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WEATHER

Today:



TODAY 95°-100°
TONIGHT 70°-72°

Howard College late registration begins Monday

Late registration at Howard College begins Monday and will continue throughout the week. A \$5 late fee applies.

Registration will be held Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Late registration will be conducted at the admissions office.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third, call Janis Dean 267-3068.

□ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council, R.A.M., 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.

□ Coahoma Senior Citizens Luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

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

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'Keep Texas Beautiful' meeting scheduled for Big Spring

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Pat Simmons is proud to call Big Spring home and wants to keep it beautiful and clean. As a result, she's seeking other residents to help in the effort.

"If we don't work to keep our community clean, then who will?" she said. "Big Spring needs its citizens to organize a group that can plan for the future and take pride in our city."

Simmons, who has spearheaded several Big Spring community clean-up events in the past, has helped plan a meeting for 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Howard County Library Community Room. The group will discuss how to organize and develop clean-up and beautification events. The library is located at 500 South Main St.

Special guests at the meeting will be Sharla Hotchkiss, a volunteer

regional governor with Keep Texas Beautiful, and Cecile Carson, a director of outreach with Keep Texas Beautiful. They will explain how the statewide organization can aid Big Spring's efforts.

"Keep Texas Beautiful works to find grassroots solutions to local litter prevention, recycling and beautification issues in an individual community," explained Hotchkiss. "Residents and community

leaders from all corners of Big Spring should attend so they can discuss the possibilities to improve the environment in their community.

"The meeting and workshop will help the community to develop its own blueprint for local community improvement," Hotchkiss said.

Simmons, who has led clean-up efforts every April with the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off, credits

individuals such as Todd Darden, director of public works for the city of Big Spring, and Cindy Cheu, a teacher at Marcy Elementary School, for always taking a lead role.

"People like Todd and Cindy have always said yes when asked to participate," said Simmons. "I always know I can count on them and they have always been great."

Simmons also said corporate

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Armadillos creating problems

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

About a month ago, Jimmy and Valerie Avery began to notice holes appearing all over their yard.

"I couldn't figure out what was going on," Valerie said. "Then one day, I saw what I thought was a turtle out there, but it turned out to be an armadillo."

She said she didn't really think much about the problem at the time, that is until she saw an article recently in *The Dallas Morning News*.

"It was about an armadillo problem they were having — digging up water lines looking for worms," she said. "I noticed our problem started getting worse and realized I needed to find a way to get rid of it."

According to Jimmy, the pests have created some real problems around their southwest Big Spring home.

"These armadillos are just tearing up the yard looking for worms and a moist place," he said.

"We've never had a problem like this and it is upsetting that all of our hard work and time spent on our yard is now ruined," he added.

In addition, the holes create a hazard for their children, who frequently play in the yard.

The Averages called the Howard County Extension office and talked to agent David Kight. Kight suggested some possible ways the Averages could control the



Ellyn Avery indicates one of many holes dug into the family's yard by armadillos. The yard in southwest Big Spring has been nearly destroyed by dozens of holes. Experts say the animals, because of the extreme drought, are searching for moisture and food.

problem. "I told them they could keep a dog or cat (possibly several) around the area more often in hopes of scaring off any animal or animals, treat for grub worms or even trap them," said Kight. "The reason I suggested treating for grubs is because many animals dig them up for food."

Because of the current

drought, more and more people are seeing wild animals — and the problems they can cause — in their neighborhoods.

"We've had several calls about skunks and other wild animals in yards," Kight said. "It will probably get worse until we get some rain. These animals are just starving to death and are finding refuge where ever

they can."

The Averages have put themselves on a waiting list to rent a trap from the animal control office.

"Apparently the list is long," said Jimmy. "But, for now, we will just cover the holes up and put water out for the armadillos and maybe they'll leave or at least quit digging up the yard."

DPS putting CARE into holiday weekend

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Labor Day weekend is traditionally one of the busiest three-day holiday periods of the year and Department of Public Safety (DPS) officials predict this year will very busy.

Though DPS officials no longer release the tradition-

ally predicted number of fatalities they once did in the past, they do expect to be very busy with operation "Combined Accident Reduction Effort" (CARE) in full force.

Trooper John Barton of the regional office in Midland said DPS troopers would be out on all the major roadways looking for strict compliance of the law.

"The 'Operation CARE' program will focus on strict enforcement and compliance to wearing seatbelts, speeding and driving while drinking," said Barton. "We will be working with our neighboring states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana and the Indian Nation in trying to reduce our collisions during this holiday period. We will

join our neighboring states in "Blue Talon II" which started at 6 p.m. Friday and lasts through 6 p.m. Tuesday in a crash crackdown."

Barton said that there would be more than 70,000 law enforcement officers from several different agencies out over the holiday

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Plight of unwanted pets puts Debra Wagenman on neutering campaign

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Debra Wagenman has always cared for her own pets. But it was a recent article in a magazine called "The Whole Dog Journal," that made her feel responsible for more than that.

"I couldn't close my mouth when I finished reading it," said Wagenman. "I was sickened."

The article, which quotes as its source the *Washington Post*, says a crisis has arrived in the animal shelter industry — a

shortage of euthanasia drugs. Animal shelters, desperate to reduce their numbers, the article says, have resorted to less humane methods of killing unwanted dogs and cats.

Rendering, or melting, is considered the best of limited options, according to the article. But production plants that also produce pet foods are becoming increasingly reluctant to take on the job of rendering animal carcasses. They fear dog and cat owners will not buy pet foods they suspect are made in part with recycled animal parts, the article says.

Meanwhile, crematorium services cost about 10 times as much — a fee shelters cannot afford, and landfills

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Big Spring fireman Peyton Sedberry accepts a donation from Gloria McDonald for "Jerry's Kids" during the firemen's annual "Fill the Boot" campaign Saturday. Firemen play a big part in the Jerry Lewis telethon fundraiser each year.

Ranked

StarTek listed in Fortune's 100 Best Small Companies

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

StarTek Inc., which opened a technical support center in Big Spring last year, has been chosen for Fortune Magazine's annual ranking of the 100 Best Small Companies in America.

The ranking, 73rd, is based on annual growth rate in revenue, earnings per share and total stock market return.

"We're tickled to death to have those kinds of companies in Big Spring that continue to show growth," said Kent Sharp, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director. "Any time StarTek gets exposure, Big Spring does, too."

StarTek is headquartered in Denver, Colo., and has five facilities there and one each in Wyoming, Tennessee and Oklahoma in addition to Big Spring. The company also has facilities in the United Kingdom and Singapore.

"We wish to thank our clients for giving us the opportunity to serve their needs and all associates at StarTek Inc. for an outstanding job over the past three years," said A. Emmet Stephenson Jr., StarTek chairman of the board. "We are particularly pleased with Fortune's recognition of our achievements. We have grown all metrics of corporate performance dramatically over recent years according to plan and have continued to increase capacity to meet our customers' needs."

Since 1997, StarTek has more than tripled sales and number of employees, and net income has increased more than four times. StarTek was also chosen for Business Week's 100 Best Companies, the Standard &

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SEPTEMBER 3, 2000

OBITUARIES

David G. Gomez

David G. Gomez Sr., 73, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, in a local hospital. Rosary service will be 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be at 11 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. He was born on Feb. 16, 1927, in Sweetwater and married Dolores Martinez. Mr. Gomez owned and operated Carlos Restaurant, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was active with the Knights of Columbus in the 1960s and 1970s, was an honorary member of the Chicano Golf Association and had served on the Board of Trustees for Howard College. Mr. Gomez had served in the United States Navy. Survivors include his wife, Dolores Gomez of Big Spring; two sons, David G. Gomez Jr. and Mark Gomez, and two daughters, Julia Gomez and Karla Gomez, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Fabian Gomez and Charlie Gomez, both of Los Angeles, Calif.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fabian and Julia Gaitan Gomez. Pallbearers will be Al Mendez, Bobby Sherman, Buster Eden, Louie Puga, Edward Mendez and Ray Navarette. Honorary pallbearers will be Jody Flores and Fred Castillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 31, 1940, in Santa Barbara, Mexico. She was a Catholic. Survivors include four sons, Manuel Becerra Jr. of Odessa, Javier Becerra Sr. of Big Spring, Rene Becerra Sr. of Odessa and Raymond Becerra of Austin; one daughter, Elsa Becerra of Odessa; two sisters, Elisa Medrano of El Paso and Petra Gardea Escobar of Juarez, Mexico; and 14 grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Odessa Funeral Home.

Larry Darden

Larry Darden, 40, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, in a Lubbock hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mary Turner Simpson

Mary Turner Simpson, 77, died Friday, Sept. 1, 2000, at Meadow Creek Nursing Center. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens officiated by the Rev. Bob Hedges. Funeral arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home. Mary was born on Sept. 12, 1922, in Lufkin to Joseph L. and Winnifred Turner. She was preceded in death by her brother, Clovis Turner. She married Dick Simpson in 1970 and he preceded her in death in 1996. Mary was an avid fisherman, hunter and loved the outdoors and history. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Survivors include her brother, Joe Turner, of Oroville, Wash.; sister-in-law, Betty Turner of Whitehouse; stepdaughter, Modesta Williams of Midland; and special friends Birdie Dempsey, Benny Jenkins, Clark Wilson, Greg Gossett and Dee Bankston of Big Spring.

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STARTEK

Poor's 600 Small Cap Index and the Russell 2000 Small Cap Index in the past 12 months. The company's clients are in the software, Internet, E-commerce, technology and communications industries; however, it is also targeting financial services, health care, and certain consumer products companies.

MEETING

rations such as Fina Oil and Chemical, TXU Electric, Scenic Mountain Medical Center as well as the Big Spring Junior High Student Council have actively participated in the annual clean-up. "I know the president of

the Rotary Club (Ben Bancroft) has challenged the members of the Tuesday group to participate and I hope a lot of my neighbors will join us," said Simmons.

It is Simmons' hope to have the city become an active affiliate with Keep Texas Beautiful and its network of nearly 300 other communities across the state. To sign-up to attend the Big Spring "Clean Community" meeting, call Pat Simmons at 263-4807 no later than Monday. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program will be serving refreshments.

DPS

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period and they would be concentrating on Interstate highways such as 10, 20, 30, 40 and 45, as well as other collective roads.

"In the past, we would do an estimate of how many people would be killed over the holiday period," said Barton. "We have gotten away from that because it really didn't produce anything positive, nor did it do anything to cut down on the number of fatalities.

"Now we have just decided to focus on the safety items such as speeding, noncompliance of wear of the seatbelt and use of alcohol while driving."

Department of Public Safety officials in Austin recently released figures showing that since the lowering of the legal blood/alcohol content to .08 has resulted in a 14 percent increase in drinking while driving arrests across Texas.

However, on a local level, 205 DWI arrests have occurred since Sept. 1, 1999, when the new blood/alcohol limit went into effect. During a similar time prior to the new limit, 236 DWI arrests were made, thus showing a decline of about 81/2 percent.

Barton said a new number to report road hazards or to ask for roadside assistance has been established. Dial STAR DPS. For any other emergency you can still just dial 911.

PETS

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are not adequate in many communities, the article continues.

"I started showing this article around, and people couldn't believe it," said Wagenman. "People don't want to know this, but they need to know."

Wagenman said the article made her realize how many unwanted animals must be disposed of each year — 200 tons a month in Los Angeles, for example.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

And the thought that rendering the carcasses had become the best option, she said, was horrifying. So Wagenman decided to do something: She donated the cost of one animal's neutering to the office of her veterinarian, Western Hills Animal Clinic. "This won't solve the problem," she said. "But I just thought if we could start something like this, right here, maybe it could be taken up throughout the country."

Donors could give their gifts to a veterinarian or the Big Spring Humane Society, which spays and neuters all of the animals it places. Wagenman said groups, clubs and offices could get together and each chip in a few dollars toward the cost.

"We've preached spaying and neutering for years," said Fran Turrentine, manager of the Big Spring Humane Society. She said the group's most recent effort was at the Howard County Fair, where they used their booth to educate people about the overpopulation problem.

"The community is completely overrun with feral (wild) cats because people are not spaying and neutering," she said. Vets charge the humane society \$45 to spay female or \$29.50 to neuter male animals, a reduction in the usual price. "Part of caring for and loving your pet is making sure that you have it spayed or neutered," Turrentine said. "This is something people have got to understand."

"I want to challenge people to do something about the problem of overpopulation among dogs and cats," said Wagenman. "I know I never realized the extent of it, and I don't think most people do. Spaying and neutering is the way we can save millions of animals' lives every year."

drunk driving and other fatalities, are rectangular signs with white letters on a blue background. The signs would read "In memory of and include the person's name and date of death.

Crosses are being avoided to keep separation of church and state, Richard Kirby, director of maintenance operations for the transportation department, told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's editions.

"From our standpoint, it's not, in a way, a memorial program for that individual, although it is certainly for the family," Kirby said. "Our intent is that it is a reminder to drive safely."

East Texans have argued that the memorials should be allowed for victims of all traffic accidents.

Saturday: COLBY ROSS THURMAN, 18, of 1806 Runnels, was arrested on a judgment sentence/unlawful carry of a weapon. (HCSO)

FABIO BAEZA, 28, of Portales, N.M., was arrested on a fugitive warrant. (HCSO)

CHRISTOPHER WOOTEN, 39, of 511 Hillside, was arrested on a judgment sentence/forgery. (HCSO)

JEREMY RYAN MINTER, 21, of 1904 11th, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/burglary of a habitation. (HCSO)

BOBBY KINCHELOE PARHAM, 41, of 713 Anna, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through noon Saturday:

ISHELL WILLIAMS, 32, no address given, was arrested on a charge of failure to ID.

BOBBIE BURNETT, 41, of 1700 Donley, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

TEPHANIE MCCORMICK, of 1501 Sycamore, was arrested and held for U.S. Marshals.

WILLIAM WIGINTON, no age given, of 2408 Rob, was arrested on a local warrant.

SHELLMAN SYREETA, 26, of 1101 N. Goliad, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

JAMES HEADRICK, 28, of 1209 Harding, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

BRIAN VANDERBILT, 20, of 1408 Stadium, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

RICHARD GARTON, 18, of 107 Richardson, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

JOHNNY DELACRUZ, 20, of 1109 Lloyd, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1100 block of E. 14th.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2700 block of Ann and in the 600 block of Goliad.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium.

THEFT was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell, in the 200 block of Gregg, in the 1200 block of E. 11th, in the 1800 block of Gregg, and in the 400 block of Gregg.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting, and 7 p.m. open meeting. NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 263-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

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

Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 East Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

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

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

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests between 8 a.m. Friday through noon

State proposes an alternative to road crosses

DALLAS (AP) — State transportation officials have drafted a proposal that could resolve a roadside battle over state-sanctioned memorials for drunk-driving victims and makeshift crosses put up by family members to remember loved ones.

Under the Texas Department of Transportation's proposal, families would submit an application for a memorial sign and pay a \$100 fee. Plans for the memorials, which would include both

Ramona Corrales

Graveside rites for Ramona Corrales, 60, of Odessa, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2000, in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Odessa. Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 2000, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fidelo Lago officiating. Mrs. Corrales died Aug. 31, 2000, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 210th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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Happy 90th Birthday Chester Ralback From Your Kids, Grandkids & Great Grandkids

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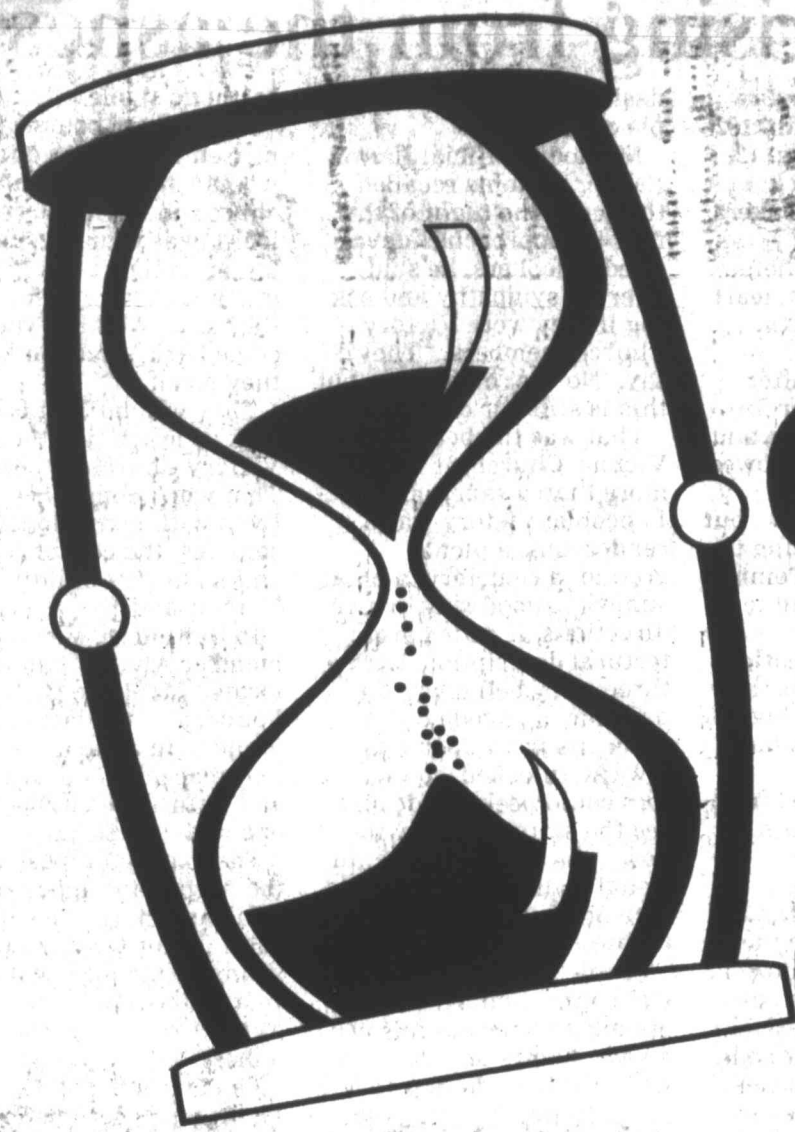
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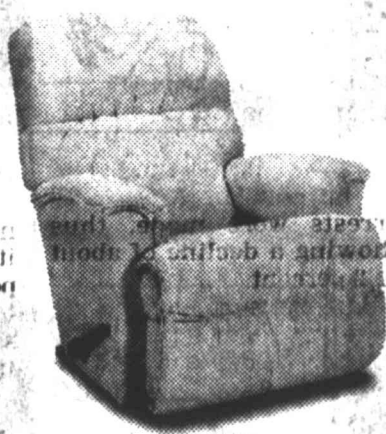
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EDITORIAL

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Bible class needing your financial help

Not many local traditions have the distinction of lasting for 59 years, relatively unchanged. The privately-funded Bible class at Big Spring High School, however, is one of them.

This humanities course, which currently has 48 students enrolled in three classes, gives students an overview of the Holy Bible. Instructor Dr. Bill Welsh said he emphasizes history over doctrine or theology, but his students have already been involved in one humanitarian project — donating money to help starving children in Africa.

Over the years, hundreds of local students have had the experience of learning about the Bible through this unique program. It is not supported by the school district, but the money to sponsor it comes instead from private donations.

Each student receives a Bible to keep, which for some is the only copy of the book they will ever own.

As organizers have pointed out over the years, we are probably unique in the state that our community has continued to support such a class. And through turbulent times of societal change, and the ups and downs of the local economy, it has endured.

If you want to see this class last another 59 years or more, we urge you to consider becoming one of its donors. Currently, individuals, Sunday school classes and church groups are among those whose gifts have helped pay for materials and a salary for a teacher. The Howard County Ministers' Fellowship, a group of local pastors who work together for worthy causes, organizes the effort.

Donations of any size are currently being sought to support this program. Send yours to: Howard County Ministers' Fellowship, 1400 S. Lancaster, Big Spring.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

It seems that your mayor and city council members get their kicks raising water and sewer rates.

I wonder if they have been out driving around the city and see how many yards that are yellow because they need water. Most of these people will not water their yards because the water rates are too high and I think the Herald printed that Big Spring was going to get a check for \$358,000 in sales tax rebates this last quar-

ter. Big Spring will get nearly two million dollars by year's end. Where is this money going?

They never tell the people that pay the sales tax where it is going. I just wonder how many people are getting their pockets lined. I think the city should be able to cut expenses in a few places instead of the taxpayers having to tighten their belts another notch every time the city needs something.

ROBERT F. FITZGERIBONS SR.

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- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

Victory Church rising from the ashes

VICTORY, Ga. — They started with more than seven loaves and a few little fishes. To feed this multitude, they were frying 45 pounds of catfish fillets, worried it might not be enough. People arrived from all over — Methodists, Baptists, those with no particular affiliation.

They came from several counties, from dusty dirt roads, nandina-flanked ranch houses, mansions in town. But the food on a table beneath the pavilion grew with the crowd, till the sheer weight of potato salad, peach pickles, banana pudding, poundcake and home-grown everything threatened to break the boards. As in St. Matthew 15:37: "And they did all eat, and were filled."

On a recent August day, Dennis Barr stood over a giant fish cooker watching gold grease bubble, the foundation of Victory United Methodist Church in a pile of rubble behind him. Those stones and a cracked bell were all that was left of landmark

Victory Church after fire destroyed the beautiful 102-year-old building Aug. 12, 1999. Lightning struck a pole that held the speakers for a carillon.

Members watched helplessly in the night as heart pine and history fed the flames.

Less than a week after the fire, Victory Church, which has 14 members and meets once a month, vowed to rebuild.

"We didn't know how, but we knew we were going to get it done," pastor Tommy Greer said. "If we had to do it alone, we'd do it."

But help came. Donations poured in from across the country. Small ones, big ones. Checks from as far away as Alaska and Arizona. Greer quoted from Hebrews: "We entertain angels unaware."

And so, in 2000, the rebuilding. The fish fry and groundbreaking were the starter pistol. Half a dozen shovels, their noses stuck in red dirt, stood like a three-dimensional bar code stripping the trees and twilight's pink sky in the bucolic community called Victory.

Rhonda Shealy sang, a beatific smile on her face: "We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around." Retired Methodist minister Bill Holt of Carrollton prayed: "Neither storm nor lightning can

dash the spirit of these people or the place."

Methodist official Harvey Palmer of Rome recalled the scene the night of the fire. He approached devastated onlookers, he said, offering sympathy and asking if they were Victory Church members. "They'd say, 'No, we're Baptists, but this is still our church.'"

That was the beauty of Victory Church. It was more than a sanctuary for 14 people. Victory was a rendezvous, a picnic ground, a cemetery, a photo subject, a good way to give directions. It defied architectural description, with a three-story bell tower on one side, a pagoda on the other. Its front door was always unlocked, so visitors could peek inside and see the stained-glass windows, the unpainted, century-old walls and the big picture of Jesus with eyes that followed you.

People who had no official connection, who attended homecoming once a year, bikers or riders who tied their horses to a pavilion post to enjoy the shade — all of them missed the lost landmark.

There was something about the old church that satisfied a human's hunger for visual dessert in a modern-day fast meal of mobile homes and Butler buildings. This country has few great cathedrals and no castles. Old churches are our

aesthetic staples.

Regulars, of course, missed it most. As one woman said, "You go to church in town, they're looking at your dress and trying to figure out how much it cost. ... At Victory they say, 'We hope you'll come back, and you know they mean it.'"

They will build it back to look as much like the old Victory Church as possible. That won't come cheap. Even with many donated services, the cost of replicating an 1897 building will be thousands.

In Baltimore, Victory member Alvin Chambers located McShane Bell Foundry — the last such foundry in the country — to replace the bell. A used and refurbished 800-pound one will cost \$8,700.

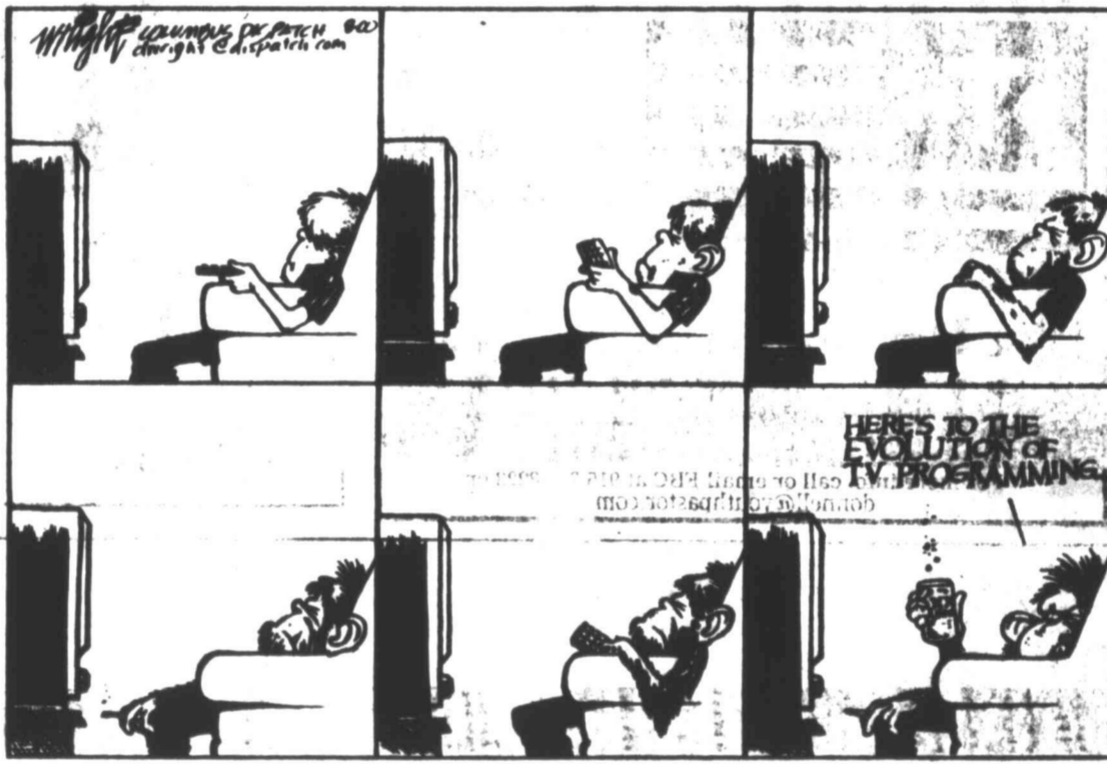
The expectant faces in the August twilight said it will happen: the face of John Carter Clay, Victory's youngest member, who last year wrote a poem inspired by the fire, "From the Ashes."

The face of Naomi Tisinger, senior member, radiant in her wheelchair. The face of Alvin Chambers, who made crosses from salvaged square nails. The face of Ellie Bryant, once a Peace Corps volunteer in Iran.

"We are witnesses," Harvey Palmer said, "from triumph to tragedy, to claiming the victory."



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Who is going to stand up for the Boy Scouts?

What is the connection between rudeness and immorality and World War II?

World War II taught, among its many lessons, that when the thin veneer of civilization slips away, there is no limit to humankind's capacity for cruelty and savagery. The ratio of civilian to military deaths in that war was about 20 to 1. That alone should make us all want to have a stake in maintaining civilization. Well, rudeness and immorality chip away at civilization and weaken it. It should not surprise anyone that as standards of decency and civility have fallen, the incidents of crime and violence have risen.

It was shocking to me that delegates to the Democratic Convention, presumably adults, booed

the Boy Scouts who had come to participate in the opening ceremonies. They booed these young boys because the Scouts will not knowingly allow sodomites to become Scout leaders. So far as I know, no Democrat apologized for this boorish behavior.

We have come far indeed when a major political party is more interested in promoting sodomy than in promoting civil behavior toward young Americans volunteering their time at a political convention. Apparently, the sodomite lobby is orchestrating a nationwide campaign to discredit the Scouts, and the Democratic Party has jumped aboard.

Maybe that's a question someone should ask Al Gore. Do you approve of booing Boy Scouts because their national organization refuses to admit homosexuals as Scout leaders? Is it your position that parents should entrust their young boys to the care of an avowed homosexual for camping trips? Do you support, Mr. Gore, the goal of the National Man Boy Love Association to lower the age of consent for sexual acts?

People who have children in the Scouting program should stand fast with the Scouts. Although not all pedophiles are homosexual, a great many pedophiles are, and the Scouts have a responsibility to protect their young members. Just as necrophiles (people who like to have sex with dead bodies) try to get jobs in funeral homes, pedophiles try to get positions that will place children under their care.

Furthermore, just because secular people have decided that homosexual behavior is not immoral, it does not mean that they can impose their pagan beliefs on everyone else.

As Bill Bennett has pointed out, something strange is going on when people become hysterical about tobacco, which can take about seven years off a life, while condoning a homosexual lifestyle, which can take about 30 years off a life.

The similarities between today and the days of the Weimar Republic in Berlin — an anything-goes decadent society that help give birth to Nazism — are growing more striking

every day. It seems more apparent every day that nothing shocks people anymore.

It's a hell of a note when the Boy Scouts are viewed by so many liberals as a bad organization while these people have nothing to say about the obscenity, profanity and violence that pours out of the entertainment industry like sewage out of a busted pipe.

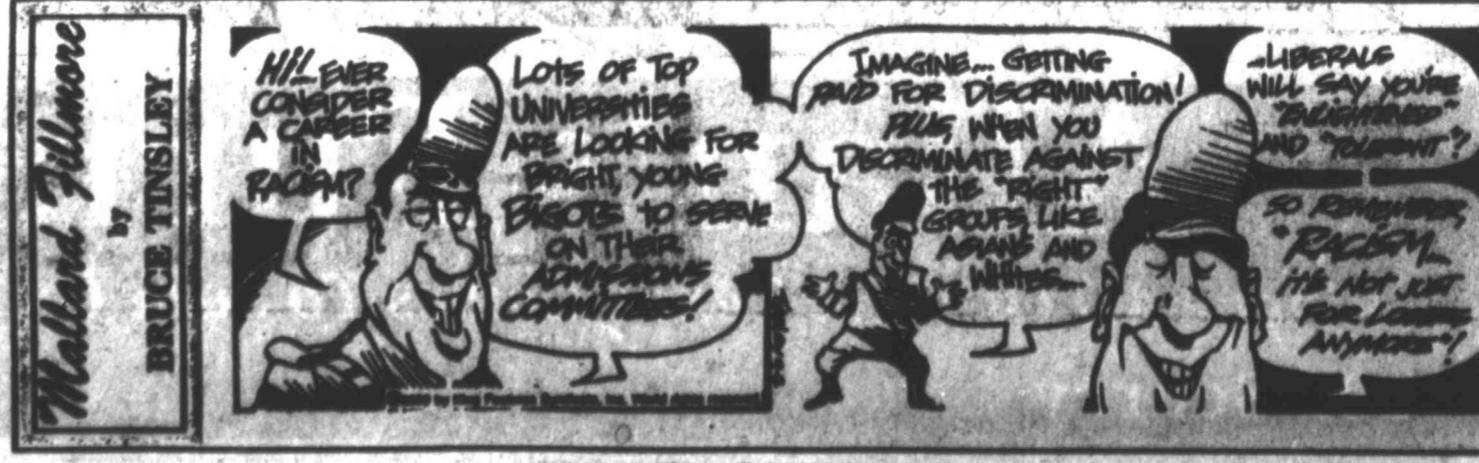
Any parent whose child was sexually molested while on a Scouting trip would sue the Scouts. OK, the Scouts are trying to forestall that event, and you have to decide if you going to stand by them. Or are you going to cave in to the sodomite lobby and its politically correct allies who apparently believe that everything must be tolerated except decency?

Parents need to make it plain to every politician, every local government, every business that if they punish the Scouts by withdrawing support, the parents will retaliate. If Americans can't get angry about this unjust attack on the Boy Scouts, then I give up.

The civilization is already dead.



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TXU gets approval to boost electricity rates by 3.4 percent

DALLAS (AP) — TXU Electric Co. customers can expect their electricity bills to increase this month.

TXU said Friday that the Public Utility Commission has approved a 3.4 percent increase in electricity rates for TXU bills issued beginning Wednesday. Customers also will see a 4.2 percent surcharge on their bills for 14 months beginning in November.

TXU supplies electricity to more than 2 million Texans, including many in the Dallas-Fort Worth area as well as North and Central Texas.

TXU spokesman Chris Schein said the higher charges were requested in early August to cover the higher natural gas costs.

Schein told The Dallas Morning News the 3.4 percent increase reflects the higher prices that TXU is now paying, while the surcharge is to pay it back for the money it has already paid in higher natural gas costs.

Rising demand and tight supplies have caused traders to bid up natural gas prices this year. Selling for as little as \$2.12

a million British thermal units in November, natural gas hit a high of \$4.84 on the New York Mercantile Exchange futures market Friday.

Schein estimated that the average monthly bill for TXU residential customers will increase \$2.60 from the rate increase and \$3.05 from the surcharge, or a total of \$5.65, to about \$82.

Customers already are using more electricity for air conditioning because of the unrelenting heat.

TXU originally sought a 6.7 percent increase plus a 6 percent surcharge, but the utility agreed to a settlement for the lower amount.

Almost all investor-owned utilities in Texas have requested increases because of rising natural gas prices, according to commission spokesman Terry Hadley.

The commission has approved several increases, including one for Reliant Energy.

Texas utilities, various community groups and the state have payment programs and financial assistance for those unable to cover the bills.

Faithful make little noise as season starts

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — Football returned to Santa Fe High School with all the pomp and circumstance of Texas Friday night passion, but there was hardly a prayer this time.

At the public school where the seeds for the Supreme Court's landmark June 19 ruling banning school-sanctioned pre-game prayer were sown, less than 200 in a crowd of about 4,500 prayed in protest.

The bold predictions of 10,000 Christians converging on the season opener between the Santa Fe Fighting Indians and neighboring rival Hitchcock Bulldogs to recite "The Lord's Prayer" never materialized.

The Texas-based group No Pray No Play, from Temple, led a statewide movement to encourage Christians to pray as soon as the National Anthem finished at their respective games Friday.

But when the moment came in Santa Fe, the very loudspeakers which the high court said could not be used for religious speech drowned out the handful of praying fans with the announcement of the opposing team's arrival.

"If they had shut that speaker down, we could have got something going," Santa Fe resident John Harris said.

Some people claimed the announcer purposely tried

to prevent the prayer — an accusation school principal Gary Causil denied.

"It was obvious that the announcer jumped right in after the anthem, and then it was too late to do anything," said Becky Frye, mother of a Santa Fe player.

Harris and others said a lack of organization prevented the crowd from making a strong, unified statement with prayer.

David Newsome, spokesman for No Pray No Play, scoffed at the complaints.

"We weren't trying to get everybody on the same line," he said. "We didn't come here and say we were going to orchestrate this thing one-two-three like they're doing out there on the field with the band."

Newsome declared the effort a success, despite falling far short of No Pray No Play's predictions of about 10,000 people.

A large majority of fans — many of whom wore No

Pray No Play shirts — were from the area but some came from out of town.

In June, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that amplified, student-led prayer approved by public school officials crossed the line in the separation of church and state.

The Santa Fe Independent School District was the defendant in the case. After the ruling, it ended its tradition of pre-game prayer.

Advocates had said the prayer was a testament to their right of free speech.

"We didn't come here to be Christian bullies, we just want to express our feelings. We started this nation to have freedom of religion, and we wanted to show that it's still important," said Roman Young, a 10th grader from nearby Dickinson.

Others said they would pray because they were resentful of the court's ruling.

"That is exactly the kind of freedom we're fighting


for. The only place we have a concern is if the groups are going to try to get an official place in the program, or use the public address systems," said Martin Mayne, president of the Houston chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"The simple act of any group deciding they want to voice any opinion, that's speech we fight 100 percent of the time to protect."

But Baptist minister Bob Ward, whose daughter Marian sued the Santa Fe school district last year to prevent them from punishing her for leading a pre-game prayer, said the public-prayer push obscured the message of his family's fight.


"This was not about public prayer," he said. "It was about freedom of speech. We were not fighting for a Baptist child's freedom, but for the freedom of those of every faith. Our daughter became the poster child."

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Bridgestone/Firestone talks continue with union still ready to strike

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — More than 8,400 Bridgestone/Firestone workers at nine plants remained poised to strike at a moment's notice Saturday, but union negotiators said progress was being made in round-the-clock talks with the embattled tire company.

About 90 minutes before workers in seven states planned to walk off the job at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, negotiators with the United Steelworkers of America agreed to indefinitely postpone the strike deadline.

It was welcome news to Nashville-based Bridgestone/Firestone Inc., already hit with the recall of

6.5 million allegedly defective tires, a Labor Day weekend warning from the federal government that another 1.4 million might have problems, and wide-ranging investigations into allegations that Firestone tires caused at least 88 deaths in the U.S. and more overseas.

"We're still encouraged by the progress that is being made in the negotiations, and we hope to work through the remaining issues as soon as possible," Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Cynthia McCafferty said Saturday.

But Garry Manning, president of the United

Steelworkers of America's Local 1055 in LaVergne, cautioned that the union "could pull the plug at any time."

"There was no extension signed. It's just hour to hour, minute by minute," Manning said from the hotel in suburban St. Louis where talks were taking place.

He declined to say what sticking points remain, but earlier the union said it couldn't agree to company proposals on mandatory overtime, pension and insurance changes and seniority rights.

The company says a strike would have minimal impact on production or on its efforts to produce enough

tires to replace those involved in the recall, saying that most of the replacement tires are being made at nonunion plants in the Carolinas or a Canadian factory covered by a separate union contract.

Union officials and industry analysts scoff. Already, many company stores are low on stock or running out of replacement tires.

A strike would involve tire factories in Akron, Ohio; Bloomington, Ill.; Decatur, Ill.; Des Moines, Iowa; Oklahoma City; and LaVergne and Morrison, Tenn. Also affected would be plants in Noblesville, Ind., which makes air

springs, and Russellville, Ark., where tubes for tires are made.

Bridgestone/Firestone has 28 U.S. plants.

Terry Slaughter, executive director of the Steelworkers Local 988 in Oklahoma City, where 1,668 workers make passenger and light truck tires, said the union's preparations to strike helped kick-start the talks, which began in March. A week after the company was pressured to issue the recall, the union gave its 14-day notice to strike.

"The company saw that we were poised and ready to go out, and started moving,"

Slaughter said. "Now, we're waiting to see if they plan to keep on moving. We'll have a contract in very short order or we'll have a strike."

The government issued a consumer warning Friday saying about 1.4 million Bridgestone/Firestone tires are susceptible to tread separation problems.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the "advisory" was issued after the company refused to expand its voluntary recall. The warning covers additional 16-inch Wilderness, ATX and ATX II tires, and some 16-inch models of the same brands.

Gore builds edge in race for electoral votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat Al Gore has come from behind to build a slight lead over Republican George W. Bush in the race for state electoral votes, but is still short of the total needed to win the presidency, according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

Fourteen states plus the District of Columbia are leaning Gore's way or solidly in his column at the Labor Day start of the fall campaign, putting him at 201 electoral votes — 69 fewer than the 270 required to win. Another 22 states with 179 electoral votes would go to the Texas governor if the election were held today.

That leaves 14 states and 158 electoral votes at ground

zero — a wide open race concentrated in the Midwest battlegrounds of Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin as well as Pennsylvania.

Interviews with more than 100 Democrats, Republicans, pollsters and political scientists in 24 tested states produced a snapshot of the race two months out from Election Day. They said the contest may end up being the closest in more than 30 years and could tilt either way.

This is how things stand:

— After a slow start, Gore is securing traditionally Democratic states such as Iowa, Minnesota and West Virginia, though he still has work to do in Democratic bastions.

— Bush builds from a much stronger GOP state base, with one major exception: Florida. Almost any GOP electoral strategy hinges on the state where Bush's brother Jeb is governor. It is a dead heat.

— Gore can't win without California's top prize of 54 electoral votes, and polls give him an edge. Bush hopes to reshape the race in that state, but some Republicans privately predict that Bush will write off the state. "Clearly, Gore wins today," GOP consultant Sal Russo said.

— Most voters are tuned out, but the ones paying attention want to hear about education, Social Security and health care, all traditional Democratic issues.

And Gore may finally be getting benefits from the strong economy.

"Peace and prosperity will trump the other aspects of the campaign, such as leadership and style and trust and ability," said G. Terry Madonna, a political science professor in Pennsylvania. The number of voters who say the nation is headed in the right direction has been on the rise, a trend that could help Gore.

In addition to the four Midwest battlegrounds and Pennsylvania, the tossup states are: Delaware, Maine and New Hampshire in the Northeast; Florida, Louisiana and Arkansas in the South; and New Mexico, Oregon and Washington state in the West.

World leaders summit promises to be a talkathon, plus history

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Take over 150 world leaders — dictators and democrats, the famous and unknown. Put them together at the United Nations for three days. The result is likely to be one of the most intense political moments in recent history.

All the world's problems are going to be thrown on the table for brief discussion at the U.N. Millennium Summit, which runs from Wednesday through Friday at the world body's New York headquarters. And there are plenty of problems.

Mideast peace is at a critical point. Africa is in turmoil, with Congo's peace unraveling, the Sierra Leone government fighting rebels and the United Nations about to send peacekeepers to monitor a ceasefire on the Ethiopia-Eritrea border.

In Asia, Afghanistan is still engulfed in civil war and East Timor is still threatened by pro-Indonesian militias intent on undermining its move toward independence. In Europe, Serbia's Kosovo province is beset by continuing violence between the ethnic Albanian majority and the Serb minority.

Then there are the global and regional issues — the billions of people living in poverty, the lack of human rights in many countries, the growing HIV/AIDS crisis and the impact of globalization and information technology, which is creating an ever-widening gap between rich and poor.

With official five-minute speeches, closed-door informal roundtables, news conferences, bilateral meetings and a dizzying array of social events, the largest-ever gathering of world leaders is shaping up as a mammoth talkathon.

That's just fine with U.N. General Assembly President Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Namibian foreign minister and former guerrilla leader who is co-chairing the summit.

"There is nothing wrong with talking," he said in an interview. "Unless people talk, you will not know what is on their minds and in their hearts. And particularly when world leaders — who are responsible for lives of people, who are responsible for security and peace in the world — meet, not anywhere else but in the United Nations, it is an important event."

What U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan wants from all, big and small, is commitment. He invited the heads of state and government to come to the United Nations to chart a new course for the 55-year-old world body and for the globe itself at the start of the third millennium.

The competition to be seen — and heard — is going to be immense.

It will be hard to top Cuban leader Fidel Castro, nemesis of the United States but widely admired in the Third World, who is expected to take center stage in the media spotlight. Not far from that spotlight will be Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, prodded along by President Clinton, who is hoping for a three-way meeting to get

peace talks on track.

Just a rung below are a host of other big names. Russian President Vladimir Putin is making his first trip to the United States since taking office. Chinese President Jiang Zemin is likely to have to defend himself against hundreds of protesters opposed to Beijing's policies on human rights. Iranian President Mohammad Khatami is also expected to be targeted by anti-government demonstrations.

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Quarterback Club meets each Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

Crossroads runners shine at ECISD meet

Garden City's Lady Bearcats ran to a second-place finish in the Ector County Independent School District cross country meet Saturday, edging Coahoma's Bulldogettes.

In addition several other area teams placed in the standings.

Lady Bearcats standout Michelle Fuchs finished in first in the girls' Division II standings, while teammate Jessica Hoch was eighth, followed by Allison Jansa in ninth place, Marni Guerrero was 11th and Leslie Jansa rounded out Garden City's strong finish by crossing the tape 16th.

Crystal Atkinson led the way for Coahoma with 10th place, while Kortney Kemper was 14th, Brandi Hart 18th and Leanne Smith 19th. Ashley Lang capped the team finish with 20th place.

The Division II boys' race saw Sands' Mustangs roll to a third-place finish in the team standings with 88 points.

Carlos Plata was 10th, while teammate Stephen Barraza was 14th, Johnny Chan was 38th, Ben Campbell was 43rd and Jack Campbell finished 47th.

Lady Steers runners fourth at Brownfield

Big Spring teams traveled north to take part in the Brownfield Jamboree.

In the girls' varsity race, Big Spring's Lady Steers finished fourth behind the lead of April Aguilar's 10th-place clocking of 12:11.

Eve Tobar finished 16th for the Lady Steers, while Nichole Williams was 58th at 14:10. Jessica Salazar finished 60th with a time of 14:27 and Priscilla Franco was 63rd at 15:14.

In the boys' varsity division, Mike Martinez led the way for the Steers in 17th place, while Mike Solis was 29th.

ON THE AIR

Television

AUTO RACING

Noon — NASCAR Winston Cup Southern 500, ESPN, Ch. 30.

3 p.m. — CART FedEx Indy Vancouver, ABC, Ch. 8

BASEBALL

2 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Houston Astros, FOX, Ch. 29.

FOOTBALL

Noon — Indianapolis Colts at Kansas City Chiefs, CBS, Ch. 7.

3 p.m. — Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys, FOX, Ch. 3.

3 p.m. — New York Jets at Green Bay Packers, CBS, Ch. 7.

7:30 p.m. — Tennessee Titans at Buffalo Bills, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TENNIS

11 a.m. — U.S. Open Championships, third and fourth rounds, USA, Ch. 55.

Bufs open season with another Greenwood thriller



Stanton's Jeremy Hull (5) breaks loose for a big third-quarter gain during the Bufs' 35-34 win over Midland Greenwood in Friday's season opener.

By EDDIE JOHNSON
Herald Correspondent

STANTON — It was predicted that the thriller for the first Friday night of the 2000 football season would be played in Stanton between the Class 3A Greenwood Rangers and the 2A Stanton Buffaloes.

That proved to be the case, as for a second consecutive year the Buffaloes managed to take a one-point victory away from the Rangers.

Everything was decided in the final 29 seconds when Greenwood quarterback Brandon Smith threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Bryon Wardlow to bring the Rangers within one, 35-34.

But the Rangers had no timeouts and their quarterback had been injured on the play and was not on the field. Coach Bob Purser had to make a difficult decision. To kick the extra point and play for overtime, or go

for two and the outright win.

Purser's decision was to go for it all, so he brought in senior Jeff Adams to play quarterback. Adams went wide out of an unbalanced line, but Stanton cornerback Dusty Allred exploded into the Ranger backfield, dropped the new quarterback and sealed the victory.

Bufs coach Mark Cotton was not surprised that the Rangers went for the two-point conversion.

"They were as tired as we were," Cotton explained. "Both teams had left it all on the field and if we were in that position even at home, we would have done the same thing. I kept telling people that Greenwood was tough and a lot of folks didn't believe, but I'm sure that they believe it now."

It was a night for big plays. Both teams amassed See STANTON, page 9A

Steers smother Sweetwater

By SANDY McSPADDEN
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Steers scored all their points in the first half Friday, opening the 2000 high school football season with a lopsided 34-0 win over Sweetwater's Mustangs.

Running back Jason Woodruff led the way, scoring two touchdowns and 87 yards rushing in that first half.

The visiting Mustangs couldn't establish anything due to the extreme pressure applied by the Steers defense.

Middle linebacker Bowe Butler and 280-pound Willie Bravo spearheaded the Big Spring defensive effort, but the Steers also got outstanding linebacker play from Mike Smith and Joseph Bumblis.

Big Spring held the Mustangs' young sophomore quarterback, Mychal Carrillo, in check for most of the evening.

Just dropping down to Class 3A this season, Sweetwater struggled in every facet of the game against the bigger, stronger and much quicker Steers.

"We came out in the first half and we executed real well," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "We held our poise and were able to drive down and get a touchdown and that's a big plus."

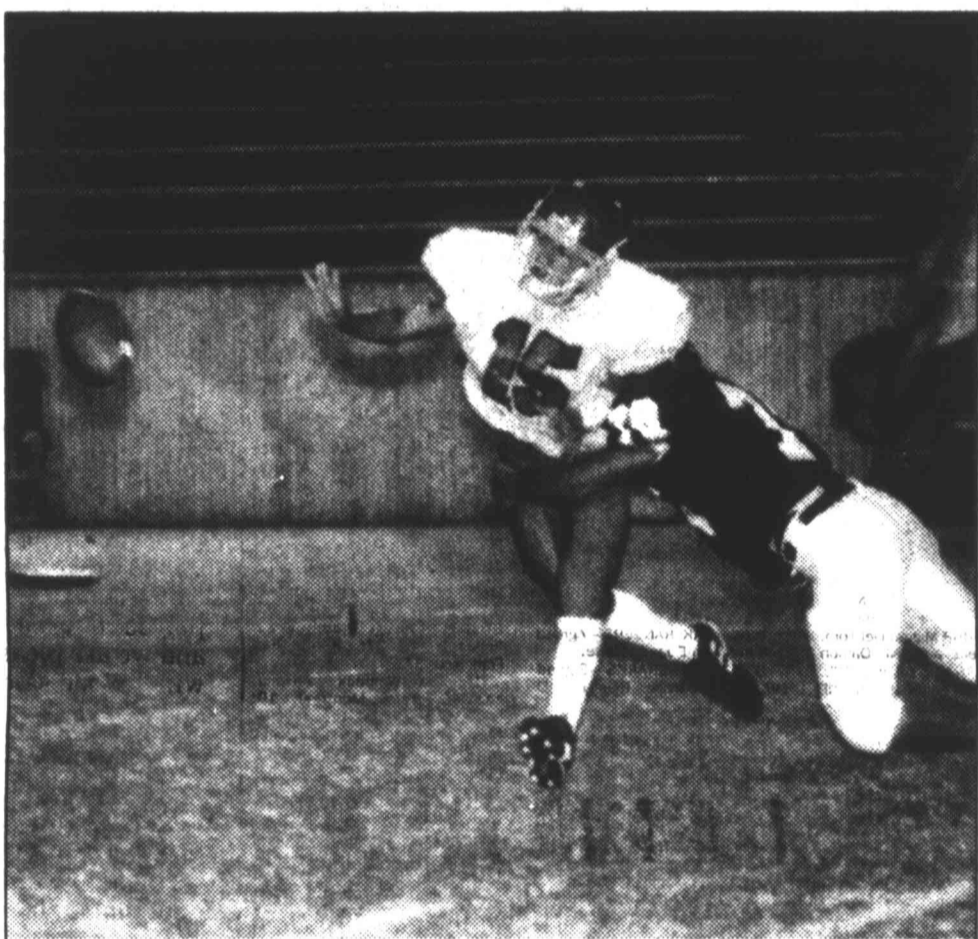
Only one time in the first half did the Steers fail to put the ball in the end zone, and on that occasion, Big Spring's drive ended inside the Mustang 10.

Woodruff finished the night with 116 yards rushing, while Sweetwater was limited to a mere 112 yards of total offense and managed just eight first downs.

Big Spring cornerbacks Larry Thompson and Willis Morrison made two key interceptions in the first half and the Mustangs would fumble it away three times for a costly five turnovers on the evening.

"We had three good quarters and we played a lousy second quarter," said Sweetwater head coach Hank Dowell. "We're inexperienced, we panicked and lost our composure. It was young kids playing a senior ball club and they just got after us."

"We played on a long field, trying to



Big Spring's Jesse Marquez (78) tackles Sweetwater quarterback Mychal Carrillo (15) as he tries to pitch the ball early during Friday night's season opener. The Steers rolled to an easy 34-0 win over the Mustangs.

make long first downs and we couldn't make a first down," he added. "We never could give our defense a chance to come off the field. Big Spring is awfully talented. We had some chances throwing the ball and we're going to get better at that. We didn't rollover in the second half."

The Steers took a 7-0 lead with 6:24 left in the first quarter on a 25-yard, fourth-down run by Woodruff.

But Woodruff and Big Spring was just getting started.

On Sweetwater's second possession, they punted an 18-yard kick but were penalized 15 yards for interfering with a fair catch.

Again, here came them Steers.

Woodruff rambled for six yards, Choate hit Larry Thompson with a 22 yard pass, Woodruff carried for five

and then 11 more.

Choate then called the right play, a quarterback sneak to make it 14-0 with 8:53 left in the first half.

The defensive line kept the pressure on Carrillo, Genesis Reddic, and big fullback Thomas Hulin.

Jaroe Parnell recovered a Geron fumble and Big Spring was back on offense. Two plays later, Parnell took a pitch to his right and glided into the end zone. The Steers failed on the extra point try, but had put 13 points on the board in less than two minutes.

With 6:31 left in the second quarter, the Steers took over at the Sweetwater 36. They wasted no time in going the distance in only four

See STEERS, page 9A

Irish upend Aggies

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

That huge sigh of relief leaving Notre Dame came from Irish coach Bob Davie.

Arnaz Battle made his first start a memorable one by throwing the first two touchdown passes of his career as Notre Dame held off No. 25 Texas A&M 24-10 on Saturday.

Davie began his fourth season knowing his job would be in jeopardy if the Irish failed to get off to a winning start. Davie was a happy man after Battle loosened up late in the first half and finished with scoring passes of 9 yards to Joey Getherall and 46 yards to Javin Hunter.

The pass to Hunter, who appeared to shove Aggies cornerback Jay Brooks with his left hand before grabbing the ball on the goal line, put the Irish ahead 14-10 with 3:24 remaining in the third period.

The Irish took control the rest of the way, with Julius Jones running 17 yards for a fourth-quarter TD and Nick Setta adding a 32-yard field goal with 7:17 left. Any hopes for a Texas A&M comeback ended when free safety Tony Driver intercepted a pass by Mark Farris at the Irish 14 with 4:09 remaining.

No. 1 Nebraska 49,
San Jose St. 13

Eric Crouch ran for three touchdowns and passed for

See ROUNDUP, page 10A

Bulldogs roll to 20-0 shutout win over Hawley

By RICHARD JACKSON
Herald Correspondent

COAHOMA — Coahoma took advantage of Hawley miscues in the first half to score three touchdowns in a 20-0 victory over the Bearcats in the 2000 season opener for both teams.

Coahoma opened with a 58-yard drive with just three plays. Quarterback Chase Ward tossed to Anthony Herrera for 30 yards and Herrera fugged it 16 more to put the ball at the 18 where Brandon Wyatt got the call for 15 more yards. Herrera took it in from three yards out and also kicked the extra point to put the Bulldogs on top, 7-0.

Early in the second quarter the Dogs intercepted a pass at the Hawley 28. Casey Reid ran a dive for 16 yards to the 12 and Corey Hill scored from four yards out and with 10:20 remaining to put Coahoms up by 15, as Wyatt's PAT kick

sailed wide right. Coahoma would again take advantage in the second quarter by taking over the ball at midfield. It took the Bulldogs 10 plays to score. Ward passed to Travis Davis for 11 yards. Hill picked up two more for a crucial first down at the Bearcat 25. Ward connected with Wyatt again for 14 yards and Herrera for 10 and the touchdown.

The second half of the game was fought pretty much to a defensive standstill. Neither team managed to score. Coahoma did manage to get to the Hawley 25 yard once, but Wyatt's attempted field goal was wide.

Coahoma took the ball late in the fourth quarter and moved to the Hawley six, but fumbled the ball away to the 'Cats.

Coach Robert Wood was pleased with his team after See COAHOMA, page 9A



Coahoma's Cory Hill is sandwiched by a couple of Hawley defenders during the first quarter of the Bulldogs season opener Friday night. The Bulldogs rolled to 20-0 win over the Bearcats.

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MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League East, American League Central, American League West, National League East, National League Central, and National League West. Includes columns for W, L, Pct., and GB.

NL LEADERS

Table listing National League leaders in various categories such as Home Runs, Hits, RBIs, and Stolen Bases.

STEERS

Continued from page 8A... Parnell's run and a face mask penalty moved the ball to the two and Bowe Butler carried it in on a dive.

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Continued from page 8A... approximately 400 yards in total offense. All-state running back Jeremy Hull and Clay White each surpassed 100 yards for the Buffaloes.

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defensive units were focused and very disciplined and I was glad to see that much poise this early in the season.

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The Buffs handed it right back, however, and this time the Rangers reached the one before fumbling. This time, however, the ball rolled into the end zone and Greenwood pounced on the loose pigskin for a touchdown.

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and yet didn't look so good the next week. When our kids can play together as a unit, we are going to execute better and eliminate mistakes.

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pass to wide receiver Ruston Pardue for a 70-yard bomb. You would think that would take the steam out of both teams.

COAHOMA

Continued from page 8A... the shutout victory and heaped particular praise on Ward for completing 8-of-15 passes for 95 yards.

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Obviously, the kids played a great ball game and we are pleased with the win. Wood said. I know it was the first game of the season, but I didn't think that we played real disciplined when we made all those penalties.

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SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALL SCORES

Table listing scores for various schoolboy football games, including Class 3A, Class 4A, Class 5A, and Class 6A.

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ROUNDUP

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another as top-ranked Nebraska overcame 100-degree heat and a sloppy defensive start to beat San Jose State 49-13 on Saturday.

Dan Alexander rushed for 208 yards and two touchdowns and Correll Buckhalter had 117 yards on 13 carries for the Huskers, who scored on their first four possessions in the season opener and didn't punt until the fourth quarter.

Nebraska wore down the smaller Spartans on an afternoon when it reached 100 degrees by the beginning of the fourth quarter and the temperature on the artificial turf was 120.

The Huskers had 596 yards of offense while winning their 15th straight opener.

No. 6 Michigan 42, Bowling Green 7

John Navarre, a redshirt freshman starting in place of injured Drew Henson, tied a school record with four touchdown passes to lead No. 6 Michigan to a 42-7 victory over Bowling Green in the opener for both teams Saturday.

Navarre, who had never taken a snap in a college game, completed 15 of 19 passes for 265 yards before being relieved midway through the fourth quarter. He is the 11th player in Michigan history to toss four TD passes in a game.

The last was Tom Brady in a win over Alabama in last season's Orange Bowl. The 6-foot-6, 242-pounder, tossed a 41-yard touchdown pass to David Terrell in the first quarter. He hooked up with Ronald Bellamy for scoring plays of 19 and 11 yards in the second quarter as the Wolverines — scoring on three straight possessions — took a 21-0 lead at halftime. Navarre had a 4-yard scoring pass to Marquise Walker in the fourth.

Anthony Thomas, who turned in his 14th career 100-yard rushing game, rambled for 108 yards on 23 carries, including a 28-yard TD run.

UCLA 35, No. 3 Alabama 24
UCLA made No. 3 Alabama's first trip to the Rose Bowl in nearly 55 years an experience to forget.

DeShaun Foster gained 187 yards on a school record-tying 42 carries and scored three touchdowns, and UCLA's much-maligned defense held Alabama in check Saturday as the Bruins upset the Crimson Tide 35-24.

Foster scored on a pair of 1-yard plunges in the first half and an 8-yard run late in the third quarter.

UCLA won convincingly despite the fact that quarterback Cory Paus separated his throwing shoulder on the game's first play.

No. 10 Georgia 29, Georgia Southern 7
Quincy Carter passed for two touchdowns and ran for another as No. 10 Georgia began a season of high expectations by sloshing to a 29-7 victory over defending I-AA champion Georgia Southern on Saturday night.

The Georgia defense, now being run by former Oklahoma head coach Gary Gibbs, showed signs of improvement after a miserable showing in 1999. The high-scoring Eagles avoided a shutout with about three minutes remaining.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Table with multiple columns listing college football teams and their schedules for the 2000 season, including dates and opponents.

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Cowboys turning to proven offense, Eagles eye future

IRVING (AP) — After spending the entire off-season reworking their offense, the Dallas Cowboys spent the entire preseason being careful not to show too much of it.

The curtain comes off today when the Cowboys face the Philadelphia Eagles.

Dallas was so protective of its plans that it went 0-5 in the preseason. Still, coach Dave Campo liked what he saw from his starting offense, even though they scored just four touchdowns in 15 series.

"We feel good about this group, that they can move the football," said Campo, the former defensive coordinator who replaced fired Chan Gailey in January. "We've got guys who can make plays."

"When you look at the weapons we have, I think that's the most exciting about the offense."

Receiver Joey Galloway and tight end Jackie Harris have been added to a unit already featuring Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Raghbi Ismail. The new system is similar to what Dallas used when it won Super Bowls following the 1992, '93 and '95 seasons.

Although Dallas will start the season with its 11 projected starters, the unit has yet to play in a game together. Smith missed the entire preseason with injuries, while tight end David LaFleur and right tackle Erik Williams only played in the finale.

"There are no limitations," said Smith, the NFL's active career rushing leader with 13,963 yards. "I'm ready to play. I'm right where I need to be every year."

The Eagles are putting their future in the hands and legs of McNabb, the second overall pick of last year's draft.

McNabb started six games late in his rookie season. In limited preseason action, he hit 39-of-63 passes (62 percent) for 345 yards and five touchdowns with just two

interceptions. He also is a threat to run the ball.

"The fact that I've been in this offense for a year, I sort of know what to expect going into each game and how to prepare," McNabb said. "Not only that, but when to put guys in different positions so we can have successful plays."

Philadelphia coach Andy Reid said McNabb has adjusted nicely to the West Coast offense and proven himself as a team leader, despite his youth.

"I was very impressed with him when he stepped into that role and had no problem with it. I think a lot of that is innate," Reid said. "The players seem to respond to him. He handles it in a humble manner, yet a forceful manner in the huddle."

McNabb's progress and the off-season acquisitions such as offensive tackle Jon Runyan, running back Brian Mitchell and linebacker Carlos Emmons have made the Eagles a fashionable pick for a play-off spot out of the NFC East this season.

Reid, whose first NFL victory was 13-10 last season over Dallas after the Cowboys won their first three games, isn't ready yet to talk about the postseason.

After all, the Eagles have three straight losing seasons since their last postseason game in 1996.

"It's important that we build on how we finished last year. The guys played hard through the season," Reid said. "We need to continue to limit mistakes and maintain the attitude we had last year."

And, like the Cowboys, the Eagles aren't worried about their preseason showing, a 1-3 record. They played their first offense even less than Dallas.

Philadelphia opens the season against two straight NFC East foes, while Dallas starts with three in a row. This is the first time since 1976 that the Eagles and Cowboys are meeting in an opener.

NFL SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE

Open Date: Cincinnati
Sunday, Sept. 3
Arizona at New York Giants, Noon
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, Noon
Carolina at Washington, Noon
Chicago at Minnesota, Noon
Cincinnati at New Orleans, Noon
Indianapolis at Kansas City, Noon
Jacksonville at Cleveland, Noon
San Francisco at Atlanta, Noon
Tampa Bay at New England, Noon
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Green Bay, 3:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Buffalo, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 4
Denver at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

WEEK 2

Open Date: Pittsburgh
Sunday, Sept. 10
Chicago at Tampa Bay, Noon
Cleveland at Cincinnati, Noon
Green Bay at Buffalo, Noon
Jacksonville at Baltimore, Noon
Kansas City at Tennessee, Noon
Miami at Minnesota, Noon
New York Giants at Philadelphia, Noon
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St. Louis at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 3:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 11
New England at New York Jets, 8 p.m.

WEEK 3

Open Date: Arizona, Tennessee, Indianapolis
Sunday, Sept. 17
Atlanta at Carolina, Noon
Buffalo at New York Jets, Noon
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, Noon
Philadelphia at Green Bay, Noon
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Noon
San Francisco at St. Louis, Noon
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Dallas at Washington, 8 p.m.

WEEK 4

Open Date: Buffalo, Carolina, Minnesota
Sunday, Sept. 24
Cincinnati at Baltimore, Noon
Detroit at Chicago, Noon
New England at Miami, Noon
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Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

WEEK 5

Open Date: New Orleans, N.Y. Jets, Oakland
Sunday, Oct. 1
Baltimore at Cleveland, Noon
Dallas at Carolina, Noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo, Noon
Minnesota at Detroit, Noon
New York Giants at Tennessee, Noon
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Arizona at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 3:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 3:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 2
Seattle at Kansas City, 8 p.m.

WEEK 6

Open Date: Dallas, Kansas City, St. Louis
Sunday, Sept. 8
Buffalo at Miami, Noon
Green Bay at Detroit, Noon
Indianapolis at New England, Noon
New Orleans at Chicago, Noon
Pittsburgh at New York Jets, Noon
Tennessee at Cincinnati, Noon
Washington at Philadelphia, Noon
New York Giants at Atlanta, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
Seattle at Carolina, 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 9

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

WEEK 7

Open Date: Detroit, Miami, Tampa Bay
Sunday, Oct. 15
Atlanta at St. Louis, Noon
Baltimore at Washington, Noon
Carolina at New Orleans, Noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, Noon
Dallas at New York Giants, Noon
Oakland at Kansas City, Noon
San Diego at Buffalo, Noon
Cleveland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Green Bay, 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 16
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

WEEK 8

Open Date: Gr. Bay, NY Giants and San Diego
Thursday, Oct. 19
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 22
Arizona at Dallas, Noon
Buffalo at Minnesota, Noon
Chicago at Philadelphia, Noon
Denver at Cincinnati, Noon
New England at Indianapolis, Noon
New Orleans at Atlanta, Noon
St. Louis at Kansas City, Noon
San Francisco at Carolina, Noon
Tennessee at Baltimore, Noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Jacksonville, 3:15 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 23
Miami at New York Jets, 8 p.m.

WEEK 9

Open Date: Chicago, Denver, New England
Sunday, Oct. 29
Carolina at Atlanta, Noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, Noon
Detroit at Indianapolis, Noon
Green Bay at Miami, Noon
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, Noon
New York Jets at Buffalo, Noon
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, Noon
St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York Giants, 3:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 3:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 30
Tennessee at Washington, 8 p.m.

WEEK 10

Open Date: Jacksonville
Sunday, Nov. 5
Baltimore at Cincinnati, Noon
Buffalo at New England, Noon
Dallas at Philadelphia, Noon
Indianapolis at Chicago, Noon
Miami at Detroit, Noon
New York Giants at Cleveland, Noon
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, Noon
San Francisco at New Orleans, Noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, Noon
Washington at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Denver at New York Jets, 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 6
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

WEEK 11

Open Date: Washington
Sunday, Nov. 12
Arizona at Minnesota, Noon
Atlanta at Detroit, Noon
Baltimore at Tennessee, Noon
Seattle at Jacksonville, Noon
Chicago at Buffalo, Noon
Cincinnati at Dallas, Noon
New England at Cleveland, Noon
New Orleans at Carolina, Noon
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, Noon
Miami at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 3:15 p.m.
St. Louis at New York Giants, 3:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Indianapolis, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13
Oakland at Denver, 8 p.m.

WEEK 12

Open Date: Seattle
Sunday, Nov. 19
Arizona at Philadelphia, Noon
Buffalo at Kansas City, Noon
Carolina at Minnesota, Noon
Cincinnati at New England, Noon
Cleveland at Tennessee, Noon
Detroit at New York Giants, Noon
Oakland at New Orleans, Noon
Indianapolis at Green Bay, Noon
Philadelphia at Washington, Noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, Noon
Atlanta at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 3:15 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 4
Kansas City at New England, 8 p.m.

WEEK 13

Open Date: San Francisco
Thursday, Nov. 23
New England at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 26
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, Noon
Chicago at New York Jets, Noon
Cleveland at Baltimore, Noon
Miami at Indianapolis, Noon
New Orleans at St. Louis, Noon
Philadelphia at Washington, Noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, Noon
Atlanta at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 3:15 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 27
Green Bay at Carolina, 8 p.m.

WEEK 14

Open Date: Baltimore
Thursday, Nov. 30
Detroit at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3
Arizona at Cincinnati, Noon
Dallas at Tampa Bay, Noon
Denver at New Orleans, Noon
Miami at Buffalo, Noon
New York Giants at Washington, Noon
Oakland at Pittsburgh, Noon
St. Louis at Carolina, Noon
Seattle at Atlanta, Noon
Tennessee at Philadelphia, Noon
San Francisco at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, 3:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 3:15 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 4
Kansas City at New England, 8 p.m.

WEEK 15

Open Date: Cleveland
Saturday, Dec. 23
San Francisco at New York Giants, 11:30 a.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
Detroit at New York Jets, Noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
San Diego at Carolina, Noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, Noon
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WEEK 16

Open Date: Philadelphia
Saturday, Dec. 16
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
Detroit at New York Jets, Noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
San Diego at Carolina, Noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, Noon
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Monday, Dec. 18
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WEEK 17

Open Date: Cleveland
Saturday, Dec. 23
San Francisco at New York Giants, 11:30 a.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 24
Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
Detroit at New York Jets, Noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
San Diego at Carolina, Noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, Noon
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25
Dallas at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

WEEK 18

Open Date: Philadelphia
Saturday, Dec. 16
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
Detroit at New York Jets, Noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
San Diego at Carolina, Noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, Noon
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WEEK 19

Open Date: Philadelphia
Saturday, Dec. 16
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
Detroit at New York Jets, Noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
San Diego at Carolina, Noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, Noon
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WEEK 20

Open Date: Philadelphia
Saturday, Dec. 16
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
Detroit at New York Jets, Noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
San Diego at Carolina, Noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, Noon
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WEEK 21

Open Date: Philadelphia
Saturday, Dec. 16
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
Detroit at New York Jets, Noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
San Diego at Carolina, Noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, Noon
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
New York Giants at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WEEK 22

Open Date: Philadelphia
Saturday, Dec. 16
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 17
Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
Detroit at New York Jets, Noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
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Baltimore at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Miami, 3:15 p.m.
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Monday, Dec. 18
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WEEK 23

Open Date: Philadelphia
Saturday, Dec. 16
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
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Atlanta at New Orleans, Noon
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St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

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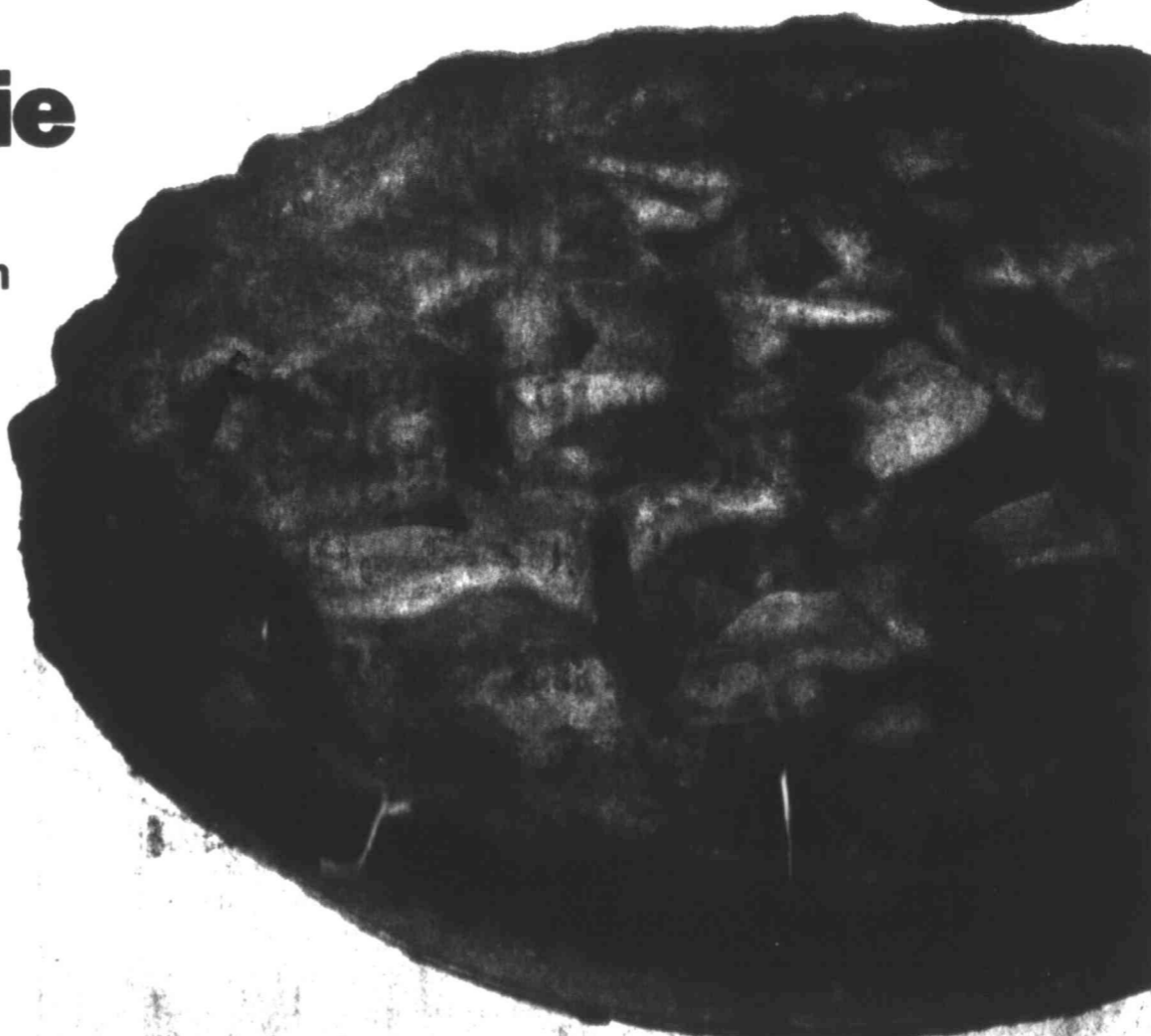
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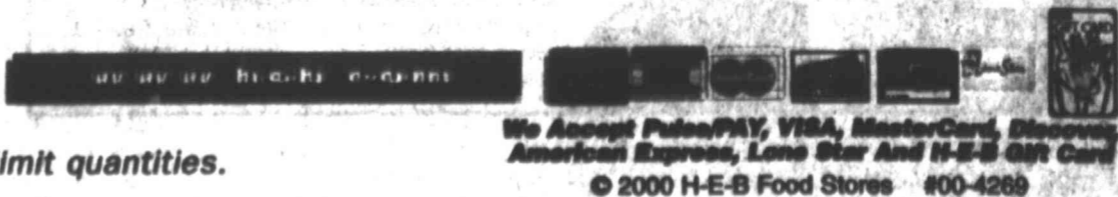
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All in the family

Adults in foster care are just looking for a place to call home

Bertie Ford, Areiba Taylor and Cecil Mitchell were all nervous during their first few days sharing a home. Then Ford started cooking.

"I was really surprised," said Ford, who has opened her home to Taylor and Mitchell as part of the West Texas Centers for MH/MR adult foster care program. "I made cabbage, blackeyed peas, cornbread... They loved it, every bite."

She said she had been told that Mitchell, 53, enjoyed nature and often shared his meals with the birds.

"The birds didn't get anything that night," Ford said.

Their meals are not the only thing Mitchell and Taylor seem to enjoy about their new home.

"It's just fine," said Taylor, 23, with a huge smile. She has her own daintily decorated room at Ford's house, filled with posters and stuffed animals. Mitchell's room is more masculine in decoration, but both are immaculate, down to the neatly made beds.

They are allowed to enjoy their favorite activities — watching TV, sitting outside — and encouraged to make themselves comfortable. They answer the phone, take out the trash, help with the cooking and visit with Ford's family members when they stop by.

Lisa Brooks, community relations director for West Texas Centers, said that is the goal of the adult foster care program.

"This is as close to a family situation as you are going to get," she said. "It is a family."

Not that it wasn't an adjustment for both of the adults, who had been accustomed to the environment of a group home.

"That first night, Cecil asked me when was the night staff coming in," Ford said. "Now, when we all go to bed, he comes and tells me, 'I locked the door.'"

Ford's home was chosen for foster care in part because of her work experience. She spent 17 years in direct care with MH/MR — but such experience is not necessary for providers.

"When we started the program, our first pitch was to our direct-care staff," Brooks said. Former employees who joined the new program became contract providers.

All providers have to pass a criminal background check, home inspection and safety check. Once the foster adults are in the home, another check is made to see that everything is running smoothly.

Ford said the stipend she receives for keeping Mitchell and Taylor in her home totals more per month than she was making in her direct-care job previously.

"I saw this was my chance, and it has worked out great," she said. "I recommend this to anyone who would like to give it a try."

Payments received for caring for foster adults are also tax-free.

The program was authorized by the state March 1, when it changed the regulations for group homes. Faced with more stringent requirements for housing of the mentally retarded, West Texas Centers decided to shift focus to the foster care program.

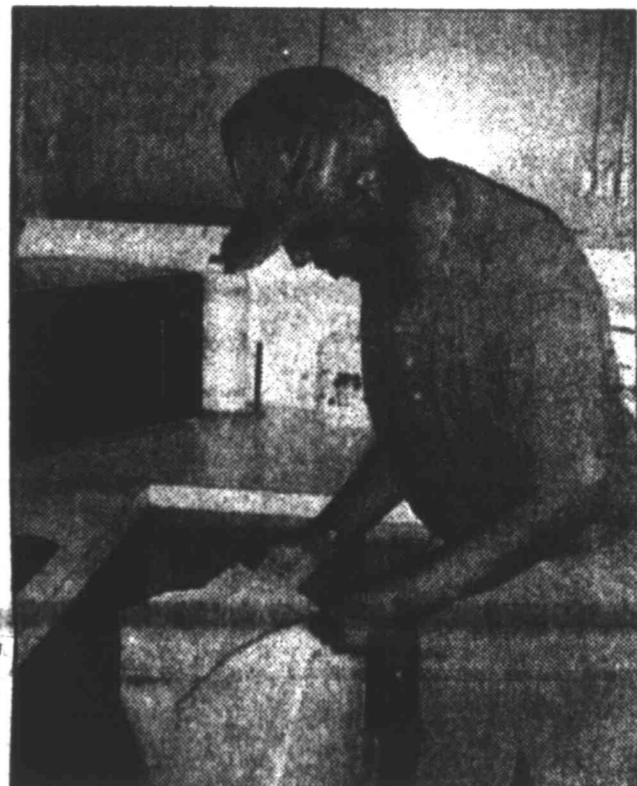
In many of the group's area counties, response has been quick and positive, Brooks said.

"It has been a little slower in Big Spring," she said. "We have about eight or 10 adults that still need a foster home."

She said the adults, who are very high-functioning, will often blend right in with the provider's family, and efforts are made to ensure compatibility. Ford said that



At left, Bertie Ford, top, has opened her home to Areiba Taylor and Cecil Mitchell as part of the West Texas Centers for MH/MR adult foster care program. Below, Mitchell takes out the trash, which he does as part of his chores around the house. At bottom, Taylor sits on her carefully-made bed in her daintily decorated room at Ford's house. Mitchell and Taylor are treated as part of Ford's family, even joining her at a recent family reunion.



Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

For information about the West Texas Centers adult foster care program, call 263-9769

has been the case with Mitchell and Taylor.

"We had a family reunion recently, and they went right along with me," she said. "In fact, she danced the night away," Ford added, with a smile at Taylor. "She helped me make the potato salad."

The three go to church, movies and on outings together. Ford takes them where they need to go, including work and doctor's appointments. They shop for groceries together, and for now, Ford supervises their medication, although that won't be necessary for long.

She also has an alternative when she needs time away — MH/MR provides 14 days per year of respite for caregivers, with no loss in income.

"The people in the program are very skilled in most of their daily living skills," Brooks said. "It is just that their safety is not up to the level where they could live on their own, in their own apartment."

Ford agreed. "This does not mean great changes in how you live," she said. "They don't need to ask me before they go in the refrigerator. If they see something that needs to be done around the house, they will do it."

"It's not like babysitting," she said. "They are wonderful people to work with and we enjoy our time together."



TV chefs have more to offer than tips and gourmet recipes

Long ago, when I saw Julia Child, "The French Chef" for the first time; the program was in black and white. Here was a very tall woman, talking about French cooking; she spoke as if it were something I should learn.

My life was changed by that show; I became a cooking-show junkie. Julia Child said the quality of the ingredients was very important and if you used the right techniques, you too could cook foods that looked like hers and tasted very special.

I fell for it. Over the years I have purchased every one of her books, as well as those by Jacques Pepin, and a lot of other great chefs.

What have I learned in all the years I have followed TV

chefs? A lot — I have good knives, very sharp, and by carefully shopping sales, fine pots and pans.

Some of the best came from a great store in Midland, that sells everything from hunting supplies to ranch and restaurant equipment. They have six sizes of cheesecake pans, and measured me for my Chinese cleaver.

But has all this helped my cooking? I believe it has. I've become more aware of really good food; I'd rather have that for my calories than so much junk food.

Jacqué Pepin is a wonderful teacher as well as chef. I learned how to bone chicken pretty well. Of course I always have an audience of dogs and cats hoping I'll drop something. Sometimes

there will be a show on nothing but techniques; you can always learn something new.

"Saturday Night Live" veteran Dan Aykroyd did one of their most famous sketches about a clumsy Julia Child trying to cut up a chicken. Suffice it to say it was very bloody, in bad taste and funny, even to Mrs. Child.

Do the TV chefs affect our lives? You have only to watch the morning shows,

they all have someone on each week. Some form of cooking instruction is on most shows, even those in the Permian Basin. We take them so for granted, you may not have noticed. There is even a cooking channel, however unavailable to us.

One of the most famous TV chefs is from Big Spring, Stephan Pyles, whose family ran a truck stop, and the experience fed his desire to become a chef. And so he is, one of the 10 best in this country, owning several restaurants and seen on Channel 5 and 8 locally.

I have also learned about other cultures, how we are so different and yet so alike. The Chinese pancake, the Indian Chapati, the Mexican tortilla and the thin breads of the Middle

East are all related. The burrito is no different from other rolled sandwiches over the world.

I make quiche, specialty breads, Steak Diane, roast chicken and complicated desserts. Over the years, watching the professionals, I have gained some confidence — not forgetting our Tex-Mex dishes and the West Texas favorite, Chicken Fried Steak.

It is said that Julia Child, now 88, changed the way we cook and eat in this country. I don't doubt it. She still uses butter and rich ingredients, but advocates eating and drinking in moderation.

One thing for sure, whatever food you like, you will find a TV chef to show you the basics and best ways as well as new recipes for you

to enjoy. I still enjoy watching Julia Child and Jacques Pepin cooking together on Saturday. She calls him "Jack," they disagree a lot, but it is worth your time, if just for a laugh.

One of the funniest things I've ever seen on TV was a female chef who couldn't get the dish to do as she wanted. She got up on top of the table and starting hitting it. The camera cut away very quickly.

Have you every watched the "CIA" show? It may surprise you to learn that stands for "Culinary Institute of America." Will spy stories ever be the same?

Mary Randle writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.



MARY RANDLE

SEPTEMBER 3, 2000

WEDDINGS

Bradford-Lankford

Jamie Lynn Bradford of Abilene, formerly of Garden City, and Kelly Clint Lankford of Abilene, were united in marriage on Aug. 12, 2000, at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Abilene with Monsignor Fred Nawarskas officiating.



MRS. KELLY CLINT LANKFORD

She is the daughter of Larry and Brenda Bradford of Garden City. He is the son of Terry and Susan Lankford of Abilene. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless gown made of white Italian satin by Demetrios. The gown featured a band of clustered pearls and crystals, each cluster taking a formation of tiny flowers. The basque waistline accented soft box pleats of the full ballroom skirt, which fell to a chapel-length train.

Krystal Bell served as the maid of honor and Leasa Lowery served as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Tiffany Hamm, Dusti Murphy, Kimberly Harp, Kina Lankford, Jennifer Chancellor and Marianne Halfmann.

Emily Watson was the flower girl and ringbearers were Dylan and Austen Lowery.

Mark Gordon served as best man and groomsmen were Micheal Cox, William Hillger, Justin Schwartz,

Nicholas Huffman, Jody Bradford, Lane Johnson and Jared Bradford.

Ushers were Mark Thomas, Bradly Batla and Brandon McDaniel. Candlelighters were Kelsey and Jessica Jones.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Parish Hall.

The bride is a graduate of Garden City High School and a 2000 graduate of Howard College Dental Hygiene. She is presently employed by Dr. James Brooks of Abilene.

The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School and is currently attending Abilene Christian University.

After a wedding tour of the southern Gulf Coast states, the couple made their home in Abilene.

WHO'S WHO

The Texas State Technical College-Sweetwater Scholarship Committee for the National Science Foundation (NSF) scholarship program, "Technology Tomorrow Scholarship Program" has awarded the first 25 scholarships.

Scholarship applications were reviewed by a scholarship committee and approved based upon various requirements that included grade point averages, TASP scores and written recommendations from high school math teachers or previous employers.

The following local students were approved to

receive the \$800 scholarship for the fall 2000 semester: Brandon Bingham, Computer/Networks Electronics Technology, Big Spring; David Butler, Computer/Networks Electronics Technology, Stanton; Tamara Christon, Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology, Stanton; and Laura Heredia, Computer Networking Technology, Colorado City.

Brooke Reed, Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, recently competed in National Twirling Championships at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind. These championships are held annually during the America's Youth on Parade (AYOP) week. Reed finished first in

three events, the World Open Solo for Beginners 16-plus, the World Open Strut, Beginner 16-plus and Modeling/Best-appearing in her division. These wins qualified Reed for World Championships in London next year. She finished second in her two-baton, Beginner 16-plus and second in Flag and Hoop overall. Next year she will compete in the intermediate level of competition in several of her events.

LaShanda Ridge of Big Spring and Sandy Soliz of

Coahoma were among nine Western Texas College of Snyder nursing students who received pins during graduation ceremonies on Aug. 24 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Snyder.

Pins mark the midway point in the licensed vocational nursing program.

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 1,900 Texas A&M University graduates during summer commencement ceremonies.

The degrees were presented at two separate ceremonies.

Among those receiving degrees was Thomas Earl Dawson of Big Spring, who received a Doctor of Philosophy in counseling psychology.

ODDS-N-ENDS

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The state's urban rabbits have been multiplying like, well, rabbits, as the end of breeding season draws near.

Formally known as the Eastern cottontail, the bounty of bunnies has been spotted munching on lawns, hopping across streets or simply hiding in the shrubbery in cities throughout the state.

"We have tons of them here. Tons. Tons!" said Melissa Smith of Madison.

"You go into any urban area and whether people know it or not, there's going to be rabbits nearby. All they need is a place to hide," said Ricky Lain of the Department of Natural Resources' Bureau of Wildlife Management.

The cottontails are 15 to 18 inches long and have a light-brown or grayish upper body, long ears and a stubby, puffy tail.

DE PERE, Wis. (AP) — A confrontation with a nasty young driver convinced Jay Van Zeeland there should be a way to inform the parents of youthful motorists about their behavior behind the wheel.

The answer he came up with? "Tell-My-Mom.com."

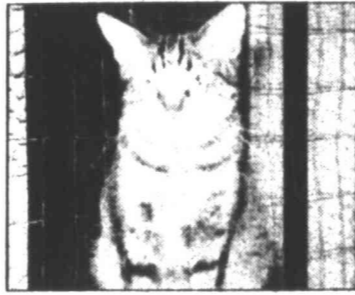
Like the "How's My Driving?" stickers on some trucks, Van Zeeland is offering parents a bumper sticker for the car their teen will be driving.

Anyone who sees the car speeding, driving erratically or committing some other infraction can log on to the Web site to make a report or call a 24-hour toll-free number.

Van Zeeland, an emergency medical technician, said the idea for the service started with an incident a few weeks ago, when a motorist blew through a red light and almost hit his vehicle.

He caught up with the teen at a service station, and she used "a lot of words that would make a sailor blush," he said.

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Pictured is Lillybell — Gray female tabby, spayed, 2 years old, sweet.

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

Sweetheart — Black and white female short hair, spayed, 1 year old, loving.

Luther — Black bob tail male short hair, neutered, 1 year old, very playful.

Miss Kitty — Gray and white female tabby short hair, spayed, 1 year old.

Annie — Gray striped with white female long hair, spayed, 2 years old plus.

Snoopy — Black and white male short hair, spayed, 1 year old plus.

neutered, two years old plus.

Pattie — Calico female short hair, spayed, 2 years old plus, very loving.

Patches — Gray and white female long hair, spayed, 2 years old plus.

Gracie — Soft gray and white female short hair, spayed, 2 years old plus.

Ebony — Black female short hair, spayed, 1 year old, playful.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60, full blooded dogs are \$100 and cats are \$60. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots.

Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

GETTING ENGAGED



Christina McDonald and Steven Bedell, both of Big Spring, will be united in marriage on Oct. 21, 2000, at East Fourth Baptist Church with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Lois Treadway of Big Spring and Janet and Robert Mullins of Midland and the granddaughter of Iva and Clyde Treadway of Big Spring.

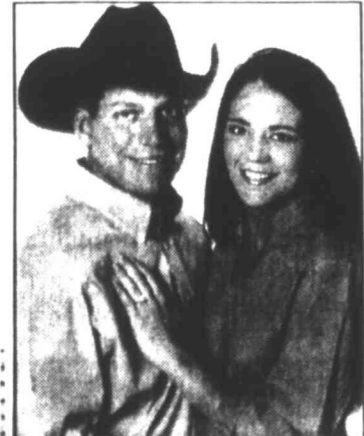
He is the son of Johnny and Ceil Bedell of Big Spring and the grandson of Ivy Lee Bedell of Big Spring.



Cristi Russom and Phillip Bridge, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 9, 2000, at the Dora Roberts Center in Big Spring with L.C. Gibbs officiating.

She is the daughter of Mark and Tonia Russom of Rankin and Roy Lee Spivey of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Loy and Joyce Carroll and Sam and Emma Lee Wells, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ella Bridge of Big Spring and Mikel and Judy Bridge of Stanton, and the grandson of Ervin and Virginia Bridge of Lomax.



Ashley Anne Allcorn of Winters and James Wesley Glass of Garden City will be united in marriage on Oct. 7, 2000, in San Angelo with Ben Hubert of First Christian Church officiating.

She is the daughter of Charles and Jane Allcorn of Winters.

He is the son of Lynn and Helen Glass of Garden City.

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She is the daughter of Byron and Dian Stanton and the daughter of Bob Hill of Stanton and Juanita Adams of Coahoma.

He is the son of Betty Mathews of Coahoma.



Amy Kathleen and Joel Nam both of Odessa exchange wedding Sept. 16, 2000, Dorado Country Odessa with the Coahoma of First Church in Coahoma.

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He is the son of (Nicky) and Pa of Coahoma.



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PEOPLE

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Ekland slipped on arrival to Film Festival board a water off a chase by

Despite bell pain, Ekland bouncer carried stage and p award to Sir Manson.

VENICE, Italy Sharon Stone stiletto heels reaction boat the canals of Venice.

Stone took on arrival to Film Festival board a water off a chase by

The boat "Basic Instinct" guards accelerated off waves that of the photog into a pole water taxi. A needed stitch

GETTING ENGAGED



Rebecca Ann Hill of Lubbock and Ryan Neal Mathews of Gruver will exchange wedding vows on Oct. 21, 2000, in a garden ceremony at the home of Bob and Bobbie Hill of Stanton, grandparents of the bride.

She is the daughter of Byron and Diana Hill of Stanton and the granddaughter of Bob and Bobbie Hill of Stanton and Bill and Juanita Adams of Knott.

He is the son of Royce and Betty Mathews of Gruver.



Amy Kathleen Russell and Joel Namon Blevins, both of Odessa, will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 16, 2000, at Mission Dorado Country Club in Odessa with the Rev. Elwin Collins of First Baptist Church in Coahoma, officiating.

She is the daughter of Warren and Irene Russell of Odessa.

He is the son of Riley (Nicky) and Patsy Blevins of Coahoma.



Rachel Guidry and Ronnie Stinson, both of Big Spring will be united in marriage October 7, 2000, at Howard County Courthouse.

She is the daughter of Laban Guidry and Pamela Guidry, both of Big Spring.

He is the son of Dan and Jamie Stinson of Big Spring.

PEOPLE

LONDON (AP) — A food fight at the Oscars of heavy metal music left actress Britt Ekland hospitalized with a broken wrist and ankle.

Ekland slipped on a piece of melon left over from a raucous celebration as she went on stage to make a presentation Tuesday night.

Despite being in severe pain, Ekland, 57, let a bouncer carry her to the stage and presented an award to singer Marilyn Manson.

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Sharon Stone and her red stiletto heels set off a chain-reaction boat collision in the canals of Venice.

Stone took off her shoes on arrival for the Venice Film Festival Tuesday to board a water taxi, setting off a chase by paparazzi.

The boat carrying the "Basic Instinct" star's bodyguards accelerated, setting off waves that smacked one of the photographers' boats into a pole and another water taxi. A photographer needed stitches.

ON THE MENU

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MONDAY-CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
TUESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, fruit.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, baked beans, lettuce & tomatoes, milk/buns, cobbler.
THURSDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, squash, salad, milk/rolls, cookies.
FRIDAY-Brisket, potato salad, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, whipped potatoes and gravy, English peas, hot rolls, pears, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, french fries, salad, relish and onions, cookies and creme, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken sandwich, pork & beans, chips, salad, cinnamon rolls, milk.
FRIDAY-Fajitas and cheese, ranch style beans, spanish rice, salad, sherbet, milk.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Steak sandwich,

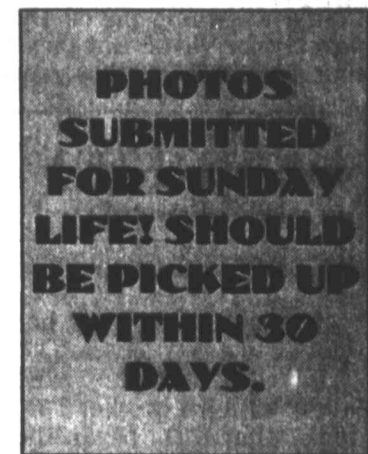
potato rounds, carrot sticks w/ranch, peach cup, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, orange wedge, hot roll, milk.
THURSDAY-Taco, salad, corn, refried bean w/cheese, pear halves, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, french fries, ranch style beans, chocolate cake, milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
MONDAY-LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Salisbury steak, brown gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, syrup, honey and milk.
WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, vegetable sticks, corn on cob, gingerbread with

whipped topping and milk.
THURSDAY-Nachos with meat, tossed salad, refried beans, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY-Sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, french fries, 1/2 orange, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, june peas w/carrots, sliced potatoes, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cobbler, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOL
MONDAY-LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Pizza, tater tots, grapes, milk. Teachers: salad or baked potato call by 9:00
WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (corn dogs), ranch beans, peaches, cornbread, milk.
THURSDAY-Spaghetti (chicken pattie on bun), salad, bread, carrots, cherry cobbler, milk.
FRIDAY-Chicken (burritos), gravy, green beans, potatoes, bread, milk.



STORK CLUB

Christopher Andrew Raney, boy, Aug. 19, 2000, 1:17 p.m., six pounds 13 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Catherine Edwards and Christopher Raney.

Grandparents are Susan Reid of Wichita Falls, Thomas Paeth of Phoenix, Ariz., Carla Crow of Big Spring and Ronnie Raney of Pearland.

Destiny Hope Robles, girl, Aug. 20, 2000, 10:31 a.m., six pounds two 1/4 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Joe and Victoria Robles.

Grandparents are Ascencio and Lupe Robles of Big Spring, and Rodrigo and Elva Chavera of Knott.

Jacob Michael Payne, boy, Aug. 22, 2000, 11:02 a.m., eight pounds 15 ounces and 23 inches long; parents are Michael and Kimberly "KC" Payne.

Grandparents are Jim and Polly Krebbs of Lubbock, the late Charlotte Krebbs and the late Jack and Patsy Payne.

Trenton Everett James Slate, boy, Aug. 8, 2000, 8:48 p.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Mark and Ruth Slate.

Grandparents are Edward and Jean Slate and Virginia Oliver, all of Big Spring.

Stork Club announcements are due Wednesday at noon. Forms are available at our office, 710 Scurry.

Hardware industry targeting women

CHICAGO (AP) — With everything from tools with smaller grips to gloves that accommodate long fingernails, the hardware industry is paying closer attention to the needs of women do-it-yourselfers.

Based on some of the new products on display at the annual National Hardware Show this week, it is clear that manufacturers are recognizing that women increasingly are putting hammer to nail and sandpaper to wood.

Although men purchase about three-fifths of all do-it-yourself products, women made 37.6 percent of such purchases last year, according to Dianna Smoljan of the American Hardware Manufacturers Association. And manufacturers are redesigning tools to make the job easier for women.

At the hardware show, which continues through Wednesday, Wisconsin-based RotoZip Tool Corp.

introduced the Solaris, a bright red power saw that is a smaller version of the company's original black model.

RotoZip spokeswoman Nikki Krueger said many women found the original too big and heavy. The new model is one pound lighter and has less power, which gives the user more control.

Garden Pals, a Mira Loma, Calif.-based manufacturer of lawn and garden products, has designed a lightweight line of gardening tools for women that the elderly and those suffering from arthritis also can use.

Victoria Addison of Garden Pals said she relied on women for design tips for trowels, weeders and pruners.

"They wanted reduced-grip widths, stainless-steel blades that won't rust and locking mechanisms that can be operated with one hand," she said.

Midwest Quality Gloves of

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Laura Wight, Harlingen. She is an inspector for the Texas Boll Weevil Association.

Frank Fountain, Abilene, a retired truck driver.

Taff and Garon Wennik, son, Jake, daughter, Eden, Fort Worth. He is a history teacher and tennis coach at Big Spring High School.

Lorraine Hoppes, Morton, Kan. She is a physical therapist assistant at Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

Derrel and Kaye Levy, Seminole. He is an assessment specialist at the The West Texas Centers for Mental Health Retardation.

Margaret Rodriguez and daughter, Tracie, Levelland. She is a carrier for the Big Spring Herald.

Bill and Mary Crow, two daughters Sheena and Stephanie, Salem, Mo. He is the director of pharmacy for Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She is a registered nurse for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Most Indians haven't benefited from 1990s casino boom

PEACH SPRINGS, Ariz. (AP) — When American Indians began embracing gambling as an economic development tool in the 1990s, the Hualapai tribe in northern Arizona moved quickly to open a casino at its Grand Canyon West tourist site.

Tribal leaders figured that slot machines would provide new revenue for the tribe's 1,200 members, many of whom have lived in poverty for years. But they forgot that most of the 100,000 visitors to

Grand Canyon West each year come directly from Las Vegas.

"Those people weren't coming to a casino," said Louise Benson, tribal chairman. "They were coming to see the Grand Canyon."

Less than a year after opening the casino, the Hualapai shut it down. Instead of providing an economic boom to tribal members, it left them \$1 million in debt.

"There were high hopes for that casino, but the reality of it was that we were too isolated," said

Alex Cabillo, the tribe's director of public works.

The Hualapai tribe is one of only two whose casinos failed during the Indian gambling boom of the past decade, when revenues exploded from \$100 million in 1988 to \$8.26 billion in 1998.

But an Associated Press computer analysis of federal unemployment, poverty and public assistance records indicates that the vast majority of American Indians, like the Hualapai, have

not realized the early "high hopes" of the casino boom.

Two-thirds of the American Indian population belong to poverty-stricken tribes that still don't have Las Vegas-style casinos. Some, like the Navajo, oppose gambling. Others, like the Hualapai, are too far away from major population centers to benefit.

Among the 130 tribes with Las Vegas-style casinos, those near major cities have thrived, while most others have little left after

paying the bills, the AP.

Despite new gambling jobs, unemployment on reservations with established casinos held steady around 54 percent between 1991 and 1997, according to data the tribes reported to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Many of the casino jobs were filled with non-Indians.

"Everybody thinks that tribes are getting rich from gaming and very few of them are," Benson said.

Branham Auto Sales enjoying new location

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Branham Auto Sales has moved to a new location.

John Branham, who along with his brother Tom and father C.D., began the business some 28 years ago when John got out of the military service. Two weeks ago, they made the move from 403 W. Fourth St. to the present location at 2100 S. Gregg.

Alex Calvio will be holding down the job as general manager when not on duty with the Big Spring Fire Department.

"When John asked me to help him out I thought about it for a while," said Calvio. "I wanted to make sure it wouldn't interfere with my job with the fire department. We work a 24-hour on, 48-hour off shift so I decided to go for it and give it a shot."

Calvio said that in the beginning, Branham Auto was a note dealer but in 1987, it closed one of its locations and got away from carrying the note on autos.

Branham said he made the move because he had outgrown the former location at Fourth and

"I felt like it was time to upgrade and get more room," said Branham. "There's more traffic here and more visibility for our cars, so they show a lot better and its not nearly as congested."

Branham said he carries a wide variety of used vehicles from sporty low-mileage Mustang convertibles to a good variety of



Alex Calvio, general manager of Branham Auto Sales, offers a wide range of used cars. He has recently moved to a new location at 2100 S. Gregg.

He said if a customer couldn't find what he wanted on the lot, he could find a vehicle to suit his needs if the customer give him all the specifications he wants.

"As a wholesaler I have often gone out to find a specific auto for one of our customers," said Branham. "We have a large network of people out there helping us find it. After all, that's

why we are in business." Branham said that trade-ins are welcome but unnecessary. "We feel that like our prices are low enough that we can give you a fair market value for your trade-in," said Branham. "Though we no longer carry the notes on cars here, we are more than happy to help you get the car financed through a reputable institution."

Branham has four employees. They are John's wife Jaynie, Alex Calvio, Frank Stiles and Bob Stapp. Frank is the only full-time employee as Stapp, Calvio and Branham are all employed with the Big Spring Fire Department. "I am real proud to be here at this location," said Branham. "Stop in and check us out."

Habla Ingleis?

Employers focusing on helping workers bridge language gap

IRVING — Managers and employees everywhere sometimes feel they aren't speaking the same language. At the Omni Mandalay Hotel in Las Colinas, the language barrier is real.

About 60 percent of the hotel's staff speak mostly Spanish. Of those, half speak hardly any English at all. That's led the hotel to offer its first ever in-house Spanish class for English-speaking supervisors.

"I can remember when it was a requirement that everybody speak some English to be hired," said Christopher Dennis, one of a handful of managers who met for the two-hour weekly Spanish classes in the hotel's training room. "Now, we try to meet everyone in the middle."

The area's growing Hispanic population and record low employment rate have led many North-Texas employers to meet many Spanish-speakers in the middle loosening language requirements, offering English classes during work hours and even urging English-speaking managers to learn Spanish.

"In the U.S., Spanish has become like computer skills," said Dr. Nanette Pascal, professor of Spanish and director of special projects for world languages at Richland College. "They need it as something that can help them in a very competitive business environment."

Ana Gonzalez, a saleswoman at the Cityplace Target store, said she knows the resume value of her Spanish skills. It almost always gets her noticed and guarantees an interview. "Being bilingual has really helped me in the job market," she said.

Valuable skills
Employers say Spanish-language skills are becoming essential in a variety of industries because the Hispanic population boom is being driven by immigrants whose English often

is limited or nonexistent. The Texas State Data Center predicts the number of Hispanics in North Texas could rise more than 20 percent, to 7.4 million people, by 2010.

Jose Aguilar, who works at Bank of America's bilingual call center in Dallas, doesn't have to do the math.

"We've shown we have the capability of retaining instead of losing customers by being bilingual," he said. "We're a growing state. The population keeps growing and growing, and so will the need for Spanish-speaking representatives."

At the Omni Mandalay, about 30 percent of the staff most of them in the house-keeping and food service departments don't speak English. "And I couldn't fill those positions with people who do," said Troy Schroeder, the hotel's general manager.

But recruiters say it's more difficult to find Spanish-speaking employees for more specialized or technical jobs.

"We try to ask our associates here if they know anyone, fellow church members or anyone, that's interested in our team," said Norma Vitela, Bank of America's local manager of telephone banking. "We tell them to please not hesitate to send us a resume."

Industries that depend on Spanish-speaking immigrants to fill entry-level jobs have started offering English as a second language classes to their employees.

Marriott International Inc., for example, offers free beginners' English classes as well as tuition reimbursement for employees who want to take more advanced courses at community colleges. Marriott begins by offering lessons in small talk, the vocabulary that is essential to fire safety and the way to greet guests.

"And we share lesson

See LANGUAGE, Page 5B

Centers of Excellence field day set Sept. 14

HERALD Staff Report

The AG-CARES Farm near Lamesa will host a Centers of Excellence Field Day on Thursday, Sept. 14.

The event, which begins at 8 a.m. and concludes with a sponsored lunch, is expected to draw farmers and agricultural specialists from throughout West Texas. Sponsors include Lamesa Cotton Growers, Texas A&M University and the AG-CARES Farm.

The purpose of the Centers of Excellence

demonstration farms is to develop, research and refine conservation tillage systems for local conditions to increase farm productivity, lower production costs and benefit soil and water quality.

The field day will include presentations on conservation tillage systems, water conservation, cover crops for con-till, weed control, the use of Roundup Ready cotton in a con-till system and new developments in biotechnology, including Bollgard II. There will also be discussions highlighting

planter conversions, hooded sprayers and other types of equipment recommendations for use in conservation-tillage systems.

Speakers include Dr. Wayne Keeling of Texas A&M University; area growers Dale Swinburn, Kermit Shults and Gary Schumacher; equipment specialists from John Deere and Yetter Manufacturing; and Monsanto Company specialists Dr. John Bradley, Dr. Ken Ferreira, Dough Fairbanks and Doug Cavin.

Continuing Education

Units (CEU) and Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) credits and Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) applicator's licenses will be available at the field day.

All registered attendees will be entered for a chance to win a Redball hooded sprayer to be given away in October.

The AG-CARES Farm is located on U.S. Highway 87, two miles north of Lamesa on the west side of town.

For more information call 1-800-ROUNDUP or contact your local Monsanto representative.

Region F plans two hearings on water

The draft water plan for the Region F Water Planning Area has been completed and hearings will be held on September 5th in San Angelo and September 6th in Odessa to receive public comment. The meeting will be conducted Tuesday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M

Research and Extension Center, 7887 U.S. Highway 87 North in San Angelo; and the next day, Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 North FM 1788 in Odessa. The hearings are

one of the final steps in the development of a water plan for the future of the 32-county Region F.

"In June, 1997, Governor George Bush signed Senate Bill 1 into law, mandating that the Texas Water Development Board take the lead in development of a comprehensive state water plan," Grant said. "The TWDB divided the state into 16 regional planning areas, and selected individuals in each region representing different interest groups to actually prepare the plan for their region."

Input from the people within each region representing groups like municipalities, agriculture, small businesses, water districts, river authorities, utilities, industry and environmental groups have been implemented to better develop a plan for each geographic region.

"Given the state's vulnerability to drought, and the fact the Texas' population is expected to almost double by the year 2050, water development, conservation and drought planning are essential to the state, particularly in West Texas." He noted that the plan is to be reevaluated every five years.

Region F is composed of the counties of Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward and Winkler. The Region F group has been meeting, working and conducting studies and public meetings since March of 1998 to compile a

comprehensive overview of water supplies and plans for the wise use of those resources. The group's tasks included identifying and quantifying both available and potential water resources, projecting future water demand, identifying threats to natural resources and planning for development of water supplies and drought contingencies. The chairman, John Grant, said that the two major Region F problems identified in the draft plan were the shortage of water available for irrigated agriculture in some of the counties, and regulations the Environmental Protection Agency may adopt pertaining to radio nuclei in public water supplies that could eliminate the Hickory Aquifer as a regional water source. "Radio nuclei is present in

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Weevil foundation hires communications director

HERALD Staff Report

Foundation hires assistant communications director Rachael Neagle, an Amarillo native, has joined the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation as assistant communications director.

Neagle, who grew up on a farm in Bushland, graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in agricultural communications and interned at McCormick Advertising in Amarillo, a firm that specializes in agrimarketing.

At Texas Tech, Neagle wrote for and helped produced the alumni magazine, the Texas Technan, and the Agriculturalist, the magazine for Tech's agriculture department.

Before joining the foun-

dation, she taught in Canyon and Amarillo, where her duties included teaching high school journalism and supervising the production of the student newspaper.

Neagle succeeds Sterling Brooks, who is now the statewide safety and risk management director.

In another recent change at foundation headquarters, Larry Smith was hired as assistant program director. Smith has been with the foundation since 1995, serving as zone manager in two zones.

Before joining the Foundation in 1995, Smith was the general manager for the Knox Prairie Cooperative, general manager for the Texas Vegetable Producers

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Bids will be addressed to: Mr. Terry Hansen, Executive Vice President Howard College Dormitory Addition Southwest College Institute for the Deaf (Name and address of bidder) A mandatory pre-construction Conference will be held at the SWCID Activity Center, 301 Avenue C, Big Spring Industrial Park, Big Spring, Texas on Wednesday, September 6, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.

This will be a single lump sum contract and shall include all general, electrical and mechanical work. Make proposals on unfilled proposal forms furnished by the Architect. Fill in all blank spaces and have the proposal signed by a legal officer of bidder authorized to bind the bidder to a contract.

Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner or to the bid opening. Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of J. Phillip Furquerson, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-3794. Copies of these documents shall be available at the office of the Architect in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The deposit will be \$100.00 per set.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in connection therewith. The Owner reserves the right to contract within 30 days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time. 2925 August 27 & September 3, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE The Glasscock County Underground Water Conservation District Board of Directors will meet in the district office at 132 N. Main, Garden City, Texas on September 12, 2000 at 9:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a proposed budget for FY2001 and to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for 2000 of .033018 per \$100 property valuation to fund the budget. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Glasscock County Underground Water Conservation District by 3%.

2933 September 3, 2000

Should you desire to make a presentation to the Board, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Board in original and six copies: a. Identification of the building or structure concerned by street and legal description. b. A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant. c. A statement identifying the specific order or action being appealed. d. A statement detailing the issues to which the appellant desires to be heard. e. The legal signatures of appellant and their official mailing addresses. Failure to appeal in the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing. Kathy H. Davis Building Official 2932 September 3 & 5, 2000

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