TUESDAY September 21, 1999

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 50°-55°

WEDNESDAY 77°-82°

Going-away fete slated for Dr. Owen on Wednesday

A going-away reception will be held from 4-6 p.m. Wednersday at Malone-Hogan Clinic for Dr. Ray

Dr. Owen is retiring after 27 years of delivering babies and pediatric care in Big

Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Owen will be moving to Temple from where he will do overseas medical missionary work, said clinic spoke man Bonnie Miller.

The Malone and Hogue Clinic is at 1501 W. 11th

WHAT'S UP...

☐ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex community room, 500

D 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

WEDNESDAY

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

☐ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater

box office. ☐ Line dancing, 10:30 a.m., Senior Citizen Center, Industrial Park. ☐ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladles Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY ☐ Gideons International Big

Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans. ☐ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older. Kiwanis Club, noon, **Howard College Cactus**

☐ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch. ☐ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin'

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Sheriff's department enlists public's help in search for suspect By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

An elderly woman was assaulted Sunday in a ditch in front of her home on Moss Road. Howard County sheriff's deputies continue search for the man responsi-



JENNINGS

for suspicious characters, to keep a close patrol on your home and we're asking neighbors to watch neighbors," said Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Ron Allen

The plea comes on the heels of an assault that began as an attempted burglary of a habita-

A 65-to-70-year old widow was awakened by a man attempting to enter her home through a

window about 2 a.m. Sunday. "She awoke and heard noises and discovered a man half in

"We're asking everyone in and half out of her window. He that area to continue watching grumbled at her 'I'm gonna kill later the same individual you'," said Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings.

The woman ran, and the assailant chased her into the street in front of her home

When he caught her, he dragged her back to the bar ditch. He then sat on her and assaulted her, until a neighbor appeared with a flashlight and scared the suspect away.

The woman was treated for bruises and abrasions at Mountain Medical Scenic Center.

attempted to break and enter into another home on Midway Road, about six blocks from the first home.

"A neighbor saw him and called the woman of the house. When he got there the woman. he met surprised him by being an armed citizen. He fled the who had heard the commotion scene, and we are continuing to search for this man,' Jennings said.

The suspect is described as a 20-to-30-year-old male, possible Hispanic or white. He is about 5'5" to 5'8", with a stocky build.

Allen said less than an hour He has a short, crew-cut type hair cut.

> Eyewitnesses say the man may have been wearing sweat pants and tennis shoes.

Deputies are cautioning Midway residents to remain alert for strangers, and to call Crimestoppers, 264-TIPS, at the first hint of trouble.

"We really want to urge residents to keep their doors and windows locked, and if they see anyone suspicious, call us," Allen said.

Anyone with information about this crime should call the HCSO at 264-8477.

United just 10 days

SWCID students Anabel Montelongo, left, Eric Martinez and Curtis Blankenburg on drums, perform "The Rattler," a song in sign language dedicated to SWCID and in observance of Deaf Awareness Week. Deaf Awareness Week continues throughout the week, concluding with special dinner Friday.

Moore Development OKs budget sans pay hikes

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Directors Moore for Development for Big Spring Monday approved an \$863,769.25 expense bud-

get for 1999-2000, decrease of **\$26,460.**75 for 1998-99 the budget. Estimated income for

Moore

Development,

which receives

most of its



SHARP

income from sales tax revenue, is \$992,529, a decrease from the 1999-98 income estimate of \$1,017,727.29.

Bonnie Smith, special projects manager, said sales tax revenues have declined about 5 percent over the past year, because fewer purchases are being made.

demolition project, and also agreed to continue pursuing an industrial brochure for Big Spring, through budget amend-

"We will keep the business climate enhancement allocation by amending the budget so that the \$50,000 we had for demolition will now be in the 1999-2000 budget. That will combine with the \$50,000 we have there as available funds for another project to help the community, so that we have \$100,000 in the fund for the new fiscal year," said Charles Beil, director.

An industrial brochure. which is currently being printed, was a \$15,000 expense in the 1998-99 budget. However, \$3,000 of that amount has been spent thus far, so another amendment moved the \$12,000 into the new budget.

Salaries of two Moore Development employees will remain the same, as no raises are proposed in the approved

funding the Permian Building tor for Moore Development, received an annual raise effective in March of 10 percent, or \$4,700, bringing his total salary to \$51,700. Annual salaries of Pam Welch, assistant director, \$33,207, and Smith, \$26,780, will remain the same.

Directors also approved a \$30,000 budget for the development of a CD-ROM as a tool for promotion. The actual cost of the project has yet to be determined, as a request for proposal has not yet been submitted.

"This is a marketing tool, on a computer disc, that we will mail out to market Big Spring. It will contain information on Big Spring, and what Big Spring is all about. The cost will depend on what we place on it, such as how many pictures, things like that. We will have to wait and see what we can afford," Beil said.

The 1999-2000 budget also includes \$100,000 for existing industry enhancements, \$25,000 for workforce training and \$45,000 for boll weevil eradica-

Also, \$250,000 remains in the budget for land acquisition.

"This is an incentive in our budget, so that we have this money available in case we are working with a company that wants to locate here but needs land," said Sharp. Other items in the budget

include \$14,958 for employee benefits, \$148,911 for personal services, such as payroll expenses, workers compensation insurance and salaries, and \$6,000 for professional development.

Office supplies and equipment total \$13,000, contractual services total \$15,550, and meetings and workshops are budgeted at

For promotion, \$56,500 is budgeted, which includes the industrial brochure, local advertising, the CD-ROM and trade

Economic development budget totals \$332,008, which includes the boll weevil eradication project, business climate enhancement and workforce training.

Campaign hits 21 percent after

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Just 10 days into the 1999 United Way Campaign, chairmen Clara Savage reports that 21 percent of the \$225,000 goal has been reached.

"Our campaign is going great and we are very excited to report these outstanding results,

Savage said. Thus far \$46,390 have been raised for United Way. The money will be used to fund 11 local agencies American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big



Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Northside Community center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Salvation Army, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council and the YMCA.

"We really want to encourage people to remember that all our dollars stays here. We need to help those agencies that need our help to help our community," she said.

The United Way 1999 Campaign began Sept. 7 with a luncheon for 350 people with entertainment by the Bellamy Brothers. At that time 12 percent of the

total goal, or \$30,500 had been pledged. Nearly \$16,000 was raised by Sept. 17, just 10 days after the campaign kick off, she "And we know we've had

even more good things happen since Friday," Savage said. Thus far, at the weekly report

Sept. 17, the Commercial Division, chaired by O.L. Cooper and Allan Johnson, had received \$1,200.

The Community Division. chaired by Gloria McDonald and Doris Huibregtse, had \$2,988 worth of pledges.

The Pacesetters Division has \$18,700 in pledges, chaired by Sue and Stan Partee.

The Professional Division, with Maureen and Rudy Haddad and Betty Kelly as chairmen, has \$6,360 in pledges. Certified public accountants donated \$2,235 of that amount, while local dentists donated \$625, attorneys \$3,275 and veterinary doctors \$135.

Big Spring Independent School District has pledged \$14,142 thus far, as part of the Loaned Executive Division under the guidance of Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent for the district.

"He has done an outstanding job. We have had presentations Bauer Elementary, Big Spring Junior High and the high school," Savage said.

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Directors agreed to continue Kent Sharp, executive direction. Glasscock County ISD prepares for job search

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

Trustees with Glasscock County Independent School District agreed to ask Bryan LeBeff, Region 18 Service Center director, to attend a future board meeting to discuss an executive search for superintendent.

"They have made no commitments at this time, but they do wish to talk with him about finding a new superintendent." said Superintendent Charles

Zachry retires the end of this school year, and the district might consider hiring an inde-

pendent firm to handle the executive search to locate his replacement.

'We've heard that lots of districts have used Region 18 and Mr. LeBeff to find another superintendent," he said.

Trustees also swore in replacement board member Jimmy Bednar, who is taking the place of Susan Langford. Langford and her family moved

to Abilene. "Jimmy Bednar is a past board member, and he ran in the last election and was the second highest vote getter. That's the reason the board selected him for this position.' Zachry said.

Bednar will serve the unex-

the May 2000 elections, he said. At that time he may elect to run for the position. Trustees also upheld an

administrative decision that placed three secondary students in the Alternative Education Program. Zachry declined to comment

on the appeal filed with the board concerning the disciplinary action. "We follow the Texas

Association of School Boards and the Texas Education Agency guidelines in these matters. I would not care to speculate," Zachry said.

Enrollment for the district is about 360, a slight decrease

pired term of Langford until from the 1998-99 school year at this time, but an improvement from the new school year beginning enrollment.

"I believe we will be back up to about 380 by mid-year," he said:

Trustees in all Region 18 districts attended a distance learning training session Monday night. Zachry said the program worked smoothly, and saved his trustees from driving to Midland.

"It worked pretty well. This was an update on the recent Legislative session, and all the changes in the new legislation that effect school districts.' Zachry said.

reported Monday.

The company received researchers' reports of leaky heart valves among fen-phen

users in 1997, according to the

newspaper. At the same time,

the Madison, N.J.-based compa-

ny and its pharmaceutical divi-

Laboratories, lobbied members

of Congress and the U.S. Drug

Enforcement Administration to

ease restrictions on use of

Strategies discussed in the

memos included a self-

described "SWAT team" to pre-

pare testimony supporting

fewer regulations and making

an appeal to an influential law-

maker that would remain

"below the radar screen" of

public opinion, the newspaper

The lobbying campaign did

not work, and the Food and

Drug Administration pressured

American Home Products to

pull Pondimin and Redux from

Critics said the memos

proved the company, which

made fenfluramine, the "fen"

in the fen-phen combination,

The company, which has

been hit by multi-million-dollar

jury awards in recent lawsuits,

is trying to negotiate a settle-

ment of thousands of fen-phen

claims for an amount reported

THE CLASS OF 1954 is hav-

ing its 45th class reunion Oct.

15-16. We have been unable to

locate the folloiwng class mem-

Martha Buford, Norma

Burns, Rebecca Chadwick.

Viola Chandler, James Day,

Glenda Drennan, Angel Franco,

Wayne Lankford, Donald

Malone, David McNeely, Kim

Milling, Arlene Mitchell, Lewis

Newll, Wanda Rouse, Shirley

Spero, Joy Towery, Jack

Wactendorf, Don Washburn,

If you can help us with an

address or phone number for

one of these class members,

BSHS CLASS OF 1964 will

have its 35th reunion Oct. 14-

16. The following is a list of

Mary Aguirre, Michael

Patrick Alexander, Sheri Jon

Andre, Sherry Lynn Aton,

Shirley Darlene Baker, Sherry

L. Beard, Marvin Eugene Bell,

Jeanne Bogard, Marshall Ray

Box, Douglas Henry Brandon,

Janice Ann Brokaw, Joe Louis

Brown, Richard Leslie Brown,

Sidney T. Buford, Coye Lee

Burton, James Michael Butler,

William Caire, James Robert

Capps, Marilyn Ann Clark,

Robert Malcolm Compton,

Susan Gayle Copeland, Diane

Corbell, Richard Herbert

Dahnke, Sharon Davis, Anita

Porras DeLeon, Brenda Lou

Diese, Wayne Eugene Dietz,

Marvin Thomas Erhardt, John

Charles Farquhar, Alberto S.

Fierro, Ricardo C. Flores,

Thresa Ann Foster, Samuel

Kyce Franklin, Jo Beth Gass,

Linda Kay Gibson, James

Michael Gilbert, Lennox Earl

Gilmer, Martha Ann Blickman,

James Allen Gooch, Jack M.

Griffin Jr., Robert Elwin

Griffith, Aubrey Lepold Guinn,

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Little, Linda Manley, William

F. Marino, Velma Ann Marlin,

Carolyn Marsalis, Judy Marsh,

Beatrice Martinez, Sandra Gay

Merrell, Lillian Merritt,

Darlene Adelle Moser, Joe

Munoz, Patsy Jane McElyea,

Patricia Ann McGlasson, Susan

Ellen McNary, James Elton

Nipp, Asucena Olguin, Jean

Oliver, Sherry Lynn Owens,

Linda Lee Painter, Lee Roy

Paul, Anastacio Perez, Thomas

Phillips, Donald Lee Pierce.

Jean Randell, Thurman Randle,

and Mike Williamson.

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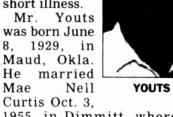
W.A. "Dub" Youts

Funeral service for W.A. "Dub" Youts, 70, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Joe Ainsworth, pastor of Redbud Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at

Resthaven in Lubbock. died He Monday at his

home after a short illness. Mr. Youts was born June 8, 1929, in Maud, Okla.

Mae



Curtis Oct. 3, 1955, in Dimmitt, where he grew up and then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was a veteran of foreign wars, having served March 29, 1948, through June 30, 1973, including Korea and Vietnam.

After retiring from the Army, he served as a police officer at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

Survivors include: his wife, Mae Nell Youts of Big Spring; two daughters, Sandra Terrell of Lubbock and Michelle Hefner of Sneads Ferry, N.C.; three sisters, Thelma Moore of Dimmitt, Veola Payne of Odessa and Corene Ellis of Abilene; and five grandchil-

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

Billy Phillips

Billy Phillips, 73, Sand Springs, died Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999. Graveside service will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, Trinity

Memorial Park with the Rev. Ben Neel, pastor Salem Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Phillips was born June 27, 1926, Llano County. He

was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1946-1947 where he was an aircraft mechanic stationed in Biloxi, Miss. He was a retired carpenter and resident of Howard County for 40 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include: two sons, Gary Phillips and his wife Karan of Big Spring, and Rusty Phillips and his wife Mona of

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Adron B. LaNeave, 75, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday, at Antlers City Cemetery, Antlers, Oklahoma.

W. P. (Dub) Cooke, 84, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Winters, Texas, with burial in Northview Cemetery.

W. A. (Dub) Youts, 70, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 A.M. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel; graveside services will be 3:00 PM. Wednesday at Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock.

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Sand Springs; three daughters, Nancy Ward and her husband Joe of Colorado City, Cindy Graves and her husband Glenn of Big Spring, and Vicki Scott and her husband Jeff of Andrews; two sisters, Lois Durst of Mason and Violet Durbin of San Marcos; 13 grandchildren, Jason Phillips and his wife Lauri of Big Spring, Kyle Phillips of Dallas, Kristi Gibbs of Big Spring, Patrick Westbrook and his wife Tammy of Big Spring, Stacey Gibbs of Big Spring, currently stationed in Bosnia, Rick Phillips of Dallas, Brittney Phillips of Big Spring, Dustin Scott of Andrews, Codi Graves, Zachary Phillips and Casi Graves, all of Big Spring, Trina Scott of Big Spring and Amber White of Midland; and four great-grandchildren, Tyler Westbrook, Kendall Phillips, Jadyn Phillips, all of Big Spring, and Brycen White of Midland.

He was preceded in death by one son. Terry Phillips, and one grandson, Joshua Phillips.

Pallbearers will be Robert Parsons, Bobby Baker, Mike Moates, Jason Phillips, Dustin Scott and Bill Banks. Family will be at 619 Tulane.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

REUNIONS

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

SATURDAY

☐ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ☐ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A onetime admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged. ☐ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

MONDAY ☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Thard

UNITED WAY

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These presentations are provided by employees of one of the various agencies funded by United Way. Thus far Pete Thiry, executive director of the YMCA, Danelle Castillo, social services director for the Salvation Army, and Shan Thomas of Rape Crisis/Victim Services have all presented programs to local schools, she said.

"And I'm sure there are more. The people who work for these agencies are so pleased to help and cooperate with the campaign. All of the committee members have worked so well together, and we are very excited about the success of the campaign thus far," she said.

A mid-campaign breakfast has been scheduled for Oct. 20, and Savage said weekly reports will be available to help the community know how the campaign is

The Big Spring Herald will continue to publish stories each Monday that highlight one of the 11 different agencies funded through United Way.

The entire event will conclude the week of Thanksgiving.

Diet drug maker blamed for ignoring early evidence of risk

DALLAS (AP) - Despite growing evidence of a link between the diet drugs fen-phen and fatal lung disease and heart damage, a maker of one of the drugs reportedly lobbied the government to relax limits

Company memos in 1996 indicated that American Home Products knew of illnesses and deaths from the rare lung disease among users of Pondimin, part of the fen-phen combination, The Dallas Morning News

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10 p.m. or e-mail to bshs.grads1964@n2texas.com. BSHS CLASS OF 1959 will have a 40th reunion Oct. 15-16. We need the addresses for the following people: Carol Aston, Jerry Baird, Karen Baldwin Argo, Mary Ruth Barrington Kennemur, W.L. Bowen. Warren Boyd, Nancy Branch Hope, Ronald Paul Buie, Lewis Burns, Walter Brent Clark, Linda Fern Conwell, Bill Cooper, Jeanette Culwell Williams, Joe Davis, Nancy Eldridge, Cliff Epps, Beatrice Gonzales, Marilyn Hall, Ronnie Hammack, Joan Heise, Rosie Hinojos, Jo Ann Lane, David Leppert, Joe McCowan, Larry McNeill, Joe McWilliams, Ross Plant, Don Pederson, Don Richardson, Tommy Roger, Amelia Rosas, Irene Rudd Thornton, Marvin Simmons, Bessie Lucille Smith, Sylvia Valdez, and Charlene Williamson.

call 267-9621 or 263-7000 before

Please Call Toni Hamby at 267-7737 if you have any information about these '59 gradu-

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY

 Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

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

·Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Sue Jones, 263-7361 ext. 7179 or 264-7518.

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

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

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

·Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

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WEDNESDAY •Gamblers Anonymous, 7

p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study. •Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m.

Episcopal Mary's Church.Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

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

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.

THERE ARE NEW HOURS for the Scout Store, located at 610 Scurry. It is now open from 4-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and contains a wide variety of Scouting items.

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

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

To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call

SHERIFF

The following information was transcribed from the Howard County Sheriff's Department arrest logs through 8 a.m. Tuesday. •JERRY RAY MANN II, was

arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500. (HCSO) ·OLIVIA CERVENTE

EDMONDSON, 39, was arrested for driving while under the influence. (HCSO) MOSES ALVARADO FLO-

REZ, 24, was arrested for possession with intent to use or possess inhalant paraphernalia to inhale glue/paint (BSPD) ·KRISTIN SHEA PIRKLE,

21, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/driving while under the influence. (HCSO) CAMERON HEATH

CARLILE, 20, was arrested for driving while under the influence. (DPS) STEPHEN JOHN MARKS,

41, was arrested for not having drivers license and no proof of liability insurance. (HCSO) JAIME LOPEZ MUNOZ, 34,

was arrested for driving while under the influence/3rd or more. (BSPD) STEVEN BONNER JR., 21,

was arrested for making alcohol available to a minor. RICHARD KEITH HUCK-

ABEE, 39, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated. (HCSO) JASON ALAN MOSKOE, 20, was arrested on a motion to

Church. Call 268-4189 (pager revoke probation/driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

 MICHAEL WAYNE BOYD, 26, was arrested for possession of marijuana/ 2 ounces or less.

•ISABEL GLUMAS, 43, was arrested for making alcohol available to a minor. (BSPD) •GERMANE SOMPRAC

STAPLETON, 22, was arrested for possession of marijuana/2 ounces or less. (BSPD) •GARY LYNN NELSON, 38, was arrested for driving with

license suspended or invalid. •MARK ANTHONY MOLI-NO, 34, was arrested for failure to stop and render aid. (BSPD)

•MANUEL CHAVERA, 24, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid. (BSPD)

POLICE

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

•KRISTIN PIRKLE, 21, was arrested on local warrants. •FREDERICK NEWTON was arrested on Lynn County war-

•DARIN WEBB, 29, was arrested for Class C assault.

•MANUEL ESCAMILLA, 37, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury. •STEVEN BONNER, 21, was

available to a minor. BURGLARY OF A HABI-**TATION** was reported in the

arrested for making alcohol

400 block of W. Sixth. ·CLASS C ASSAULT was reported at 400 E. Fourth. ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO-

LENCE was reported at 400 E. Fourth. •FORGERY was reported in

the 2200 block of Gregg. **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of Main and the 1500 block of

·DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 3100 block

•GRAFFITI was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

DISTUR-•DOMESTIC BANCE was reported in the 3600 block of Calvin.

RECORDS

Monday's high ** Monday's low ** Average high 87 Average low 61 Record high 103 in 1953 Record low 39 in 1971 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 3.17 Month's normal 0.86 Year to date 11.44 Normal for the year 14.23 Sunrise Tuesday 7:34 a.m. Sunset Tuesday 7:43 p.m. **Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports: MONDAY

9:06 a.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Funerals held for last three victims of Fort Worth church shooting

FORT WORTH (AP) - Joey Ennis' cousin described him as an outrageously funny teen-ager who enjoyed family night at church and would drop whatever he was doing to play board games and watch movies with

Ennis was one of three 14year-olds remembered Monday in funerals for the last of seven victims of a crazed gunman at a Fort Worth Baptist church last week.

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Police investigators said a doctor had prescribed the antidepressant drug Prozac for the gunman, Larry Gene Ashbrook, but they were uncertain whether he had taken it prior to last week's rampage and wanted to know the prescription's his-

his life had advanced to an

extreme stage," Fort Worth Association. Friends said he police Lt. Mark Krey told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We're investigating the possibility that with the death of his father, Mr. Ashbrook stopped taking medication."

The Prozac bottle was found by police in Ashbrook's home, where FBI agents also discovered nine vials of prescription drugs for his father, Jack Ashbrook, who died after a battle with cancer. Prozac is used to treat clinical depression.

The funeral for Kristi Beckel was at a nearly full Bethesda Community Church in suburban Haltom City, and the service for Cassandra Griffin was at Wedgwood Baptist Church, scene of Wednesday 's carnage.

Ennis was an only child who "The level of paranoia within dreamed of playing in the Basketball was a curious, searching teenager who only recently joined the Baptist church.

His cousin, Chris Belsher, told about 1,000 mourners at the First Baptist Church in suburban White Settlement:

"Even though, if I had never wouldn't have happened, I'm so glad I did, so he would have a God and get to know Him bet-

At Miss Beckel's funeral, a Baptist minister told about 1,500 people that the seven who died were victims of a 'deranged gunman who was in the power of the prince of darkness."

"The world has watched this community, this far illy of faith, comes over the net now. She in amazement this week. ... The can sing bass if she wants to, prince of darkness began in and first soprano. Her joy is

Wedgwood, at my church," said the Rev. Al Meredith, pastor of Wedgwood Baptist Church.

"Seven precious lives were snuffed out, then the gunman turned the gun on himself. We need to pray for his family, too," Meredith said.

Bethesda Community Church brought him to church, this is next door to Bethesda Christian School, where Miss Beckel was a ninth-grader. better chance to get closer to Class s were cancelled Monday so assmates could attend the funeral.

> Meredith remembered Miss Beckel as a girl who loved volleyball, singing and "I Love Lucy" reruns.

> "We're crying not for Kristi. She is with the Lord," he said. "She can spike every ball that

Her parents, Bob and Debbie

Beckel, donated all their daughter's organs. A spokeswoman for LifeGift Organ Donation Center in Fort Worth said the organs and tissue could help up to 60 recipients.

A few hundred mourners attended Miss Beckel's lateafternoon burial at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Ardmore, Okla., where both her grandmothers live.

At her burial, Ms. Beckel's volleyball uniform was draped over her casket. Members of her junior varsity team filed past, each placing a rose on top.

Relatives and friends described the teen as tenderhearted and disciplined, with a contagious laugh and a strong faith in God.

Monday's other funeral, for

Cassandra Griffin, was at Wedgwood Baptist Church, where Ashbrook, 47, killed

seven and wounded seven others before shooting himself. Services for Ashbrook's four

other victims were on Saturday. Folding chairs replaced bloodsoaked pews removed for repair, and bare concrete floors lay exposed where bloodstained carpet had been removed.

After the funeral, family friend Carolyn Jackson remembered Miss Griffin as a special

"She was quiet, but she was powerful in her own right," Ms. Jackson said.

Near the church, someone had parked a pickup truck and covered its windows with whitepainted slogans: "Rule heaven, Cassie" and "Cassie always in our hearts."

Plaintiffs: TAAS exit test claimed to be unfair to minorities, contributes to more dropouts

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An at Boston College, testified as academic skills test all Texas the first witness in the trial. students must pass before getting a high school diploma is hurting black an Hispanic students, a witness testified in federal court.

Minorities are failing the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills at higher rates than whites, contributing to increased minority dropout rates, a lawsuit alleges.

"This is, indeed, the ultimate high-stakes test." Kauffman, regional counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. said in the trial's opening statements Monday.

MALDEF is representing the plaintiffs group, which includes the Hispanic education organizations GI Forum and Image de Tejas and seven Hispanic and black students who completed their school work but failed the TAAS exit test and were denied diplomas.

The Texas Education Agency and high-level state education officials are the defendants. U.S. District Judge Ed Prado

Haney, an education professor white students.

Haney said he has done extensive analysis of the TAAS exam since its inception in

A test score alone should not be used to determine student promotion, Haney said, adding that improper use of a standardized test can reinforce societal inequalities.

Attorneys for the state disputed the discrimination claims and defended the exitlevel TAAS test as a valid exam that is carefully screened for any bias.

"There is no other way for the state of Texas to ensure that students learn the material that the state of Texas considers important than by an objective test," said assistant attorney general Deborah Verbil.

MALDEF is bringing the lawsuit under federal regulations barring discrimination by states receiving federal education money. The plaintiffs also cite their right to due

will decide the case. The Hispanic rights group The adverse impact on argues that, ultimately, 20 per-

The Texas Education Agency has year-by-year figures on the passing rate of 10th-grade students by ethnicity but no statistics reflecting success or failure looking at overall attempts during high school, a spokeswoman said.

Last spring, 75 percent of all sophomores taking the TAAS test passed. The pass rate was 60 percent for blacks, 64 percent for Hispanics and 86 percent for whites.

While there has been a gap between minorities and whites in their passing rates on the exit test, that gap is narrowing, Verbil said. She also argued there is no evidence to prove the TAAS led to an

The exit test is at the core of the state's school accountability system. Although other versions of the TAAS are given to public school students in earlier grades, the lawsuit targets the test students must pass to receive their diplomas.

increase in minority dropouts.

Students first take the exithigh school. If a student fails cent for each group. It esti-any portion of the test, he or mates the longterm dropout black and Hispanic students in cent of Latinos and blacks fail she may take it again up to rate for those ethnic groups -Texas of the TAAS graduation—the exit test counting all of eight times—and unlimited—a projection of the percentage test is extensive in time, per- their attempts, compared with additional times outside of who will drop out before the vasive in nature ...," Walter a failure rate of 10 percent for school sessions, officials say.

Nineteen states require stu-

dents to pass a test in order to graduate from high school.

In Texas, the exit test has had such an impact on school curriculum that it "has turned the schools into TAAS preparation classes instead of classes," Kauffman said, adding there is no evidence the material on the test is related to knowledge needed after high school.

Minorities tend to be in lowincome school districts and do not have an equal opportunity to acquire academic skills needed to pass the exam, according to Kauffman.

MALDEF contends many minority students get discouraged and drop out because they fail the TAAS or because they are detained in ninth grade by schools trying to keep their test scores high.

The Hispanic rights group contends the dropout rate among minority students is more than 50 percent.

The state denies it is that high. The TEA contends the level reading, writing and annual dropout rate for blacks math exam as sophomores in and Hispanics is about 2 perend of high school — is closer to 10 percent.



Abigali Fierro, front, and Brenna Hill, left, rang bells at Bauer Elementary School last Friday to mark the 212th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution. The girls were part of a group of "citizens of the week" who rang bells at an all-school assembly about Constitution Week, which began

Laredo corruption case affidavits opened, more than 50 questionable cases included

unsealed in a South Texas corruption case list more than 50 cases, including three slavings. which federal investigators believe were fixed after defendants offered bribes ranging from money to rifles and jewel-

Details of the investigation that has led to criminal charges against 17 people, including two Webb County prosecutors, were in an 82-page packet made public in Victoria.

The court documents. unsealed Monday, showed FBI agents began the investigation into Webb County public corruption believing that murder charges against three defendants had been dropped in exchange for bribes.

The accusations have not yet been proven.

"This and the indictments are nothing more than allegations," Assistant U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle, the lead pros-

"Everyone listed is presumed innocent until when and if it is proven otherwise.'

Former Webb County Prosecutor Ramon Villafranca, who was convicted on bribery charges in January and faces three more similar counts, is among public officials and their family members who have been indicted earlier on charges of taking bribes to lessen or drop charges in the county.

DeGabrielle would not say whether or not he expected the other cases to lead to indictments. District Attorney Joe Rubio is not named in the documents and said Monday night he had not seen them. However, he discounted the

allegations about murder cases. 'What they're saying is that someone else is alleging those things," said Rubio. "A lot of the stuff that they have in those affidavits is hearsay and

LAREDO (AP) - Affidavits ecutor in the case, said today. street talk. Sometimes when they check the information out, it doesn't pan out. I think that the fact that they're mentioned in the affidavit and yet nobody has been indicted on the charges is significant."

An informant told FBI agents that in 1996, a man paid a \$50,000 bribe to receive probation for a murder charge according to the documents.

Also, the agents believe another man paid \$35,000 to have a murder charge dismissed. And the father of a third suspect told an FBI source that in exchange for \$50,000, his son also received probation for his crime.

Information included in the filings was gathered by FBI agents and seven people who cooperated with them, including two former employees in the district attorney's office and another person, who is a convicted felon.

Dying drug addict set for execution today

as Richard Wayne Smith is concerned, he's one of the few terminally ill Texans legally eligible for assisted suicide. All he had to do was kill a popular schoolteacher.

The 43-year-old career criminal has dropped all appeals to his conviction for the Dec. 2. 1992, Baytown slaying of Karen Birky and chosen to let the state of Texas execute him instead of waiting to die of liver failure.

The execution is scheduled for sometime after 6 p.m. today. Smith would be the 25th convicted killer to be put to death by the state this year and the fourth this month.

"In essence, by waiving his appeal he will be getting a stateassisted suicide a law-abiding citizen would not have available to him," said Smith's attorney, Guy Womack. Smith declined an interview request from The Associated Press. Complications from of hepati-

tis C, probably contracted by sharing heroin needles in a lifetime of drug and alcohol abuse, have bound Smith to a wheelchair since May. Smith decided last December to speed up his execution.

prosecutor Jim Mount said drugs were Smith's downfall in more ways than

"Rickie was a guy who couldn't stop doing dope, and when he did dope he became a very mean man," said Mount, now in private practice.

According to prosecutors, Smith is seen on a surveillance camera robbing the Baytown convenience store where Ms. Birky, 38, moonlighted so she could buy supplies for her special education students at Lamar Elementary in Houston.

Ms. Birky complied with Smith's demand for money before he apparently walked her into the parking lot. Witnesses testified seeing Smith fire one shot into Ms. Birky's neck before fleeing in a stolen Jeep Cherokee.

She bled to death aboard an emergency helicopter.

Police later that night found the Jeep in the apartment complex of Smith's ex-wife. Smith woke up after sleeping in a nearby car and was arrested in possession of the .32-caliber pistol suspected of killing Ms. Birky and three \$5 bills traced to the store.

Smith, a Louisiana parolee whose criminal record and drug history date to childhood, says he remembers nothing from that night.

Womack believes Smith had a chance at winning an appeal

because of unconvincing witness testimony, but said Smith was intent on dying today. Womack believed there was no chance his client would renege.

If Smith at any time were to choose not to die, officials would halt the execution and he would return to death row. "We have from time to time

people we call volunteers," said Shirley Cornelius, the assistant Harris County District Attorney who handles death penalty appeals. "Often they feel it will make the (victim's) family feel better because they put the family through hell and they understand that now.

"This doesn't appear to be that. This is escaping a horrible death. He told me at a hearing that the doctors explained how hepatitis C plays out and that he was in enough pain as it was and didn't want to go out that

Smith's criminal record dates to a juvenile marijuana-dealing charge. He also was convicted of aggravated burglary, armed robbery, auto theft and forgery before his 1994 capital murder conviction.

Authorities also said they thwarted what appeared to be an escape plan Smith and his then-girlfriend organized while he was waiting for the murder

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OUR VIEWS

Weevil eradication effort working in Crossroads Area

the first year of activity in the battle against the boll weevil in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone is winding down and, according to actual weevil counts, is producing results.

After reaching a high count of 60,000 weevils in Howard, southern Borden, southeastern Dawson and the eastern quarter of Martin counties, the count has dropped to about 12,000. And whether the price of cotton could be higher or not, less weevils translates to more cotton in the module and more cotton running through the gin.

In the long run, it means more money for the producer and more money to be spent with local retailers.

While there has been some concern in parts of the area regarding the safety of the aerial spraying, the malathion mix is well below the levels allowed by both the FDA and USDA.

The malathion being sprayed on area fields is a 12ounce per acre mix — far less than the 16-to-20 ounce per acre mixture being sprayed over New York City in the fight there against the mosquito carrying St. Louis

This first year of the five-year program, the diapause program, sets the stage for the gradual elimination of the weevil, which has been a thorn in the side of cotton producers ever since it was introduced into the United States back around 1907.

The objective each year is to reduce the number of weevils overwintering in the area, thus setting the stage for the elimination of the pest.

The program has been successful across the South and in other parts of Texas where it has begun and once producers are rid of the weevil and no longer faced with the costs of battling it, the economy's bottom line will show a definite improvement.

In regards to the Sunday (9/19) stories on the new junior high, just what is the moral of this story? Our new junior high is falling down and the finger of blame is being pointed in almost as many directions as there are people trying to dodge

I am writing to give yet another perspective on the situation.

in filling in a canyon or gully. is still a pathway of one of nature's greatest forces

Water is something you can-

Was that even an excusable mistake for the forties? Civil engineers knew better back then, but the council members that were pushing to have the canyon filled in were most certainly ignorant on such matters. But, then again, the article said that they were not intending it to be filled in as preparation for

So maybe they were not ignorant about such matters. They were just extremely short-sighted thinking that nobody in the future history of Big Spring would ever build on a nice

empty lot in the middle of town.

Also according to Sunday's paper, "... a few local citizens expressed a concern about the proposed location...

I think it is time for the Herald to send some of its best investigative reporters out on that one

As an outraged taxpayer, I certainly want to know why these forewarnings, no matter how insignificant they seemed,

were swept under the rug. Well, the new junior high really is in an excellent spot.

very time some homicidal maniac with a gun starts shooting people, especially children, I start rethinking my opposition

to gun control. Last week's blood bath at Wedgewood **Baptist** Church in Ft. Worth, was

no exception. I own guns -two handguns, a .357 magnum and a .22, and my husband is considering buying a rifle to hunt deer. But with every mass

LINDA CHAVEZ

shooting, I ask myself whether the guncontrol advocates aren't right after all.

I purchased my first revolver some 25 years ago, after my husband was mugged on the streets of Washington, D.C. The only time I had occasion to use it to protect myself, I couldn't get to it in time. A young male intruder snuck into my house through a door carelessly left unlocked. He hid in a corner of my front hall while I was putting my newborn son down for a nap in the bassinet in my living room

Luckily, I saw the man out of the corner of my eye as I walked toward the kitchen, but the gun was upstairs, with a trigger lock on it. Without letting the intruder know I'd seen him, I walked directly to the kitchen, picked up the phone, and called the police. Only then did I turn to face the young man, all 6 feet 4 inches of him, looming over me, now standing in the middle of the living room.

I have no idea what his intentions were. As soon as I. informed him the police were on their way, he acted as if I had insulted him grievously and calmly walked out the front door through which he'd entered. When he hit the sidewalk, he began running. The police came a few minutes later, but never caught him, despite my careful, detailed description.

I sometimes wonder what I would have done if my gun had been nearby. I like to think I would have remained calm even with a gun in hand - and done pretty much what I did without one, which was to summon help from the police. Oddly, even the knowledge that I had a gun upstairs probably emboldened me not to scream when I saw the man lurking in my hall. One of the more careful studies of the subject, by

University of Chicago professor which would require repealing John Lott, suggests that some 2 million crimes are averted every year because the potential victim is armed.

Still, the mounting carnage from Wedgewood Baptist Church, the Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles, Columbine High School, and on and on, begs some response. But what? Al Gore and most of the Democrats in Congress blame Republicans for failing to pass new gun-control legislation, as if the bills they propose could possibly have prevented any of these specific tragedies, even if they had been enacted before the killings.

In fact, most of the killers in these high-profile mass murders obtained their guns illegally, even under current law. The one exception -- Larry Ashbrook, who killed seven people at the Baptist church in Ft. Worth last week before taking his own life -- would not have been prevented from legally purchasing the guns he used by any of the proposed

It would be wonderful if we could pass a law that kept guns out of the hands of murderers and other criminals. But I don't know of one that could -short of a total ban on all firearms in private possession,

Are gun-control advocates right, after all? the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution and confiscating the more than 200 million guns now in private hands in the United States.

The prospect of more mass shootings is frightening, but so is the idea of the government attempting to seize every privately owned gun. Even if it were possible for the government to commandeer every gun in the country, do we really want the assault on civil liberties such a plan would entail? Prohibiting guns today would be about as successful as prohibiting alcohol was in the

I hope I never have to use my gun for self-protection. But living as I now do, in an isolated rural area, I can't count on the police to come to my rescue if I ever encounter another intruder. So long as there are criminals out there, I feel safer knowing that I can protect myself. And until someone can figure out a way to make all guns magically disappear, I'll keep mine, no matter how guilty I may sometimes feel.

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Your Views

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TO THE EDITOR:

that the facts were perhaps tossed aside. Disbelief (compounded by ignorance and per haps stupidity) that anything bad would come about led to some very bad decisions. More than one person had to have kept this information from the the blame. site engineers to prevent them from doing their jobs.

Nobody seems to see the error

No matter how large or small, it

not argue with.

a building site.

This isn't the only canyon that has been filled in around here. There is even one currently being filled in near the fairgrounds. What will happen there in 40 to 70 years?

Enough said about the ancient

How many other canyons have been filled in?

I hope some people will write in with this information. I wouldn't want to buy any property that had been filled in. The history of this city's planning needs to be examined and corrected. There are certain things that you cannot do to land simply because

you want more property. Somebody down the road will get cheated sooner or later.

> JILL BRODE **Big Spring**

A humanitarian mission is not a reason to go to war

fter I squawked about the United States getting involved in East Timor, someone

asked, "Just what kind of humanitarian disaster would you think qualifies for U.S. military inter vention?"

That's a fair question. The answer is none. To claim to go to war for humanitarian

purposes is a contradiction

in terms. Nothing is more inhumane than war, regardless of who wages it or for what reason. To say you are going to kill people and destroy their homes and jobs for humanitarian reasons is insanely hypocritical.

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It's about as nutty as a Special Weapons and Tactics team warning some guy threatening to kill himself than if he doesn't surrender, they will

kill him. That actually happens. Making war for humanitarian reasons is like ending a hunger strike by withholding food. It plain makes no sense to create human misery in the name of stopping human mis-

Besides, since when is a conflict between two factions over political control of territory a humanitarian crisis? People always get killed in such conflicts. If the pro-independence faction were slaughtering the pro-Indonesian faction, would these people clamoring for intervention call that a human itarian crisis? I would even bet a lot of people supporting intervention have no idea who the people in the independence faction are or what their political beliefs and intentions are. For all we know, they may be planning to create a more oppressive government than Indonesia's. Just because one side is bad doesn't mean the other side is good.

The original pro-independence group that came out on top was a communist outfit supported by China, which is one reason the Indonesian military intervened in the first

place. I know nothing about the present group. They may be saints, but it doesn't change the fact that it is none of our business. Be careful these days.

Language is being mutilated more than even George Orwell could imagine. Humanitarian, once a legitimate word that meant promoting human welfare, is now the fashionable excuse to send in military forces for the express purpose of injuring the human welfare of whatever faction our government or the United Nations decides to call enemy.

I would call the unnecessary deaths of 500,000 Iraqi children (that's a U.N. figure, not mine) a humanitarian crisis. We are the cause of that, and we could end it with nothing more than these words: The embargo is lifted. But, of course, the U.S. government will not speak those words. It will not even admit responsibility for the After being called on its obvi-

ous inconsistency (all humanitarian crises are equal, but some, apparently, are more equal than others), the U.S. government now boldly pro-

claims that of course it's inconsistent. That's really weird. Imagine asking someone why he or she was acting in an inconsistent manner and have the reply be, "Well, of course, I have to be inconsistent.' Where's the guy with the net when you need him?

Let's get down to the bone of it. The United States armed forces have only one constitutional duty, and that is to defend the United States and the American people. Any other use of them is unconstitutional, The present administration apparently sees them as a sort of globalist foreign legion that can be asked to dig sewers in Haiti, shoot people in Somalia and bomb them in Serbia, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq and anywhere else when the president needs a diversion. That's wrong, and it should never be supported. As for humanitarian crises,

that's what the Red Cross is for. If you want to promote human welfare, send food and medicine, not soldiers and bombs.

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CDT Monday), while most of Taiwan's

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Ministry's disaster management center

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Magnitude 7.6 earthquake strikes Taiwan, at least 1,500 killed

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — High-rise ing, the center said.

Most of the deaths occurred near the epicenter outside the central city of Taichung, where more than 700 people died in Taichung County, and nearby Nantou county, where some 500 died. The area has seen a burst of development in recent years, often with shoddy construction.

Most of the structures that collapsed were new high-rises.

Also today, Chinese President Jiang Zemin extended condolences and offered aid to the quake victims, even though the disaster occurred at a time of tense relations between China and Taiwan. China considers Taiwan a breakaway province.

The quake "hurt the hearts of people on the mainland as the Chinese people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait are as closely linked as flesh and blood," China's state-run Xinhua News agency said in a paraphrase of Jiang's remarks. China's Red Cross said it would provide \$100,000 in disaster aid and \$60,000 in relief supplies.

The foundations of some of the apartment blocks in the cities crumpled into

structures crashing into neighboring buildings. Soldiers raced out of buildings with bloodied victims moaning in pain on stretchers.

Nantou County Executive Peng Paihsien appealed for donations of bulldozers, cars, quilts and food, saying 100,000 people were left homeless in the county. He said morgues were full of bodies, and the county needed body bags and freezers in the summer heat.

One woman told local television her parents were trapped in a Taichung apartment building. "I don't know what happened to my dad and mom,' the sobbing survivor said. "We live in different rooms. I haven't seen them."

In the small city of Puli in Nantou, roads buckled under the stress of the quake, forming large asphalt waves. An apartment building that lost its foundation was left leaning 45 degrees.

In Taipei, the quake wrecked the 78room Sungshan Hotel, collapsing the bottom stories and setting the badly damaged structure leaning on a neighboring commercial building. About 100 people were rescued and 80 were

piles of concrete boulders, sending the trapped inside the concrete structure, was spared much of the damage. The which also housed a bank and several apartments, officials said.

One 81-year-old survivor said he "crawled like a mouse" through the rubble of his ninth-floor apartment to his balcony, where he was saved.

'You can't imagine how terrible it was," said survivor Chen Chih-yun, who only suffered bruises.

Fire crews turned hoses on the wreckage as smoke poured from fires raging in several destroyed rooms. A woman pulled from the building urged rescuers to keep looking for survivors. "Hurry, go rescue people. They're in

there. They're inside," said the unidentified woman, who was dressed in street clothes and did not appear to be seriously injured. "I lived on the ninth floor, but now it's the fourth floor." Meanwhile, 50 people were injured

when a 12-story apartment building collapsed in the Taipei suburb of Hsinchuang. An estimated 100 others were still trapped in the building, which collapsed onto a neighboring five-story structure.

Taipei, with a 2.7 million population,

government called off work and school across the island, leaving the capital's

normally congested streets empty. President Lee Teng-hui flew by helicopter to Taichung to direct rescue work, while Vice President Lien Chan

went to Nantou.

Today's quake was Taiwan's worst since a 7.4 magnitude temblor hit the island in 1935, killing 3,276 people. Taiwan is hit by dozens of quakes each year, but most are centered in the Pacific Ocean east of the island and rarely cause damage.

The governor of Idaho, Dirk Kempthorne, who is visiting Taipei on an Asian trade mission, said he was sleeping in a top-floor room in the 25story Grant Hyatt Regency when the earthquake hit. "We've been through quite an experience," Kempthorne said by telephone from the street outside the hotel. "I think many of us thought we might be done for.'

Kempthorne said the quake began as a gentle swaying, "and then it increased in intensity until you were virtually thrown from the bed."

More rain falls on North Carolina in Floyd's wake

TARBORO, N.C. (AP) — More killed from the Bahamas into rain fell on North Carolina today, a dismal and unwelcome sight to Isabelle Baker and other owners of more than 30,000 homes damaged from the floods following Hurricane Floyd.

Baker did find comfort in the words of President Clinton, who said during a visit to Tarboro on Monday that the government would stand by those displaced by the deluge through federal aid.

"It was a blessing for him to come here," said Baker, whose home is submerged in nearby Princeville. "I really believe he will get all he can to help us."

Between a half-inch and 11/2 inches of rain had fallen before dawn today. The steady morning rainfall wasn't the deluge some had feared in flooded regions that were soaked by 20 inches of rain last week as Floyd raised rivers to record submerging roads, homes and businesses. And Tropical Storm Harvey, expected to bring more moisture, turned south across Florida. away from North Carolina.

New England when Floyd charged up the East Coast, and flooding continues to plague parts of New Jersey and New York. The aftermath appears worst in North Carolina, where at least 35 people have died.

The governor's office said at least 1,600 homes are damaged beyond repair. An estimated 1,500 people were still stranded, but most were not in life-threatening situations. Some 10,000 are already in shelters.

Preliminary damage figures estimate the price tag for damage at \$1.3 billion, but it may exceed the \$6 billion total for Hurricane Fran in 1996, the state's costliest natural disaster in which 24 people died.

"It has become painfully clear that Hurricane Floyd, combined with Hurricane Dennis, is shaping up to be the worst disaster North Carolina has ever seen, and I hope we'll ever see again.' state public safety secretary Richard Moore said.

Thousands of people remain unable to return home because of floodwaters that have virtually shut down the coastal plain More than 60 people were east of Raleigh, an area span-

containing 2.1 million people.

Clinton toured Tarboro, one of the hardest hit towns in an area drenched by more than 2 feet of rain from two hurricanes in two weeks.

"I urge you to keep your spirits up and know we're going to be with you every step of the way," Clinton told several hundred people. He announced emergency food stamps and unemployment payments for families in need, the hiring of temporary workers for the cleanup and low-interest loans for farmers.

'When things like this happen to some of us," the president said, "we know they could happen to all of us. ... We know we have a responsibility as members of the American family to help you get back on your feet again.'

Gov. Jim Hunt made a nationwide appeal for donations to a relief fund for the state, saying 'we have been hit by a terrible

State officials are also grappling with the health menace -caused by rotting farm animals and sewage washed into the Carolina a major disaster area.

ning 18,000 square miles and floodwaters. The state is seeking incinerators to deal with an estimated 100,000 hogs, 2.4 million chickens and 500,000 turkeys killed in the flooding.

> Interstate 95 reopened Monday in North Carolina for the first time since Thursday, but about 300 other roads remained closed.

> In northeastern South Carolina, scores of people have fled low-lying areas around Conway in anticipation of the worst flooding in more than 70 years along the Waccamaw River. The highest water is expected next week.

> "It's surely enough to make you age a couple of years,' Mary Roberts said Monday as she waited for some friends with a boat to take her back into the flooded Savannah Bluffs area just east of Conway.

> "I have lived down here for 40 years and I have never seen the water this high," she said.

On Monday, workers piled up sandbags to protect sewage pump stations, yellow graders shored up a main highway and Gov. Jim Hodges asked the president to declare South

Second white supremacist guilty in dragging death

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — After a second white supremacist was convicted of dragging a black man to his death, relatives of the victim applauded the verdict and looked toward the penalty

Family members of James Byrd Jr. hugged law enforcement officers outside the courtroom following the guilty verdict against Lawrence R. Brewer. He faces a sentence of life in prison or death.

"Whatever they come up with we will accept that, of course," said Byrd's sister, Mary Verrett. "I want to see the ultimate

Brewer, 32, showed no emotion Monday as a jury of 11 whites and one Hispanic found him guilty of capital murder in the torture slaying of Byrd in Jasper last summer.

The jury returned immediately to begin hearing testimony on Brewer's punishment. The hearing was to resume today. Brewer's former prison buddy, John W. King, 24, has been on

death row since his February conviction in Byrd's slaying. A third man, Shawn A. Berry, also 24, is awaiting trial next month. Prosecutors said they believe the three men killed Byrd to promote their fledgling white supremacist organization — the Confederate Knights of America — and initiate Berry.

Brewer, sometimes sobbing, testified last week that he was with King and Berry when Byrd, 49, was chained by the ankles to the bumper of Berry's pickup and dragged for three miles on June 7, 1998.

Brewer said he climbed inside the truck cab, smoked a cigarette and didn't realize Berry had chained Byrd to the back of the truck until they began driving. Brewer said he was convinced Byrd had died earlier when Berry slashed his throat. But DNA evidence showed Byrd's blood on the shoes of all

three men. The jury requested both Berry's and Brewer's shoes luring four hours of deliberation on Monday. Jurors concluded Brewer helped kidnap Byrd as well as mur-

der him. The panel could have convicted Brewer of the lesser

charges of non-capital murder, aggravated assault or assault. "I don't like the death penalty but that's what he deserves, said Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray. "The just

punishment for this case and these facts and circumstances is

Harvey changes course, heads for southwest Florida

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) -Tropical Storm Harvey changed course and bore down on southern Florida today with 50 mph wind and heavy rain, forcing schools to close and prompting an emergency declaration from the governor.

Kosovo Liberation Army to disband under NATO pact

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) The Kosovo Liberation Army, which has long sought to become the military of an independent Kosovo, has agreed with NATO-led peacekeepers to disband and be transformed into a civilian corps.

Serbs bitterly criticized U.N. and NATO support for the new force today and suggested its creation could hasten formation of a Kosovo Serb paramilitary force. The Serb condemnation came just hours after KLA leaders signed an agreement with NATO formally marking an end to their guerrilla army and clearing the path for creation of the Kosovo Protection Force.

Under the agreement reached late Monday, the KLA will be turned into the 5,000-member force, armed with only a handful of light weapons.

Although international representatives describe the new organization as civilian in nature, Serbs say it actually perpetuates the KLA.

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Five to 10 inches of rain were expected from the storm, which was forecast to come ashore near Naples, 150 miles south of

Clearwater, by tonight. The National Weather Service reported two possible tornadoes in western Miami-Dade County.

Harvey weakened slightly and veered to the southeast early today, bringing out tropical storm warnings for southern Florida, including the Keys island chain.

After crossing Florida, the storm was expected to turn onto a more easterly course and finally head northeastward into the Atlantic. A tropical storm warning also was posted for the Bahamas.

Earlier predictions had the storm making landfall near Tampa, on Florida's western coast, then moving along the coast with a threat of more heavy rain for flood-stricken

Now, said Todd Kimberlain, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center, "in the end it may not have much impact at all" on the Carolinas.

At 5 a.m., the storm was centered about 70 miles southwest of Fort Myers and moving to the east-southeast at 10 mph. Tropical storm-force wind of at least 39 mph extended out some 115 miles.

'The center is not really well defined. It's just kind of a raggedy system," said Stephen Baig, oceanographer at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. "Essentially, the southern peninsula of Florida is going to get lots of rain and

gusts.' Gov. Jeb Bush on Monday declared a state of emergency for 56 of 67 counties in anticipation of the storm. Harvey could produce storm surge flooding of

up to 6 feet above normal in some places.

Schools closed for the day in the Florida Keys, in Collier County and in the Lee County-Fort Myers area, mostly out of concern for local street flood-

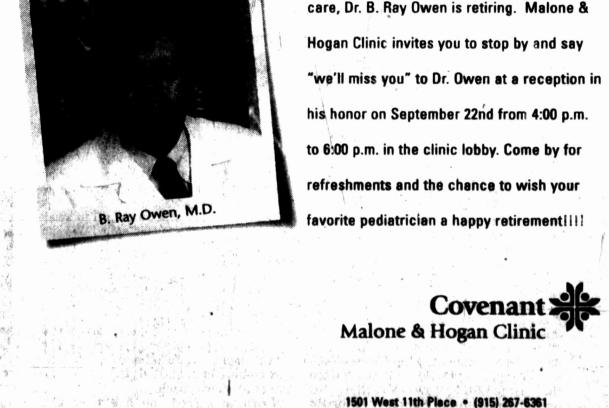
Most voluntary evacuations called for in the Tampa area were lifted today.

"It's been pretty quiet up here," said John Brill, spokesman for the Hillsborough County Emergency Management Center. "It turned toward the south and we haven't had a whole lot of action up here."

Out in the Atlantic, a hurricane warning was in effect for Bermuda as Gert moved to within 150 miles of the island this morning with top wind of 110 mph. It was moving toward the north at about 10 mph.

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IN BRIEF

Englert to be inducted into A&M Hall of Fame

Former Big Spring baseball standout R.J. Englert will be among those inducted into the Texas A&M Athletics Hall of Fame during the university's 22nd annual Burgess Banquet set for 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, at the George Bush Presidential Library Conference Center.

Now a resident of Midland, Englert was a three-year baseball letterman for the Aggies, earning all-American status as an outfielder in 1972.

He was a consensus All-Southwest Conference pick and still owns school records for career batting average (.394) and consecutive games with a hit (28).

Legendary Aggie coach Tom Chandler named Englert the best hitter in A&M history, and in 1996 he was selected to the All-Time SWC Baseball

Forsan runners establish school records at meet

Forsan's Candace Gamble and Becky Zubiate now share the school record in girls' cross-country following their identical 13:50 times turned in at the Reagan County Cross-Country Meet in Big Lake on Saturday.

Teammate Tonnie Loera was just behind the new Queens record holders with a personal best of 13:58. Mandy Murphy and Tia Baker also had their best times ever.

In boys' action, Adam Dunlap eclipsed the school record he set a year ago by posting a 16:53 clocking.

Dunlap's teammates — Ross Rhoten, Stephen Tilley Jeremy Becerra and Chris Villalobos — also posted per sonal bests.

Hawk rodeo team finishes fifth in rodeo's standings

Although bull rider Chad Castillo was the only Howard College participant to qualify for the short go-round Saturday, the Hawks men's team finished fifth at the Eastern New University Rodeo.

Seth McFadden finished 11th in the steer wrestling to aid the Howard cause.

Renee Rasberry led the way for the Lady Hawks, finishing 17th in the barrel racing while Kim Green was right behind.

Lady Steers 7th and 8th top Colorado City squads

Big Spring Junior High School's Lady Steers swept a pair of wins from Colorado City's young Lady Wolves on Monday.

In seventh-grade action, Big Spring's Black team took a 15-0, 10-15, 15-3 win behind the 17point showing by Heather Vassar.

Vassar severed 15 straight points in the first game of the match. Teammates Nievas Ortega and Chelsea Abner added eight and four points, respectively.

Lindsay Phillips paced the BSJHS Gold eighth-graders to a 15-2, 15-11 win by scoring 12 points. Kim Green added four points, while Karissa Majers added three more.

Coahoma Little League slates officer elections

Coahoma's Little League organization will meet to select officers for the 2000 baseball season at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Coahoma Community Center.

For more information, call Donna Mansfield at 267-5701.

ON THE AIR

Radio

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 6:40 p.m. — Baltimore Orioles

at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM

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6:30 p.m. - New York Mets at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. - Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers, TCA Ch. 97.

Love proclaims himself fit for Friday's start of Ryder Cup

never really any doubt that Davis Love III would be able to play in his fourth consecutive Ryder Cup.

"I'd have to break my arm not to play," he said Monday after hitting some practice balls at The Country Club. "If I felt I wasn't going to help the team, fine. But I feel fine now. I'm actually shocked at how good I feel.'

Love was at the PGA Championship in mid-August when he first felt a pinched nerve in his neck, a pain that went from his shoulder to his back and even caused some numbness in his fingers. He played the next two weeks at the Sprint International and the NEC Invitational before doctors told him to shut it down

picking up his two children and defi-round today — his first 18 holes of golf

even put up plywood on his Sea Island, Ga., home when Hurricane Floyd threat-

The layoff led to talk that he would not be ready for the Ryder Cup, which begins Friday; alternate Bob Estes even made a special trip to this Boston suburb to play a practice round. But Love said the time off has served him well, adding that he might even be available for two matches a day if his play merits it.

"I'm more excited about playing than I've ever been before," he said. "I'm sure my game is not 100 percent. But healthwise, I'm 100 percent.'

Love, 35, hit balls again for the first time on Friday, starting with a 9-iron and slowly working his way through the That's what he did — no hunting no rest of the bag. He planned a practice

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — There was nitely no golf — for 19 days. He didn't since the final round of Firestone almost three weeks before.

The two teams have Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to play practice rounds before play begins in earnest with the first of two days of alternateshot and best-ball matches. On Sunday, there will be a dozen singles matches.

One point is awarded for each victory, and a half-point for a draw, with the United States needing 14) points to win the cup. As defending champion, Europe would retain the cup if it ends in a 14-14

A Concorde carrying most of the European team — some were already in town — arrived at Logan International Airport in Boston on Monday. They were greeted by Gov. Paul Cellucci and Lt. Gov. Jane Swift, then escorted by state troopers to a waiting bus.

first posing with the supersonic plane that usually lands in Boston only in emergencies — the last was in 1996 then crowding the check-in area for the captains' news conference.

European captain Mark James, with the Cup in tow, launched into a diplomatic stump speech that belied the importance of the tournament.

'While we would obviously like to bring the trophy home, or retain it, the main purpose is to enjoy the week," he

But James' diplomacy had its limits. When the time came for him to pose with U.S. captain Ben Crenshaw and the Ryder Cup itself, James pulled the trophy away in jest, as if to say that Crenshaw would have to win it to touch

Cowboys 24-7 winners over injured Falcons

IRVING (AP) - Walking off the field after a season-opening victory in Washington, the Dallas Cowboys defense didn't feel like a winner.

They knew their offense had bailed them out and vowed to repay the favor — quickly.

Dallas' defense did that Monday night, rattling Atlanta's backup-filled offense into mistake after mistake and overcoming a bad night for the offense in a 24-7 Cowboys vic-

"It was really important to get off on the right step and play with confidence," said defensive end Chad Hennings, who had two of Dallas' six sacks. "We got after them early. This is a big momentum-

The Cowboys are 2-0 for the first time since 1995, their last Super Bowl season. The Faicons are 0-2, as are the Denver Broncos, marking the first time both defending conference champions have been winless after two games.

Atlanta has an excuse injuries. The Falcons started the game without quarterback Chris Chandler, and six minutes after kickoff, they lost Pro Bowl running back Jamal Anderson.

Anderson is hopeful he can return by Sunday. Ditto for Chandler, although coach Dan Reeves said it's too early to tell on either player. Reeves isn't buying the

injury alibi.

"I was embarrassed by our play," Reeves said. "The way we went out there was not what I expect."

Once Anderson went down. the Cowboys were able to focus on quarterback Tony Graziani. Defensive coordinator Dave Campo tested him with a variety of blitzes, and he failed mis-

"I believe this is an injury league," Campo said. "When they lose a great playe, you've got to get after his bac kup."

Dallas held Graziani 10 7-of-16 passing for 90 yards in two quarters, plus two possessions. That was somewhat of a milestone for him considering he was benched at halftime of his other two career starts.

The left-hander almost burned the Cowboys on his first play. A flea flicker turned into a bomb to a wide-open Chris Calloway, but he dropped what would've been a sure touchdown, and things were



Dallas' Emmitt Smith, shown here celebrating after Super Bowl XXX, moved past Tony Dorsett into the No. 4 spot on the NFL career rushing list Monday night, rushing for 108 yards and two touchdowns against the Atlanta Falcons.

never that good again.

Graziani's next pass was intercepted, leading to a 23yard field goal by Richie Cunningham. On the third play of the third quarter, Graziani fumbled during a scramble, setting up the score that put Dallas ahead 17-0.

"We just couldn't get into a groove," Graziani said.

Atlanta's defense kept the game close, but the Falcons simply couldn't sustain drives. Part of the problem was Byron Hanspard not being able to convert on third-and-short the way Anderson usually does. Atlanta failed to convert three of them while trailing 10-

Danny Kanell replaced Graziani, but wasn't able to work the same magic as in 1997 when he beat Dallas twice while with the New York

He had some highlights, such as throwing a 45-yard touchdown pass to Tim Dwight with four minutes left and hitting another long pass to set up first-and-goal from the 4.

But after two incompletions, Kanell threw a pass directly to defensive end Greg Ellis, who returned it 87 yards for the Cowboys' final points.

Atlanta outgained Dallas 316-231, but 168 of the Falcons' yards came in the fourth quarter when they were forced to play catchup.

Emmitt Smith led the Cowboys offense with 108 yards rushing and two touchdowns. His second straight 100-yard outing sent him past Tony Dorsett for fourth on the NFL's career rushing list at 12,783 yards. Dorsett was at the game to take part in a halftime celebration honoring the Cowboys' 40th anniversary.

Class 3A re-shuffled as all five top-ranked teams in poll roll on

From staff and wire reports

Big Spring's Steers won't get a chance to bounce another Top 10 team out of the rankings this

That's because Abilene Wylie's Bulldogs fell victim to another District 5-4A team last week, losing to Snyder. Wylie had entered that game ranked as the No. 9 team in the

Associated Press high school

football poll's Class 3A rank-The Bulldogs weren't alone, however, as a series of upsets

shook up the 3A list consider-However, all five preseason No. 1 teams stay atop their classes, in this week's Associated Press poll of 20

sports writers and broadcasters. Big Spring, which again saw its recognition grow a little in the Class 4A poll, opened the season knocking Plainview out of the Class 4A rankings and two weeks later knocked Monahans out of the Class 3A

Five other ranked 3A teams lost last weekend, including No. 2 Cuero, which suffered a 26-3 defeat to No. 1 Sealy. Also losing were No. 3 Aledo, No. 5 Iowa Park, No. 6 Cleveland and No. 8 Giddings.

In this week's poll, Royse City moved up two spots to No. 2, Atlanta jumped four positions to No. 3, Cuero fell to No. 4, and Newton moved up five spots to No. 5 after its big 21-20 win over Cleveland.

Rounding out the re-shuffled 3A poll are Aledo, newcomers Aransas Pass, Corrigan-Camden and Alvarado, and Cleveland.

The 5A rankings stayed unchanged from No. 1 to No. 10 for the second straight week. Midland Lee, Duncanville, Lewisville, Austin Westlake and Copperas Cove all won last week to keep their positions in the top five.

In 4A, Greenville fell from No. 4 to No. 10 after a 33-18 loss to Terrell, and previously eighthranked Southlake Carroll dropped from the rankings after losing to Carrollton Smith 21-17. Stephenville, La Marque, Texas City, Brownwood and Schertz Clemens now make up the top

All 10 ranked 2A teams won on Friday, so Omaha Paul Pewitt, Mart, Celina, Iraan and Grand Saline retain their positions atop that class.

SCHOOLBOY POLL

The Associated Press high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. Voting done by a panel of 20 sports writers

and broadcasters.	
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3.Lewisville (2)	3-
4. Austin Westlake	4
5.Copperas Cove (2)	3-
6.South Grand Prairie (1)	3
7.Aldine Eisenhower	3-
8.Katy	3-
9.SA MacArthur	3-
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Also receiving votes: Belton 16, Terrell 16 Borger 7, Big Spring 6, Highland Park 6, Hereford 4, Jacksonville 4, Sherman 4, Wichita Falls 4, Nederland 3, Bay City 2

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2.Royse City (2)	
3.Atlanta	
4.Cuero	
5.Newton	
6.Aledo	
7.Aransas Pass	
8.Corrigan-Camden	
9.Alvarado (tie)	
9.Cleveland (tie)	

DROPPED OUT: No. 5 Iowa Park, No. Giddings, No. 9 Abilene Wylie.
Also receiving votes: Breckenridge 20 Yoakum 18, Crane 17, Commerce 16, lower Park 14, Crockett 11, Fairfield 10, Childress 9, Diboll 9, Forney 9, Abilene Wylie 8, Frisco 4, FW Lake Worth 4, China Spring 3 Giddings 3, La Grange 3, Lindale 3, Fairfield 2, Tatum 2, Gainesville 1.

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3.Detroit (1)	
4.Dawson	
5.Baird	
6.Nazareth	
7.Aspermont	
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Also receiving votes: Era 8, Menard 8, Memphis 5, Milano 4, Vega 4, Wortham 4, Charlotte 3, Falls City 3, May 3, Paducah 3,

Big 12 not performing anything like a power conference

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Many of the Big 12 teams likely want to forget the past weekend.

That's because they aren't exactly making a strong claim to being one of the power conferences in college football.

On Saturday, only a handful of teams. including Iowa State — that's right, Iowa State — played well.

Texas? The Longhorns, who started the year ranked in the Top 25, got 188 yards from Hodges Mitchell and needed them all to hold off mighty Rice, 18-13. That would be the same Rice team that has

yet to win a game. Oklahoma State, which aspires to return to the form of 1997 when the Cowboys went 8-4, laid an egg in its first real test of the season. Playing at Mississippi State, they turned the ball

over six times, got their only touchdown on an interception return by a 290-pound lineman and lost 29-11.

Nebraska, the league's premier team with a No. 4 ranking at the time, needed two defensive touchdowns to hold off Southern Mississippi in Lincoln, 20-13.

Baylor, victim of bad luck and bad judgment in losing its first two games, simply got manhandled 41-10 by an Oklahoma team that was thought to be only average when the season began. Kansas got throttled by Colorado, 51-17,

in Boulder. It's never a disgrace to lose to the Buffaloes on their home field. But just a few weeks ago, Colorado got waylayed by Colorado State, 41-14. The worst loss of the weekend

occurred at Lubbock, where Texas Tech was beaten 21-14 by North Texas, a team that lost to LSU 52-0 a week earlier. LSU used the momentum from that victory to lose 41-7 to Auburn on Saturday.

The Red Raiders were without their best player, tailback Ricky Williams, but still were heavily favored.

While Williams didn't play, his replacements, Shaud Williams (151 yards) and James Easterling (90) had good nights. North Texas found a way to win despite being outgained 393-246.

"That is a hard and bitter pill to swallow," coach Spike Dykes said. "We got outplayed. They did things they had to do to win the game. ... They won on big plays, and we didn't seem to make any.

Nebraska's reshuffled offense may take some getting used to, if the performance against Southern Miss is any indication. Coach Frank Solich decided last week to go with Eric Crouch at quarterback and move Bobby Newcombe to wingback. Newcombe had started the first two games at quarterback.

Nebraska turned the ball over five times and gained only 183 yards.

"It's obvious we didn't play well across the board on the offensive end of it," Solich said. "I'm concerned that this is two weeks in a row we've not been able to run the ball."

Nebraska appears as solid as ever on defense. The Cornhuskers came up with five turnovers, had five sacks and limited the Golden Eagles to 25 yards rushing. Linebacker Julius Jackson was the star, scoring twice — on a fumble recovery and a deflected pass.

The defenses at Kansas State, Texas A&M and Oklahoma all played well Saturday. Kansas State (2-0) held Texas El-Paso to 247 yards - only 66 on the ground - in a 40-7 victory. Tulsa managed only eight first downs and 40 yards rushing in a 62-13 loss to Texas A&M, and Oklahoma limited Baylor to 208 yards in a 41-10 victory.

Like Baylor, Kansas was made to look bad by a Big 12 opponent.

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Tuesday, September 21, 1999

McGwire's 59th homer ruins Closer to Home Lieber's bid for perfect game

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mark McGwire had perfect timing. Jon Lieber didn't.

Lieber retired 20 consecutive batters Monday night, leaving him just seven straight outs from the second perfect game of the season. Up came McGwire, who ended the bid with his 59th homer and sparked the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

"It's very tough. But that's baseball. I could think about this for the rest of my life. I could go home and kick myself to death and stay up all night, but I don't believe in all that. I made mistakes when I shouldn't

McGwire, who went 1-for-4. moved within two homers of Sammy Sosa, who as 1-for-3 with a single and a walk in the opener of a three-game series.

Lieber (8-11) struck out nine of the first 17 batters. After McGwire's homer, he allowed two singles and two-run homers to Thomas Howard and J.D. Drew in a six-pitch span. Big Mac's drive was the first of eight consecutive hits.

"I can't remember, but how can you see someone have a perfect game and then all of the sudden eight straight hits?" said McGwire, who struck out in his first two at-bats. "He was flat-out nasty. He had it going and then we just got some hits. He was throwing some of the best sliders I've seen all year."

In other National League games, it was Pittsburgh 11, Houston 5; Cincinnati 12, San Diego 1; Colorado 12, Arizona 7; Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 5; and Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia

In American League games, Minnesota blanked Oakland 4-0, Detroit topped Cleveland 4-3 in 10 innings, Anaheim beat Tampa Bay 10-5 and Kansas City defeated Seattle 10-9.

At Wrigley Field, Lieber (8-11) was lifted after a single by Marcus Jensen, and St. Louis scored two more runs on an RBI single by Eduardo Perez and a run-scoring double by Edgar Renteria

"I tried to get that third out, and I just couldn't do it," said Lieber, winless in 13 starts since July 10.

Mark Thompson (1-2) allowed just four hits in six scoreless innings to get his first victory since April 4, 1998, when he was with Colorado.

Pirates 11, Astros 5

Brant Brown hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs at Pittsburgh, cutting Houston's lead in the NL Central was to 21/2 games over second-place Cincinnati.

Brown's three-run shot off Shane Reynolds (16-12) came in a rain-interrupted six-run third inning that saw the Pirates rally from a 4-2 deficit.

Pete Schourek (4-7) won for the first time since July 24 against Montreal, pitching 3 2-3 innings of one-run relief.

Reds 12, Padres 1

Denny Neagle (8-5) won his fifth straight start, pitching two-hit ball for eight innings at San Diego. Greg Vaughn hit his 41st homer as Cincinnati closed within 31/2 games of idle New York in the wild-card race

Eddie Taubensee matched his career-high by going 4-for-4, including his 20th homer. Vaughn, acquired from San Diego on Feb. 2, hit a three-run shot off Carlos Almanzar to cap an eight-run eighth.

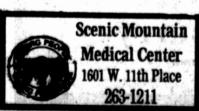
Rockies 12, Diamondbacks 7 Derrick Gibson hit the first two homers of his major league career, doubled and drove in six runs at Coors Field.

Despite the loss, Arizona's magic number for clinching the NL West was cut to five over second-place San Francisco, which is eight games back.

Jamey Wright (4-2) gave up five runs and nine hits in seven innings. Omar Daal (15-9) was tagged for eight runs and nine hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Dodgers 6, Giants 5

Eric Karros hit an RBI single with one out in the ninth and drove in four runs at Dodger Stadium.



Young with one out in the ninth, Mark Grudzielanek greeted Jerry Spradlin with a hit-and-run single, and Gary Sheffield was walked intentionally to load the bases. Karros lined the next pitch to left field.

Brewers 5, Phillies 4

Jeromy Burnitz hit his 100th home run for Milwaukee, and Alex Ochoa had a go-ahead, tworun single in the seventh.

Rocky Coppinger (4-3) allowed three hits in two innings at County Stadium for the victory, and Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his 34th save in 41 chances. After Philadelphia loaded the bases with one out. Alex Arias grounded into a game-ending double play.

Angels 10, Devil Rays 5

Tampa Bay's Wilson Alvarez got hit hard, then triggered an argument when his final pitch hit plate umpire John Shulock in the mask.

Alvarez was tagged for seven

Alan Embree (3-1) walked Eric runs in 2 1-3 innings at Anaheim. His night ended when his 1-1 fastball to Matt Walbeck got past catcher Mike DiFelice and squarely struck Shulock.

Shulock, an AL umpire since 1979, was not hurt. He straightened up and slowly headed toward the mound, and DiFelice caught up to him. Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild came out of the dugout and, after Shulock and Alvarez briefly argued, brought in reliever Rick White.

Twins 4, Athletics 0

The Athletics missed a chance to move up in the wild-card race. A crowd of only 6,512 saw Oakland fall five games behind idle Boston.

Jason Ryan pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning and earned his first major league victory as Minnesota stopped Oakland.

Ryan (1-2) outpitched Kevin Appier (15-13), who matched his career high for losses.

Local hockey fans to meet with Jackalopes tonight

Odessa Jackalopes players and coaches will meet with local fans at 6 tonight 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 Caroll Jennings at 267-5701.

Big Spring Women's Club schedules golf tournament

The Big Spring Women's Club will host a four-person scramble golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$40 per person and play will begin with a shot-. gun start at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Blake Brorman.

For more information, call Kellie Wash at 263-0987.

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.

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

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

Today is dealine to enter YMCA adult fall leagues

The Big Spring YMCA is currently registering participants for three adults sports leagues in co-ed volleyball, four-person power volleyball and flag foot-

The deadline for entries in all three programs is today, and organizational meetings will be held tonight at the YMCA..

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

Recreational volleyball play begins Tuesday, Sept. 28. Fees for the six-person teams are

The co-ed power volleyball program begins Thursday, Sept. 30. Fees for the four-person teams are \$60.

Flag football teams with eight members begin play Sunday, Sept. 26 and fees are set at \$100 per team.

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

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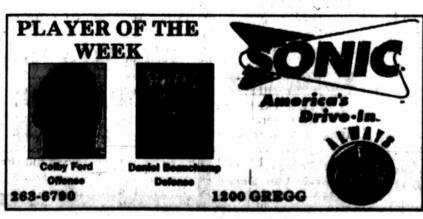
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) *****A loved one clearly wants your time and is definitely not thinking about your schedule! However, it is your pleasure to indulge him, even if it throws work off a bit. Good news deserves to be spread; be the first to let others know! Surprises surround a friendship. Tonight: Doing exactly what you want!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***Others look to you for advice. Honor a partner's request. Together, you can negotiate a better financial agreement that could have a surprising impact on your work. Do not take another for granted - he will kick hard if you do. Indulgence works bet-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *****Another inadvertently gives you an important insight. As a result, you might veer off

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your course and go in another direction. Your sense of what is workable could change if you detach. Don't get plugged into personal problems. Do what you understand best. Tonight: Go see a kind of movie you

usually wouldn't see! CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****A partner might mean well, but he ends up tossing more work onto your desk than you might like. Take an active. stand, setting boundaries and, a co-worker. Take time for a establishing what you can and leisurely lunch so you can wiff do. Be indulgent with explore different ideas. Right another, but in a way that is now, you are in a planning comfortable for you. Tonight: Time for talks and a quiet din-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *****Getting down to the nitty-gritty proves to be challenging, as you are thoroughly and delightfully distracted. Consider going in to work late or perhaps taking a lengthy lunch break. You have a good time, even in the office. Creativity surges. A loved one wants what he wants - now!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ****You may not have the whole story. Take a step back and relax. Be willing to reveal a private piece of information in exchange for another's confi-

Tonight: Kicking up your heels.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*****Your words might come off a lot more brusquely than you think. Establish limits, knowing what you expect and need from others. Your creativity and forceful thinking allow others to change a pattern. Turn your back on an uncomfortable risk. Tonight: Make time for a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***Make that additional effort with a family member. You might not have all the solutions, but you do have some. Recognize your limits, and be careful. Ask for support as you attempt to rein in your budget. A boss is most understanding. Be open to suggestion. Tonight:

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*****An invitation is very enticing, and it might be difficult to say no. Take a risk and allow another to express his feelings. You want to go along, and there is nothing stopping you. You have more power than you think you do. Others might even be overly reactive to your ideas. Tonight: At your favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

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DEAR ABBY: In a recent letter, a young woman said she didn't need a man to open the door for her. I just had to respond to that statement. After 14 years of marriage, my husband and I agreed he would go back to that old-fashioned courtesy of open-

ing the car door for me. (He has always opened doors for me at buildings.) We thought this would remind us that we are still "dating" and to treat each other in special

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way. I wait, he opens my door, I smile and thank him, he smiles back and holds my hand as we walk along. At first I thought this little ritual seemed forced; now it feels natural and we like the results. I think it has made us more aware and more considerate of each other.

Our daughters, ages 14 and 10, cannot say enough about how stupid they think this courtesy is. They think I'm the one insisting my husband do this. They can't believe I would put him through it — let alone be willing to wait the few extra seconds it takes for him to walk around the car to open my door. They don't realizethey are taking for granted their parents acting in a loving way toward each other! I feel cherished and connected to my husband all the time, and these little outward acts of courtesy have a remarkable effect on our relationship.

Last night at a parents' meeting at school, my husband sweetly held my hand the entire time. I noticed other parents not doing the same. We have been at this little

experiment in "old-fashioned" manners for more than a year now, and neither of us would ever go back. I realize that the married generations before me understood the value of seemingly meaningless outward gestures. Of course, I am strong enough to open my own doors, but it's not an insult that m, husband wants to do it for me. Small gestures go a long way toward reminding us of our constant courtship. - STILL

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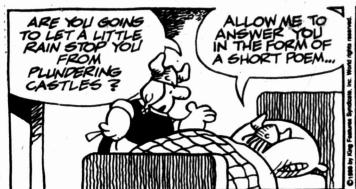
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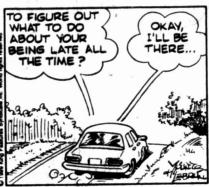
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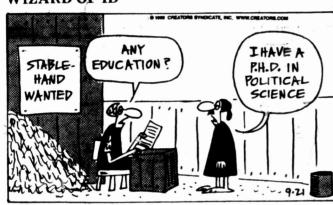
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In 1938, a hurricane struck parts of New York and New England, causing widespread damage and killing more than

In 1948, Milton Berle made his debut as full-time host of "The Texaco Star Theater" on NBC-TV.

In 1973, the U.S. Senate confirmed Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State.

In 1977, after weeks of controversy over past business and banking practices, President Carter's embattled budget PICK YOUR

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director, Bert Lance, resigned. In 1983, in a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Interior Secretary James G. Watt jokingly described a special advisory panel as consisting of "a black ... a woman, two Jews and a cripple." Although

resigned. In 1996, John F. Kennedy Jr. married Carolyn Bessette in a secret ceremony Cumberland Island, Ga.

Watt later apologized, he later

Ten years ago: Hurricane Hugo, packing winds of up to 135 mph, crashed into Charleston, S.C. In Alton, Texas, 21 students died when their school bus collided with a truck and careered into a water-filled pit.

Five years ago: Prosecutors from Los Ang es and Santa Barbara counties announced that Michael Jackson would not face child molestation charges; however, the case would remain open until 1999.

One year ago: President Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony was publicly broadcast; in it, Clinton tussled with prosecutors over "the truth of my relationship" with Monica Lewinsky. Olympic gold medal track star Florence Griffith Joyner was found dead at her home in Mission Viejo, Calif.; she was 38. Hurricane Georges roared through Puerto Rico and the northeast Caribbean.

Today's Birthdays: Cartoon animator Chuck Jones is 87. Actor Rand Brooks is 81. Actor Larry Hagman is 68. Poet-songwriter Leonard Cohen is 65. Actor-comedian Henry Gibson is 64. Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 55. Author Stephen King is 52. Musician Don Felder (The Eagles) is 52. Actorcomedian Bill Murray is 49. Rock musician Philthy Animal (ex-Motorhead) is 45. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 41. Actor-comedian Dave Coulier is 40. Actor David James Elliott is 39.