

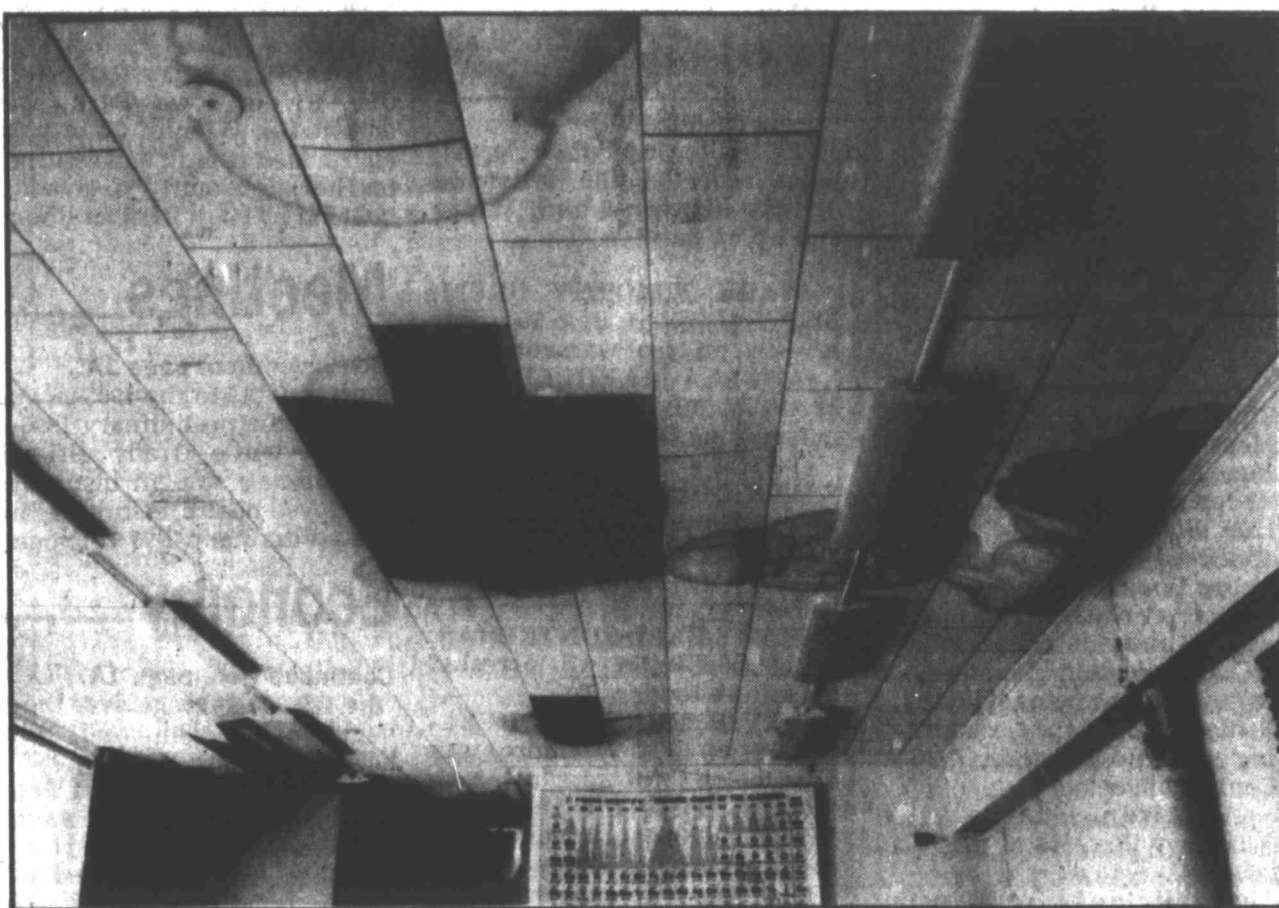
# BIG SPRING HERALD

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## BSISD board to call bond election; Other bodies meeting



This file photo shows the damage of a classroom ceiling at Runnels Junior High School. Big Spring ISD trustees are expected to call a bond election for Sept. 14 to address facility needs at the junior high school when they meet Thursday afternoon.

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will order the calling of a school bond election on Sept. 14 when they meet this Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the high school board room.

The Big Spring meeting is one of five slated this week by bodies subject to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

All meetings are open to the public pursuant to the regulations of the act.

On Monday, Howard County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom while the Stanton ISD's board will meet at 7 p.m. at the school administration building. The Grady Independent School District's board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Grady board room.

BSISD officials will call for the bond issue to address building problems at Runnels Junior High and at other facilities throughout the district.

This will be the second bond election held in recent years in an effort to at least bring Runnels up to current safety and Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

On April 11, school officials held a public hearing in the BSIS Auditorium, which was attended by about 200 persons. At that time, alternative suggestions were made and concerns voiced in regards to the historical status of the Runnels building within the community.

Runnels was built as Big Spring High School in 1917 and is considered unsafe despite the fact it continues to be used.

In 1991, Big Spring voters overwhelmingly

turned down an \$11.7 million bond election that would have allowed for the construction of a new facility.

Since then, the cost for the same level of construction has risen to \$13.060 million.

Two other plans the BSISD has considered range in cost from \$12.3 million to \$14.857 million.

It is the \$12.3 million plan, which includes the construction of a new junior high that would serve both seventh and eighth grades and the air conditioning of all campuses not currently cooled.

In an effort to make the Runnels facility as safe as possible, school officials are having fire safety doors and a smoke detector system installed this summer at a cost of approximately \$35,000.

After that work is done, school officials still must have the facility pass an air quality test for asbestos dust before students will be allowed to return to the building.

Air quality concerns are so high during the work that school officials have denied a *Herald* photographer access to the building.

In other board action scheduled for this week, Howard County Commissioners will hear a variety of reports on the courthouse and library renovations.

Bob Bruyere of Aguirre Associates, Inc., Jack Roberts of Fanning, Fanning & Associates and county construction administration Phil Furquerson will make presentations to the commissioners.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will also discuss budget amendments and a budget work session.

In Stanton, discussion items will include

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## Unemployment hits 6-year low, shocks market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate fell to a six-year low as a surprisingly strong economy created thousands of new jobs in June. President Clinton was all smiles but investors, fearing higher interest rates, gave the stock market its worst beating in four months.

The Labor Department reported the jobless rate at 5.3 percent, down from 5.6 percent in May, with 239,000 new jobs created. Hiring was exceptionally strong at restaurants and bars, and analysts said preparations for the summer Olympics in Atlanta helped boost the total.

But Friday's report sent the Dow Jones industrial average down 114 points, the seventh biggest point drop in history. Bonds were also pummeled as falling demand pushed the yield on Treasury's 30-year bond up to 7.18 percent at closing from 6.93 percent on Wednesday.

Analysts said the larger-than-expected job gains in June, plus upward revisions to April and May job growth, depicted an economy exceeding the speed limit set by the Federal Reserve.

While Fed policy-makers passed up the chance to raise interest rates this week, chances of a rate hike on Aug. 20 if not before were put at a virtual certainty.

"This report shows the economy rising well above the speed limit the Fed is comfortable with and we are starting to see signs of inflationary pressures in the labor market," said Robert Dederick, chief economic consultant at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "The real issue now is whether the Fed will wait as long as the next meeting."

ing." Economists noted that average hourly earnings, a key indicator of wage pressures, jumped 0.8 percent, the biggest monthly increase on record.

Clinton and his top economic advisers sought to play down concerns of higher inflation and Fed rate hikes.

"We have the most solid American economy in a generation," the president told reporters at the White House. "It's good news when America can have high job growth, strong investment and low inflation."

Republicans, who hope to win the White House for Bob Dole this fall, took issue with that assessment.

"If Bill Clinton thinks he deserves credit for the economy, then why are so many Americans unhappy with the direction of the country?" asked Nelson Warfield, Dole's press secretary.

Rep. John Boehner, head of the House Republican Conference, argued about the quality of jobs being created, citing government statistics showing that 7.9 million Americans are now working two or more jobs, up 10.2 percent since 1994.

"Today's economic news is little comfort to the record number of families who have had to take second and third jobs since Bill Clinton became president, raised their taxes and increased Washington's spending," Boehner said.

The White House argued that job growth since Clinton took office has averaged 244,000 per month, 90 percent higher than

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## Utility poles supposedly off limits to sign posters

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Before you staple that sign about your lost pet, the latest fad diet or garage sale on that utility pole, you better think twice.

Article 4, Section 1361 of the Health, Safety and Nuisance segment of the Big Spring City Ordinances makes the posting of signs or posters without permission against the law.

"If the pole belongs to the city, then they have to get permission from the city ... if it belongs to the power company, then they have to get permission from them," explained Lt. Pam Jordan of the Big Spring Police Department.

Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor under city law, punishable by a \$1 to \$500 fine for each violation.

Over the past few months, Big Spring has seemingly become covered with signs on power poles — signs for weight-loss programs, ways to make money at home, garage sales, lost pets and, of course, roofers looking for business.

"I take down every one I see ... I've been taking them down as fast as I can," said John Toone.

Toone, district manager for TU Electric, said the placards are both an eyesore and a safety hazard.

"Those yellow diet ones are the worst and they (people who post the signs) never take them down," he said.

The yellow signs Toone mentioned are for a so-called 30-day diet program that allows participants "to lose up to" 30 pounds "for as little as" \$30.

They carry a telephone number listed for an Ackerly residence, although a message left on an answering machine at that number was not returned. Toone said his major concern was that of a safety issue.

"It's a danger to our linemen and to anyone else that has to climb one of the poles," Toone said.

Toone said the dangers were multiple.

"With all the nails and staples, if they have to climb and their gaff gets into them, it could cause them to fall down the pole," he said. A gaff is the spike-type device that attaches to the leg to a lineman to assist in climbing.

Toone admitted that while poles aren't climbed every day, utility company employees deserve to have a safe work place when they are required to



Poles like this one at the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane are often covered with garage sale signs and the like, despite the fact there's a city ordinance against posting them without permission.

go up a pole.

"That's the real issue, safety," explained Southwestern Bell's Linda Basham.

"When they put those signs up, they use 16 nails," she said. "If a technician has to go up a pole and hits one of those, they

could seriously hurt themselves."

"Our policy is simply to not allow anything to be posted on our poles," Basham said. "If we see something on one of our poles, we take it down."

## Nonprofit workshop scheduled for July 9

Special to the Herald

MIDLAND — Local area board members and key staff leaders within nonprofit organizations will have the opportunity to learn about board development from nationally recognized trainer, Florence Green on July 9 at Midland College.

The Nonprofit Center at Midland College and the Department of Continuing Education will conduct "Working Together: Board Development From the Executive Director's Perspective" Tuesday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Allison Fine Arts Building.

"Today's nonprofit board members have less time to give, may be less willing to accept leadership positions that require a high level of commitment and seem to have less emotional involvement with the nonprofit's mission," Green said.

During the workshop, participants will learn how to involve their boards and encourage volunteerism, motivate their members to raise funds and promote their organizations, encourage stronger participation and how to reward their board members.

Green is executive director of the California Association of Nonprofits which is the largest state-wide nonprofit association in the U.S. She has worked with numerous foundations and nonprofit organizations, city and county governments, colleges and universities, economic and community development associations, and statewide and regional coalitions and collaboratives.

Green has also published several articles on fundraising, board development, planning, collaboration and nonprofit management. She is currently an associate to the National Center of Nonprofit Boards and a member of the CAN Nonprofit Policy Council.

Registration for the workshop is \$60 per person and the fee includes lunch and workshop materials. Area leaders interested in the workshop should contact Laura Walker at 685-6479.

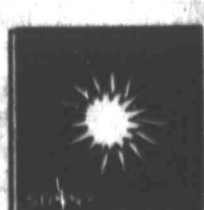
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### TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, sunny. High near 103. Tonight, fair with a low around 70. Monday, mostly sunny with a high around 100.



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## OBITUARIES

## J.C. Stephens

Graveside service for J.C. Stephens, 74, of Big Spring, were at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 6, 1996, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Stephens died Friday, July 5, 1996, in a local hospital.



J.C. STEPHENS

He was born Dec. 18, 1921 in Mountain View, Ark., and married Dorothy June Recer on June 27, 1946 in Ada, Okla.

He worked in construction for Murray Investment Co. in Dallas for 23 years.

He was a ham radio operator and served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 until 1946. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife: Dot Stevens of Big Spring; a son: Jim Stephens of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter: Judy Durham of Denison; two brothers: Clarence Stevens of Ada, Okla. and J.L. Stevens of Big Spring; two sisters: Dovie Baker of Ada and Nellie Littlefield of Oakdale, Calif.; three grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-2121 or the American Lung Association of Texas, Central Texas Region, P.O. Box 26566, Austin, Texas 78755-0566.

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

## Louise 'Babe' Lawrence

Louise "Babe" Lawrence, 81, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, July 4, 1996, in a local hospital. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Kenny Smith, pastor of College Heights Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on July 22, 1914 in Blairtown, Mo. to Ward and Florence Jones, and married C.C. "Red" Lawrence on Dec. 31, 1936 in Harrisonville, Missouri. They had resided in Big Spring since 1947.

She was an active member of College Heights Christian Church. She was also a member of the Big Spring Eastern Star and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She retired from Civil Service when Webb Air Force Base closed.

Survivors include her husband: C.C. "Red" Lawrence of Big Spring; a step-son and daughter-in-law: Ralph and Mary Lawrence of Anderson, Indiana; a brother and sister-in-law: Bill and Marjorie Jones of Carmichael, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law: Bonnie and Joe Billo of New Braunfels; three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and several

nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two infant sons: William A. Lawrence and Eddie Lee Lawrence; and a great grandson: Barry Lawrence of Anderson, Indiana.

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

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## Gerald Douglas Matheny

Memorial service for Gerald Douglas Matheny will be Monday, July 8 at 5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Conn. He died Thursday, July 4, 1996, of complications from hepatitis.

He was director of Christian education at First Church of Christ in Woodbridge, Conn. and was very involved in youth programs in Ridgefield, including Little League, basketball and boy scouts. He was a long-standing member of the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield and was a well-liked Sunday School teacher for several years.

Matheny is survived by his wife: Nancy Blake Matheny, and his six children: Shannon M. Geraghty of Woodbridge, Va.; Michael Erin and James Porter Matheny of Stanford, Conn.; Blake Ross, John Tyler and Weston Liles Matheny of Ridgefield; six grandchildren; his parents: Carol and Lynn Matheny of Canyon Lake, Texas; and a brother: James Matheny of Big Spring.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield or the First Church of Christ (New Century Hymnal Memorial Fund) in Woodbridge, would be appreciated.

## David Gilbert Sr.

Memorial service for David Gilbert, 63, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with committal services to follow at Mount Olive Cemetery with full military honors.

Gilbert died Wednesday, July 3, 1996, in the San Antonio Veterans Administration Medical Center after a brief bout with cancer.

He served subscribers of the Big Spring Herald as a contract carrier for more than a dozen years and delivered more than 1 million newspapers while he served Herald readers.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen, of the home; three sons, David Jr. and Michael, both of Big Spring, and Peter of Abilene; three daughters; Kathryn Senter and Brenda Spears, both of Big Spring, and Marsha Osborn of San Antonio; one brother; one sister; one granddaughter and four grandsons.



DAVID GILBERT

## IN BRIEF

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL** Jones Valley Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Kentwood Community Center, 2805 Lynn Dr.

Reservations must be turned into Reba Hicks Fortner, Route 1 Box 123-B, Brownwood, Texas; 76801-9333 and her phone number is (915) 643-1335. Reservations are due no later than Aug. 13 and the charge is \$7.10 per person with lunch being served at noon.

Bring old photographs and mementos to share with others. Local contacts are John Hicks, 264-0425 or Mabel Timmons Dickerson, 267-3154.

**THE FORSAN ALL-CLASS** Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 3 starting at 9 a.m. at the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends are invited for morning refreshments and lunch. Pre-registration is suggested at a cost of \$10 per person or \$6 for those under 17 years of age.

Donations are also welcome so the group can continue their ex-student newsletter.

## ON THE RUN

Contact Boyce Hale; HC 76 Box 157-F; Big Spring, Texas; 79720 or at 263-6957 or Leon Calley; 9635 Oak Thicket; Houston, Texas; 77040; (713) 466-5083.

**THE 1976 CLASS** of Big Spring High School will be having a 20-year reunion August 9-11. Reunion organizers are needing assistance with locating old classmates. If you have an address of an ex who moves frequently or had a name change or is otherwise difficult to locate, please call 263-7219 and leave a message.

Organizers are also in need of suggestions, ideas and monetary donations. Please send to: Class of '76; c/o Les White; General Delivery; Big Spring, TX; 79720. More details about the reunion will be given out during mailings from the organizers.

**THE BIG SPRING HERALD** is currently seeking submissions to its monthly Readers Corner that runs the last Wednesday of each month.

Stories or poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark. Make sure you identify who or what is in the picture and who took the photograph.

When space is limited, submissions will be held over for the next month.

The next Readers Corner is scheduled for June 26 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is June 17. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

## SPRINGBOARD

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M.** To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or bring it by the office at 710 Scurry.

## TODAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•The United Girls Softball Association will be having its fundraiser at the Big Spring Bowl-A-Rama at 3 and 7 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per team-adult/child. \$10 goes to the UGA Division I All-Stars and \$10 goes to lineage.

## MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Big Spring Commandery No. 31 stated meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner. Howard Stewart - commander, and Richard Mitchell - recorder.

•Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant stated meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

•Howard County NAACP meeting, 6 p.m., Henry's Bar-b-que. For more information contact Clarence Hartfield, Jr. at 267-1806.

## TUESDAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group,

7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

## WEDNESDAY

•Line dance lessons are taught after lunch (12:45 p.m.) at the Senior Citizens Center. If you are interested call 267-1628.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

## THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•American Legion & Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

## FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

•Big Spring Gospel Opry, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Amphitheatre. There will be comedy, music, fun and concessions.

## SATURDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Nature Walk and Sunset Tales 8 to 10 p.m., Big Spring State Park. Call 263-4931 for more information.

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

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263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

## POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

•MARK TIMOTHY GRUMMITT, 21, Rt. 1 Box 564, was arrested on local warrants.

•ANGELA MARIE RUIZ, 19, of 210 W. 9th, was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants.

•TOMMY ANDREW GONZALES, 24, of 1507 W. 2nd, was arrested on local warrants.

•ELIDIA FLORES, 22, of 1507 W. 2nd, was arrested on local warrants.

•MARY BELL CONTRERAS, 18, of 708 Lorilla, was arrested for failure to identify.

•DAVID ERNEST WHEELER, 38, of 1304 Sycamore, was arrested on local warrants.

•CHRISTOPHER LEE MYRICK, 20, of 213 Nolan, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•FRANCISCO VEGA, 22, of 1502 Chicasaw, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•BARBARA QUERNHEIM, 30, of 2904 Cherokee, was arrested for disorderly conduct/loud noise.

•JUAN G. PAIZ, 17, of Lameza, was arrested for theft.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of N. Main; and the 2700 block of Wasson.

•THEFT in the 2300 block of Wasson; at Comanche Trail Park; 400 block of Gregg; and the 600 block of W. I-20.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 400 block of N.W. 5th; and the 500 block of W. 3rd.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 500 block of Birdwell.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 800 block of Creighton.

## SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

•DEMETRIUS LYNN PRUITT, 29, of 1506A Lincoln, was arrested for parole violation.

•ERIC PAUL KRUEGER, 25, of 1414 Tucson, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana under two ounces, and released on bonds of \$4,000 and \$1,500.

•SHON ROY KRUEGER, 17, of 1405 Stanford, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and released on a \$3,000 bond.

•CATHERINE KRUEGER, 23, of 1414 Tucson, was arrested for possession of a controlled

substance and possession of marijuana under two ounces, and released on bonds of \$4,000 and \$1,500.

•STEPHEN HODGE, 32, of Grand Prairie, was arrested on a non-payment of child support warrant.

•FRANKLIN D. ROBERTS JR., 31, of Iowa Park, was arrested in Wichita County for aggravated assault and returned to Howard County to await a hearing in 118th District Court.

## Meetings

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amendments to the 1995-96 budget and the preliminary 1996-97 budget while Grady officials will discuss student insurance, employee health insurance and the preliminary 1996-97 budget.

## Economy

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the 129,000 average over the 12 years of Reagan and Bush administrations.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich also rejected worries among economists that the big rise in earnings, which reflected a 9-cent-an-hour increase, was an early indicator of rising inflation.

"Hourly workers have been waiting for some time to participate in this buoyant economy. If hourly wages have increased nine cents, that is great news," Reich said.

Private economists, however, said the earnings increase, the biggest since the government began the series in 1965, would raise alarm bells at the Fed.

"This report shows the Fed should have raised interest rates this week. The danger is that they will now be behind the curve on inflation and will have to slam on the brakes even harder," said Allen Sinai, chief global economist at Lehman Brothers in New York.

In January, analysts were concerned that growth was so anemic the country was in danger of a recession. But five straight months of strong job gains now have analysts worried more about inflation.

The Dow decline was the biggest since a 171-point drop after the February job gain was released.

The gain of 239,000 jobs last month followed increases of 365,000 in May and 191,000 in April. For June, the strength was concentrated in the service sector with retail stores adding 75,000 jobs, almost half of them at restaurants and bars.

Temporary help firms added 38,000 jobs while construction employment rose by 23,000. Manufacturing represented the only weak spot, suffering a decline of 7,000.

The 5.3 percent jobless rate marked the lowest unemployment level for this recovery, which is now in its sixth year. The rate fell to 5.2 percent in June 1990, the peak month in the long recovery that had begun following the 1981-82 recession.

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David Gilbert, 63, Died Wednesday. Memorial service will be 2:00 PM Monday, Myers & Smith Chapel with committal services at Mount Olive Memorial with full military honors.

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906 Gregg St.  
Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

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## TEXAS BRIEFS

## Heat wave doesn't approach 1980s string

FORT WORTH (AP) — North Texas temperatures may be breaking some records from 1980, but the overall string probably won't be challenged this year.

"I don't think it will be 1980 all over again. It'll be tough to repeat that year," says Stanley Christmas, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

During the summer of 1980, temperatures in the Dallas-Fort Worth area passed the century mark 69 days between June 23 and Sept. 6, including 42 consecutive days that ended on Aug. 4. The last day over 100 that year was Sept. 6.

The all-time high of 113 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area was recorded on June 26, 1980, and again on June 27. In that year there were 29 days that either tied or broke daily records.

"That heat wave affected a four-state area. This is a pretty localized effect," Christmas said, adding that it's not unusual for Texas temperatures to be in the 100s in July and August.

## Track officials say water cuts may threaten racing

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Retama Park, after hobbling along with money woes, now is facing another potential threat: the drought. Retama Park officials say they are working to conserve water, but they warn if the track reduces its water use any further, it could be devastating for horse racing.

"If you're talking about cutting water use below what we've already cut to, you might as well just go ahead and shut us down," Retama track superintendent Kevin Quigley said in Friday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

While Retama continues to pour water onto its racing surfaces, it has eliminated landscape watering in the barn area and reduced watering around the grandstand.

After almost every race two big tank trucks spray water onto the one-mile dirt racing oval so that horses can run on a soft, damp track.

## Judge denies bail reduction request in Routier case

DALLAS (AP) — A Rowlett mother accused of killing two of her sons remained jailed Friday with bond set at \$1 million after a judge denied her request to reduce that amount.

Darlie Routier, who is fighting capital murder charges alleging she fatally stabbed her sons Damon, 5, and Devon, 6, in the family room of their upscale home June 6, had filed court papers labeling her bail "excessive" and "penal in nature."

She and family members, in a two-day hearing that resumed Friday, sought to have her bail reduced to about \$100,000.

But state District Judge Mark Tolle wasn't swayed by arguments that Mrs. Routier wasn't a flight risk from Dallas County and that she would appear for all court actions. The 26-year-old defendant was then returned to the Lew Sterrett Justice Center under the same \$1 million bond.

Her husband, who along with his wife has maintained her innocence, bowed his head and was comforted by family members after the judge's decision.

## Rancher serious about his cuddly herd

ODESSA (AP) — At a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo this year starring Clint Black, Reba McEntire and Hank Williams Jr., Fabio was one of the biggest attractions.

Fabio? "People just mobbed him," Gardendale rancher Bill Brodnax said.

The European hunk wasn't in sight, but a fuzzy white animal that bears his name and that looks like someone crossbred a sheep dog with a llama was one of the stars this year.

Brodnax believes Fabio and his 7,000 or so alpaca brethren in the United States are going to get a lot more attention in the future.

## North Texas heat blamed in two deaths

DALLAS (AP) — A 77-year-old Dallas woman and an 85-year-old Denton woman have become the first deaths attributed to recent triple-digit heat that has baked North Texas throughout the Fourth of July holiday.

Officials also were investigating Saturday whether heat played a role in the death of an elderly Fort Worth woman who was found inside her "unbelievably hot" home on Friday.

Verne Bownds was found dead Thursday afternoon in her home in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. The Dallas County medical examiner's office has attributed her death to heat-stroke.

For reasons that weren't immediately clear to neighbors and investigators, the air condi-

tioning in her home was not turned on.

Her house "was hotter than an oven," said neighbor Jerald Walraven.

In Denton, Catherine Starr was found dead in her one-bedroom apartment Thursday morning by her son and daughter-in-law. She died of heat-related causes combined with heart- and lung-related disease, an investigator in the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said Saturday.

Living on Social Security and worried about the cost of utilities, Starr never used the air conditioner in her apartment, family members said. Two weeks ago she refused her daughter-in-law's offer to pay her utility bill.

"She didn't believe in air conditioning. She always used fans," said Charles Starr, her son.

His mother's body was found in a retainer in her living room, with the front door propped open, police said. Two 12-inch fans were running but the air conditioner was off, a relative said.

An autopsy was scheduled Saturday for Iva M. Fortenberry, 93, of Fort Worth. Her body was discovered after a volunteer delivering a meal to her home became concerned when the woman didn't come to the door. Fortenberry had an air conditioner but it wasn't on, police said.

Thursday's high of 105 recorded at the National Weather Ser-

vice office at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport set the official record for July Fourth. However, the high temperature at Dallas Love Field reached 108 that day.

Weather service meteorologists said Friday's official high of 103 degrees merely tied the record for the date, set during the 1980 heat wave. The highest Texas temperature recorded by the National Weather Service was in Wichita Falls, which posted 108 degrees.

Triple-digit temperatures were expected to scald parts of North Texas into next week. Highs on Saturday in North Texas were expected to range from 97 to 109, challenging records and prompting heat advisories in some spots.

## Poll: 68 percent have played lottery in past year

AUSTIN (AP) — Most Texans get their gambling kicks from the state lottery, while more than one in five have visited other states' casinos in the past year, a recent Texas Poll shows.

Sixty-eight percent of those surveyed for the poll, published Saturday, said they had played the state lottery at least once in the past 12 months with far fewer bettors going to bingo halls and horse- and dog-racing tracks.

Nine percent had played bingo, the state's only legal form of gambling before 1987, while 7 percent had visited a Texas horse-racing track and 5

percent had gone to the dog races.

Many residents said they would like casino gambling legalized in the state. Forty-nine percent favor legalizing casinos, compared with 44 percent who are opposed. Those numbers are virtually unchanged from a poll in 1994, when 48 percent supported legalizing casinos compared with 46 percent who opposed them.

Twenty-two percent said they had visited an out-of-state casino in the past year.

The telephone survey of 1,000 randomly selected adult Texans was conducted June 3-13 for

Harte-Hanks Communications and other Texas news outlets by the Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas at Austin. The margin of error was plus or minus 3 percentage points, slightly more for subgroups.

Nora Linares, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said she was pleased by the findings.

"These results seem to mirror our own research, which shows Texans still find the lottery games fun and exciting to play," she said.

At least \$2.1 billion has been legally wagered in Texas so far

this year, most of it on the lottery, officials said.

The lottery commission said that it collected \$1.75 billion from all of its games through June 29. More than \$106 million was spent in Texas bingo parlors during the first three months of 1996, according to the commission, which also regulates bingo.

The lottery's appeal was consistent in all subgroups of gender, race, age, political affiliation, religion, region or occupation. The only deviation came among those with incomes of less than \$10,000 a year, where 47 percent said they played.

## Schools start new programs after affirmative action ban

DALLAS (AP) — Faced by a federal court ruling that race can no longer be a factor in college admissions, Texas universities are creating new programs based on "race neutral" factors to help minority students get into college.

State college and university officials still cite enhanced minority enrollments as a chief objective for 1996.

Higher Education Commissioner Ken Ashworth said a special committee he appointed already is working on proposals

to enable state universities to continue efforts to boost minority enrollment.

"The purpose of the committee is to develop guidelines which might be used by colleges and universities in admissions, financial aid decisions and other activities on our campuses to achieve diversity among our student bodies," Ashworth said.

The 15-member committee working on the guidelines consists of academic sociologists and demographers from the

state's larger universities.

Jerry Gaston, vice president for administration and sociology professor at Texas A&M University, said the panel had hoped to complete its work by the end of the year until the Supreme Court caught most officials by surprise this week.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined Monday to hear appeals on a ruling by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans that said "race-based affirmative action enrollment programs unconstitutional

ally discriminated against whites. The ruling also applies to scholarships and loans.

The appeals court also said a landmark 1978 Supreme Court ruling allowing the use of race as one factor in college admissions is no longer good law.

The ruling is binding on Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, the 5th Circuit's jurisdiction.

Among the "race neutral" factors being considered are socioeconomic status and family background.

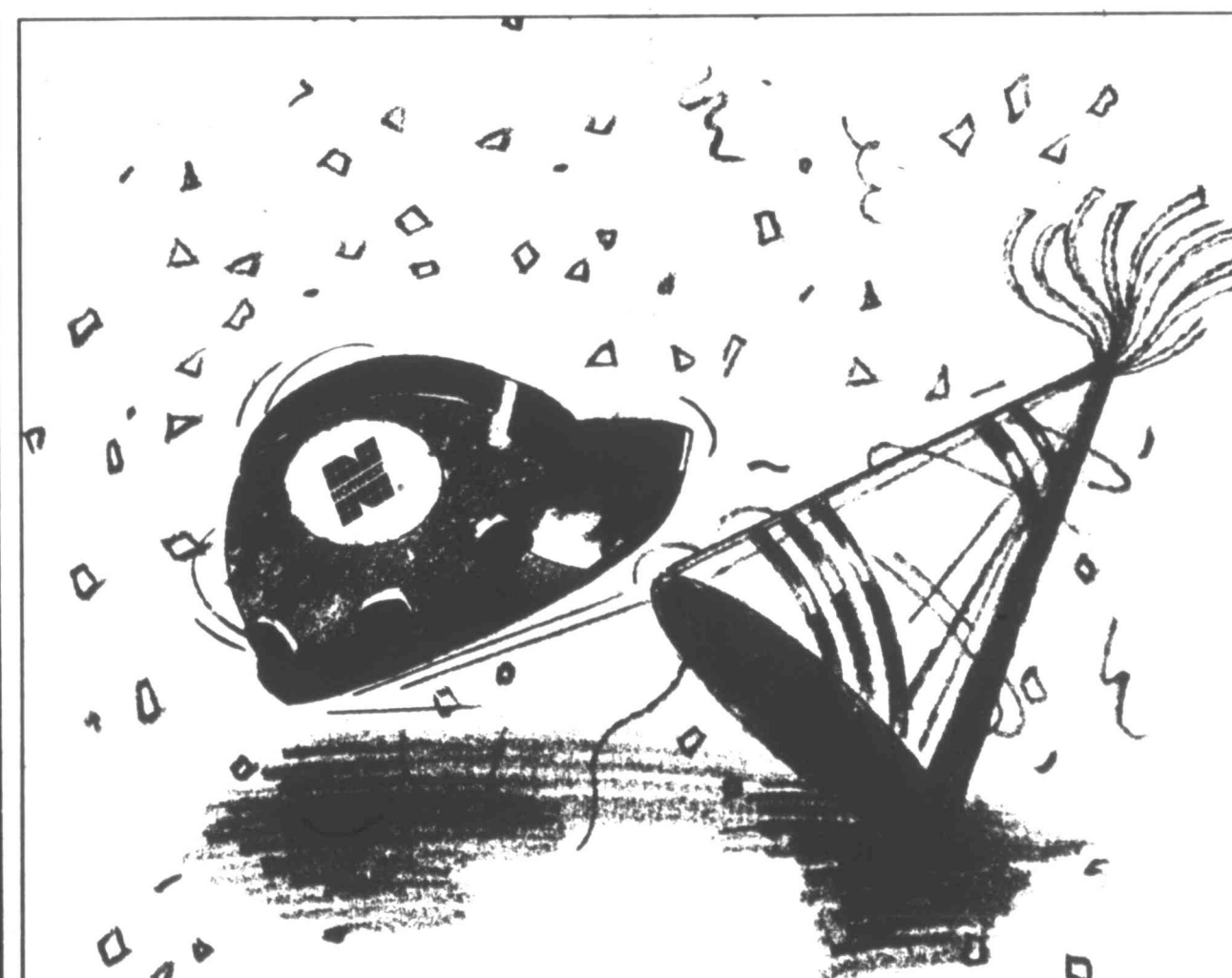
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## Quote of the Day

*"The best of seers is he who guesses well."*

-Euripides

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Polls that could be misleading

If one interpretation of some recent polls is right and most Americans believe President Clinton is a crook and plan to vote for him anyway, the country is in bad shape.

It wouldn't do to laugh it off and say, well, incumbent presidents can garner votes sufficient for re-election if they only avoid needless, self-destructive wars and preside over the land when it is relatively prosperous.

The country, of course, is not at war, and new jobs are being created right and left during a period of low inflation and low unemployment. That, we are told by some, is why the public is not worrying itself about such matters as Whitewater, Travelgate, Paula Jones and FBI files.

In fact, Americans have ordinarily expected their presidents to be reasonably honest, decent and well-intentioned, as well as reasonably competent. They have understood that character counts in the disposition of important public policies, and, to the highest degree possible, they have also wanted their leaders to embody the attributes they most admire. Should the public at large begin to shrug its collective shoulders about the moral worth of its representatives in government, the moral worth of the public would itself be in doubt.

But if you have ever responded to one, you know that polls are blunt instruments. You are asked a question and expected to say "yes" or "no" when what you really want to say is maybe a dozen things in between. Polls do not probe depths; they skim surfaces. And the answers they are sometimes taken to give can be highly misleading.

So maybe, even though Mr. Smith told the pollster he plans to vote for someone he considers guilty of misdeeds, he would explain himself differently in an interview. He might say that he suspects Clinton is careless about details, not really such a bad guy. At any rate, he might add, nothing is proven yet, and while he's inclined to think Clinton has slipped, he's not sure of that and he's not yet sure how serious these misdeeds are. He might say he likes certain things about Clinton — his optimism, his energy — and that he has some doubts at the moment about Bob Dole. He might also tell you he could well change his mind as more information is made known.

Our guess is that most Americans are not nearly so mercenary-minded or cynical as some recent polls suggest, and that it would be a mistake for either pundits or politicians to read too much into them.

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## The fumbler, the bumbler and the summer of ennui

WASHINGTON — Maybe, just maybe, while the rest of the globe is concentrating on the magnificent spectacle of the Olympics, the strange, cloistered world of Bill Clinton and Bob Dole will get real.

Both men keep saying that this is going to be a stupendously important election (Clinton says it will be the most important since the Industrial Revolution), but they have yet to tell us why.

To tell the truth, it's been almost painful in recent weeks to watch the pitiful efforts of both camps to gain center stage.

Dole fumbles around about who is and isn't addicted to tobacco and then blames the liberal media for his screw-up. Clearly, most people realize tobacco is dangerous.

Clinton lurches from internal crisis to crisis, trying to dodge responsibility for running a chaotic White House. When he gets serious, he turns to proselytizing about the evils of tru-

ancy. Our intelligence is being insulted.

Clinton wants to run on a platform of youth, global vision and energy. But he has yet to tell us what a second Clinton administration would mean for the country.

Dole wants to run on experience, leadership and values. But he has trouble articulating why he wants to be president. At a recent fund-raiser in New York, Dole made absolutely no sense when he said, "Another reason to vote for me is to keep the promises he (?) made in 1992. I know a little about life. I know a little about America. I'm worried about our future — not my future, your future."

Last July in Philadelphia, he sought the support of fellow Republican leaders by saying, "If that's what you want, I'll be another Ronald Reagan."

Now Ronald Reagan was a popular president, but what on earth was Dole talking about?

He keeps talking about his values, but does he think that if he becomes president, suddenly the 1940s and 1950s (which weren't so great) will return? Will children stop having children? Will motorists be polite? Will illicit drugs disappear? Will Hollywood clean up its act?

Does Clinton believe that if he gets a second term, downsiz-

ing will stop? Will the middle class stop having reason to be anxious about the future?

This is what Clinton had to say to the National Education Association the other day: "I believe with all my heart, if the American people are given back this choice, if they get to look at the big things, not the divisive, distractive, destructive, puny elements that too often dominate our politics, the American people will do what they've been doing for over 200 years. They will make the right decision. And your children and your grandchildren will be the richer for it."

That's reassuring. Clinton maintains his impressive double-digit lead in the polls, although most Americans haven't even begun to think about the election yet. But he has a lot of work to do before Nov. 5. His presidency has been erratic and often unfocused. Bill Clinton is not, at this point, a statesman.

Dole, in leaving the Senate, has not yet lived up to the challenge of selling himself to voters. His campaign plane seems to fly at random from spot to spot across the country and Dole seems somewhat at a loss why he ends up in San Francisco one day and Chicago the next.

Dole wants to campaign on reining in government,

reasserting American influence abroad and reconnecting the government to people's values. It all sounds good, but it's like scaffolding without architectural plans.

Clinton likes the theme of "common ground" and says he yearns to "restore the sense of community in America."

That, too, sounds comforting. But he can't even find common ground with his fellow politicians on Capitol Hill.

Somewhat, Dole has to learn to appeal to women and figure out what the Internet is and develop some passion. Clinton has to convince people his wild youth is over and that he's a stable man of the people who knows what he believes.

Eventually, come autumn, the candidates will hone their differences into sound bites. But basically, they'll both be trying to be for less government and more tax cuts and welfare reform and portable health insurance and better educated children and a more moral climate and less crime.

As the election gets closer, we will examine each man's character, stamina, agenda, staff, wife, promises, waistline and other assorted diversions.

Watch the athletes and enjoy the summer respite.

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## Cigarette 'addiction' and presidential politics

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WASHINGTON — Cigarette addiction has become useful in the presidential campaign, and President Clinton is where you'd bet he'd be — leading the pack with mock alarm at such "addiction" and not doing much else about it.

Yes, of course, the president has said he's against smoking, especially by teenagers, and he's critical of the hefty amounts of tobacco money contributed to political campaigns, not so much concerned with tobacco money that's gone into his campaigns but very much concerned — even angry — at tobacco money that's gone to Bob Dole's presidential campaign.

In addition, President Clinton, has properly blamed much of the high cost of health care, especially among the elderly, on smoking and on the tobacco industry, and — again properly — he's lamented the influence of the tobacco lobby on members of Congress who've proved time and again they'll take money from the devil himself in pursuit of re-election.

But what about "addiction"?

What's President Clinton done about cigarette addiction aside from attacking Dole for expressing doubts about addiction and suggesting that smokers may be tied more to a habit than an addiction? So where, after three years in the White House, is the Clinton attack on cigarette addiction?

If, as he suggests, the president is convinced that nicotine addiction is as strong as heroin or cocaine addiction, where are Clinton's programs for treatment and rehabilitation of cigarette addicts? Where are Clinton's budget proposals for attacking cigarette addiction, for federally-supported treatment of cigarette addicts, for nicotine addiction clinics and halfway houses for recovering addicts?

Those programs and those methods are recognized as vital and millions of dollars in federal money have been spent on the work to help and rehabilitate not only hard-core drug addicts but also victims of alcoholism, to bring them back from the disaster of addiction and remake their lives. What's President Clinton done — or suggested should be done — in the same helpful way

for cigarette addicts?

Aside from the Clinton campaign charge that Dole, because of his reluctance to jump on the "addiction" bandwagon, is certainly in the pocket of the tobacco industry, where has the president shown any more serious concern with cigarette addiction and addicts than to talk about it, to suggest a great national problem with nicotine but to use it only as cheap talk in a political campaign?

What President Clinton has shown in the blown-up cigarette addiction issue is that as always he's still the dependably deft dancer, this time gliding behind Dr. C. Everett Koop, the Reagan administration surgeon general whose Old Testament wrath at smoking and its proven dangers to health has led the anti-smoking crusade more than a decade.

In 1987, Koop, issuing a long compilation of anti-smoking articles which contained nothing new in nicotine research, said cigarettes were "just as addictive as heroin or cocaine," a declaration which appeared to put smokers in the same category as confirmed drug addicts.

Worse than that, Koop provided

an official crutch for smokers who could claim they wanted to quit smoking but couldn't, that they were addicted, just like the surgeon general said they were.

Koop, ahead of President Clinton, had criticized Dole's suggestion that cigarette smoking might be more a habit than an addiction and, typical of his inclination to escalate his anti-smoking rhetoric, Koop produced a strange new anecdote from World War II.

Cigarette smoking was so addictive, Koop said, that prisoners of war often traded their food rations for tobacco, and some died of starvation in that process. That's mighty scary stuff and seemingly helped along by its freshness as a war story not previously told of the unspeakable tragedy of World War II.

Before Koop gives more tall-tale lectures on cigarette addiction and before President Clinton puts in his political two-bit's worth to trash Dole's notion that cigarette smoking might be a habit, they should ask onetime heavy smokers how they broke the "addiction." Every one I know of, including myself, just decided to quit and then quit.

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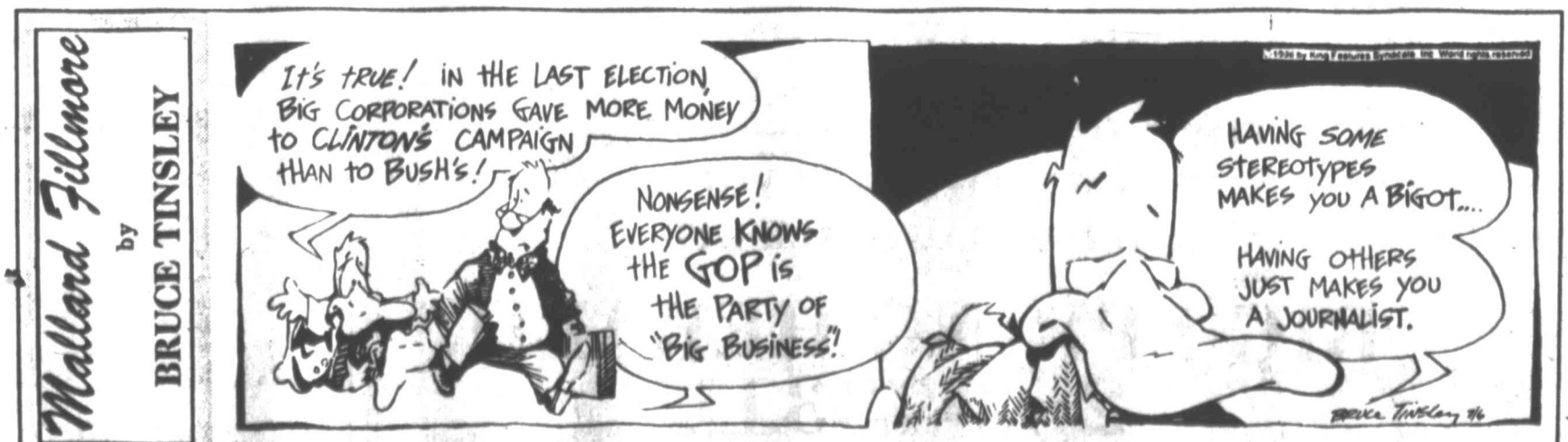
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# Perry outlines steps to protect troops in Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Congress waiting to query top Pentagon officials about the bombing in Saudi Arabia, Defense Secretary William Perry sought to deflect some criticism by outlining security steps the military had taken before the terrorist attack.

In a letter to lawmakers, Perry also said the Air Force is moving personnel away from exposed rooms and installing blast-resistant material on military apartments. His letter was made available to reporters Friday.

Perry's explanation of the

security steps taken before the blast is sure to be a subject of tough questions at a hearing next week of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Perry noted that guards posted on the roof of building 131, which bore the brunt of the explosion, saw the attack unfolding and managed to clear the top two floors before the truck exploded.

"Security measures in place kept the truck 35 yards away from the building, which significantly reduced the number of casualties," according to the documents accompanying Per-

ry's letter. The letter notes that a building 100 yards away also was damaged and one person inside was killed, suggesting that a larger buffer zone may not have prevented casualties.

The military men and women Perry met on a quick visit "clearly understand that the security of the region is vital to the United States," he said in the letter addressed to Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"I saw firsthand the appalling devastation of the bomb attack," said Perry, who will testify

before the panel along with Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. Binford Peay, head of the U.S. Central Command.

Since the bombing, Perry said, additional security steps include:

—Extending the concrete Jersey barrier line at the Khobar Towers apartment complex in Dhahran out to about 400 feet.

—Removing troops from buildings near the perimeter of the complex or to rooms that do not face the perimeter.

—Extending buffer zones "to the maximum extent possible"

at other U.S. military residential and work sites in Saudi Arabia.

—Installing blast-resistant Mylar in exposed buildings.

—Taking additional security measures at Bahrain, a small Persian Gulf nation just off the Saudi coast, and Jiddah, a major Saudi city on the Red Sea.

The documents did not discuss possible relocation of troops in the Persian Gulf region, something Perry now says he is considering.

After the bombing, lawmakers were especially concerned about reports that Saudi officials had

refused two U.S. requests to expand the buffer zone out to 400 feet.

Documents accompanying Perry's letter detailed the overall casualties, as well as steps taken since to increase security.

The blast, which killed 19 U.S. Air Force enlistees and officers, also wounded 450 Americans, most of them Air Force personnel. Fourteen remain hospitalized.

Also wounded were 147 Saudis, 118 Bangladeshis, four Egyptians, two Jordanians, two Indonesians and two Filipinos.

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### Bond hearing for Viper Militia to continue

PHOENIX (AP) — Viper Militia members took an oath to kill infiltrators and said they might retaliate against federal agents' families and jurors if their group was penetrated, a federal agent testified.

Steve Ott, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms agent who supervised the investigation, also presented a 20-minute videotape of the group that shows members blowing up home-made bombs and launching a rifle grenade in remote desert areas, cheering as the explosions send plumes of smoke into the air.

The 12 members of the militia group, accused in a plot to blow up government buildings, have all pleaded innocent to conspiracy and bomb-making charges.

The hearing was to continue Monday.

### Dole against public search for running mate

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Bob Dole's team works to find the right running mate, the candidate made it clear he does not want a public search with prospects brought in for high-profile meetings.

"We're not going to go through the embarrassing process of parading people around," Dole campaign manager Scott Reed said after Dole held a 90-minute meeting with his vice presidential search team.

Dole had no public comment after the meeting at his campaign headquarters, where he also taped the weekly Republican response to President Clinton's Saturday radio address. He was taking the weekend off from campaigning.

While Dole and his vice presidential search team are likely to meet with prospects once the list is winnowed to a few, former Kansas Rep. Robert Ellsworth, the team leader, said this would take place "not in public, out of consideration for the dignity of potential candidates."

### Soldier, paramedic injured when cable breaks

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — A soldier and a paramedic who had helped rescue a stranded father and son were critically injured early Saturday as a helicopter cable snapped and they fell 130 feet into a river.

"Luckily there was still a deputy on the ground. He managed to keep them from drowning and got them to shore," Army spokesman Joe Howell said.

Spec. Sean Buckley, 23, of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., broke both legs and Chris Masiongale, 29, of the Overton County, Tenn., Ambulance Service, injured his back in the fall, officials said.

They were transported to a Chattanooga hospital, where they were listed in critical condition Saturday afternoon.

Buckley and Masiongale had helped rescue 15-year-old Joel Hayes and his father Ralph Hayes, who were stranded overnight along the Roaring River in a remote area of Middle Tennessee. The Hayeses were airlifted out of the area Saturday morning.

## Libertarians trying to muscle into spotlight

WASHINGTON (AP) — They were on presidential ballots long before the Reform Party was united to stand for anything. They want to eliminate taxes and legalize gay marriages. They oppose Internet censorship and support a repeal of the assault weapons ban.

They are the other third party.

Libertarians, an eclectic mix of economic conservatives and social liberals, on Saturday nominated for their presidential candidate a best-selling author whose tomes include, "Why Government Doesn't Work."

"I wouldn't be running if I thought there were no chance of winning," said Libertarian nominee Harry Browne of Franklin, Tenn. "Most people are on our side. The challenge isn't so much to persuade them that our alternative is right as it is to let them know our alternative exists."

The Libertarian Party, operating in the shadows of American politics for a quarter century, is hoping to muscle its way into the national spotlight this year — a perennial wish that hasn't been fulfilled. The party was even snubbed at the 1992 presidential debates. The difference this time around is that the rival Reform Party boosted the profile of alternative parties to the majority Republican and Democratic organizations.

"We owe Ross Perot a debt of thanks by legitimizing voting for a third-party candidate," Libertarian spokesman William Winter said of the billionaire Reform Party founder who ran a strong campaign for president in 1992. "But he did take away from us the anti-establishment vote."

One of the largest third parties in American politics, the

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Libertarian spokesman**

Libertarian Party was founded in Colorado in 1971. Presidential candidate John Hospers was on the ticket in two states in 1972. He got 3,671 votes.

By 1992, Libertarian presidential hopeful Andre Marrou was on the ballot in all 50 states with a budget of \$1 million. He got more than 291,000 votes. In contrast, Perot spent about \$60 million of his own money and got about 20 million votes — 19 percent of those cast nationwide.

Browne, calling his bid a "long shot," said he needs name recognition to be considered a legitimate candidate. He hopes to further the party's message

by participating in the presidential debates this fall.

"Everything in our campaign now is directed at that end, to getting into the public opinion polls, so that we can muscle our way into the debates in the fall," Browne said in a convention floor speech.

Another attempt by the Libertarians to overpower the Reform Party — which plans to field only top-of-the-ticket candidates — is running candidates for many other offices as well, more than 1,000 overall.

The Libertarians boast more than 218 candidates for the U.S. House, almost triple the number

that ran in the 1994 elections. More than 800 candidates will run for other state, and local offices, Winter said.

No Libertarian has actually won a race on the federal level. However, many have served in state and local offices.

This year, Libertarians are on the ballot in 33 states so far, including California, Texas, Massachusetts, and Michigan, and plan to be on all 50 state ballots within a month or so — just as they were in 1992.

Browne was chosen by the vast majority of more than 550 voting delegates at the convention. Fueling their hopes for greater public exposure, the cable channel C-SPAN gave the colorful 4-day event — with the requisite convention signs, balloons and funny hats — gavel-to-gavel coverage.

The meeting had a distinctive flavor, however, with enthusiastic whooping, stomping and hollering for anti-government rhetoric, such as when a Texas delegate shouted: "Remember the Alamo ... Remember Waco."

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## Parasite's source still under investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government disease detectives know it's a single-celled parasite called cyclospora that's made an estimated 1,000 people miserable but they're still puzzled about its source.

Scientists say the outbreak that began in May is an example of how vulnerable the United States is to new diseases — especially ones that catch a ride on the food supply.

Cyclospora invades the small intestine and causes diarrhea, vomiting, weight loss, fatigue and muscle aches. Although treatable with antibiotics, it can last several weeks and cause dehydration while symptoms last. Some patients have been hospitalized.

The parasite first made headlines two weeks ago when Texas health officials blamed a new outbreak of diarrhea on California strawberries. But the CDC then backed off strawberries, saying laboratory tests hadn't found any that were contaminated.

By this week, illness reportedly had reached 1,000 people in the United States and Canada. Fresh fruit, including raspberries and other berries, is a suspect because clusters of patients who were sickened at weddings, catered luncheons and even at restaurants all say they ate fruit mixes.

The good news: Washing all fresh produce — a must to fight any germs — will clean away cyclospora. If it really lurks on fruit, cooking would make jams or jellies safe.

Some more good news: A few alert doctors sounded the alarm early. "We did get lucky," said Dr. Stephen Ostroff of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But he added that cyclospora is a reminder that "the potential for a massive outbreak is certainly there."

And while the CDC still is getting new reports of patients, most are well by now — it just took their doctors a while to suspect cyclospora and report them. That means the outbreak probably is waning, Ostroff said.



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# Russia's master power player wins again; His last hurrah?

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin knows as much about getting power and using it as anyone in Russia today. It is, a close aide once said, the president's "friend, his ideology, his concubine."

Yeltsin's comeback election campaign was a virtuoso performance by any standards, the master work of a brilliant, ruthless politician.

It could turn out to be the 65-year-old president's last hurrah. Given his age and health problems, many people question whether Yeltsin will serve out the second term he won in last week's runoff with Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov.

"All we can do now is just

wait for him to die," one of Yeltsin's many vanquished rivals, ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, said as the election returns came in.

Yeltsin was a maverick who rose to power in a vacuum — the Soviet system was imploding, people had lost faith in the leadership of Mikhail Gorbachev. His departure could create another void, an opening for the kind of forceful, charismatic outsider that Yeltsin once was.

Jealous of his power, Yeltsin encourages no clear successors. He even eliminated the post of vice president a few years ago; the constitution now says the prime minister would take over temporarily, then call new elec-

tions.

The list of allies, especially young reformers, used by Yeltsin and then discarded over the last five years is long. He made mincemeat in this campaign out of rivals in the democratic camp like Grigory Yavlinsky, leaving voters with what many said was a sorry choice: Yeltsin or communism.

"Something else needs to emerge and it hasn't yet," said Michael McFaul, an analyst at the Carnegie Foundation think tank in Moscow. "There's a real vacuum."

Yeltsin has done little to foster democracy and good government. The nuts-and-bolts of reform and running the country

do not interest him. He is an autocrat who mastered the craft of electoral politics, a power player not a policy wonk.

Russians can speak freely and the vote was clean, but basic elements of democracy are feeble. Parliament is weak; so is the legal system. Political parties are stunted. Russian news media were the president's handmaidens throughout the campaign.

Even though the Yeltsin regime has been legitimized again, it can hardly be called democratic," said pollster Igor Kiyamkin.

Despite his age, his heart trouble, his deeply reclusive depressions and his drinking, Yeltsin

has always acted as though he expected to live — and rule — forever.

But the question of succession will not go away. In the final days of the runoff, Yeltsin moved to neutralize it as adroitly as he neutralized his democratic challengers and as he put his Communist foe on the defensive.

He did it by bringing the third-place finisher in the election's first round, 46-year-old Alexander Lebed, into his camp. Yeltsin treated Lebed like his political heir, even hinting Lebed might be Russia's next president.

It was intoxicating stuff and the former paratroop general

seemed to let it go to his head.

Lebed alarmed foreign governments with his muscular nationalism. Civil libertarians quailed at the fierceness of his law-and-order rhetoric. He demanded sweeping powers over nearly all facets of government, from the economy to foreign policy — the powers of a regent.

He spoke of becoming president "before the year 2000," clearly implying Yeltsin would die, resign or become incapacitated before his four-year term ends.

Yeltsin remained silent, content to let Lebed's nearly 11 million voters believe that their man was next in line.

## Conflict, refugees top African leaders' agenda

YAOUNDE, Cameroon (AP) — The streets are swept and the trees are trimmed, but it will take more than a spruced-up setting to brighten the mood at this year's Organization of African Unity summit.

Last year's gathering was marked by an assassination attempt on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, a plot Cairo blamed on Islamic militants sent by neighboring Sudan.

This year, conflict and its consequences — refugees, disease, hunger and economic instability — will again dominate the three-day gathering of African heads of state that opens Monday, an annual event that seems to highlight disunity rather than unity among the OAU's 53 members.

"How do you promote continental unity when there is no national unity?" asked Adekunle Owoade, director of the Center for Human Rights in the Nigerian capital, Abuja. "The

citizenry are suspicious of each other even within their own countries."

He was referring to civil strife in Nigeria, Liberia, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Sudan and countless other pockets of the continent.

Formed in 1963 in the heady days of post-colonialism, the OAU vowed to hasten Africa's emancipation by forging economic and political solidarity among the young nations.

Thirty years later, African leaders sat in stunned silence as the OAU's newest member, Eritrea, told them they had failed.

"While the OAU has often championed the lofty ideals of unity, cooperation, economic development, human rights and other worthy objectives, it has failed to seriously work for their concrete realization," President Isaias Afewerki told the 1993 summit in a rare display of African self-castigation.

The message appears to have sunk in.

Shortly after the attack on Mubarak, the OAU chastised Sudan — an OAU member — and accused it of promoting terrorism. In December, the group's commission on human rights again took the unusual step of censuring one of its own — Nigeria — for its poor human rights record following the execution of nine anti-government activists.

But critics say such steps are too infrequent, and haven't convinced the world that Africa is serious about fixing its own problems.

"I think the time has now come for us to take very, very radical solutions," said George Ayittey, a Ghanaian economics professor at American University in Washington, D.C., who heads a think tank devoted to finding African solutions for African problems.

Ayittey even suggested that

African governments pool funds to pay dictators to leave power.

"Look at Somalia," he said, referring to the east African nation whose war-induced famine in 1992 led to an international mercy mission. "The humanitarian mission cost more than \$3 billion. If we had just taken \$50 million and bought out the regime, imagine the savings in terms of life and infrastructure."

It's an extreme example that would be deemed politically unacceptable by most governments, but the continent's leaders know they're under pressure to demonstrate a commitment to drastic change if they want to compete for dwindling foreign aid.

That will be difficult given the past year's record of human rights abuses, coups, army mutinies, wars and floods of refugees.

## Exhumations of mass graves in Srebrenica begins

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The killing fields near Srebrenica will rumble with earth-moving equipment Sunday as war crimes investigators begin uncovering the victims of the Bosnian war's worst massacres.

Exhuming mass graves containing thousands of bodies is part of an effort by war crimes prosecutors to build cases against genocide suspects such as Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his military commander Gen. Ratko Mladic.

The three-month effort aims to "expose the entire grave," John Gerns, an American forensic specialist and spokesman for the war crimes investigators, said Saturday of the various

burial sites.

Muslim-held Srebrenica was overrun by Bosnian Serbs on July 11, 1995, and more than 7,000 Muslim men who escaped were never heard of again. They are listed as missing, but survivors say they were massacred by the Serbs.

In previous exhumations in the Serb-held Srebrenica region, war crimes investigators have found the remains of what is believed to be only a tiny fraction of the total number of massacre victims.

Last week, Finnish forensic experts were picking up exposed remains of people mowed down in the hills near Srebrenica and taking them to a hospital in government-held

Tuzla for identification and eventual burial.

On Saturday, Bosnian Serb authorities ordered the Finns to stop and send a representative to Pale, the Serbs' self-styled capital. A U.N. spokesman said the Serbs would demand that Bosnian Serb officials accompany the team.

"They will not be picking up any more bodies until this is resolved," U.N. spokesman Andrea Angeli said of the Finns.

The exhumations starting Sunday are intended to reveal the scope of the massacres. Some of the graves, located as close as 9 miles to Srebrenica and 28 miles southeast of Tuzla, are thought to contain as many

as 2,700 people.

Exhumations will also take place at sites of other suspected massacres elsewhere in Bosnia and in Croatia.

The war crimes investigators will receive full ground and air protection from the heavily armed NATO-led peace force as they do their digging with bulldozers and other machinery.

"We will be using heavy equipment, laborers, forensic scientists and anthropologists," Gerns said. "Our excavation will last three months and we will concentrate on previously visited sites."

One of those sites is located at Nova Kasaba, where the investigators last month uncovered the bodies of six civilians.

## Death toll in Chinese flooding rises to 315

BEIJING (AP) — Soldiers cleared 20 tons of mud, and stones from railroad tracks and dynamited bridges to relieve rivers swollen from seasonal flooding that has killed at least 315 people, official reports said Saturday.

Rains subsided in some of the worst affected areas in southern and central China and tributaries of the Yangtze River receded from their dangerous crests.

Hundreds of thousands of soldiers, police and military reserve workers have been called in to rescue more than a million people stranded by flood waters, clear inundated farm

land and repair damage to dikes, roads and buildings.

Over the last 10 days, the storms have dumped 22 inches of rain across nine provinces and regions that take in some of China's best farmland and poorest villages.

By official count, the rains and flooding have destroyed 3.2 million acres of crops and injured or damaged property belonging to 20 million people. Reports from state-run media in China and the Red Cross and pro-Beijing newspapers in Hong Kong on Saturday indicated the death toll was 315.

Officials in Chinese government and Red Cross offices in

Beijing and the affected areas did not answer telephone calls Saturday.

The deaths included 17 people killed when lightning and storms knocked over buildings and severed electrical lines in eastern Jiangsu province, the state-run China Youth Daily reported.

With rainfall easing, a massive rescue and recovery effort intensified in the southwestern province of Guizhou, a hilly impoverished region where at least 136 people have died.

More than 500,000 soldiers and police blew up bridges and dikes and cleared drainage pipes to dissipate flood waters.



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## Vanished, ancient river located in Panhandle's now vanished mountains

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a mighty rushing river that flowed from lofty peaks drenched by monsoon storms and carried water to a western coast. And then it all vanished.

The mountains were in the Texas panhandle, now a great flat plateau. The river crossed what are now arid lands in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. And it emptied into the ocean at place that now is in the middle of Nevada.

Nancy Riggs, an associate professor of geology at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, said the river existed 225 million years ago at a time when most of the Earth's land was linked together in a vast, single supercontinent called Pangaea.

In a study published Friday in the journal Science, Riggs reported that chips of an uncommon type of zircon recovered from the Texas panhandle are of the same age as such minerals found in sandstone deposits in central Nevada.

"We propose that they were transported from Texas to Nevada by a river," said Riggs. The ancient water course has been named the Chinle River for a nearby rock formation.

The zircon chips from both Texas and Nevada are dated at 515 to 525 million years old and sedimentary rocks marking the river bed are about 225 mil-

lion years old.

Riggs said it appears that the mountains were probably formed by a folding of continental rock as the foundational plates of Pangaea began shifting.

"At the time, that area (now the Texas panhandle) was much closer to the equator," she said. "The climate was monsoonal." This means that rains came in great drenching storms during one season of the year. Such rains would have created a powerful river able to wash rock and sand from those mountains and carry it almost a thousand miles to Nevada.

Riggs said that shoreline of the western ocean then split what is now Nevada and the lands that are now California were underwater. Eventually, volcanic action and plate movement created the present West Coast.

As Pangaea broke up and continents formed, the face and shape of the land changed radically. The mountains that were in the Texas panhandle eroded away. Mountains arose to block the westward flow of water, the Gulf of Mexico opened up, the climate changed and Texas rivers eventually all flowed to the Gulf.

Texas Tech University and University of Arizona researchers were co-authors.

## Records show few fires result of racism

By The Associated Press Press

Amid all the frightening images of churches aflame, amid all the fears of raging racism, a surprising truth emerges: There is little hard evidence of a sudden wave of racially motivated arsons against black churches in the South.

A review of six years of federal, state and local data by The Associated Press found arsons are up — at both black and white churches — but with only random links to racism. Insurance industry officials say this year's toll is within the range of what they would normally expect.

There is no evidence that most of the 73 black church fires recorded since 1995 can be blamed on a conspiracy or a general climate of racial hatred. In fewer than 20 cases, racism is the clear motivation.

"You don't want to discount the racially motivated fires, but this a crime that has been going on for a long time and affects all religions and races," said Loreta Worters, a spokeswoman for the Insurance Information Institute, a trade group that tracks data affecting insurance companies.

Among the findings in a review of church fires in 11 Southern states where the trend was first noted:

—Largely because of a few nights' work by serial arsonists, there has been an 18-month jump in black church arsons.

Such fires are fairly rare in most states, and thus they multiply quickly. For example, Louisiana had seven black

*'Most times until you identify the perpetrator you can't know the motive. Yes, there are some of them that are racially motivated, but a vast majority of them are not.'*

John Robison  
Alabama Fire Marshal

church arsons all year; four of them occurred in a one-night spree in the Baton Rouge area.

Mississippi averages about two black church arsons a year; when two churches burned on the same night in rural Kosuth, this year's tally stood at four. There have been six fires in Alabama — twice the average number for a year — after three fires in three weeks in a single county.

—The number of white church fires also has increased. Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Virginia have seen more fires at white churches than black churches since 1995.

The spread was greatest in Texas, where a USA Today survey published last week found 20 white church fires and 11 black church fires. The total count for the last 18 months: 75 fires at white churches and 73 at black churches. The tally for the past six years offers a wider margin: 248 arsons at white churches compared to 161 at black churches.

—There is evidence pointing to racially motivated arsons in 12 to 18 of the fires, including

arrests for two fires in South Carolina and two in Tennessee. Another four Tennessee fires had clear racial overtones. Evidence suggests cases where black churches were singled out in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

—Racism is unlikely in 15 black fires. Black suspects were named in nine of those cases; another six churches were burned as part of arson sprees that included both white and black property.

—In the remaining dozen cases where there have been arrests the question of racism is more subtle. The gallery of suspects includes drunken teenagers, devil worshippers, burglars and three separate cases where firefighters are accused of setting fires they then helped put out.

Another possible motivation: At least 18 fires at black and white churches have come in the weeks since President Clinton first spotlighted the issue of black church fires.

"There's a lot of feeling out there that there are copycat fires," said Richard Gilman of the Insurance Committee for Arson Control, an industry trade group.

Fire experts like Gilman say the seeming rash of fires reveals a simple fact: Churches have long been a favorite target for arsonists.

National Fire Protection Association data show the rate of church arsons has dropped steadily from the 1,420 recorded in 1980. But in 1994, the last year of available data, there were an estimated 520 church arsons nationwide — about 10 a week.

Often located in isolated rural areas, empty for most of the week, churches offer a secluded venue for firebugs, vandals, thieves and those with a grudge.

Thirty percent of all church fires are attributed to arson, twice the rate of all structure fires in the United States.

"The number of arson fires that have broken out this year are within the norm," the Insurance Information Institute's Worters said.

Still, the furor over black church fires has caught on, to the point that the president, Attorney General Janet Reno, Christian Coalition executive director Ralph Reed, and scores of religious and political figures have spoken out against them.

How was the federal government alerted to the issue? The states inform federal authorities of church arsons; those notifications increased in 1995.

## West Texas cousins vying for Miss Texas title

CHILDRESS (AP) — Talk about your family genes. Two of the 56 contestants vying for the title of Miss Texas grew up in the Panhandle, just 30 miles apart. They happen to be first cousins.

Yanci Yarbrough, Miss Lubbock, and Heather Wilson, Miss Lake Meredith, are competing in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant that starts in Fort Worth on Wednesday. That should make things awfully interesting for folks in this part of the state.

Ms. Yarbrough, a 21-year-old senior public relations major at Texas Tech, grew up in Childress. Ms. Wilson, a 19-year-old sophomore nursing major at Abilene Christian University, was reared in Wellington, 30 miles north on U.S. 83.

"I think it's going to be fun," says Ms. Wilson. "I know it's exciting for our grandmother (Irene Yarbrough). It will be a new experience for both of us and I think Yanci will do well. She is so outgoing and at ease in front of crowds. I think with her maturity and experience she has a good shot."

Ms. Yarbrough also likes her cousin's chances. "Heather is

very poised and has a striking beauty, she is also very graceful," she said. "She can also play the piano well, I just don't know how she can get her fingers to move that fast."

They have been friends their entire lives, and they have been entering pageants for much of that time.

"My first pageant was the La Petite Pageant in Childress when I was a little girl," Ms. Yarbrough said. "I completed in Cinderella pageants from seven to about the age of 12."

Ms. Wilson began competing in and winning pageants when she was eight years old as a Cinderella Pageant contestant in Denton. "I've pretty much done it (competed) every summer," she said.

"Last summer I didn't enter any pageants at all. I got to go fishing ... that's one of my favorite things."

They both know that Miss Texas is not about competition between contestants, it's about performing before judges over three days of preliminaries and, if selected, being named to the top ten.

Making the top 10 allows contestants one night in the spot-

light on July 6 with all of Texas watching the televised finale.

Winning Miss Texas means a trip to Atlantic City, N. J., in September for a shot at Miss America.

In the preliminary competition for Miss Texas, contestants are judged in four major categories: talent, counting 40 percent; interview, 30 percent; evening wear, 15 percent; and physical fitness in swimsuit, 15 percent.

Ms. Yarbrough, a vocalist, will sing "New York, New York" for her talent performance.

An accomplished classical pianist, Ms. Wilson will perform "Winter Wind Elude Opus 25 No. 11" by Chopin.

Each contestant must also have a platform — an issue they have selected, studied and adopted as a pet project and have become involved in.

For Ms. Yarbrough it's the development of leadership in young people.

"My sister, Yaci, and our cousins are at junior high and elementary age. I see an increasing need for leadership skills in the youth of today," she says.

Ms. Wilson's platform is adult literacy. "When I was six or seven, my grandmother was tutoring a man who couldn't read," she said. "I just couldn't imagine an elderly man who couldn't read to his grandkids or understand a prescription on medication he should be taking."

She became certified in the Laubach Method of literacy tutoring in the eighth grade and once tutored a 40-year-old man when she was a freshman in high school.

Ms. Wilson recently visited the Neal Unit in Amarillo where she spoke to over 500 inmates over two days on the importance of adult literacy.

"The Neal Unit is the only prison in Texas where inmates tutor other inmates using the Laubach Method," she explained.

The past several months, Ms. Yarbrough has been working with teenagers in a new Lubbock program called Youth Net.

"The program consists of junior high age students with leadership potential who are selected by their teachers," she said.

## Father, son determined to beat drought

GIRVIN (AP) — Sammy Helmers maneuvers his jostling truck into a brush-choked pasture and within minutes he is leading a languid ranchland parade under a hot stinging sun.

The cows, calves and bulls trailing his pickup saunter sluggishly as they skirt the mesquite bushes and trample desert grass, occasionally flicking out meaty tongues and letting out bellowing "MOOOOOO"s.

Helmers stops, instructs a passenger to drive and then perches on the tail gate as he dumps out a bag of the feed pellets that help the cattle survive on the drought-scarred ranch. One docile cow eats out of his hand.

Earlier Helmers had explained the cattle have become so accustomed to following the pickup that he and his 80-year-old father, Alfred, can herd them the same way. It's really the only way they can do it.

"We're too old to cowboy," said Helmers, 58. Then, chuckling, he added: "We're cowMEN now."

The elder Helmers has been working the ranch near Girvin, 270 miles east of El Paso, since 1942. Sammy, who grew up on the ranch, rejoined him in 1983, when he retired after 31 years with the Texas A&M Extension Service.

Alfred Helmers' other son, Ellis, also helps out, but there's

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# Mendoza keys American rally in win over Coahoma

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

After four innings of damage control, Brandon Mendoza was ready to create a little havoc of his own.

Mendoza, who came on in relief with the Big Spring American Little All-Stars starting at a 5-0 deficit, shut the door on the Coahoma All-Stars for four innings, then knocked them out of the District 3 Little League tournament with a bases-loaded single to give American a 7-6 victory Friday night.

The game was technically called an elimination game, although survival game might be more apt. Neither team seemed particularly ready to call the tournament quits: Coahoma jumped to a 5-0 advantage, American came back to tie, Coahoma went ahead again, and American forced extra innings in their last at-bat in regulation.

In the first extra inning, however, Mendoza apparently

## District 3 Little League Tournament

### Friday's scores

B.S. American 7, Coahoma 6  
B.S. National 15, S. Odessa 6  
O. Sherwood 15, Lamesa 8  
EP Frank Manning 3, Martin Co. 2

### Saturday's scores

(Late games not included)  
B.S. National 8, Mid. Eastern 4  
N. Ector 11, B.S. American 1  
O. Jim Parker 6, Frank Manning 5  
O. Sherwood 9, Greenwood 8

decided that enough was enough. In the top of the inning, he recorded two strikeouts and an assist as part of a three-up, three-down Coahoma at-bat. Then, he completed fitting himself for the hero's cape in the last half of the inning.

After Ryan Vassar led off with a strikeout, Tye Butler

reached on an error, Brandon Greathouse hit an infield single and Nathan Campbell was safe on a fielder's choice to load the bases.

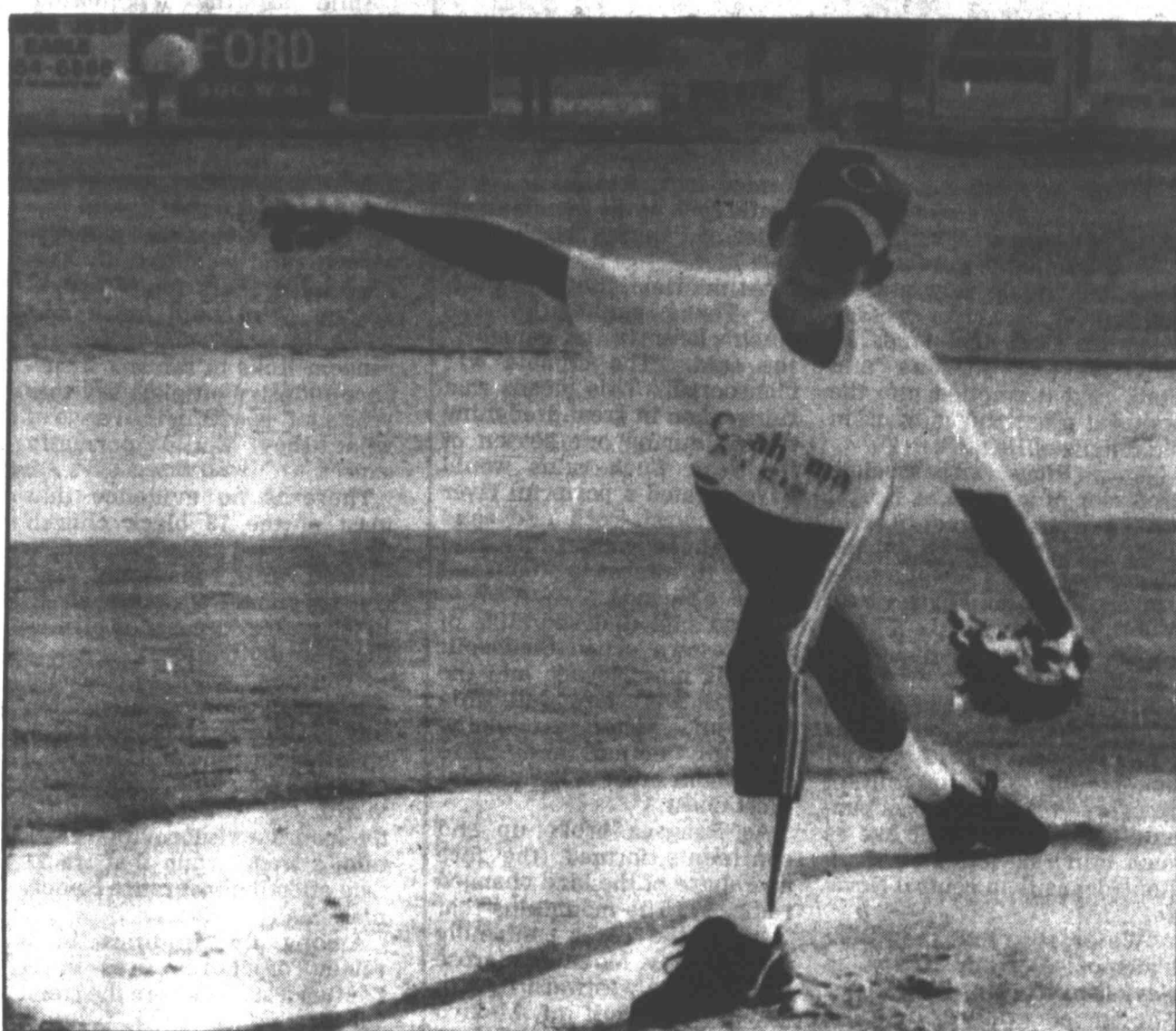
Mendoza then came up and promptly reversed a horrible night at the plate in which he had struck out his three previous at-bats. He sent a Travis Hipp pitch up the middle for a clean single, scoring Butler for the game-winner.

"I knew I had to hit the ball for us to win," Mendoza said. "I went straight at the pitcher, but when it bounced over him, I knew we had won."

Mendoza came on in relief of Willis Morrison in the third. Morrison pitched two innings with decidedly mixed results — he allowed only three hits, but was charged with five runs — three of which were earned.

"Willis usually throws a lot faster than he did tonight," American manager Robbie Wegner said. "When his fastball is off ... he throws a good ball to hit."

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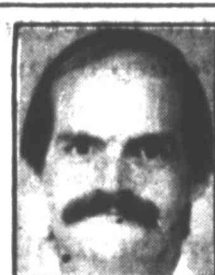
Coahoma's Travis Hipp fires a pitch home during District 3 Little League action last week. Hipp and Coahoma were eliminated by Big Spring American Friday night.

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## Big Spring puts on good show at tourney

Random thoughts while constructing my Seattle Mariner voodoo doll:

Watching this week's District 3 Little League tournament convinced me that some things never really change: Howard County teams continue to have a hard time at the event, but Howard County officials continue to put on a good show.



Steve Reagan  
Sports Editor

First, the bad news. Only two Big Spring teams remained alive in the tournament as of Saturday afternoon, and both may be history by the time you read this. Big Spring International went two-and-out in the double elimination affair, while Coahoma was shown the exit by Big Spring American Friday night.

Watch a few games in the tournament, and you'll see why Midland and Odessa teams dominate the thing. Aside from having a larger talent pool to draw from, our neighbors to the west also play better fundamental baseball. Big Spring teams can hit with the best of them, but Midland and Odessa squads have shown better overall pitching and defense.

You've heard that old baseball saying about good pitching

beating good hitting? It's true whether you're talking about the Texas Rangers (and don't get me started on that subject) or the Pee-Wee League Rangers.

This is not meant as a gripe toward local coaches — they obviously do the best they can — but merely to make a point: Until Big Spring and Coahoma teams learn the joys of playing solid defense, Howard County's losing streak at the tournament will continue.

OK, enough griping. Now that I've thrown a few barbs are local Little League officials, let me toss a few roses as well. If eight years of covering the district tournament have taught me anything, it's that nobody runs the operation better than folks in this area.

After a season of trying to beat the heck out of each other, the four county leagues have pulled together to put together a trouble-free tournament. I have talked to several people from Midland and Odessa who have raved about the hospitality, facilities, etc. offered by Big Spring and Coahoma officials.

And the positive comments don't stop at the ballpark, either.

Denver Edwards, coach of the Midland Western All-Stars, related to me how his team full of hungry youngsters were served — after business hours, no less — by the good folks down at Pizza Inn. The friendliness and hospitality of Big Spring residents have left him obviously impressed.

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## Graf wins seventh women's singles title

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much less dramatic rematch of last year's finalists.

"Knowing the situation I was in two weeks ago, physically, it just seems amazing to me to really come through like that," said Graf, who thought she might not be able to play Wimbledon after injuring her left kneecap a week before the tournament. "I don't know how I do it. I just keep on doing it. I don't care how."

Graf, who turned 27 a few weeks ago and has no intention of retiring soon, is closing in on the records of the finest players in history.

Only two women won more Wimbledon — Martina Navratilova with nine, and Helen Wills Moody with eight.

Only Margaret Court Smith, who won 24 Grand Slams between 1960 and 1975, captured more majors. Only Navratilova, with 167 overall titles, and Chris Evert with 157, won more tournaments in a career.

"It feels pretty awesome right now," Graf said. "It didn't hit me, until I got to the locker room, about the 100th title. But winning the seven Wimbledon, it is something I never imagined I could do. It was capable of doing. It's just incredible to me how the last few years have been going, how I've always been able to rise to the occasion."

Graf said this was the most unexpected of her Wimbledon victories. She was still limping two days before her first match and lacked grass-court practice.

"This is simply unbelievable," she said. "It's just been

like a dream. I didn't expect it being possible. I felt physically I wouldn't get through it all the way."

This was the seventh Grand Slam final between Graf and Sanchez Vicario. The last four were tight, three-setters, including last year's Wimbledon classic and last month's French Open championship match Graf also won.

But this final lacked the emotion and excitement of those previous encounters. Despite a cold and sinus problems, the top-seeded Graf overwhelmed the fourth-seeded Spaniard in the first set and held off a second-set charge to win in 1 hour, 28 minutes to take home another silver trophy and a \$547,150 check. Her \$18.8 in career earnings is approaching

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## Irvin trial becoming center of media circus

DALLAS (AP) — They swarm Michael Irvin when he enters or leaves the courtroom, angling for a picture or a snippet of comment. They interview courthouse spectators because a gag order silences the main players.

Their satellite trucks line the front of the Frank Crowley Courts Building. They race to give their audiences the latest scintillating tidbit in a drug case that's making headlines across the nation.

They are the media. And the sideshow is in full swing.

When testimony resumes Monday in the Dallas Cowboys receiver's drug possession trial, yellow badges will be handed out to some two dozen reporters

covering the case and its bizarre twists and turns.

The list includes more than a dozen members of the media in Big D, and also contains the likes of The Washington Post, The New York Times, USA Today and ESPN. There's even a psychic.

"This story has sex, race, drugs, money and football, a great football player, and that's the kind of thing we're interested in," said Lesler Munson, who is on staff at Sports Illustrated and is also covering the trial for CNN Sports.

Irvin and two topless dancers were indicted on cocaine and marijuana possession charges after police broke up a party at a motel near Texas Stadium in

March. Since then, a Dallas police officer has been jailed on a murder-for-hire charge for allegedly plotting to have the football star killed.

David Lozano, court coordinator for state District Judge Manny Alvarez, said he's turned down requests for interviews with his boss from "Good Morning America" and "Dateline." The judge believes the focus should be on Irvin and the charges that could send him to prison for 20 years if he's convicted, Lozano said.

"He's going to wait. We don't want to turn this thing into something it's not supposed to be," he said.

By far, the trial is the biggest Alvarez has presided over in

the nearly one year the Republican appointee has been on the bench, Lozano said.

When jury selection began, the press jockeyed for limited seating and worried about being squeezed out by the dozens of potential jurors.

Since then, a special press section has been set up in the fifth-floor courtroom, which seats some 60 spectators. Among those taking a slot is 54-year-old Emmanuel Hephzibah, a self-described psychic adorned with a beaded necklace and a multicolored sash.

"I've made predictions concerning the case, when it'd start," said Hephzibah, who said he has a show that airs on a Dallas cable-access channel.

## Stockton takes almost insurmountable lead at U.S. Senior Open

BEACHWOOD, Ohio (AP) — Dave Stockton shot his second straight 67 to build a record seven-stroke lead Saturday after three rounds of the U.S. Senior Open.

Stockton, who started the day with a one-stroke lead over Bob Charles, pushed his advantage to four shots by the time he reached the sixth tee, then almost moved out of sight with birdies at the 15th and 16th holes.

His 5-under-par 67 was the best round of the day. Following rounds of 70 and 67, he was at 12-under 204 through 54 holes at Canterbury Golf Club.

The seven-stroke lead heading into the final round was the largest ever in a Senior Open — by three shots.

No one has ever come back from more than a one-shot deficit after three rounds to win a Senior Open.

Stockton, a winner of two PGA Championships, has 17

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birdies in three rounds. His seven in the third round came at the third, fifth, sixth, ninth, 13th, 15th and 16th holes.

Throughout, his rainbow-handled putter — borrowed from LPGA pro Donna Caponi — was as sure as the \$212,500 check that awaits the winner.

Stockton has long been acknowledged as one of the finest putters in golf, but his shotmaking from tee to green were almost as impressive. Only one birdie putt was outside 10 feet, a 14-footer at the fifth hole.

Charles, as he did in the second round, bogeyed the first two holes and had to scramble to stay close to Stockton, playing in the same group for the third day in a row.

Stockton didn't wilt even when pressured. At the sixth hole, Charles hit a 2-iron to

within 6 inches of the cup and made eagle, but Stockton methodically two-putted from 25 feet for birdie.

Charles had two more birdies the rest of the way, but each time Stockton also made birdie.

Charles' 1-over 73 left him at 5-under 211, where he led an all-star quartet by a shot.

Raymond Floyd, Hale Irwin, Tony Jacklin and Jay Sigel — among them winners of five U.S. Opens, one British Open, one Masters, two PGA Championships and two U.S. Amateur titles — were bunched at 4-under 212.

Irwin and Floyd shot 69s, Jacklin a 70 and Sigel a 71.

The only other players under par were Chi Chi Rodriguez, Graham Marsh and John Bland at 3-under 213. Rodriguez and Marsh had 70s, Bland a 72.

### PGA

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Steve Stricker took a five-stroke lead after three rounds of the

Western Open, making seven birdies on the front nine Saturday to assume command of what had been a close tournament.

Stricker shot a 67 for a 15-under-par, three-day total of 201. He needs a 67 Sunday at Cog Hill's Dubsread Course to equal the Western-record low score of 268.

Lee Janzen was alone in second place at 206 after Saturday's 71. Jay Don Blake entered the day tied with Stricker at 10-under but shot 73 and was at 9-under with John Huston.

Six golfers were seven strokes back: Payne Stewart, John Cook, Craig Parry, Mark Brooks, Justin Leonard and qualifier Steve Jurgensen.

Stricker, in his third season on the PGA Tour, earned his first victory six weeks ago in the Kemper Open. This, however, would be by far his biggest payday. The top prize in the Motorola-sponsored \$2 million

tournament is \$360,000, third-best of all regular tour events.

After opening Saturday with a birdie and a bogey, Stricker birdied the next four holes to go 14-under and open a three-stroke lead over Blake. He bogeyed the seventh hole but followed with two more birdies to finish the front nine in 31. He had seven pars on the back side, including the final five holes.

Stricker has gained notoriety because his wife, Nicki, is his caddy.

Sam Snead set the Western Open record with a 20-under-par 268 at Keller Golf Club in Minnesota. The 268 was matched by Chi Chi Rodriguez in 1964, that at 16-under at Chicago-area Tam O'Shanter Country Club.

The low mark since the Western moved to Cog Hill in 1991 was Nick Price's 19-under-par 269 in 1993.

The last time a player overcame such a large deficit was

1966, when Tom Kite made up seven strokes on the final day. Kite caught third-round leaders Fred Couples and David Frost and then won a four-man playoff.

### LPGA

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) — Joan Pitcock shot a 5-under-par 66 Saturday to take the lead of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic after two rounds as first-round leader Meg Mallon was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard.

Pitcock was at 8-under 134 and held a three-stroke lead over six players heading into the final round.

Mallon, who was credited with an opening 65, was disqualified before Saturday's round began over a U.S. Golf Association rule on waiting time with a ball hanging on the lip of the cup.

She violated the 10-second

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# Atlanta snaps Astros' win streak; Mets rout Expos

ATLANTA (AP) — Four Atlanta pitchers combined on a seven-hitter and the Braves, led by Marquis Grissom, finally broke through against Houston's pitching, snapping the Astros' seven-game winning streak with a 4-2 victory Saturday night.

Atlanta starter Steve Avery, however, left the game after the third inning because of a strained muscle in his lower left side. The severity of the injury wasn't immediately known.

The Braves had scored only three runs in 23 2-3 innings in the series until they put together a two-out rally in the sixth to break a scoreless tie.

Grissom singled and Mark Lemke walked against Mike Hampton (6-5). Chipper Jones and Fred McGriff followed with RBI singles, the first runs Atlanta had scored off the Houston left-hander this season.

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Grissom put the game out of reach in the seventh with his 13th homer, a two-run drive over the left-center wall. He eclipsed his homer total for all of last season and, with a .349 average in his last 29 games, continued to be one of the few bright spots on a team that has been struggling at the plate.

Avery gave up one hit and one walk. He was followed by Mike Bielecki (1-2), who pitched three scoreless innings for his first win since returning this season for his third stint with the Braves.

Bielecki's most serious trouble came in the fourth, when the Astros put runners on first and third with one out. But Sean Berry hit into a 6-4-3 double play to end the threat.

Greg McMichael struck out four during a two-inning stint. Mark Wohlers pitched the

ninth, allowing a run on Derek Bell's groundout to spoil the shutout. Sean Berry's RBI single made it 4-2.

Houston's starters had pitched four complete games in their last seven outings, helping the Astros put together their longest winning streak since 1991.

## Mets 11, Expos 3

MONTREAL (AP) — Rookie Alex Ochoa, whose recall from the minors has helped New York's rise in the standings, hit a three-run homer Saturday as the Mets won their fourth straight game, 11-3 over the Montreal Expos.

Ochoa, who hit for the cycle Wednesday in Philadelphia, snapped a 2-2 tie in the fifth with his third home run. The 22-year-old right fielder is 19-for-54 (.352) in 14 games since being called up from Triple-A Norfolk on June 22.

After scoring nine runs on 14

hits Friday night, the Mets collected a season-high 19 hits.

## Blue Jays 15, Tigers 0

DETROIT (AP) — Pat Hentgen pitched a three-hitter and was backed by six Toronto home runs — two by Carlos Delgado — as the Blue Jays routed the Detroit Tigers 15-0 on Saturday.

Delgado, who drove in four runs, cleared the right field roof in the third inning with his 14th homer. He hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning to put Toronto up 12-0.

Ed Sprague, Joe Carter, Shawn Green and John Olerud also homered for the Blue Jays, who put an abrupt end to Detroit's three-game winning streak.

## Orioles 4, Red Sox 3

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rocky Coppinger outpitched boyhood idol Roger Clemens and Rafael Palmeiro and B.J. Surhoff hit

home runs Saturday as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Boston Red Sox 4-3.

Coppinger (4-0) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Clemens (3-8) yielded four runs, six hits and three walks in six innings. He struck out five.

## White Sox 3, Indians 2

CLEVELAND (AP) — Harold Baines' second homer of the game, a solo shot in the ninth inning, gave Chicago a 3-2 win over Cleveland and moved the White Sox within one game of the first-place Indians in the AL Central.

After taking the first three games of the series at Jacobs Field, the White Sox can make it a sweep with a win Sunday and head to the All-Star break tied for first.

With one out in the ninth, Baines drilled his 15th homer of the season into the left-field

stands off Cleveland's part-time closer Paul Shuey (2-2).

## Dodgers 3, Rockies 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mike Piazza's two-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning Saturday lifted the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-2 win over the Colorado Rockies.

Piazza's 24th homer this season — and sixth against the Rockies — helped the Dodgers win the first three games of the four-game series. Piazza has 16 career homers against Colorado, his most against than any NL team.

With the Rockies leading 2-1 in the eighth, reliever Jamey Wright issued a leadoff walk to pinch-hitter Roger Cedeno and Chad Fonville sacrificed. Bruce Ruffin (3-3) came on and retired Delino Deshields on a groundout, but Piazza followed with a drive just inside the right-field foul pole.

## Dream Team struggles, but down collegians

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Dream Team had a fitful and frightening afternoon in a game that should have been a snooze.

After watching the U.S. 22-and-under team strut off the court at halftime with a 17-point lead, the U.S. Olympians woke up in the second half for a 96-90 victory Saturday in the first stop of their five-game exhibition tour.

It was nothing like what was expected, especially until the midpoint of the second half. The 22-and-under team led for all but one of the first 32 minutes and held a 59-42 halftime

lead.

But in the second half, Hakeem Olajuwon and Scottie Pippen scored 27 of the Olympic team's first 29 points to cut the deficit to two, and a 17-7 run ensured that a Dream Team would not lose for the first time.

As it was, though, it was the first time any of the three Dream Teams since 1992 had ever fallen behind by more than 10 points. And it will go down in the memory of Shea Seals, Austin Croshere and Tim Duncan as the day they beat the Dream Team — at least for a half.

Pippen led the Olympic team with 17 points, while Olajuwon had 16, Karl Malone 13, David Robinson 12 and Charles Barkley 11.

Seals, a guard from Tulsa, had 20 points on 8-of-11 shooting for the Select Team. Croshere, a 6-foot-9 forward from Providence, scored 10 and had a moment to remember in the third minute of the game, when he rejected a shot by 7-1 Shaquille O'Neal.

If there actually is a way to beat the Dream Team, the Select Team gave an example of what it will take. They made eight of their first 10 shots, hit

six 3-pointers in the first half and shot 63 percent overall in the opening 20 minutes.

Most of the 3-pointers were uncontested as the Dream Team did not seem interested in playing aggressive defense.

That changed in the second half, after the Select Team left the floor, high-fiving and smiling following a 20-2 run to end the half.

Olajuwon and Pippen scored all the points in an 11-4 run to open the second half. After the deficit again grew to 15, the Dream Team had a 21-5 spurt, highlighted by a fast break dunk by Pippen.

## Yankees give Strawberry quick call-up from minors

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees couldn't wait for Darryl Strawberry's bat any longer.

The Yankees, expected to promote Strawberry from the minors after the All-Star break, instead purchased his contract from Triple-A Columbus on Saturday and plan to start him Sunday against the Milwaukee Brewers.

The troubled slugger signed with the Yankees on Thursday, and it was anticipated he would play for the Clippers for at least a week. But after hitting three home runs in two games for Columbus, the Yankees decided he was ready to rejoin them.

Strawberry did not play in Saturday night's game for Columbus against Toledo. He batted eight times for the

Clippers and drove in five runs.

With the Yankees, he is expected to be the left-handed designated hitter. The Yankees, though leading the AL East, rank near the bottom of the league in home runs.

Strawberry, 34, played sparingly for the Yankees last year after signing with them in mid-season. He had only 87 at-bats and hit three home runs.

The club chose not to re-sign him, forcing the eight-time NL All-Star outfielder to join the St. Paul Saints of the independent Northern League. He was leading the league with 18 home runs, including 13 in his last 12 games, and a .435 batting average when the Yankees signed him July 4, owner George Steinbrenner's birthday.

## Ford owners on a quest for more speed

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Robert Yates, owner of Fords driven by Ernie Irvan and Dale Jarrett, will be aiming for more horsepower before the DieHard 500 at Talladega Superspeedway in three weeks.

Irvan ran fifth and Jarrett sixth in Saturday's Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway. In the long run, the Thunderbirds were no match for winner Sterling Marlin and three other Chevrolet drivers.

"I'll tell you, we've got to go home and really work hard," Yates said. "It looks like all of them (Chevys) have picked up so much since we were down here in February. We've got to have some power. I think we're down 8 or 10 horsepower. We've got to put more effort into it before Talladega, if we expect to go there and do any good."

It was Irvan's third top-five finish in the last four races.

"You always like to win, but I try to work on things I can change," Irvan said. "The weather isn't one of them. Even if we've gone green all the way (the race was shortened by 43 laps), I can't say we would have finished any farther up."

Jarrett left the speedway feeling a bit better about the finish than Yates or Irvan.

"We had a good car, but it was no match for Sterling," Jarrett said. "We ran out of time. The leaders gambled (on the third caution) that it would rain and didn't pit for gas. If the race had gone full-distance, we might have been in great shape. The gamble almost worked out (for us) but not quite."

Jarrett's only remark regarding a collision involving John Andretti was, "My only comment is that I was just making a pass."

Andretti said a Daytona 500 winner shouldn't make a four-foot mistake.

"Give-and-take. That's all

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they preach to us at the driver's meeting," Andretti said, "especially at the fast tracks. (Jarrett) made us three-wide in the tri-oval and then pulled up on me and slammed into me. He shoved me into Dick Trickle and then drove off."

"Trickle and I were lucky not to tear up a whole lot of cars. Jarrett's crew told me his spotter told him he was clear, but it's still the responsibility of the driver. He was a good four feet shy of clear."

Andretti said Kenny Wallace's day was ruined and Greg Sacks' day ended in the accident.

SHORTCOMING: For the third consecutive race, Dale Earnhardt failed to lead a lap. It's been a factor in Terry Labonte's gain in the points standings, now 2,266-2,261.

"We had a fourth place car and that No. 4 car (Sterling Marlin) was really in a class by itself," Earnhardt said. "If (Labonte), (Jeff Gordon) and (Ken Schrader) couldn't hook up and draft by him, I don't think anybody can."

Schrader agreed, saying:

"There ain't no two or three cars going to pass that car unless the ignition was out like it was (earlier in the race)."

"The second ignition they had was better than the first one."

COPE TO RESCUE: Bill Elliott's crew chief, Mike Beam, got Derrike Cope to finish the race. Cope took over after Elliott, who was making his first start since suffering a broken leg at Talladega Superspeedway in April.

At the time, the McDonald's Ford was several laps off the pace.

"That was pretty much planned," Elliott said. "The doctor said if I had a problem, go ahead and get out of the car and don't take any chances."

BACK TO TUNNEL: NASCAR officials confiscated three cars — Gordon's Chevrolet, Jarrett's Ford and Johnny Benson's Pontiac — for more wind-tunnel tests.

"The cars were using larger spoilers in this race, and we want to see how they do in the tunnel," said spokesman Kevin Triplett.

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## Association to kick off program to 'inVEST' in officers' safety

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Texas leads the nation in the number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. From 1984 to 1994, 73 officers died in Texas compared to 64 in California and 48 in Florida.

Wearing a bullet-proof vest is vital to protecting an officer and the Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is doing its part to provide body armor for the local police department.

According to Lt. Pam Jordan, the department purchases five vests a year for its 44 officers. If there is money in the budget the city provides them. Most vests have a shelf life of about five years and after that, the manufacturer doesn't guarantee they will work.

A majority of the body armor the department has is old and there isn't any money to purchase new vests for all officers. The alumni association will kick off a program entitled "InVEST in an Officer" on

Monday to begin soliciting donations from individuals, organizations and businesses to purchase the equipment.

A vest costs \$600 and the association hopes to raise the \$26,400 needed to purchase 44 new ones. They also have a goal of raising money to purchase body armor for the Special Operations Response Team to use. There is a need for 14 vests at a cost of \$1,500 each. The group also wants to have enough funds to purchase an entry shield for the team to use when they have to enter a building. That ranges in price from \$3,000-6,000. Any additional money will be kept in a fund to be used when other equipment is needed by the department.

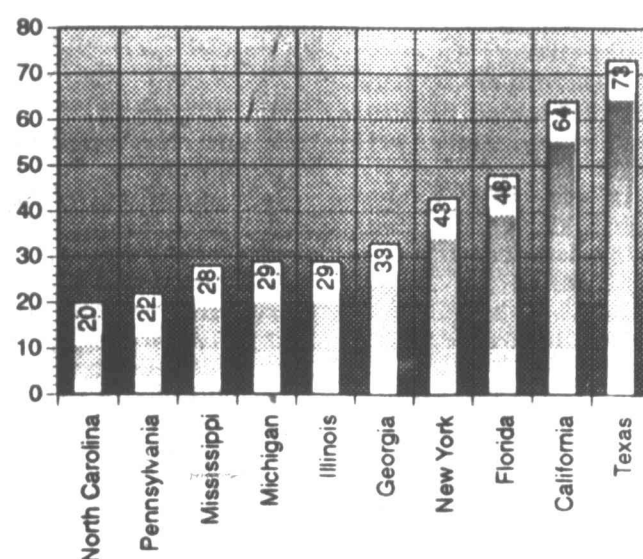
Members of the association will be required to wear identification badges when they are out asking for donations. The badge will identify the person as a member of the alumni association. The donations are tax deductible.

In 1994, the latest year statistics are available, 75 cops were

killed in the United States and only 35 of them were wearing body armor. Of those 35, only 11 sustained upper torso

neck or other places a vest can't protect.

Another alarming statistic is in 1994, the Southern states led



wounds which is anywhere on the body from the waist up. Jordan said that could mean the officer was shot from the side and the bullet went under the vest, or was injured in the

the nation in officers killed. The South makes up 37 percent of the country's population and 36 percent of all officers employed in the United States work in the Southern states.

Thirty two percent of the officers killed two years ago lived in this region compared to 16 percent in the Northeast, 21 percent in the Midwest and 24 percent in the West. The Uniform Crime Report Index lists the Southern states as: Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Arkansas, Maryland, Delaware and part of Pennsylvania.

Reports indicate the average age of the officers who are killed in the line of duty are 36 and have 10 years of service. The average age of the killer was 26 in 1994, 29 during the years of 1985-89, 27 during 1990-94 and 28 from 1985-1994. Most of the suspects were white and in 1994, 61 out of the 106 killers had a prior criminal arrest.

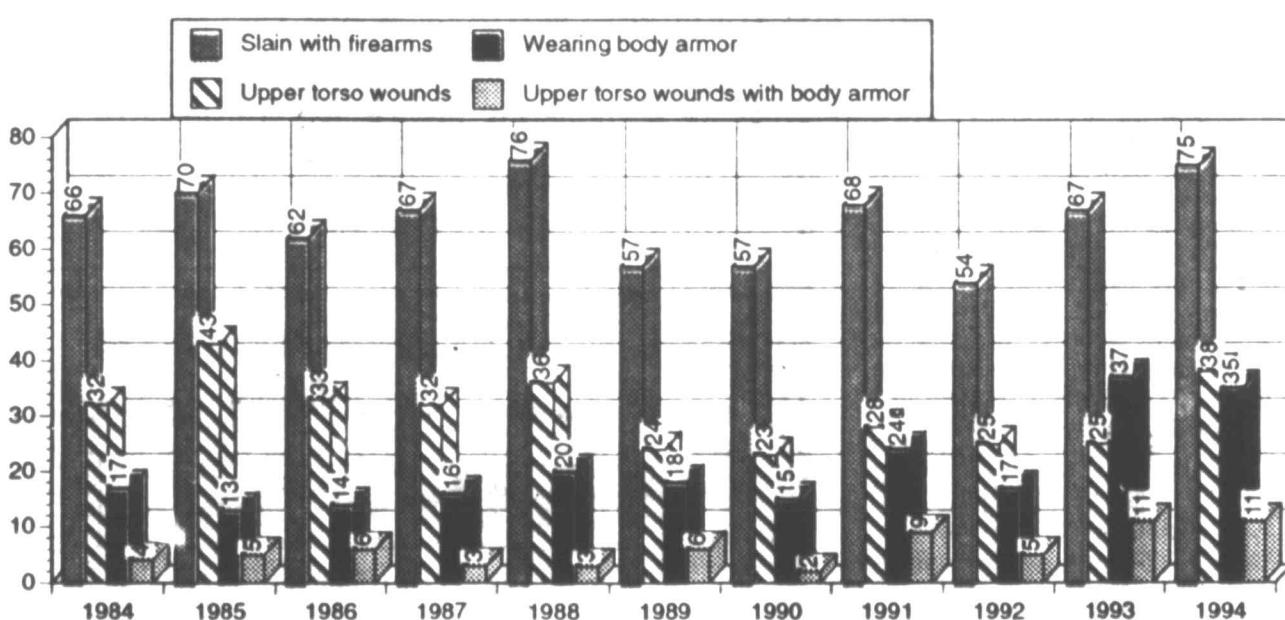
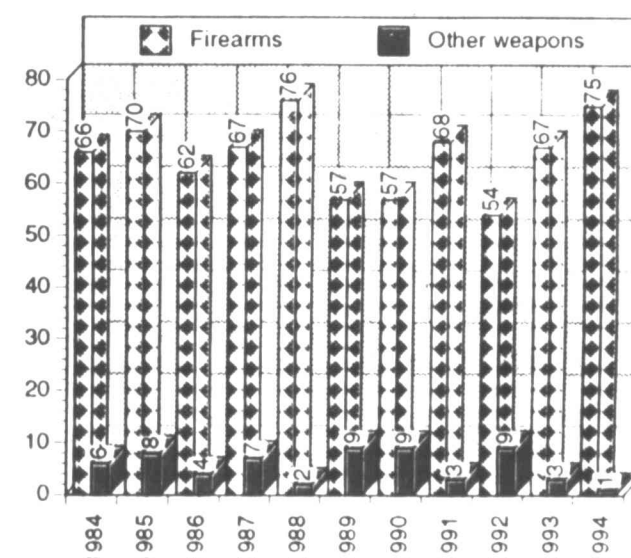
Patrol officers accounted for 50 of the 76 victims in 1994. Of those killed while on patrol, 43 were assigned to one-officer vehicles (Big Spring uses this technique), six to two-officer vehicles and one was on foot

patrol. Fourteen were on special or detective assignment and 12 were off duty but acting in an official capacity when slain, according to the UCR.

Also in 1994, eight of the 76 killed were at the scene of a disturbance such as family or at bar fights; 31 while in arrest situations with 16 of those while pursuing robbery suspects or attempting to stop a robbery in progress. One was slain while transporting a prisoner, 15 while investigating suspicious persons or circumstances, six in ambush situations, four while handling mentally ill suspects and 11 during traffic pursuits or stops.

Most of the officers were killed with firearms, 92 percent of the 708 killed from 1985 to 1994. Forty-seven percent of the firearms fatalities were caused by wounds to the head, 47 percent by upper torso wounds and 6 percent by wounds below the waist.

If you are interested in more information concerning this program or would like to make a donation, call 264-2569.

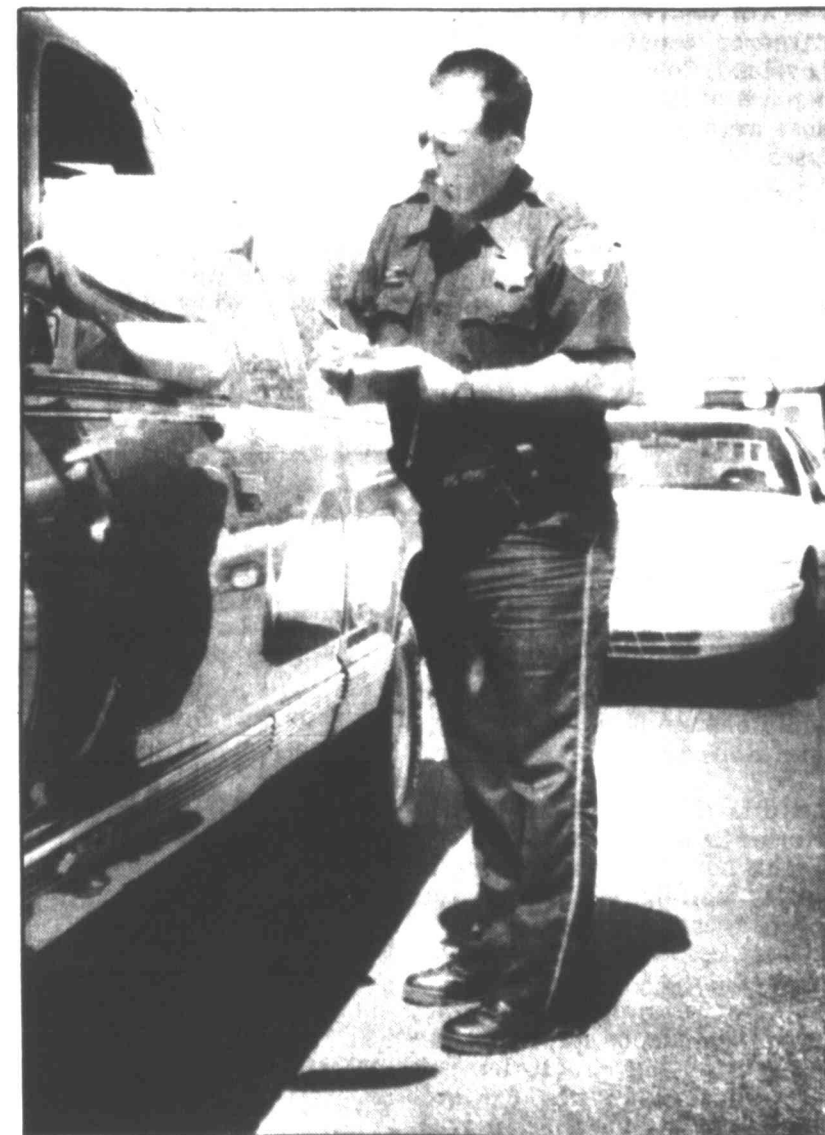


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The graph on the bottom left shows how many officers have been killed in the line of duty from 1984 to 1994. It also shows how many were wearing body armor and of those, how many were wounded in the upper torso area.

The graphic to the right indicates what type of weapon the suspect used to kill the officer, 92 percent used a gun of some kind within the last 10 years.

Big Spring Police Officer Tony Everett issues a citation to a motorist. The alumni association will officially kick off their "InVEST in an Officer" program on Monday to begin soliciting donations to purchase a total of 58 vests for officers of the department.



## Say goodbye to diet and hello to lifestyle change

Diet. Ugh! It's a four letter word I've used off and on for several years now. I finally decided to quit dieting and just do what I call a healthy lifestyle change.

Last Monday was week four of this change and it has been going well so far. I've already lost about seven pounds, three inches in the waist and two in my hips. I was tired of not

being in shape, eating out too much (spending too much money) and not fitting into my clothes. My husband and I decided to do this together. About a month ago, I threw out or gave away all of our junk food including the chips, sodas, cookies, cake mixes, candy bars, etc.

We invested in a software program where we could enter our current weight, goal weight, body fat, how much time we were willing to commit to weight training and aerobics. The program then gave us a month's worth of menus, grocery lists and weight training schedules. I admit it has been hard but within a few days we both noticed how much better we felt. I had more energy and

wasn't tired after lunch. I can now get back into my favorite pair of jeans and I can zip those shorts without having to suck in my breath for five minutes first.

I added up how much money I spent on sodas and candy bars I was buying after lunch when I was feeling tired. Just by cutting those two things out, I will save about \$2,000 a year! I had the habit of spending a lot at the grocery store then being too tired after work each day to cook, so the food went bad and we spent more at the restaurants.

About once every 10 days, we do "splurge" and get some take-out food but we feel guilty and usually don't pile on the extras like sour cream or mayonnaise.

I haven't been as committed to the exercising as I would like, I still manage to come up with excuses not to go to the gym. But now that I've seen how much I've lost in just three weeks, I know I can do even better by adding exercise with my healthy eating.

I've read in numerous articles how important it is to eat five small meals a day plus exercise in order to lose weight and fat as well as increase your metabolism. It's true. It's not as hard as it seems to eat five times a day when you work. I've always taken time to eat breakfast so that wasn't a problem. I take a piece of fruit or some yogurt to work for a mid-morning snack, then go home for lunch (usually a tuna or turkey

sandwich), eat a little snack when I get home from work then some chicken or turkey with a baked potato for supper. Using spices, hot sauce and barbecue sauce has helped with the monotony. We can eat a little red meat once or twice a week as long as it is lean and all the fat has been trimmed off the steak.

My co-workers have been supportive. They gave me a fruit tray instead of a cake for my birthday last week. I don't go to lunch with them nearly as often as I used to and they understand.

It has taken me 10 years to put on this weight so it's not healthy to take it off fast. That was the problem in the past. I wanted results immediately

and when I didn't get them, I just gave up. Not this time. I'm already seeing and feeling the results so I'll stick with it.

I have many more pounds to go. If I can still lose seven pounds every three weeks, I should get there by in about two and half months. That's if I didn't exercise but I'm determined to go the gym three days a week and walk three days a week, so maybe it'll happen sooner. I have now officially put it in writing that I will exercise more. That means I have to do it.

I have a closet full of dresses, skirts and pants just waiting to be worn again. I'll keep you posted as this lifestyle change progresses the next few months.



Kellie Jones  
Features Editor



## WEDDINGS

## Cisneroz-Kelley

Catherine Jeannette Cisneroz, Big Spring, and Dickie Kelley, Shreveport, La., were united in marriage on June 8, 1996, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Chris Coleman officiating.

She is the daughter of Dolores Cisneroz, Big Spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kelley, Big Spring. The couple stood before an altar with candelabras and a unity candle decorated with ivy and red, pink, yellow, peach and ivory roses.

Organist was Eva Garcia, and guitarist was Oscar Garcia.

Vocalists were Hilda Lara, Estrella Ramirez, Norma and Manuel Ramirez and Jessie and Rosa Flores.

Given in marriage by her mother, the bride wore a gown by Mori Lee. The off-the-shoulder gown was made of heavy satin. The bodice was heavily appliqued with imported alencon lace decorated with pearl outlines and sequins. The long sleeves were trimmed with alencon lace cutout appliques trimmed with pearls and sequins and came to a point. A deep row of detailed cutout pattern also trimmed with pearls, sequins and flower sequins edged the hem of the full skirt, the back of the skirt and the cathedral length train.

She wore a headpiece made of Austrian crystals and pearls and a fingertip veil.

She carried a cascading bouquet of red, yellow, pink, peach and ivory colored roses and crystal leaves with ivy.

Matron of honor was Martha Hernandez, Big Spring, and maid of honor was Zenaida Ann Brott, Big Spring.

Bridesmaids were Leticia Gomez, Sweetwater; Michelle Patrick, Big Spring; Theresa Cypert, Big Spring; Christina Martinez, cousin of the bride, Big Spring; and Sonya Arguello, cousin of the bride, Big Spring.

Ashley Martinez, Big Spring, and Alisha Cisneroz, Loveland, Colo., both cousins of the bride, were the flower girls.

Train bearer was Jessyka Cisneroz, cousin of the bride, Loveland, Colo.; Justin Feaster, nephew of the groom, and Glen Rose were the bearer of a dozen roses.

Tommy Kelley, nephew of the groom, Cleburne, was the ring bearer.

John Moor, Big Spring, served as best man.



MRS. DICKIE KELLEY

Groomsmen were Pete Hernandez, Big Spring; Deeg Young, Schertz; John Wurster, San Angelo; Brad Connell, Blackwell; Mark Gomez and Raymond Gonzales, both of Big Spring.

Cleveland Tovar, Houston, and Jason Mize, Big Spring, served as ushers.

Candlelighters were Kirk and Kyle Kelley, nephews of the groom, Cleburne.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church fellowship hall.

The bride's table was draped with a white linen with a lace overlay and ivy garlands with roses. It featured a three tiered cake with four satellite cakes each topped with roses and ivy. A crystal pair of swans topped the cake.

The groom's table was draped with white a linen with a lace overlay, ivy garlands with roses and a centerpiece of roses. The cake was a chocolate sheet cake topped with another cake in the shape of a fiddle and a silver coffee service completed the table.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1996 graduate of Howard College RN program with an associate's degree in science.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Big Spring High, a 1989 graduate of Howard College and a 1992 graduate of San Angelo State University with a double major in marketing and management. He is employed as a manager for AMARR garage doors in Shreveport, La.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Shreveport, La.

## Spalding-Sanford

Lara Ann Spalding and Maston Russell Sanford, both of Kerrville, were united in marriage on June 8, 1996, at the Schertz Church of Christ with Leslie Boone, minister of Cavott Ave. Church of Christ, officiating.

She is the daughter of Diana and Robert Adkins, Big Spring, and Ron and Robin Spalding, Cibola.

He is the son of Mark and Norma Sanford.

The couple stood before a unity candle with emerald green background with ivy.

Vocalist was Edna Mach, Kerrville.

Given in marriage by her father and stepfather, the bride wore a puffed short sleeved gown accented with lace and seed pearls with a cathedral length train with sequins, lace and satin and edged in lace. The finger tip veil was embellished with seed pearls, mauve roses and baby's breath.

She carried a bouquet of mauve, white and baby emerald green roses with baby's breath and English ivy.

Maid of honor was Jessica Rodriguez, Kerrville.

Bridesmaids were Erica Hughes, Cassandra Adkins, sister of the bride, and both of Big Spring, and Becky King, San Antonio.

Lucretia Welch was the flower girl, and Zachery Sanford, brother of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Marco McDonald was the best man.

Rodney Canniff of Kerrville, Brian Adkins, brother of the bride, Big Spring, and Robert Hatchett, Kerrville, all served as groomsmen.

Bob Craft, Kerrville, was the usher.

Candlelighters were Diana Adkins, Robin Spalding and



MR. AND MRS. MASTON SANFORD

Norma Sanford. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Schertz Community Center.

The wedding cake was a three tier cake with a fountain underneath and accented with mauve roses and emerald green accents.

The groom's cake was a yellow cake with a yellow pickup truck in a honeymoon scene.

The bride and groom's tables were decorated with emerald tablecloths, flowers and toast-ing glasses.

The bride attended Big Spring High School for two years and graduated from the Maranatha Christian School. She is the assistant manager for Pizza-Hut Pepsico Inc.

The groom is a graduate from Comfort High School in 1991. He joined the Navy for two years and attended Austin Community College. He is currently employed by IGA.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas and Galveston, the couple have made their home in Sonora.

## Rodgers-Letz

Becky Dian Rodgers and Bryan Ray Letz were united in marriage on June 22, 1996, at the College Park Church of Christ with Johnnie Wayne Rodgers, brother of the bride of Sharpburg, Ga., officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Rodgers, Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Letz, Fredericksburg.

The couple stood before an arch decorated with peach and white flowers and bows. There was a unity candle and two candelabras with 15 candles spiraling down on each side.

Planiest was Christy Alton.

Michelle Davenport, Clifton and Trina McFadden, Shellina Quillin and Susie Rodgers were the vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown accented with lace and a long train.

She carried a bouquet of peach and white roses and carnation silk flowers.

Michelle Davenport, niece, Griffin, Ga., was the maid of honor.

Katrina McFadden, Iowa Park, niece, and Shelina Quillin, Granbury, were the bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Alora Davenport, great-niece, Griffin, Ga., and Austin Rodgers, nephew of the bride, Sharpburg, Ga., was the ring bearer.

Best man was Kris Beck, brother-in-law, Johnson City.

William Johnson, Brownwood, and Lawrence Witkowski, Big Spring, served



MR. AND MRS. BRYAN LETZ as groomsmen.

Bob Langford, Big Spring, and David Sudereth, Waco, served as ushers.

Jodi Rodgers, niece of the bride, Big Spring, and Josh Rodgers, Sharpburg, Ga., were the candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's table was covered with a peach tablecloth and a white lace overlay with a peach skirt. The wedding cake was a three-tier white cake with peach flowers with staircases down both sides and two cakes at the bottom of the stairs. The fountain underneath the cake completed the cake.

The groom's table was covered in a peach tablecloth and featured a chocolate cake decorated with a fisherman fishing.

## Norman-Walker

Deborah Diane Norman and Cory Glen Walker were united in marriage on Friday, July 5, 1996, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jimmie and Charlotte Norman, Big Spring.

He is the son of Glen and Gayla Walker, Odessa.

The couple stood before a brass archway entwined with Swedish ivy and white roses. On either side of the archway were white columns which held baskets of ivy intertwined with red roses and stephanotis. A unity candle and pew markers of white tulle bows accented with satin flowers completed the setting.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a traditional gown of bridal satin and alencon lace. The bodice featured a Queen Anne neckline, Elizabethan sleeves and basque waistline embellished with lace, pearl and pear sequin trim. The skirt featured a satin bow in the back below the waistline and was enhanced with sheer appliques of alencon lace, pearls and sequins. The full skirt with lace and pearls at hemline formed a chapel length train. He waistlength veil was topped with satin roses and seed pearl crown.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses surrounded by baby's breath, pearls and stephanotis gathered together with tulle and white organza ribbon.

Maid of honor was Sherida Drinkard, Midland.

Stuart Ulate, Odessa, served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.



MRS. CORY WALKER

The bride's table was draped in white lace and trimmed in white tulle entwined with garland and white roses. Her white three-tiered heart shaped cake was decorated with Lilly-of-the-Valley flowers and pearls decorating each tier. A pair of crystal swans and lace with roses topped the cake.

The groom's table was covered with white lace over black and featured a German chocolate cake.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and a graduate of Howard College with an associate's degree in nursing. She is currently employed with Permian Basin Dialysis Center, Odessa.

The groom is a graduate of West Tenth Christian Academy, Odessa, and is currently employed with Permian Basin Dialysis Center in Odessa.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will make their home in Odessa.

## Harvey-Lawrence

Melinda Harvey and Stacey Lawrence, both of Dallas, were united in marriage on June 29, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harvey, Richardson.

He is the son of Mr. Charles Lawrence, Big Spring, and Sharron Lawrence, Fort Worth. Maid of honor was KaLynne Harvey, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Suzanne Stevens, Kelra Breeden, Holly Walling, Heather Hormick, Stephanie Casella, Deirdre Dorsy, Heidi Rouhselang, and Heather Calvert.

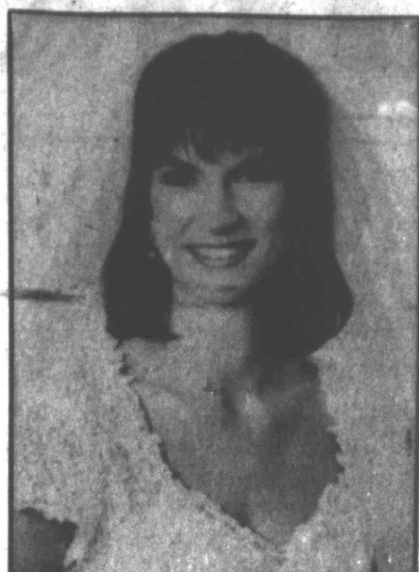
Flower girl was Amanda Lawrence, sister of the groom.

Ryan Lawrence, brother of the groom, was the best man.

Wes Snow, Patrick O'Shea, Tim Collins, Duane Biggs, Don Bleasdel, Brad Fisher, Michael Skagren and Clint Jones served as groomsmen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Prestonwood Country Club.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Richardson High School and a 1992 graduate of Texas Christian University with a BBA in Accounting. She is



MRS. STACEY LAWRENCE

employed by Arthur Andersen LLP CPA in Dallas.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Weatherford High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a BBA and a Masters in Accounting. He is employed with Arthur Andersen LLP CPA in Dallas.

Following a trip to Greece, the couple will make their home in Richardson.

## Maxwell-Hopkins

Leann Maxwell and Skip Hopkins united in marriage on June 22, 1996, at the Knott Church of Christ with Larry Marshall, minister, officiating.

She is the daughter of Kynn and Jan Maxwell, Knott.

He is the son of Eldon and Genia Hopkins, Stanton.

The couple stood before an altar with four candelabras decorated with sprays of cranberry and white floral arrangements. Reggie Franklin, Stanton, was the vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a fitted long sleeve dress with a long train accented with pearls and sequins. The gown had two cutouts on the back of the dress with a bow on the back.

She carried a bouquet of long sprays of white and cranberry flowers and baby's breath a a bow.

Maid of honor was Sonja Hopper, Stanton.

Bridesmaids were Mandy Hodnett, cousin, Ackerly; Barbara Hammond, Ackerly; Luci Gabeheart, Oklahoma; and Misty Calhoun, Midland.

Flower girl was Nikki Gann, Midland, and ringbearer was Garrett Avery, Midland.

Eldon Hopkins, father of the groom, Stanton, was the best

man. Greg Avery, Midland; Ron Welch, Muleshoe; Craig Paschich; Lubbock and Carlos Ortiz, El Paso, served as groomsmen.

Shane Clay, Stanton, and Cory Maxwell, brother of the bride, Knott, were the ushers.

Candlelighters were Marla Reed, Ackerly, and Cory Maxwell, Knott.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The wedding cake was an all white three-tiered cake decorated with roses and silk flowers. It was topped with two white glass doves. The table was decorated with silk cranberry and white flowers.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake decorated in white and hunter green.

The bride is a graduate of Sands High School and attended Texas Tech in Lubbock.

The groom is a graduate of Stanton High School, and a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is employed by the Round Rock ISD.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Austin.

## life! section

## Sunday Deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and

birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

## Sharp

Mr. and Mrs. S.C. (Buddy) Sharp of Gail celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 6, 1996, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Borden County School cafeteria hosted by their children.

Buddy and the former Margaret Hallmark were married on July 2, 1936, in Bell County.

They are the parents of Hollie Sharp of Granbury, Helen Warden of Waverly, Tenn., Beverly Beatty of Brownwood, Ross Sharp of Gail, Toby Sharp of Gail, Renee Hobson of Gail, and the late Barbara Sharp. They also have 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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MR. AND MRS. BUDDY SHARP

## Jones

Claud and Billie Jones will celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a surprise party while they were vacationing in Cloudcroft with family.

He was born in Mitchell County, and she was born as Billie Carey also in Mitchell County. They were married on July 4, 1946, in Colorado City. The couple have two children, Toni Knox, Richardson, and

Dickie Jones, Big Spring. They also have one grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have spent most of their marriage in Big Spring.

Claud is presently retired and was previously a construction foreman for Southwestern Bell. They both enjoy camping and going to the mountains in the summer. Billie enjoys bingo.

## GETTING ENGAGED



Robyn Kate Brooks and Jeffery David Hoffman, both of Austin, will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 3, 1996, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Leopard, Canyon, with pastor Ken Petes, Presbyterian minister, New Braunfels, officiating.

She is the daughter of Brent and Mary Brooks, New Braunfels.

He is the son of Beverly Shaver, Carthage, and Robert Hoffman, Kansas.

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## Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by July 22. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for July 31.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length.

Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo. For more information, call 263-7331 ext. 112.



Christine A. Henry Stewart

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## NEW IN TOWN

Paul and Ann Lombardo, daughter Georgia Kate and son Nicholas, Mission. He is employed by Apria Health Care.

Johnny and Debbie Moore, daughter Laura and son Jonathan, Abilene. He works for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Layne and Jodi Mims and sons Michael and Matthew, Hobbs, N.M. He is a computer programmer for Avantech.

Javier and Julie Alvarez, and daughters Julie, Jessica and Jennifer, El Paso. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Ed and Elaine Williamson, daughter Pauline, and sons Mark and David, Hereford. He is the minister for First United Methodist Church, and she is employed by the Big Spring ISD as a special ed teacher at Moss.

James and Marlene Matheny and daughter Aimee, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is retired from United Steele Workers.

Jennifer Conine, Midland. Sean and Sharon Lyssy, daughter Kelbi and son Cole, Odessa. He is employed by Fina Oil & Chemical.

Mark Odle, Roswell, N.M. He works for Norwest Bank.

Paul and Debby Baskin, son Darrell and daughters Deanna, Emily, Hanna, Natalie and Bethany, Kansas City, Mo. He is the minister for Wesley Methodist Church.

Library of Poetry. The poem is entitled "Reasons," and the main subject is God.

Mamie Floyd, Big Spring, has just had original poetry published in Spirit of The Age, a treasury of today's poetry compiled by The National Library of Poetry. The poem is entitled "Young Faces," and the main subject is the effects of war on our youth.

The National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets like Thomas and Floyd by sponsoring contests that are open to the public and by publishing poems in widely distributed hardback volumes.

Thomas has been writing for 16 years and his favorite subjects and ideas are religion, science fiction and fantasy, and Floyd had been writing for more than 40 years and her favorite subjects and ideas are nature and human nature - the improvement of people and their environment - make the world better.

Poets interested in publication may send one original poem, any subject or style, 20 lines or less, to The National Library of Poetry; 11419-10 Cronridge Drive; P.O. Box 704-1379; Owings Mills, Md.; 21117. Please be sure to include your name and address with your poem.

## ON THE MENU

SPRING CITY SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER

MONDAY - Charbroiled steak, potatoes, baked beans, carrot/raisin salad, milk, rolls and fruit

Gary and Helen Haag, and daughters Genny and Laci, Aspermont. He is a pumper for Marthan Oil Co.

Dan and Pam Burnett, son Grant and daughter Paige, Odessa. He is self employed.

Curtis Clay Kidd, Waco. He works for Fina Oil & Chemical. Jim and Linda Hawthorne, Midland. He is employed by Western Container.

Bryan and Shirley Beal, and son Charles Nolan, Brownfield. He is employed by Unichem.

Norman and Lisa McNew, daughters Mindy and Miranda and son Michael, Baton Rouge, La. He works for Buddy & Son Body Shop in Coahoma.

David W. and Tonya Herrera, and son Christopher, San Antonio. He is employed by Grantham Drilling.

Terry A. Wofford and daughter Tracey, Conyers, Ga. She is the Associate Warden at the Federal Correctional Institution.

Courtesy of Joyce Fortenberry, the Newcomer Service.

## STORK CLUB

Summer Gabrielle Trevino, girl, 7 lbs., 11 oz., 20 1/2 inches long, June 5, 1996, 12:42 p.m.; parents are Arturo Trevino and Michele Trevino.

Grandparents are Tito and Olga Trevino, and Steve and Glenda Smith, all of Big Spring.

All poems received are also entered in The National Library of Poetry's north American Open Poetry Contests, with awards over \$24,000 in prizes annually.

For the spring 1996 semester at Baylor University, 1,553 students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Among those listed was Graciela Anna Nieto, Big Spring.

Suzanne C. Conner, daughter of Jack and Jean Cook of Big Spring, was recently named principal of Canyon del Oro High School in Tucson, Ariz. Conner is a 1964 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1967 honors graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science in education: elementary education.

She also has a masters of science in education with a major in guidance and counseling from Baylor University in 1970 where she received honors recognition. In 1992, Conner earned an administrative endorsement from the University of Phoenix.

TUESDAY - Chicken, steamed rice, broccoli, tossed salad, milk, rolls and cake

WEDNESDAY - Salisbury steak, potatoes, squash, fruit, milk, rolls and pudding

THURSDAY - Enchiladas, rice, pinto beans, coleslaw, milk, corn bread and pineapple chunks

FRIDAY - Roast beef, potatoes, peas and carrots, green salad, milk, rolls and fruited gelatin

Jose Delalus Rivera III, boy, June 26, 1996, 10:30 p.m.; parents are Joe and Cathy Rivera, Colorado City.

Grandparents are Golla Rivera, Colorado City, and Eddie Lane Cartwright, Oklahoma.

Seth Issac Mitchem, boy, July 1, 1996, 1:48 p.m.; parents are Rick and Wanda Mitchem.

Grandparents are David and Peggy Mitchem, Big Spring, Theresa Winn, Midland, and Robert McDaniel, Las Vegas, N.V.

Jerry Michal Sloan Jr., boy, July 1, 1996, 6:32 p.m.; parents are Jerry and Janet Sloan.

Grandparents are Marvin and Mickey Butts and George and Lola Sloan.

Stefani Alicea Cantu, girl, June 30, 1996, 4:43 a.m.; parents are Chris Aaron Cantu and Gloria Cantu.

Grandparents are Emily Cantu and Tomas and Eloisa Vara, all of Lamesa.

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## Drought, heat a problem but hasn't hurt local events

The drought of '96 has caused a lot of problem in Texas but it has not slowed a lot of activities down. Some major agricultural activities have already been completed and many more are yet



Don Richardson  
County Agent

planned. Our congratulations to the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion for the successful PRCA Rodeo. They hosted for our community last week. It was a good one and in spite of the heat a big crowd stayed each evening until the last song was sung by Big Spring's own Jody Nix following the rodeo at the Saturday night dance.

The annual District 4H Horse Show was also completed in Fort Stockton recently and Howard County 4H members, Vance and Clayton Smith, sons

of Stan Deana Smith, Ackerly, came home with a box full of belt buckles! The boys exhibited the two high point over-all mules in that division of the show after winning in Halter, Showmanship, Western Pleasure and Mulemanship. In the horse division, Vance's 5-year-old Quarter Horse Mare was Reserve Champion at Halter, 2nd in Reining, 6th in Working Cowhorse and a finalist in Western Pleasure. Clayton was 3rd in the Yearling Halter Futurity. The boys will both be going on to the State 4H Horse Show

later this month in Abilene. The county 4H Shooting Sports Club's annual County Shoot came off well again this year with participants from throughout West Texas participating. Last week's Herald had details on this shoot. The annual District Shoot was held this weekend in Midland and we expect to see some good reports coming out of it. Watch the paper for these results. The annual Howard County 4H sponsored Junior Rodeo will be coming up July 18-20 here in Big Spring. This year it

will be a High Plains Junior Rodeo sanctioned event. It promises to offer a lot of rodeo for fans. This is the major fund raising project for the 4H program in the county and community support is appreciated. Any youngster in the county that expects to feed a lamb for next year's show program is reminded that the State Validation Program for these animals is still in effect and that tags for the lambs MUST be ordered by August 28 from the County Extension Office. 4H members are to contact the

office directly and FFA members must contact the supervising Agricultural Science teachers, who must then contact the Extension Office of their tag needs. Actual validation of lambs will occur in October, but tags must be ordered NOW! The annual Howard County Fair kicks off Labor Day Weekend and lasts throughout the next weekend. Local lamb and steer feeders are reminded that they need to get their entries into the County Extension Office by Friday, Aug. 23, 1996. Call that office for details about these events.

## Knowing the rules could mean a happier retirement

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer. Selling the house and retiring to a dream home near a favorite lake after the kids are grown and on their own is a dream shared by many people approaching their golden years. Dealing with the sale of and purchase of real estate the right way could help realize that dream. Consulting with a Certified Residential Specialist, a realtor with advanced training in home listing, selling and investment, may uncover some hidden rules in the tax code that could make retirement extra special. One such rule in the tax code is a stipulation that persons 55-years-old and up are entitled to exclude up to \$500,000 of gain on the sale of their principal residence one time during their life. Clifford Carey, president of the Texas Chapter of Certified Residential Specialists, said, "The age of 55 exclusion is a significant benefit that can be a very pleasant surprise for older Americans interested in moving to a home of lesser value. The golden years are a time to be enjoying life, and this rule can help make that possi-

ble." The age 55 exclusion is just one of the major tax advantages of home ownership - particularly for older homeowners. Another advantage for older homeowners is the reverse mortgage. A reverse mortgage is available only to people 62-years-old and older and allows a homeowner to receive regular income based on home equity built up over the years. This income may be received in a lump sum, regular monthly installments or a line of credit. Although the home does not have to be owned free and clear, the less that is still owed on the mortgage, the more income will be available through the reverse mortgage. To qualify for this benefit, homeowners must meet the age requirement, and must repay the mortgage in full once the home is no longer a primary residence. "Reverse mortgages have become more and more popular with senior citizens over the past few years, and they are gaining popularity every day. Reverse mortgages and the over 65 rule are just two of the ways that older Americans can benefit from owning a home," Carey said.

## Butler joins Family Medical Center staff

Special to the Herald

Dr. Eunice Anderson of Family Medical Center has announced the addition of Pamela Butler, a pediatric nurse practitioner from Loraine, to the FMC staff. Butler's experience and education will be a valuable asset to the staff of FMC. "We are pleased to have someone of Pam's experience



BUTLER and education joins our staff. We look forward to introducing her to our patients and to Big Spring," Anderson said.

Butler comes to Big Spring

from Colorado City where she was pediatric nurse practitioner and clinic supervisor for Texas Tech University Health Science Center Regional Clinic. While in Colorado City, she was responsible for WIC, maternity, child health, adult health screening and tuberculosis and communicable disease investigations. She was also a registered nurse and clinic supervisor for the Texas Department of Health for five years. She worked for a Sweetwater obstetrician where she was a surgery assistant and general office nurse. Butler was a registered nurse consultant for five years for nursing homes in Sweetwater, Roscoe and Loraine and has taught certified nurses aide courses. Butler completed the pediatric nurse practitioner program at Texas Women's University in Dallas in 1991 and is also a graduate of the Mary Meek School of Nursing in Abilene, completing nursing prerequisites at Hardin Simmons University.

Butler is certified in CPR, HIV counseling, and vision, hearing and scoliosis screening. She is also certified in the Denver Developmental Screening Test and as a breast-feeding educator.

## WHAT THE FUTURE COULD HOLD



Big Spring's McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, top, and the 11th Place Manufacturing facility, bottom, are valuable assets in Moore Development's economic development efforts, according to Pathfinders Inc. Moore Development recently entered into a contract with the economic development consulting group. Pathfinders has guaranteed Moore Development that the city will see 100 new jobs by following their program or their consulting fee will be returned.

## Court decision may help future acquisitions

NEW YORK (AP) — A Supreme Court victory for sav- ings and loans Monday could shower billions of dollars on an industry that has recovered from years of failures and may be looking for acquisitions. Those left standing after the S&L crisis are relatively strong and a far cry from the insolvent institutions that were closed down by the government. "The thing that has changed dramatically since the early '90s is the fact that the industry now is quite well-capitalized," said Jim Large, chairman of Dime Bancorp Inc. in New York, the nation's fifth-largest publicly traded thrift. "The real problem now is what the industry is likely to do with the money," Large said. "It's possible that thrifts that now have more cash than they know what to do with will be more active in the acquisitions market." The Supreme Court ruled

that the federal government could be made to compensate three thrifts for a 1989 accounting rule change that thrust the entire industry into financial chaos. The Senate Budget Committee has allocated \$9 billion in federal funds for fiscal year 1997 to compensate thrifts. But industry insiders said payments could end up totaling more than twice that amount to 120 thrifts that have similar lawsuits pending. At least half of the 120 thrifts that sued are not even operating any more. But for the ones that failed because of the rule change, the owners now may get their money back. "This decision is a complete home run for investors who were white knights and rescued failing institutions to save the (federal government) money," said Dan J. Goldberg, an attorney with Reinhart, Boerner, VanDueren, Norris & Rieselbach, P.C. in

Washington, D.C. who represented a dozen thrifts that sued. Goldberg said the decision should increase the amount of money that thrifts are allowed to count as regulatory capital, which can then be leveraged to raise money for acquisitions. Of the thrifts directly affected by the Court's ruling, Winstar Corp. of Minnesota, Statesman Savings Holding Group of Iowa and Glendale Federal Bank of California, only Glendale is still operating. Glendale stock was up \$1.25 at \$19.37 on the New York Stock Exchange. Dime was up 12.5 cents at \$13.37 on the NYSE. It could be years before thrifts or investors see hard cash. The high court ruling requires the plaintiffs to return to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in Washington D.C. individually to establish damages, unless a settlement negotiated for all of them.

## Atlanta world's busiest airport

GENEVA (AP) — Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport has overtaken Chicago's O'Hare as the world's busiest airport, even before next month's Summer Olympics brings a new onslaught of travelers, a world airport council said Thursday. Dallas-Fort Worth ranks fourth in the latest report by the Airports Council International. Atlanta handled 15.6 million passengers in the first three months of this year, an 18 percent increase over the same period a year earlier, the council said. Chicago had 15.4 million passengers in the first quarter of 1996, a 3 percent increase over the previous year. The council, which represents more than 1,000 airports in more than 140 countries, reported in March that Chicago's O'Hare continued to be the busiest in 1995, with 67 million passengers for the year. Atlanta was second with 56 million passengers.

## Consumer groups question safety of GM C-K pickups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two consumer groups contended Monday that General Motors Corp. has not kept its end of a deal with the government that required it to spend \$51 million on auto safety programs. However, officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which oversees the agreement, and GM said they were pleased with how the deal has worked so far. GM agreed to the safety-pro-

gram plan in exchange for the government dropping its probe of alleged defects in GM's C-K model pickup trucks built between 1973 and 1987. Some tests had shown they were susceptible to fire in side-impact crashes because their gas tanks are mounted outside the protection of the frame. "Judged by any measure, the agreement has been a major success and is working as envisioned," NHTSA deputy administrator Philip Recht said in a

statement. "The GM-NHTSA settlement funds are being spent carefully on scientific safety research initiatives and on saving lives," said GM spokesman Ed Lechtzin. The \$51 million deal initially announced in December 1994 ended the government's investigation of alleged defects in the pickups. The Center for Auto Safety and Public Citizen now want Attorney General Janet Reno to scuttle the deal.

Between 4 million and 5 million of the trucks are still on the road; Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said 150 people had died in crashes that would have been survivable if not for fires caused by the fuel-tank placement. The two groups also said the government's accident database shows 33 people have died fiery deaths in accidents involving the C-K pickup truck since the agreement. NHTSA officials say their

accident data base shows 38 people have died since the settlement due to fire from crashes involving the C-K pickups — but that none were from side-impact crashes, which was the focus of the government probe. Pena argued that more lives could be saved if the company spent money on auto safety and research programs instead of costly legal battles with the government over the proposed recall.

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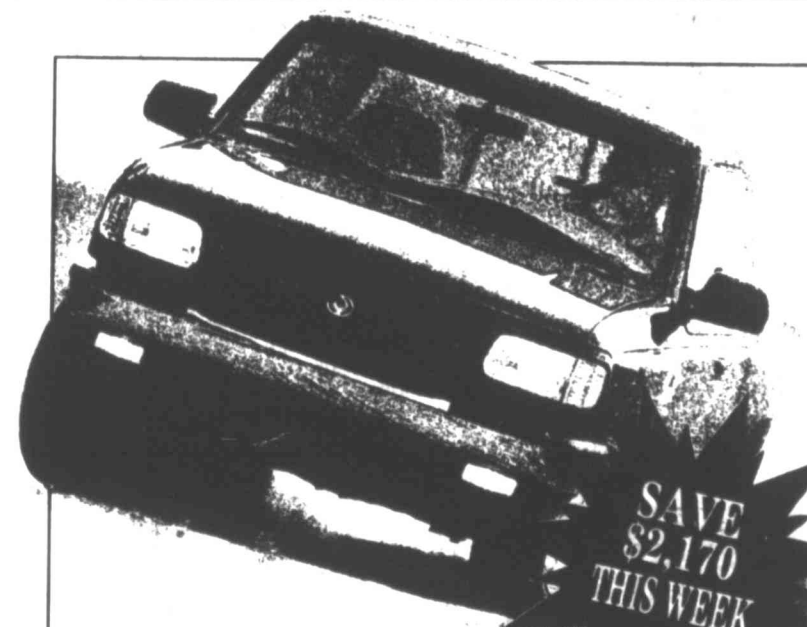
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RECEPTIONIST NEEDED for optometric office. Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm. Submit resume to Box 1927, c/o Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79720.

REGIS HAIRSTYLIST, is now hiring for a hairstylist. Salary/commission, paid vacation, and much more. Call 263-1111.

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST. Need staff therapists to represent national company in the Big Spring area. PRN, RRT, CRTT. Resume to Stone Creek, 1017 Elm St., #105, Carrollton, TX. 75005, or fax to (214)448-2779.

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THE CITY of Big Spring is now accepting applications for the position of firefighter. Responsible for suppression, EMS, and performing related duties. Qualifications: applicants must be at least 18 but under 35 years of age, must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Certified or certifiable firefighter/paramedic/EMT preferred. To apply and obtain further information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or Call (915) 264-2346. Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm, Friday, July 5, 1996, the city for Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS THE FOLLOWING JOB OPEN.

JOB TITLE: Rdwy Maintenance Tech II

SALARY: \$7.27

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: One (1) year experience in roadway maintenance work related field.

LOCATION: Big Spring, Texas

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 6-08-K510-175

JOB DESCRIPTION: Under supervision of a crew chief, performs maintenance work on a specialized or routine maintenance crew. May perform some duties independently. Work required with contact with the public.

ADDRESS: Applications must be received by the closing date and time noted on the job vacancy. A mailed application must be postmarked one day prior to the closing date.

RESUMES: Resumes will be accepted for whatever additional information they contain but not in place of a completed application.

CLOSING DATE: 7/15/96 BY 5:00PM

For additional information about the job qualification requirement and application instructions, please call (915) 676-6843.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/ AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

The City of Big Spring is accepting applications for the position of Heavy Equipment Operator at the landfill. Applications will be accepted through Monday, July 15, 1996 at 5:00 p.m. For further information and to apply contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan or call 264-2346. THE CITY OF BIG SPRING IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

TREY TRUCKS now hiring. Experienced transport drivers, class A CDL with haz mat. Apply in person. 1300 E. Highway 350.

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Jobs Wanted

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EXPERIENCED YARD MEN, Will mow grass, weed eat, edge, trim trees, haul trash, etc. Has good references. Please call Kirk at 394-4833, or Greg at 394-4795, leave message.

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325

SPRING CITY AUCTION-Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

Dogs, Pets, Etc

375

FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE: Helps you find reputable breeders/ quality puppies. Purebred rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

FREE KITTENS to good home. Call 267-1902.

Garage Sale

380

YARD SALE, 1407 Oriole. Clothes, miscellaneous. Sunday, All Day!!

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Sale Time 10 A.M. Sat. July 13, 1996  
ALTON (JACK) RICHEY ESTATE  
Corner of Lightfoot & Market St. Lorraine, Tx.  
DIRECTIONS: Lorraine is located Approx. 8 Miles East of Colorado City. Off of IH-20 Take Lorraine Exit To Lightfoot, Go South Approx. 5 Blks. To Auction Site.

PARTIAL LISTING  
Round Oak Dining Table (Pied. Base), 8-Oak Dining Chairs, Old Pie Safe, 6-Leg Walnut Lamp Table, Maple Bedroom Suite, Duncan Phyfe Lamp Table, Slide-by-Slide Refrig., G.E. Washer & Dryer, Roger Range, Approx. 48 Pos. of American Fostoria (Some W/Labors), Ballcock Dish, Carnival Glass Nappy, Green Depression Pitcher, Old Creek, Pick-A-Ninies Catnip & Mustard Pots, Wooden Coco-Cola 6 Pack Carrier, Graniteware, Cast Iron, Old Tools (Keen Kutter & Etc.), Straight Razors, Pocket Knives, Costume Jewelry, W.W. B Items, Old Wicker Doll Biggy, Toy Stove, Old Dolls, Childs Cowboy Boots, 7- Old Quilts, Yo-Yo Bedspread, 2- Sets of Silverplate Flatware, Murray Lawn Mower, Old Carpenter Box Plus 100's More Items. For More Info, or Free Sale Bill Call 1-915-728-8292.  
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Miscellaneous

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\$10,000 REWARD I am looking for older fender, Gibson, Martin, Gretsch, National guitars and will pay up to \$10,000 for certain models. Call Crawford White at 1-800-477-1233 Ext. 101, Nashville, TN.

WHEN: Tuesday, July 9th, 7 p.m.  
WHERE: Tennis Auction Company  
2207 N. Chadbourne,  
San Angelo, Texas

Due to the storm in Meritson we have a large amount of inventory from an antique store. We also have 3 partial estates including one with some religious artifacts.

CALL EARLY TO RESERVE SEATS

FURNITURE  
Tall Mexican Cabinet, painted entrance table, 4 Barley twist dining chairs, Turn of the Century Dresser, Kitchen cabinet with roll & flour sifter (painted), metal beds, walnut gate table, nice mahogany sewing cabinet, old rockers, English dressers & buffets, several mahogany coffee tables, pair of twin maple beds, oak panel bed, full maple spool bed, refinished oak dresser base, library table, treadle sewing machine, round oak dining table, large oak center table, small English wardrobe, vanity dressers, modern marble top credenza, large old English chest, English Queen Anne Curio Cabinet, Ron Webber Viking oak bookcase (red leather trim), accent tables, oak portable alter, ornate oak prayer bench, old trunks, old radio cabinet, oak draw leaf dining table, wonderful refinished pine church pew, several cedar chests, mahogany china cabinet and matching buffet, and much more.

SMALLS  
Wonderful pair of Lusters, large old school bell on a pole, nice pattern rugs, old spinning wheels, several nice lamps (hanging floor table, stain glass, Aladdin Electric & more), Quilts (old and new), pictures & mirrors, daisy churn, Accordion, Extra Fine Oak Table Model Victor Talking Machine, collection of 78 records, paper collectables, religious figurines, crucifixes, and pictures. Folk art hand carved bird cage. Depression glass (pink & clear), Franciscan ware (picnic), silverplate, Roseville pinecone Jardinieres, pedestal clock shelf, lava lamp, Goebel crystal animals, unusual balance scales (marble top), boxes of old books and many, many more items too numerous to mention.

FOR MORE INFO CALL:  
Tennis Auction Company  
AC 915 653-3494  
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TXS-6274

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Business Property

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RETAIL STORE for lease approximately 3,000 square feet located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-6514, owner/broker.



## Houses for Sale 513

**COUNTRY LIVING**  
Brick 3/2/2, hot tub, shop, corral, barn, pipe fence, 1 1/3 acres, Coahoma ISD. Owner: 263-7924 after 6:30 for appointment.

**FOR SALE:** 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Wash room & garage. 807 Culp, Coahoma. \$10,000. Call 267-2951.

**FOR SALE OR POSSIBLE LEASE:** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fenced yard, fireplace, nice neighborhood. Call 915-893-2267.

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## Mobile Homes with Acreage 516

**FOR SALE:** '86 Model, 14x80, 2 bedroom, livingroom, kitchen, bathroom. To be moved. 1501 West 1st. \$4,000. Call 267-1110.

## Mobile Homes 517

**1996 MODEL MOBILE HOME, THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH BATH, \$1,127 DOWN, \$199.50/MO. IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDED.**(915)653-2332.

**1997 Doublewide with central air** inest home for the money. 3 bedroom 2 bath, veggie island kitchen, Glamorous extra large bath with separate shower, walk-in closets strom windows. Must see to appreciate. \$1995.00 down, \$346.72 fixed 11.25% apr. Homes of America Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

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## Mobile Homes 517

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**\$99. Move In Plus Deposit.** Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer, 263-7811.

**ONE-TWO bedroom apartments,** houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only, no pets 263-6944-263-2341.

## Furnished Houses 522

**FOR RENT:** 1-bedroom apartment, furnished. 1408 Donally. Water and gas paid. \$275/monthly. \$100/deposit. Sorry No Pets. Call 263-4922.

**ALL BILLS PAID**  
Section 8 Available  
**Rent based on income**  
**NORTHCREST VILLAGE**  
1002 N. MAIN 267-5191  
210

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## Unfurnished Apts. 532

**ONE BEDROOM** furnished apartment. Clean. Water paid. No pets. References required. \$250.00 + deposit. 267-5420.

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3304 W. Hwy 80  
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**EHO**  
Come Look Us over  
1 & 2 Bedrooms  
Carpet, 1 bath, central heat & refrigerated air  
Refrigerators and ranges furnished  
Water furnished  
Laundry room available  
Clean & Comfortable  
1 bedroom & 2 bedroom  
Security Deposit Required.

## Unfurnished Houses 533

**1615 CARDINAL,** 2 bedroom, 1 bath, \$225.00 monthly, \$125.00 deposit. Call 267-7449.

**2 BEDROOM,** 1 bath. Stove and refrigerator furnished. 263-4410.

**3904 HAMILTON,** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den, living room, A/C, \$475.00 monthly, \$250.00 deposit. Call 267-7449.

**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH** executive type home. Den, garage, storage, central heat/air. No Pets. \$595.00. 267-2070.

**5 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, large living room,** dining room, privacy fence, central heat/air, refrigerator/stove furnished, washer/dryer connection. \$700/month. 2524 Gunter. Call 263-3461.

**FOR RENT:** Large Extra Clean 1-bedroom house. 204 E. 22nd. St. \$250./monthly, \$100./deposit. Sorry No Pets. Call 263-4922.

**FOR RENT OR SALE:** 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet, \$225.00 monthly, \$100.00 deposit. Call 268-9079.

**LARGE CLEAN 3-bedroom, 1/bath.** Carpeted, refrigerated air. 1701 Runnels. 263-3350.

**One bedroom duplex.** \$250, \$125 deposit. No children or pets. single person or elderly couple. 263-8126.

**RENT HOUSE** available, 710 E. 13th, 3/2, central heat/air, \$450/month. Call 267-7460.

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**TOO LATES**

## Too Late To Classify 627

**NICE, CLEAN 3-bedroom, 2-bath,** located at 2511 Carleton. \$475.00/month + \$200.00/deposit. 267-1543.

**FOR SALE:** 3-female Shih-Tzu puppies, 5 weeks old. AKC. SHOW QUALITY 268-9963.

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• Lighted Tennis Courts  
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- ◆ Ceiling Fans
- ◆ Pool & Clubhouse

\*some restrictions apply

**BENT TREE Apartment Homes**  
One Courtney Place  
267-1621

## Too Late To Classify 627

**FOR SALE**  
**1993 EAGLE VISION,** 67,000/miles. 1-owner. Metallic red, tinted windows, power windows & mirrors. \$10,300.00. (915)267-3404.

**FOR SALE**  
Full-size brass headboard, \$50.00. Girls trundle/daybed w/mattresses \$60.00. 263-3635.

**HOUSE SOLD:** 1512 Sycamore, EVERYTHING MUST GO!! Furniture, household items, clothing and lots and lots of miscellaneous.

**SMALL CLEAN 2-bedroom** with stove & refrigerator. Adults Only. \$300.00/month, \$200.00/deposit. 267-4000.

**WHATABURGER** is now hiring all shifts, all positions. Apply with manager from 2pm-5pm, at 1110 Gregg Street.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NEEDED:** Part-time clerk for the Senior Citizens Center. Will need to know general office duties. Contacting: Debbie Leonard, Director at 267-1628 for appointment/application. Howard County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Jackie Olson Howard County Auditor 9956 July 7, 1996

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF BIG SPRING**

THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1996, AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 310 NOLAN STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE:

Bill Suggs for Furr's/Blshops, P.O. Box 6747, Lubbock, Texas, NE/4 Section 7, Block 32-1-S, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the construction of a Type C pole sign to allow for an additional height of thirty feet (30') total sixty feet (60') of sign height; further the additional one hundred square feet (100 sq. ft.) of sign area; total three hundred square feet (300 sq. ft.).

Jeff P. Barber, Lot 28, Block 4 Central Park Addition located at 1002 Stadium, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the front yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport.

Paladio Garza, N50° S45° of lot 9, Block 13 North, Parkhill Addition located at 1111 Pennsylvania, is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of front yard setback requirements for the construction of a carport. 9967 July 7 & 8, 1996

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Acting on a request of the Traffic Commission the City Council directed the City Manager at the 11 June 1996 City Council Meeting, to designate and maintain a one way stop intersection, traffic stopping in one direction East Bound, at the intersection of Ryan Street and Lancaster Street.

Big Spring City Code Sec. 18-133, Stop Intersections, authorizes the City Manager to designate and maintain stop intersections on streets as directed by the City Council. 9961 July 7, 1996

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Acting on a request of the Traffic Commission the City Council directed the City Manager at the 11 June 1996 City Council Meeting, to designate and maintain a four (4) way stop intersection, traffic stopping in all directions, at the intersection of McDonald Drive and Ann Drive.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Acting on a request of the Traffic Commission the City Council directed the City Manager at the 11 June 1996 City Council Meeting, to designate and maintain a two (2) way stop intersection, traffic stopping in two (2) directions East and West, at the intersection of West Eight Street and Creighton Street.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON JULY 9, 1996, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 310 NOLAN STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT CONCERNING THE SUSPENDING THE OPERATION OF ENERGY RATE SCHEDULE.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THEIR VIEWS AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

TIM BLACKSHEAR  
MAYOR  
9964 JULY 5 & 7, 1996

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

Parker & Parsley Development L.P., P.O. Box 9176, Midland Tx. is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Angelo/Clearfork Nine Gravel, Well No. 8. The proposed injection well is located 9 Miles Southwest of Westbrook in the latter, East Howard, in Mitchell County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2300 to 3200 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended; and the Statutory Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12897, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-969-5792).

9 9965 July 7, 1996

## HOROSCOPE

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JULY 7:

Show your executive abilities in this take-charge year. You will find yourself in a place of increasing responsibility. Others defer to you. Count on your intelligence and unusual drawing power as partners seek you out. You will be in a position to pick and choose. If you are single, this position could be delightful and present you with interesting paths to travel down. If attached, be discriminating. Many flirtations are possible, and they could disrupt an already existing relationship. Be careful if you value what you have. ARIES is pushy.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Stretch to your limit, but there is a slight possibility that you will snap. Recognize your boundaries, and take a day off. You need rest, relaxation and stimulating conversation. Make that so in this easy atmosphere. Tonight: Do your Sunday thing.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Surround yourself with a protective light. You feel like insulating yourself from the tension around you. Then again, you might want to throw yourself into a risqué conversation and take sides. Someone has an interesting twist on recent events. Tonight: Early to bed.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Join friends, but be careful how much you commit yourself financially. Don't go overboard. Fantasize rather than spend. You have a good time just being with others. Help a partner work through tension. Entertain others with your wit. Tonight: Let another say thank you.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) All eyes turn to you. You are a natural-born leader. Invite friends and family for a final hurrah. Others appreciate your domestic touch and homespun ways. Doing what is right makes this a wonderful gathering for all. Tonight: Consider taking one more day off.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Your wanderlust rears its head. Take a buddy for a romp. Even though it is Sunday, take time to talk with a co-worker. Resolve this matter before you go off on your adventure. Go for the unique and the untried. Tonight: Dine on a new type of cuisine.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make time for a relationship that is important to you. You enjoy the quick exchange of ideas as well as the intimacy. Incorporate a party into the plans. Socializing and closeness mix easily. Watch that flirting! Tonight: Pull down the shades!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Plan to be out whether it is a ball game or social event. Be with others, and absorb their energy. Avoid a discussion with a family member that goes nowhere fast. Consider an offer that could affect your public image. Tonight: Plan an evening on the town.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You need a day off from it all. Do what you want and not want you think you should do. No cutting grass! Go off to the movies instead. A chum will be glad to join you. Screen some of the chatter you hear, even though the gossip makes you laugh. Tonight: Give yourself a treat!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A gamble pays off in a back-handed way. Realize limitations that surround a personal matter. Use your inventiveness to get around roadblocks. A loved one delights you. Share news. There is so much to talk about. Tonight: Be a romantic!

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Hold on and dig your heels in as crosscurrents hit you. One person wants one thing, another has a great suggestion and you have your own ideas. Don't become overwhelmed. Figure out which option truly appeals. Count on your energy stores. Tonight: Romp at home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your pace is so frenetic, you can't stop long enough to think. Much is going through your mind. Distractions affect you on one level or another. Make this day as simple as possible. You need time to just hang out. Tonight: Indulge your pleasures.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Others clamor for your attention. You have an interesting way of responding. Be careful just how far and wide you scatter your energies. Unintentional jealousy could result. A family member has a lot to say. Listen with half an ear! Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

## Sense of self-worth is built one step at a time

DEAR ABBY: After a childhood scarred by physical and verbal abuse, I married an abusive man from whom I endured 12 years of physical and emotional mistreatment. I am often asked why I remained and put up with such treatment — why I didn't just get out.

I compare myself in those days to a beaten dog — timid, withdrawn and distrustful, yet loyal and even forgiving to its owner after being beaten. Why would humans be any different? I am now free of this abusive man, and in retrospect, I realize I was programmed to believe the way I did. However, I have been deprogramming myself since those terrible years, and I have succeeded in developing a measure of confidence and self-worth. In fact, I'm a wonderful human being!

I read the poem you published some time ago by Veronica Shoffstall called "After a While" over and over, and I even have a copy of it framed on my wall. I, too, will continue to learn — with every goodbye, I learn. — HEALING IN MINNESOTA

DEAR HEALING: Congratulations on your renewed self-esteem and your positive steps to recovery. "After a While" is a favorite of mine, too, and I'm pleased to share it again with my readers.

AFTER A WHILE by Veronica Shoffstall  
After a while you learn the subtle difference between holding a hand and sharing a life and you learn that love does

n't mean possession and company doesn't mean security and loneliness is universal. And you learn that kisses aren't contracts and presents aren't promises and you begin to accept your defeats with your head up and your eyes open

with the grace of a woman not the grief of a child. And you learn to build your hope on today as the future has a way of falling apart in mid-flight because tomorrow's ground can be too uncertain for plans

yet each step taken in a new direction creates a path toward the promise of a brighter dawn. And you learn that even sunshine burns if you get too much so you plant your own garden and nourish your own soul instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers.

And you learn that love, true love, always has joys and sorrows seems ever present, yet is never quite the same becoming more than love and less than love so difficult to define.

And you learn that through it all you really can endure that you really are