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NEW MINISTER

Billy Reed, a graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, has accepted an invitation to minister at Anderson Street Church of Christ.

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COMING SUNDAY

TIGER WOODS

Tiger Woods, the 2002 Master's champion, explains his approach to the game and offers tips for golfers of all ages.

KIDS COLLEGE

Photographs and a behind the scenes look at Howard College's popular Kids College is featured on the Life cover.

AMERICAN PROFILE



WHAT'S UP

TODAY

Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 21st and Lancaster.

Free used eyeglasses for adults are available through the Evening Lion's Club for those who can't afford glasses or eye exams. The glasses will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 East Third.

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Ag agent expected to turn himself in

Commissioners court to consider Kight's contract during its July 22 meeting

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer
Howard County Agricultural Extension Agent David Kight will surrender himself to Glasscock County sheriff's deputies this afternoon after having



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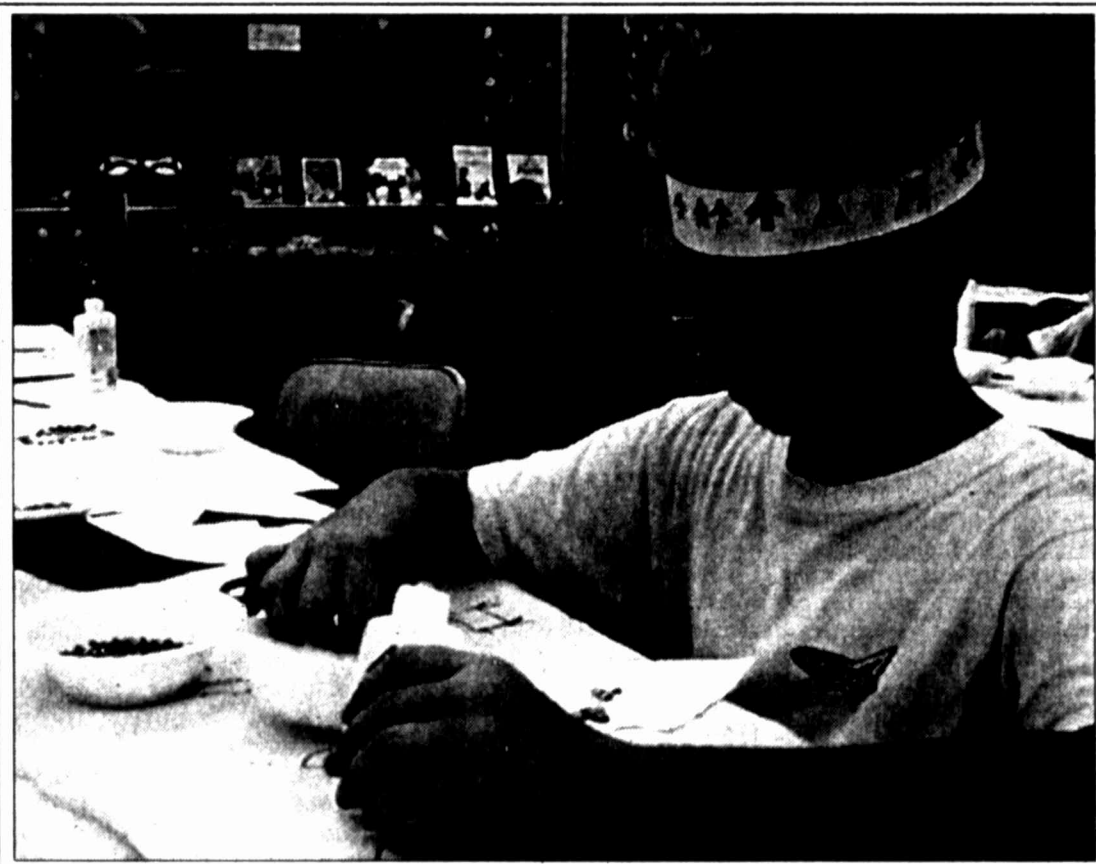
been indicted on an insurance fraud charge. "The warrant was issued for David Kight today," Glasscock County deputy Keith Burnett said Thursday afternoon. "He will be turned in tomorrow afternoon by his attorney." Kight is alleged to have falsely reported the theft of a Case 2390 tractor and collected \$11,500 on an insurance claim. Glasscock County Sheriff

Royce Pruitt said a tractor matching the description of the one reported stolen and with the serial number filed off was found at Kight's Garden City residence. Kight's attorney, Rick Hamby of Big Spring, refused to comment on the case, other than to confirm that Kight will surrender to Glasscock County authorities. "He's in the process of surrendering himself under

a warrant that I understand has been issued," Hamby said. "That will be arranged, then we'll see where it goes from there. We haven't got the details worked out yet." Kight has yet to be arraigned on the state jail felony charge, Burnett said, but speculated that bail would probably be set around \$10,000 during an arraignment before Garden City Justice of the Peace

Marilee Jost. "His attorney should be able to post bail at that time," the deputy said. Kight has been Howard County's extension agent since June 1997 when he replaced Don Richardson. He previously worked as an extension agent in Glasscock, Lubbock, Yoakum and Gaines counties during his 18-year

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HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin

J.T. Lang, a student in the Kids College Indian class, works on his native design Wednesday. Kids College is in full swing with more than 100 students attending this year. The children attend classes of their own choosing such as French, Indians, crafts, cooking, music and cheerleading. For more information contact continuing education at 264-5131.

Investors still fleeing market

Now is not the time to panic, in fact, it's a good time to buy, local financial specialists say

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Leading stock market indicators sank to levels not seen in five years Wednesday, reflecting investors' widening lack of trust in corporate America.

While bargain hunters were staving off bigger losses Thursday, local investment representatives say the indication is that accounting scandals which have ripped through corporate America have investors on the run.

"What we have, basically, is a trust issue because of major corporations and their accounting practices," said Forrest Wester, vice president of A.G. Edwards. "Lots of individuals have lost trust in corporate America. I would venture to say we probably won't see just a real big comeback until we regain that trust. They only way we can gain that trust is for the government to put teeth into the laws that govern these companies."

The scandals involving Enron, Worldcom and others have the market reeling.

Wall Street has seen a widespread dumping of stocks for eight weeks. During the first three sessions this week, the Dow fell 566, including a drop of 282 on Wednesday. It was the blue chips' biggest one-day loss since September. The market closed below 9,000 on Wednesday since the first time since October.

"How low will it go? 'I believe we have a chance to re-test the Sept. 21 (2001) lows,'" said Wester. "If we break those lows, I see the market possibly going to 7,500. And, of course, the question everyone wants to know is, 'where is bottom?' And no one knows."

"The biggest concerns we have are from clients who are in equities — stocks or mutual funds — right now, because these are the things that are going down. We've been seeing this for a pretty good period of time," said Al Valdes Jr., an investment representative with Edward Jones. "We can't tell you when it is going to turn around. There isn't any analyst that can do that. But we can tell you that it will."

Investors have seen a domino-like crash of several large corporations, many of them because of poor or

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Martin County to celebrate with Old Settler's Reunion

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

STANTON — Those old sore-heads better look out because Stanton is the place things are happening Saturday.

The small West Texas town, located just off Interstate 20, will be welcoming home former residents and celebrating those who've stuck around as it holds its 69th annual Martin County Old Settler's Reunion.

A town that proudly displays a billboard close to the city's exit boasting the home of 3,000 friendly people and a few old soreheads will be hosting several

"We have floats from eight or 10 different class reunions and the Howard County Sheriff's Posse is supposed to come."

Kathleen Lewis, reunion committee secretary

activities during the day. What's a small town celebration with out a parade? "We have any number of entries," said Kathleen Lewis, Martin County Old Settler's Reunion committee secretary. "We have floats

from eight or 10 different class reunions and the Howard County Sheriff's Posse is supposed to come."

Don't forget about the pets. Festivities begin at 9 a.m. with a small children's pet parade, held before the main procession.

"It will take place on St. Peter Street under the only (traffic) light in town," Lewis said. "Last year they tied bows on them, fixed them up — some had glasses on — all that sort of thing."

A color guard consisting of Boy Scouts from Tarzan

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Burn ban lifted

Go-ahead given to burn trash, but extreme caution still urged

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Burn 'em if you got 'em. Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart lifted a month-old county-wide burn ban Thursday morning. The ban, which went into effect June 10, prohibited outdoor burning and aerial fireworks with sticks or fins.

"Most of the county has had pretty significant rainfall," Lockhart said. "We're going to lift it for a while and let everybody do their burning before it gets dry again."

Lockhart said the ban will be reinstated if necessary. "If it gets dry enough we will, but hopefully it won't get that dry," he said. "The burn ban's been lifted, but we still urge you to use caution anyway."

So far this month, Howard County has experienced 1.9 inches of rain, according to

"Put the screens over it and keep a water hose handy and actually keep a watch over it all the time it's burning."

Tommy Sullivan, county volunteer fire chief

Charles Yates of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Service Center in Big Spring.

"For the year we've had 7.28 (inches)," he added. "Normal for this same time of year would be 9.55. We're still running behind normal on our rainfall. The drought's not ended yet."

Yates joins Lockhart in urging caution with fire.

"Some of the vegetation's

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HERALD photo/Bradren Wagner

City employee Randy Roach, left, and Lorenzo Ontiveras work on a main break Thursday afternoon in the 800 block of Scurry Street.

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OBITUARIES

Grace Martin

Funeral service for Grace Martin, 94, of Odessa will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, a retired Church of Christ minister and Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mrs. Martin died on Wednesday, July 10, in an Odessa Assisted Living Facility. She was born on May 16, 1908, in LaLande, N.M. and married William B. "Preach" Martin on Aug. 23, 1931, in Las Vegas, N.M. He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1991. She had been in the Big Spring community since 1929 and was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. Mrs. Martin taught Sunday school for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Ridgway of Big Spring, and Mary Williams of Coos Bay, Ore.; two brothers, Ross Phillips of Santa Fe, N.M., and Rodney Phillips of Albuquerque, N.M.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St., Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Evelyn Burchett

Evelyn Burchett, 75, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, July 10, 2002, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 13, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born on February 23, 1927, in Ralls. She married Ulysses Hall on March 16, 1946. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1974. She then married J. C. Burchett on January 23, 1976, in Andrews.

Evelyn worked at the Big Spring State Hospital from 1973 until retiring in 1988. She continued to provide tender care and compassion to those in need for many years.

She was a member of

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, J. C. Burchett of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Deryl Ann Hall of San Angelo; one daughter and son-in-law, Mary Elaine and Bill Jennings of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Shane Forrest and Ashley Hayes, both of Austin and Joel Jennings and Allison Peterson, both of San Angelo; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Joyce and Carroll Choate of Big Spring and Dealva Patton of Fredericksburg.

She was also preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to The Matthew Wynn Fund, c/o First Bank of West Texas, P. O. Box 110, Coahoma 79511.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

KIGHT

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career. He won recognition as Outstanding Young Agent in 1982 and worked with beef cattle and small grains operations before starting his Cooperative Extension career.

Howard County Attorney Mike Thomas said commissioners plan to consider Kight's contract during their next regular meeting scheduled July 22.

"I don't know what action they're going to take or anything like that," Thomas said.

Thomas said Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart and the commissioners are seeking the opinions of several attorneys in order to formulate a decision on the matter.

"They did talk to me," he said. "And I think they're talking to some other attorneys — like the ones who put the staff handbook together and some with the county attorneys' association. I think they're going to consider what the attorneys tell them and then they'll make a decision on the contract."

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fraudulent accounting practices.

"You have four companies that have basically declared bankruptcy — Enron, Tyco International, Worldcom and Kmart," said Wester. "In at least three of those, it is nothing more than manipulation from upper management. You have the seventh largest company in the world, Enron, and no telling how many families have been ruined because they lost their life savings. And the reason it came about was because of the manipulations of upper management. And those people should have to pay with prison time or whatever."

Corporate corruption is not as widespread as it appears, Valdes cautioned.

"A concern we hear from clients is whether every company has CEOs who have committed some kind of fraudulent act," he said. "Most of the ones you are seeing in trouble are some of these companies that were so-called new-economy companies. They had very high standards but unrealistic expectations. When you do that, problems start to arise. But we can't think that everybody has these problems. There will probably be some others but it's not going to be a majority, it is a minority."

The scandal plaguing corporate America is causing the most panic, but it's not the only reason for the bear market.

"The other thing we hear from clients is that they are concerned over what will happen if we have another terrorist attack," said Valdes. "Well, if that happens, I'm sure you'll see a market downturn for a short period of time. That's what happened after Sept. 11. But we are Americans and we survive. We have survived a lot worse."

Wester urged investors not to get caught up in the panic.

"When you start to have panic, emotions take control because they see portfolio values going down and so they start selling," Wester explained. "They don't care what the price is; they can't stand to see market value go down anymore so they say, 'Get me out.' Typically what happens is you have a few people hang on and the majority dumping. Eventually, the ones that hang on end up being winners and the ones that dumped lose. That's because there is a bottom period and then a rally, and those who hold on profit from that rally."

Valdes agreed that now is not a good time to sell.

"People ask, 'Should we get out of the market?' If you get out now, you're getting out at the time at its lowest point. The answer is no. You ought to be thinking about reinvesting," he said. "Put some money back into the good stocks you own or good mutual funds because they are at a low right now. Most things are 25 to 50 percent of where they were 18-24 months ago."

Barbara Brumley, a financial consultant with Wells Fargo Investments LLC, said it's wise to buy while the market is low.

"The mood and distrust of investors is extremely negative. The psychology is negative, but that's good. It's a reverse indicator," Brumley said. "And in this case what's bad is good and what's good is bad."

"The extreme selling and devaluation levels are at a point to reach a summer rally and thus a favorable into the fall elections is likely," she said.

Investment representatives also said diversification is important.

"Make sure your portfolio is not in one basket," Valdes advised. "You need to be diversified between stocks and you need to be diversified between mutual funds. You need to have some bonds in your portfolio and some kinds of income-producing instruments such as CDs and Freddie Home Loans. And the other suggestion I would make, is if you don't need the income off of those, then reinvest it in stocks or mutual funds because they are down — you are getting them at a bargain."

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY

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Bonds are a good area, municipal bonds is a good area. What we call mortgage-backed securities," said Wester. "As far as some of my favorites, I like some of the growth and income portfolios, which is a combination of stocks and bonds, primarily leaning toward dividend-paying stocks."

There are some good signs in the market as well. "The economy is in good shape and going forward," said Brumley.

"For the most part what we are dealing with is an economy that is showing improvement," said Wester. "In other words, we're having more companies whose earnings are better than they have been the last couple of quarters."

The Dow closed at 8,801.53 Thursday, up just slightly from mid-afternoon trading. The Standard & Poors 500 index rose 6.9 to 927.37 while NASDAQ composite index rose 28.42 to 1,374.443.

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BURN

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starting to green up a little bit," he said. "This obviously helped, but if I was going to start any fires I would still be very careful because there's still a lot of dry vegetation around."

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan said now is a good time for outlying county residents to catch up on their burning.

"With the rain and stuff that we've had, right now is the best time for people who need to get rid of their debris and stuff," he said. "We're getting the green in and I understand that people are building up rubbish piles and stuff if they have burn barrels."

Sullivan urged county residents not to put off their trash-burning jobs.

"Right now is the best time to do it because if the rain ceases in the next 30 days, we're going to be right back where we were," he warned.

Just because the ban's lifted doesn't mean residents can relax their fire safety precautions.

"They still need to be real careful," he said. "Put their screens over it. There's still some of the stuff that's going to burn, but it's not going to really take off unless there's a real high wind driving it. If the wind's over 20 miles per hour, don't burn. Put the screens over it and keep a water hose handy and actually keep a watch over it all the time it's burning."

While there are no restrictions on controlled burning of wood and paper products, Sullivan warns that air quality regulations prohibit open burning of rubber products such as tires.

Big Spring Fire Chief Carl Condray urged county residents to burn as little as possible and practice fire safety when they do burn.

"I don't think we're ever past the danger of fires out in the county," he said. "I would still have a concern and I would still encourage everyone to practice good common sense. If they're going to use burn barrels, they need to have screens on them and they need to have an area cleared around

them. I would just discourage people from burning trash ever."

Condray stresses that open fires are illegal within the Big Spring City Limits.

"We have an ordinance where it's unlawful to burn trash in the city limits," he said. "We have a compost facility that will handle all the garden debris and trimmings, and we've got a landfill that will handle all the solid waste. The people in Big Spring just don't have a need to burn trash."

Condray said trash fires aren't the only fires that are banned in the city.

"The only kind of fires they can have outdoors in the city limits are cooking fires and they need to be contained in a proper cooker, not trash barrels and things like that," he said. "There's no burning of residential waste allowed ever. Garden trimmings and pruning waste need to be hauled over to the compost facility."

Howard County is probably looking at more rain this weekend, which should continue to make conditions ideal for county trash-burners.

"We have a cold front coming down towards the area, and we're going with partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, highs in the lower 90s (today)," said Pat Vesper, warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service. "Then Friday night, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the upper 60s and then a continued slight chance of showers and thunderstorms basically through the weekend."

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CHURCH NEWS

First Presbyterian
"Sowing Seeds of Hope" is the topic for Rev. David Marx's sermon for Sunday. Worship service is held at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Summer Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. All the children and youth are continuing their participation in the Habitat for Humanity Program in Summer Sunday School. Take Ten is at 10:30 a.m. and summer choir practice is held at 10 a.m.

The youth group is participating in a partnership activity with St. Mary's Episcopal and St. Paul Lutheran Church. They will be attending a swimming party on Sunday at the city swimming pool from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Other youth activities include a garage sale to be held at the church on July 20. Members and friends are encouraged to bring donations for this garage sale to the church at any time before July 20.

A tentative trip to Schlitterbahn is planned for July 29.

Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

Mount Bethel Baptist
Mount Bethel Church would like to thank all the women of our community and the surrounding areas for their continued interest and support for the upcoming 2002 Women's Conference, which started Thursday and concludes on Saturday. Worship service starts at 7 p.m. nightly. The location of the conference is 301 East Second Street. (SHILOH, House of Praise). Pastor Willard will be this year's conference speaker. The theme is "Getting Beyond The Pain."

Wednesday night worship service/bible study begins at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Willard is teaching from the subject, "Fulfilling Our God-Given Purpose." Our youth ministry (Young Ambassadors) also meets on Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall.

Mount Bethel is located at 630 Sgt. Paredes Street Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service starts at 11 a.m.

For more information concerning church services, programs and/or activity contact us at 263-4069.

St. Mary's Episcopal
Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's. During our summer schedule, Holy Communion will be celebrated Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

There will be an Icon Painting Workshop at St. Mary's this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. The Rev. David Krause, Chaplain at Canterbury at Texas Tech, will be teaching about icons and you will get to paint an icon. Please bring a sack lunch for our break at noon.

The Inquirers' Class is Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This class is for anyone interested in learning more about the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church.

The Vestry will meet on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First United Methodist
On Sunday morning Big Spring's First United Methodist Church will worship God at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Pastor Dave Ring will bring a message entitled, "Children of God," based upon scripture found in Luke 18:15-17. Children

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from the prior week's Vacation Bible School will make a special presentation at the late worship. Sunday School for all ages, nursery through adults and including the Kingdom Class for the mentally challenged, is offered between the worship services starting at 9:45 a.m. Following the close of the second worship service at noon, a hot dog lunch will be provided for all present in Garrett Hall. Regular Youth Fellowship meetings will be held on Sunday with Mid-High beginning at 5 p.m. and Senior High at 6 p.m.

Noon Luncheon and Bible Study, from 12 p.m. to 12:50 p.m., will be offered on Wednesday in Garrett Hall. This is open to the community. A donation of \$2 is asked from those who eat lunch. The current study is "New Testament Survey;" this week's focus will be the initial portion of the Gospel of Mark. On Friday First UM Church will provide lunch, in Garrett Hall, to the approximately 200 inmates and staff of the Big Spring Wilderness Camp.

First Baptist

We are pleased to have our youth minister, Dr. Jeff Donnell, preach in our pastor's absence this Sunday. Our Sunday services are at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Next Thursday our senior adults will be having a fun night at the church beginning at 7 p.m. in the dining room. You do not have to be a member of our church to participate with this group. They will be serving homemade ice cream and playing various types of game.

Anderson Street Church of Christ gains minister after three year wait

By ANDREA MEDLIN
Features Editor

Although a divine being may have been looking over the modest church tucked away in the corner on Anderson Street, it had been long without a permanent minister.

Three years long to be exact. The permanent minister, Mike Dennis, retired due to ill health, but despite not having a preacher the remaining congregation didn't give up hope on their beloved church.

Guest ministers from the Lubbock area and students from Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock provided services as needed for those three years, but the vacancy remained.

The members of Anderson Street Church of Christ can now focus their attention on attracting new members. Billy Reed, a graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, has accepted the church's invitation to fill the post.

And, according to Reed, it was a post he was more than happy to accommodate.

"I had an internal desire to do so... I saw a lot of needs and I just wanted to help," Reed said. "The Bible says that Paul planted, Apollos watered and God gave the increase. I'm hoping to plant and water and encourage members to do the same."

Planting and watering are all too familiar to the dry-land cotton farmer of 30

years. But, Reed decided that it was time to put his talent as a teacher and leader to use as well.

"There is a general decline in Christianity as a whole. A lot of it is because of a misunderstanding of the Bible and of what God wants from his people," he said.

"There is also a great need for ministers. We were told at graduation that they (the school) can't graduate them fast enough. The demand exceeds supply," he explained.

There is always a need in the community for the Bible to be taught and there are always people who are looking for the truth, Reed continued.

A native of Big Spring and raised in Ackerly, he and his wife, Sherry were high school sweethearts while



Courtesy photo
Billy Reed is the new minister for Anderson Street Church of Christ. He is pictured here with his wife, Sherry.

attending Sands High School. They also attended college together at Tarleton State University.

He has a bachelor's degree in plant and soils science with a minor in chemistry. He will continue to farm and act as church minister while Sherry

teaches kindergarten at Ackerly Elementary. She was a teacher at Washington Elementary in Big Spring for two years.

The couple have three children, Delynn Reed, a high school teacher at Whiteface, Marla Porras, a student at Lubbock Christian University, and T'Auna Reed, a student at Sands Junior High; and three grandchildren. Utilizing the talents of the

congregation to help the church grow and thrive is a priority of the Reeds. "Each Christian is supposed to be a light to the world. We want to teach Christ to the community and to give the congregation the opportunity to utilize their talents," he said.

Billy said he is looking forward to working with the members of the church and hopes that all their friends and neighbors will come out and be a part of it. "The people here are very loving and very generous and they work very hard. They have worked hard to maintain the congregation. We want to encourage, maintain and motivate them."

Anderson Street Church of Christ is located at 2203 Anderson Street.

Sunday Bible class is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday evening service is at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible class is at 6 p.m.

For more information call the church office at 263-2075.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SUSAN COMBS**, for reminding us we must remain vigilant in our efforts to diversify our local economy.

• **HOWARD COUNTY 9-1-1 DISTRICT**, on its move to new quarters and open house.

• **MARK COTTON**, named principal at Stanton High School.

• **ORGANIZERS and PARTICIPANTS of the COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE**, sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club, and the **COAHOMA EXES REUNION**, sponsored by the Coahoma Exes Association.

• **HIGHLAND SOUTH FOURTH OF JULY PARADE ORGANIZERS and PARTICIPANTS** on the 34th edition of their Independence Day event.

• **RON BROOKS**, who has been promoted to president of the Big Spring Banking Center.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

Righteous indignation does nothing

Pardon my rant, but I have had it with the Blame Bill Clinton First crowd. Since the day George W. Bush took office, the Clinton-haters, whose monomaniacal nastiness wasted untold amounts of everybody's time and money in the 1990s, were determined to carry their hyperbolic vendetta into this century.



MOLLY IVINS

We are sitting here looking at a huge mess in corporate governance, and before anyone can even get out a useful suggestion, some Republican leaps up and says, "It's all Bill Clinton's fault."

Thank you for that eternally helpful observation, but some of us would very much like to just get on with fixing things. As it happens, Bill Clinton did not appoint Harvey Pitt chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, a position from whence Pitt has achieved the almost-unimaginable distinction of getting himself criticized by *The Wall Street Journal* for being too close to business. Instead, Clinton appointed Arthur Levitt chairman of the SEC, and everyone from Wall Street to Main Street is now wandering around muttering,

"If we'd've just listened to Arthur Levitt, we wouldn't be in this trouble." Levitt's strenuous efforts to save the system from itself were blocked by the business lobby.

It is not Bill Clinton's fault that George Bush's business career reeks. From Arbusto to Spectrum 7 to Harken Energy to the baseball deal, all of it smells — and the efforts to perfume it with spin are embarrassing. Will someone inform Ari Fleischer that after Bush unloaded his Harken stock at \$4 a share, the price promptly slid to \$1.25. Perhaps this will prevent more misleading statements.

Nor is the late filing on the insider stock sale the problem at Harken. See if you can follow this bouncing ball: In 1989, Harken masked its losses when it sold 80 percent of a subsidiary, Aloha Petroleum, to a partnership of Harken insiders called International Marketing & Resources for \$12 million. Of that sum, \$11 million came from a note held by Harken. In January 1990, IMR in turn sold its stake in Aloha to a privately held company called Advance Petroleum Marketing, and the Harken loan was effectively transferred to Advance. In other words, they borrowed money from their own company to buy a subsidiary at an inflated price, thus covering up the company's losses. The SEC later ruled the transaction fake and forced the company to restate its earnings.

Now, the reason all this is of more than academic interest is because Bush is about to recreate himself as a corporate reformer. Aside from the happy hilarity of the event, what can we expect? A Nixon-goes-to-China moment is always possible, but highly unlikely. Look for the waffle, the shuffle and the Texas side-step.

The business press thinks he will endorse criminal penalties for executives who certify false financial statements. BUT listen carefully to see if he endorses criminal penalties for executives who issue financial statements that are *misleading*, not necessarily false. Big loophole there.

Another key reform he's likely to dodge is banning auditors from consulting for their accounting clients. That one is really basic and necessary.

Another critical reform apt to be among the missing is limiting the use of stock options by requiring that their cost be deducted from earnings. And one last essential reform to prevent the problem that caused stock analysts to recommend stocks they considered "dogs" and "junk" to their customers: sever investment bankers and analysts.

Bush is far more likely to go the "few bad apples" route, huff and puff and urge punishing the evildoers, without recognizing that the whole system needs to be fixed. It's the systemic changes we

should look for — a whole lot of righteous indignation aimed at evildoers fixes nothing.

Perhaps I am too cynical, but I believe there is a separate class of people in this country called Too Rich to Go to Prison. With the peerless John Ashcroft at the helm of the Justice Department, I don't think any of the now-infamous CEOs need to lose sleep over the prospect. It's not exactly like Bobby Kennedy going after Jimmy Hoffa.

On the other hand, the only A.G. we've got did instigate a 13-month-long undercover investigation that resulted in the arrest of 12 prostitutes in New Orleans. Amazing — they found 12 whores in New Orleans. Surely Osama bin Laden is next.

Meanwhile, Sen. Paul Sarbanes' accounting reform bill, the one with teeth in it, is due to hit the Senate floor this week, and Majority Leader Tom Daschle should get about 80 votes for it.

In other words, the politicians are spooked. The House Republican "reform" bill is a weak joke (now there's a line that's ever-green). But the good news is even Republicans don't want to appear to be defending business.

At least some of them don't. Rep. Roy D. Blunt, R-Mo., their chief deputy whip, said, "Legislation is the worst thing you can do to solve this problem." That should probably be engraved in marble somewhere.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to express my opinion about the situation with the school board. I feel that the four board members did the right thing. There was nothing personal against Mrs. Rocha. It was not racially motivated in any way.

The board was simply doing what it was voted into office to do. They were listening to the voice of the people who voted for them.

There were several parents, teachers and others who expressed their concern for giving Mrs. Rocha this position. They were concerned that her only experience with elementary school was as a school librarian. They were concerned that she did not have the proper credentials to deal with special education issues that are involved with being the principal at Moss.

I am sure that she was an excellent principal at the high school, but being the principal at Moss would have been a totally different issue.

I feel that people are being unfair to these board members by saying that this is a race issue or a control issue. These board members were looking out for the best interest of the students and

teachers at Moss.

I think people should focus on another principal that this district lost. Mr. Moss has been in this district for 16 years. He had a special education endorsement and was an excellent administrator. He cared deeply for the students at Moss. We should take a look at the reason he left.

He applied for several openings including for curriculum director and head of special education. He was overlooked for both. I am sure that this hurt him deeply because he had done such an outstanding job for our district for so many years. He probably felt that he had to move away to have a chance for promotion.

I applaud the board members for listening to the public. If past board members would have listened to the public, we would not be in litigation for a \$10 million junior high building that is sinking into a canyon. People tried to tell the previous board they should not build there. We are all paying for that now.

I have talked to many people who feel the same way that I do about our new board. I find it comforting to know that some of our members are bright enough to think for themselves and listen

to the public instead of being "yes men".

EMMA DOE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Normally I would not publicly respond to letters critical of the position that I took regarding the difficult vote over the recommendation of Mrs. Rocha as the Moss principal. However, a young lady considering an education career implied that she would not consider working for BSISD because of this decision. When the lack of information negatively affects the life of a young person with the conviction and character to publicly ask, "What was the reason?" I believe that I must respond.

First, I would like to point out that it was during the first year of my term that I supported Estella Aguirre and Rey Villarreal as they were elevated to their current positions of assistant superintendent and junior high principal respectively. More recently, we employed Roland Herrera as varsity baseball coach for the district. I can assure you that race or gender had absolutely nothing to do with my deci-

sion. Moss Elementary has almost 50 percent socio-economically disadvantaged students and the mass of elementary special education. Despite this, it came within three-tenths of a point of being exemplary last year and will probably make it this year. The Moss staff is excellent and its continuity must be protected.

When Mr. Moss resigned, there was supposed to have been a panel interview with the top three candidates. This is a common practice in many districts, such as Weimar ISD and even here at BSISD on a limited basis. Mrs. Rocha was hired not only as high school principal at Weimar but as assistant principal at Big Spring High School following interviews of this type.

However, I heard from numerous staff that the Moss interview was not conducted, no notice was given and no explanation offered. They also expressed some concern that she was not certified in elementary education and had no elementary classroom experience. Understandably, the staff felt betrayed and many indicated that they would retire, transfer or leave the district.

Due to this extreme reaction

from so many, I felt it necessary to talk to people who actually worked with Mrs. Rocha. I was told that she was fair and capable, and that good relationships existed. At this point, I believed that if interactions between the Moss staff and Mrs. Rocha were permitted, similar relationships would develop.

This was the basis of the proposed compromise—a compromise not on the person, but rather a compromise of the process and the time frame. I felt if we could table the recommendation until a comfort level could be established, we would get past the misconceptions and politics. Ultimately, had such action been allowed, the board probably would have approved her with the staff's blessing.

However, five separate attempts by board members to compromise were totally rejected by the superintendent. A small compromise was needed to defuse a volatile situation, but compromise requires two sides willing to work together.

All we were asking for was little more time and communication.

PHIL FURQUERON
BSISD TRUSTEE

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CLUB NEWS

Sand Springs Lions
The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday with President Shyrlee Reid presiding.
The opening prayer was worded by Jarrell Barbee and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phillip Reid.
The annual family picnic will be held Aug. 15 in the Coahoma park. Ben and Madeline Boadle will host this event.
A work day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7.
It was also voted to buy two Lions signs to be put on the front of the building. The first Cabinet meeting for the year for District 2-A1 will be held in Midland, July 19-20. Motion made and passed for the club to pay the expenses of the president and secretary to attend this meeting.
The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lions Community Center on Scout Hut Road. in Sand Springs.
All interested persons are welcome to attend.
For more information contact Shyrlee Reid at Lakeway Grocery in Sand Springs or Ben Boadle in Big Spring.

TOPS TX 21
TOPS TX 21 met for a regular Monday night meeting on July 8 at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.
The meeting was opened with prayer led by Sue Rinkenmeyer followed by both the TOPS and KOPS pledges and the fellowship and enthusiasm songs.

The TOPS weekly best loser was Donna Menges and the KOPS weekly best loser was Gladys Russell. Each one received the weekly award and certificate.
Following a reading by Mrs. Rinkenmeyer, Olnee Menges presented a program entitled, "Being Your Own Best Friend." Anyone interested in TOPS can call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information.

Big Spring Morning Optimist
"I've only watered once this summer and it only took me about 30 minutes to mow and use the weed eater last week," Kathy Lusk, president of the Howard County Master Gardener's Program impressed the Big Spring Morning Optimist Club with this statement Wednesday morning.
"Our main goal is to save water and still maintain a beautiful yard," Lusk continued. "Using plants indigenous to our environment has more value that just a pretty yard. We'll show you how to attract a variety of birds and butterflies as well," she said. "We encourage use of drip irrigation. One of our club members, Richard Wright, donated 250 feet of drip irrigation hose to us. We plan to use it out at the Air Park to help Hangar 25 get ready for the Webb Air Force Base Reunion."

Lusk handed out a list of plants suitable for our area. "There are five different varieties of Buffalo grass."
Lusk talked about lawn watering. "Most people like to turn on their sprinkler system every other day for 30 minutes or so. This doesn't encourage the roots to go deep, therefore the grass really suffers during drought. Deep watering less often is much more effective for this area."
"We'll start another class of Master Gardeners in January," Lusk reports. "The course costs \$75, and is considered a college level class. To become certified, a person will complete 50 hours of class time, and 50 hours of community service."

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Christian belief notably prevalent throughout the course of America's history

In light of the recent California appeals court decisions concerning the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance and in light of the fact that we recently celebrated our nation's 226th birthday, I would like to share some interesting observations and quotes from important men in our history.



CRAIG FELTY

In reality our government was not founded to be free from religion, but open for religion, in particular, the Christian faith.

You see the tolerance that has been preached in our country for the last few decades is not true tolerance at all. It is merely a cover for the worst kind of intolerance.

Historically and politically tolerance is a peculiarly Christian trait. Yes, I know that some have used Christianity as a cover for some pretty intolerant and repulsive behavior, but these wolves in sheep's

clothing have had small impact when compared with the overwhelming impact of the Christian faith in the last two millennia.

Compare if you will the tolerance for the Muslim religion in our country with that for Christianity under the Taliban regime of Afghanistan.

If that seems too isolated, please compare with any other Muslim nation in the world. You will find that tolerance is a rare commodity.

Now if you will compare the tolerance of Christians who have heard (and tolerated) atheist and humanist dogma for years in our universities, media and courts with the atheist father who doesn't want his child to ever have to hear the word God in school. Who's really tolerant here?

The ACLU didn't invent civil liberty. Christ did! In 1833 Noah Webster (who helped standardize American spelling and language through his dictionary) said "The religion which has introduced civil liberty, is the religion of Christ and his apostles... This is genuine Christianity, and to this we owe our free constitutions

and government.. the moral principles and precepts contained in the Scripture ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws."

Our founding fathers never intended God to be absent from our government, but to keep people

neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

While we must allow those of differing views to be free to express their views, we invite anarchy if we allow morality and a biblical way of life to be legislated out or 'judged out' of our public life.

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, gave credence to the message of the Bible — "it is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord." "All the good of the world is communicated through this book (the Bible); but for this book we could not know right from wrong. All the things desirable to man are contained in it."

In 1891 the U.S. Supreme Court rested that America is a "Christian nation." "Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian... this is a religious people. This is historically true. From the discovery of this continent to the present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation... we find everywhere a clear definition of

the same truth... this is a Christian nation." (Church of the Holy Trinity vs. United States, 143 US 457, 36L ed 226, Justice Brewer)

As late as 1952 the U.S. Supreme Court defined the "Separation of Church and State." "We are a religious people and our institutions presuppose a supreme being... No constitutional requirement makes it necessary for government to be hostile to religion and to throw its weight against the efforts to widen the scope of religious influence."

The government must remain neutral when it comes to competition between sects... The First Amendment, however, does not say that in every respect there shall be a separation of church and state."

On Sept. 8, 1845, President Andrew Jackson asserted "The Bible is the rock upon which our Republic rests." It is time that we wake up to the fact that we must preserve the Christian underpinnings of our nation to preserve "liberty and justice for all."

Craig Felty can be contacted at Cornerstone Church, 263-2722.

"The first and only book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other."

— John Adams, second President of the United States of America

from having their rights and property taken away because of their beliefs.

Again quoting Noah Webster — "The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from - vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war proceed from their despising or

John Adams, our second president said "The first and only book deserving of universal attention is the Bible." "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other." In other words, our government was not made invasive enough to control a people who have lost their moral and spiritual guidance.

Local student part of mission group in New England

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Nikki Leigh Tatom of Big Spring is spending the summer in New England where she will work as a worship intern by singing, playing the guitar and participating in outreach projects.



TATOM

ing in advertising and film studies at the University of Houston, is part of a mission group sent by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Her previous mission assignments included working with college students in East Asia, an orphanage in Portugal and various projects in Spain.

An estimated 290 Texas Baptist college students and new graduates will

work this summer on volunteer mission projects both overseas and in North America as representatives of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Additional students will serve under the auspices of the International Mission Board or North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The students help pay for their own transportation and upkeep either

from their own pockets or through sponsorships.

Additionally, Baptist Student Ministries across Texas raise money throughout the year to send their fellow students who will work under the supervision of on-site staff during their mission stay.

Church and Club News are printed each Friday in the Herald.

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BS Quarterback Club will meet July 16

The first meeting of the 2002 Big Spring Quarterback Club will be Tuesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. at the ATC. Members will use the meeting to plan events for the start of the season, including the Aug. 10 golf tournament, the program, and the Community-wide Pep Rally.

The meeting is open to everyone interested in helping support the Steer football program.

For more information call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Scorpions to host first tournament

The Scorpions will be hosting their inaugural softball tournament on July 19-21 at Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fee for the event is set at \$115. Class D & E teams are eligible.

Trophies will be given to the top three teams. T-shirts will be presented to the top three individuals.

For more information contact Abel Rios at (915) 661-4898, (915) 263-1391 or (915) 268-5948.

Hunter Education Course scheduled

A Hunter Education Course will be offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Aug. 10-11.

Every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. The minimum age of certification is 12 years of age.

The class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building, located at the corner of Third and Gregg.

For more information or to pre-register call Boyce Hale at 267-6957 or stop by Dibrell's Gun Shop.

Gymnastics classes will begin July 15

A two-week session of gymnastics classes will begin Monday, July 15, at the YMCA. Classes include Kidnastics for preschoolers age 5 and younger, Gymnastics for girls, age 6 and older, and Tumbling for boys and girls age 6 and older.

Classes are scheduled to meet daily, Monday through Thursday, for two weeks. The Kidnastics class will meet at 4 p.m. while the Gymnastics and Tumbling classes will meet at 5 p.m. The YMCA Sidewinder Gymnastics Team will practice on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. in July.

Registration for all classes is taking place at the YMCA on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information please call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Olympian will offer volleyball camp here

Rose Magers-Powell, a member of the U.S. volleyball team that earned a silver medal at the 1988 Olympics, will conduct a volleyball camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gym on July 22-25.

The camp will be conducted in three separate phases, helping campers develop at their appropriate levels. The camp will be divided into grades 2-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

To register, or for more information, write: Traci Pierce, 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring, 79720. Registration forms can also be picked up at Athletic Supply.

Police: 76ers' star will be charged in gun case

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson was ordered to stay on the grounds of his \$2.4 million home until next week, when his lawyer returns from Europe to defend him on charges he forced his way into his cousin's apartment with a gun.

The NBA star will be charged with assault and other offenses, prosecutors said Thursday. He will be

permitted to surrender to police Tuesday. Until then, he must remain inside his suburban mansion, Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said.

"If Iverson is seen on the street or out partying, we will arrest him," Johnson said.

Iverson and an uncle are accused of barging into a cousin's apartment on the morning of July 3 as the

Philadelphia 76ers' guard searched for his wife, Tawanna. Iverson is said to have thrown her out of their house naked during a dispute, according to tapes of a 911 call obtained by The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Police searched Iverson's mansion and his uncle's home Thursday, looking for the gun and other evidence.

Iverson, a former NBA MVP, will be charged with

criminal trespass, simple assault, terroristic threats and gun offenses, District Attorney Lynne Abraham said. Four of the counts are felonies. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 54 years in prison.

Iverson's uncle, Gregory Iverson, 39, was also charged with criminal trespass, simple assault, terroristic threats and other offenses.

"We had two complaints we felt were credible. Detectives did a very thorough, complete and professional investigation," Johnson said.

Sixers coach Larry Brown and general manager Billy King said they will support Iverson during the legal process. Brown spoke to Iverson on Thursday and said his star player is "hurtling."

Floyd Gwin ousts Juniors

Loss ends Big Spring run at the District 3 Tournament

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — You'll have to forgive Big Spring Junior League All-Stars coach Darrell Nichols if he's searching far and wide for a toupee these days. After watching his team give up 11 walks in four innings Thursday night at Christensen Field, he was probably ready to pull more than a little hair out.

Any hair piece, however, won't help erase the pain of a 14-6 loss to Floyd Gwin that eliminated Big Spring from the District 3 All-Star Tournament.

Overall, Big Spring posted a 3-2 mark in the double-elimination event. Their only other loss came in an opening round matchup with Midland Christian.

Floyd Gwin didn't waste any time in getting its offense cranked up. They used a pair of walks and two doubles to jump to a quick 3-0 advantage.

After Big Spring starter Charles Downing had retired catcher Mason Mungia on a routine grounder to shortstop Andy Lasater, Floyd Gwin's Hector Aguilar delivered the first big blow. He sliced a 2-2 pitch to left for a double.

From there, Carson Grizzard and Joe Louis Gutierrez drew back-to-back walks and set up

Byron Monahan's three-run doubled to deep left.

Big Spring flexed its muscle in the bottom of the first, as well. The team converted a lead-off walk and a clutch single by Lasater into a 3-1 score.

Chase Burks opened the Big Spring first by working Grizzard for a walk. Two batters later, Lasater drilled a shot back through the middle for a run-scoring single.

Walks almost got Big Spring in trouble again in the second. After Downing had fanned the first two batters in the frame, Floyd Gwin put a pair of runners on base via two walks. Downing managed to work his way out of the jam, however. He ended Floyd Gwin's threat by enticing Gutierrez to lift a harmless fly to short to end the inning.

Kyle Piercefield helped Big Spring inch closer in the third. The hard-hitting first baseman led off the bottom of the third with a sharp single to right field.

He found his way home with Big Spring's second run minutes later when Lance Tissue grounded into a run-scoring fielder's choice.

Piercefield's run helped Big Spring pull to within 3-2 heading into the fourth.

The wheels came off the Junior Leaguers' wagon in the fourth. Floyd Gwin broke open the tight game by turning a pair of walks into a 5-run outburst that ballooned its lead to a commanding 8-3 margin. Centerfielder Andy Lopez highlighted the run with a

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Big Spring's Charles Downing delivers a throw to the plate during the third inning Thursday evening at Christensen Field in Midland. Big Spring suffered a 14-6 loss.

Koskie powers Minnesota to 4-3 victory over Rangers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Corey Koskie isn't the first guy people notice in the Minnesota Twins' lineup. Still, he's undoubtedly an important part of it.

Koskie drove in two runs with a pair of doubles to bolster starter Eric Milton as the Minnesota Twins began the second half with a 4-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night.

"He didn't drive in 100 runs last year for no reason," manager Ron Gardenhire said of his third baseman, who is 9-for-21 with six doubles over his last six games and has raised his average to .277.

"He's a big RBI guy," Gardenhire said. "That's an area where we have to get better."

Thursday was a good start. Three of the Twins' runs scored on two-out hits as they rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the second inning.

"We play better when we're behind," said Doug Mientkiewicz, who doubled in a run and then scored to tie the game on Koskie's first double in the third inning.

Koskie was one of several starters who hit below expectations before the break, but he began the second half back in the spot in

the lineup where he started the year — cleanup — and gave Minnesota a big boost.

So did Milton, who struck out a season-high 10, including six in a row at one point.

"He got on a roll and he was pumping his fastball pretty good," Gardenhire said. "He's pretty determined. He's our leader on the mound right now."

Milton (11-6) gave up five hits, three runs and two walks in seven innings to lower his ERA to 5.14.

"I felt pretty good," said Milton, flashing a rare smile. "Hopefully I can keep it going."

The Rangers not only wasted a three-run lead but squandered two late scoring opportunities. Rookie Kevin Mench, who hit a two-run homer in the second, smashed a line drive off the right field wall but was slow coming out of the batter's box, took a wide turn around first and was tagged out on a close play trying to get back to the base.

Replays showed Rangers manager Jerry Narron and Mench exchanged shouts after the play.

Carl Everett and Ruben Rivera singled off Eddie Guardado with two outs in the ninth, but Michael

Young struck out to end the game and give Guardado his 27th save in 30 tries.

Rivera, who stole Derek Jeter's glove during spring training, made his season debut and used his own leather to make a leaping catch in right-center and rob A.J. Pierzynski of an extra-base hit in the fourth.

Rivera, let go by the New York Yankees after the theft, was brought up Thursday by Texas from Triple-A Oklahoma, and the center fielder went 1-for-3 with a walk. This was his first game in the majors since last September with the Reds.

Oswalt pitched Astros past Reds

HOUSTON (AP) — The conditions were just right for Roy Oswalt.

Working in his home ballpark against a team that's never beaten him, Oswalt pitched seven-plus innings and Geoff Blum hit a three-run homer Thursday night, leading the Houston Astros to a 4-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Oswalt boosted his record to 13-3 at Minute Maid Park and 6-0 against the Reds.

The 24-year-old right-hander allowed seven hits and three earned runs. He struck out five and walked two in winning his fifth start in his last seven decisions.

The Astros have won nine of 11, including a 7-2 road trip before the All-

Star break.

Jeff Bagwell and Daryle Ward led off the second inning with consecutive doubles off Elmer Dessens, scoring one run. After Orlando Merced singled, Blum hit his fourth homer to make it 4-1.

Aaron Boone gave Cincinnati a 1-0 lead with his 13th homer in the first inning, but Oswalt (10-5) then retired 13 of 15 batters until he walked two in the sixth and loaded the bases with one out.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

After his shaky sixth, Oswalt allowed a single to Barry Larkin to start the seventh and then struck out the next three batters. He allowed two hits to start the eighth before leaving the game.

House staff says son took abused, took advantage of baseball great

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A former housekeeper for Ted Williams said the baseball great's only son forced him to sign endless memorabilia and documents that the elder Williams didn't understand.

The state also investigated charges against John Henry Williams in 1998 that Ted Williams was underfed by his son and trapped in his house, a detective said.

Kay Munday, who managed Williams' household from 1989 to 1995, said Thursday she believed John Henry took advantage of his father.

"When I was there, I saw him push many documents in front of him ... he didn't know what he was signing,"

said Munday, whose husband, Bill, also worked as a companion to Williams.

Another Williams' employee, Jack Gard, who worked as a health aide for Williams between 1998 to 2000, said Williams often wasn't lucid enough to understand what he was signing in his later years.

Gard said he didn't know if Williams had signed papers agreeing to have his body frozen.

John Henry Williams' half sister, Bobby-Jo Williams Ferrell, has accused him of having their father's body moved to Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Scottsdale, Ariz., for deep freezing. Ferrell has said John Henry wants to pre-

serve their father's body for future financial gain.

Ted Williams, the last major leaguer to bat better than .400 in a season, died Friday in Florida at 83.

The state Department of Children & Families sent an investigator to the Williams' home four years ago, said Citrus County sheriff's Detective David Wyllie, who went along.

The state worker talked to Ted Williams and determined the claims against John Henry — filed by an aide — were unfounded.

The slagger did not appear to be in physical or emotional distress, Wyllie added. The commercial-sized kitchen was well-stocked.

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Boston	53	33	616	2
Baltimore	42	44	488	13
Toronto	34	53	391	21 1/2
Tampa Bay	28	58	326	27
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	51	39	567	—
Chicago	43	46	483	7 1/2
Cleveland	39	48	448	10 1/2
Kansas City	33	53	384	16
Detroit	31	55	360	18
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	56	33	629	—
Anaheim	52	35	598	3
Oakland	51	38	573	5
Texas	39	48	448	16

Thursday's Games
Boston 10, Toronto 3
Oakland 4, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 7, Cleveland 4
Chicago White Sox 9, Detroit 2
Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 0
Minnesota 3, Texas 3

Friday's Games
Boston (Low 12:4) at Toronto (Halladay 9:4), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 6:7) at Baltimore (Johnson 3:5), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8:3) at Cleveland (Baz 7:6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 5:11) at Detroit (Redman 4:8), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 8:4) at Tampa Bay (P. Wilson 2:6), 6:15 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 5:6) at Minnesota (Reed 6:5), 7:05 p.m.
Anahem (Appier 6:7) at Kansas City (Suppan 7:6), 7:05 p.m.

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Florida	45	43	511	11 1/2
New York	44	44	500	12 1/2
Philadelphia	39	48	448	17
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	47	38	553	—
Cincinnati	46	42	523	2 1/2
Houston	42	45	483	6
Pittsburgh	39	49	443	9 1/2
Chicago	35	51	407	12 1/2
Milwaukee	33	56	371	16
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	54	35	607	—
Arizona	52	36	591	1 1/2
San Francisco	50	38	568	3 1/2
Colorado	42	47	472	12
San Diego	35	53	398	18 1/2

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 8, Montreal 5
N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 1
Houston 4, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 2, 10 innings
Arizona 4, Los Angeles 3
San Francisco 3, Colorado 2

Friday's Games
Florida (Burnett 8:6) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 8:5), 2:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 8:2) at Montreal (Ohka 8:4), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 3:5) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 4:7), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 5:8) at Houston (Miller 4:3), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (J. Anderson 6:10) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5:7), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (W. Williams 6:3) at San Diego (Lawrence 7:5), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 14:3) at Los Angeles (Od Perez 10:4), 9:10 p.m.
Colorado (Hampton 5:9) at San Francisco (L. Hernandez 6:10), 9:35 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Activated CINF Shawn Wooten from the 60-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Matt Wise to Salt Lake of the PCL.

BOSTON RED SOX—Activated 2B Rey Sanchez from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Sun Woo Kim to Pawtucket of the International League.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Fired Charlie Manuel, manager. Named third base coach Joel Skinner, interim manager. Activated RHP Jake Westbrook from 15-day disabled list. Optioned INF OF Jobert Cabrera to Buffalo of the International League. Promoted LHP Billy Traber from Akron of the Eastern League to Buffalo. Assigned the contract of RHP Nerio Rodriguez to Memphis of the PCL.
DETROIT TIGERS—Activated OF Bobby Higginson from the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Fernando Rodney from Toledo of the International League. Placed 1B Dmitri Young on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 6, and 3B Chris Truby, retroactive to July 4.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Zack Greinke. Purchased the contract of RHP Ryan Bukich from Omaha of the PCL. Designated RHP Cory Bailey for assignment.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Claimed RHP Seth Etherton off waivers from Cincinnati and assigned him to Norwich of the Eastern League. Transferred RHP Christian Parker from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Placed INF Russ Johnson on the restricted list. Activated RHP Ryan Rupe from the 15-day disabled list.
TEXAS RANGERS—Activated OF Rusty Greer from the 15-day disabled list and LHP pitcher Rodriguez from the 60-day disabled list. Placed LHP John Rocker on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of OF Ruben Rivera from Oklahoma of the PCL. Announced C Todd Greene has cleared waivers and has been offered an outright assignment to Oklahoma. Designated INF Donnie Sadler for assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Activated INF Chris Woodward from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned 2B Pedro Swann to Syracuse of the International League.

CAROLINA HURRICANES—Signed C Kevin Adams to a two-year contract.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed DF Mathieu

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Dandenault to a one-year contract.

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Phoenix	8	10	444	6 1/2
Minnesota	6	11	353	8
Sacramento	3	14	176	11

Thursday's Games
Sacramento 71, Cleveland 69
Seattle 79, Los Angeles 60
Phoenix 58, Houston 52

Friday's Games
Charlotte at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
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National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS—Signed G Dan Dickau to a three-year contract.
DENVER NUGGETS—Signed G Predrag Savovic.
HOUSTON ROCKETS—Signed F Bostjan Nachbar.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Named Bob Bender assistant coach.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Signed G Juan Dixon to a three-year contract.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed RB Brian Westbrook to a three-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived RB Jonas Lewis.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed DE Robert Bernard.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Agreed to terms with WR Jake Schifano and G Justin Hartwig on multi-year contracts.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms with D Pauli Levkonen.
CALGARY FLAMES—Signed D Mike Martin and F Jason Morgan.

Phoenix ends Comets' 10-game win streak with 58-52 victory

PHOENIX (AP) — If Phoenix can do on the road what it does at home, the Mercury may still challenge the elite of the WNBA. At home, Phoenix (8-10) outshot and outplayed Western Conference-leading Houston (15-4) on Thursday, snapping the Comets' 10-game winning streak with a 58-52 win. It also ended the Mercury's six-game losing slide, including a just concluded 0-5 road trip. "I didn't think we could win anymore," said Phoenix's Jennifer Gilom, who led the Mercury with 14 points and five rebounds. Gordana Grubin hit a 3-pointer with 40.7 seconds left to broke a 52-52 tie and Spark the Mercury offense. Houston had scored 10

straight to close a gap Phoenix made early in the second half. After Grubin's long shot, Tina Thompson missed a 3-point attempt and Phoenix ran downcourt, scoring on Adrain Williams' layup. Sheryl Swoopes, who led Hous on with 20 points and eight rebounds, missed another long shot with 10

seconds left, ending any last-second comeback. Houston recovered from an 18-point deficit Tuesday against Seattle to win its franchise-best 10th in a row. "I thought they played well, and I thought we did for about 18 minutes in the second half," said Swoopes, the top vote-getter for the 2002 All-Star game.

BASEBALL

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3-run double. Big Spring did manage to get one of the runs back in the home half of the inning. After Downing had lined a one-out double to center, Ryan Tennehill legged out an infield bunt. Downing raced home one batter later on a single by pinch-hitter

Johnny Williams. Big Spring threatened to aid more in the frame. Piercefield loaded the bases minutes later by drawing a two-out walk. Grizzard survived the threat, though. He managed to entice Lasater into a lazy fly to center to end the inning.

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


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3 Family Super Sale, 2804 Navajo, Sat. 8-?. Furn., toys, kid & adult clothes, misc.

4026 Vicky, Sat. 7:30-? Collectables, quilt tops, wall hangings, pictures & lamps

6 Family Garage Sale 4117 Parkway Sat. 8-? Sat-Sun. baby clothes, computer desk, misc. kitchen items, material, baby furn, crib set.

Garage Sale, Sat. only. 4002 Parkway, 8-1. Lots of baby items and misc.

Estate Sale 1419 E. 6th. Thurs - Fri. Benefit Future Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine - I.H. of M. Heart of Mary. Low Prices.

Garage Sale 2729 & 2613 E. 25th St., Sat. 8-02. Clothes, furn. and lots of misc.

Garage Sale: 3604 Parkway Sat. 8-?. Twin beds, bassinet, shelving unit, TV and nice Jr & womens clothes and lots of misc.

Moving Sale. Love Seat & Sofa, CD's, dishwasher, microwave, stove, A/C & more. 1308 Dixie Sat. & Sun 8-?

PJ's Inside Sale: 2210 Main Open Fri & Sat. 10-?. Glass & wood displays, dressers, microwave, lots of misc. household items.

Yard Sale, 601 Culp, Coahoma. Baby girl & boys clothes, lots of misc. Fri & Sat. 9-?

7th Grade Cheerleaders Fund raiser Sale: 721 Colgate Sat. 8-1. Mens, womens & childrens clothes, shoes, toys, car seats, scrubs and lots of misc.

Big Spring Herald, Friday, 11:07 Barnes bcr. 1 b. carport, at Lg backya 263-3778

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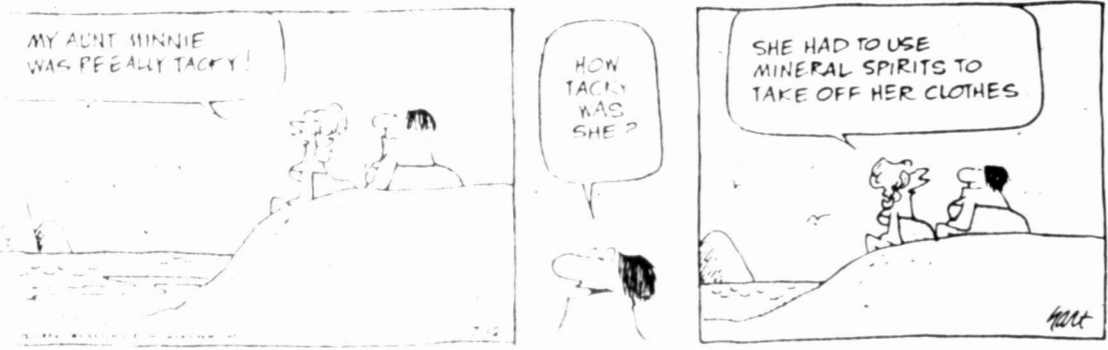
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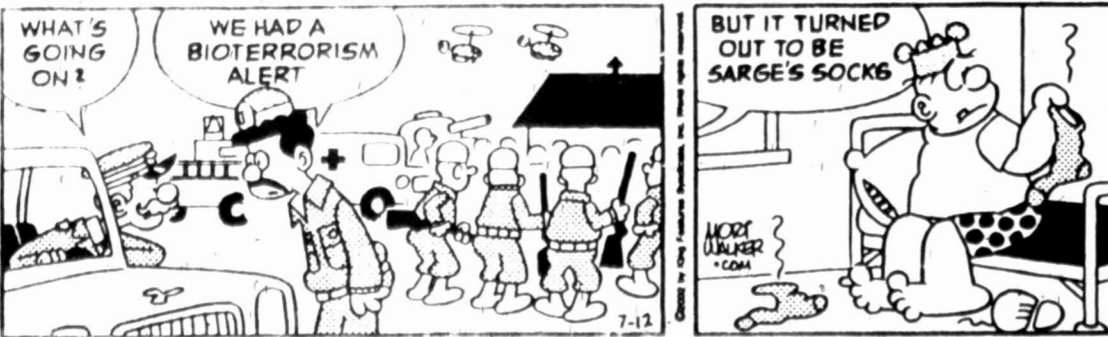
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, July 12, the 193rd day of 2002. There are 172 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born.

On this date: In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.

In 1690, Protestant forces led by William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.

In 1812, U.S. forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

In 1817, naturalist-author Henry David Thoreau was

born in Concord, Mass. In 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

In 1948, the Democratic national convention opened in Philadelphia.

In 1972, George McGovern won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Miami Beach.

In 1977, President Carter defended Supreme Court decisions limiting government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced he'd chosen U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running mate. Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice president on a major party ticket.

In 1993, 196 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 7.8 struck northern Japan.

Ten years ago, In an emotional farewell speech, Benjamin Hooks, outgoing executive director of the

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, urged the group's convention in Nashville, Tenn., to show the world that it remained vital.

Today's Birthdays: Artist Andrew Wyeth is 85. Movie director Monte Hellman is 70. Pianist Van Cliburn is 68. Comedian Bill Cosby is 65.

Singer-musician Christine McVie is 59. Actress Denise Nicholas is 58. Singer-songwriter Butch Hancock is 57. Fitness guru Richard Simmons is 54. Actor Jay Thomas is 54. Singer Walter Egan is 54. Rock singer-musician John Wetton (Asia; King Crimson) is 53. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 51.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SWEET TOOTH by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- Poughkeepsie school
- Daily drama
- "Attack, dog!"
- Former Portuguese province
- Ancient Peruvian
- Collection of anecdotes
- First part of a quip
- All-purpose truck
- Theatrical honor
- Veldt animals
- Prank-player
- Part 2 of quip
- Mare's offspring
- JFK posting
- Manipulative one
- Gregarious
- SAG member
- Part 3 of quip
- Diameter halves
- Old-fashioned headgear
- Service club: Abbr.
- John Passos
- Head over heels
- Part 4 of quip
- Understood
- Actress Dee
- Little piggies
- Highway warning sign
- End of quip
- Ambulance attendant: Abbr.
- Asian place-name
- On the double
- Literary monogram
- Alters a skirt
- Dislike intensely
- Finnish baths
- Chant
- Salad type
- "horse!"
- Having effect
- Potentialities
- Speak with a Jersey accent?
- Snow boots
- Formal speech
- Eyebrow shape
- Discern a Bush pledge, e.g.
- Chicken king
- Container cover
- File-folder projection
- Oklahoma native
- Ocean's motion
- Sock woe
- Psyche element
- Make lace
- Long-eared hound
- King David creations
- Important
- Place: Lat.
- Refuse
- One's preference
- U.S.-Canadian air command
- Beau name
- Dalmatian's name
- Thanksgiving veggie
- Switch positions
- Unified
- Training place for lts.
- Take-home

DOWN

- Furniture mover
- Pitch-hitter
- An NCO
- London neighborhood
- Suspect's story
- Arrested
- Autograph, for short
- Double Fantasy singer
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