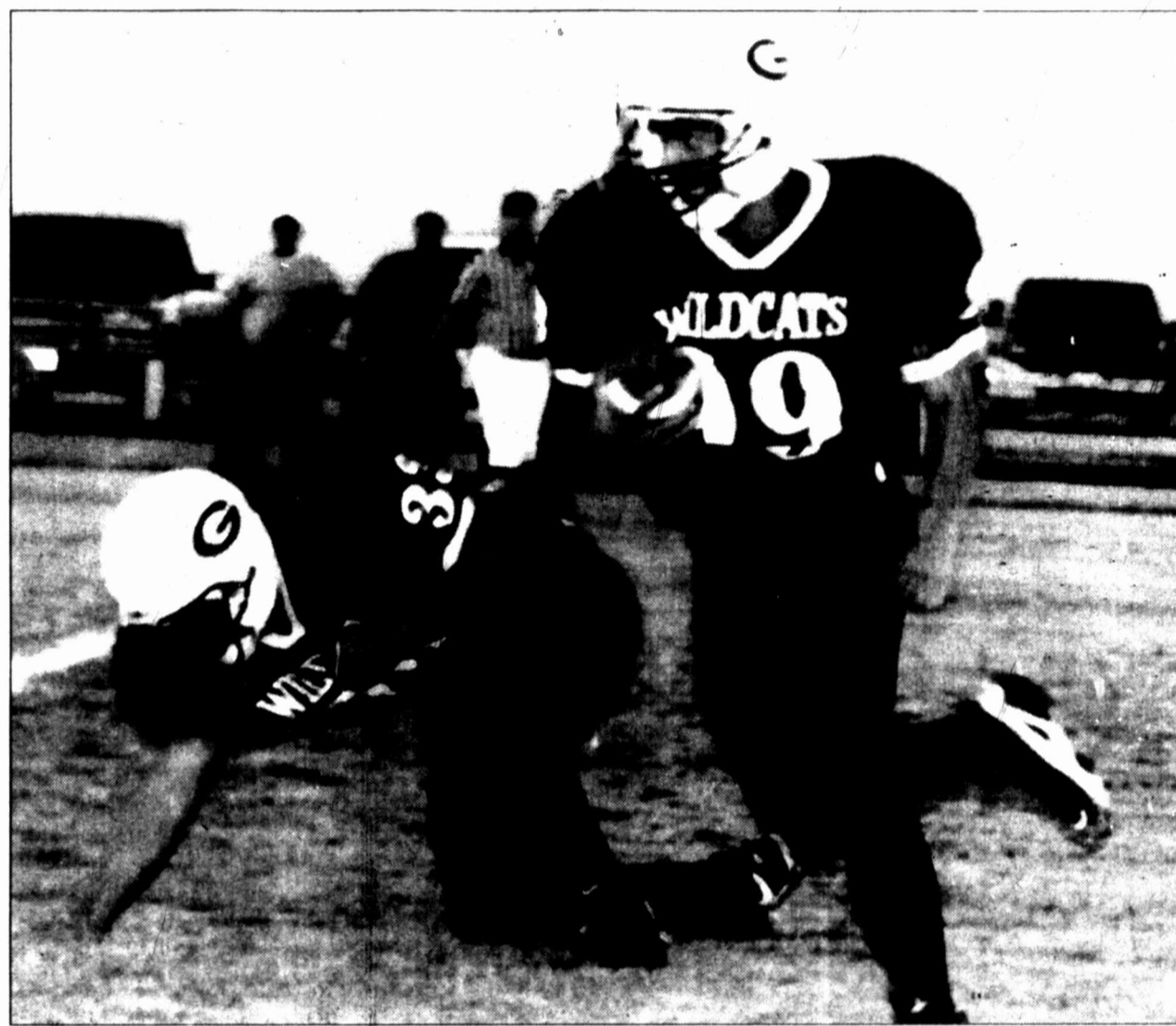
Wildcats romp to 48-16 win over Buena Vista

LENORAH — Senior tailback Frankie Garza rushed for three touchdowns and junior quarterback Clint Schuelke threw for two more Friday in leading Grady's Wildcats to a 48-16 drubbing of Buena Vista's Longhorns.

With just 34 seconds remaining in what had been a defensive-minded first-quarter struggle, Schuelke hit Jed Hinojosa with a 25-yard touchdown pass that gave the Wildcats a 6-0 lead.

Garza then stepped center stage, posting touchdown runs of three and 28 yards in the second quarter to give the Wildcats a 22-0 halftime advantage.

He started the third quarter in much the same way he'd finished the second, scoring on a two-yarder that left Wildcat head coach Roger Smith confident he could let his reserves



HERALD photo/Patty Schuelke

Grady's Javier Montoya breaks loose and heads up the field deep in his own territory late in the Wildcats' lopsided win over Buena Vista Friday night.

get some playing time.

That did not come, however, until after the Wildcats had posted a 17-yard touchdown run by Javier Montoya and a 13-yard touchdown reception by Josh Tunnell.

Buena Vista managed to avoid seeing the game end on the 45-point mercy rule when Robert Tarin returned a fumble 67 yards with just less than five minutes left in the game.

The Wildcats answered with another touchdown pass, this one coming when Lee Petty snared an 11-yard toss from Eric Tunnell.

The Longhorns capped the scoring with less than two minutes left when Romio Marquez caught a pass from Tarin and turned it into a 61-yard play.

B. Vista	Team stats	Grady
6	First downs	19
156	rushing yds.	201
109	passing yds.	149
9-22-3	Comp/Att/Int	9-15-0
3-35-0	punts-avg	1-40-0
1-0	fum-lost	7-2
5-23	pen-yds	1-10
Buena Vista	0 0 0 0 - 16 - 18	
Grady	6 16 20 6 - 48	

Scoring summary:
 G - Jed Hinojosa 25 pass from Clint Schuelke (kick fails).
 G - Frankie Garza 3 run (Hinojosa kick).
 G - Garza 28 run (Hinojosa kick).
 G - Garza 2 run (kick failed).
 G - Javier Montoya 17 run (Hinojosa kick).
 G - Josh Tunnell 13 pass from Schuelke (kick fails).
 BV - Robert Tarin 67 fumble return (Jesse Martinez kick).
 G - Lee Petty 11 pass from Eric Tunnell (kick fails).
 BV - Romio Marquez 61 pass from Tarin (Tarin kick).

FORSAN

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Longorio stepped into center stage with a 33-yard burst and two plays later capped the five-play march with a 25-yard sprint outside left end.

Sterling City tried to make it interesting with a touchdown just before the half and a 66-yard scoring march in the third quarter, but the Buffs answered with 10-play drive that ate up most of the final period. Bingham capped the 63-yard drive with a one-yard burst.

The Eagles managed a third touchdown 19 seconds remaining in the game, trimming the margin to 14 points.

Forsan plays host to Rankin's Red Devils at 8 p.m. Friday.

S. City	Team stats	Forsan
11	First downs	23
130	rushing yds.	288
73	passing yds.	87
3-12-0	Comp/Att/Int	4-10-0
5-31-6	punts-avg	1-36-0
0-0	fum-lost	0-0
6-40	pen-yds	9-54
Sterling City	0 6 6 6 - 18	
Forsan	14 12 0 6 - 32	

Scoring summary:
 First Quarter
 F - 6:25 remaining, Derek Wash 2 run (Andy Neel kick).
 F - 1:17, Blake White 25 pass from Dustin Baker (Neel kick).
 Second Quarter
 F - 10:45, Baker 17 pass from Dustin Morgan (kick blocked).
 F - 6:23, Wes Longorio 25 run (pass fails).
 SC - 3:55, Travas Stucker 1 run (kick blocked).
 Third Quarter
 SC - 4:19, Chase Hord 10 pass from Lee Pat Thomas (pass fails).
 Fourth Quarter
 F - 3:38, Brandon Bingham 1 run (kick fails).
 SC - 0:19, Thomas 1 run (pass fails).

SANDS

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kick extended Sands' lead to 46-18.

In the fourth period, Coby Floyd hooked up with Junior Martinez on a 48-yard touchdown pass that gave the Mustangs a 54-25 lead.

Mustangs head coach Billy Barnett allowed his younger troops some playing time at that point, letting Hale Looney,

Cruz Martinez and Adolio Alaniz handle the rushing duties. Alaniz provided the final Mustang touchdown with 2:35 left.

"We thought we could have some success with the running game so we worked strictly on our running attack all week," Barnett said of his team's 481 overland yards. "The kids did an outstanding job of running right at their defense and Coby ran the offense extremely well."

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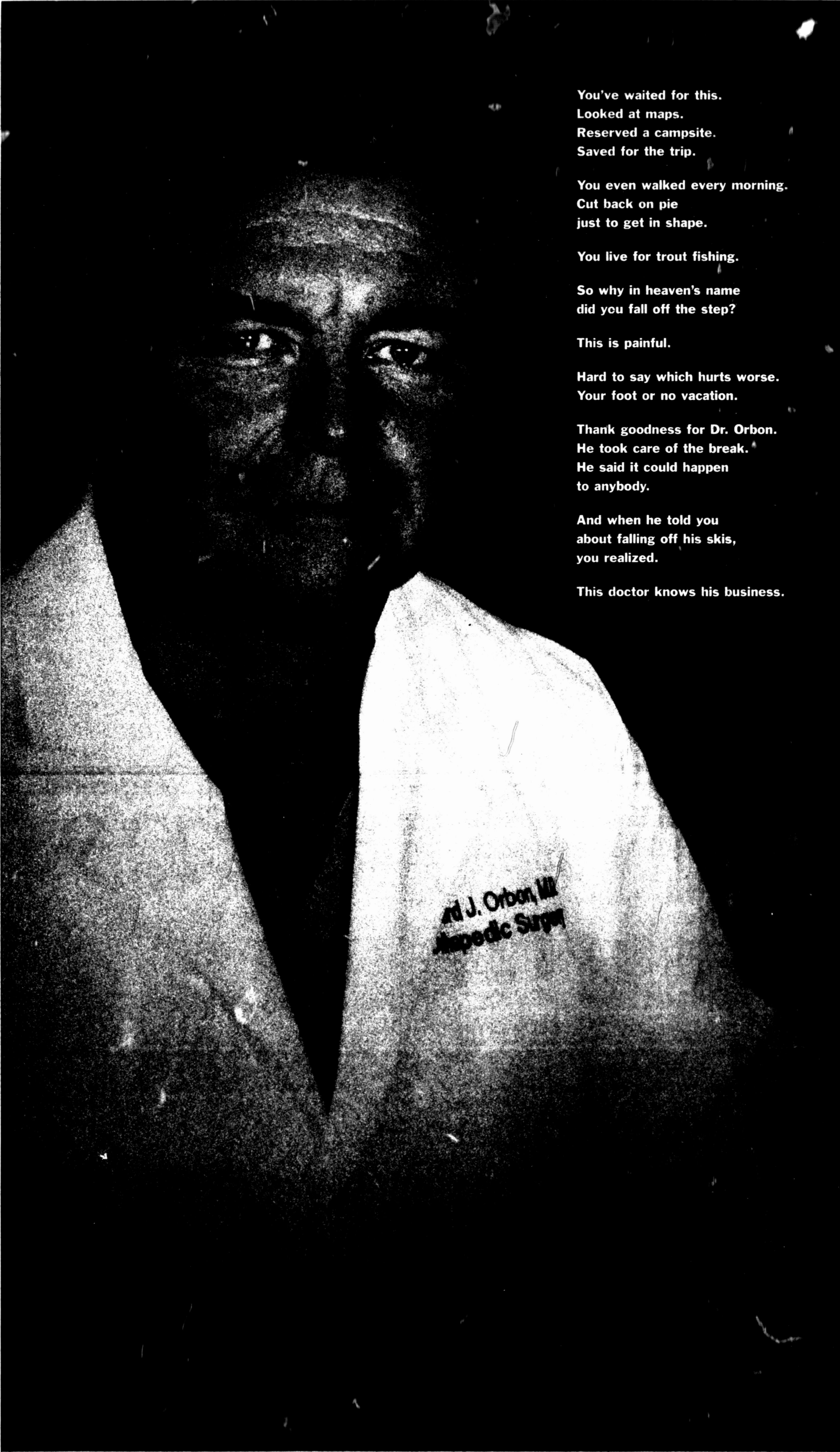
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The family

Rush Hour

Whether it's the early morning before work and school, or the few short evening hours between school, homework, dinner and bedtime — most families have it: Their rush hour. And at this time of year, when the need to make it to soccer practice on time, get homework done, pick up the clutter and serve a nutritious meal all meet in the middle — you've got a four-car pileup on your hands.

Susan and Rick Watkins and their three children certainly feel the crunch at times. Sons Zack, 13, and Jackson, 6, and daughter Alex, 12, are involved in after-school activities almost every day of the week. Wednesday is an exception, but every other weekday follows the same pattern: Chores before school, athletics and other activities after, homework and dinner.

"Wednesday night, we sit down for dinner together," explained Susan, whose husband works in Midland. "And on the weekends, we eat dinner together."

The rest of the week, however, it is often "catch as catch can" as the kids and their mother or father go from one activity and responsibility to another.

Zack plays football and tennis, sings in the choir and practices piano and is a member of student council. Alex plays volleyball and softball, is a cheerleader and in the band, and takes piano lessons.

Jackson plays soccer and takes piano lessons. Later in the year, he and Alex will start their basketball seasons as well.

Susan, a volunteer at both St. Mary's Episcopal School and Big Spring Junior High School, is also a Sunday school teacher at Hillcrest Baptist Church and frequently drives a carpool. Rick, besides his job, coaches his daughter's softball team, serves on the boards of several youth sports and the city's traffic commission.

All three children have homework every night — an hour or more for the older two and about 15 minutes for Jackson. The family's hard-and-fast rule is: as long as they are making good grades, the kids can be involved in as many activities as they want.

"I've noticed ... that their grades are higher when they are involved in something," Susan said. During the off-season for her daughter's competitive softball team, for example, it is harder to motivate the youngster to do her homework.

"If they don't keep their grades up, I start eliminating things that they like," Susan explained. "At our house, if you make a C (on your report card), you don't play sports."

All three kids have regular chores they do to keep the house in shape, such as taking out the trash and feeding the pets. Most of those are done in the early morning hours, before school, because the rest of the day leaves little extra time.

The family has to stay organized to operate, Susan said. Each evening, they lay out backpacks and papers and other things they will need in the morning. She gets up at 5 a.m., and Rick and Susan enjoy breakfast together before he leaves for work.

Then Mom gradually wakes the kids up, gets them breakfast — and the rush hour begins.

Janet Payne, director of children's service for West Texas Centers for MH/MR, said most families go into a chaotic phase at this time of year. To keep it together, she offered these tips:

Chores

Sit down with the whole family and talk about what has to happen in the household to keep it running smoothly. Talk about jobs that must be done, and consider passing around a sign-up list so that everyone can pick jobs they will do.

"Everyone can do something," Payne advised. "Very young children can do 'young' things, such as putting the plates on the table. This is a way to capture the children's participation in the family."



In the photos — above, left: Susan Watkins picks up Jackson, 6, at school. Above, Zack, 13, gets out of the car after school and athletics are finished, about 5 p.m. on a recent weekday. Far left, Jackson feeds the family cat, one of his chores. At left, Alex, 12, works on a homework paper at her desk after school and athletic practices are over for the day.



Photos and story by Debbie L. Jensen

Rules

Payne said establishing guidelines for the family, such as how much TV is allowed, time to do homework and bed times, is vital.

"Set up these rules, and post them somewhere where everyone can see them," she said.

Reinforcement

Once you have the system operating, Payne advised, show appreciation each time someone is doing their part.

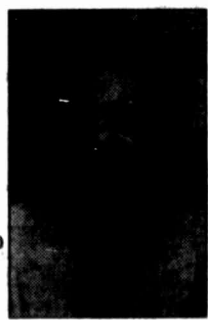
"There are all kinds of positive reinforcement things you can do," she said. "You might make someone's favorite food for dinner, in appreciation of how they have been helping."

An allowance, for those who can afford it, is a good reward, but psychological rewards can even be better, she said.

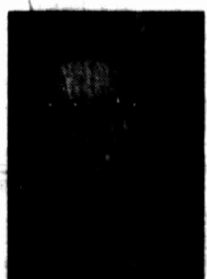
Family time

Try to schedule an activity that can be done by the whole family, together, at least once a week. You might eat a special meal, go to a game together, or play a board game.

"I would make someone in charge of coming up with these family time activities," Payne said. "This is an important part of family life."



PAYNE



MYRTLE GRIFFITH

Unsung heroes left a lasting impression on someone's life

How many heroes have you known in your lifetime who were never recognized publicly for what they did? More than you think, I'll bet.

First let your imagination visualize the following scene:

A small southwestern Wyoming coal mining town in the early 1920's. An icy winter day with several inches of new-fallen snow on the ground. The temperature is below zero. A quiet street with only a few homes and a block long. It is early afternoon. Suddenly a child's crying fills the air.

My mother heard the cry and looked out, discovering a toddler, still actually a baby, floundering and falling in the soft snow just across the street. Quickly she grabbed a quilt and jerked on a coat and ran to pick up the child. He was clad only in a diaper and undershirt. He was so cold.

Mom knew he lived in the the

big brown house just across the street from ours. She wrapped the child snugly in the quilt and headed for the house. She thought he had somehow slipped away from his mother. The door stood open. Mom called but got no answer so stepped inside still calling "Nola, are you home?"

No one was in the house and it was getting cold in a hurry due to the open door. Mom hardly knew what was best to do, but knew the child must have help to get warm. She brought him back to our house even though my little brother and I both had whooping cough. She stripped off his wet undershirt and diaper. She folded a square of worn out sheet into a triangular "hippin" as diapers were often called and pinned it on the little fellow. She rummaged around, finding a long-worn-out gown under-shirt of my little brother's and

placed it on the baby. It was much too large but dry and warm. He had been crying all the time but the warmth soothed him and he quieted. She held him and rocked him and sang softly (she had a lovely singing voice).

Meanwhile she kept watching out a window for the mother to come home. At last she saw her trudging up the street. She went to the door and called, "Nola, your child is here, come at once." Once inside, Mom delivered on of the sternest tongue lashings I'd ever heard her utter to the young mother. She

protested "I left him asleep. I had to go downtown a few minutes. He couldn't have gotten out unless someone let him out." With that Mom exploded again, "No one let him out. I went over looking for you. The door was wide open and I noticed when I left it was difficult to make the latch catch. If I hadn't heard him he would have frozen to death."

Mom told her to leave the baby while she went to get her own house warm again. Which she rather shamefacedly did. She'd been gone one and a half hours that Mom knew of.

Change scenery: It was a warm sunshine Texas day. Concho River near Sterling City sometime in the 1930's. Four family cars had parked

near the river on a picnic/fishing outing. As soon as one of the cars stopped Bobby, age about 3 1/2 years, managed to get out and made a dash toward the river.

His mother called to him "wait" as she scrambled out of the car and ran as fast as she could in pursuit of her son. He had ignored her call. Tall grass leaned over the banks and Bobby ran right out on the grass that was bent over the water.

Ker-plunk he fell into the river. His mom wasn't far behind and jumped in shoes and all. It was a deep hole, well over her head but she could see Bobby and got to him quickly. She was a strong swimmer and in a short time they emerged down stream where the banks were low. They came out looking like drowned rats but she had saved her son.

Had she not been watching so

closely the trip would have ended very sadly indeed. Tots can move so quickly. The little fellow couldn't swim and the current would have washed him downstream very quickly. Children seldom think of danger when intent on something else. Thus they get into serious trouble quite easily.

Another scene change to Cecilia Street in Big Spring. My own grandson was involved in this. He was suffering a severe asthma attack and it seemed the oxygen was gone from the bottle he had. Later we learned it was not empty, he just couldn't pull it into his lungs. Only his mother was with him and he quit breathing. My daughter was not familiar with CPR. She screamed at a little girl out in the street "get me help Jerry is dying!" The child ran to their house screaming for her daddy.

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WEDDINGS

Bowermon-Dunn

Keely Genee Bowermon and Joseph Neil Dunn, both of College Station, were united in marriage on Aug. 21, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson officiating.

She is the daughter of Kent and Kathie Bowermon, Big Spring.

He is the son of Katy Thompson of Big Sky, Mont.

Vocalist was Robin Dickey, cousin of the bride.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white Italian satin gown with a halter-style neckline. The beaded bodice fell into an A-line skirt with lace and bead work on the hem the cathedral length train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white calla lilies, white spray roses, freesia, English ivy and white sheer ribbon.

Maid of honor was Meredith Baker.

Bridesmaids were Kerry Caldwell, Tracey Powell and Shelli Webb.

David Dunn, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Jared Powell, Donald Crofford and Cody Hammond.

Ushers were Kade Bowermon, brother of the bride, Jeff Abel, Chad Pipkin and Jeff Rodgers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Big Spring Country Club.

The wedding cake was a four-tiered cake with fragile airy latticework on the sides and



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH NEIL DUNN

drop flowers with black centers. It was topped with a glass heart and roses.

The groom's cake was a two-layered German chocolate cake with the top layer in the shape of the Maltese Cross, which is a symbol of his fraternity, ATO's.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School, and received a BBA from Texas A&M in 1997. She is a management analyst for Texas A&M Systems Health Science Center.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Amarillo Tascosa High School and received a BBA and Masters from Texas A&M. He is a staff tax accountant for Grant Thornton CPA Firm.

Following a Windstar Cruise to the Caribbean, the couple has made their home in Dallas.

Lockhart-Simeroth

Kathryn Lynn Lockhart and Walter Simeroth exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 7, 1999, at Lake Tahoe, Nev.

She is the daughter of Jimmy Lockhart of Big Spring, and Kathy Aguirre of Carson City, Nev.

He is the son of Rosemary and Doug Simeroth of Carson City, Nev.

Given in marriage by Clyde Aguirre, the bride wore a Spanish satin gown with a four-foot train.

Maid of honor was Andrea Allen.

Portia Horn was the flower girl, and J.D. Simeroth was the ringbearer.

Kevin Dotson served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Sugars Lounge with the band Red Dawn providing the music.

The wedding cake was a



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three tiered white cake with green flowers, a waterfall and staircase.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Carson High School. She is employed by Nabisco Inc.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Carson High School. He is employed by Paragon Assoc.

The couple has made their home in Carson City, Nev.

BSSH volunteers will host reception for MHMR board

Big Spring State Hospital staff and volunteers welcome the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board to Big Spring, September 23-25. This is the first time the board has met in Big Spring, and they will be meeting Thursday and Friday at the hospital.

Volunteers will be hosting a reception to honor them Thursday evening in the home of Clyde and Beverly McMahon.

Board of Trustees includes, Chairman, Charles Cooper, Dallas, Dr. Kenneth Altshuler, Dallas, Dr. Rodolfo Arrendondo, Lubbock, Sharon Butterworth, Austin, Dr. Spencer Bayles, Houston, Andrew Hardin, McKinney, Harriet Helmle, San Antonio, James Perkins, Tyler, and Lynda Scott, The Woodlands.

This week 45 volunteers from Region 1 met at the hospital for the annual regional meeting. Big Spring Volunteer Council was the host with Johnnie Lou Avery making the keynote address. Region 1 includes Abilene State School, San Angelo State School, and Big Spring State Hospital.

The hospital continues to go through changes as we adapt to managed care and a different focus in the field of mental health care services.

Budgets are tight, but we are still committed to providing the best quality care for our patients. Beds have decreased from 220 to 202, but the BSSH catchment area has increased by 21 counties to include the Panhandle. Big Spring State Hospital will now be the regional state hospital serving the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority, replacing Wichita Falls State Hospital. There are also staffing

changes in the volunteer office, but all programs and activities will remain the same. Billie Russworm will be the director of community relations, Maria Brito, assistant director of community relations, and I will continue as director of community development.

Billie, Maria and I have worked in the volunteer office for 17 years, and we have seen many changes but one thing has remained the same. Our volunteer program has been one of the most outstanding in the state and we plan to uphold that and strive to be even better.

Fall is the beginning of a really busy time for volunteers with both patient activities and community functions. The Halloween parade will be Oct. 28; Volunteer Christmas Luncheon and Installation of officers, Nov. 4; patient Christmas shopping, gift wrapping, and parties, Dec. 6-14. Once again we need donations for the Christmas fund, which provides patients Christmas gifts and shopping money. A \$12 donation will buy a jogging suit and \$10 will enable a patient to go Christmas shopping. We also need small personal items for men and women. If you would like a list of needs, call 268-7535.

Operation Cookie needs clubs or groups to provide cookies on a monthly basis. If your club would like to be responsible for a month, call the office. We need 12 dozen cookies monthly.

A new program will be for volunteers to provide birthday gifts for each patient. Volunteers will be giving gifts to each patient that has a birthday while they are hospitalized, and there will be a birthday cake for each unit. Call 268-7535 if you can help with any of these projects.

Many things that we think are useless and we take for granted can brighten the lives of someone who has so little. Thanks, Big Spring for your support.



KATHY JOHNSON

HEROES

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He was there in less time than it takes to tell it and as luck would have it he'd recently finished an extensive first aid course at his job. He immediately went to work on Jerry with mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Meanwhile an ambulance had been called (there was not the enhanced 911 system like we now have.) By the time the ambulance arrived, Joe Bond had Jerry breathing shallowly on his own. Our family will forever be grateful to Joe for saving our loved one's life. That was years ago — now Jerry is a proud father of two teenagers.

One more little story also involves a child. Old timers here will remember when Piggly Wiggly Food Stores was downtown. It was sweltering hot that day. A car was parked in front of the store near the entry doors. My husband, Loyd, had started to enter another store on the same street when he thought he heard a cry from the car. He went to investigate.

Inside was a tiny girl in the back seat probably 18 months or so old. She was limp and so weak she could no longer cry. In fact she was just barely con-

scious. Loyd wasn't sure what to do. He didn't want someone to think he was a kidnapper. He knew he had to do something so he got the child out into the air. He later said the seat even burned his hands it was so hot in the car. He dashed into the store with her and told the checker to page a mother of a little girl. He felt she must be grocery shopping and had left the child asleep in the back seat. Sure enough she came forward pushing her cart. She hadn't yet made it to the checkout station and the child would have smothered to death before she got finished with her shopping. My husband and I talked it over later and we both held a low opinion of a woman who would leave a sleeping child in a car while she leisurely shopped in air conditioned comfort.

My memory holds visions of other heroes' action but these should be enough to help you remember others in your lives.

Incidentally the Wyoming baby did not take the whooping cough, which was a blessing since he was so young.

Myrtle Griffith writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.

Truitt-Roberts

Kayla Truitt and Wade Roberts exchanged wedding vows on July 10, 1999, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Lacey, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Charles and JoAnn Truitt of Breckenridge.

He is the son of David and the late Virginia Roberts of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of delustered satin encrusted with hand-beaded sequins and pearls of silk Venice lace. It featured a Sabrina neckline of scalloped lace and deep basque waistline. The long sheer sleeves were appliqued in pearled and sequined lace. The low open V-back lead into a cathedral train. She wore a fingertip length veil attached to a wreath fashioned with alencon lace flowers and beaded with pearls and crystals finished in the back with a full pouf.

She carried a large bouquet of burgundy roses, water lilies and calla lilies and small ivy.

Maid of honor was Danielle Truitt, niece of the bride, and bridesmaid was Jenna Truitt, niece of the bride.

Teighlor Truitt, niece of the bride, was the flower girl, and Ross Santiago, nephew of the groom, was the ringbearer.

David Roberts, father of the groom, served as best man, and



MRS. WADE ROBERTS

Tony Modisette, cousin of the groom, was the groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were Keith Truitt, brother of the bride, and Leslie Adkins.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School and is attending Howard College. She is employed by Wal-mart.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Stanton High School. He is employed by the City of Big Spring.

Following a wedding trip to Clouderoff, N.M., the couple has made their home in Big Spring.

STORK CLUB

Haley Madison Ballard, girl, Aug. 26, 1999, 3:04 p.m., nine-pounds 6 1/4 ounces and 20 3/4 inches long; parents are James and Kim Ballard of Plano.

Grandparents are Margarete Ballard of El Paso, and Ron and Pat Howell of Big Spring.

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Coming Sept. 29 Reader's Corner. Submit your poem, picture or reunion write-up by Wednesday.

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Miss America kisses pig for diabetes

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Every dog has its day. So do some pigs.

Miss America 1999 Nicole Johnson found that out when she was enlisted in another fundraising effort for diabetes research.

Johnson, 25, who will crown her successor Saturday in the 79th annual Miss America Pageant, suffers from diabetes. She spent her yearlong reign traversing the nation speaking about the disease and helping raise money for research.

On Wednesday, the makers of sugar substitute Equal offered a \$10,000 donation for the American Diabetes Association's research program in Johnson's name. But there was a catch: First, she had to kiss Wilbur, a black-and-white pig wearing a red bow.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-Chicken, rice, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, apple sauce.

TUESDAY-Steak, noodles, mixed vegetables, spinach salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, cookies.

THURSDAY-Chicken salad sandwich, soup, onion rings, lettuce/tomatoes, milk/bread, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Roast, potatoes, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Soft burritos, ranch style beans, cheese/salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Corn dogs, pinto beans, spinach, oatmeal cookies/fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, pork

& beans, chips, salad, relish/onion, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Bar-b-que sandwich, french fries, salad/pickles/onions, ice cream, milk.

FRIDAY-Braised beef tips, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello with fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Grill cheese or bar-b-q on bun, french fries, pork & beans, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Pot pie or steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, fruit cobbler, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande or chef salad, refried beans, salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Baked fish or corn dog, macaroni/cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Sloppy joes or grill cheese, potato rounds, veggie sticks, fruit cup, milk, fruit drink.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-Pizza, corn, green

salad, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY-Tamales, salad, red beans & rice, pineapple upside down cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, english peas, jello, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Charbroiled steak, baked potato half, ranch style beans, applesauce, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, pork & beans, ice cream bar, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, fries, spice cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers (burritos), gravy, potatoes, carrots, rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco salad (corn dogs), ranch beans, fruit, milk, cinnamon rolls.

THURSDAY-Chicken patty (cheeseburger pockets), sweetener, rice, peas, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza tater tots, fresh fruit, milk. Teachers: salad, or baked potato call by 8:30

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Beef & vegetable soup, sandwiches, chips, fruit bar, cookies, milk.

TUESDAY-Pigs on the blanket, french fries, salad, pear or frozen yogurt, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot roll, jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Feistadas, corn on the cob, salad, apple crisps, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Ham, peas, mashed potatoes, pineapple, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Stew, corn, peaches, cornbread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Fish, macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Hot dog, chips, pork & beans, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef stroganoff, salad, fruit, milk.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: Sally - domestic short-haired calico female, spayed, 1 year old plus.

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

Tuffy - short-haired grey and white tabby male, 1 year old plus, neutered.

Tutone - short-haired black and white male, 1 year old, neutered.

Kasey - orange tabby, short-

haired male, neutered, 2 years old plus.

Jinks - female long-haired tabby Mann coon, 2 year old plus, spayed.

Jackie - short-haired grey female tabby, 2 years old plus, spayed, a talker.

Fancy - short-haired tortoiseshell female, 1 year old plus, spayed.

Maya - great tabby, domestic short-haired 1 year old plus female, spayed.

Tiger - black/grey male, domestic short-haired older cat, neutered, very loving.

"M" - black/grey male, domestic short-haired older cat, neutered house cat.

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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Baggett



DERRELL AND JOYCE BAGGETT, THEN AND NOW.

Derrell and Joyce Baggett celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with family on Sept. 12, 1999.

He was born in Fort Worth, and she was born as Joyce Waits in Beckville. They met in college and were married on Sept. 12, 1959, at the Brooks Chapel Baptist Church in Beckville. The couple has two children, Dennis Baggett, of Tulsa, Okla., and Vicky McDowell of Big Spring. They

also have four grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Baggett have lived in Commerce, Roby, Crystal City, and for the last 33 years in Big Spring.

Joyce taught for 38 years and recently retired from teaching kindergarten at Forsan ISD, and Derrell previously taught fifth grade at Forsan ISD. He has been retired for 10 years. They are affiliated with the Forsan Baptist Church.

Chavarria



MR. AND MRS. MANUEL D. CHAVARRIA

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel D. Chavarria Jr. celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999, with the renewing of vows followed by a dinner and dance at the VFW, hosted by their children.

They were both born in Big Spring; her name was Karla Greenhill. They met when he worked at Dewees Exxon, where her family had mechanic work done, and she worked at Dairy Queen, his favorite lunch spot. They were married on Sept. 16, 1974, in Laredo.

Mr. and Mrs. Chavarria have five children, Andrew and Becky Chavarria of Snyder, Lisa and Elvis Lang, Tommy and Belinda Chavarria, Ronnie and Amy Chavarria, and Lacey Chavarria. They also have six grandchildren. They have lived in Big Spring their entire marriage.

Currently he is retired, and she is a housewife. Previously, he worked at Dewees Exxon and Pool Well Service, and she worked at Lee's Chinese Garden and the Humane Society. Manuel is involved in with the Vietnam veterans, and Karla is involved in the Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. He enjoys working in the yard and playing with the grandkids. She enjoys baking and decorating cakes and collecting frogs.

This was their comment about their 25 years of marriage. "There's no such thing as a fairy tale marriage; we've had our ups and downs, but through it all, we know here with each other is where we belong and will stay till death do us part."



John Wayne impersonator will preach at Eastside Baptist

Baptist preacher and John Wayne impersonator Gene Howard will speak at 10:15 a.m. today at Eastside Baptist Church, Sixth Street and Settles.

A poet and performer, Howard delivers a message of patriotism and godliness to his audiences. He dresses the part of John Wayne, and speaks in the voice of the western movie icon.

Howard also does 40 voices, and has appeared in commercials. He speaks to groups as many as 200 days out of the year.



GENE HOWARD

Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic

Effective September 30, 1999, local pediatrician, B. Ray Owen, M.D., will retire from the Malone & Hogan Clinic after 27 years of dedicated service to the Big Spring community. St. Mary Medical Group wishes him well in his retirement.

Patients of Dr. Owen, can continue to be treated by Malone & Hogan's newest pediatricians, Jose Chavez, M.D., and Saeed (Steve) Ahmed, M.D. Medical records will remain at the clinic and are available upon request.

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GETTING ENGAGED



Licia Doll and Richard Robertson will exchange wedding vows on Oct. 2, 1999, at the First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Lynn Robertson officiating.

She is the daughter of John and Wilma Doll of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Helen Doll, Big Spring.

He is the son of Ricky and Rhonda Robertson, and the grandson of Morris and Jimmie Robertson and Jewell and Mary Edens, all of Big Spring.

life! section policies

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon. Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available at the Herald office. We will only accept announcements printed on our forms, and we will include only information listed on the forms. There is no charge for these announcements.



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Fort Worth-based Morrison Supply buys local plumbing, water well supplier

HERALD Staff Report

Fort Worth-based Morrison Supply Co. has purchased Big Spring-based Saunders Company effective Monday, Sept. 27.

The agreement, which was announced jointly in a press release by officials of Morrison and Saunders, would end operations of the 53-year-old business under the Saunders name.

Morrison is a large wholesaler of plumbing and air conditioning supplies while Saunders has served the West Texas and

Eastern New Mexico market among dealers and contractors of plumbing and water well products.

A press release said business operations will continue at 3200 East I-20 in much the same manner as in the past — although business will be conducted under the Morrison name.

Morrison is one of the fastest growing wholesalers in the plumbing industry and was recently listed in the Supply House Times as the 15th largest wholesaler in the United States with 36 stores in Texas and

Oklahoma.

Morrison president Darrell Hawkins said, "Saunders Co. will be a tremendous asset to Morrison Supply because they have such a great reputation in this business and a wealth of talented people in the organization. This is a good deal for Morrison Supply, for the customers of Saunders Co., and for the people of Big Spring. We look forward to this being a long-lasting alliance and winning situation for everyone involved."

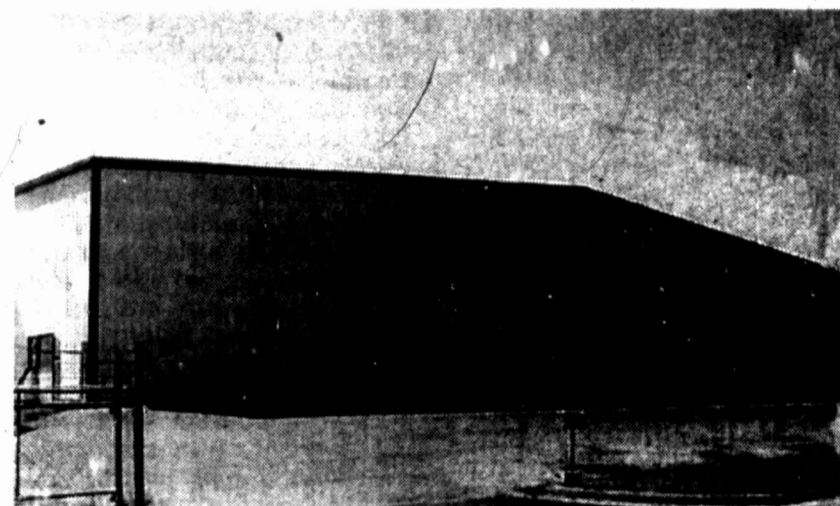
Scott McLaughlin, who has served as president of Saunders

Co., will serve as manager of the new Morrison location.

"We at Saunders Co. are very enthusiastic about the new opportunities we have with Morrison Supply — a greater diversity of products, more competitive pricing, and the stability of one of the country's largest wholesalers," McLaughlin said.

"We are thrilled to be a part of the exciting growth of this outstanding company. On the other hand, I think we are a good deal for Morrison Supply because of

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Oil

Service firms showing signs of life amid rising prices

HOUSTON (AP) — Signs of recovery are appearing in the oil-well services sector, but the rebound in crude oil prices isn't helping everyone, according to speakers at an energy conference.

Two drilling service companies — Nabors Industries and Key Energy Services — both said at the Dain Rausher Wessels energy conference that they are hiring because demand is beginning to pick up.

But Baker Hughes, one of the biggest companies in the business, warned that its third-quarter earnings will fall short of the levels expected by analysts, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The company expects third-quarter earnings to slip to 3 to 4 cents a share, below the 6 cents expected by analysts surveyed by First Call.

Halliburton, another industry giant, is "coming out of the trough" but hasn't resumed hiring, said spokesman Guy Marcus. Officials said, however, that the company would realize savings of about \$500 million a year from its acquisition of Dresser Industries, double the early saving projections.

Meanwhile, some industry insiders are selling stock to profit from the runup in energy stock prices, the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday. Such sales are often seen as a bearish signal.

"It's the first heads-up that insiders' sentiment might be not what you get on the Street, which is still fairly bullish," said Paul Elliott, an analyst with First Call/Thomson Financial, which tracks insider trading.

More than three dozen insiders at eight large Texas-based energy companies, including Nabors, Apache and Smith International, have sold a total of about 1.6 million shares since late July, the newspaper reported.

At the energy conference, Nabors, the largest owner of land-based drilling rigs, reported it has hired 1,250 workers since April and plans to hire 1,000 more. Chairman and chief executive Eugene Isenberg said more workers are needed because the percentage of its drilling rigs in use has ticked up from 30 percent to 33 percent.

When rebounding oil prices reached \$18 a barrel, demand picked up from owners of stripper wells, who hire the company to do work to stimulate production in older fields, said Francis John, Key's chief executive officer.

John said his company "will do fine" even if crude price drop back to the \$16-\$17 a barrel range.

Baker Hughes, whose weekly reporting on drilling rig activity has shown a steady increase, said the upturn in activity has been confined to the Western Hemisphere. It said worldwide offshore drilling business has yet to hit bottom. The biggest exploration increase has been in onshore natural gas wells.

Weevil eradication program experiencing success

Malathion mix sprayed at rate less than in NYC taking its toll on pesky weevil

By JOHN H. WALKER
Editor

With the initial stage of the West Texas battle against the boll weevil fully engaged, early results look promising according to Jim Daniels, Big Spring district manager for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

"When we first started, we had 900 weevils, then 6,000 the second week and 15,000 the third week," Daniels said. "The next two weeks we had 40,000 and 60,000 ... but since we've been spraying on a daily basis, we down to about 12,000."

Daniels explained the weevil count was a total count from traps in Howard, southern Borden, southeastern Dawson and the eastern quarter of Martin counties.

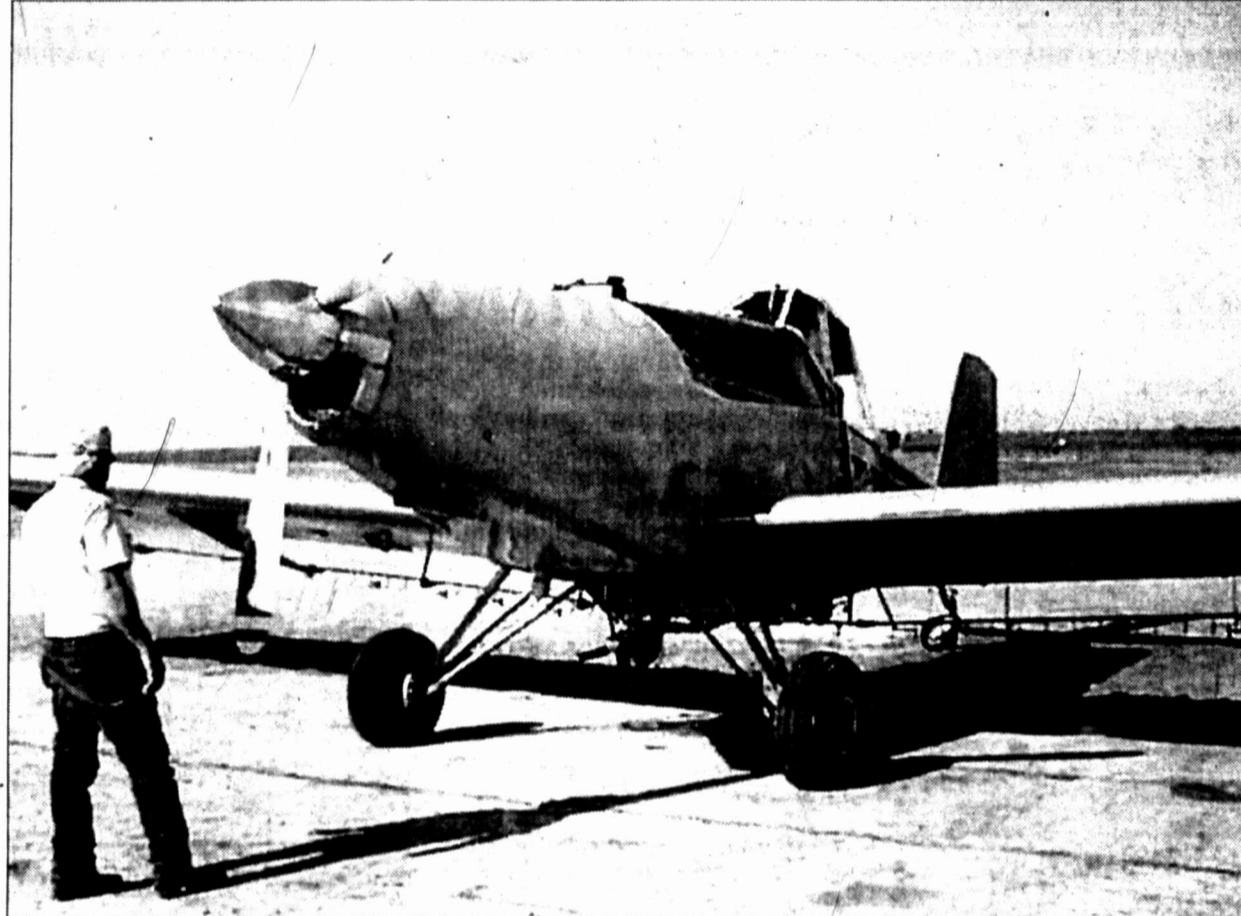
"The majority of the acreage we're spraying is in Howard County," he explained.

A total of 20 yellow planes, largely manufactured by North American Rockwell, use the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park and a private landing strip 10 miles north of Big Spring as their respective bases of operation.

"We've got 17 planes here in Big Spring and three planes on the Griffith strip," Daniels said.

The planes, which are directed to the fields by satellite coordinates, carry a malathion mixture being distributed at 12 ounces per acre.

The malathion being sprayed on West Texas cotton fields is the same product being sprayed over the five boroughs of New



Minnesota native Paul Anderson surveys the propeller on one of the spray planes being used to distribute a malathion mix by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. A total of 17 of the planes are based at McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park while three more are at the Griffith landing strip, 10 miles north of Big Spring on U.S. 87.

York City to help control mosquitoes blamed for an outbreak of St. Louis Encephalitis with one exception ... the New York spray is being distributed at 16 to 20 ounces per acre.

Daniels agreed with New York City health commissioner Neil Cohen, who said aerial application of the product is safe for humans.

"Even if they (people) got sprayed directly, there's no threat to them," Cohen said Wednesday night on PBS' McNeil-Lehrer Report. "There's a very low predictability that there would be any public health threat."

Daniels said the most objectionable thing about malathion

is its odor — and that it is an additive.

"In its natural state, malathion has no odor, and it breaks down into an organic compound within 48 hours."

Just as it is bringing the mosquitoes under control in New York City, its application during this first-year diapause program is reducing the number of boll weevils.

Daniels said the program will continue this year until the first killing frost.

"We'll continue until there are no hostable plants," he said. "If everyone were to defoliate and strip, we'd stop then but there will be a number of producers who will wait for the

weather. The first hard freeze will be the end."

Ideally, the diapause program begins to reduce the number of weevils that will overwinter in an area. Beginning with the second season — and continuing through the fifth — there will be a full-fledged assault on the weevil. Each year, the number of weevils left to reproduce will be reduced until it is gone.

The program is funded by a \$12 per acre irrigated assessment and a \$6 per acre dryland assessment. In addition, the Texas Legislature, through the efforts of Sen. Robert D'nean (R-Lubbock), appropriated \$75 million to help fund the battle against the boll weevil.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

American Eagle flight attendants want more money

DALLAS (AP) — For the second time this year, American Airlines' parent company is dealing with employees who are unhappy about the company's acquisition of a small airline.

In February, American's pilots conducted a costly sick-out. This week, flight attendants at American Eagle carried picket signs and handed out leaflets protesting AMR Corp.'s plans to merge Eagle with newly acquired Business Express.

The flight attendants say they need a pay raise to be on par with their new Business Express colleagues.

Several dozen American Eagle flight attendants carried picket signs and handed leaflets to the airline's passengers Monday at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The workers, members of the AFL-CIO's Association of Flight Attendants, want the airline's parent company, AMR Corp., to raise their pay in line with wages at Dover, N.H.-based Business Express, which are about \$3 an hour higher for the same seniority.

"It's just not fair to have people with the same seniority working side by side with people who are paid more," said

union spokeswoman Cynthia Kain. "It would obviously create tension in the cabins."

AMR announced in December it was buying Business Express to expand service in the Northeast.

Employees said about 1,100 American Eagle flight attendants and 200 from Business Express are members of the same union. Sharon Abeling, vice president of the Business Express attendants' Local, said that airlines attendants support the American Eagle attendants and held their own protest Sunday at Logan Airport in Boston.

Abeling said Business Express attendants are worried that AMR is reducing their work by changing Business Express flights in Washington and other cities to American Eagle.

American Eagle's vice president of in-flight services, Patricia Hollinrake, told union members last month negotiations were ending because the union would not extend its current contract, due to expire in 2002. The company had offered pay increases, particularly for less experienced attendants, but

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Pizza

Pizza Hut's plan for delivery fee draws fire from its competitors

DALLAS (AP) — Free delivery could be a thing of the past in the pizza business, if an experiment by Pizza Hut proves successful.

For the next several weeks, Pizza Hut Inc., the nation's largest pizza chain, will test-market a 50-cent to \$1 delivery charge at several outlets in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and a handful of other markets around the country.

"At the end of the test, we'll make a determination whether we'll pursue it nationally," Pizza Hut spokesman Jay Allison said of the charge.

Some industry insiders said no national pizza chain has ever charged a delivery fee, but Dallas-based Pizza Hut, a subsidiary of Louisville, Ky.-based Tricon Global Restaurants Inc., downplayed any new flavor to the charge.

"It may seem unusual in Dallas, but in other parts of the country it's not unusual for mom-and-pops and some regionals to charge," Allison said. "We haven't had any customer complaints."

Allison declined to identify the stores where the fee is being tried, but said they're all in upscale neighborhoods. The manager of one North Dallas Pizza Hut confirmed his store is among those charging the fee, but he declined to comment further.

Pizza Hut would use the fee to help offset the cost of drivers, who are paid minimum wage and a per-delivery reimbursement for use of their car, Allison said.

Stacy Jamar, a food-industry analyst for Bank of America Securities, wondered whether the fee would be about as popular as anchovies.

"Pizza is very much a price-driven purchase," she said, noting the frequency of coupon offers. "I don't think (customers) would react very well to what they might see as a subversive attempt to get more money out of them."

Pizza Hut, like other restaurant companies, is under pressure from rising labor costs and experiencing difficulty attracting and keeping employees, analysts said. At the same time, competition is limiting their ability to raise prices.

Some of Pizza Hut's major

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IN THE NEWS

KRIS RODRIGUEZ, news director at KBST AM-FM and KBTS-FM, Big Spring, has accepted a news reporter position with San Antonio's KTSA.

"This will be a big challenge for me," said Rodriguez, who has been in Big Spring for four and one-half years.

"KTSA is the number two radio station in San Antonio. They have lots of goals with their 24-hour news format." During his stay in Big Spring, Rodriguez was awarded five broadcast awards from the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

"We'll miss Kris," said KBST AM-FM and KBTS-FM manager John Weeks. "At the same time we realize the

tremendous opportunity for advancement Kris has received with this new job."

Rodriguez, his wife, Tiffany and son, Alec will move to San Antonio in time for Kris to begin his new job Oct. 1.

"San Antonio is about 2 1/2 hours from my parents' home in Mission," said Rodriguez. "This move will make it easier for them to see my son, who's their only grandchild, as he grows up."

Rodriguez says he will miss the people here.

"This town has been a lot like my hometown," said Rodriguez. "It's about the same size as Mission, and the people are friendly. I've enjoyed meeting a lot of people here I won't soon forget."

Weeks has named China Long as news director and Lance Daniels news reporter for the local stations.

The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States rose this week by 13 to 703.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 132 were exploring for oil, 570 for gas, and one was listed as miscellaneous, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. During the same week last year, 773 rigs were operating in the United States.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom but set

several record lows this earlier year, bottoming out at 498 on April 9.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Oklahoma gained five rigs, Wyoming three, Louisiana gained two and California gained one.

Texas lost four rigs and New Mexico lost one. Alaska's total was unchanged.

Oil-field services company Weatherford International has bought Williams Tool Co. of Fort Smith, Ark. for \$64 million in stock.

Houston-based Weatherford, the nation's fifth-largest oil field services company, is to pay Williams Tool 1.75 million shares, valued about \$36.50 a share.

Williams Tool makes a component called a rotating control head, which reduces the risk of oil and gas well blowouts and increases drilling success. The components are used in underbalanced drilling, a technique that taps finds more efficiently and gets more out of depleted reservoirs.

Last year, underbalanced drilling technology was used in 30 percent of oil and gas wells drilled in the United States, according to Williams Tool.

Williams Tool employs 36 people at its manufacturing plant in Fort Smith and 40 people in sales. The company will be operated as a unit of Weatherford.

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Another study started on Big Bend's haze

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK (AP) — For years, Nancy Sykes' outdoorsy husband had been trying to drag her to Big Bend, which he described as "the most beautiful place on Earth." But once she finally got here, what she saw — or didn't see — sent her packing two days early.

Unlike when James Sykes first visited this remote, southwest Texas treasure in 1975, today white haze hangs over the park, obscuring if not completely blocking scenic landscapes in the distance.

"Isn't it awful?" bemoans Mrs. Sykes, 44, who drove about 10 hours with her husband from their hometown of League City, near Houston. "Every time I look at it, it makes me angry."

"It's really disappointing," adds Sykes, 51, "if you know what the view was before the haze." The Sykeses are hardly the first to complain about the smog, which began creeping into the 800,000-acre park more than 20 years ago. Big Bend, one of the most popular Texas destinations for outdoor enthusiasts with its rugged mountains and raft trips along the Rio Grande, is now considered one of the most polluted national parks in the West.

The once-pristine site — 300 miles from El Paso, the nearest major city, and so remote that

not a single FM radio station comes in clearly — today is as smoggy as some urban areas.

The concerns of park visitors and area residents prompted a 1996 preliminary study, which found that power plants in both Texas and Mexico were contributing to the milky haze. Before the study was commissioned, U.S. officials long held that twin coal-burning power plants 125 miles southeast in Mexico were the principal cause of the pollution.

Now, the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Park Service have undertaken a more extensive, \$6.3 million study to determine exactly what is in the air and how it got here.

Officials hope to use the information eventually to limit the pollution drifting into the park. "If we know for sure Texas is a major contributor, we could go to those sources and implement technology to reduce the amount of pollutants," says Vidal Davila Jr., the park's acting superintendent.

But while Mexico participated in the '96 study, it has declined to be part of the new one, which began in July and ends Oct. 31.

Alfredo David Gidi with Mexico's environmental protection agency said Mexican officials wanted to participate in a second study but believed the one proposed to them was poor-

ly designed and likely to reflect only problems south of the border.

U.S. officials have proceeded by releasing chemicals — so-called tracers — from a tower in the Texas town of Eagle Pass, just across the border from the twin coal-burning plants near Piedras Negras, Mexico. The idea is that by releasing the harmless tracers, scientists are simulating emissions from the twin plants on the other side.

Then, over at Big Bend, scientists are sampling the air to see if the tracers drift over.

Chemical tracers also are being released in northeast Texas, San Antonio and the Houston area. Air samples are being collected at a total of 38 spots in Texas and Oklahoma, so that scientists can map out where chemicals are released and where they end up.

At an outdoor laboratory set up at Big Bend, sophisticated devices that resemble the kind of electrical-switch boxes found in an average home suck in air through metal tubes. The filters are sent away and analyzed for a broad array of substances.

From this spot in the middle of the Chihuahuan desert, the mountain ranges in the distance appear to be gray — those closest, a dark gray, those farther away, a lighter shade.

"You should see individual bushes on these mountains,"

says National Park Service technician John Forsythe, noting they are only 15 to 18 miles away.

On good days, visitors are lucky to be able to see 100 miles away, but the maximum visibility at the park — without the haze — is 243 miles.

Forsythe and researchers from Colorado State University and the University of California-Davis work at the outdoor lab, monitoring equipment and running experiments.

It's currently believed that the following sources are at least partly responsible for the pollution: the Piedras Negras plants, petrochemical plants along the Texas Gulf Coast, coal-burning plants in northeast Texas and elsewhere, and industrial areas of northern Mexico such as Monterrey.

What is clouding the view is tiny dust particles containing sulfur or carbon. The particles, which can be blown to Big Bend from several hundred miles away, have previously been linked not only to power plants and oil refineries but to diesel fuel and wildfires.

Windblown soil and humidity also limit visibility.

"One feels almost desperate some days when the air is so awful out here," says Fran Sage, who formed a local branch of the Sierra Club three years ago because of the haze.

MORRISON — EAGLE

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the knowledge and expertise we have in the water well and filtration business as well as our pool of dedicated and experienced people. We have a well-deserved reputation for reliable customer service and this won't change."

PIZZA FEES

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competitors distanced themselves from any fees.

"We've never charged a delivery fee and we don't intend to start," declared Cozette Phifer, a spokeswoman for Domino's Pizza, based in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"You have to be kidding," John Schnetter, founder and chief executive officer of Papa John's Pizza, said in a statement. "It's like a banking service charge on your pizza."

Some analysts speculated that the fee might cause customers to reduce the tips they give — an important part of pizza drivers' compensation.

Pizza Hut has about 7,000 outlets around the country, from storefronts to full restaurants. About two-thirds of the pizza pies it sells are delivered or picked up as to-go orders by customers, a spokesman said.

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not on par with Business Express wages, according to the union.

Tim Kincaid, an American Eagle spokesman, said the airline has made several offers to the union but received no response. He said the union wants to renegotiate a contract ratified last year.

"Many features of the American Eagle contract are better than the Business Express contract," Kincaid said. "Do they want to cherry-pick the best of both contracts? This was a great contract last year, but now they want to reopen it."

The flight attendants' dispute marks the second time this year that AMR, based in Fort Worth, has encountered employees displeased with the company's acquisition of a small airline.

In February, about one-fourth of American Airlines' pilots called in sick to protest AMR's December acquisition of Reno Air, whose pilots were paid about half the scale as American pilots.

The sickout proved costly for both the airline and the union. American said it lost \$225 million due to canceled flights, and a federal judge fined the union \$45.5 million for disobeying a back-to-work order.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace Bernie Green Precinct 1, Place 1 Bad Checks/Warrants Issued:

The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please call 264-2226.

Argujio, Priscilana M., 12 St. Apt. 22, Seagraves Bankston, Ivy R., 291 Scarbrough No. 409, Conroe Capetillo, Rebecca, 3102 40th St., Snyder Dearick, David Wayne, 1707 Morrison, Big Spring Flores, Richard, 603 N. Eighth, Big Lamesa

Franks, Jean Ann, 6400 E. County Road No. 105, Midland
Garcia, Gerardo H., 5101 N. A Street No. 103, Midland Garcia, Noe, P.O. Box 121, Lorraine

Gonzales, Diane D., Hcr 5, Box 8C, Lamesa
Gonzales, Frank Jr., 704 N. Elgin, Lamesa
Granado, Paula, 1411 11th Place, Big Spring
Green, Timothy E., P.O. Box 462, Big Spring
Grima, John, 914 E. Sixth, Big Spring

Gruis, Pam, 1505 Owens, Big Spring
Hadorn, Pamela Kay, 101 Shifflett Dr., Big Spring
Hartman, William J., HC 76, blk. 147k-1, Big Spring
Henderson, Christine L., 420 N. El Paso, Tulla

Hernandez, Esperanza, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring
Hernandez, Juanita, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
Hilliard, Robert, 2605 Brunson, Midland
Holstine, Dorothy, Box 351, Sweetwater
Holt, Marlene J., 1402 B S. Main, Big Spring

Horton, Thomas L., 804 B E. 12th, Big Spring
Jennings, Jim, P.O. box 396, Marlin
Leonard, Michael Todd, 108 Circle or 1015 E. 20th, Big Spring
Lopez, Brandy, 4213 Hamilton, Big Spring
Maggett, Pavonay D., 1105 Catalina Way, Apt. C, El Paso
Martin, Martha McDonald, 1407 Lincoln or P.O. Box 2813
Massingill, Sky W., 33 Tulane No. 2, Big Spring
Mathis, Lashauna, 3416 Millbrook No. 61, San Angelo
Medina, Rene, 605 Colgate, Big Spring
Mitchell, Angela, 4424 Leddy, Midland
Monreal, Bethany, 417 Meacham U2, Ruidoso, N.M.

Noble, Darrin, 23641 20th Ave. S, Apt. 3 304, Des Moines, Iowa
O'Neal, Danny S., HC 69, B 2 Sp. 5, Big Spring
Olivas, Maria Ysabelle, 710 NW Seventh, Big Spring
Ortiz, Raul Jr., 6409 E. CR 85, Midland
Price, Wanda, 1505 Sycamore, Big Spring
Puga, Christopher, 1608 Tucson or 1809 Wright, Big Spring
Ramon, Joe Louis, 4201 Andrews Hwy 21, Midland
Regan, Sabrina C., 8250 Gatteway E. Apt. 160, El Paso
Richardson, Sheila, 111 Shifflett Dr., Big Spring
Rieser, Katherine, 2105 Gilmore Ave., Snyder
Rubio, Tiffany, 1005 Stadium, Big Spring
Shubert, Billy S., 538 Westover No. 119, Big Spring
Smith, Coralyn, 5615 N. Service Road, Big Spring
Stanhope, Jerry Thomas, 1315 Mulberry, Big Spring
Vek, Eugene, 1007 Wood, Big Spring
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Watson, Steven, 2306

Thorpe Rd., Big Spring
Webb, Shelli D., 2402 E. Marcy Dr., Big Spring
Yanez, Eva Carrasco, 1616 Mesquite, Big Spring
Young, Derrick Allen, 1104 1/2 Lancaster, Big Spring

Howard County Clerk:
Marriage Licenses:
J.B. Cusing, 76, and Bonnie Newton Hale, 67
Richard Lee Overton Jr., 21, and Cheryl Ann Hill, 23
Manuel Domingo Chavarria, 51, and Marta Greenhill Chavarria, 42
John Henry Chappell, 22, and Kimberly Michelle Martin, 14
Paul Britto Kinsey, 19, Brandy Michelle Vess, 20
Brenden Eugene Stanislaus, 23, and Loretta Rae Blakeney, 20

Court Records:
Probated judgment DWI: Nathan H. Cahoon (2nd offense) \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, Emilio Hinojosa Jr. \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail, Randall E. Hollis \$1,500 fine and 180 days in jail
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Amanda Gail Eggleston, William Troy Hogan, Miguel A. Arenivaz
Probated judgment make alcoholic beverages available to minor: Timothy John Rios \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Order of dismissal: Emilio Aguirre, Ronda Hooper, David Holsenbeck, Dominga S. Hernandez, Gunner Lee Pickett
Probated judgment possession of marijuana under two ounces: Marwan Tawfiq Naser \$300 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment assault: Jimmy Juarez \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence

DWLI: Clifton Ramsey \$250 fine, \$234.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
Judgment & sentence
DWLS: William Troy Hogan \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 20 days in jail
Judgment & sentence fail to identify: William Troy Hogan \$250 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 20 days in jail
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Joaquin Aguirre Duenez, Mark Lopez, Duncan Allen Hamlin, David Renteria
Probated judgment DWLS: Jimmy Ray Melchor \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Yvonne Acuff \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Melissa Ann Reyes \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, William A. Peachey \$250 fine and 180 days in jail, Melissa Castillo \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

Probated judgment - deferred adjudication: Marchello Williams
Probated judgment DWLI: David Wayne Holsenbeck \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Adrian Zarate \$250 fine and 180 days in jail

Deed Records:
Warranty deeds:
grantor: Richard Throne Wright
grantee: Rebecca Suzanne Smith
property: lot 14, blk. 1, Ridgelea Terrace Addition
filed: Sept. 1, 1999
grantor: Mary E. Leek
grantee: Woodie Howell
property: lot 19, blk. 8, Suburban Heights in section 13, blk. 33
filed: Sept. 1, 1999
grantor: FT Mortgage Co.
grantee: HUD
property: all of lot 2, blk. 1, Amended plat of Muir Heights Addition
filed: Sept. 1, 1999

grantor: Norwest Mortgage Inc.
grantee: HUD
property: all of lot 14, blk. 9, College Park Estates
filed: Sept. 1, 1999
grantor: Lee Roman, Dorothy Jean Roman, Raymond Stallings, Johnny Dale Stallings, Robert Earl Stallings
grantee: Peter Penner
property: a tract of land in the northeast corner of the northeast corner of section 19, blk. 34
filed: Sept. 1, 1999
grantor: Lacy Ann Bedell
grantee: Steven Craig Bedell
property: lot 4, blk. 3, Amended plat of West Cliff Addition
filed: Sept. 2, 1999
grantor: Betty Sue Crocker
grantee: Diane S. Crocker
property: 1. lot 5, blk. 1, North McEwen Addition;
filed: Sept. 2, 1999
grantor: Mary Lynn Ruzzamenti
grantee: Walter Woodie Long and Alice Long
property: southeast 1/4 of section 29, blk. 33
filed: Sept. 2, 1999
grantor: Jeridean Kinman
grantee: Jane and Orville Bland
property: lot 31, blk. 8, Suburban Heights Addition
filed: Sept. 3, 1999
grantor: Jeffery A. and Debbie L. Williams
grantee: Pablo G. Ramirez III
property: 10.0 acre tract out section 104, blk. 29
filed: Sept. 3, 1999
grantor: Doris J. Pope
grantee: Wilbur R. Pope and Doris J. Pope
property: the west 1/2

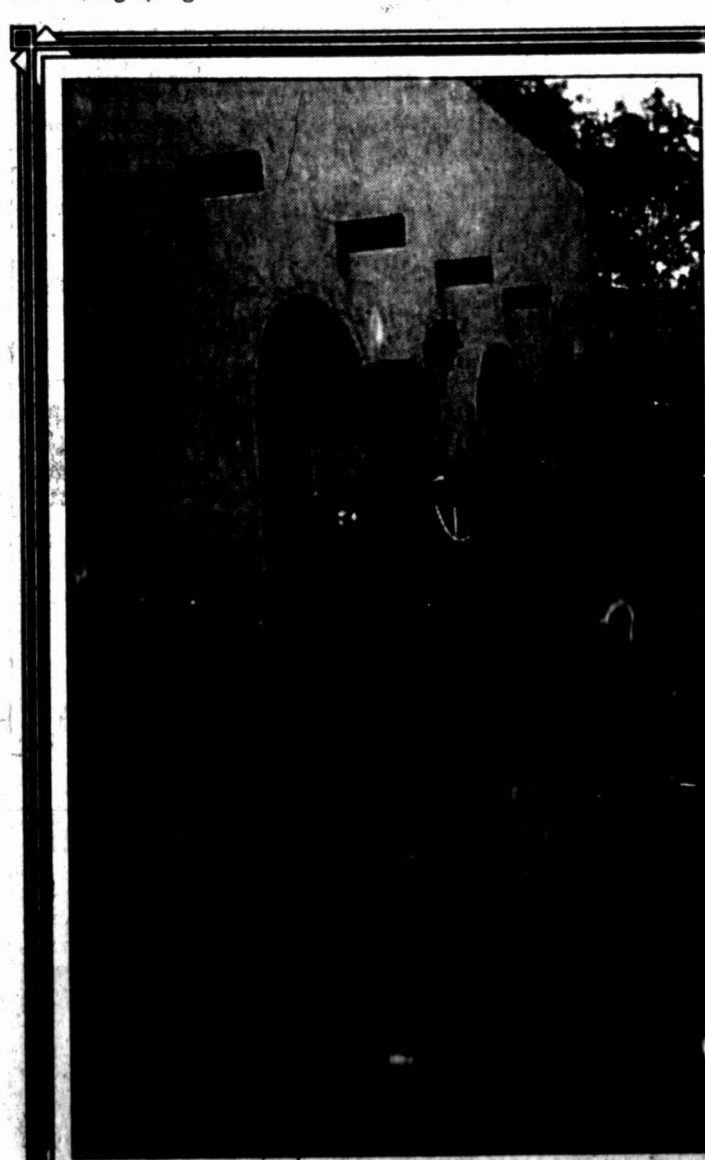
northwest 1/4 of section 13, blk. 33 and the north 1/2 northwest 1/4 of section 12, blk. 33
filed: Sept. 3, 1999
grantor: Wilbur R. and Doris J. Pope
grantee: Wilbur R. and Doris J. Pope, the Wilbur R. Pope and Doris J. Pope Revocable Trust
property: a tract of land in the northeast corner of section 19, blk. 34
filed: Sept. 3, 1999
grantor: Wilbur R. and Doris J. Pope
grantee: Wilbur R. Pope and Doris J. Pope Revocable Trust
property: lot 19, blk. 7, North Belvue Addition
filed: Sept. 3, 1999
grantor: Carroll Kohl and Leighrene Kohl
grantee: Swartz & Brough, Inc.
property: all of lot 7, blk. 2, Stanford Park Addition
filed: Sept. 7, 1999
grantor: David Edward Jones
grantee: Rosa Franco Jones
property: lot 4, blk. 9, Stanford Park Addition
filed: Sept. 8, 1999
grantor: Ronald Sullivan
grantee: Rick Purser
property: a 9.99 acre tract out of a 19.98 tract in the southwest 1/4 of section 105, blk. 29
filed: Sept. 8, 1999
grantor: American Universal Ins. Co.
grantee: Lee Harris
property: 25 acre tract of land out of a 288.44 acre tract in section 7, blk. 32
filed: Sept. 9, 1999
grantor: David A. and Charla K. Scott
grantee: Jimmy Olivares

grantee: AAA Mini-Storage
property: all of those certain tracts, parcels and pieces of land, out of and part of the northeast 1/4 of section 4, blk. 32
filed: Sept. 9, 1999
grantor: Kenneth C. and Marylou Baker
grantee: A.E. Kelley
property: the south 1/2 lots 7-9, blk. 9, Brown Addition
filed: Sept. 9, 1999
grantor: Jimmie K. Barrier, James Watkins and C.L. Lunsford
grantee: Catarina and Rosa Elia Valadez
property: lot 1, blk. 7, Boydston Addition
filed: Sept. 9, 1999
Deed without warranty
grantor: Jimmy L. butts
grantee: Debbie Butts
property: a tract of lane 100' wide running East and West and 200' deep running North and South off of and out of the Eastern most portion of a 1.86 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 43, blk. 31
filed: Sept. 1, 1999
grantor: Myrl D. Mitchell
grantee: R.N. Del Bosque and wife Lydia
property: 23 acres of land out of and part of the northwest 1/4 of section 32, blk. 33
filed: Sept. 9, 1999
Deed with vendor's lien:
grantor: Howard W. Hornsby
grantee: Stanley Gregory and Deborah Gregory
property: lot 7, blk. 5, Highland South Addition No. 8
filed: Sept. 3, 1999
grantor: David A. and Charla K. Scott
grantee: Jimmy Olivares

and Mary Barraza
property: lots 3-4, blk. 10, Subdivision "A" Fairview Heights
filed: Sept. 3, 1999
grantor: Robert L. Johnson
grantee: Sandra Johnson
property: the west 100' of the south 1/2 of lot 5, and the south 100' of lot 6, blk. 12, McDowell Heights Addition
filed: Sept. 9, 1999
grantor: June A. George-Crisologo
grantee: Ricardo and Evangelina Garcia
property: lots 1-2, blk. 2, Earls Addition
filed: Sept. 9, 1999

118th District Court:
Filings:
Accounts, notes & contracts:
Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Terry Truitt and Melody Choate Truitt
Leonard Resource Investment Corp. vs. George J. Ulmo, Charles Edwin Wormser d/b/a Eddie Wormser Oil Properties, Ralph Kehle, Jack T. Williams and 4-JW ltd.
Family:
Amelia Collins vs. Lehebron Farr Jr.
Ribeckah Jean Jackson vs. Steven Lynn Jackson

Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Leslie Holmes, individually and on behalf of the Estate of Jessie Lee Walters Jr. vs. Antonio M. Rodriguez, Frank Alcantar and Richard Martinez Alcantar
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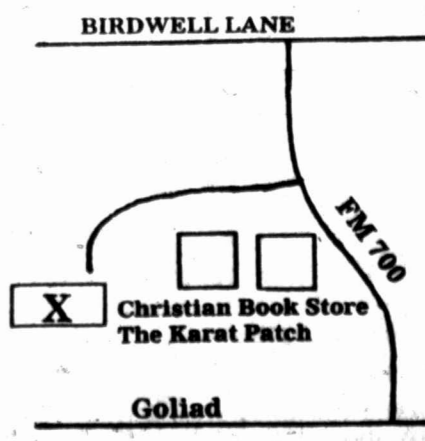
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To whom it may concern:
Notice is hereby given to all students with disabilities who attend Big Spring ISD prior to September 1999, that all records WILL BE DESTROYED by September 30, 1999. This is in compliance with federal regulations and the Texas Education Code, Chapter 246, August 29 & September 5, 12, 19, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 1999, for the purchase of a Maintenance Agreement on the Early Warning System Sirens. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1980 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. 2476 September 12 & 19, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
CSJ No. 6049.14.001
Sealed Proposal For:
Crack Pouring at Various Locations in Howard County and Borden Counties.
Will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at:
4250 N. CLACK ABILENE, TEXAS
UNTIL RESPECTIVE BID OPENING TIME
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1999 then publicly opened and read.
ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A PRE-BIDDERS CONFERENCE FOR THIS CONTRACT.
Bidding proposals and plan view will be available at 10:00 A.M. AFTER FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1999 at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office located at:
4250 N. CLACK ABILENE, TEXAS
TELEPHONE: (915) 676-6852
CONTACT:
SAUNDRA J. COLLINS
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2480 September 19 & 26, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX FORECLOSURE RESALE
1300 BLACKMON STREET
BIG SPRING, TEXAS
LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS:
LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK SIXTEEN (16) MONTICELLO ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
1303 SYCAMORE STREET
BIG SPRING, TEXAS
LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS:
LOT TWO (2), BLOCK TWO (2), MCEWEN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
1 ACRE TRACT LOCATED ON ASH ROAD
HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS
LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS:
A ONE ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF A TWO ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION FOURTEEN (14), BLOCK THIRTY-THREE (33), TOWNSHIP ONE-SOUTH (T-1-S), T&P RY CO SURVEY, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS. MOORE, FULLY DESCRIBED BY MEETS AND BOUNDS ON EXHIBIT D, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN AS IF REPEATED VERBATIM.
1) Legal Description:
A tract of land in SE/4 Section 14, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:
BEGINNING at a 3/4" I.P. from which the SW corner of Section 13, the NW corner of Section 24, the NE corner of the Section 23 and the SE corner of Section 14 Block 33, T-1-S, T&P Ry Co Survey, Howard County, Texas, bears N 75° 23' E 581.74 feet and S 14° 37' E 831.74 feet, for the NE corner of this tract;
THENCE S 14° 37' E 177.17 feet to a 3/4" I.P. for the SE corner of this tract;
THENCE S 75° 23' W 491.74 feet to a 3/4" I.P. for the SW corner of this tract;
THENCE N 14° 37' W 177.17 FEET TO A 3/4" I.P. for the NW corner of this tract;
THENCE N 75° 23' E 491.74 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.
Howard County as trustee is offering the above described property for sale to the highest bidder for cash.
The sale will be conducted by sealed bid. All bids can be mailed to Drew Mouton at P.O. Box 1030 or delivered to 198 West 4th, Big Spring, TX. All bids must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday October 8, 1999.
The property will be sold to the highest bidder subject to the approval of all the Taxing Entities. The highest bid will be presented to all Taxing Entities for their consideration, and may or may not be approved.
Those desiring to bid can pick up a bid form from Richard Cyfert at the Law office of Mouton & Mouton, located across from the Court House at 109 West Fourth Street here in Big Spring.
PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS WITHOUT WARRANTY
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 19:
If nothing else, you are practical; this year, that trait becomes even more embedded. However, it is this very gift that allows you to land on your feet no matter what. Sometimes you have to strain to get an overview, but viewing new mental, physical and spiritual horizons will renew your view of your world.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***Feeling subdued from yesterday's bounty, you are happy to slow down. Call an older relative and plan a get-together. Your efforts mean a lot; together you walk through a new portal. Trust your instincts with work. You might want to put in some extra hours. Tonight: Do only what you must.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***Take a serious look at the future and what it offers. Don't kid yourself about another. Take time for a discussion. You could be overly serious, but you do convey your message. Gather the family and take off for a picnic or a trip to the museum. Tonight: Relax mentally and emotionally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***You see the negative rather than the positive. Listen to a partner or loved one who has only your best interests in mind. Don't be harsh; listen to his feedback. Take some time to think after you hear another view. Carefully discuss a new venture. Tonight: Go for cuddling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***A friend pushes, but his heart is in the right place. You might have gone overboard. Keep your focus. Listen to advice and guidance from a partner. Work as a team; network and reach out for others. Popularity is high, and you are easily distracted. Tonight: Go out with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***Get into the fall season and what you love to do. A parent or someone you respect could be unusually touchy. Remain steady and caring. Clear out errands; get organized. Stay on top of work. Getting a head start can only make you happy. Tonight: Put up your feet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***Regroup; think through plans. You juggle news and find ways to enjoy yourself no matter what. A child or new friend might ask you for direction. Meanwhile, you might not understand exactly where

another is coming from. Keep communication flowing. Seek to understand. Tonight: Romp like a kid again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***Maintain a low profile while you help another direct his energy. You might not grasp all the answers. Maintain an even, steady pace. Others seek you out. Ask questions and find answers. A partner helps you get to the root of a problem. Tonight: Take charge of dinner, but make it easy!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***Turn on your answering machine as you run out the door. Popularity peaks, though a partner demands an inordinate amount of attention. You can't solve his problems, but you can enjoy him for who he is. Your ease and caring help. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***You are unusually careful with expenses. Take a conservative yet firm look at your spending. Consider where you might want to cut back and where you'd like to spend more. Upgrade your professional status and income. Tonight: Order in - make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***Another might be more serious than usual. You can make a difference. Focus on your creativity. You're driven to produce something concrete that reflects this creativity. A child or loved one demands attention. Do something special for both of you. Tonight: Smile the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***Today you brood, even though you aren't a sign associated with brooding. At best, you're introspective, considering a very personal matter. Sometimes it feels like the weight of the world is on your shoulders. Escape worries and cares by taking off to the movies. Tonight: Make your needs primary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***Don't let a down mood spiral on you. Liberate yourself and enjoy life. Others simply don't get where you are coming from. Keep talks active. Finally, you and another see eye to eye. Get together with friends. Consider making a commitment to your community. Tonight: Have an early dinner with friends.

Mental patients don't deserve society's negative stereo types

DEAR ABBY: I am the director of a rehabilitation program for the chronically mentally ill. From time to time, I notice that you print letters that deal with stereotypes and negative attitudes society often holds toward certain groups. I wonder if you might print a similar letter on behalf of people who have a mental illness. One of the foremost issues facing this group is the negative prejudice that society holds against them.

I asked our group of patients to provide suggestions on how to treat a person who has a mental illness. Some of their ideas:

1. Don't be afraid of us. Despite what you see on TV and in the movies, studies have shown that the mentally ill population does not have a greater propensity toward violence than anyone else.
2. Please avoid negative stereotypical words such as "psycho," "nuts," "schizo," "loonies," etc. The emotional pain these dehumanizing words inflict upon us hurts worse than our illnesses do.
3. Give us a job opportunity. Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill, both of whom experienced mental illness, held two of the most important jobs in history. Many of us are intelligent and long for the chance to be productive members of society.
4. Please don't tell us that if we just tried harder we could "snap out of it." This insults our intelligence and implies that we are lazy. There is nothing fun or positive about having a mental illness and none of us choose to have it.
5. Be patient when you notice we are having a difficult time. It is OK to ask us if we need help.
6. Don't ask if we have taken our medication when we are angry, sad or irritable. These questions make us feel like we don't have the right to experience normal human emotions without being viewed as having an "episode."
7. Treat us like you would treat anyone else. We have a need for acceptance, just as you do. Most of us lead quite normal lives complete with families, children, employment and financial responsibilities.

Abby, with the help of recent medications and psychotherapy interventions, the treatment of mental illness has made tremendous strides in the last 10 years. Unfortunately, the prejudice against this group remains one of the most painful aspects of the disease. — MIKE ASHWORTH, Ph.D., ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR DR. ASHWORTH: You have written a very important letter. There is a lot of ignorance and misunderstanding about mental illness. Some mental illnesses can be managed effectively with therapy and medication. Others can be cured entirely. People coping with mental illness have enough complicated challenges to overcome without having to deal with the irrational fears of the supposedly "normal."

Let's face it — there are few among us who don't have a few "kinks" here or there.

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