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Tonight:



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Community group will meet tonight

A group of citizens concerned about the proposed 2001-2002 Big Spring city budget will meet at 7 tonight at the Spring City Auction Building, 2611 W. Highway 80.

Topics of discussion will include the proposed new airport manager position and the proposed tax increase and raise in trash pick-up fees.

Health fair to target area seniors

The Senior Health Fair will be held at Canterbury located at 1700 Lancaster on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be many free health screenings which will include blood pressure checks, glucose checks, cholesterol checks, hearing screenings along with information.

Float Fly set for two-day event here

Big Spring Model Aircraft Association will hold its Eighth Annual Don McKinney Float Fly on Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail Park Lake.

Some 30 to 40 pilots from across West Texas are expected to participate.

There is no admission fee for spectators, and those attending are welcome to ask questions about the hobby and the club.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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Book signing planned for Big Spring native

HERALD Staff Report

A local author will hold a book signing for his first publication at Wal-Mart from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Thomas Posey, a Big Spring native and Stanton Middle School teacher, will be signing copies of his first book, "Nightfalls in Texas." "Nightfalls in Texas" is a fictional story about the tri-

als and tribulations characters face in a Texas town called Scrappin' Hills.

Posey said the characters are based on people in his life or composites of people he has known and wanted to write a book about loss and the importance of paying attention to loved ones.

Most of the incidents in the book are based on real-

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Big Spring firefighters along with the assistance of Big Spring police officers use the Jaws of Life to free the driver of this pickup after the person flipped his vehicle on FM 700 Thursday afternoon. The pickup was entering FM 700 from the north service road in the 500 block when it ran across the median and turned over, police said.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Jeffrey challenges United Way group to 'dream a great dream'

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

About 250 Big Spring community leaders got a pep talk Thursday.

The event was the 56th annual United Way Campaign Kickoff at First Methodist Church, and the speaker was former athlete, Baptist minister and self-proclaimed "good stutterer" Neal Jeffrey.

"It's a simple fact that I happen to be a stutterer," he told the audience. "All that means is, I stutter. I don't want to brag or anything, but I'm a good stutterer."

Jeffrey offered some examples of how stuttering has affected his life. In school, answering the roll was an ordeal, he said.

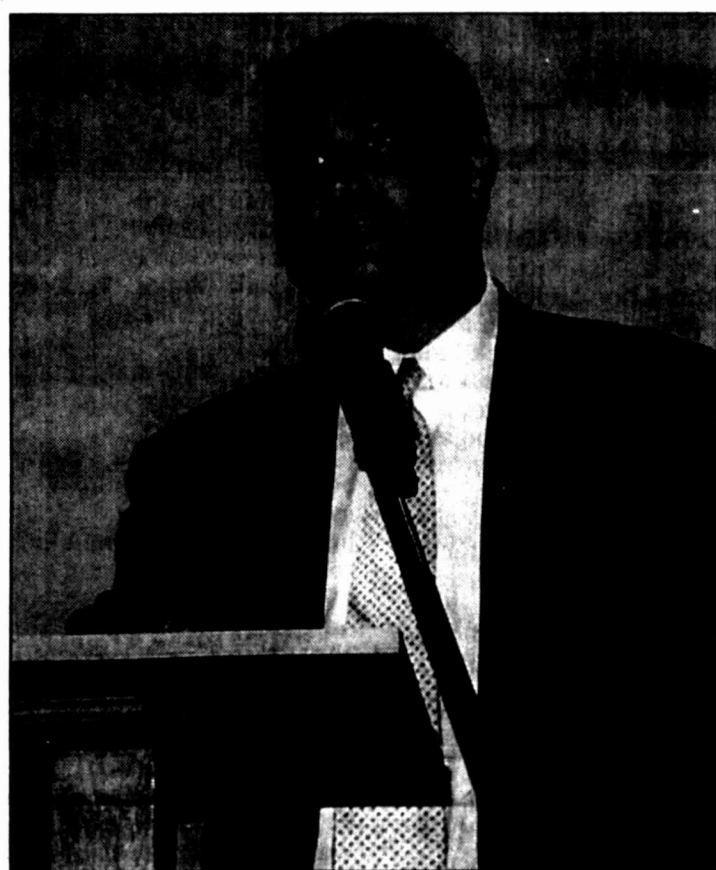
"You just have about 10 seconds between Jackson and Johnson to say 'Here,'" he said. "I got counted absent a lot of times. I told you all this just to let you know, if I start to stutter, wait a minute. Something



is coming."

Jeffrey has been overcoming that handicap all his life. Currently the associate pastor to more than 4,000 in the Married Adult Division of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, he quarterbacked the Baylor Bears to the Southwest Conference Championship in 1974. He was voted "Outstanding Collegiate Athlete of America," All-Southwest Conference Quarterback and Offensive Player of the Year and played professionally for the San Diego Chargers for three years.

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Neal Jeffrey delivers a "pep talk" to more than 250 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County supporters at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall Thursday.

HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin

Luncheon kicks off drive toward \$250,300

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Dream a great dream!

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County board members and volunteers are dreaming just a little bit bigger than in years past for its



MICHAELIS

56th annual fundraising campaign.

At the charity clearing-house's campaign kickoff luncheon Thursday, Sue Bagwell, campaign chairman, told more than 250 audience members that United Way is setting its sights on raising 10 percent more than last year instead of raising the goal the normal 3 percent.

"We know that we will reach our goal," said Cindy Michaelis, executive direc-

tor. "We have too many great volunteers with too great a sense of dedication not to. I really believe in this dream for our community and our deserving agencies."

This year's campaign goal is set for \$250,300. Even though Thursday's event, held at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, was the official start of the fundraiser, donations were already coming in.

According to Michaelis, Wells Fargo doubled its employee contribution this year and also gave an additional \$3,000 corporate contribution.

HEB gave \$10,563 along with a corporate contribution, she said.

Michaelis said that already several individuals wishing to remain anonymous have donated between \$500 to \$5,000 and

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Lights

Volunteer help being sought for heralded holiday display

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Big Spring's Christmas gift to the world needs help to survive.

The annual Festival of Lights in Comanche Trail Park draws crowds from all over, event organizer Pat Simmons said.



More than 18,000 people toured last year's display. People from 33 different states and seven foreign countries: Canada, Germany, England, Mexico, the Philippines, Norway and Peru, were represented among the visitors, Simmons said.

"This is our fifth year and we need some help because I don't want to close down the event. It is too good a tourist attraction," she said. "That's why I want to call on businesses and organiza-

tions." This year, Simmons said the festival is looking for groups: Civic organizations, businesses, church groups, etc., to take responsibility for setting up, maintaining and taking down a section of lights.

"They'd be totally responsible for it," she said. The areas are of different sizes, Simmons said.

"It will depend on the See **LIGHTS**, Page 2A

Combs discusses depressed ag economy, T-yields

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs answered numerous questions from area producers worried about the continuing depressed local agricultural economy.

More than 100 people attended the enthusiastic town hall meeting at Stanton City Hall on Thursday where Combs gave an update on her activities as agriculture commissioner and on subjects such as T-yield rates, the proposed farm bill and water resources.

Much discussion was held on T-Yields, or transition yields, the base amount of crops crop insurers use to insure a farmer's harvest.

The Risk Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has recommended lowering the T-Yield amount as much as 35 percent.

If the T-Yield rate is lowered, farmers may have less potential insurance on their crops, leading banks to refuse their loan applications.

Combs encouraged farm-

ers to call their representatives and the USDA.

"A hundred calls a day to a senator's office is quite a lot of calls," Combs said.

Combs, who has worked in the office of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, said that even 40 calls a day to a state senator's office will be noticed.

Combs said she is concerned and has received calls from bankers who are worried they may not be able to keep carrying farmers.

"That is really scary," she said.

Area agriculture has suffered several years of bad crops and low crop yield return because of the weather.

Combs said the issue of water resources is going to be a very important subject in the coming years and all areas need to heighten their attention to water.

Combs also touched on issues of world trade, the North American Trade Agreement's effect on Agriculture and the Farm Bill.

According to the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee U.S.



Agricultural Commissioner Susan Combs addresses farmers, producers and business professionals during a meeting Thursday in Stanton.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Rep. Charles Stenholm (D-Abilene), the \$168 billion, 10 year Farm Bill may now be dead because of the dwin-

ding surplus. The 2002 Farm Bill includes funding for U.S. Department of Agriculture

payments including crop subsidies, market loan assistance and conservation payments.

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OBITUARIES

Wesley Isaac Stephens

Funeral service for Wesley Isaac Stephens, 56, of Midland will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Darrel Martin officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Mr. Stephens died Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the V.A. Medical Center in Big Spring.

He was born July 6, 1945, in Hamlin. He was a taxi cab owner. He was in the U.S. Army where he was a sergeant in the Missile Division and was Soldier of the Year in 1966.

Survivors include two daughters, Natalie Hancock of Hawaii and Heather Nicole Stephens of Midland; one son, Ronald Wesley Stephens of Midland; two sisters Norma Jean Edmiston of Stanton and Carolyn Joyce Kirk of Midland; one half-brother Steven Sean Stephens of Stanton; his mother Estelle Stephens of Stanton; and one grandson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Julia Ruby Daniel

Graveside funeral service for Julia Ruby Daniel, 81, of Pioneer, will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2001, in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Mrs. Daniel died Thursday, Sept. 6, at an Abilene nursing home.

She was born March 18, 1920, in Hope, N.M. She married Lynn Daniel on Dec. 15, 1936, in El Paso and moved to Pioneer in 1960 from Denver City. He preceded her in death in 1992. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son David Daniel of Pioneer; four daughters Betty Chapman of Cortez, Colo., Ruby Patterson of El Paso, Barbara Athens of Lake Brownwood, Bonnie Neel of Big Spring; two sisters Ada Hooten of Artesia, N.M., Pearl Day of Roswell, N.M.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Rising Star.

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

Maple Lowe, 40, died Thursday, September 6, 2001. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

Winnie Pusley, 66, of Big Spring, died Friday, September 7, 2001, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

Kenneth Morrison, 75, of Big Spring, died Friday, September 7, 2001, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

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Maple Lowe

Funeral service for Maple Lowe, 40, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Lowe died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at a local hospital.

Winnie Pusley

Funeral service for Winnie Pusley, 66, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Pusley died today, Sept. 7, 2001, at her residence.

Kenneth Morrison

Funeral service for Kenneth Morrison, 75, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Morrison died today, Sept. 7, 2001, at his residence.

Maria Rivera

Funeral service for Maria Rivera, 57, of Midland is pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel. Mrs. Rivera died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2001, at a Midland hospital.

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SATURDAY

Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Eighth Annual Don McKinney Float Fly, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Comanche Trail Park Lake.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An ice cream social will be held Saturday from 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

SUNDAY

Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Eighth Annual Don McKinney Float Fly, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Comanche Trail Park Lake. No admission fee.

AUTHOR

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life experiences, he said. Posey is the cousin of Chad Harbour, whose children Peyton and Dalton, were swept away and died in flood waters at Mustang Draw two years ago.

Although the book is not about Peyton and Dalton, Posey said remembering their memory helped to inspire him to finish the work. He gives a dedication at the front of the book to the two children.

Posey was born and raised in Big Spring and attended Forsan Schools. He is currently a science teacher at Stanton Middle School and lives in Big Spring with his wife, Dianne, his daughter, Erin and son, Matthew.

JEFFREY

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"I want to challenge you in every area of your life to make a difference, and you can," Jeffrey said. "Dream! Dream a great dream. Everything starts with a great dream. This United Way started with a great dream. Life is too short to dream small dreams." Jeffrey complimented the

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY SONNY CROCKER BETTY CROCKER THEY'VE BEEN COOKING TOGETHER FOR 39 YEARS SAT. SEPT. 8TH

United Way on daring to dream big by increasing its goal by 10 percent instead of the usual 3 percent.

"We want to do something in this community that has never been done before — we want to raise more than a quarter-million dollars for people," he said. "That's a great dream. That's a wonderful dream."

Like his stuttering, Jeffrey said that everyone has some kind of handicap that stands in the way of their dreams. "Everybody has handicap," he said. "Everybody has some weakness. Everybody has something they think is a limiting factor. All my life I've seen stuttering as a limiting factor on my life."

Jeffrey said embarrassment about his stuttering kept him from participating in student government in high school.

"As a sophomore in high school, I was such a good stutterer I couldn't even say a silent prayer in public, much less a speech," he said.

People must believe to overcome their handicaps and fulfill their dreams, Jeffrey said.

"Believe! Never stop believing," he said. "Here's what's fascinating about belief. Belief doesn't have to be tied to anything that is rational or even makes sense."

His belief in Baylor's recent football teams proves that, Jeffrey said, as does his faith in God.

"Some say you're stupid to believe in God — 'There is no God.' But I still believe," he said.

Jeffrey said that handicaps are the key to achieving true greatness.

"I believe we never become as great as God made us to be if we don't have some kind of handicap in our life and we don't go beyond that," he said. "Not only in spite of that handicap but a lot of times because of that handicap." He used Olympic target-shooter Karoly Takacs as an example.

Takacs, a sergeant in the Hungarian Army, won the World Championships in 1947 and was expected to win gold in the 1948 Olympics, but a hand grenade explosion destroyed his shooting hand. Over the next few years Takacs retrained himself to shoot with his left hand and won Olympic gold in 1952 and 1956, Jeffrey said.

"He got knocked down," he said. "He got defeated and then he came back and was even better in 1952. The only way to get there is through tough experiences, through having an obstacle to overcome."

UNITED WAY

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one company doubled its gift from last year.

"We are having great participation from Big Spring Independent School District," Michaelis said. "The district is encouraging a 100 percent participation."

Neal Jeffrey, guest speaker for the event, told the audience to dream big during his pep talk.

"This United Way started with a dream," Jeffrey said. "Everything starts with a dream."

"This something you have never dreamed before, rais-

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CITIZENS OF BIG SPRING EVERYONE WITH CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED 2001-2002 BUDGET IS INVITED TO A PLANNING MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED NEW POSITION OF AIR-PARK MANAGER, TAX INCREASE AND RAISE IN TRASH PICKUP FEES. WE HAVE RENTED THE SPRING CITY AUCTION BUILDING, 2611 WEST HIGHWAY 80, BIG SPRING FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2001 AT 7 P.M. IF YOU ARE A CONCERNED CITIZEN, PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

ing over quarter of a million dollars," he said.

Michaelis said she believes the United Way will make its goal.

"I believe this community is capable of it," Michaelis said. "I am convinced that we will well reach over our goal."

Funds raised by the United Way campaign helps to support the Northside Community Center, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, Isaiah 58 and the Salvation Army.

Also receiving funds are the YMCA of Big Spring, American Red Cross West Texas Chapter, the Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and the Humane Society Pet Therapy.

LIGHTS

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area that they take. Some will be larger than others."

The entire display is broken down into about 20 sections, she said, and sections should average between 15,000 and 20,000 lights.

Simmons added that the lights will be provided, and that they'll be the familiar clear glass with "just an enhancement of colored lights."

"We want them to be uniform, we don't want a mish-mash of lights out there," she said.

This year's festival will illuminate the park from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 15 through 31, Simmons said. "We're cutting it back to about two weeks this year," she said. "That will give me some lead time to get it ready to go."

Also in the plans are giant Christmas cards illuminated by lights, which will bear the names of the event's sponsors.

For more information about having your group or business take responsibility for a section of the display or become a sponsor, call Simmons at 263-4607.

BRIEFS

LOCAL AUTHOR THOMAS POSEY will have a book signing Saturday, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Wal-Mart.

He is the author of Nightfalls in Texas which is his first novel.

THE BIG SPRING BAND Boosters are selling yard signs for high school band students.

Signs are \$9 and any parent wishing to purchase a sign for their child may do so by contacting Roxie McDaniel at 267-7646.

Orders must be received by no later than Sept. 14.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1981 our class reunion will be Oct. 12-13.

For more details please contact Dee Earhart Thomi at 214-340-0645 or email

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THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM

which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Texas begins requiring ephedrine labels

DALLAS (AP) — Over the concerns of industry officials, Texas has become the first state to require diet products containing the stimulant ephedrine to include a federal toll-free number for reporting health problems.

The new rule, which took effect Saturday, is designed to protect users of the stimulant, suspected of causing at least 80 deaths nationally.

It requires labels on products distributed in Texas to include the number so users can report suspected side effects to the Food and Drug Administration. The dietary supplement industry is exempt from federal prescription drug regulations.

State health officials say they're enforcing the new rule, despite published reports that they suspended enforcement under advisement from the Bush administration.

Don Gilbert, commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services, said he received several calls from industry officials, at least one Republican congressman and the office of federal Health Secretary Tommy Thompson about use of the Medwatch phone number.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

9:31 a.m. — 900 block of Brian Rd., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:08 p.m. — 700 block of W. FM 700, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:13 p.m. — 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:05 p.m. — 1600 block of Osage, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:20 p.m. — Mile marker 167 I-20, traffic call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:22 p.m. — 300 block of Veterans Blvd., medical call, one patient transported to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

7:07 p.m. — McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

7:41 p.m. — 1100 block of Douglas, traffic accident, one patient transported to SMMC.

RITE THEATRICAL THEATRE is now playing 1st run movies: Jeepers Creepers (R), Rock Star (R), American Pie 2 (R)

CINEMA 4 Rush Hour 2 (PG-13), The Others (PG-13), Summer Catch (PG-13), Rat Race (PG-13), American Outlaws (PG-13)

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Republicans pressing Gramm to exit early, pave way for Bonilla

HOUSTON (AP) — Republicans eager to ensure that a member of their party replaces veteran U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm are joining the call for him to resign early, allowing Texas Gov. Rick Perry to appoint a Hispanic member of Congress to the seat.

The latest to join the call is prominent GOP consultant Lionel Sosa of San Antonio, who is also a member of the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

Some believe that a pending vacancy in the administration at

the campus where Gramm spent 13 years teaching economics could lure him away.

Sosa told the Houston Chronicle for its Friday editions that appointment of U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla would help the Texas GOP make important inroads among Hispanic voters.

Gramm announced Tuesday that he wouldn't seek a fourth term. Gramm spokesman Larry Neal downplayed talk that the senator will step down before his term expires at the end of 2002.

And Neal said the senator hasn't

been invited to apply for the A&M post.

In a meeting in Washington on Wednesday, Gov. Rick Perry and President Bush discussed possible inducements to get Gramm to resign now so Perry could appoint Bonilla, R-San Antonio, to the seat.

Sosa said he is convinced that Perry would appoint Bonilla to the Senate seat if Gramm resigned. He said he had discussed the matter with Perry since Gramm's retirement announcement, but the governor did not tell him he would

appoint Bonilla.

"But I do know from good sources that he is solidly behind Bonilla," he said.

Sources told the Chronicle this week that Gramm would have agreed to resign two weeks ago if he and Perry could have agreed on his successor.

Perry reportedly favored Texas Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza, while Gramm favored Bonilla. Perry is now agreeable to appointing Bonilla, the sources said.

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt

said such talk was premature because there is no Senate vacancy.

Sosa said he was speaking for himself and not for Texas A&M.

Bonilla spokeswoman Taryn Fritz said the congressman met with Perry in Washington on Wednesday but the two men preferred to keep their conversation private.

If Gramm resigned this year, Perry would appoint a successor and call a special election, which the new senator would have to win to keep the seat.

Critics charge that proposed science textbooks are political in nature

AUSTIN (AP) — More than a dozen people lined up in front of the State Board of Education on Thursday to criticize the proposed science textbooks that board members are considering adopting.

"I didn't find any of these textbooks that weren't replete with errors of fact, errors of omission and even some pretty overt bias aimed at directing students to take political actions," said Duggan Flanakin, with the conservative think tank

Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Flanakin highlighted what he said were errors in middle-school science books, such as vastly different amounts of destroyed rain forest acres in books by three different publishers.

It is not unusual for there to be criticism of the content of textbooks, particularly science books. In past years, complaints ranged from typographical or factual errors to differences of philosophy.

This year, some are objecting to what they say are omissions of scientific information, gender bias and inaccuracies. Some critics suggested the books more closely resemble political science books than science books.

For instance, one person testified that one book encouraged students to write letters to organizations such as the Save The Whales group.

Another person said students were encouraged to

write to their congressional representatives to express dissatisfaction on certain issues.

The conservative group, Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy, said many of the middle-school science texts are biased in the presentation of issues such as global warming, endangered species and land management.

The group claims one eighth-grade textbook "uses data to frighten students about global warming and

to motivate them into action."

"Unfortunately, portions of the textbooks under review don't teach sound science. In fact, they promote an environmental or political agenda," said Peggy Venable, director of the group.

A few people suggested throwing the books in the trash.

"I think everyone has found the alternative fuel source that everyone is looking for and that is burn-

ing these," said Michael Franks, a member of the State Republican Executive Committee.

Joe Bill Watkins, who represents the Association of American Publishers, said the books do not have political agendas.

"Publishers are in the business of meeting state requirements to sell books in the marketplace," Watkins said.

"They all know any strong bias one way or the other won't sell."

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Train cars derail near Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — Two freight trains wrecked early today in East Texas, triggering an explosion on a tank car containing a volatile chemical and forcing evacuations of nearby homes.

One minor injury was reported. About 300 people were evacuated from a 1 1/2-mile area, with most allowed to return to their homes by daybreak.

Seven cars derailed when one Union Pacific train ran into another one, a railroad official said. Five of the cars were empty.

Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said the train traveling from Bloomington, Texas to Little Rock, Ark., ran into the back of a stopped train going from Houston to Little Rock at 12:20 a.m.

The derailments occurred on the train that was traveling from Bloomington, Davis said.

Davis said a locomotive conductor was taken to a Jacksonville hospital with minor injuries.

Officials investigate animal attacks

AUSTIN (AP) — Mutilations of deer in northwest Austin are under investigation by law officers who say they could be connected to attacks on other animals in the area.

Almost two dozen cats have also been mutilated in Balcones Country Club area in recent months.

In the latest killings, a fawn was found dismembered in Tallyran Park.

Humane officials received the second report of a deer mutilation on Wednesday. The carcass was found in the front yard of a home.

Dorinda Pulliam, director of the Town Lake Animal Shelter, said the deer had been gutted and some of its organs left near the body.

"There was absolutely no blood in the area," she said Thursday.

Torturing, killing or seriously injuring an animal became a state jail felony Sept. 1.

Twenty-one cats have been killed in the area since March. In most cases, parts of the cats' bodies were cut off.

Pulliam said investigators have interviewed students and staff at schools in the area, including Westwood High and Canyon Vista Middle School. Similarities of the attacks on deer and cats were being studied.

"We did feel like there's a possibility of a linkage," she said.

Woman faces charges for alleging racial attack

LINDEN (AP) — Arrest warrants were issued Thursday for a black woman who investigators said recanted her story about a racial attack in East Texas.

The 32-year-old Bivins woman is charged with filing false information and fabricating physical evidence. Both charges are felonies.

Cass County deputies went to her home Thursday to arrest her, but they couldn't locate her, an official with the Sheriff's Department said.

Meanwhile, the Texas NAACP chapter is conducting its own investigation of the incident, which occurred in Bivins, about 150 miles northeast of Dallas.

"We're simply doing a due diligence to ensure there's no danger to African-Americans in the area," said Gary Bledsoe, state president.

Bledsoe said Cass County has a history of racial incidents, including a recent case in which the body of a black man was found hanging from a tree. Although the Clarence Otis Cole's death was ruled a suicide, many people still believe he was murdered.

Bledsoe said NAACP representatives met with the Bivins woman's family Wednesday. He said he was not aware of the charges filed against her.

Last week, the woman claimed two white men with

pillow cases over their faces abducted, robbed and sexually assaulted her, and then carved the letters K-K-K into her chest. She told authorities she was forced into a pickup as she was walking home the night of Aug. 29.

Chief deputy Ronnie Fincher said investigators found inconsistencies in her story, and that during further questioning she admitted she carved the letters into her chest with a pair of scissors.

Fincher said it's yet to be determined why she made up the story.

Her family members, however, contend she was coerced by authorities.

Anthony Bond, founder of the Irving, Texas, branch of the NAACP, said the woman and her family went on Dallas radio station KHVN Tuesday to say authorities were putting words in her mouth.

"About 3 p.m. Tuesday, these investigators took her

away from her home and questioned her. She didn't have a lawyer present and none of her family was present," Bond told the Texarkana Gazette on Wednesday.

Cass County District Attorney Randal Lee said it is unusual for a lawyer and family members to be present when a victim is being questioned.

"Obviously they don't need a lawyer if she is not a suspect," Lee said.

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Senate Armed Services Committee votes for round of base closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Armed Services Committee voted Thursday for the first round of base closings since 1995 as it worked to complete a measure funding the nation's defense needs for 2002.

Meeting in closed session, the committee voted 17-8 for the new round, said Sen. John Warner, R-Va., who has expressed wariness about more base closings. He did not disclose who voted for or against it.

Shutting down military bases is extremely unpopular politically due to potential economic disruptions in targeted communities. The

House Armed Services Committee, in completing its version of the bill last month, deliberately left out mention of closing bases as a ploy to derail a new round of closures.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has warned Congress that more base closings were needed, saying the military has about 25 percent more base capacity than it needs.

The last round of base closings was in 1995.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate panel, said he also was seeking a \$1.3 billion cut in President Bush's \$8.3 billion

request for missile defense for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The committee's strategic subcommittee sent the full committee a Democrat-written measure authorizing \$7 billion for missile defense, said Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo. He and other senators said that could be changed by the full committee before it completes the measure today.

At a Pentagon news conference Thursday, Rumsfeld said cutting missile defense spending would undermine and delay important research and testing.

The \$8.3 billion sought for

missile defense is \$3 billion more than this year. It is, by far, the largest increase in the Bush administration's defense program from the Clinton administration's.

"If you take \$1.3 billion out of some portion of it, it's big," Rumsfeld said. "As a percentage, it's enormous. It's very harmful."

Levin said late Thursday, as his committee broke for the night: "We're giving him the largest increase of probably any program in the defense budget."

He also suggested legislative language to deal with the Bush administration's failure to tell Congress,

despite repeatedly requests, which planned missile defense activities would conflict with the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty.

As written, the measure would authorize missile defense spending and require the president to warn Congress before an activity occurred that would violate the treaty with Russia.

On hearing this news, Congress would be required to vote within 30 days if any member still wanted to spend the money even though it would violate the treaty.

"I want to give Congress a

voice," Levin said.

Some Republicans contended the language would give the Russians, by refusing to amend the ABM treaty to accommodate some activities, control over development of a U.S. missile defense system.

"We cannot allow this language about the treaty to be a part of this because all it is an absolute encouragement to the Russians to be obstructionist," Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said.

Levin denied that and said his proposal would give Congress its constitutional power of controlling how money is spent.

House plans to begin overhaul of federal farm and food programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House will start overhauling federal farm and food programs despite concerns that the shrinking budget surplus means little money for the legislation, GOP leaders decided Thursday.

Debate on the measure could start as early as next week.

"We don't see anything that would stop us," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said after a strategy session with the chairmen of the House agriculture and budget committees.

"We've obviously got to do a lit-

tle bit of work," he added, referring to the budget problem.

The farm bill would cost nearly \$170 billion over the next 10 years, including \$74 billion of the surplus that was expected in the congressional budget agreement reached in the spring. Much of the money would go toward extending subsidies for grain and cotton farmers through the next decade.

Under new budget forecasts issued last month, nearly all that remains of the projected surpluses over the next few years is the portion expected to come from Social

Security taxes.

The smaller surplus likely forces agricultural programs to compete with other spending priorities of Congress and the White House, including education and defense.

"It has an impact," said House Agriculture Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas. "We can't say we're going forward without considering it."

The House bill would replace farm and nutrition programs that expire next year.

The chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Sen. Tom

Harkin, D-Iowa, said he hoped to have his chamber's version of a farm bill completed by the end of the year.

However, he said, "All that money has evaporated. Exactly how we're going to deal with that, nobody knows," Harkin said.

The House bill would retain existing price supports for corn, wheat, rice, soybeans and cotton and create a new "countercyclical" program to provide additional payments when prices drop below certain levels.

The new program is designed to

replace the emergency payments Congress has voted each of the last four years to supplement subsidies farmers receive under the 1996 farm law, which expires in 2002.

Mexico's agriculture minister, Javier Usabiaga, expressed concern about the bill in a speech Thursday in Washington to U.S. produce growers.

An increase in American farm assistance would make it harder for U.S. negotiators "to take the lead in calling for the reduction" in farm subsidies worldwide, Usabiaga said.

DNA tests reveal Hoffa's hair was in car

DETROIT (AP) — A hair from Jimmy Hoffa was found in a car that a long-time friend was driving the day the former Teamsters president disappeared 26 years ago, The Detroit News reported today.

FBI scientists matched DNA from hair taken from Hoffa's brush with that of a strand found in the borrowed car that Charles "Chuckie" O'Brien had been using on July 30, 1975, the newspaper reported, citing unidentified two sources familiar with the investigation.

O'Brien has maintained Hoffa never was in the car, and he repeatedly has denied any role in Hoffa's disappearance.

Hoffa, the legendary Teamsters boss from 1957 until 1971, disappeared from a Detroit-area restaurant and is presumed dead. He

was 62. His son is now Teamsters president.

Hoffa disappeared after going to the Machus Red Fox restaurant in Bloomfield Township, ostensibly for a meeting with reputed Mafia figure Anthony Giacalone and New Jersey Teamsters boss and underworld associate Anthony Provenzano.

Neither man showed up; both said no meeting had been scheduled.

The car O'Brien was using was owned by Giacalone's son Joe.

Investigators believe Hoffa was picked up outside the restaurant and killed. Despite a massive investigation, his body never has been found.

Investigators and Hoffa family members have said O'Brien, who was taken in by Hoffa as a child, was one of the few people who could

have persuaded Hoffa to get into a car that afternoon.

"We have re-interviewed Mr. O'Brien, but I can't say anything more about that," said John E. Bell Jr., special agent in charge of the Detroit FBI bureau.

O'Brien could not be reached for comment after phone calls were placed to his office in Memphis, Tenn., the newspaper said.

Bell said DNA tests were done on all the evidence, but he declined to comment on the results. Federal agents have met regularly in the past 11 months to discuss the case, Bell said.

Hoffa's son, Teamsters President James P. Hoffa, said through a union spokesman that he did not want to speculate on the impact of the DNA evidence.

Hoffa's daughter, Barbara Ann Crancer, said she was

aware last winter that the FBI was conducting DNA tests.

"He (O'Brien) was driving the car the day my father disappeared in the vicinity of the Red Fox," said Crancer, who is a judge in St. Louis. "If my dad's hair was in the car, he was there."

Federal officials said they hoped to decide whether to prosecute someone in connection with the Hoffa case no later than December 2003, according to a federal court affidavit filed in June.

In October 1975, the FBI said in a memo that the disappearance was likely connected to Hoffa's attempts to regain power within the Teamsters Union and its possible effect on the mob's control of Teamster pension funds.

"Our theory of the case hasn't changed," Bell said.

Suspect kills self after chase, 12-hour interstate standoff

NEWMAN, Calif. (AP) —

A tense 12-hour standoff between police and a murder suspect holed up in his car in the middle of an interstate ended when the man killed himself, authorities said.

SWAT team sharpshooters lay in a strip of dry grass alongside a rural section of Interstate 5 for hours Thursday as negotiators tried to persuade Joaquin Gutierrez, 40, to surrender.

"He basically thanked them and said the negotiators did the best that they could," said Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department spokesman Kelly Huston.

"He set the phone down, he listened to a little bit of the radio. Then they heard a pop and then a wheezing sound."

Gutierrez had shot him-

self in the chest, Huston said.

Gutierrez, who allegedly killed his wife and stepson in June, had led police on a chase reaching speeds of 110 mph before state Highway Patrol officers threw a strip of spikes in front of his car, puncturing the tires.

With the car blocking the Interstate about 50 miles east of San Jose, Gutierrez held a gun to his chest and vowed not to be taken alive.

The standoff, near the border of Stanislaus and Merced counties, forced the closure of a portion of the highway, causing major traffic backup.

Four family members were brought to the scene to talk with the suspect. The standoff and chase were broadcast widely on national television.

Commission bans shark-feeding

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — After a summer of highly publicized shark attacks, Florida officials voted to ban all shark-feeding, saying it could be teaching sharks to seek out people.

The target of the ban is "interactive" shark tours that use cut-up fish to lure sharks so scuba-diving tourists can swim with them.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission had been considering rules to regulate such shark-feeding dives, but instead voted 6-1 Thursday for a total ban. It could become law after a final vote in November.

Tour operators were outraged and threatened legal action if the ban goes through.

They argued that officials had no evidence to prove the shark-feeding dives weren't safe and said none of their tourists had ever been bitten. Several commissioners expressed fear that by feeding sharks, the sharks could be conditioned to associate humans with

food. "You don't feed any of them. They're wild animals," said Robert Dimond, president of the Marine Safety Group of Deerfield Beach, a proponent of a ban. "We are talking about predators with teeth that can tear off people's arms."

The ban on anyone feeding sharks while in the water would also extend to other marine animals, including manatees, barracudas, moray eels and manta rays. Federal rules already prohibit feeding dolphins in the wild.

"You have systematically dismantled fish feeding in the state of Florida," complained Jeff Torode, president of the South Florida Diving Headquarters in Pompano Beach.

Thursday's meeting came as national attention has been focused on more than 40 shark attacks in U.S. coastal waters this year, including 29 in Florida.

On Saturday in Virginia Beach, Va., a 10-year-old boy was fatally mauled in the surf. Two days later, a shark killed a man and

gravely injured his girlfriend off a North Carolina beach. Eight-year-old Jessie Arbogast's arm was ripped off by a shark as he waded in the surf off Florida's Gulf Coast in July. The boy's limb was reattached but he remains in a light coma.

In recent years, according to the International Shark File, there have been 15 attacks on shark-feeding divers and eight on professional photographers who used bait to attract sharks.

Commission Chairman David Meehan said the commission had been discussing rules against shark-feeding tours for over a year.

Dive operators were caught off guard by the ban. They had objected to proposals that would prohibit hand-feeding sharks, require the tours to stay a mile offshore and limit their feeding only to docile nurse sharks. Some said the regulations would force them out of business.

On Thursday, they asked for additional time to negotiate an agreement, but the commission refused a delay.

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Courtesy photo
Members of the Miracle Revival Center and concerned citizens gather at the Heart of the City Park to "petition God for the needs of this community." All citizens of Big Spring are invited to attend and participate in this event Saturday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

School chancellor proposes ice cream twice weekly to keep truancy down

NEW YORK (AP) — You've heard of "an apple a day keeps the doctor away." Now, there's "a scoopful of ice cream keeps truants at bay."

That's what the city's schools chancellor thinks will keep youngsters from cutting classes.

Chancellor Harold Levy announced Thursday that yummiest foods — including ice cream — will be served to the city's 1.1 million students on Mondays and

Fridays, the two days with the highest truancy rate.

Levy also said he would like to see tests scheduled at the beginning and end of the week, rather than in the middle. Students who failed to attend would lose points on their grades.

Agnes Molnar, director of child nutrition programs for the Community Food Resource Center, an advocacy group that studies nutrition and poverty, praised Levy's plan. "It sounds

great," she said.

Kevin Gill, executive director of the school system's Office of School Food and Nutrition Services, was more skeptical.

"I can live with ice cream on Friday" said Gill, but added that he would try to be creative on Mondays, serving kids other foods they like: chicken, pizza and Italian.

"We could move the broccoli to Wednesday," Gill said.

Growing trend in gardening: Out with the new, in with the old

TOCCOA, Ga. (AP) — All Cynthia Jeffries wanted to do was find the little yellow pear-shaped tomatoes her mother grew in her garden, the sweet ones that hung in golden clusters.

That was six years and 350 kinds of tomatoes ago. Quickly enraptured by heirloom gardening, Jeffries now also grows heirloom squash, beans, peas and gourds and sells heirloom seeds on her Web site.

Heirloom gardening — growing old-fashioned plant varieties from seeds passed over a backyard fence or down through generations, not hybridized in a botanist's lab — has been practiced by gardening aficionados for years.

Now it's gaining ground among those who merely dabble in dirt.

"You go, like, 'Whoa! There are 3,000 varieties of heirloom tomatoes!'" Jeffries said. "I went crazy."

Not everyone agrees on what makes an heirloom. Some insist on a 50-year or 100-year pedigree.

Others say a plant must be "true to type" — meaning that a seed taken from the plant would grow into an identical plant, something not often true of hybrids.

There is little disagreement, however, on heirlooms' growing popularity.

Seed Savers Exchange, an Iowa-based nonprofit that began in 1975 as a loose network of seed-swapping friends, now has roughly 10,000 members and produces a yearly directory of people who save and trade heirloom seeds.

The latest directory was 457 pages, with no pictures — just column after small-type

column listing vegetable varieties, and names and addresses of people who sell seeds.

"It started out like a little newsletter and now it looks like a phone book," said Diane Whealy, the exchange's co-director.

The exchange works to save rare varieties and revive lost ones, and maintains Preservation Gardens, featuring 4,100 kinds of tomato, 3,600 types of bean, 1,200 different pepper varieties and 400 sorts of melon.

A historic orchard contains 700 varieties of apples, about 20 percent of the number that flourished in the United States in the 1800s.

Meanwhile, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington is completing heirloom gardens surrounding the Museum of American History. Filled with hollyhocks, flowering tobacco and sweet peas, the gardens are scheduled to open in spring 2002.

"I tried to put in plants that people remember from their grandmother's garden," landscape architect Karen Swanson said.

Burpee, one of the oldest and largest plant and seed companies in the country, has always offered heirlooms, such as Golden Bantam sweet corn and the Brandywine tomato. In 1996, during the company's centennial, the company began offering a catalog listing only heirloom varieties.

"We were getting a lot of inquiries about it, asking for a special section in the catalog," said Don Zeidler, a spokesman for the Warm-inster, Pa.-based grower.

Few commercial growers have adopted heirlooms because hybrids can be bred for long shelf life and resistance to bruising.

Cajun chef Justin Wilson dies at age 87

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Justin Wilson, the Cajun chef whose down-home humor, gumbo-thick accent and "ga-ron-tee" of authentic bayou cuisine delighted television audiences, has died. He was 87.

Wilson, who died Wednesday in Baton Rouge, was the host of several cooking shows on public television, including "Cookin' Cajun," "Louisiana Cookin'" and "Easy Cooking."

"I am a gourmet, but I am more of a gourmand," he

once said. "A gourmet is somebody that's an epicurean. But a gourmand is somebody that's a P-I-G hog and that's what I am."

He pronounced his name JOOS-tain and had white hair, a floppy bow tie and bright red suspenders. He wore a belt, too, saying it was because he was a safety engineer.

His trademark expression was "I ga-ron-tee!" (guarantee), from the Cajun "J'vous garantis."

He released five cook-

books, 27 albums of short stories and an album of Christmas songs.

Wilson worked without a script, taping in front of audiences and refusing to let mistakes be edited out or canned laughter edited in, said Carl Fry, who produced all of his Louisiana Public Broadcasting shows.

"He would say, 'I'll tell a joke. If they like it, they like it,'" Fry recalled.

Wilson said his critics were "people who take themselves too seriously."

Study finds light drinking might fight stroke, but also shrink brain

DALLAS (AP) — Moderate drinking may reduce the risk of certain types of stroke and scarring in the core of elderly people's brains, a study found. But alcohol may also promote shrinkage of the brain — a condition seen in Alzheimer's patients.

Elderly light drinkers — those who take one to six drinks per week — were found to have less scarring than teetotalers or moderately heavy drinkers, defined as those who have more than 15 drinks a week.

And moderately heavy drinkers were 41 percent less likely than nondrinkers to have "silent strokes."

"It adds to the evidence that moderate drinking is not in and of itself a harmful activity," said study author Kenneth J. Mukamal, an instructor at Harvard Medical School and associate in medicine at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

The bad news is that every drink is associated with greater brain shrinkage, Mukamal said.

The findings, based on MRI scans of the brains of 3,376 people over age 65, appear in today's issue of Stroke, an American Heart Association journal.

Experts said it is hard to tell if silent strokes and scarring are worse than shrinkage because the effects of the three conditions are not fully known.

"At this point we just don't know enough to have an idea about how they counterbalance each other," said Mark J. Alberts, professor of neurology and director of the Stroke Program at Northwestern University, who was not involved with the study. "More studies have to be done to show if the benefits of alcohol outweigh the risks."

Silent strokes are lower-level strokes that patients do not notice. They happen when a vessel that delivers blood to the brain becomes blocked, causing brain tissue to die.

Scarring, called white matter disease, occurs in the brain's wiring and can impair intellectual ability and motor skills such as walking and buttoning a shirt. It increases with age. In the study, light drinkers were 32 percent less likely than nondrinkers to have scarring in their white matter.

Brain shrinkage, called

"It's been clear that alcoholics have shrunken brains. It was a bit of a surprise that it wasn't just alcoholics."

—Kenneth Mukamal, Harvard instructor

atrophy, also has been linked to dementia.

"It's been clear that alcoholics have shrunken brains," Mukamal said. "It was a bit of a surprise that it wasn't just alcoholics."

Alberts and Mukamal said patients should not change their drinking habits based on the study's findings.

"There's so many ways alcohol can affect a person's body that no one should be changing how much alcohol they drink on the basis of one or even two studies," Mukamal said.

Much of alcohol's protective effect against strokes is thought to stem from its ability to raise levels of so-called good cholesterol. Alcohol also is known to be a mild blood thinner. That can prevent clots from forming in blood vessels.

Alberts warned that the conclusions were skewed because researchers excluded some people, such as those who suffered more serious strokes or were too sick to undergo MRIs.

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When one is called to be extraordinary in the service of God, ordinary just won't do

I often like to say to the members of our church that there is nothing wrong with being ordinary, unless God called you to be extraordinary. And if God called you to be extraordinary, ordinary just won't do.

MICHAEL WILLARD

I would like to speak to you using the topic I ministered in church on the subject "Somewhere Along The Way." What is going on in an individual's heart when coming to Jesus isn't enough. There are some questions I would like you to consider as you read this article. The first one is, what event, circumstance or happenstance brought you into fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ and if you are not in fellowship with him, why? Another would be, what keeps you in a devoted relationship with the Lord?

I humbly submit to you today that "somewhere along the way," sometime things go awfully wrong.

I point to Judas Iscariot to make this point.

Contrary to some theological views Judas was chosen by Jesus to be an Apostle and selected similarly like the others were in his day.

The details of Judas' life are sketchy and because of his betrayal of Jesus he is even more of a mystery.

It must be assumed that Jesus saw promise in Judas or He would not have called him to be a disciple. Judas must have been an important disciple because he served as their treasurer (John 12:6; 13:29).

He came to Jesus and not only did he come to Jesus he followed Jesus.

That's more than we can say for a large percentage of church goers today.

They come but they never seem to follow Jesus. Judas goes from just coming to Jesus to now following Him.

He had an opportunity to hear Jesus teach, preach and also to witness Jesus' healing ministry, recover sight to the blind, open deaf ears, cast out demons and raise the dead, but nevertheless "somewhere along the way" he goes from coming to following to complaining.

Remember the story of the woman in the 26th chapter of the book of Matthew? She came into the presence of Jesus carrying an alabaster box of very precious ointment and she poured it on the head of Jesus.

The Bible states that the disciples had a problem with her doing this for Jesus and considered this act of kindness a waste.

During the week of the Passover festival, Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray Jesus for a reward (Matt. 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11).

At the Passover supper Jesus announced that He would be betrayed and that He knew who His betrayer was — the one who dipped his hand with him in the dish (Mark 14:20), the one to whom He would give the piece of

bread used in eating (John 13:26-27).

Jesus was saying that a friend, one who dipped out of the same dish as He, was His betrayer.

These verses in John indicate that Judas probably was reclining beside Jesus, evidence that Judas was an important disciple.

Jesus said to Judas, "What you do, do quickly" (John 13:27). Judas left immediately after he ate (John 13:30).

Judas carried out his betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane. By a prearranged sign, Judas singled out Jesus for the soldiers by kissing him.

The gospels do not tell us why Judas was needed to point out Jesus who had become a well-known figure.

It is possible that Judas disclosed where Jesus would be that night, so that He could be arrested secretly without the knowledge of His many supporters (Matt. 26:47-50).

Where were we? Oh, yeah Judas has come, followed, complained and now we find him plotting against Jesus.

After viewing the hospitality of the woman, you would think he'd be rejoicing.

No, not Judas, he plots to have Jesus delivered over to the chief priest for a fee of 30 pieces of silver.

"Somewhere along the way" Judas gave place to the devil and by doing so was used as an instrument of evil.

Matthew reports that, realizing what he had done, Judas attempted to return the money to the priests.

When the priests refused to take it, Judas threw the money on the temple floor, went out and hanged himself.

In conclusion, a similar story, but a different glory was that of the Apostle Peter.

He also came after being selected, followed, complained and even denied Jesus.

But the difference between Peter and Judas is that Peter repented. Are you a Judas or a Peter?

Michael Willard is pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is welcome to attend St. Mary's Fall worship services. Our service times change this Sunday, Sept. 9.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Also, Sunday school begins for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

The Episcopal Women have a meeting this Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. service.

All the women of the church are invited to come and participate.

First Assembly of God

Pastor R. T. Havener and the congregation of First Assembly located at Fourth and Lancaster would like to invite you to an exciting week of worship.

Pastor Havener will be speaking in both the 10:40 a.m. and the 6 p.m. services this Sunday.

During the next six weeks in the Wednesday night services at 7 p.m. pastor Havener will be studying and speaking on "Favorite chapters" in the Bible chosen by those in the audience.

In the Sunday night services each week the church is studying the Book of Revelations. Your visit is always welcome at First Assembly.

First Presbyterian

The Rev. Dianne Brown will continue with the second in a series of sermons entitled "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

The second is entitled "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus: Walking on Water." The text is taken from Matthew 14:22-23.

Sunday school is held at 9:45 a.m. The second Sunday in "Rally Month" is this Sunday. All children and young people are encouraged to attend.

Sunday school is followed by "Take Ten" at 10:30 a.m. Worship service is held at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Opportunities for the week include the church wide barbecue to be held at the Morgan ranch on Saturday, Sept. 8.

It begins with breakfast and continues with cooking barbecue and eating and fellowship throughout the day and evening.

The barbecue is served after church on Sunday with the church providing the meat and beans and "the trimmings" being brought by various members.

"Soul Food" is held at 5:30

on Wednesday night with choir practice following the dinner.

Please join us for any or all of the previously mentioned activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church. The church is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

First Christian

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is an ecumenical church that practices open communion every Sunday.

We invite everyone who does not already have a church home to visit with us this Sunday.

Joe Whitten's Prison Ministry group, "His Children," will lead us in worship this Sunday. First Christian's Youth group will also sing.

Our weekly study and prayer time is Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

This Wednesday we will begin studying the Cane Ridge revival of 1801 led by Barton Stone.

Cane Ridge is of special interest to its particular spiritual and theological descendants found in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Churches of Christ and the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

See You At The Pole

"See You At The Pole" prayer gatherings will take place at area schools on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 a.m. at campus flagpoles.

"See You At The Pole" prayer gatherings began in 1990 in Burleson and has since spread to school campuses worldwide!

This is simply a non-denominational student led prayer gathering among students to pray for their school administrators, teachers and classmates.

All youth and student ministries are invited to attend a planning meeting at Baptist Temple Church, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. for area students to plan the prayer gatherings with their classmates.

For questions or additional information about SYATP call Bill Banks at Baptist Temple Church at 267-8287 or 264-9608.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

In conjunction with a national campaign by United Methodist to encourage people to attend church, North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church has several events planned for the month of September.

The emphasis of this cam-

paign is to invite people to attend church, not necessarily a United Methodist Church, but just to get involved in a church. The theme of the campaign is "Igniting Ministries — Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors."

The North Birdwell members are hosting a "Stew and Cornbread" supper on Sept. 22 for everyone in the Howard County and surrounding areas who wish to attend. There is no charge for the meal.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. and continue until the food is gone.

In addition to the meal, there will be a book fair with books of all types being offered for a donation. This is our Fall Open House where people are invited to see all areas of the church and visit with members and friends. There will also be drawings for door prizes.

Sept. 23 will be the Area Methodist singing and fellowship service hosted by North Birdwell.

This is a monthly event designed to get members of area Methodist Churches together for worship and fellowship. It is hosted by a different church each month.

As always, each Sunday is an "Open House with Open Doors" at all churches. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to visit with us.

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Worship service is at 9:30 with Sunday school classes at 10:30.

First United Methodist Church

Celebrations of worship of the Lord Jesus Christ will be held at First United Methodist Church of Big Spring on Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages, nursery through senior adult including the "Kingdom Class" for the mentally challenged are offered between the two worship times starting at 9:45 a.m.

First UM Church's senior pastor, Dr. Dave Ring, will present a sermon message entitled "I Would Not That Ye Should Be Ignorant," based upon the Biblical text found in I Corinthians 10, verses 1 through 11. The theme of this message is the critical need for Christians to learn the Word of God.

The initial gathering of First UM Church's "Praise and Worship Team" will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Later on Sunday everyone including those in UMYF are invited to join together in a "life returning

to normal" celebration: "Roundup" is set for 7 p.m. at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Big Spring City Park. Ice cream and watermelon, volleyball and horseshoes, and lots of other food and fun will be offered.

Kid's Club and Five Alive-Kid's Club is for 1st-4th and Five Alive for 5th graders begin Tuesday afternoon 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. They will continue through each Tuesday while school is in session. All children of the particular grades for which these are designed are welcome.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study, open to the entire community, is held each

Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in Garrett Fellowship Hall. Handbell Choir will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, with Chancel Choir practice following at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Day Out, open to the public, is offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Wednesday and Friday during the school year for children aged two months through five years. Pick up a registration form on Wednesday or Fridays or call 267-7511 for more information.

Miracle Revival Center
Kent Brown of the Houston area, evangelist with

prophetic anointing, will be at the Miracle Revival Center this Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend at 600 East FM 700.

For more information call the church at 263-7714.

Trinity Baptist

Trinity Baptist Church, located at 810 East 11th, will host The Greenes, a Southern Gospel Music group which has its roots in the hills of North Carolina, this Sunday at 11 a.m. and at 6 p.m.

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CLUB NEWS

Might Oaks Senior Club
Mighty Oaks Senior Club met at East Fourth Baptist Church Aug. 21 in the fellowship hall. Ten members and 11 guests attended including members of the Cousins' band and several members of the local Encouragers club.

Vice president Joy Fortenberry called the meeting to order and the opening prayer was led by Kraig Durrett, East Fourth Baptist Church music and youth minister.

Guests were introduced and welcomed and club member absent due to illness was welcomed back. Fortenberry called for prayer request and needs for prayer request. She also reported that the birthday and getwell cards were sent to five members.

Davis reminded us of the need for a president since Pat Wyrick's resignation as president took effect Aug. 1. Pastor Dudley Mullins will assist us in trying to find someone for our president.

Joyce Walker introduced the Cousins' band. The band entertained the group with vocal and music selections prior to and after a bountiful and delicious meal. The band also took requests from the audience.

Fortenberry thanked the groups and invited them to come again. Other guests were also invited to meet with the club again for some time.

The next club meeting will be Sept. 18 and the Rev. Dianne Brown, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, will be our guest speaker.

Aggie Mom's Club

An organizational meeting of an Aggie Moms' Club for Martin & Howard Counties will be held Saturday, September 8 at the home of Pam Tollison at 1504 West School in Stanton at 2:00 p.m. All Moms of present and past TAMU students are invited to attend as well as former students, wives and grandmothers of former students.

Their special guest will be Linda Hill, first Vice President of the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs. Mrs. Hill will be coming from Waco to help organize this group.

The purpose of the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs is to contribute in every way to the comfort and welfare of the students, and to cooperate with Texas A&M University in maintaining a high standard of moral conduct and intellectual attainment.

The organization of a Mothers' Club in our area will bring a closer affiliation between home and Texas A&M.

It will encourage our local Aggie students in their academic, moral and physical endeavors.

For more information, call Mrs. Tollison at 915-756-2389.

Inspectors bust three people smuggling Valium, Xanax in pantyhose

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Two men and a woman have been charged for trying to smuggle more than 10,000 tablets of Valium and Xanax they stuffed into pantyhose they were wearing.

Steven Shelby, 22, of Jonesboro, Ark., declared a bottle of liquor to the inspector, who became suspicious when he noticed a package-shaped bulge in Shelby's groin area.

After searching Shelby, inspectors found a package with 5,460 Valium pills.

U.S. law allows citizens to import prescription medication from Mexico, however, they must declare their medication at customs and it must be a personal-use quantity in its original packaging.

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IN BRIEF

Forsan JV loses

The junior varsity Buffaloes of Forsan lost to Iraan Thursday night, 16-12, largely due to missing its extra points. The Braves scored first on a long run from scrimmage, taking an 8-0 lead before Cody Freitag put Forsan on the board with a 5-yard run, making it 8-6 before Iraan reeled off another long run, a 40 yard sweep by the Braves' tailback.

Corbin Brown returned the ensuing kick 67 yards for the Buffaloes' second score, cutting the deficit to four points.

Coahoma loses 24-6

The Bulldogs JV squad lost to Shallowater, 24-6, Thursday. Nick Molina scored Coahoma's only TD on a 22-yard run.

Trivia time: play Prep Trivia and win tickets

The Herald, in association with all our area high schools, is starting a new Prep Trivia Contest. The weekly contest will run from Friday to Wednesday with the winner being announced in Thursday's Sports section. To win a pair of tickets to a local high school football game, simply answer the question on a plain post card and mail it to the Herald or write it on a plain 3x5 sheet of paper and turn it in at the Herald office. All entries must be in by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Trivia Question:

What local team won the last unified Texas high school football title? What year was it, who did they play and what was the score?

Prize:

The winner of this week's trivia question will win a pair of tickets to a Sept. 21 football game at that school.

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COAHOMA — vs. Shallowater, 7:30 p.m.
FORSAN — at Garden City, 8 p.m.
GARDEN CITY — vs. Forsan, 8 p.m.
GRADY — Idle.
STANTON — vs. Reagan County, 8 p.m.
SANDS — vs. Sanderson, 7:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING — at Lamesa Tournament (Friday-Saturday), TBA.

SATURDAY

CROSS COUNTRY

BIG SPRING — at Seminole, 10 a.m.

TENNIS

BIG SPRING — vs. Andrews, 11 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

BIG SPRING — at Friendship, 2 p.m.

ON THE AIR

Radio

7:30 p.m. — Reagan County at Stanton, KBST, 95.7 FM.
7:30 p.m. — Forsan at Garden City, KBTS, 94.3 FM

Television

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Northwestern at UNLV, ESPN, Ch. 29.

GOLF

1 p.m. — PGA, Bell Canadian Open, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TENNIS

10 a.m. — U.S. Open, men's and women's coverage, CBS, Ch. 7.
1 p.m. — U.S. Open, CBS, Ch. 7

Tar Heels travel to Texas, Irish at 'Huskers

NEW YORK (AP) — Even on the third weekend of the season, there are still a few more firsts to go around.

There's Notre Dame's first visit to Nebraska in 53 years, Jim Tressel's debut as Ohio State's coach and Miami's first game as the No. 1 team in nine years.

In addition to the 17th-ranked Fighting Irish visiting the fifth-ranked Cornhuskers on Saturday night, there are three other games matching Top 25 teams: No. 11 Michigan at No. 15 Washington, No. 19 Fresno State at No. 23 Wisconsin and No. 21 South Carolina at No. 25 Georgia.

"Everybody's excited, everybody's ready to play," Huskers tight end Tracey Wistrom. "You'd be crazy if you weren't."

Last season, Notre Dame nearly upset then-No. 1 Nebraska before losing 27-24 in overtime on Eric Crouch's 7-yard touchdown run.

"Last year there was a lot of anticipation building up to the game,"

Crouch said. "It seems to be the same way this year."

The Huskers are 2-0; the Irish are playing their first game of the season. Crouch, a Heisman Trophy contender, is off to a slow start with 260 yards passing and 117 yards and two TDs rushing. Matt LoVecchio opens at quarterback for Notre Dame.

When the Buckeyes open against Akron — their first game since 1987 without John Cooper as coach — the famed marching band will play "Fanfare to a New Era."

Some players aren't so sure how the season will unfold under Tressel, who led Youngstown State to four I-AA titles in 15 years. In Cooper's last two seasons, Ohio State lost 10 of 24 games.

"Right now I feel the team is real tight," linebacker Joe Cooper said. "The coaching staff is doing some things different. We'll see what happens once we start getting into these battles."

Akron won its opener, 31-29

against Ohio, on Zac Derr's 38-yard field goal as time expired.

Miami should have an easy time against Rutgers, coached by former Hurricanes defensive coordinator Greg Schiano.

"Nobody knows better than I do how good Miami is," Schiano said. "But we'll go down there and play the best we can."

The Hurricanes are favored by 44 points. Although the talent pool favors Miami, the coaches do have something in common — both Schiano and Miami's Larry Coker won in their coaching debuts. Miami beat Penn State 33-7; Rutgers defeated Buffalo 31-15.

In other Top 25 games Saturday, it's Louisiana-Monroe at No. 2 Florida, North Texas at No. 3 Oklahoma, North Carolina at No. 4 Texas, UAB at No. 6 Florida State, Utah at No. 7 Oregon, No. 8 Tennessee at Arkansas, Western Michigan at No. 9 Virginia Tech and No. 10 Georgia Tech at Navy.

Also, it's No. 12 Kansas State at

USC, Utah State at No. 13 LSU, No. 14 UCLA at Kansas, Wofford at No. 20 Clemson and No. 22 Oregon State at New Mexico State.

On Friday, No. 16 Northwestern visits UNLV.

In Seattle, Washington unleashes quarterback Cody Pickett, who opted for football over following his father as a roper on the rodeo circuit. The 6-foot-4, 205-pound Pickett spent the last two seasons behind Marques Tuiasosopo.

"This is why we all come to Washington, for big-time games," said Pickett, who took three snaps in the Huskies' Rose Bowl win over Purdue. "It can't get bigger than this."

Michigan, which opened with a 31-13 win over Miami (Ohio), will have its hands full at noisy Husky Stadium. The Wolverines last hooked up with Washington in the '93 Rose Bowl, winning 38-31.

In Athens, Ga., the Bulldogs look to avenge a 21-10 loss to South Carolina last season.

Cowboys avoid first local TV blackout since 1990

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys hadn't officially sold out their season opener Thursday, but they were able to avoid their first television blackout in almost 11 years.

The Cowboys announced that the local television blackout for Sunday's game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers had been lifted. About 800 tickets were still available for the game at 65,639-seat Texas Stadium.

NFL rules state that if a home game isn't sold out 72 hours before kickoff, no TV station within a 75-mile radius can broadcast the game.

An NFL spokeswoman said the blackout can be lifted without a sellout only when a visiting team doesn't use its full allotment of tickets or if the remaining

tickets are mainly single seats.

Cowboys ticket sales director Joel Finglass didn't return phone messages left by The Associated Press.

While the blackout was avoided, the streak of 88 straight sellouts in regular season games and playoffs still hasn't been extended. The last game that wasn't sold out at Texas Stadium was Dec. 16, 1990, a 41-10 win over Phoenix that drew 60,190 fans to the final home game.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has repeatedly said he has no worries about the sellout streak ending.

"I don't know of any reason why that wouldn't continue," Jones said. "I don't have any concerns."

But the Cowboys were 5-11

last year. And there are many dire predictions for another long season since future Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman has retired and been replaced by rookie starter Quincy Carter.

The Cowboys have gone to extra efforts to sell tickets this year.

For the first time since 1990, the last time a home game wasn't sold out, the Cowboys brought back a pick-a-seat night at Texas Stadium. During the event this summer, several hundred fans came to the stadium and were able to pick out the actual seats they would buy this season.

There have also been plenty of billboards around the Dallas area, many of them bearing the phrase "See Emmitt Run."

For week No. 2: Buffaloes at Bearkats, Eagles at Mustangs

Forsan at Garden City and Sanderson at Sands are key grid match ups

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

Week No. 2 of the high school football season starts with two marquee matchups tonight as No. 4 ranked Sanders travels over four hours for a six-man showdown at No. 11 Sands (7:30 p.m.) while Forsan and Garden City renew a long-standing rivalry when the Buffaloes visit the Bearkats at 8 p.m.

Coahoma and Stanton are both at home this week. Stanton's Buffaloes are ready to rebound from last week's lopsided loss to Class 3A Greenwood while the Bulldogs have a chance to start 2-0 with a win over Class 3A Shallowater. Coahoma coach

Robert Wood will have his 'Dogs ready to take a bite out of the Mustangs. He probably will not have to remind his troops about last year's 34-point whipping on the road. Coahoma already has a win while Keith Kitchens' club is yet to be tested. Both coaches think this should be a close game with turnovers and mental mistakes likely to be the turning point.

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FORSAN AT GARDEN CITY
DISTRICT: 3-2A (F) 9-1A GC
RECORDS: 1-0 F, 0-0 GC
DISTRICT: 0-0 F, 0-0 GC
TODAY: Forsan Buffaloes at Garden City Bearkats
HEAD COACHES: Wade Wesley (GC), Steve Park (F)
RADIO: KBST, 94.3, 7:30
KICKOFF: 8 p.m.
LAST YEAR: 22-8 FHS

COAHOMA BULLDOGS
DISTRICT 3-2A
RECORD: 1-0
DISTRICT: 0-0
TODAY: vs. Shallowater
3A Mustangs, 0-0
HEAD COACHES: Robert Wood (C), Keith Kitchens (S)
RADIO: None
KICKOFF: 8 p.m.
LAST YEAR: 40-6, SHS

STANTON BUFFALOES
DISTRICT: 3-2A
RECORD: 0-1
DISTRICT: 0-0
TODAY: vs. Reagan County Owls, 0-1
HEAD COACHES: Mark Cotton (S), Joey McQueen (RC)
RADIO: KBST, 95.7, 7:30
KICKOFF: 8 p.m.
LAST YEAR: 24-6 SHS

SANDS MUSTANGS
DISTRICT: 7-1A Six-man
RECORD: 0-0
DISTRICT: 0-0
TODAY: vs. Sanderson Eagles, 0-0
HEAD COACHES: Clint Lowry (Sands), Vance Jones (S)
RADIO: None
KICKOFF: 7:30 p.m.
LAST YEAR: 40-24, 44-34 Eagles

WHAT IT MEANS: A chance for Bearkats to get revenge and respectability.
KEY MATCH UP: Forsan offense vs. Bearkats' improved defensive unit.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Garden City — Drew Plagens (MLB), Curtis Eggmeyer (TB), T.J. Peitzel (TE). Forsan — Wes Longorio (TB), Josh Helmstetler (QB, K), Matt Reyna (QB), Billy Acosta (FB), Billy Kinesy (MLB), Josh Bedwell (DE).
WHAT THE COACHES SAY: "Longorio hurt us last year. He scored twice. He was an animal then and he's bigger now," Garden City coach Wade Wesley. "This is a big rivalry. They always play us tough," Forsan coach Steve Park.
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Garden City pulls off the upset for the first time since 1996 when the Bearkats beat Forsan with a touchdown toss in the final seconds. It happened at home when GCHS claimed a 15-13 win.

WHAT IT MEANS: A chance for the Bulldogs to start 2-0.
KEY MATCH UP: Shallowater's Class 3A defense vs. Bulldogs' offense.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Coahoma — Chase Ward (QB), Billy Bob Walker (TE, S), Matt Christian (WR, S), Cory Hill (TB, LB), Kelby Kemper (S). Shallowater — Jonathan Marburger (FB), Kiel Kitchens (QB), Tanner Wilson (OG, DT).
WHAT THE COACHES SAY: "They have good size for a small school. Their backs are big, they're big all over. If they control the ball on offense, they'll have a great chance to win," Shallowater coach Keith Kitchens.
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: The Bulldogs put a pay-back whipping on the Mustangs because Coahoma returns a lot of players while the Mustangs are rebuilding and Wood has his players ready for win No. 2 on Friday.

WHAT IT MEANS: A chance for Stanton to redeem itself with a big win.
KEY MATCH UP: Stanton secondary vs. the Reagan County Owls' offense.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Stanton — Ryan Kelly (QB, DB), Jesse DeLach (RB, LB), Paul Chandler (WR, DB), W.T. Mullins (TE, DB). Reagan County — Charlie Gonzales (QB), Ralph O'Bryan (LB), Mike Reyes (RB).
WHAT THE COACHES SAY: "The key for us will be to find some consistency on offense. It should be a close game," Stanton coach Mark Cotton.
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: The Buffaloes bounce back from last week's lopsided loss with a big win over the Owls, who have a new coach and some returning talent. Cotton expects a close game, but his Buffaloes could break it open if the defense holds up and the offense plays well.

WHAT IT MEANS: An early test for two team ranked in top 11 of 92 total.
KEY MATCH UP: Sanderson's offense vs. Sands' defensive unit.
PLAYERS TO WATCH: Sands — Dustyn Floyd (WR), Chance Nichols (QB), Heath Webb (LB), Nate Looney (DB). Sanderson — John Benavides (RB), Daniel Mendoza (RB), John Kelly (LB), Stevie Fuentes (DB).
WHAT THE COACHES SAY: "This will be a great test to see if we really are the No. 4 team because they are one of the best we will see all season. We beat them twice last year, so they will be ready for us. We'll have to move the ball and stop Dustyn Floyd," Sanderson coach Vance Jones.
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: This is a close low-scoring Six-man game because both teams have stout defensive units. Turnovers will be the key factor.

Aggies eight points better than Cowboys

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — The chilly mountain air, Wyoming's 7,200-foot elevation and the Cowboys' no-huddle offense nearly sent Texas A&M home with a loss.

With the temperature sinking to near 40 degrees, Mark Farris passed for a career-high 341 yards and a touchdown to lead Texas A&M to a 28-20 victory over Wyoming on Thursday night.

"It's probably the game of the year for them, so we're glad to come up here and take their best shot and get it done," he said.

Texas A&M safety Jay Brooks, who tipped a pass that led to an early inter-

ception by Jonte Buhl, said Wyoming's no-huddle gave the Aggies fits.

"With the altitude, it was affecting everybody," he said.

A&M kicker Cody Scates missed field goals of 24, 43 and 52 yards and an extra point, costing the Aggies 10 points.

"Those were critical kicks we didn't make," Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said. "We've got a lot of work to do before we win again."

In the end, Farris made the difference, completing 30 of 42 passes, including 12 of 14 on third down. His previous high was 311 yards against Baylor.



Neal Jeffrey, a former college and pro football player spoke at the United Way luncheon Thursday.

Five ways to be a winner

When I attended the annual United Way kick-off luncheon Thursday, Neal Jeffrey reminded me and about 300 other Big Spring movers and shakers why sports are good for our young people.

He was there to motivate Big Spring and Howard Countians to dig deep and give a little extra this year because UW organizers have raised the goal by 10 percent. But if there were a video tape of his sermon, perhaps our area football coaches could use it as a pep-talk or a tool to motivate their players.

He used his talking time to explain how he has used his own personal handicap to his advantage. "I'm a good stutterer," Jeffrey explained, almost stuttering on purpose as he began his speech by poking fun at himself. "As a young man, I was such a good stutterer, I couldn't get through a

silent prayer without stuttering."

Jeffrey went on to explain his five reasons why he was able to overcome his handicap, using his affliction to his advantage during his successful sports career that carried him from quarterback for the Baylor Bears to a three-year stint with the San Diego Chargers (1975-77), where he was Dan Fouts' roommate, before he opted to leave the NFL for the ministry.

As he used colorful stories, memorable moments from his own career, mixing them with Olympic examples of others who overcame seemingly impossible odds to be successful winners, his message made me think about the lessons I learned playing youth and prep sports.

I used to have a coach who said 'Can't never could' so when Jeffrey used a similar phrase, I remembered the many hours I spent sweating and wishing old so-and-so would shut up and blow the long whistle, signaling the team huddle.

It also made me think of the players and coaches I See SIDELINES, Page 8

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SPORTS EXTRA

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League					National League				
East Division					East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	83	57	.593	—	Atlanta	75	64	.540	—
Boston	72	66	.522	10	Philadelphia	73	67	.521	2 1/2
Toronto	68	72	.486	15	New York	69	72	.489	7
Baltimore	55	84	.396	27 1/2	Florida	65	75	.464	10 1/2
Tampa Bay	50	90	.357	33	Montreal	60	80	.429	15 1/2
Central Division					Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	80	60	.571	—	Houston	82	58	.586	—
Minnesota	73	67	.521	7	Chicago	77	62	.554	4 1/2
Chicago	72	68	.514	8	St. Louis	76	63	.547	5 1/2
Detroit	56	87	.403	23 1/2	Milwaukee	78	64	.543	20
Kansas City	56	84	.400	24	Cincinnati	57	83	.407	25
West Division					West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	100	40	.714	—	Arizona	79	61	.564	—
Oakland	83	57	.593	17	San Francisco	78	63	.553	1 1/2
Anaheim	72	68	.514	28	Los Angeles	77	63	.550	2
Texas	64	76	.457	36	San Diego	71	69	.493	10
					Colorado	61	78	.439	17 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Oakland 12, Baltimore 6
N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 3
Boston 10, Cleveland 7
Minnesota 12, Texas 2
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3
Seattle 12, Tampa Bay 6
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 1

Thursday's Games
Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 6, Boston 4
Texas 4, Minnesota 3
Anaheim 7, Kansas City 6, 10 innings

Today's Games
Toronto (Lyon 4-2) at Detroit (Lima 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Martinez 7-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 1-6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 6-8) at Cleveland (Burba 10-9), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (K. Wilson 6-4) at Texas (Davis 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 4-6) at Anaheim (Ortiz 11-8), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mercedes 7-16) at Seattle (Abbott 14-3), 9:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
* Tampa Bay (Rekar 1-12) at Oakland (Hijus 2-0), 9:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Boston (Cone 8-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 14-11), 12:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Barbrodt 1-3) at Oakland (Mulder 17-7), 3:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 3-1) at Detroit (Redman 2-6), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Glover 4-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 15-4), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (George 2-5) at Texas (Oliver 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 2-3) at Anaheim (Rapp 5-11), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bauer 0-1) at Seattle (Pineiro 4-1), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Toronto at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 3:35 p.m.

SIDELINES

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I watched on the practice field this week. After a missing a season-opening win by three points at Sweetwater last Friday, the Big Spring coaches have been busy — being positive with their players while teaching and coaching and trying to build on the team's strengths to overcome its weaknesses.

Being positive led the list of Jeffrey's five things to do to win. He said he learned to be positive about his handicap and he learned that one person can have an impact.

I submit that each person on the football field tonight will have an impact — either positive or negative. Jeffrey said that all people or players have some weakness or handicap or limitation. He said he learned to "overcome (his) problem by understanding it. I can't never could and never will." He went on to say that saying positive — even when people laughed at him — was the first step in overcoming his handicap.

Number two on the list was having a dream. He said everything starts with a dream or a goal. He congratulated the local UW organizers for having a big dream and setting a good goal. It is the same tonight when Garden City hosts Forsan and Sands hosts Sanderson. I am sure that each of these team's coaching staffs have set a goal for their team, but the ones whose players have it in their heart will have a better chance of digging deep in the fourth quarter when the going gets tough. Jeffrey reminded the audience to dream a big dream and get a new goal. Maybe there is a championship team in our area right now that had a big dream and has set its sights on a title goal. It might start with the coaches, but ultimately it is the players who must dream the dream and reach for the goal they have in their heart.

Number three, BELIEVE! Without faith, it is hard to reach one's goal. The players with the dream in their heart have to believe — both in themselves and in their teammates. It helps to have a little luck and a few good calls along the way, but without faith, there is no dream and very few will reach their goal if they do not believe they can.

Jeffrey went on to point out that Miracles (No. 4) and Team Concept (No. 5) were the final cornerstones in his five-part recipe for success. He used several examples of how he and other have overcome huge obstacles to become suc-

cessful. But perhaps none speak louder than his own words because most folks who have a serious stuttering problem do not become professional speakers who are constantly sought after to travel the country giving speeches. In fact, Jeffrey not only speaks several times during the week, he's busy on the weekends, ministering to thousands as an associate pastor for Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano.

As I watched Dwight Butler and his staff teaching the Steers in a light drizzle Wednesday afternoon, I saw a half dozen grown men trying to convince their student-athletes that they can do the job on Friday nights. I saw them giving positive encouragement with a pat on the fanny or a comment of encouragement. I watched them fostering a dream, giving their players a goal and showing them that they believe in them — that they have faith in them as individuals and as a team. Now it is up to the players to apply themselves and continue to play with passion next Friday when they open their home schedule against the Hereford Whitefaces.

Butler and his staff are not alone. Although I have not had the luxury of visiting all of my teams this week, I have seen them enough to know that similar sounds and sights have been part of practice at Stanton and Coahoma, Forsan and Garden City, Sands and Grady.

Who has a bye week?
Grady joins Big Spring on the sidelines this week, working for next week. Both got better and had few injuries to report this week. Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said that his team has been working on basic fundamentals all week, especially on the offensive and defensive lines.

"We've been working on defense a lot this week," Butler said Thursday. "We've gone back to the basics to work on funda-

mental of terminology and technique because we've got so many new guys and young guys. We need to make sure everybody knows the terminology and what their assignments are and how to make the correct adjustments during the game. They have to be able to make adjustments during the game and go full speed, so we backed up and worked on a lot of fundamentals this week. We'll go out in shorts Friday and try to stay in our regular work week because we can't really put in our game plan for Hereford until next week."

Butler said he was happy with the effort he has seen this week.

Now, it's on to the pigskin prognostications for this week's prep predictions.

Mustangs at Bulldogs
The Mustangs messed up the Bulldogs' road trip last year (40-6), so Coahoma has perhaps its best chance for redemption against a 3A team in a long time. The Bulldogs need this win to stay on a roll. Wood will have his 'Dogs ready to take a bite out of the Ponies:

**Coahoma 16
Shallowater 14.**

Eagles at Buffaloes
Mark Cotton was badly disappointed by his Buffaloes last week when Greenwood gave Stanton one of its most lopsided losses in a long time. After talking to him several times this week, I can tell by the sound of his voice that he was very disappointed, but encouraged by a better week of practice with more aggressiveness on both sides of the ball. The Owls run a no-huddle shotgun offense that could wear down the Buffaloes, so conditioning could be a big factor — especially in the fourth quarter. The Owls have a new coach, but Joey McQueen is a veteran who spent the past eight years in Mason. But both teams lost big last week, so this is an important game for both teams. I'm picking the

Buffaloes to rebound.
**Stanton 20
Reagan County 10.**

Sanderson at Sands

This is one of the best games of the week in the whole state because it pits two of the top rated six-man teams in an early West Texas six-man shootout. The Eagles bring a No. 4 ranking with them, but the Mustangs are no slouch at No. 11 and Sands has the home-field advantage. But the Mustangs have early injuries to overcome and the Eagles will be keying on Dustyn Floyd, so the pressure will be on Clint Lowry and his ponies to produce. After whipping the Mustangs twice last year, the smart money is on Sanderson, but nobody ever calls me smart. I'm picking Sands in an early upset:
**Mustangs 44
Eagles 42.**

Buffaloes at Bearkats

For five years, the Garden City Bearkats have had to wait for a chance to claim a win in this long-standing rivalry between two teams that used to be in the same district. Forsan may still have too much power for Wade Wesley's upstart Bearkats, but Wesley has his boys believing they can win. The Bearkats will have to stop Wes Longorio to pull off the upset and the Buffaloes are coming off an impressive win on the road. But last week's win was against a team that has a 29-game losing streak going. Garden City is not Grape Creek. The Bearkats have home-field advantage and a much improved team to go with the motivation of revenge for last year and the four before. Garden City could beat the Buffaloes but this one is too close to call: **Pick 'em.**

Good luck and safe traveling to all our teams and fans.

Tide gets NCAA letter

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama received official word from the NCAA Thursday detailing alleged rules violations in the Crimson Tide football program.

The university did not immediately make public the charges, contained in the letter of inquiry.

University President Andrew Sorensen, athletic director Mal Moore and attorneys were reviewing the letter.

But simply receiving the document represented bad news for the Crimson Tide since a letter of inquiry — the product of months of investigation — is similar to a grand jury indictment.

Institutions typically have 90 days to respond to allegations of wrongdoing.

Under NCAA rules, the program faces possible penalties including probation, a reduction in scholarships, a bowl ban and loss of postseason revenues.

University spokeswoman Janet Griffith said officials planned a news conference at 12:30 p.m. Friday to discuss the NCAA review, but added it was unclear whether the school would make the letter public.

NCAA investigators have spent months reviewing allegations that an Alabama booster paid \$200,000 to a high school coach in Memphis, Tenn.

FOOTBALL

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Reagan County has a new head coach. Joey McQueen spent the past eight years at Mason before taking over at the Owls, who will still use a run-and-shoot, no-huddle shotgun offensive style that will surely test the condition of Mark Cotton's Stanton Buffaloes. Both teams lost their opener, so both are feeling the pressure to put a "W" on the board. The Buffaloes will have to stop Charlie Gonzales. The senior quarterback was 12-of-26 for 181 yards and one touchdown last week. Mike Reyes is the junior running back for the Owls who gained 79 yards on 7 carries against Sonora in the 28-6 loss to the defending champs.

Neither coach wants to say too much, but McQueen summed it up saying, "Stanton may be rebuilding, but they have a great tradition, so we'll have to control the ball with our offense. We controlled it well last week, but we just couldn't score. We didn't make the right reads in the red zone, but our offense is capable of being explosive. We had 15 first downs and 321 yards of offense, but we couldn't score."

Unlike last year (24-6, Stanton), Cotton expects a close game.

"The key for us will be to get some consistency on offense," Cotton said. "I expect a real close football game and I think we should rebound and play a whole lot better than last week because we had a great week of practice, especially offensively. We were a lot more aggressive and there was more excitement this week. Folks were getting after it."

Meanwhile, Big Spring's Steers and Grady's Wildcats both have the week off. The Steers are 0-1 after last week's three-point loss at Sweetwater while Grady has yet to take the field. Both return to action next week when Big Spring opens its home schedule, hosting the Hereford Whitefaces and Grady goes on the road to Wellman.

Perhaps the most exciting game will be 25 miles from Big Spring in Ackerly when two of the top 92 six-man teams face an early test to start the season. When Sanderson's Eagles visit

Sands' Mustangs, Vance Jones expects his Eagles to have the toughest assignment of the regular season.

"We have some other good teams on the schedule. I think we've got a preseason No. 12 later on, but this may be the toughest game of the season for us because they are No. 11 and we get them right off the bat," Jones said. "We'll get a test to see if we really are No. 4 because they are one of the best we will see all season and actually, we might see them again in the playoffs if we both do like we're expected. We'll have to move the ball and stop Dustyn Floyd to be successful. I expect a tight game with difference being execution and turnovers. This could be a tight game. Who ever makes mistakes will lose."

Sands coach Clint Lowry agreed with Jones' assessment, saying, "I expect a low-scoring game. Usually six-man is a high-scoring thing, but I feel this will be a low-scoring game and we will definitely get our milk tested early against these guys because they are one of the teams that will be playing in November and December."

The biggest area game this week is Forsan at Garden City. This long-standing rivalry goes way back, but Forsan has had the upper hand lately, winning the past five meetings. Not since Garden City scored in the final minute of the 1996 game have the Bearkats been able to growl and howl after the game, claiming the local bragging rights between two of the closest schools in the Crossroads area.

The Bearkats claimed a 15-13 win in '96 on a late TD pass. Steve Park, who started his second stint as the Buffaloes head coach with a lopsided win last week at Grape Creek, will surely remind his players that it is a four-quarter affair. Meanwhile, Wade Wesley has his kids believing that this is the year of the Bearkat, so look out football fans, the fur and the hooves will be flying on the football field in Garden City. If there are any Steers fans who are bored tonight, they should hop in their cars and head to Garden City for a sure-enough gridiron showdown.

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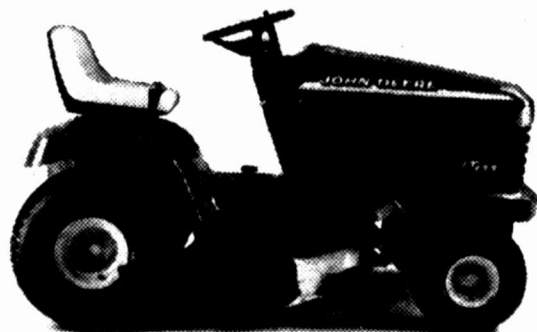
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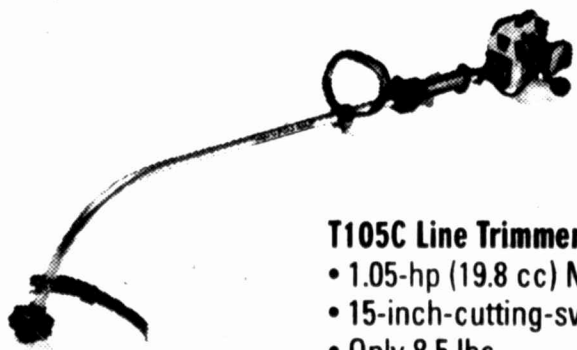
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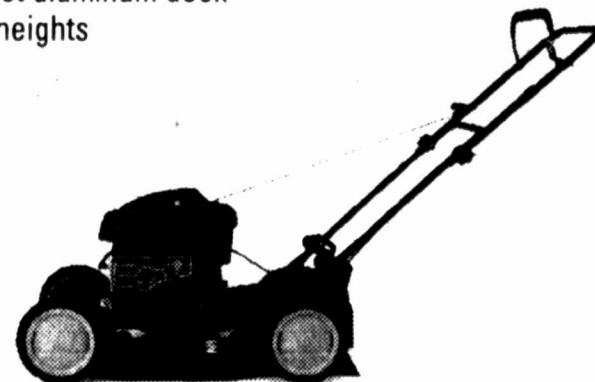
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2009 VIRGINIA
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Seeking moti people for night work. Must have driver's license & required. Will train 267-5449 ext.203

JOBS WANTED
Mowing, tree trim hauling, interior-e painting. Call 267 lv. message.

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Loans from \$50-1 Se Habla Espa Phone Apps. Wel 115 E. 3rd. 268-9

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Lost from Mittel, g white kitten. please call 263-315

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Almost new bedr Beautiful dresser/mirror, stand, do head/board, fi w/mattress & springs. \$600 263-8813 lv messa

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Loans from \$50-\$450
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Almost new bedr. set. Beautiful dresser/mirror, night stand, double headboard, frame w/mattress & box springs. \$600.00. 263-8813 lv message.

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Great Back - to - school Sales on Brand name Stereos, TV's, VCR & DVD's.
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Dove hunting 15 miles North of Big Spring. Excellent day hunting. Call 267-7685.

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Silk florals, arches, vases, etc.
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3.26 acres, 3 miles South of city limits, corner of Garden Rd. & Elbow Rd. Residential/commercial. Owner finance w/ \$250/dn. \$146/mn. 1-361-877-2563

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For lease: Beauty Shop with 4 stations, 608 E. 4th. \$300/mo + deposit. Call Westex Auto Parts 263-5000.

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3 bdr 1 bth C/H/A, fenced bk yard 264-1515 after 6pm.

Assumable Loan
Beautiful 4 bdr. 2 bth doublewide home on 1 acre N. of town! Huge kitchen. Assume loan & take over pmts. Call 263-1130 before 2:30pm call 263-7128 between 3:00-6pm. pmts. \$550.00

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2 bdr. 2 bth C/H/A, fireplace, fenced yard, nicely decorated. For more info, call 263-1548 or 425-3211. Owner may finance.

FOR SALE BY OWNER. 2318 Brent Dr. 3 br. 2 ba. 2 ga. 4 carport, 1670 sq.ft. new range & oven, new dishwasher, new AC, new heater, built-ins & foyer, storage building, new sprinkler system, quiet neighborhood. Kentwood, Schlotzhold. 268-8812 or 556-2765

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 8:

As long as you know what you want, you'll be an unstoppable force. Adjust to professional changes, using these swings as an opportunity for growth. Greet innovative ideas positively, especially if they involve your health. Trust and go with the flow. Always choose to understand rather than to react. If you are single, you could find yourself intensely involved before you know it. If one relationship doesn't work for you, there is a better one around the corner. If you are attached, your relationship presents challenges, but if you emphasize the positive, you will grow. Don't worry so much about money. Schedule a special trip together. TAURUS helps you grow to a better level.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** A serious discussion focuses you. You plunge

UNFURNISHED HOUSES
1205 Mulberry
Clean 3 bdr. 1 bth stove & ref. furnished. \$350/mn \$150/dep. Sorry, no pets. 263-4922

1220 E. 16TH.
3 bdr. 2 bth completely remodeled, fresh paint, new carpet, C/H/A. \$550/mn. + deposit. Call 267-2296

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\$325/mo. \$150 dep.
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3 b - 1b 633 Settles.
\$400/mn \$200/dep. frig/stove NO Pets. 263-8126 or sell \$25M.

3 bdr. 1 1/2 bth on Oil Mill Rd. w/garage apt, fenced yd., newly remodeled. \$600/mn + deposit. After 5:30 call 267-5759

4407 Elder Forsan ISD nice quiet 3bdr/1b CHV/AC W/D Stv/Refr \$350 + dep. 263-4335.

4br - 2 bths 2 kits - new paint. Fenced yard, no pets. \$450/mn. \$200/dep. 1603 Lincoln 263-3266.

603 Holbert
NO HUD. 3 or 4 bdr. 1 bth. ref. window units. \$405/mn. \$295/dep. 263-3689

709 E. 15th
2 or 3 bdr.
\$325/mn. \$150/dep.
263-1792 or 264-6006

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3805 Hamilton, Fri & Sat, 7-3. Front & storm door, light furniture, elec. fixt., fishing gear, knives, lots of misc.

5 Family Garage Sale, Sat. 7-30?, 4108 Dixon. Bunnits and to many items to mention.

Backyard Sale, Sat 8-12, 1508 Sunset Ave Couch, clothes, lots of misc.

HOROSCOPE

able to count on someone financially - at least right now. Don't let this issue get to your positive energy. Others flock toward you. Someone might inadvertently express anger or frustration in the next few weeks. Let it happen. Tonight: Play the weekend in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Someone rebels as you try to lead. You might consider going in separate directions for the moment. Your interests diverge. Stay calm and cool in a conversation. Reveal your deeper feelings. Escape tension by getting into an exercise program. Tonight: Could be late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Don't be shy with someone you put on a pedestal. Express what you hold close to your heart. Someone just might be in the mood to make your wish a reality. Involve a friend in a new hobby or pastime. Discover new ways of relaxing. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** A family member goes on the warpath for the next few weeks. You wonder what you did to deserve this behavior. Listen, and you will find out. A child could do the unexpected and upset you. Be generous with a friend. You will find that this attitude will be returned. Tonight: Find your best friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Defer to others right now, especially as someone close to you could be quite upset and in need of affirmation. Your focus on nurturing others allows better flow at home and elsewhere. Touch base with a neighbor or relative. Tonight: Run away for the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** What you do and how you approach others influence the outcome.

TOO LATES

Shih-Tzu puppy needs home. Call 263-7294

Matching Heavy Duty Kenmore Large capacity Washer & Dryer. Really Nice. \$250. 267-6010

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3BR 1 bath
\$350/mo. \$150/dep.
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2BR 1 bath
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1601 Avion
Owner will finance. Low down payment. Low Monthly Payment Call 210-694-9019 or 512-431-4110

705 South Lancaster
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WORK WHILE THE KIDS ARE AT SCHOOL!
Teller position 10:00am - 2:00pm Mon-Fri
Will Train - Call Sherry 263-1631

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2BR house. \$200/mo. Deposit & references required. 263-2382.

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Dear Ann Landers: My daughter, "Flora," is getting married in a few months. My ex-wife and I divorced years ago, and we are both married to other people. Flora recently informed me that she wants both her stepfather and me to walk her down the aisle. I absolutely refuse to agree to this. She is MY daughter. Even though she has lived with her stepfather for the last six years, she lived with me for the first 17. That ought to count for something.

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What is ailing another might not be clear now, but you will, through patience, break this barrier. Invest more time in your finances. An opportunity knocks on your door. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Mars moves into your sign, bestowing high energy and physical charisma. Others' reactions might stun and delight you. Work toward a common goal with a loved one or partner. You burst with ideas. Tonight: Share your mischievous side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** You mean well, but somehow you upset the apple cart. A family member lets you know just how much. Be careful about swallowing your anger. Learn to say what you mean. Someone overwhelms you with chatter. Tonight: Play ostrich.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**** A friend might push you harder than you would like. You know how to speak your mind. Get together with others, inviting someone along who might be almost a recluse. Once this person opens up, the bonding intensifies between the two of you. Tonight: At your favorite spot.

BORN TODAY
Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas (1981), singer Pink (1979), actor Peter Sellers (1925)

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until noon. My wife still works, so I take care of the housework and cooking. I resent having to pick up after this slob, but Julia adores him and thinks everything he does is wonderful.

Every time Buddy visits, it causes trouble between Julia and me. How can I get her to see that he is hurting our marriage? -- Dilemma in South Carolina

Dear S. Carolina: You are between a rock and a hard place. Tell Julia how unhappy you are when Buddy is around. Ask if he can come less often or stay at a nearby motel when he visits. If she says no, I suggest you find another place to stay when Buddy drops by. It may be inconvenient, but it sure beats a divorce.

Dear Ann Landers: "Clara" and I have been close friends for years, but she has one habit that is driving me crazy. Whenever she comes over for a casual picnic or cook-out, she insists that her meal be served on my good china. Mind you, we are eating outside in the backyard by the pool. It is quite casual and relaxed. The rest of us use nice paper plates, which are quite attractive.

Clara refuses to eat off paper plates. If I serve her on paper, she will go into my house and take a china plate out of the cabinet. Naturally, she does not wash the dish when she is finished. The last time Clara came over, I took all the china plates out of the cabinet and hid them. Her solution was to scrape all the food off the serving platter onto a paper plate. She then ate off the serving platter. This drove me completely up the wall.

Clara is otherwise a wonderful woman, and I don't want to exclude her from our gatherings. Any suggestions? -- Georgia Peach

Dear Georgia: Obviously, Clara hates paper plates. Let her help herself to a porcelain plate. Make no mention of it to your other guests. They will notice, of course, and consider her a snob and extremely rude. P.S. I would agree with their assessment.

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GARAGE SALES

3805 Hamilton, Fri & Sat, 7-3. Front & storm door, light furniture, elec. fixt., fishing gear, knives, lots of misc.

5 Family Garage Sale, Sat. 7-30?, 4108 Dixon. Bunnits and to many items to mention.

Backyard Sale, Sat 8-12, 1508 Sunset Ave Couch, clothes, lots of misc.

Estate Sale, Fri & Sat, 122 Miller "B" Rd., Sand Springs. Too Much to List.

Fri & Sat 8-5. W. end of Alamesa, past Wasson to 3606 Boulder Washer/dryer, micr., beds, exe. equip., little like toys, girls clothes & shoes 2-4 dishes, coats.

Garage Sale: 1202 Pennsylvania Sat. & Sun. 7-3pm. Children & junior clothing & lots of misc.

Garage Sale: 2710 Lynn. Sat. 8-12. Childrens clothes & misc.

Garage Sale: 1700 Allendale. Sat. 8-5.

Garage Sale, Sat. 8-12, 2609 Rebecca. Tools, Cmptr, Kit items toys, clothes, & more.

Garage Sale, Sat & Sun, 1811 Hilltop, 8-?. Lots of Good Stuff for sale.

Yard Sale: 508 Nolan Sat. 8-? Mens new boots, clothes, tools, ceramic, tosy, misc.

Yard Sale, Sat. 8-2, 1105 E. 13th. Bedspreads, knick knacks, household items, misc.

Craft Booth Rental
Big Spring Mall
\$150 for month
267-3853

1504 Kentucky Way Sat. 8th. Several families Tamales, for sale, stereo, carpet, lots of different things.

3 Family Garage Sale: 1605 Johnson. Sat. only Pu camper shell, bed liner, 5th w/whitch, 5th w/tailgate, camping stuff, TV, receiver hitch, lot's of others.

Inside Moving Sale because were selling everything in the house. Lot's of household & X-Mas, tool box for Ford Ranger, etc. 616 Ridgelea (off 6th/State) Sat. 8-noon. Bargain prices last hr.

Inside Sale, 1811 So. Gregg. Wed-Sat 8am-10pm. Women's 1X-4X, all items \$15.00

Moving Sale, Friday Only. 8-?, 1010 Bluebonnet. Lots of Everything.

Multi Family Sale, Sat. 8-?. 3200 Duke. Lots to choose from.

PJ's Inside sale, 2210 Main St., Fri. & Sat. 10-5. Inexpensive furn, small appl, household items just right for a dorm or new apartment.

Yard Sale, 2105 Scurry, Sat 8-?. Baby items, furniture, clothes, & misc.

Garage Sale: Fri. & Sat. 8-? 115 S. Moss Lake Rd.

Yard Sale, Sat. 9-4, 1420 Tucson. Chairnet, car stereo & speakers, clothes, misc.

FRIDAY

SEP. 7

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10:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	Blind Date Jerry Springer	The Industry Red Green	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) U.S. Open	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc.	Show (CC) (37) Late	Festiva! Acapulco	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Pop Cross Pop Cross	Movie: New York Cop	Lady Chatterley (35) In Thru	Movie: Toy	Movie: Walking	Car Chases	Games (CC) Bermuda Triangle	Unwrapped		
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FAMILY CIRCUS



"Too bad you put all your paint stuff away, Daddy. I found a spot you missed."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 2001. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began its initial "blitz" on London during World War II.

On this date:

In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China.

In 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1969, Senate

Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen died in Washington, D.C.

In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the United States to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington.

In 1977, convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years.

In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable television debut.

In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa.

In 1998, St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire equaled Roger Maris' single-season home run record as he hit number 61 during a game against the Chicago Cubs.

Ten years ago: The European Community opened a peace conference in the Netherlands aimed at bringing peace to Yugoslavia. Monica Seles won the U.S. Open in New York, defeating Martina Navratilova 7-6, 6-1.

Today's Birthdays: Heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey is 93. Producer-director Elia Kazan is 92. Pianist Arthur Ferrante is 80. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, is 77. Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 71. Blues singer Little Milton is 67. Actor John Philip Law is 64. Singer Alfa Anderson (Chic) is 55. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 52. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 50. Actress Julie Kavner is 50. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 47. Rock musician Benmont Tench (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle

VIGIL	DAGS	ADAM
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Newsday Crossword

PAINLESS by Richard Silvestri
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 6 Blind item
- 10 Imperfection
- 14 Clapton tune
- 15 Play the circuit
- 16 Vex
- 17 Not as friendly
- 18 Stage part
- 19 Make eyes at
- 20 Calligraphy need
- 21 Angler's theme song?
- 24 Comprehension
- 26 Buckley and Ford
- 27 Feign
- 29 Four-person event
- 31 Good earth
- 32 Top-of-page line
- 34 Slow pitch
- 37 Page number
- 39 Notorious Amin
- 40 Destitute
- 42 Totally
- 43 Dojo doings
- 46 Hook's mate
- 47 Spelunker
- 48 Instructors for hire
- 50 Jam
- 53 Affleck's co-Oscar winner
- 54 Sorrowful Smith?
- 57 Singer Sumac
- 60 Raging Rud
- 61 Hero's opposite
- 62 Keep ___ to the ground
- 8 January 1 word
- 9 Show fear
- 10 "Jolly, happy soul" of song
- 11 Gossamer
- 12 Put to rest
- 13 Gardener's bane
- 22 Bk. before Job
- 23 Long
- 25 Scale section
- 27 ___ Romeo
- 28 Flummox
- 29 Under the ___ (unnoticed)
- 30 Clean up copy
- 33 Land of the leprechauns
- 34 "This car is a dud!?"
- 35 River to the Baltic
- 36 Tournament passes?
- 38 Giraffe kin
- 41 ___ perpetua (Idaho's motto)
- 44 Steed, for one
- 45 List extender
- 47 Some fowl
- 49 German mark
- 50 Overload with work
- 51 Labor leader Chavez
- 52 Adjust shoelaces
- 53 "Me too!"
- 55 "It's My Party" singer
- 56 Stinger
- 58 Knight clothes
- 59 Pretentious
- 63 Compass reading

