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Council deadlock kills motion to purchase dog for fire department

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council, three members short Tuesday night, deadlocked 2-2 on a vote, killing a motion to approve a request from fire investigator Lt. Carl Condray and the Big Spring Fire Department to obtain an accelerant detection dog.

According to Fire Marshall Burr Lea Settles, who was represented at Tuesday's meeting by Condray, the fire department approached the council in 1993 for permission to pursue the idea of obtaining a dog capable of detecting flammable liquids.

Permission was granted by the council and the department has been working for three years to get the canine.

The program is a grant from State Farm Insurance to receive a training

scholarship and dog for the detection of fire accelerants.

The Canine Accelerant Detection Program offers 36 of these specially trained dogs and is a joint effort between State Farm Insurance and the Maine State Police Academy (recognized as the leader in Canine Accelerant Detection Training).

Big Spring was selected as one of 36 cities to receive one of these specially trained canines over several larger cities, including Midland.

Training, room and board, certification, cost of the dog and travel expenses for handler certification and training are funded by State Farm.

Condray was asking the council to establish a contingency fund to compensate any short falls in outside funding. Initial start up expenses would be around \$3,000 and the total contingency would not be any greater than \$5,000.

After a 3-year process, Condray was selected to receive a canine for service of the fire department and those departments of the surrounding area.

The current cost of purchasing one of the dogs is approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The certification class begins in Alfred, Maine, on Aug. 18, and runs through Sept. 19.

Condray and the department will have to look for other sources to fund this program, and upon completion of the necessary training, he would return with the dog which will be housed at Condray's residence.

According to Condray, the annual cost for maintenance of the dog is approximately \$700.

The fire department, if able to secure the canine, will extend the program to neighboring counties.

The fire department and departments

in the surrounding areas respond to approximately 9,000 fire calls per year. Roughly 6 percent of those fires are suspicious fires or intentionally set fires.

Settles said having a canine with the ability to detect accelerants would be a great asset to the department and to surrounding areas. He added the dog would also help the department reduce its case load.

Councilman Jimmy Campbell added he would like to help the fire department as well as other departments that need equipment.

"Other departments have done without some of the tools they have needed," Campbell said. "I'm nervous about what we're getting into. I'd like to help these guys out, but we've also tried to work bullet-proof vests for police officers into the budget and haven't been

able to."

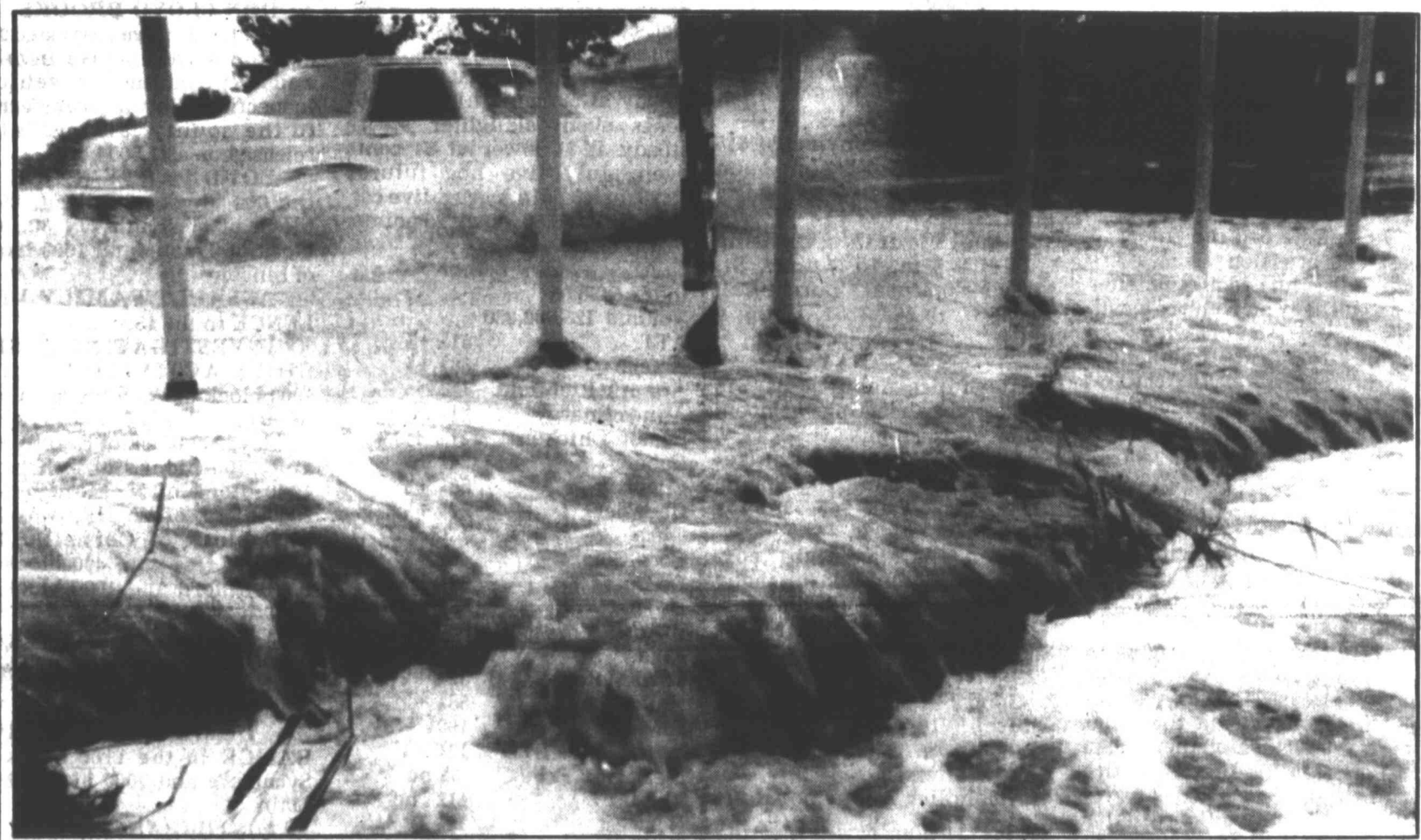
"I've had to cut a lot of good programs out of the budget," Fuqua added, "but my concern is always on what we will do about funding a program like this the next year. If you're asking if we have \$5,000 lying around, the answer is no."

Condray added the dog would be used on most structure fires, certain vehicle fires and wildfires.

Despite voting against partially funding the program along with Blackhear, Campbell said if this were a normal budget year things might be different.

"If this is an area we're going to look at (safety), we've come into some additional funds, let's spend some of the \$3.7 million," Campbell said.

WELCOMED SIGHT



A car plows through runoff water on Parkway Ave. Wednesday after several brief rain showers hit the Big Spring area. A total of .30 inches of rain was recorded at the USDA Agricultural Research Station.

Coahoma trustees hike lunch prices, approve insurance

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Coahoma Independent School District employees will see a slight increase in their lunch prices.

Superintendent Sonny Monroe said board members passed a resolution to raise prices for breakfast and lunch five cents to meet federal guidelines. The cost for breakfast is now \$1.05 and lunch is \$1.85.

Trustees also selected Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas as the district's insurance carrier. The district pays for each employee's premium but the employee is responsible for any dependent coverage.

The district's portion went down from \$158.92 to \$140.14 per employee and Monroe said although he doesn't have final figures yet, dependent coverage

cost for the employee will also be reduced.

Monroe said, "A raise in taxes for the 1996-97 is not a possibility. There will not be an increase in the tax rate. Our property valuation will down the least amount since the early 1980s. Our valuation for last year was \$145,797,436 and this year it is estimated at \$143,518,000."

Howard County Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire gave the preliminary figure to board members during their meeting earlier this week. He expects to have final figures by Friday afternoon.

Toomire said, "One reason why there was only a slight decrease is because we reappraised the area. Cap Rock put in new electrical lines within the school district's taxing

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Preliminary budget calls for Forsan ISD teachers to get raise

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Forsan Independent School District teachers may get a salary increase if board members approve the proposed 1996-97 budget.

Superintendent George White said the upcoming year's preliminary budget is \$3.6 million, a slight increase from last year. White explained the only increase was to allow for the raises. A public hearing to discuss the budget is scheduled for Aug. 19, just before the board's regular meeting at 7 p.m.

During the board's regular meeting earlier this week, trustees accepted the resignation of high school business teacher Jan Stevens who is retiring after 30 years with the district. Doug Parker, high school and junior high principal, also retired. Jim Yancey

was named to take his place. He had been the assistant principal. Yancey's promotion created a vacancy the board filled with Wayne Rotan. Rotan had been a teacher and coach at Odessa High School.

Trustees also joined the Region 18 Service Center in Midland. White said the district will go on-line and join the Internet. "We are also pledging ourselves to provide two-way audio and video courses for the students to take college courses and even some high school courses through this two-way system."

White added the district's property valuation increased \$1 million and there will be no tax increase. The district also renewed its contract with Kathy Sayles to be the tax assessor/collector for school taxes.

Paramedics complain of being under-represented

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

When the city of Big Spring decided to not renew the ambulance contract of American Medical Transport, but rather award the contract to the Big Spring Fire Department, several questions were raised, which prompted the formation of an Ambulance Advisory Committee.

Several citizens were not convinced the fire department could train enough paramedics and provide the service it was promising, but thus far the service has performed well, according to local officials.

The advisory committee, charged with handling complaints about the service, is coming under fire, according to firefighter-paramedic Mitch Gill, who thinks there may be some miscommunication between the committee and the fire department in regards to the ambulance service.

The city council was in the process of filling vacancies on the 15-member committee during Tuesday's meeting when Gill addressed council members, saying several firefighters



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City Manager

don't feel they are receiving adequate representation on the advisory committee and would like to have one of its own (firefighter-paramedic) as a member.

Fire Chief Frank Anderson, City Finance Director Tom Ferguson and Emergency Medical Services Director Brian Jensen represent the department and the city as ex officio members in a non-voting capacity, but Gill said Anderson is not a paramedic and does not see things from the paramedics' point of view. As the council tossed around names to replace outgoing members of the committee, Gill suggested that Jensen, also a firefighter-paramedic, be made a member. Gill was the No. 2 officer in

the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association when the fire department took over the ambulance service, but told Mayor Tim Blackshear and the council that he was addressing them as a firefighter and a citizen and not as a representative for the union.

He said the problem is that the ambulance service is not being allowed to follow its original plan.

"I believe there has been some deviation, by the advisory board, from the plan that was originally set up," Gill said. "I'd like to see a representative from the ambulance service be a part of the ambulance committee to give you (the council) an adequate representation of the EMS staff."

"To put a firefighter-paramedic on the ambulance committee is a conflict of interest as far as I'm concerned," City Manager Gary Fuqua said. "We have a medical director (Jensen) and a fire chief, and if there is a problem with someone not being happy with a situation they need to go through the chain of command."

"The problems we have on the street are being misrepresented by the time they get to the council," Gill said.

Several changes or additions have added more of a burden to the ambulance service according to Gill.

"One problem is we decided what we needed to provide for the citizens of Big Spring when we first took over the ambulance service and then we had the county come on-line, we had some personnel leave in the middle of training and we hired a billing clerk instead of going with a billing agency as originally planned," Gill said.

He added he has nothing against billing clerk Cherri Harris, but several items, including the new contract with the Big

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Deadline of Aug. 9 for SBA disaster loans fast approaching

HERALD Staff Report

Homeowners and renters who suffered physical damages from the May 10 hailstorm and other severe thunderstorms that hit Howard County and adjoining counties between May 10 and May 13 still have until Aug. 9 to apply for disaster loan assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Victims of the storms need to return their disaster loan applications to the SBA at 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Fort Worth, Texas 76155, and appli-

cants with questions about their SBA loan application may contact the SBA at (800)368-6303.

The SBA declared Howard County and adjoining counties a disaster area in June and set up a temporary disaster loan workshop in Big Spring's City Hall.

SBA representatives were available at the workshops through June 28 to help victims complete applications and to close approved loans.

To date, the SBA has approved about 31 percent of the more than 200 loan applications that have been completed.

To be considered for a loan to repair or replace disaster-related damages, applications must return their completed loan applications no later than Aug. 9, but extenuating circumstances preventing applicants from meeting the Aug. 9 deadline will be examined on an individual basis.

The SBA can loan up to \$200,000 to repair or replace an individual's primary residence; up to \$40,000 can be loaned to repair or replace storm or hail damaged personal property; and businesses may borrow up to

\$1.5 million for disaster damaged property. Business may also be eligible for loans to cover working capital losses caused by storms.

The SBA will look at applicant's prior credit history and ability to repay a loan. Loans can be made for up to 30 years and at rates of less than 4 percent.

Business with financial losses resulting from the storms have until March 10, 1997, to apply for economic injury disaster loans.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

97 ▲ Highs 70
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Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low around 70.
Friday, partly cloudy, high in the upper 90s. Low around 70.



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OBITUARIES

Josie Fay Tucker

Funeral service for Josie Fay "Jo" Tucker, 78, Haskell, will be 10 a.m. today at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Don Connell officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Mrs. Tucker died Tuesday, July 23, 1996, in an Abilene hospital.

She was born on June 14, 1918, in Cuervo, N.M. She married Louis Raymond Tucker on Dec. 26, 1937, in Albany. He preceded her in death on April 29, 1978. She had been a Haskell resident for over 44 years, and had previously lived in Quanah, and Childress. She was a homemaker and was an employee at Fouts Dry Goods for many years. Mrs. Tucker was a very active member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son: Kenneth Louis Tucker, Gentry, Ark.; one daughter: Glenda Jo (Mrs. Jim) Anderson, Big Spring; two brothers: Floyd Pond, Chillicothe, and Lloyd Pond, White Settlement; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Haskell Church of Christ, 510 N. Ave. E; Haskell, Texas; 79521.

Arrangements under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Lilah Laney

Service for Lilah Laney, 82, Odessa, will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 26, 1996, at the Richard W. Box Funeral Home, Crane, with Rev. Tommy Parker officiating. Burial will be in the Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mrs. Laney died Tuesday, July 23, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1913, in Stamford. She married L.G. "Jim" Laney on March 19, 1936, in Cisco. She lived in Crane for 38 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crane.

Survivors include her husband: L.G. "Jim" Laney, Odessa; two sisters: Jo McLaurin, Buchanan Dam, and Jean Graham, Big Spring; one granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home, Crane.

Betty W. Brown

Service for Betty W. Brown, 67, Andrews, will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 26, 1996, at Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews with Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Andrews West Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown died Wednesday, July 24, in Midland.

She was born on June 4, 1929, in Lamesa. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews. She married James Waller Brown on Aug. 19, 1945, in Springburg. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1990.

Survivors include one son: Joe Brown, Hobbs, N.M.; one daughter: Patsy Turnbow, Andrews; one sister: Ina Stewart, Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

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Tribal Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

Altie Lee Moore, 86, died Sunday. Graveside services were at 10:00 AM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Willa Cornelia (Connie) Minchew. Services will be 11:00 A.M., Friday at College Baptist Church, with burial in Hinton, Okla.

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Willa Cornelia Minchew

Funeral service for Willa Cornelia (Connie) Minchew, 58, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 26, 1996, at College Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick officiating. Graveside service will be Saturday, July 27, in the Hinton Cemetery in Hinton, Okla.

Mrs. Minchew died Wednesday, July 24, at her residence.

She was born on Oct. 14, 1937, in Hinton, Okla. She married Jim Minchew on July 3, 1959, in Big Spring. She was a member of the College Baptist Church. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1956 and from Howard College. She had been a teacher's aid at College Heights Elementary School for 16 years.

Survivors include her husband: Jim Minchew, Big Spring; three daughters: Danita Potter, Norman, Okla., Delynn Rau, Yukon, Okla., and Kama Westerman, Saginaw; one son: Kenton Minchew, Big Spring; her parents: S.J. and Iva Belle Kamm; one grandson; and two granddaughters.

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

Coahoma

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area and new gas lines were also installed in the industrial side, so valuations went up."

The district's valuation was at \$370 million in the early 1980s and has seen a decrease every year with declining mineral values and agriculture losses. The tax rate is \$1.48 per \$100 valuation and the state's limit for districts to set their tax rate is \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Board members also discussed or approved:

- Accepted Merritt Insurance Services to provide insurance for students. The company will cover any student involved in extracurricular activities.

- Approved the purchase of 30 new computers from Computer Solutions of Odessa. The computers will replace ones currently being used at the high school. The new machines will be for computer literacy and business education classes as well as for the journalism department to be able to do desktop publishing for the yearbook. The old computers will be placed in individual classrooms.

- Accepted the resignations of Ronny Lawrence, teacher and coach; John Ivie, band director and George Martin, junior high principal.

- Accepted the employments of: Charlotte Upshaw and Karan Cornett as elementary school teachers; Mike Tipton, secondary teacher and coach; Melinda Marquez, high school Spanish teacher and Dale Weaver, junior high principal. The district is currently advertising for the band director vacancy.

- Budget considerations for the 1996-97 school year included: continue charging admission to subservity events, allow vocational and ag teams to go out of town twice a year for overnight stays, rescind policy that states the district won't pay for meals when students travel less than 50 miles for an event, increase meal allotment from \$4 to \$5 for students who travel, continue efforts to control employee travel and expenses that require teacher or coach to be out of class and continue current funding procedure for cheerleading. The district would furnish supplies and pay for cheerleaders to attend a camp and in return, the girls would put on a mini-camp for junior varsity and junior high cheerleaders upon their return. The uniforms would be paid for and kept by the cheerleaders.

The board will meet in a special meeting Aug. 5 to begin discussing the 1996-97 budget.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 90
Wednesday's low 66
Average high 95
Average low 69
Record high 104 in 1958
Record low 63 in 1919
Rainfall Wednesday 0.30
Month to date 0.60
Month's normal 1.64
Year to date 4.93
Normal for the year 10.40

City

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Spring's VA Medical Center, under which department personnel may make transfers to locations such as Midland, Odessa, Amarillo, Fort Worth, El Paso, Albuquerque and possibly even Colorado in the future, have changed the financial figures of the service.

"The main function of the committee is to hear complaints and watch the efficiency of the service," Anderson added.

Gill said another occasional problem is not enough personnel on the scene when emergency calls are responded to.

He added a November memo instructed fire department personnel that fire engines would roll with ambulances on cardiac and respiratory calls. Previously, fire engines had been rolling on unknown medical calls and car accidents.

Paramedics also respond to calls for various reasons such as abdominal pain, cardiac arrest, stroke, diabetes overdose, respiratory distress, seizures, fainting, and traumas such as falls, assaults and motor vehicle accidents, and Gill said having more personnel at the scene is better than not having too little.

"People not trained as EMS personnel are making decisions for us," Gill said.

The department began the procedure of rolling fire engines with ambulances to be better safe than sorry. One example is when the call "possible structure fire" comes in the department automatically rolls three fire engines, one ambulance and one deputy chief is on the scene as well.

Gill said he can remember at least one occasion when a fire engine was turned around after it was already en route to a call.

The question of why fire engines roll with ambulances was brought up by the council in January when Blackshear said he had a real problem with sending a \$200,000 truck behind an ambulance.

He added a fire truck should last about 25 years and he would be more comfortable with sending a \$20,000 or \$25,000 truck instead.

Since the Big Spring Fire Department took over the city's ambulance service Oct. 1, calls have increased by 50 percent and Blackshear said then that the frequent use of the trucks will shorten the life of the fire engines.

Former EMS Coordinator Tina Stone told the council at that time fire engines run as first responder units on all cardiac and all respiratory emergencies and some falls (unknown medical calls) and motor vehicle accidents.

On a cardiac or respiratory runs, if an ambulance is not available for a few minutes, a firefighter/paramedic or emergency medical technician on an engine can open an airway or stop profuse bleeding if necessary.

All fire department personnel are trained in CPR and basic first aid.

The pumper units are run as first responders because most fire stations are strategically located and designed to respond within three to five minutes. Trained personnel on fire engines will often evaluate the situation.

About 60 percent to 80 percent of most municipal fire department calls are EMS related. For example, at motor vehicle accidents EMTs are required to work on the rescue and whoever is with them must supply a hose in case of sparks or a fire.

"We would like to work with the council as far as the ambulance service is concerned," Gill said.

He added firefighter and EMS personnel just want their views to be well represented before the ambulance committee and someone they work with on a daily basis can do that much better than someone who does not.

IN BRIEF

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE in the upcoming Big Spring Independent School District bond election is Aug. 15. Early voting begins Aug. 26 with the regular election Sept. 14.

If you want to vote early, you do not have to register by July 26. Everyone has until Aug. 15 to sign up and if you don't have your registration card, your name will still be on the list. Just show some kind of permanent identification when you go to the polling place.

Big Spring
ON THE RUN

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79726; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

• 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 classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

• Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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

• 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.

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.

• Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA Sobriety yearly birthdays.

SUNDAY

• 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.

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 263-1840 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.

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.

• Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

• Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

• 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.

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.

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PICK 3: 2, 7, 8

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a two-week period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- GRASS FIRE in the 3800 block of E. Interstate 20.

- INVESTIGATE CONTROL BURN in the 1100 block of Main.

- FIRE ALARMS in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. and 3400 block of Hudgins Memorial. Both turned out to be false alarms.

- WASHING MACHINE ON FIRE in the 1100 block of E. 11th. Estimated loss was \$100.

- TRASH FIRE in the 2500 block of E. FM 700.

- FIRE IN BACKYARD in the 200 block of Austin. Residents were burning trash.

- TRASH FIRE at intersection of First and Runnels.

- CONTROLLED BURN in the 1700 block of Runnels.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 72.85 cents a pound, up 20 points; Sept. crude oil 20.82, up 14 points; Cash hog steady at 60 cents higher at 61 cents even; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 64 cents even; July live hog futures 58.20, up 40 points; Aug. live cattle futures 65.50, down 25 points.

Source: Delta Corporation.
Non food quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.
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Volume 125,888,820

ATT	51 1/2 + 1
Amoco	68 1/2 + 1
Atlantic Richfield	118 1/2 - 1
Atmos Energy	21 1/2 nc
Boston Chicken	27 1/2 + 1 1/2
Cabot	24 1/2 + 1
Chevron	58 1/2 + 1
Chrysler	27 1/2 + 1
Cifra	1.33 - 1.37
Coca-Cola	46 1/2 + 1
De Beers	32 1/2 + 1
DuPont	79 1/2 + 1
Exxon	63 1/2 - 1
Fina	50 1/2 nc
Ford Motors	32 1/2 + 1
Halliburton	55 1/2 + 1
IBM	100 1/2 + 1
Laser Indus LTD	12 1/2 + 1
Mesa Ltd. Prt	3 1/2 nc
Mobile	112 1/2 nc
Norwest	33 1/2 + 1
NUV	9 1/2 - 1
Pepsi Cola	32 - 1
Phillips Petroleum	40 1/2 + 1
Polaris	27 1/2 + 1
Rural/Metro	31 nc
Sears	41 1/2 + 1
Southwestern Bell	49 - 1
Sun	26 - 1
Texaco	84 1/2 - 1
Texas Instruments	41 1/2 - 1
Texas Utils. Co	42 1/2 + 1
Unocal Corp	30 1/2 - 1
Wal Mart	23 1/2 - 1
Amcap	12.53 - 13.29
Euro Pacific	23.62 - 25.06
I.C.A.	21.82 - 23.15
New Economy	16.04 - 17.02
New Perspective	16.47 - 17.47
Van Kampen	14.20 - 14.91
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	384.70 - 385.20
Silver	4.92 - 4.95

IN BRIEF

PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS NOW offering free tubal ligations and free vasectomies for all eligible women and men. Call for an appointment at 263-8351. Limited time only.

ORIENTATION FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS at Western Texas College will take place Aug. 20 and 22. Two identical Success Seminars are planned to help new students ease the transition to college life. Students will be given the chance to meet the faculty, interact with other incoming students, tour the campus, gain helpful information, and register for fall classes. Academic advisors will be available to help class selection.

Registration for either Success Seminar is necessary. Call the Student Services office to reserve your spot. The cost is \$20 for one to three persons, \$25 for four persons, or \$30 for five.

Students who do not attend a seminar will register Sept. 3. Classes begin Sept. 5.

To reach College Relations, Financial Aid, or Student Services, call toll-free 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6882). Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- LELAND M. KING, 17, of HC 76 Box 52, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

- FRANCISCO M. LUERA, 25, of 1900 Winston, was arrested for driving while license invalid and possession of a prohibited weapon.

- NORMA AUGUSTINE SCHIEBER, 37, of 303 N.E. 11th, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

- DEL RAY SCHIEBER, 26, of 303 N.E. 11th, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

- RAFAEL LOPEZ, 51, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

- EUSEBIO MENDOZA SAIZ, 57, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

- SHELLY DIANE MARQUEZ, 26, of 1101 Sycamore, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 29, of 1712 E. 15th, was arrested for driving while license invalid and expired motor vehicle inspection. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

- LOUD PARTY/NOISE in the 600 block of Goliad, 2900 block of W. Highway 80, 300 block of Tulane and 1600 block of Lincoln.

- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 1500 block

- INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1900 block of W. 16th, 200 block of Runnels, 1400 block of Donley, 200 block of E. 10th, 600 and 1700 blocks of Johnson, 1900 block of N. Monticello, 2900 block of W. Highway 80, 3300 block of Cornell, 1000 block of N. Main, 400 block of S. Aylesford and 1000 block of E. 20th.

- GAS THEFT in the 1700 block of Wasson.

- BEER THEFT in the 400 block of Birdwell.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1100 block of Sycamore and 1000 block of N. Main.

- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of N. Main and 2500 block of Scurry.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 800 block of W. 15th.

- ASSAULT in the 4200 block of Dixon.

- THEFT in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

- RETALIATION at the Howard County Courthouse. The complainant told officers someone threatened her for reporting a crime.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- DILLARD CURTIS JOHNSTON, 41, of Route 3 Box 92, was transferred to ISF via the Midland Detention Center for violating his parole.

- RICHARD HALLFORD, 26, of 404 Ryon, was arrested on an outstanding Runnels County warrant for theft by check. The warrant and bail money were mailed to officials in that county and he was released.

- BOBBY SILVA, 23, of 1501 Scurry, was transferred to the county jail after being arrested on an outstanding Mitchell County warrant for bondsman off bond. He was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

- COWS LOOSE on Highway 350.

- DISABLED VEHICLE on Highway 350.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Postal union upset about mail-sorting in Mexico

HARLINGEN (AP) — Mail-sorting jobs should be given exclusively to U.S. workers instead of being contracted to companies operating just across the Rio Grande in Mexico, postal union officials say.

"The Postal Service is giving an incentive to disenfranchise U.S. workers," Moe Biller, president of the American Postal Workers Union, told the Valley Morning Star Wednesday. "Our lawyer is checking out the legality of all of this."

The problem started with a new postal rate structure which gives private businesses discounts for bulk mail already sorted by bar codes.

Some bar-coding plants have opened in Mexico to take advantage of cheap labor.

San Diego-based Envisions Inc. recently opened a mail-sorting plant in Reynosa, Mexico which contracts to sort mail for 17 U.S. companies. Reynosa is just across the river from McAllen, Texas.

Man to be tried for shooting great horned owl

WYLLIE (AP) — A Collin County man insisted on a trial by jury after a misdemeanor charge of shooting a great horned owl was filed against him.

Jerry Buford, 36, said he had a constitutional right to protect his flock of prized Japanese chickens.

He was scheduled for trial today in the court of Justice of the Peace Terry L. Douglas. He could be fined up to \$500 if convicted. The great horned owl is a protected species.

Defense lawyer Wyatt Lipscomb of Rockwall says Buford might never have been caught and charged if he hadn't picked up the wounded bird and taken it to the Wylie Police Department for emergency first aid.

"He didn't know where to go or what to do, but he had real, genuine concern," Lipscomb said.

Former lawman convicted, headed to death row

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Former police officer Hilton Crawford headed toward death row today after a jury decided he should receive lethal injection for abducting 12-year-old McKay Everett from the boy's Conroe home and then killing him.

"His life was cut short due to hate, greed and jealousy of Hilton Crawford," the child's mother, Paulette, said in a lengthy and touching statement delivered in the front of the courtroom after the jury determined the sentence Wednesday. Her comments brought many in the audience to tears.

Crawford, a longtime friend of the Everett family and known to the young boy as "Uncle Hilty," sat impassively next to his attorneys. The more than 100 people in the courtroom stood as Mrs. Everett spoke quietly but firmly.

"McKay was the light of my life," she said. "The love and relationship we enjoyed was wonderful. Every day was special with McKay. He made me feel like Cinderella."

The Walker County jury that took just an hour last week to find Crawford guilty of capital murder deliberated two hours and 20 minutes before returning with the punishment.

Godinez closer to transfer to Los Angeles

MCALLEN (AP) — A fugitive accused of torturing a federal drug agent and killing two civilians mistaken for agents 11 years ago is one step closer to being returned to Los Angeles to face the charges.

A federal identification and detention hearing held here Wednesday cleared the way for Ezequiel Godinez Cervantes to be transferred to California.

Federal authorities would not disclose when Godinez would be moved, but Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Leonard said it would be as soon as possible.

Godinez, 54, a native of San Juan, Texas, is accused of torturing and murdering two Americans in 1985 while he belonged to the Guadalajara Narcotics Cartel in Mexico.

Drought-beleaguered should prepare for long haul

LUBBOCK (AP) — Compared with the rest of the state, semi-arid northwest Texas has been a tropical paradise recently with a steady dose of fairly consistent rainfall.

A state meteorologist warns that agriculture producers in the region must remain vigilant, however, because the drought isn't over; it's just easing temporarily.

"They certainly haven't been rains of the magnitude to make a dent in the overall drought," George Bomar, a meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, told a group of producers, agribusinessmen and others Wednesday at the third in a series of drought assistance meetings held around the state.

A scientific scale, the Palmer

Drought Severity Index, shows the Texas High Plains region is suffering through a moderate drought, while the rest of the state is either in the throes of "severe" or "extreme" drought.

State research indicates the drought has cost Texans about \$6.5 billion so far. Producers and others who depend on the massive Texas farm economy should be aware of various government programs aimed at them, state Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, said.

"One thing that concerns me is that when we get a little shower, people think the war's all over," said Turner, who said he used to share bath water with his brothers while growing up during the 1950s drought. "I grant you, it helps when you're under that cloud, but this

(drought) seems to be a trend."

The approximately 150 in the audience Wednesday at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center here heard advice from state and federal officials about taking advantage of existing relief opportunities.

The U.S. Farm Service Agency, which has offices statewide, currently offers nine different programs that could assist producers in need, from non-insured crop disaster assistance to farm operating loans.

But the parade of speakers, which included state Sen. John T. Montford, D-Lubbock, and statehouse representatives from throughout the region, didn't offer Paducah rancher Doyle Parnell any new information.

"I was hoping they might get

around to something in terms of financing this coming year if this (drought) continues," said Parnell, who also farms on his plot about halfway between Lubbock and Wichita Falls. "If we have trouble getting financing, I don't know what's going to happen to our rural communities."

Parnell said he was aware of the current federal loans available, but he said a short- or medium-term loan doesn't help a producer who might be facing busted crops and thinned herds for the rest of this decade.

Other federal agencies offering drought relief programs are the Rural Development Office, Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Family standing behind suspect in church blaze

GREENVILLE (AP) — Relatives of an African-American teen-ager who confessed to setting a fire at a black church are declaring him innocent, saying he never left their sight the night of the blaze.

Mark Anthony Young, 18, of Greenville, faces a state arson charge in connection with a vacant house fire and a federal arson charge for the burning of the Church of the Living God.

"I really don't think Mark knows what's going on right now," Young's cousin, Martha Hamilton, said at a Tuesday morning news conference at St. John Missionary Baptist

Church in Greenville. "Mark has a very slow learning ability."

"He said he didn't do it," she said.

Another cousin, Sandy Hamilton, said family and friends were gathered outside on the night of the June 10 church fire, playing games and talking, and "he did not leave my sight."

Federal authorities said Young voluntarily confessed "several times" to setting both fires. He was arrested July 17 in the vacant house fire and charged Friday with the June 10 blaze at the Church of the Living God.

"He came in voluntarily, he answered questions voluntarily and then he left voluntarily," said Les Martz, special agent in charge of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Dallas. "He graduated from high school. He knows right from wrong."

NAACP spokesman Bill Glenn, who did not address the teen's guilt or innocence, said Young did not understand his rights when he confessed because he is learning-impaired.

"He's special ed," Glenn said. "He has a history of limitations. It's common knowledge

throughout this small community. He's a member of our community. So when I say he's retarded or that he has a low level of function, I am in no way putting him down."

Glenn accused investigators of violating Young's right to due process because they knew his mental state when they questioned him and took a confession.

"Let me put this into proper perspective: Statutory rape is taking advantage of a minor or someone with limitations, even if they acquiesce, even if they go along with it," Glenn said.

Panel says state should do more on housing for poor

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas needs to do more to help provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, a state Senate committee says.

The committee's chairman, Sen. Rodney Ellis, described the current shortage of housing as a crisis.

"Texas cities rank among the worst in the nation in terms of housing for low- and moderate-income families," Ellis said.

Ellis, D-Houston, said that by making affordable housing accessible to more people, "We will provide security to thousands of working Texans who struggle every day to make ends

meet."

His Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee on Tuesday recommended three steps for the 1997 Legislature to consider that Ellis said would help provide more homes for more people:

— Find a dedicated, reliable source of money for the Texas Housing Trust Fund.

The trust fund gives loans and grants to local governments, public housing authorities, non-profit organizations and eligible

citizens. Initially appropriated \$6 million, the fund has received much less from the Legislature in recent years, amounts ranging from \$600,000 to \$1.7 million a year, the committee said.

— Provide incentives targeted toward builders of residential housing to spark affordable developments in Texas Enterprise Zones.

The zones seek to attract businesses and jobs in depressed

areas with state and local tax incentives. The committee said safe and affordable homes are needed in the zone areas, but builders and developers are unable to take advantage of current tax incentives. It suggested tax refunds or exemptions on labor and building materials.

— Promote public investment in affordable housing by creating a task force to examine housing investment options for public pension funds.

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What are the facts?

The Root of the Middle East Conflict. Many observers of the Middle East scene seem to believe that the root of the Middle East conflict lies in the dispute between the Palestinians and the Israeli Jews; and that it could be resolved by Israel's yielding its heartland,

Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"), and the Gaza strip for the creation of a Palestinian state and by returning the Golan Heights to Syria.

They overlook that the hatred of the Palestinian Arabs toward the Jews long predates the Six-Day War, as a result of which Israel acquired control over the administered territories. **The Menace of Islamic Fundamentalism.** The clamor for yielding these territories to the Arabs is the first step in the immutable Arab attempt to liquidate Israel altogether. Because certainly, Israel, with its fewer than 5 million inhabitants and less than 10,000 square miles of territory (smaller than Lake Michigan), cannot possibly be a threat to peace or a menace to the Arabs. And reducing the territory of Israel from 10,000 square miles to 7,000 square miles would not seem likely to bring peace one step closer. The main reason that real peace is so difficult to attain is the political and cultural context of the Middle East, which is dominated by the menace of Islamic fundamentalism. Israel's

size is not of importance; it is the very existence of Israel that is an intolerable offense to the fundamentalists, an unacceptable insult to Islam. The fundamentalist Moslems—Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and all the others—do not aim at peace with Israel or the recovery of some territory. Their publicly declared aim is the destruction of the Jewish state. The PLO, Israel's

"partner for peace", has not disavowed this; on the contrary, in his speeches to Palestinians and other Arab audiences, Arafat constantly repeats his

calls for "jihad" (holy war) and for "liberation." **Real Peace Must be Global.** Another reason that real peace will be difficult to attain in the present climate is that any agreement that could be attained in this round of negotiations would be a non-global one. The most fervent and irreconcilable enemies of Israel—Iraq, Iran, Libya and the Palestinian rejectionists—not only do not participate in the negotiations, but vehemently oppose them. Those few Arab statesmen who have tried to accept the Jewish state and come to terms with it have invariably found a terrible end. King Abdullah of Transjordan was assassinated by the rejectionists, so was President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, and so was President Bashir Gemayel of Lebanon, all of whom envisioned peaceful cooperation and co-existence with Israel. One can only hope that President Mubarak of Egypt, King Hussein of Jordan, and Yassir Arafat himself will escape such fate.

In view of these realities, is real peace possible? Will Israel's yielding land and authority to the PLO bring it about? Islamic fundamentalism cannot tolerate a Jewish presence on any part of "Arab territory". Real peace—the Arabs' acceptance of a Jewish state and peaceful co-existence cannot come about by Israel's yielding its strategic advantage to those who are still sworn to destroy it. It can only happen through a complete change of mentality, policies and historical ambition in the Arab-Iranian block, abandonment of fanatic fundamentalism, and change to genuine democracy. In the meantime, and unless all Arab countries sign off on and accept any Israel-Palestinian agreement and sign peace treaties, Israel must keep up its guard and must not yield further strategic territory.

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Quote of the Day

"False modesty is better than none."

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OUR VIEWS

The spirit of seven

It was as American as, well, apple pie. There we were, a nation affixed to the television screen, watching ... hoping ... praying that these seven young women representing our United States of America could do the unthinkable.

But was winning the Olympic team gold medal in women's gymnastics really unthinkable? No, because for so many years, young American women have thought about winning the Olympic team gold.

Not unthinkable ... but in reality, perhaps unbelievable.

Perhaps there was more than a passing interest in gymnastics this year, at least in our community, because of what our own Stephanie Stewart and our Sidewinders Gymnastics team had accomplished earlier.

After all, Stephanie is our own national champion and maybe it is because of the attention directed to her efforts and the efforts of her teammates that we chose to allow ourselves to become one with the Georgia Dome crowd ... oohing and aahing with every picturesque routine and wincing with every miscue.

Women gymnasts don't come in large sizes, but they clearly come with large hearts. They also clearly come with extraordinary athletic ability, discipline and devotion to excellence and to each other. That was the unmistakable moral Tuesday when an American team won a gold medal in gymnastics for the first time in Olympics history.

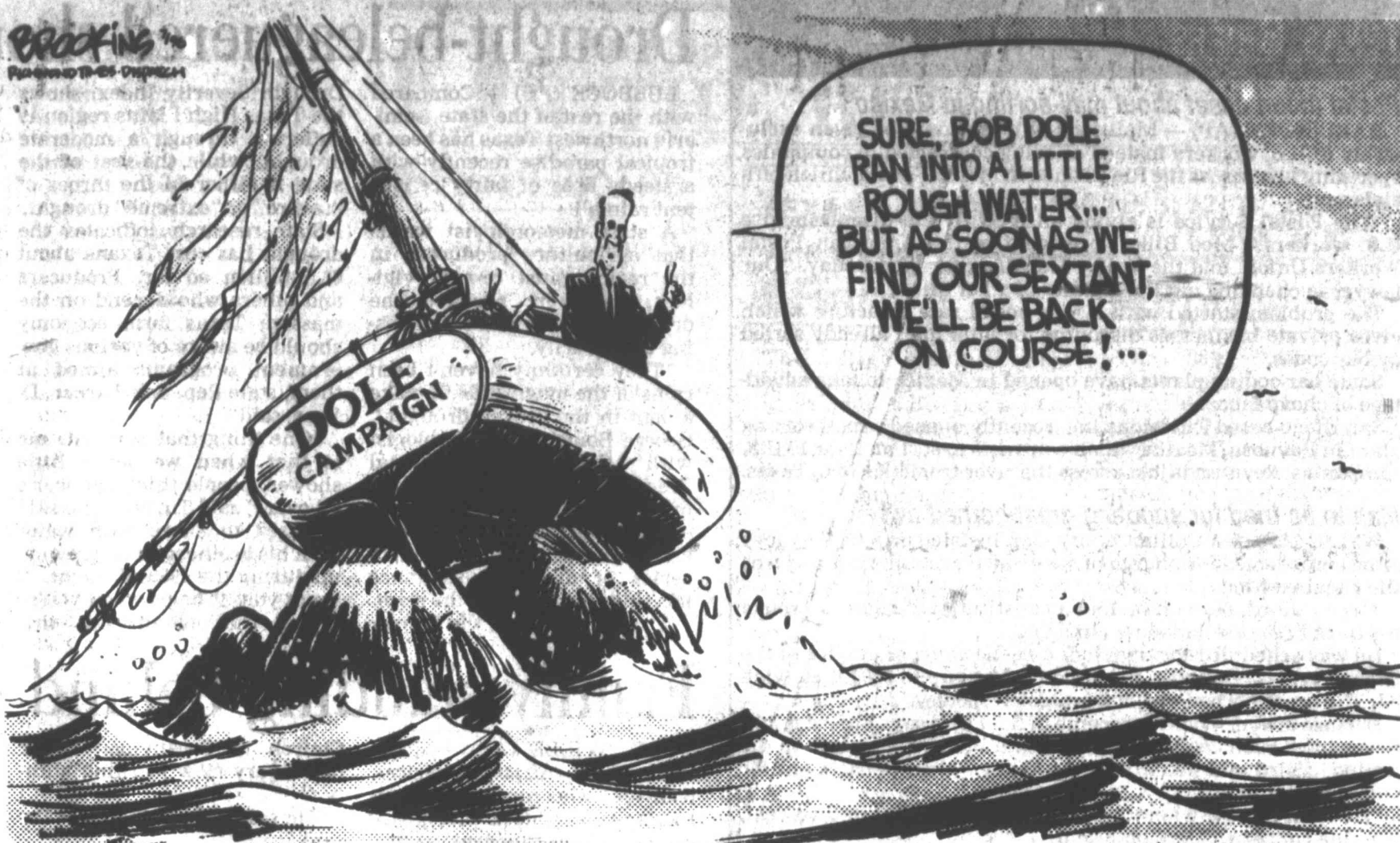
The day's unscripted drama — which ended in spills and a heroic, tear-fetching performance by Kerri Strug — began with a grace and beauty close to flawless. On the uneven bars and during other parts of the routine, the seven team members were confident and polished. Their coaches encouraged them, the crowd encouraged them, they encouraged each other. It seemed impossible they could falter.

But falter they did. Just when it looked like they had the gold wrapped up, tiny 14-year-old Dominique Moceanu twice vaulted high — and twice fell. The fear was that this year's Russian team, powerful like Soviet predecessors that had won the gold so often before, would catch the Americans, would pass the Americans, would steal the moment.

Then it was Kerri Strug's turn. She vaulted, fell and hurt her left ankle. A competitor in women's vaulting can take a second turn to improve a score, and her coaches coaxed her to try again. She limped to her starting position, raced down the track, vaulted and landed on both feet, earning a respectable score but aggravating her injury. She lifted her left foot, then collapsed on the mat in tears. Her coach, the grandfatherly Bela Karolyi, carried her from the scene, then carried her to the podium for the awards ceremony.

It turns out that Strug's painful leap was not necessary to clinch the gold. The fact does not diminish her heroism, just as her heroism did not diminish the glory of the other six athletes. Together, these young women have earned themselves a place in sports history that will not soon be matched and have reminded millions of viewers about one reason they watch the Olympics. It's not just a chance to watch great athletes or to cheer for one's country. It's an opportunity to learn something about the possibilities of the human spirit.

It's about the realization of an unbelievable dream come true.

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Was explorer Meriwether Lewis murdered?

By LEONARD LARSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — There's not the urgency of a fresh murder investigation or even a probe by homicide detectives going back over their "cold case" files, but there's a stirring of interest to find out — once and for all — if Meriwether Lewis was murdered 187 years ago.

That would be the Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark exploration of the lands of the Louisiana Purchase, a heroic tale that ended — for Lewis — in 1809 when he was found dead and was determined to have committed suicide in the wilds of Tennessee.

Or was he murdered? And, if he was murdered, who killed him? And why? And what difference does it make now?

It probably makes no difference at all. Certainly nobody's going to jail and, chances are, there was no clause in Lewis' insurance policy — if he had a policy — that barred payment in the event of suicide.

But the Lewis suicide-or-murder question is there, and it's cropped up before, most often in the works of historians who sleuth around in corners of his-

tory that aren't exactly in the news anymore.

The trouble in the Lewis case has been — as with a lot of other mysterious deaths — that there's not much more than suspicions and circumstantial evidence: no smoking gun, no fingerprints, no suicide note or threatening letter, no neighbors recalling an argument or a get-away car speeding from the scene, no confession and no legendary detective examining the scene to unravel the mystery.

In the latest round of interest in Lewis' sudden departure, which came while he was on a trip to Washington to report something (maybe something "secret") to President Madison, it's urged that exhumation of the body and scientific examination of whatever it is that remains could solve the case.

That is to say a corpse buried 187 years ago might reveal real evidence of murder for the Lewis "murder" theorists, some who've already offered a motive, identified the murder suspect and even named Thomas Jefferson — the sainted author of our Constitution and our third president — as a crooked politician who covered up the crime.

It's said it was Jefferson who

most prominently backed the Lewis suicide story, suggesting Lewis was in financial difficulties and, in effect, defamed the personal friend he'd sent off to lead the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The Jefferson coverup, it's said, was to divert suspicion from Gen. James Wilkinson, an unsavory character who'd done some shady chores for Jefferson. It's also said that Wilkinson had reason to kill Lewis to prevent Lewis from spilling what he knew of Wilkinson's involvement in a Missouri land scandal, maybe telling it in his "secret" report to President Madison.

But wait a minute. If the theorists of Lewis' "murder" are rounding up suspects, what about others? There was William Clark, for example, Lewis' partner on the exploration of the Northwest who was promised an army promotion to captain but remained a second lieutenant. Where was he on the night of Oct. 11, 1809? And does his story check out?

And what about Toussaint Charbonneau, the almost-forgotten husband of the Indian woman, Sacagawea, who was the Lewis and Clark interpreter? Could it be that

Charbonneau suspected something else was going on and went after Lewis on account of that?

Another likely suspect would be another member of the expedition, Pierre Cruzette, described in some of the histories as a one-eyed man who one day in the Western wilderness "accidentally" shot Lewis in the leg when he mistook him for an elk. Likely story. Or was he mad at Lewis and stayed mad long enough to waylay him in Tennessee?

There's even an Indian chief with what could have been a motive for murder. Mandan Chief Sheheke was said to have been convinced by Lewis to accompany the explorers back East in 1806, a curiosity to be shown off to what was then American civilization. Before he finally got back home, Chief Sheheke was nearly done in by hostile Indians. He could have figured he had Lewis to thank for that.

There's bound to be more about all this. Hope so. It'll keep our minds off presidential election politics.

(Leonard E. Larsen writes commentaries twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

More privileges planned for Washington's elite

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
Scripps Howard News Service

The GOP, which cannot get a presidential campaign under way against the scandal-ridden Clintons, is resorting to pandering.

In deference to gender quota advocates, the Stupid Party has backed off its support of the popular California Civil Rights Initiative and abandoned its own legislative bills that would terminate quota privileges.

It has backpedaled from its anti-abortion stance.

And, in the dumbest move of all, GOP leaders (with the exception of House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer) are advocating special federal income tax breaks for residents of Washington, D.C.

For millions of Americans, Washington has become a symbol of arrogant government pursuing its own selfish interests. Only the GOP could choose the time when movie audiences across the land are cheering the destruction of the White House in the film "Independence Day," to advocate a 15 percent maximum federal tax rate for D.C. residents.

The bill, known to critics as the "lobbyist and lawyer enrichment act," would drop the top tax rate on

Washington's six- and seven-figure incomes from 40 percent to 15 percent.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and even Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., have joined the push to tax Washington's multimillionaires at half the tax rate applied to America's middle class. Little wonder Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole is falling further behind Bill Clinton.

No matter how abjectly the Republicans pander, quota beneficiaries, abortionists and Washington, D.C., residents are not going to vote Republican. By pandering to its opponents, the GOP is turning off its own constituencies.

The District of Columbia has been losing residents for years because of its high crime rate and the unabashed plundering of city finances by its politicians. However, a 15 percent top federal tax rate would cause every upper-income person in the country to claim Washington as a legal residence whether or not they spent much time there. The price of real estate would skyrocket as money flowed in to establish residence.

At the same time, a low federal tax rate is worth comparatively little to poor inner-city

residents, who would be pushed out as Washington became a city of multimillionaires.

Yet GOP backers of this insane proposal describe it as "a good proposal to help the city."

What about all the other cities, and towns and rural areas? Why should a city gain tax privileges by running its affairs into the ground with incompetence and theft?

Nothing shows more clearly that Republicans have become part of the problem than their effort to enact such a proposal. They are inured to Washington's practice of responding to the public's loss of confidence and affection by walling itself off, like the Russian czar, from the people.

First Pennsylvania Avenue is closed off, and now 400 parking places are to be erased from the city streets in order to protect federal buildings from car bombs.

From here, it is only a short step to privileged income tax status. After all, Washington is the seat of sovereignty. It controls the power. Why should it forego the privileges that rulers bestow upon themselves?

One reason is the Constitution's requirement that laws be equally applied. Our Founding Fathers were particularly worried that states or regions would gang up and

place the tax burden on outvoted interests. The Constitution (Article 1, Section 8, clause 1) explicitly requires that all taxes "shall be uniform throughout the United States."

But, of course, a privileged, walled-off elite has nothing to fear from a mere Constitution. Even the justices sworn to enforce it might be tempted by the low tax rate on their six-figure incomes.

Seldom have the rich had such prospects of a windfall in the name of helping the poor.

Americans have reason to be thoroughly alarmed. Their cherished equality before the law is being jettisoned by leaders of both parties. First it was legal privileges based on race, gender and handicapped status, and now it is tax privileges based on residence in the capital city.

To abandon the equal applicability of law is an extremely serious step. No amount of rhetoric about civil rights, economic enterprise zones and compassion for poor blacks can justify privilege before the law.

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Republicans eager to put welfare bill in Clinton's court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with White House pressure to craft a welfare bill more to President Clinton's liking, Republican congressional leaders indicated few changes would be forthcoming and practically dared Clinton to veto the measure.

"Given the many promises you have made to end welfare as we know it, a veto would represent a serious breach of your word," said a letter House Speaker Newt Gingrich and

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott sent to Clinton on Wednesday.

"It would tell the American people that you would rather talk about reforming welfare than act to bring help to the neediest American citizens," they wrote.

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said: "We remain very hopeful ... that this bill is headed towards a signature and not a veto." But he said no final decision had been

made.

Earlier, Clinton had lauded some improvements in the bills but still worried that they might weaken protections for children. He said he would work with the negotiators resolving differences between the House and Senate bills.

Conferees always have input from the White House, said Lott, R-Miss. But as the letter to Clinton said: "We will not support any further changes that result in the passage of a weak

welfare reform bill."

The Republicans can't lose, said Gingrich, R-Ga.

"I believe that we win from this point on, no matter what happens," he said, predicting that Clinton would sign it "when the spotlight is intense enough."

"That's good, and it saves \$60 billion" over six years, he said. "If, on the other hand — having sent him a bill that we can defend and that half the Senate Democrats can vote for — he

decides to veto it, I think the country will understand just how far to the left his commitments are, and how impossible it is to reform the government with him as president."

House and Senate negotiators were to start work today on combining their two bills, which match in most respects.

Both would reverse six decades of policy that entitled the poor automatically to open-

ended assistance and replace it with work-oriented, time-limited aid.

Lifetime welfare assistance would be limited to five years per family, and recipients would have to work after two years, with hardship exemptions to such restrictions allowed for up to 20 percent of families. Four major welfare programs would be converted into block grants to states, which would have far more freedom to run their own programs.

Intelligence chief still sees danger of Bosnian war

WASHINGTON (AP) — War is likely to break out again in Bosnia unless an international military force stays there after the current NATO-led peace mission ends in December, says the chief of U.S. military intelligence.

U.S. participation in such a follow-on force may not be necessary, even though the NATO allies have cautioned that they will stay after December only if the United States does, Army Gen. Patrick Hughes said Wednesday.

Testifying before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Hughes, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said, "The continued presence of a Western, or force from NATO and other countries, is a requirement for continued stability in Bosnia."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the committee chairman, tried to pin down Hughes on whether he believed an international force could function effectively in Bosnia beyond December without the participation of American troops.

"I hate to put a name, like 'NATO' or 'the U.N.' or 'the United States' on this force, but some force, and I think it would probably have to come under some international coalition," Hughes said, in order to sustain the success achieved so far in disarming and demobilizing the former warring factions.

"Now, from your intelligence sources," Specter then asked, "what is the likelihood of having a force there if the United States is not a participant?"

Hughes replied, "I would say that in general terms, the continued participation of the

United States in some fashion is a precondition by many countries for their continued involvement" in peacekeeping in Bosnia. He did not name those countries but was referring to the United States' NATO allies in Europe.

"So I would say that if the U.S. was not present, the prospects for a viable international force would be much reduced," Hughes added.

Last weekend Vice President Al Gore said there were no plans to participate in such a follow-on force. Defense Secretary William Perry has said recently that he believes U.S. forces should participate if other NATO countries do, but that he has not yet made a recommendation to President Clinton.

In his prepared remarks to the committee, Hughes called the NATO-led Implementation Force peace mission a success. But he also pointed to several remaining problems that could jeopardize the long-term stability of the country.

He mentioned, for instance, the tenuous Muslim-Croat federation that is supposed to act as a political and military counterbalance to the Bosnian Serbs, as well as clashes between Bosnian Serbs and Muslim refugees trying to return to their homes as is their right under the Dayton peace accords.

"These examples illustrate the continuing challenge facing the international community, and point to a trend toward de facto partition of Bosnia into at least two, if not three, parts," Hughes said.

Divers find black boxes from TWA crash

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — Divers recovered the data and cockpit voice recorders from the tail section of TWA Flight 800 early today, a discovery that could provide vital clues to what caused the jumbo jet to explode.

The so-called black boxes, found in the largest concentration of wreckage on the ocean floor under more than 100 feet of water, were taken to Washington for analysis, said Robert Francis, the vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Investigators will scrutinize the information today as they try to determine whether the explosion shortly after takeoff was caused by a bomb, missile or mechanical failure. All 230 people aboard the Paris-bound jetliner were killed July 17.

The boxes, which are actually orange, were being transported in water and plastic bags to prevent them from drying too quickly, which could damage the data, NTSB investigators said.

The discovery came hours before President Clinton was to meet with victims' families at an airport hotel.

The recorders, which are carried in the tails of jetliners, were found almost directly underneath a Navy search and rescue vessel, Francis said.

NTSB safety investigator Robert Benzon said the boxes were "a little banged up. The pinger was knocked off of the flight data recorder but they sustained, actually, slight damage." Both recorders are designed to emit a "ping" so they can be located.

The recovery, coming one week after the crash, represented a major breakthrough in the quest to find out what caused the second-worst airline disaster in U.S. history.

The voice recorder picks up cockpit conversations and could indicate whether the crew knew about a problem before the explosion and what action, if any, was taken to try to avoid the crash.

The data recorder picks up such information as a plane's altitude, speed and various equipment functions. It could help determine whether a mechanical problem brought the plane down.

But Al Dickinson, the NTSB's lead investigator, cautioned that the boxes may not hold all the answers.

"This is going to add to our

information, but it's not going to be a solving of everything," Dickinson said.

Until the discovery of the recorders, the salvage effort was most notable for what it had not found. The FBI has not determined whether the explosion was an accident or an act of terrorism, and about only half the victims' bodies have been pulled from the waters off Long Island.

Three more bodies were brought ashore earlier Wednesday. Of the 230 people killed, 114 bodies have been recovered and 95 have been identified by the Suffolk County Medical Examiner's office.

Divers also believe they have spotted at least seven more bodies in the wreckage, Francis said.

Drug czar says former drug users shouldn't be barred in government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharp-ening a partisan debate over drug use by public officials, the Clinton administration's drug czar says past narcotics use shouldn't be a barrier for those interested in government service.

"No Americans should be precluded from serving their country in any position as long as they now reject all illicit drug use," Barry McCaffrey, the national drug control policy director, said in a position paper released Wednesday. "We call upon the 50 million Americans who have tried and now do not condone drug abuse to join in the nation's anti-drug effort."

While McCaffrey, who is a retired Army general, insisted the position paper wasn't motivated by politics, it comes as the White House and Republican lawmakers trade barbs over the drug histories of politicians in both parties. The White House also remains embroiled in controversy over drug use by current and former political appointees.

William Bennett, who held the same job as McCaffrey as head of the White House Office of

National Drug Control Policy under President Bush, described McCaffrey's statement as "disappointing."

Focus on the drug issue has been intense in recent weeks. Earlier this month the White House revealed that some current Clinton aides are regularly tested for drugs because FBI security checks revealed "extensive and/or recent drug use found in their backgrounds."

NOTICE TO SANDS CISD TAXPAYERS

Below is a notice of meeting on tax increase. The increase will be above the effective rate. The actual rate will be the same as 1995 which was \$1.44.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The SANDS CISD will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by .07 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on August 5 at 7:00 PM at Sands CISD board room.

FOR the proposal: Bobby Wigginton, David Zant, Billy Reed, Martin Nichols, Joe Barnes

AGAINST the proposal: — None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Stan Blagrove, Reggie Hambrick

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on 7/17/96. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 30,483	\$ 30,466
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Average taxable value	\$ 20,483	\$ 20,466
Tax rate	1.44 /\$100	1.44 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 294.95	\$ 294.71 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by .24 or .01 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by .05527 per \$100 of taxable value or .03991 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):
The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ in the previous 12 months beginning 19 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the same revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Tropical storm kills at least 17, typhoon builds

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Tropical storm Frankie left at least 17 people dead and dozens missing after battering northern Vietnam's Red River delta for nearly two days, officials said today.

The crew members of 40 fishing vessels were among the missing, the official Vietnam News said.

To the east, Typhoon Gloria gained strength today as it barreled through the northern Philippine islands and on toward southern Taiwan, packing winds of up to 106.25 mph, the Manila weather bureau said.

At least 12 people died as Gloria's 439-mile-wide rain clouds flooded many areas on the main island of Luzon and loosened volcanic debris from Mount Pinatubo.

Frankie swept in from the Tonkin Gulf late Tuesday with winds of 56 miles an hour and dumped up to 8 inches of rain on Hanoi, the port city of Haiphong and five provinces, Vietnam News said.

By this morning, skies were clearing.

In Hanoi, some neighborhoods suffered power outages and many roads and homes were flooded. Damage was light compared to areas closer to the coast, where sea dikes caved in, crops were destroyed and thatched-roofed houses were blown away.



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Do you have a good story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331; Ext. 235.

WATCHING THE ROAD



A young prairie dog stands next to the roadway at Comanche Trail Park recently and watches the cars drive by. There are several young prairie dogs that scurry across the roadway between the old tennis courts and the golf course.

New program offers Coahoma students on-the-job training

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Coahoma High School students will have a chance for on-the-job training if they enroll in a new course this fall.

Superintendent Sonny Monroe recently announced the new job training course to provide students with an opportunity to spend part of their school day with local businesses and industrial firms.

The participating students are enrolled in regular high school courses as well as one period of related job training instruction. High School Principal Cindy Young said students who will be seniors this year signed up for the course last year. "They had to fill out applications and were screened. We looked at their attendance and discipline

records. We have 11 students signed up for the program," said Young.

Young added Barbara Justiss, home economics teacher, is in the process of contacting individual businesses to see if they would be interested in having a student in their workplace.

Right now, the program is targeted just for seniors but may be expanded in the future to include juniors. The course is a year-long program and the student will spend 15 hours each week on the job learning skills and management practices necessary for this employment, explained

Justiss.

The program will offer training to seniors who want to pursue careers related to home



economics, agribusiness, office education and industrial technology.

It also provides opportunities for full-time employment after graduation.

Big Spring student goes to Hawaii, others prepare for new school year

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Gabe Rubio, 1996-97 president of the Big Spring High School Student Council, recently went to Hawaii to attend a safety conference.

The National Safety Program Conference in Honolulu was attended by eight other delegates from Texas as well. The student council was selected to send a representative when it received an outstanding rating on the local safety project report form. The form was submitted to the Texas Association of Student Councils and the Texas Youth Safety Program.

It is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Department of Transportation. The local program was ranked seventh in the state, qualifying Big Spring to send a delegate.

The program was also ranked seventh in the nation and this was announced at the national conference. Only one other Texas school ranked in the top

10. Rubio will be a senior this fall.

Meanwhile, other student council officers attended the Texas Association of Student Councils Summer Leadership Workshop in San Angelo. The six-day event offered training to the officers with various leadership activities.

Sharon Richardson, council advisor, said 196 students and advisors from 31 schools in Texas attended the seminar at Angelo State University.

Richardson added the officers are in the process of planning a back-to-school lock-in for all members of the student council to make preparations for the 1996-97 school year. They will also be assisting with registration Aug. 13 and 14 at the high school. Plans for the first day of the year, the Howdy Daze, are being made and it's scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14.

The officers who attended the workshop included: Paul Haney, first vice president; Tyler Murphy, second vice president; Kelly Hollar, recording secretary; Marisa Smith, corresponding secretary; Jason Williams, parliamentarian and Sharon Fleming, historian. Richardson accompanied the group. Richardson is also the workshop director for the TASC and Haney served on staff as a junior consultant.

Best sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Cause of Death" by Patricia Cornwell
2. "The Runaway Jury" by John Grisham
3. "The Tenth Insight" by James Redfield
4. "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" by Terry McMillan
5. "The Celestine Prophecy" by James Redfield
6. "Gods and Generals" by Jeff Shaara
7. "Exclusive" by Sandra Brown
8. "Lily White" by Susan Isaacs
9. "Accordions Crimes" by E. Annie Proulx
10. "The Wedding" by Julie Garwood

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "The Dilbert Principle" by Scott Adams
2. "The Zone" by Barry Sears and Bill Lawren
3. "Outrage" by Vincent Bugliosi
4. "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus" by John Gray
5. "Bad as I Wanna Be" by Dennis Rodman with Tim Keown
6. "Simple Abundance" by Sarah Ban Breathnach
7. "In Contempt" by Christopher Darden with Jess Walter
8. "The Choice" by Bob Woodward
9. "Unlimited Access" by Gary Aldrich
10. "Emotional Intelligence" by Daniel Goleman

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Green Mile, Part 4: The Bad Death of Edward Delacroix" by Stephen King
2. "From Potter's Field" by Patricia Cornwell
3. "Beach Music" by Pat Conroy
4. "Coming Home" by Rosamunde Pilcher
5. "Lightning" by Danielle Steel
6. "The Green Mile, Part 3: Coffey's Hands" by Stephen King
7. "A Place Called Freedom" by Ken Follett
8. "The Green Mile, Part 2: The Mouse on the Mile" by Stephen King
9. "Daring to Dream" by Nora Roberts
10. "Stormy Weather" Carl Hiaasen

Being bothered by a bully

Scripps Howard News Service

Q: I am 14 years old and lately I think people are just rude and hurtful to others.

Just the other day at the pool I go to every day a guy who's in the sixth grade kicked a beach ball into the back yard of a house. The kids playing with the ball in the pool thought he was going to go get the ball and give it back to them.

He never went after the ball or even said he was sorry. I was so mad, but what could I do by myself? I was afraid of him and I didn't want to get into anything. But I've thought about it for days and it still makes me mad.

A: We agree with your feeling of anger, and think that a lot of other Americans agree with you, too.

As a country, we offer so much to so many. America is the land of opportunity and we do have a great many privi-

leges and rights in this country. Many of us are grateful for this, but others are greedy.

The boy at the pool is an example of greed. He knew that no one would approach him because he presents himself as tough — he's a bully.

TEEN TALK

So, what do you do? It's hard to say. It appears that most of America is afraid to step in and take control of our streets. "We don't want to get involved," is the usual excuse.

We believe it's time to get involved. It's time for those of us upholding the rights of this country to stand up to those who abuse our rights and abuse others.

Will it be easy? No. But sometimes doing the right thing isn't easy. Is it worth it? You bet!

People like this boy hide behind what they think are

their rights. But the rest of us have rights, too. Hurting others, destroying property and taking things that don't belong to you are not rights.

Maybe you weren't in a position at the pool to do anything personally, but you should tell someone in authority who can step in.

Parents, too, should take responsibility, knowing how their kids behave and creating consequences that help build moral character. Parents should know where their kids are and who they're hanging out with. Parents must teach their sons and daughters standards, manners and responsibility.

Teen Talk is a weekly feature of the El Paso Herald-Post written by teachers Carolyn Lea Wilson and Rose Mary Carbajal. Questions may be mailed to Teen Talk; P.O. Box 371965; El Paso, 79937. Answers can be given only through this column.

40 years later, survivor reflects on fate

Scripps Howard News Service

When Sister Angelita Myerscough of Belleville, Ill., decided to abandon the sinking Andrea Doria 40 years ago Thursday, she thought first like a nun.

"I made sure I was wearing the red sash that was part of our habit then," she said this week. "It was the symbol of our order, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ — and I thought, 'If I die, I want that on.'"

Then, she thought like a woman:

"I grabbed my purse, too."

Now, 40 years later, Myerscough is traveling to Kings Point, N.Y., for a reunion of survivors of the sinking of the Andrea Doria.

The westbound ship, an Italian liner, collided in the fog with the eastbound Swedish freighter Stockholm on the night of July 25, 1956. They

were 45 miles southeast of Nantucket Island, Mass.

The disaster claimed 51 lives, 46 of them from the liner.

Myerscough, then 35, was reared on an Illinois farm and joined the convent when she was 16. In 1954, her order sent her to Italy for two years of language studies.

For the trip home, she boarded the Andrea Doria on July 18 in Naples.

"I was in a cabin on the starboard side, which the Stockholm hit," she said. "Thank God I had a cabin mate."

That's because Myerscough had taken a sea-sickness pill before going to bed. "I wanted to be up early to see the Statue of Liberty the next day," she said, "and the pill really knocked me out."

The collision woke her — "It sounded like the corner of a huge crate hitting the outside

wall of my cabin" — but in her groggy state, she started to nod off again.

Her cabin mate, a young Italian woman, shook her awake and made sure the nun donned her life jacket. "She didn't leave until I was up and awake," Myerscough said.

After a three-hour wait, as the ship listed farther and farther to starboard, Myerscough climbed down a rope ladder to a lifeboat.

The lifeboat finally delivered her to a French liner, the Ile de France, which had sped to the scene. On that ship, she volunteered to help out in the infirmary, putting her language skill to use by translating for the Italian immigrants huddled there.

Myerscough was still in the infirmary when the Ile de France docked in New York

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Quilts: Pieces of the past

Art, craft or camouflage, linen or legacy: that great American antique, the quilt, has come back.

For decades, great-grandmother's ragbag creative gems held scant appeal. And Great Aunt Lucy's friendship quilt of another era saw little daylight at a time when Americans were preoccupied with space exploits and political protest.

But flower children coming of age at about the time of the Bicentennial rediscovered Lucy's linen treasures, with admiration. Collectors say the antique quilts displayed in the 1974 American folk art show at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City was the turning point in interest and market value.

In the 20 years since,

investors have seen prices rise and fall. The number of serious collectors now appears to be increasing, and that comes as no surprise to dealer Pat Menson of Woodbury, Conn.

There's enough variation in form and style to please anyone, she says. "It's like going out to buy a dress. Get what your eye likes."

She advises starting with an inexpensive purchase. "Then, if you like, shed the first one and pick up something else."

Factors affecting cost include the kind of fabric, construction, condition, and color, according to Menson. "Blue and white and red and white patterns may be pricier because they were costlier dyes and dyeing

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Vacations

(NAPS)—Vacation planning tips:

- Have your vehicle checked over before you leave, including brakes, fluids and windshield wipers.
- Make reservations when you can. If you're going camping, call ahead to reserve your campsite.
- Make arrangements with a neighbor or post office to see that your mail and newspapers don't pile up.
- Check your vacation gear, fishing rods, day packs, sports equipment, to make sure everything's ready to go.
- Make sure you allow for flex time in schedule.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Send in your recipes

The Herald is currently seeking submissions to its monthly Recipe Corner that runs the second Wednesday of each month.

Please submit any recipes you would like to see published. Meals that can be made in 30 minutes or less as well as recipes that are low in fat and calories are needed also.

The next Recipe Corner is scheduled for Aug. 14 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Aug. 5. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 235.

DAV rummage sale

The Disabled American Veterans are having a rummage sale at the V.F.W. Hall on Driver Road Friday and Saturday. The times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations of usable and saleable items are still needed. Call 263-1625 or 267-7773 for pick up.

Free trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during August.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. and Dec. with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees; National Arbor Day Foundation; 100 Arbor Avenue; Nebraska City, Neb.; 68410, by Aug. 31.

THE LAST WORD

For each ecstatic instant we must pay in keen and quivering ratio to the ecstasy.

—Emily Dickinson

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

—Charles Kingsley

Education should be gentle and stern, not cold and lax.

—Joseph Joubert

Experience is a good teacher but she sends in terrific bills.

—Minna Antrim

Bypass surgery, angioplasty have similar survival rates

Scripps Howard News Service

Heart bypass surgery and balloon angioplasty achieve similar survival rates for most people with coronary heart disease, according to a study published Thursday.

Researchers followed more than 1,800 patients with multi-vessel heart disease who were randomly assigned to undergo one of the two procedures. They found 89.3 percent of the bypass patients and 86.3 percent of the angioplasty patients had survived five years after the first treatment.

However, the report, published in The New England Journal of Medicine, points out that people undergoing angioplasty were much more likely to have additional procedures

to re-open arteries — either another angioplasty or a bypass — 54 percent against just 8 percent of the bypass patients.

About 362,000 angioplasties and 309,000 bypass surgeries are performed annually in the United States. An angioplasty typically requires a three-day hospital stay and costs \$15,000; bypass surgery requires an average of a week in the hospital and costs around \$30,000.

But because of the need for repeat care, angioplasty patients wound up spending more time in the hospital during the five years than those with a bypass.

Dr. Katherine Detre, a University of Pittsburgh epidemiologist who headed the study, said that "in spite of the greater need for re-intervention, 69 percent of the patients

who underwent angioplasty avoided subsequent bypass. For patients who prefer to avoid major surgery, angioplasty offers a reasonable alternative with an expectation of similar overall survival rates."

The report also notes that in a subgroup of 353 diabetic patients being treated with insulin or drugs, those who underwent surgery had an 80 percent survival rate, versus 65 percent for bypass patients.

That discrepancy was so remarkable coordinators of the Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation issued a special notice of their preliminary findings last fall.

Detre said "more extensive coronary artery disease among diabetics and the greater tendency for their arteries to re-

clog after angioplasty suggest potential reasons for the relatively better outcome after bypass surgery" but that more research will have to be done on treatment of heart disease in diabetics to bear this out.

About 14 million Americans have diabetes, which is a major factor in causing arterial disease. About 65 percent of diabetics ultimately die from some type of heart or blood vessel disease.

The study, carried out at 18 hospitals in the United States and Canada, also found rates of in-hospital death and incidence of stroke were similar in both treatment groups.

In an accompanying editorial in the journal, Dr. Maarten Simoons of Erasmus University in the Netherlands, said despite

the similar survival rates, bypass surgery remains the established therapy, with angioplasty an acceptable alternative.

He argues ongoing advances in technique and equipment, such as the use of surgical stents to keep arteries open longer after angioplasty, to some extent make long-term evaluations of coronary patients obsolete by the time they're finished.

Simoons expects the two schools of treatment to soon blur into "more of a team approach and the development of larger revascularization centers in which different procedures are performed by a closely coordinated team of operators with different backgrounds."

Survivor

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early in the evening of June 26. "I never did see the Statue of Liberty," she said.

But she saw something just as welcoming — a fellow nun, Sister Bernadine, waving the red sash of their order so Myerscough could spot her. (Life magazine photographer W. Eugene Smith snapped a famous photo of Sister Bernadine, her face torn with anxiety and her sash in her hand.)

Through the years, Myerscough has taught at all levels, from elementary school through college, and has served in the motherhouse at Roma as her order's provincial, or administrative chief. From 1975-87, she served the Adorers of the Precious Blood as a member of the order's governing body in Rome.

Myerscough has flown to Europe several times — in fact, she had arrived in 1954 by air — but went by liner (the Raffaello) in 1967, "to express my confidence in the Italian Line."

And why had she decided to return to the United States in 1956 by ship rather than by plane?

"Because," she said with a grin, "I wanted the experience of going by sea."

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW GAS STATION



HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Heavy equipment tear into the asphalt and dirt underneath on the north side of the HEB parking lot Tuesday afternoon. Work began at the site Tuesday on the construction of a new gas station operated by HEB. Similar stations at HEB stores in Abilene and San Angelo have seen gas prices plummeting in those areas.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

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Quilts

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processes. In the 1800s, vegetable dyes were used a lot, but they were unstable. Many of the greens have faded out.

"Workmanship is also important," she continues. "Intricate patterns, uniformity, applique and lots of small pieces are ways to assess value."

"And just hope nobody threw it into the dryer along the way."

Scudder Smith, editor of Antiques and the Arts Weekly, a paper published in Newtown, Conn., says the "Baltimore album" genre is perhaps the most enthusiastically sought after among collectors.

"The Baltimore album pattern consists of various squares of either historical interest or simply the whim of the quilter — maybe a home, or a favorite horse," he says.

Album or bride's quilts became popular around 1840, and most of the Baltimore pieces were constructed during the next 10 years. Besides homes and horses, typical themes included elaborate fruits, flowers, birds, baskets and cornucopias. Fine fabrics and workmanship contribute to their continued marketability.

It also helps that they were deemed "company-best" and pampered during their practical lifetimes.

The importance of care was passed along to one quilt owner along with the inheritance of her mother-in-law's grandmother's treasures. Joyce Cropsey of Litchfield, Conn., says the ancestral quiltmaker ran a 19th century boarding house in New York City, catering to actors and actresses of the day.

Cropsey's great-grandmother-in-law used the fine silks and velvets of the ladies' discarded

gowns and the gents' old ties to create her metropolitan "tumbling block" pattern quilts. According to the family story, she gave one of them to an actor, Edwin deForest, and when she spotted the quilt thrown over the back of the thespian's divan she exclaimed with exasperation, "Edwin! I did not make that quilt for you to lay your greasy head on."

Another of the lady's quilts made its way, via Cropsey, to Documentation Day this summer in Cornwall, Conn., an event sponsored by the state's Quilt Search Project and typical of many state projects following the lead of Kentucky, which inaugurated its first Quilt Search in 1982. Since then, about two-thirds of the states have copied the event, calling in tens of thousands of quilts for documentation with photographs, inspections, and oral histories.

Strausberg, a teacher and antiques dealer in New Milford, Conn., estimates she has 25 to 30 quilts. "I rotate them seasonally and by holidays," she says.

She advises displaying them on interior walls, away from direct sunlight. "And if they're delicate, don't hang them. Quilt covers without backing can be used as tablecloths, under glass."

Strausberg enjoys finding old fabrics from which she makes new quilts. "The Smithsonian and the Shelburne Museum in Vermont are also selling reproduction fabrics — patterns based on the vintage materials."

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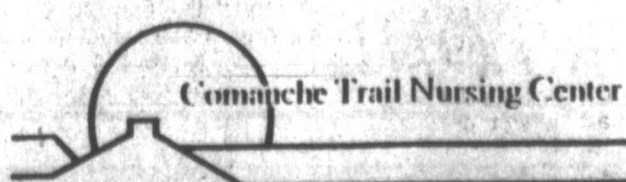


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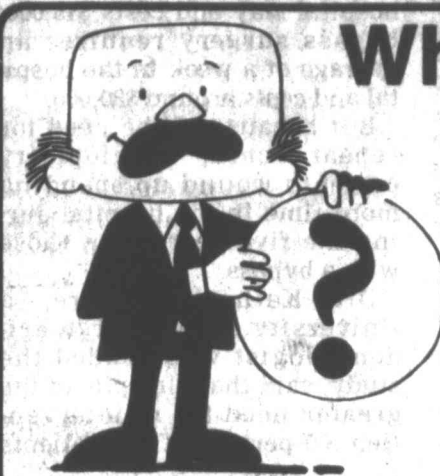
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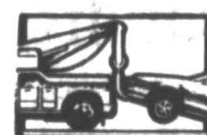
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California (D. Springer 0-0), 10:05
p.m.
Detroit (Sager 2-1) at Seattle
(Hitchcock 9-4), 10:05 p.m.

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	63	37	.630	—
Montreal	53	46	.535	9 1/2
Florida	48	52	.480	15
New York	47	54	.465	16 1/2
Philadelphia	41	60	.406	22 1/2
St. Louis	40	61	.396	23
San Diego	37	64	.367	26
Los Angeles	34	67	.337	29
San Francisco	33	68	.329	30
Colorado	30	71	.298	33
Pittsburgh	28	73	.278	35
Cincinnati	27	74	.268	36
Chicago	26	75	.258	37
San Diego	25	76	.247	38
Los Angeles	24	77	.237	39
San Francisco	23	78	.227	40
Colorado	22	79	.217	41
Pittsburgh	21	80	.208	42
Cincinnati	20	81	.198	43
Chicago	19	82	.188	44
San Diego	18	83	.178	45
Los Angeles	17	84	.168	46
San Francisco	16	85	.158	47
Colorado	15	86	.148	48
Pittsburgh	14	87	.138	49
Cincinnati	13	88	.128	50
Chicago	12	89	.118	51
San Diego	11	90	.108	52
Los Angeles	10	91	.098	53
San Francisco	9	92	.088	54
Colorado	8	93	.078	55
Pittsburgh	7	94	.068	56
Cincinnati	6	95	.058	57
Chicago	5	96	.048	58
San Diego	4	97	.038	59
Los Angeles	3	98	.028	60
San Francisco	2	99	.018	61
Colorado	1	100	.008	62

Baseball

American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	60	39	.606	—
Baltimore	50	49	.505	10
Boston	45	54	.455	15
Toronto	45	54	.455	16
Detroit	31	70	.307	30
Chicago	28	73	.278	33
Minnesota	25	76	.250	36
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AL leaders

BATTING—Knoblauch, Minnesota, .370; Rodriguez, Seattle, .352; Ramirez, Baltimore, .350; Thomas, Chicago, .349; Seltzer, Milwaukee, .339; Ciriello, Milwaukee, .335; Vaughn, Boston, .335.
RUNS—Martinez, Seattle, 88; Rodriguez, Seattle, 85; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 85; Belle, Cleveland, 81; Vaughn, Boston, 78; Phillips, Chicago, 79; Rodriguez, Texas, 76.
RBI—Vaughn, Boston, 94; G. Vaughn, Milwaukee, 92; Belle, Cleveland, 91; Buhner, Seattle, 88; Gonzalez, Texas, 87; F. Thomas, Chicago, 85; R. Palmeiro, Baltimore, 84.
HITS—Lott, Cleveland, 134; Vaughn, Boston, 133; Moller, Minnesota, 133; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 132; Rodriguez, Texas, 129; Ramirez, Baltimore, 123; Seltzer, Milwaukee, 122.
DOUBLES—Martinez, Seattle, 44; Rodriguez, Seattle, 35; Rodriguez, Texas, 32; Ciriello, Oakland, 29; Greer, Texas, 29; Cordova, Minnesota, 28; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 28.
TRIPLES—Knoblauch, Minnesota, 9; Vina, Milwaukee, 7; J. Valentin, Milwaukee, 6; Damon, Kansas City, 5; Ciriello, Milwaukee, 5; Thomas, Cleveland, 5; Cora, Seattle, 5; Guillen, Chicago, 5; Carter, Toronto, 5.
HOME RUNS—McGwire, Oakland, 36; Belle, Cleveland, 32; By Anderson, Baltimore, 31; M. Vaughn, Boston, 30; J. Gonzalez, Texas, 28; G. Vaughn, Milwaukee, 28; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 26; Canseco, Boston, 28.
STOLEN BASES—Lott, Cleveland, 45; T. Gooden, Kansas City, 45; Nixon, Toronto, 27; Vizquel, Cleveland, 24; L. Lachar, Milwaukee, 21; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 21; McLamora, Texas, 18.
PITCHING (12 Decisions)—Pavlik, Texas, 12-3, .800, 4.53; Nagy, Cleveland, 11-3, .769, 3.51; B. Wells, Seattle, 10-3, .769, 4.12; McDonald, Milwaukee, 10-3, .769, 3.56; Pettitte, New York, 15-5, .750, 3.65; Boskie, California, 10-4, .714, 4.68; Alvarez, Chicago, 12-5, .706, 3.64.
STRIKEOUTS—Clemens, Boston, 161; Finley, California, 134; Fernandez, Chicago, 126; Appier, Kansas City, 122; Mussina, Baltimore, 119; Guzman, Toronto, 119; Alvarez, Chicago, 119.
SAVES—Wetteland, New York, 35; Hernandez, Chicago, 29; Percival, California, 26; Mesa, Cleveland, 25; Montgomery, Kansas City, 21; Henneman, Texas, 21; R. Myers, Baltimore, 19.
NL leaders
BATTING—E. Young, Colorado, .354; Piazza, Los Angeles, .353; Grace, Colorado, .338; Burks, Colorado, .334; Bichette, Colorado, .329; Grudzielanek, Montreal, .318; Mabry, St. Louis, .317; Gilkey, New York, .317.
RUNS—Burks, Colorado, 90; Bichette, Colorado, 83; Finley, San Diego, 79; Bonds, San Francisco, 76; C. Jones, Atlanta, 75; E. Young, Colorado, 75; R. Henderson, San Diego, 74.
RBI—Bichette, Colorado, 91; G. Vaughn, Colorado, 87; Burks, Colorado, 82; Sosa, Chicago, 81; Bagwell, Houston, 80; D. Bell, Houston, 78; Hundley, New York, 78.
HITS—Bichette, Colorado, 136; Johnson, New York, 136; Burks, Colorado, 131; Grudzielanek, Montreal, 129; Finley, San Diego, 129; Castillo, Colorado, 123; Piazza, Los Angeles, 121; Grissom, Atlanta, 121.
DOUBLES—Finley, San Diego, 32; Bagwell, Houston, 29; Burks, Colorado, 29; Lansing, Montreal, 28; H. Rodriguez, Montreal, 28; Castillo, Colorado, 28; D. Bell, Houston, 28; Bichette, Colorado, 28.
TRIPLES—Johnson, New York, 15; Grissom, Atlanta, 7; Finley, San Diego, 7; Morandini, Philadelphia, 5; Lankford, St. Louis, 5; DeShields, Los Angeles, 5; V. Vazquez, New York, 5; Burks, Colorado, 5; D. White, Florida, 5.
HOME RUNS—Sosa, Chicago, 33; Klesko, Atlanta, 27; H. Rodriguez, Montreal, 27; Hundley, New York, 27; Sheffield, Florida, 27; Piazza, Los Angeles, 26; Burks, Colorado, 26; G. Vaughn, Colorado, 26.
STOLEN BASES—Johnson, New York, 36; E. Young, Colorado, 34; DeShields, Los Angeles, 34; McRae, Chicago, 27; R. Henderson, San Diego, 26; Larkin, Cincinnati, 25; Clayton, St. Louis, 22.
PITCHING (12 Decisions)—Smoltz, Atlanta, 17-4, .810, 2.88; Neagle, Pittsburgh, 12-4, .750, 2.96; Valdes, Los Angeles, 11-5, .687, 3.08; Hamilton, San Diego, 10-5, .667, 4.49; Reynolds, Houston, 12-6, .667, 3.91; Glavine, Atlanta, 10-5, .667, 2.59; Rizz, Colorado, 11-6, .647, 4.80.
STRIKEOUTS—Smoltz, Atlanta, 178; Nomo, Los Angeles, 156; Kile, Houston, 143; J. Martinez, Montreal, 139; F. Lirio, Montreal, 134; Reynolds, Houston, 132; Stottmyre, St. Louis, 124.
SAVES—J. Brantley, Cincinnati, 27; T. Worrell, Los Angeles, 24; Wohlers, Atlanta, 23; Bottalico, Philadelphia, 22; Hoffman, San Diego, 22; Franco, New York, 21; Nen, Florida, 20.

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled INF Bill Selby from Pawtucket of the International League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Recalled RHP Kirk McCaskill. Recalled RHP Luis Andujar from Nashville of the American Association.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Dennis Martinez from the 15-day disabled list. Designated INF Scott Lelous for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned RHP Matt Whiteside to Oklahoma City of the American Association. Recalled RHP Jose Albers from Oklahoma City.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Extended the contract of Cito Gaston, manager, through the 1997 season. Agreed to terms with OF Jose Carter on a one-year contract extension through 1997.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
HOUSTON ASTROS—Designated LHP Dean Hartgroves for assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Recalled LHP Darrell May from Calgary of the Pacific Coast League. Assigned RHP Rich Loeble to Calgary.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Recalled RHP Jeff Parrett. Recalled RHP Cory Bailey from Louisville of the American Association.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Signed G Tony Delk a three-year contract.
INDIANA PACERS—Signed C Erick Dampier to a three-year contract.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed G Kobe Bryant to a three-year contract.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Agreed to terms with G Robert Pack to a multi-year contract.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Traded G Hubert Davis to the Toronto Raptors for a 1997 first-round draft pick.
PHOENIX SUNS—Signed G Steve Nash to a three-year contract.
WASHINGTON BULLETS—Signed G Chris Whitney.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Signed Dallas Cowboys WR Michael Irvin for five games.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed CB Teddy Lawrence.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed WR Marcus Maut. Waived P Sean Terry.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed OL Joel Davis on the reserve-military list.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed WR Larry Wallace. Waived DL Aaron Wallace.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed S Martin Bayless, LB Donnie Edwards, C-G Ben Lynch and C-G Jeff Smith to three-year contracts. Agreed to terms with DE John Brown on a four-year contract. Signed WR Victor Bailey to a two-year contract.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed OT Patrick Cunningham. Waived WR Frank Mady and CB Jon Nielson.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed FB Frank Harvey.

Badly sprained ankle forces Kerri Strug out of all-around

ATLANTA (AP) — Turns out Kerri Strug has a gold medal from an event she never set her sights on. And she'll have to sit out the one event she came to the Olympics to win.

Her painful vault to history left Strug with a sprained left ankle, two torn ligaments — and out of Thursday's all-around finals.

"I'm going to try and get my ankle healed so I can compete maybe in the event finals," she told CNN. "I'm a little bit down, but I'm still excited that we won the gold."

Make that an historic gold — the first U.S. women's team Olympic gold.

Strug's hoping physical therapy and electronic stimulation will fix up her leg in enough time to compete in the vault finals Sunday and the floor exercise on Monday.

The 4-foot-9, 80-pounder qualified seventh for the all-around finals, an event Mary Lou Retton says determines "the queen of gymnastics." She should know; she's the only American to win it.

The United States still has several other top contenders. Shannon Miller, who now has six Olympic medals, including

a silver from the '92 all-around, was the No. 2 qualifier behind reigning world champion Lilia Podkopaeva of Ukraine. Dominique Dawes qualified sixth.

Strug's replacement is 14-year-old Dominique Moceanu, who finished fifth in the event at last year's world championships.

Moceanu got the jitters Tuesday night and fell twice on the vault. That set up Strug's performances.

Three gymnasts per squad advance to the 36-woman field. Only two per country can be among the eight challengers for the apparatus finals on Sunday and Monday.

Missing the all-around must be especially disappointing for Strug because not making the event in Barcelona is what motivated her to train for Atlanta.

Sure, she wanted to win the team medal as much as anyone. And she was proud of her role as the anchorwoman in floor exercise and vault.

But making the all-around was what kept her going as she shuffled between gyms in Houston, Florida, Oklahoma, her native Tucson, Ariz., and

finally back to Houston to work with coach Bela Karolyi.

In Barcelona, Strug was the third for the United States in the all-around spot after compulsory. But the big news was that reigning world champion Kim Zmeskal fell off the balance beam and was in danger of not advancing.

Zmeskal, one of Karolyi's stars, did bounce back in the optionals, tying Strug on the last apparatus — the vault. Then she slid past her and into the all-around with the third U.S. spot.

Come September, look for Strug in Hollywood. She'll enter UCLA on a four-year scholarship.

Tuesday night, after her ride to the medals ceremony in Karolyi's arms, Strug found time for a brief visit to Planet Hollywood as the special guest of owners Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, who had watched her perform at the Georgia Dome.

Strug and her teammates are staying at a private residence until gymnastics ends Tuesday, then they plan to move into the Olympic Village for a real taste of the games.

Gold

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The Dream Team rolled again on the court — rebounding from yet another lackluster first half to blow away Lithuania 104-82 — and the American baseball and softball teams romped on the field.

Gymnast Vitaly Scherbo of Belarus, who won a record six golds at Barcelona, had to settle for a bronze in the men's all-around, which was won by his bitter rival, Li Xiaoshuang of China.

American gymnast Kerri Strug won't be competing in the all-around competition that begins today because of two torn ligaments in her left ankle. Replaced by Dominique Moceanu, Strug hopes to return for the individual events Sunday and Monday.

Irvin

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the NFL's decision.

The suspension comes eight days after Irvin pleaded no contest to felony cocaine possession charges for which he was fined \$10,000, placed on probation for four years and sentenced to 800 hours of community service.

"You serve as a highly visible symbol of the Dallas Cowboys and the NFL," commissioner Paul Tagliabue wrote to Irvin in a letter informing the Cowboys star of the suspension. "As such, you are an unusually prominent example for good and for bad for young people. While that visibility affords you substantial benefits, financial and otherwise, it significantly increases and magnifies the negative and detrimental impact of your misconduct on the league, its teams its players and its fans."

"The discipline for violations of the substance abuse policy is severe," Tagliabue said. "Under this collectively bargained program, players are disciplined for their own substance abuse or drug related misconduct. They are not disciplined for the misdeeds of others or because critics may view the justice system as lenient in drug cases or for other extraneous reasons."

Buffs

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Stanton rivals like Coahoma and Forsan, and in their place are new foes like Iraan, McCamey and Tornillo.

The biggest change for the Buffs will come in travel time. District 6-2A stretches from Stanton in the east to Anthony in the west, a distance of about 400 miles.

If the Buffaloes can overcome tiresome bus rides, however, they have the talent to make some noise in 6-2A this season. Head coach Mark Cotton has 14 lettermen (three offensive and two defensive starters) back from last year's 9-3 bi-district champions.

THURSDAY: District 6-2A drew

Triathlon

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general public.

The first step is opening Saturday's pasta dinner — in the past reserved for triathlon participants — to the general public.

The dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are \$6 for children, \$7 for triathlon volunteers and \$8 for adults.

A new feature to this year's

event will be a 10-kilometer run which will begin at 7:45 at the community center.

"It's something we thought would be fun," McMahon said. "Not everyone can do a triathlon ... but there's a lot of runners in this area."

To avoid having automobile traffic conflicting with the triathlon, McMahon urged spectators to be at the community center no later than 7 a.m. Sunday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Permit applications accepted

Applications for public hunting permit on O.H. Ivie Reservoir wildlife management areas are being accepted by mail.

Permits will be limited. For more information, contact the Colorado River Municipal Water District at 267-6341.

Applications will be accepted by mail until Aug. 15.

A public drawing for the public hunting permits will be held Sept. 16 at the Ivie Reservoir Field Office. Persons will be notified of their acceptance by Sept. 25.

Coahoma workouts slated

The Coahoma Bulldogs will begin two-a-day football workouts at 8 a.m. Aug. 7. Newcomers should contact the coaching staff at 394-4624 the week of July 26.

Also, "Camp Bulldog" for incoming seventh and eighth graders will be held July 22-26. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. July 22 at the junior high school gym.

The fee is \$10. For more information, call 394-4624.

Magers to hold volleyball camp

Big Spring native Rose Magers, who helped the U.S. volleyball team win a silver medal at the 1984 Olympics, will conduct a volleyball camp Aug. 9-11 in Big Spring.

The camp will consist of two sessions. The first session, for athletes in grades 7-9, will be held from 8:30 a.m.-noon Aug. 9 and 10, and 2-5 p.m. Aug. 11.

The second session, for players in grades 10-12, will be held from 5:30-9 p.m. each day. Cost of the camp is \$45 for early registration and \$55 at the door. Applications can be picked up at Neal's Sporting Goods, 1901 Gregg St., or Athletic Supply in Big Spring Mall.

For more information, contact Big Spring High School volleyball coach Traci Pierce at 267-4047.

Hunter course on tap

A course in hunter education will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 17-18 at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce building.

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President's Cup names new captain

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Graham is out. Peter Thomson is in. And that means the Presidents Cup will keep its big-name international team players.

Less than a week after Graham was forced by a players' revolt to resign as captain, Thomson replaced him on Wednesday.

The move came after more than a week of maneuvering in which leading players eligible for the International team met at the British Open and said they were unhappy with Graham's lack of leadership and the fact they were not consulted about the choice of a captain.

"With our cricket and our rugby and other team sports, the players are a very integral part of that team captain selection," Greg Norman said in a phone call from his Tequesta, Fla., office. "We all felt that should have been the case with this."

The Presidents Cup is a Ryder Cup-style team competition between the United States and players from non-Ryder Cup nations — Australia, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. The first competition was held in 1994 at Manassas, Va., and the second competition will be held there in September.

The first time around, Ernie Els, Vijay Singh and Jumbo Ozaki skipped the event to play in other tournaments. Norman was ill and could not play and Nick Price played despite being clearly exhausted from a grueling schedule in which he had won the British Open in July and the PGA in August.

All of the top International players except Ozaki have agreed to play this year, giving the team an excellent chance to beat the United States.

But what looked like smooth sailing turned into rough waters at the British Open when about a dozen players rebelled.

"There was no one singular protagonist," Brian Allan, head of the Australasian, said Wednesday. "It soon became apparent — I think there were 11 or 12 players there — they felt the same," he said about the meeting at Lytham.

Brent Chalmers, head of the South Africa tour, said there was one International player who threatened to boycott if Graham was not replaced. Chalmers would not identify the player.

Norman denied that he was the moving force behind the ouster of Graham.

"I have not — and I repeat, have not — been the spearhead in implementing this," Norman said. "It has been a team decision all along."

Thomson — like Graham and Norman an Australian — provided no insight on the ouster of Graham.

"I have no knowledge of what led to this," Thomson said in a phone call from St. Andrews, Scotland. "There is a candidacy there and I am happy to step in and help out."

Norman said he spoke with Graham on Monday and assured him that he was not behind the ouster.

"David said — and this is a quote — 'You showed your class by calling me,'" Norman said.

Graham resigned last Friday and on Saturday issued a tough statement condemning the action.

"I must say that I am grossly offended by the outrageous and unacceptable behavior of the players of the International team and the International organizations involved," Graham said in the statement. "They have attacked my credibility, my reputation and my commitment to the success of the Presidents Cup."

Especially for kids and their families

The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Fact-a-Roonies for Atlanta '96

Olympic Sports Mini Guide

To make Olympic sport watching more fun, here are:

- fact-a-roonies about each of the 28 sports.
- the number of men and women competing.
- Stamps and pictograms illustrate the different sports.

Aquatics

Diving

- There are two types:
 - from a 33-foot-high platform that does not bend.
 - from about a 10-foot-high board that springs.

Men: 70 Women: 70

Swimming

32 different events, including four strokes: freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke.

Men: 450 Women: 450

Synchronized swimming

Eight women on a team, all very good at holding their breath for a minute or more. They can't touch the pool bottom or sides. Sport also called water ballet.

Women: 80

Water polo

Teams of seven members have to tread water while using only one hand to move a ball into a goal. Also called aquatic soccer.

Men: 156

Archery

Arrows can travel more than 150 miles per hour toward a bull's-eye measuring 5 inches across.

Men: 64 Women: 64

Athletics

Made up of 44 track and field events, which include running, throwing and jumping.

Men: 1,300 Women: 776

Badminton

The shuttlecock (also called the bird) can hit speeds up to 200 miles per hour. It's the world's fastest racket sport.

Men: 96 Women: 96

Baseball

Eight teams will compete. The U.S. team is expected to do well.

Men: 160

Basketball

The U.S. men's team, made up of pros, won the gold medal in 1992. This year both men's and women's teams are expected to do well.

Men: 144 Women: 144

Boxing

There's competition in 12 different weight groups.

Boxers compete in front of five judges.

Men: 364

Canoeing/kayaking

In canoeing the paddler uses a single blade in a kneeling position. In kayaking, the paddler uses a double blade and sits with legs stretched out front.

There are two types of competition:

- **Flatwater sprint** is over a straight course.
- Men: 238 Women: 112
- **Whitewater slalom** is over a course of rushing water through markers.
- Men: 105 Women: 30

Cycling

Three types of competition:

- **Mountain biking** — cross country race including short, steep climbs and quick descents, trails with rocks and stumps.
- Men: 50 Women: 30
- **Track racing** — bikes with one gear and no brakes around a banked track.
- Men: 152 Women: 54
- **Road racing** — bikes with up to 14 speeds on paved road.
- Men: 240 Women: 85

Equestrian

Men and women compete as equals.

There are three events:

- **Show jumping**
- **Dressage** — each horse-and-rider team performs the exact same movements.
- **Three-day event** — cross country, dressage and jumping.
- 225 men and women.

Fencing

First fencer to score five hits (touches) against the opponent is the winner. Fencing requires strategy and speed.

Men: 132 Women: 88

Football

Also called soccer. It's the world's most popular sport and was the first team sport in the modern Olympics. Women will compete for the first time.

Men: 288 Women: 128

Gymnastics

Two types:

- **In artistic gymnastics**, gymnasts perform on an apparatus such as a balance beam. They also do floor exercises.

Men: 108 Women: 108

- **In rhythmic gymnastics** (women only), gymnasts perform with an apparatus such as a hoop or rope.

Women: 88

Handball

Called "team handball." Each team has six players and a goalie. It's like soccer with arms, or water polo without water. The court is a little larger than a basketball court.

Men: 192 Women: 128

Judo

Contestants wearing baggy white pants and wrap-around coats compete on a 20-foot square mat. Each contestant tries to throw the opponent on the mat so the opponent's back hits the canvas.

Men: 200 Women: 200

Modern pentathlon

Athletes compete in five events: shooting, fencing, swimming, riding and cross country racing.

Men: 32

Rowing

There are two types: sweep (both hands on one oar) and scull (two oars with one in each hand). There are from two to nine people in a boat (called a shell). The rowers face the back of the shell and race on a course about 2,000 meters (1 1/4 miles) long.

Men: 400 Women: 206

Meet Teri Hatcher



Teri Hatcher plays Lois on the show "Lois and Clark."

Teri, 31, was born in Sunnyvale, Calif. Her father was a physicist and her mother a computer programmer.

She was studying math in college when a friend asked her to go along to an acting audition. Teri ended up getting a part, and her acting career began.

She has been in several movies, including "Soapdish." Teri and her husband, actor Jon Tenney, have homes in New York City and in the country near Pasadena, Calif. In her free time she likes to ride horses and read. She volunteers by spending time with troubled teen-ager girls.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



WHAT DID THE MOON EAT FOR DESSERT?
NOTHING — IT WAS FULL!



Q: What did the mayor mase say to the refrigerator?
A: "Please close the door, I'm dressing!" (both sent in by Tiffany Cleveland)
Q: What kind of flower would you find at a zoo?
A: Dandy lion!

The Mini Page Map of the U.S.A.

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Learn the states and each state's capital, flower and bird. This colorful map is perfect for the classroom or a child's room. It's large (35" x 23") and multi-colored. Perfect for the classroom or a child's room.

Shooting

There are three types of guns used. Shooters shoot at either still or moving targets.

Men: 300 Women: 130

Softball

America's favorite national sport, softball is an Olympic sport for the first time — only for women. Similar to baseball with a few changes. The ball is larger and the game is seven instead of nine innings.

Women: 120

Table tennis

Second most popular sport in the world behind soccer. Players hit a small ball across the net at speeds of more than 100 miles per hour. Also called ping-pong.

Men: 96 Women: 96

Tennis

Both singles and doubles are played. Our country will be represented by such pros as Pete Sampras and Monica Seles.

Men: 96 Women: 96

Indoor volleyball

Played with six people per team, on a floor that is rubberlike. Ball is slightly smaller than a basketball. Sometimes balls travel more than 100 miles per hour.

Men: 144 Women: 144

Beach volleyball

Two players on each team. Played on sand. An Olympic sport only during these Atlanta Olympics.

Men: 48 Women: 32

Weightlifting

Two types of lifts. In the **snatch**, the weightlifter uses one continuous lift. In the **clean-and-jerk**, he lifts the weight to his shoulders and then overhead. Each lifter is allowed three chances.

Men: 240

Wrestling

Divided into 10 categories based on weight. There are two types: **Greco-Roman**, where athletes can only use their upper body, and **freestyle**, where they can use their whole body.

Men: 360

Yachting

Men and women compete as equals. There are seven types of sailboats in this competition. The lower the point total, the better. The average course is 11 miles long. 443 men and women.

Next week The Mini Page interviews some of your favorite authors.

BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S OLYMPIC TRY 'N FIND

Names of some Olympic sports are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SWIMMING, DIVING, ARCHERY, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, CANOE, KAYAK, CYCLING, FENCING, SOCCER, HOCKEY, JUDO, ROWING, TENNIS, BOXING.

ARE YOU PLANNING TO WATCH THE OLYMPICS?

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Champion Chicken Salad

You'll need:

- 1 5-ounce can chunk chicken, drained
- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 cup peanuts, chopped

What to do:

1. Combine chicken and chopped celery in a medium bowl.
2. In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients except chopped peanuts. Mix well.
3. Add mayonnaise mixture to chicken. Mix well.
4. Add peanut pieces. Mix well.
5. Serve on a lettuce leaf or as a sandwich filling. Serves 4.

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are playing table tennis. See if you can find:

• ruler

• bell

• sailboat

• pencil

• toothbrush

• number 3

• kite

• letter C

• jackknife

• letter A

• ladder

• question mark

• exclamation mark

• marshmallow

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by June 17. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for June 24.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length. Pictures should be 4 inches and not too light or too dark. Please identify the subject and who took the photo.

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Council deadlock kills motion to purchase dog for fire department

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council, three members short Tuesday night, deadlocked 2-2 on a vote, killing a motion to approve a request from fire investigator Lt. Carl Condray and the Big Spring Fire Department to obtain an accelerant detection dog.

According to Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles, who was represented at Tuesday's meeting by Condray, the fire department approached the council in 1993 for permission to pursue the idea of obtaining a dog capable of detecting flammable liquids.

Permission was granted by the council and the department has been working for three years to get the canine.

The program is a grant from State Farm Insurance to receive a training

scholarship and dog for the detection of fire accelerants.

The Canine Accelerant Detection Program offers 36 of these specially trained dogs and is a joint effort between State Farm Insurance and the Maine State Police Academy (recognized as the leader in Canine Accelerant Detection Training).

Big Spring was selected as one of 36 cities to receive one of these specially trained canines over several larger cities, including Midland.

Training, room and board, certification, cost of the dog and travel expenses for handler certification and training are funded by State Farm.

Condray was asking the council to establish a contingency fund to compensate any short falls in outside funding. Initial start up expenses would be around \$3,000 and the total contingency would not be any greater than \$5,000.

After a 3-year process, Condray was selected to receive a canine for service of the fire department and those departments of the surrounding area.

The current cost of purchasing one of the dogs is approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The certification class begins in Alfred, Maine, on Aug. 18, and runs through Sept. 19.

Condray and the department will have to look for other sources to fund this program, and upon completion of the necessary training, he would return with the dog which will be housed at Condray's residence.

According to Condray, the annual cost for maintenance of the dog is approximately \$700.

The fire department, if able to secure the canine, will extend the program to neighboring counties.

The fire department and departments

in the surrounding areas respond to approximately 9,000 fire calls per year. Roughly 6 percent of those fires are suspicious fires or intentionally set fires.

Settles said having a canine with the ability to detect accelerants would be a great asset to the department and to surrounding areas. He added the dog would also help the department reduce its case load.

Councilman Jimmy Campbell added he would like to help the fire department as well as other departments that need equipment.

"Other departments have done without some of the tools they have needed," Campbell said. "I'm nervous about what we're getting into. I'd like to help these guys out, but we've also tried to work bullet-proof vests for police officers into the budget and haven't been

able to."

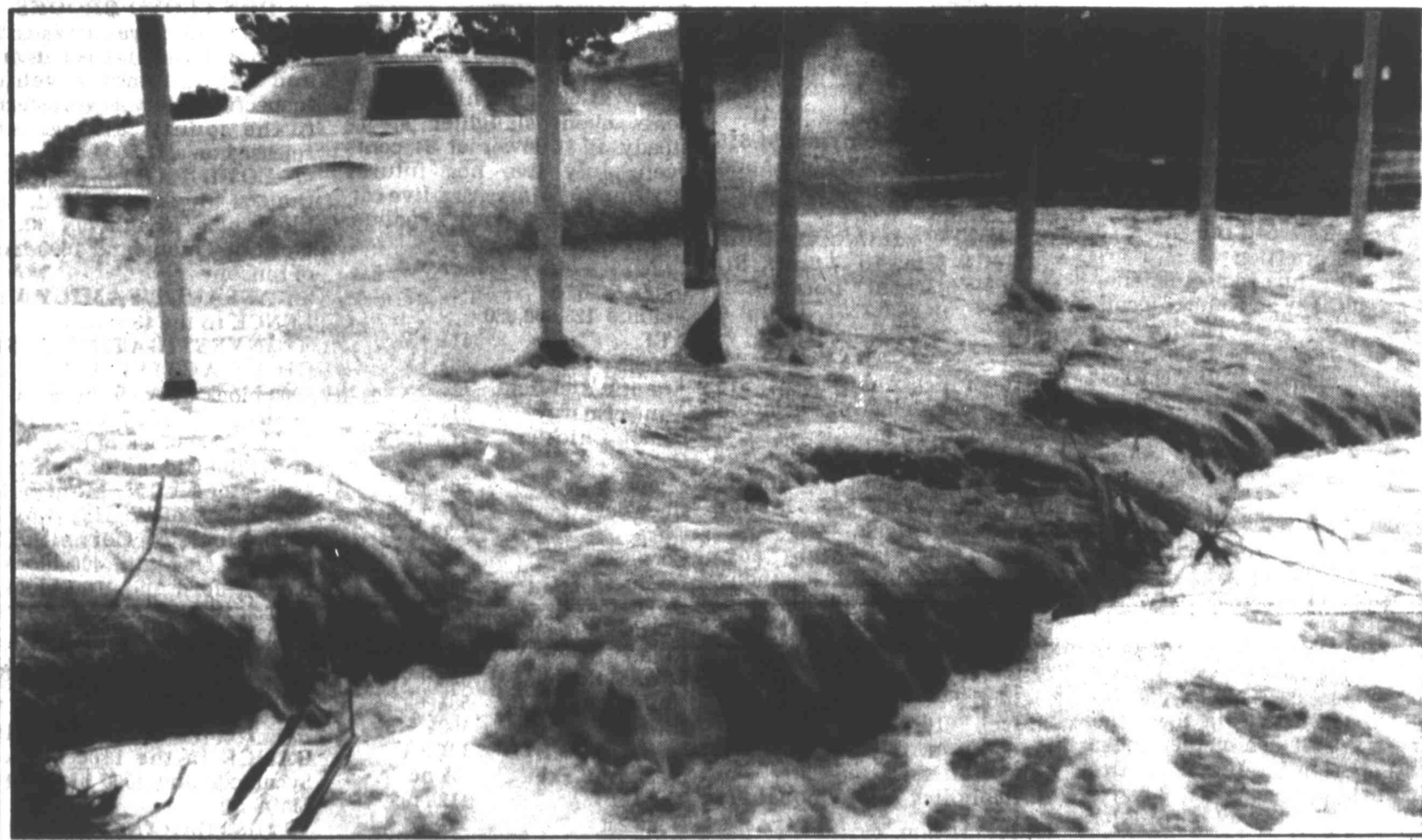
"I've had to cut a lot of good programs out of the budget," Fuqua added, "but my concern is always on what we will do about funding a program like this the next year. If you're asking if we have \$5,000 lying around, the answer is no."

Condray added the dog would be used on most structure fires, certain vehicle fires and wildfires.

Despite voting against partially funding the program along with Blackshear, Campbell said if this were a normal budget year things might be different.

"If this is an area we're going to look at (safety), we've come into some additional funds, let's spend some of the \$3.7 million," Campbell said.

WELCOMED SIGHT



A car plows through runoff water on Parkway Ave. Wednesday after several brief rain showers hit the Big Spring area. A total of .30 inches of rain was recorded at the USDA Agricultural Research Station.

Coahoma trustees hike lunch prices, approve insurance

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Coahoma Independent School District employees will see a slight increase in their lunch prices.

Superintendent Sonny Monroe said board members passed a resolution to raise prices for breakfast and lunch five cents to meet federal guidelines. The cost for breakfast is now \$1.05 and lunch is \$1.85.

Trustees also selected Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas as the district's insurance carrier. The district pays for each employee's premium but the employee is responsible for any dependent coverage.

The district's portion went down from \$158.92 to \$140.14 per employee and Monroe said although he doesn't have final figures yet, dependent coverage

cost for the employee will also be reduced.

Monroe said, "A raise in taxes for the 1996-97 is not a possibility. There will not be an increase in the tax rate. Our property valuation will down the least amount since the early 1980s. Our valuation for last year was \$145,797,436 and this year it is estimated at \$143,518,000."

Howard County Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire gave the preliminary figure to board members during their meeting earlier this week. He expects to have final figures by Friday afternoon.

Toomire said, "One reason why there was only a slight decrease is because we re-appraised the area. Cap Rock put in new electrical lines within the school district's taxing

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Preliminary budget calls for Forsan ISD teachers to get raise

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Forsan Independent School District teachers may get a salary increase if board members approve the proposed 1996-97 budget.

Superintendent George White said the upcoming year's preliminary budget is \$3.8 million, a slight increase from last year. White explained the only increase was to allow for the raises. A public hearing to discuss the budget is scheduled for Aug. 19, just before the board's regular meeting at 7 p.m.

During the board's regular meeting earlier this week, trustees accepted the resignation of high school business teacher Jan Stevens who is retiring after 30 years with the district. Doug Parker, high school and junior high principal, also retired. Jim Yancey

was named to take his place. He had been the assistant principal. Yancey's promotion created a vacancy the board filled with Wayne Rotan. Rotan had been a teacher and coach at Odessa High School.

Trustees also joined the Region 18 Service Center in Midland. White said the district will go on-line and join the Internet. "We are also pledging ourselves to provide two-way audio and video courses for the students to take college courses and even some high school courses through this two-way system."

White added the district's property valuation increased \$1 million and there will be no tax increase. The district also renewed its contract with Kathy Sayles to be the tax assessor/collector for school taxes.

Paramedics complain of being under-represented

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

When the city of Big Spring decided to not renew the ambulance contract of American Medical Transport, but rather award the contract to the Big Spring Fire Department, several questions were raised, which prompted the formation of an Ambulance Advisory Committee.

Several citizens were not convinced the fire department could train enough paramedics and provide the service it was promising, but thus far the service has performed well, according to local officials.

The advisory committee, charged with handling complaints about the service, is coming under fire, according to firefighter-paramedic Mitch Gill, who thinks there may be some miscommunication between the committee and the fire department in regards to the ambulance service.

The city council was in the process of filling vacancies on the 15-member committee during Tuesday's meeting when Gill addressed council members, saying several firefighters



"To put a firefighter-paramedic on the ambulance committee is a conflict of interest as far as I'm concerned."

Gary Fuqua
City Manager

don't feel they are receiving adequate representation on the advisory committee and would like to have one of its own (firefighter-paramedic) as a member.

Fire Chief Frank Anderson, City Finance Director Tom Ferguson and Emergency Medical Services Director Brian Jensen represent the department and the city as ex officio members in a non-voting capacity, but Gill said Anderson is not a paramedic and does not see things from the paramedics' point of view. As the council tossed around names to replace outgoing members of the committee, Gill suggested that Jensen, also a firefighter-paramedic, be made a member. Gill was the No. 2 officer in

the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association when the fire department took over the ambulance service, but told Mayor Tim Blackshear and the council that he was addressing them as a firefighter and a citizen and not as a representative for the union.

He said the problem is that the ambulance service is not being allowed to follow its original plan.

"I believe there has been some deviation, by the advisory board, from the plan that was originally set up," Gill said. "I'd like to see a representative from the ambulance service be a part of the ambulance committee to give you (the council) an adequate representation of the EMS staff."

"To put a firefighter-paramedic on the ambulance committee is a conflict of interest as far as I'm concerned," City Manager Gary Fuqua said. "We have a medical director (Jensen) and a fire chief, and if there is a problem with someone not being happy with a situation they need to go through the chain of command."

"The problems we have on the street are being misrepresented by the time they get to the council," Gill said.

Several changes or additions have added more of a burden to the ambulance service according to Gill.

"One problem is we decided what we needed to provide for the citizens of Big Spring when we first took over the ambulance service and then we had the county come on-line, we had some personnel leave in the middle of training and we hired a billing clerk instead of going with a billing agency as originally planned," Gill said.

He added he has nothing against billing clerk Cherri Harris, but several items, including the new contract with the Big

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Deadline of Aug. 9 for SBA disaster loans fast approaching

HERALD Staff Report

Homeowners and renters who suffered physical damages from the May 10 hailstorm and other severe thunderstorms that hit Howard County and adjoining counties between May 10 and May 13 still have until Aug. 9 to apply for disaster loan assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Victims of the storms need to return their disaster loan applications to the SBA at 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Fort Worth, Texas 76155, and appli-

cants with questions about their SBA loan application may contact the SBA at (800)366-6303.

The SBA declared Howard County and adjoining counties a disaster area in June and set up a temporary disaster loan workshop in Big Spring's City Hall.

SBA representatives were available at the workshops through June 28 to help victims complete applications and to close approved loans.

To date, the SBA has approved about 31 percent of the more than 200 loan applications that have been completed.

To be considered for a loan to repair or replace disaster-related damages, applications must return their completed loan applications no later than Aug. 9, but extenuating circumstances preventing applicants from meeting the Aug. 9 deadline will be examined on an individual basis.

The SBA can loan up to \$200,000 to repair or replace an individual's primary residence; up to \$40,000 can be loaned to repair or replace storm or hail damaged personal property; and businesses may borrow up to

\$1.5 million for disaster damaged property. Business may also be eligible for loans to cover working capital losses caused by storms.

The SBA will look at applicant's prior credit history and ability to repay a loan. Loans can be made for up to 30 years and at rates of less than 4 percent.

Business with financial losses resulting from the storms have until March 10, 1997, to apply for economic injury disaster loans.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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▲ Highs

70

▼ Lows

Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low around 70.
Friday, partly cloudy, high in the upper 90s. Low around 70.



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OBITUARIES

Josie Fay Tucker

Funeral service for Josie Fay "Jo" Tucker, 78, Haskell, will be 10 a.m. today at the Church of Christ in Haskell with Don Connell officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery.

Mrs. Tucker died Tuesday, July 23, 1996, in an Abilene hospital.

She was born on June 14, 1918, in Cuervo, N.M. She married Louis Raymond Tucker on Dec. 26, 1937, in Albany. He preceded her in death on April 29, 1978. She had been a Haskell resident for over 44 years, and had previously lived in Quanah, and Childress. She was a homemaker and was an employee at Fouts Dry Goods for many years. Mrs. Tucker was a very active member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son: Kenneth Louis Tucker, Gentry, Ark.; one daughter: Glenda Jo (Mrs. Jim) Anderson, Big Spring; two brothers: Floyd Pond, Chillicothe, and Lloyd Pond, White Settlement; and eight grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Haskell Church of Christ; 510 N. Ave. E; Haskell, Texas; 79521.

Arrangements under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Directors.

Lilah Laney

Service for Lilah Laney, 82, Odessa, will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 26, 1996, at the Richard W. Box Funeral Home, Crane, with Rev. Tommy Parker officiating. Burial will be in the Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Mrs. Laney died Tuesday, July 23, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1913, in Stamford. She married L.G. "Jim" Laney on March 19, 1936, in Cisco. She lived in Crane for 38 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Crane.

Survivors include her husband: L.G. "Jim" Laney, Odessa; two sisters: Jo McLaurin, Buchanan Dam, and Jean Graham, Big Spring; one granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home, Crane.

Betty W. Brown

Service for Betty W. Brown, 67, Andrews, will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 26, 1996, at Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews with Rev. Mike Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Andrews West Cemetery.

Mrs. Brown died Wednesday, July 24, in Midland.

She was born on June 4, 1929, in Lamesa. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Andrews. She married James Waller Brown on Aug. 19, 1945, in Springburg. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1990.

Survivors include one son: Joe Brown, Hobbs, N.M.; one daughter: Patsy Turnbow, Andrews; one sister: Ina Stewart, Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

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Altie Lee Moore, 86, died Sunday. Graveside services were at 10:00 AM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Willa Cornelia (Connie) Minchew. Services will be 11:00 A.M., Friday at College Baptist Church, with burial in Hinton, Okla.

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Willa Cornelia Minchew

Funeral service for Willa Cornelia (Connie) Minchew, 58, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 26, 1996, at College Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick officiating. Graveside service will be Saturday, July 27, in the Hinton Cemetery in Hinton, Okla.

Mrs. Minchew died Wednesday, July 24, at her residence.

She was born on Oct. 14, 1937, in Hinton, Okla. She married Jim Minchew on July 3, 1959, in Big Spring. She was a member of the College Baptist Church. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1956 and from Howard College. She had been a teacher's aid at College Heights Elementary School for 16 years.

Survivors include her husband: Jim Minchew, Big Spring; three daughters: Danita Potter, Norman, Okla., Delynn Rau, Yukon, Okla., and Kama Westerman, Saginaw; one son: Kenton Minchew, Big Spring; her parents: S.J. and Iva Belle Kamm; one grandson; and two granddaughters.

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

Coahoma

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area and new gas lines were also installed in the industrial side, so valuations went up."

The district's valuation was at \$370 million in the early 1980s and has seen a decrease every year with declining mineral values and agriculture losses. The tax rate is \$1.48 per \$100 valuation and the state's limit for districts to set their tax rate is \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Board members also discussed or approved:

- Accepted Merritt Insurance Services to provide insurance for students. The company will cover any student involved in extracurricular activities.

- Approved the purchase of 30 new computers from Computer Solutions of Odessa. The computers will replace ones currently being used at the high school. The new machines will be for computer literacy and business education classes as well as for the journalism department to be able to do desktop publishing for the yearbook. The old computers will be placed in individual classrooms.

- Accepted the resignations of Ronny Lawrence, teacher and coach; John Ivie, band director and George Martin, junior high principal.

- Accepted the employments of Charlotte Upshaw and Karan Cornett as elementary school teachers; Mike Tipton, secondary teacher and coach; Melinda Marquez, high school Spanish teacher and Dale Weaver, junior high principal. The district is currently advertising for the band director vacancy.

- Budget considerations for the 1996-97 school year included: continue charging admission to subservity events, allow vocational and ag teams to go out of town twice a year for overnight stays, rescind policy that states the district won't pay for meals when students travel less than 50 miles for an event, increase meal allotment from \$4 to \$5 for students who travel, continue efforts to control employee travel and expenses that require teacher or coach to be out of class and continue current funding procedure for cheerleading. The district would furnish supplies and pay for cheerleaders to attend a camp and in return, the girls would put on a mini-camp for junior varsity and junior high cheerleaders upon their return. The uniforms would be paid for and kept by the cheerleaders.

The board will meet in a special meeting Aug. 5 to begin discussing the 1996-97 budget.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 90
Wednesday's low 66
Average high 95
Average low 69
Record high 104 in 1958
Record low 63 in 1919
Rainfall Wednesday 0.30
Month to date 0.60
Month's normal 1.64
Year to date 4.93
Normal for the year 10.40

City

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Spring's VA Medical Center, under which department personnel may make transfers to locations such as Midland, Odessa, Amarillo, Fort Worth, El Paso, Albuquerque and possibly even Colorado in the future, have changed the financial figures of the service.

"The main function of the committee is to hear complaints and watch the efficiency of the service," Anderson added.

Gill said another occasional problem is not enough personnel on the scene when emergency calls are responded to.

He added a November memo instructed fire department personnel that fire engines would roll with ambulances on cardiac and respiratory calls. Previously, fire engines had been rolling on unknown medical calls and car accidents.

Paramedics also respond to calls for various reasons such as abdominal pain, cardiac arrest, stroke, diabetes overdose, respiratory distress, seizures, fainting, and traumas such as falls, assaults and motor vehicle accidents, and Gill said having more personnel at the scene is better than not having too little.

"People not trained as EMS personnel are making decisions for us," Gill said.

The department began the procedure of rolling fire engines with ambulances to be better safe than sorry. One example is when the call "possible structure fire" comes in the department automatically rolls three fire engines, one ambulance and one deputy chief is on the scene as well.

Gill said he can remember at least one occasion when a fire engine was turned around after it was already en route to a call.

The question of why fire engines roll with ambulances was brought up by the council in January when Blackshear said he had a real problem with sending a \$200,000 truck behind an ambulance.

He added a fire truck should last about 25 years and he would be more comfortable with sending a \$20,000 or \$25,000 truck instead.

Since the Big Spring Fire Department took over the city's ambulance service Oct. 1, calls have increased by 50 percent and Blackshear said then that the frequent use of the trucks will shorten the life of the fire engines.

Former EMS Coordinator Tina Stone told the council at that time fire engines run as first responder units on all cardiac and all respiratory emergencies and some falls (unknown medical calls) and motor vehicle accidents.

On a cardiac or respiratory runs, if an ambulance is not available for a few minutes, a firefighter/paramedic or emergency medical technician on an engine can open an airway or stop profuse bleeding if necessary.

All fire department personnel are trained in CPR and basic first aid.

The pumper units are run as first responders because most fire stations are strategically located and designed to respond within three to five minutes. Trained personnel on fire engines will often evaluate the situation.

About 60 percent to 80 percent of most municipal fire department calls are EMS related. For example, at motor vehicle accidents EMTs are required to work on the rescue and whoever is with them must supply a hose in case of sparks or a fire.

"We would like to work with the council as far as the ambulance service is concerned," Gill said.

He added firefighter and EMS personnel just want their views to be well represented before the ambulance committee and someone they work with on a daily basis can do that much better than someone who does not.

IN BRIEF

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE in the upcoming Big Spring Independent School District bond election is Aug. 15. Early voting begins Aug. 26 with the regular election Sept. 14.

If you want to vote early, you do not have to register by July 26. Everyone has until Aug. 15 to sign up and if you don't have your registration card, your name will still be on the list. Just show some kind of permanent identification when you go to the polling place.

Big Spring
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TODAY

- 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 classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

- Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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

- 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.

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.

- Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA Society yearly birthdays.

SUNDAY

- 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.

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.

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.

- Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

- Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

- 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.

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

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TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 3, 12, 16, 26, 43, 45
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FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a two-week period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- GRASS FIRE in the 3800 block of E. Interstate 20.

- INVESTIGATE CONTROL BURN in the 1100 block of Main.

- FIRE ALARMS in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. and 3400 block of Hudgins Memorial. Both turned out to be false alarms.

- WASHING MACHINE ON FIRE in the 1100 block of E. 11th. Estimated loss was \$100.

- TRASH FIRE in the 2500 block of E. FM 700.

- FIRE IN BACKYARD in the 200 block of Austin. Residents were burning trash.

- TRASH FIRE at intersection of First and Runnels.

- CONTROLLED BURN in the 1700 block of Runnels.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 72.85 cents a pound, up 20 points; Sept. crude oil 20.82, up 14 points; Cash hog steady at 50 cents higher at 61 cents even; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 64 cents even; July live hog futures 58.20, up 40 points; Aug. live cattle futures 65.50, down 25 points.

Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Chevron	58% +
Chrysler	27% +
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Coca-Cola	46% +
De Beers	32% +
DuPont	70% +
Exxon	63% -
Fina	50% nc
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Southwestern Bell	49% -
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IN BRIEF

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ORIENTATION FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS at Western Texas College will take place Aug. 20 and 22. Two identical Success Seminars are planned to help new students ease the transition to college life. Students will be given the chance to meet the faculty, interact with other incoming students, tour the campus, gain helpful information, and register for fall classes. Academic advisors will be available to help class selection.

Registration for either Success Seminar is necessary. Call the Student Services office to reserve your spot. The cost is \$20 for one to three persons, \$25 for four persons, or \$30 for five.

Students who do not attend a seminar will register Sept. 3. Classes begin Sept. 5.

To reach College Relations, Financial Aid, or Student Services, call toll-free 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982). Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- LELAND M. KING, 18, of HC 76 Box 52, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

- FRANCISCO M. LUERA, 25, of 1900 Winston, was arrested for driving while license invalid and possession of a prohibited weapon.

- NORMA AUGUSTINE SCHIEBER, 37, of 303 N.E. 11th, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

- DEL RAY SCHIEBER, 26, of 303 N.E. 11th, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

- RAFAEL LOPEZ, 51, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

- EUSEBIO MENDOZA SAIZ, 57, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

- SHELLY DIANE MARQUEZ, 26, of 1101 Sycamore, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

- DON LLOYD BROOKS, 29, of 1712 E. 15th, was arrested for driving while license invalid and expired motor vehicle inspection. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a \$1,500 bond.

- LOUD PARTY/NOISE in the 600 block of Gollad, 2900 block of W. Highway 80, 300 block of Tulane and 1600 block of Lincoln.

- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 1500 block

- INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1900 block of W. 16th, 200 block of Runnels, 1400 block of Donley, 200 block of E. 10th, 600 and 1700 blocks of Johnson, 1900 block of N. Monticello, 2900 block of W. Highway 80, 3300 block of Cornell, 1000 block of N. Main, 400 block of S. Aylesford and 1000 block of E. 20th.

- GAS THEFT in the 1700 block of Wasson.

- BEER THEFT in the 400 block of Birdwell.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1100 block of Sycamore and 1000 block of N. Main.

- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of N. Main and 2500 block of Scurry.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 800 block of W. 15th.

- ASSAULT in the 4200 block of Dixon.

- THEFT in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87.

- RETALIATION at the Howard County Courthouse. The complainant told officers someone threatened her for reporting a crime.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- DILLARD CURTIS JOHNSTON, 41, of Route 3 Box 92, was transferred to ISF via the Midland Detention Center for violating his parole.

- RICHARD HALLFORD, 26, of 404 Ryon, was arrested on an outstanding Runnels County warrant for theft by check. The warrant and bail money were mailed to officials in that county and he was released.

- BOBBY SILVA, 23, of 1501 Scurry, was transferred to the county jail after being arrested on an outstanding Mitchell County warrant for bondsman off bond. He was later released on a \$1,000 bond

TEXAS BRIEFS

Postal union upset about mail-sorting in Mexico

HARLINGEN (AP) — Mail-sorting jobs should be given exclusively to U.S. workers instead of being contracted to companies operating just across the Rio Grande in Mexico, postal union officials say.

"The Postal Service is giving an incentive to disenfranchise U.S. workers," Moe Biller, president of the American Postal Workers Union, told the Valley Morning Star Wednesday. "Our lawyer is checking out the legality of all of this."

The problem started with a new postal rate structure which gives private businesses discounts for bulk mail already sorted by bar codes.

Some bar-coding plants have opened in Mexico to take advantage of cheap labor.

San Diego-based Envisions Inc. recently opened a mail-sorting plant in Reynosa, Mexico which contracts to sort mail for 17 U.S. companies. Reynosa is just across the river from McAllen, Texas.

Man to be tried for shooting great horned owl

WYLLIE (AP) — A Collin County man insisted on a trial by jury after a misdemeanor charge of shooting a great horned owl was filed against him.

Jerry Buford, 36, said he had a constitutional right to protect his flock of prized Japanese chickens.

He was scheduled for trial today in the court of Justice of the Peace Terry L. Douglas. He could be fined up to \$500 if convicted. The great horned owl is a protected species.

Defense lawyer Wyatt Lipscomb of Rockwall says Buford might never have been caught and charged if he hadn't picked up the wounded bird and taken it to the Wyllie Police Department for emergency first aid.

"He didn't know where to go or what to do, but he had real, genuine concern," Lipscomb said.

Former lawman convicted, headed to death row

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Former police officer Hilton Crawford headed toward death row today after a jury decided he should receive lethal injection for abducting 12-year-old McKay Everett from the boy's Conroe home and then killing him.

"His life was cut short due to hate, greed and jealousy of Hilton Crawford," the child's mother, Paulette, said in a lengthy and touching statement delivered in the front of the courtroom after the jury determined the sentence Wednesday. Her comments brought many in the audience to tears.

Crawford, a longtime friend of the Everett family and known to the young boy as "Uncle Hilly," sat impassively next to his attorneys. The more than 100 people in the courtroom stood as Mrs. Everett spoke quietly but firmly.

"McKay was the light of my life," she said. "The love and relationship we enjoyed was wonderful. Every day was special with McKay. He made me feel like Cinderella."

The Walker County jury that took just an hour last week to find Crawford guilty of capital murder deliberated two hours and 20 minutes before returning with the punishment.

Godinez closer to transfer to Los Angeles

MCALLEN (AP) — A fugitive accused of torturing a federal drug agent and killing two civilians mistaken for agents 11 years ago is one step closer to being returned to Los Angeles to face the charges.

A federal identification and detention hearing held here Wednesday cleared the way for Ezequiel Godinez Cervantes to be transferred to California.

Federal authorities would not disclose when Godinez would be moved, but Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Leonard said it would be as soon as possible.

Godinez, 54, a native of San Juan, Texas, is accused of torturing and murdering two Americans in 1985 while he belonged to the Guadalajara Narcotics Cartel in Mexico.

Drought-beleaguered should prepare for long haul

LUBBOCK (AP) — Compared with the rest of the state, semi-arid northwest Texas has been a tropical paradise recently with a steady dose of fairly consistent rainfall.

A state meteorologist warns that agriculture producers in the region must remain vigilant, however, because the drought isn't over; it's just easing temporarily.

"They certainly haven't been rains of the magnitude to make a dent in the overall drought," George Bomar, a meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, told a group of producers, agribusinessmen and others Wednesday at the third in a series of drought assistance meetings held around the state.

A scientific scale, the Palmer

Drought Severity Index, shows the Texas High Plains region is suffering through a moderate drought, while the rest of the state is either in the throes of "severe" or "extreme" drought.

State research indicates the drought has cost Texans about \$6.5 billion so far. Producers and others who depend on the massive Texas farm economy should be aware of various government programs aimed at them, state Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, said.

"One thing that concerns me is that when we get a little shower, people think the war's all over," said Turner, who said he used to share bath water with his brothers while growing up during the 1960s drought. "I grant you, it helps when you're under that cloud, but this

(drought) seems to be a trend."

The approximately 150 in the audience Wednesday at Texas A&M's Agricultural Research and Extension Center here heard advice from state and federal officials about taking advantage of existing relief opportunities.

The U.S. Farm Service Agency, which has offices statewide, currently offers nine different programs that could assist producers in need, from non-insured crop disaster assistance to farm operating loans.

But the parade of speakers, which included state Sen. John T. Montford, D-Lubbock, and statehouse representatives from throughout the region, didn't offer Paducah rancher Doyle Parnell any new information.

"I was hoping they might get

around to something in terms of financing this coming year if this (drought) continues," said Parnell, who also farms on his plot about halfway between Lubbock and Wichita Falls. "If we have trouble getting financing, I don't know what's going to happen to our rural communities."

Parnell said he was aware of the current federal loans available, but he said a short- or medium-term loan doesn't help a producer who might be facing busted crops and thinned herds for the rest of this decade.

Other federal agencies offering drought relief programs are the Rural Development Office, Rural Housing Service, Rural Utilities Service and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Family standing behind suspect in church blaze

GREENVILLE (AP) — Relatives of an African-American teen-ager who confessed to setting a fire at a black church are declaring him innocent, saying he never left their sight the night of the blaze.

Mark Anthony Young, 18, of Greenville, faces a state arson charge in connection with a vacant house fire and a federal arson charge for the burning of the Church of the Living God.

"I really don't think Mark knows what's going on right now," Young's cousin, Martha Hamilton, said at a Tuesday morning news conference at St. John Missionary Baptist

Church in Greenville. "Mark has a very slow learning ability."

"He said he didn't do it," she said.

Another cousin, Sandy Hamilton, said family and friends were gathered outside on the night of the June 10 church fire, playing games and talking, and "he did not leave my sight."

Federal authorities said Young voluntarily confessed "several times" to setting both fires. He was arrested July 17 in the vacant house fire and charged Friday with the June 10 blaze at the Church of the Living God.

"He came in voluntarily, he answered questions voluntarily and then he left voluntarily," said Les Martz, special agent in charge of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Dallas. "He graduated from high school. He knows right from wrong."

NAACP spokesman Bill Glenn, who did not address the teen's guilt or innocence, said Young did not understand his rights when he confessed because he is learning-impaired.

"He's special ed," Glenn said. "He has a history of limitations. It's common knowledge

throughout this small community. He's a member of our community. So when I say he's retarded or that he has a low level of function, I am in no way putting him down."

Glenn accused investigators of violating Young's right to due process because they knew his mental state when they questioned him and took a confession.

"Let me put this into proper perspective: Statutory rape is taking advantage of a minor or someone with limitations, even if they acquiesce, even if they go along with it," Glenn said.

Panel says state should do more on housing for poor

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas needs to do more to help provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families, a state Senate committee says.

The committee's chairman, Sen. Rodney Ellis, described the current shortage of housing as a crisis.

"Texas cities rank among the worst in the nation in terms of housing for low- and moderate-income families," Ellis said.

Ellis, D-Houston, said that by making affordable housing accessible to more people, "We will provide security to thousands of working Texans who struggle every day to make ends

meet."

His Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee on Tuesday recommended three steps for the 1997 Legislature to consider that Ellis said would help provide more homes for more people.

— Find a dedicated, reliable source of money for the Texas Housing Trust Fund.

The trust fund gives loans and grants to local governments, public housing authorities, non-profit organizations and eligible

citizens. Initially appropriated \$6 million, the fund has received much less from the Legislature in recent years, amounts ranging from \$600,000 to \$1.7 million a year, the committee said.

— Provide incentives targeted toward builders of residential housing to spark affordable developments in Texas Enterprise Zones.

The zones seek to attract businesses and jobs in depressed

areas with state and local tax incentives. The committee said safe and affordable homes are needed in the zone areas, but builders and developers are unable to take advantage of current tax incentives. It suggested tax refunds or exemptions on labor and building materials.

— Promote public investment in affordable housing by creating a task force to examine housing investment options for public pension funds.

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Peace in the Middle East

Can it be achieved by yielding land and authority to the PLO?

It's more than two years since the handshake between Yassir Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin. Since then, Israel has made crucial concessions to the PLO in the quest for peace, most importantly, yielding vital strategic territory to it. The PLO has not corresponded. Murderous attacks on Israelis have increased to unprecedented levels. Equally significant, the PLO has until now not complied with its promise to abolish the clause in its "covenant" that calls for the destruction of Israel. Can ultimate peace be achieved in this manner?

What are the facts?

The Root of the Middle East Conflict. Many observers of the Middle East scene seem to believe that the root of the Middle East conflict lies in the dispute between the Palestinians and the Israeli Jews; and that it could be resolved by Israel's yielding its heartland,

Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"), and the Gaza strip for the creation of a Palestinian state and by returning the Golan Heights to Syria.

They overlook that the hatred of the Palestinian Arabs toward the Jews long predates the Six-Day War, as a result of which Israel acquired control over the administered territories. **The Menace of Islamic Fundamentalism.** The clamor for yielding these territories to the Arabs is the first step in the immutable Arab attempt to liquidate Israel altogether. Because certainly, Israel, with its fewer than 5 million inhabitants and less than 10,000 square miles of territory (smaller than Lake Michigan), cannot possibly be a threat to peace or a menace to the Arabs. And reducing the territory of Israel from 10,000 square miles to 7,000 square miles would not seem likely to bring peace one step closer. The main reason that real peace is so difficult to attain is the political and cultural context of the Middle East, which is dominated by the menace of Islamic fundamentalism. Israel's

size is not of importance; it is the very existence of Israel that is an intolerable offense to the fundamentalists, an unacceptable insult to Islam. The fundamentalist Moslems—Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and all the others—do not aim at peace with Israel or the recovery of some territory. Their publicly declared aim is the destruction of the Jewish state. The PLO, Israel's

"partner for peace," has not disavowed this; on the contrary, in his speeches to Palestinians and other Arab audiences, Arafat constantly repeats his

calls for "jihad" (holy war) and for "liberation." **Real Peace Must be Global.** Another reason that real peace will be difficult to attain in the present climate is that any agreement that could be attained in this round of negotiations would be a non-global one. The most fervent and irreconcilable enemies of Israel—Iran, Iraq, Libya and the Palestinian rejectionists—not only do not participate in the negotiations, but vehemently oppose them. Those few Arab statesmen who have tried to accept the Jewish state and come to terms with it have invariably found a terrible end. King Abdullah of Transjordan was assassinated by the rejectionists, so was President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, and so was President Bashir Gemayel of Lebanon, all of whom envisioned peaceful cooperation and co-existence with Israel. One can only hope that President Mubarak of Egypt, King Hussein of Jordan, and Yassir Arafat himself will escape such fate.

In view of these realities, is real peace possible? Will Israel's yielding land and authority to the PLO bring it about? Islamic fundamentalism cannot tolerate a Jewish presence on any part of "Arab territory". Real peace—the Arabs' acceptance of a Jewish state and peaceful co-existence cannot come about by Israel's yielding its strategic advantage to those who are still sworn to destroy it. It can only happen through a complete change of mentality, policies and historical ambition in the Arab-Iranian block, abandonment of fanatic fundamentalism, and change to genuine democracy. In the meantime, and unless all Arab countries sign off on and accept any Israel-Palestinian agreement and sign peace treaties, Israel must keep up its guard and must not yield further strategic territory.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"False modesty is better than none."

James M. Barrie

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OUR VIEWS

The spirit of seven

It was as American as, well, apple pie. There we were, a nation affixed to the television screen, watching ... hoping ... praying that these seven young women representing our United States of America could do the unthinkable.

But was winning the Olympic team gold medal in women's gymnastics really unthinkable? No, because for so many years, young American women have thought about winning the Olympic team gold.

Not unthinkable ... but in reality, perhaps unbelievable.

Perhaps there was more than a passing interest in gymnastics this year, at least in our community, because of what our own Stephanie Stewart and our Sidewinders Gymnastics team had accomplished earlier.

After all, Stephanie is our own national champion and maybe it is because of the attention directed to her efforts and the efforts of her teammates that we chose to allow ourselves to become one with the Georgia Dome crowd ... oohing and aahing with every picturesque routine and wincing with every miscue.

Women gymnasts don't come in large sizes, but they clearly come with large hearts. They also clearly come with extraordinary athletic ability, discipline and devotion to excellence and to each other. That was the unmistakable moral Tuesday when an American team won a gold medal in gymnastics for the first time in Olympics history.

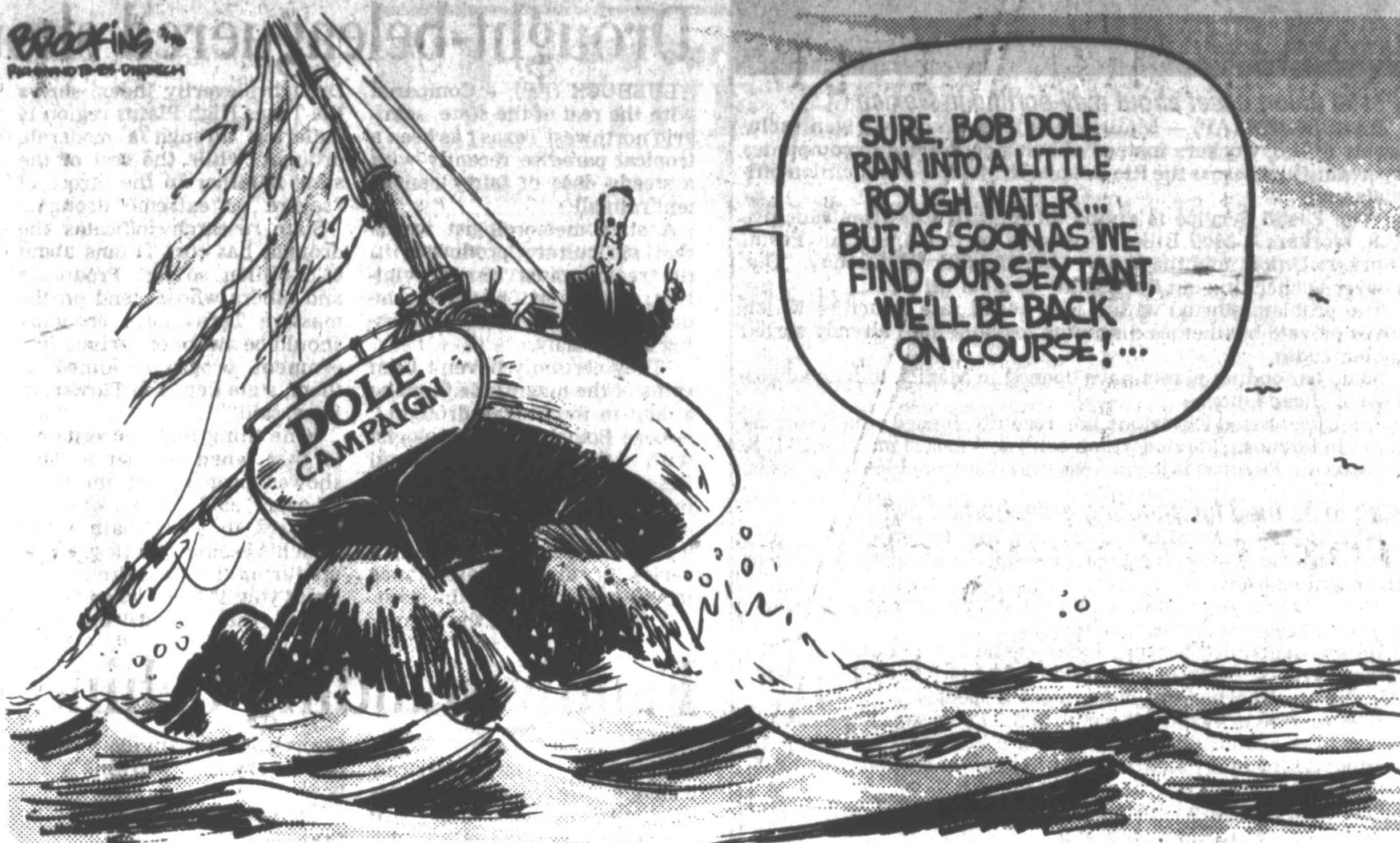
The day's unscripted drama — which ended in spills and a heroic, tear-fetching performance by Kerri Strug — began with a grace and beauty close to flawless. On the uneven bars and during other parts of the rotation, the seven team members were confident and polished. Their coaches encouraged them, the crowd encouraged them, they encouraged each other. It seemed impossible they could falter.

But falter they did. Just when it looked like they had the gold wrapped up, tiny 14-year-old Dominique Moceanu twice vaulted high — and twice fell. The fear was that this year's Russian team, powerful like Soviet predecessors that had won the gold so often before, would catch the Americans, would pass the Americans, would steal the moment.

Then it was Kerri Strug's turn. She vaulted, fell and hurt her left ankle. A competitor in women's vaulting can take a second turn to improve a score, and her coaches coaxed her to try again. She limped to her starting position, raced down the track, vaulted and landed on both feet, earning a respectable score but aggravating her injury. She lifted her left foot, then collapsed on the mat in tears. Her coach, the grandfatherly Bela Karolyi, carried her from the scene, then carried her to the podium for the awards ceremony.

It turns out that Strug's painful leap was not necessary to clinch the gold. The fact does not diminish her heroism, just as her heroism did not diminish the glory of the other six athletes. Together, these young women have earned themselves a place in sports history that will not soon be matched and have reminded millions of viewers about one reason they watch the Olympics. It's not just a chance to watch great athletes or to cheer for one's country. It's an opportunity to learn something about the possibilities of the human spirit.

It's about the realization of an unbelievable dream come true.



Was explorer Meriwether Lewis murdered?

By LEONARD LARSEN
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — There's not the urgency of a fresh murder investigation or even a probe by homicide detectives going back over their "cold case" files, but there's a stirring of interest to find out — once and for all — if Meriwether Lewis was murdered 187 years ago.

That would be the Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark exploration of the lands of the Louisiana Purchase, a heroic tale that ended — for Lewis — in 1809 when he was found dead and was determined to have committed suicide in the wilds of Tennessee.

Or was he murdered? And, if he was murdered, who killed him? And why? And what difference does it make now?

It probably makes no difference at all. Certainly nobody's going to jail and, chances are, there was no clause in Lewis' insurance policy — if he had a policy — that barred payment in the event of suicide.

But the Lewis suicide-or-murder question is there, and it's cropped up before, most often in the works of historians who sleuth around in corners of his-

tory that aren't exactly in the news anymore.

The trouble in the Lewis case has been — as with a lot of other mysterious deaths — that there's not much more than suspicions and circumstantial evidence: no smoking gun, no fingerprints, no suicide note or threatening letter, no neighbors recalling an argument or a getaway car speeding from the scene, no confession and no legendary detective examining the scene to unravel the mystery.

In the latest round of interest in Lewis' sudden departure, which came while he was on a trip to Washington to report something (maybe something "secret") to President Madison, it's urged that exhumation of the body and scientific examination of whatever it is that remains could solve the case.

That is to say a corpse buried 187 years ago might reveal real evidence of murder for the Lewis "murder" theorists, some who've already offered a motive, identified the murder suspect and even named Thomas Jefferson — the sainted author of our Constitution and our third president — as a crooked politician who covered up the crime.

It's said it was Jefferson who

most prominently backed the Lewis suicide story, suggesting Lewis was in financial difficulties and, in effect, defamed the personal friend he'd sent off to lead the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The Jefferson coverup, it's said, was to divert suspicion from Gen. James Wilkinson, an unsavory character who'd done some shady chores for Jefferson. It's also said that Wilkinson had reason to kill Lewis to prevent Lewis from spilling what he knew of Wilkinson's involvement in a Missouri land scandal, maybe telling it in his "secret" report to President Madison.

But wait a minute. If the theorists of Lewis' "murder" are rounding up suspects, what about others? There was William Clark, for example, Lewis' partner on the exploration of the Northwest who was promised an army promotion to captain but remained a second lieutenant. Where was he on the night of Oct. 11, 1809? And does his story check out?

And what about Toussaint Charbonneau, the almost-forgotten husband of the Indian woman, Sacagawea, who was the Lewis and Clark interpreter? Could it be that

Charbonneau suspected something else was going on and went after Lewis on account of that?

Another likely suspect would be another member of the expedition, Pierre Cruzette, described in some of the histories as a one-eyed man who one day in the Western wilderness "accidentally" shot Lewis in the leg when he mistook him for an elk. Likely story. Or was he mad at Lewis and stayed mad long enough to waylay him in Tennessee?

There's even an Indian chief with what could have been a motive for murder. Mandan Chief Sheheke was said to have been convinced by Lewis to accompany the explorers back East in 1806, a curiosity to be shown off to what was then American civilization. Before he finally got back home, Chief Sheheke was nearly done in by hostile Indians. He could have figured he had Lewis to thank for that.

There's bound to be more about all this. Hope so. It'll keep our minds off presidential election politics.

(Leonard E. Larsen writes commentaries twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

More privileges planned for Washington's elite

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
Scripps Howard News Service

The GOP, which cannot get a presidential campaign under way against the scandal-ridden Clintons, is resorting to pandering.

In deference to gender quota advocates, the Stupid Party has backed off its support of the popular California Civil Rights Initiative and abandoned its own legislative bills that would terminate quota privileges.

It has backpedaled from its anti-abortion stance.

And, in the dumbest move of all, GOP leaders (with the exception of House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer) are advocating special federal income tax breaks for residents of Washington, D.C.

For millions of Americans, Washington has become a symbol of arrogant government pursuing its own selfish interests. Only the GOP could choose the time when movie audiences across the land are cheering the destruction of the White House in the film "Independence Day," to advocate a 15 percent maximum federal tax rate for D.C. residents.

The bill, known to critics as the "lobbyist and lawyer enrichment act," would drop the top tax rate on

Washington's six- and seven-figure incomes from 40 percent to 15 percent.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and even Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., have joined the push to tax Washington's multimillionaires at half the tax rate applied to America's middle class. Little wonder Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole is falling further behind Bill Clinton.

No matter how abjectly the Republicans pander, quota beneficiaries, abortionists and Washington, D.C., residents are not going to vote Republican. By pandering to its opponents, the GOP is turning off its own constituencies.

The District of Columbia has been losing residents for years because of its high crime rate and the unabashed plundering of city finances by its politicians. However, a 15 percent top federal tax rate would cause every upper-income person in the country to claim Washington as a legal residence whether or not they spent much time there. The price of real estate would skyrocket as money flowed in to establish residence.

At the same time, a low federal tax rate is worth comparatively little to poor inner-city

residents, who would be pushed out as Washington became a city of multimillionaires.

Yet GOP backers of this insane proposal describe it as "a good proposal to help the city."

What about all the other cities, and towns and rural areas? Why should a city gain tax privileges by running its affairs into the ground with incompetence and theft?

Nothing shows more clearly that Republicans have become part of the problem than their effort to enact such a proposal. They are inured to Washington's practice of responding to the public's loss of confidence and affection by walling itself off, like the Russian czar, from the people.

First Pennsylvania Avenue is closed off, and now 400 parking places are to be erased from the city streets in order to protect federal buildings from car bombs.

From here, it is only a short step to privileged income tax status. After all, Washington is the seat of sovereignty. It controls the power. Why should it forego the privileges that rulers bestow upon themselves?

One reason is the Constitution's requirement that laws be equally applied. Our Founding Fathers were particularly worried that states or regions would gang up and

place the tax burden on outvoted interests. The Constitution (Article 1, Section 8, clause 1) explicitly requires that all taxes "shall be uniform throughout the United States."

But, of course, a privileged, walled-off elite has nothing to fear from a mere Constitution. Even the justices sworn to enforce it might be tempted by the low tax rate on their six-figure incomes.

Seldom have the rich had such prospects of a windfall in the name of helping the poor.

Americans have reason to be thoroughly alarmed. Their cherished equality before the law is being jettisoned by leaders of both parties. First it was legal privileges based on race, gender and handicapped status, and now it is tax privileges based on residence in the capital city.

To abandon the equal applicability of law is an extremely serious step. No amount of rhetoric about civil rights, economic enterprise zones and compassion for poor blacks can justify privilege before the law.

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Republicans eager to put welfare bill in Clinton's court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with White House pressure to craft a welfare bill more to President Clinton's liking, Republican congressional leaders indicated few changes would be forthcoming and practically dared Clinton to veto the measure.

"Given the many promises you have made to end welfare as we know it, a veto would represent a serious breach of your word," said a letter House Speaker Newt Gingrich and

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott sent to Clinton on Wednesday.

"It would tell the American people that you would rather talk about reforming welfare than act to bring help to the neediest American citizens," they wrote.

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry said: "We remain very hopeful... that this bill is headed towards a signature and not a veto." But he said no final decision had been

made.

Earlier, Clinton had lauded some improvements in the bills but still worried that they might weaken protections for children. He said he would work with the negotiators resolving differences between the House and Senate bills.

Conferees always have input from the White House, said Lott, R-Miss. But as the letter to Clinton said: "We will not support any further changes that result in the passage of a weak

welfare reform bill."

The Republicans can't lose, said Gingrich, R-Ga.

"I believe that we win from this point on, no matter what happens," he said, predicting that Clinton would sign it "when the spotlight is intense enough."

"That's good, and it saves \$60 billion" over six years, he said. "If, on the other hand — having sent him a bill that we can defend and that half the Senate Democrats can vote for — he

decides to veto it, I think the country will understand just how far to the left his commitments are, and how impossible it is to reform the government with him as president."

House and Senate negotiators were to start work today on combining their two bills, which match in most respects.

Both would reverse six decades of policy that entitled the poor automatically to open-

ended assistance and replace it with work-oriented, time-limited aid.

Lifetime welfare assistance would be limited to five years per family, and recipients would have to work after two years, with hardship exemptions to such restrictions allowed for up to 20 percent of families. Four major welfare programs would be converted into block grants to states, which would have far more freedom to run their own programs.

Intelligence chief still sees danger of Bosnian war

WASHINGTON (AP) — War is likely to break out again in Bosnia unless an international military force stays there after the current NATO-led peace mission ends in December, says the chief of U.S. military intelligence.

U.S. participation in such a follow-on force may not be necessary, even though the NATO allies have cautioned that they will stay after December only if the United States does, Army Gen. Patrick Hughes said Wednesday.

Testifying before the Senate Intelligence Committee, Hughes, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said, "The continued presence of a Western, or force from NATO and other countries, is a requirement for continued stability in Bosnia."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the committee chairman, tried to pin down Hughes on whether he believed an international force could function effectively in Bosnia beyond December without the participation of American troops.

"I hate to put a name, like 'NATO' or 'the U.N.' or 'the United States' on this force, but some force, and I think it would probably have to come under some international coalition," Hughes said, in order to sustain the success achieved so far in disarming and demobilizing the former warring factions.

"Now, from your intelligence sources," Specter then asked, "what is the likelihood of having a force there if the United States is not a participant?"

Hughes replied, "I would say that in general terms, the continued participation of the

United States in some fashion is a precondition by many countries for their continued involvement" in peacekeeping in Bosnia. He did not name those countries but was referring to the United States' NATO allies in Europe.

"So I would say that if the U.S. was not present, the prospects for a viable international force would be much reduced," Hughes added.

Last weekend Vice President Al Gore said there were no plans to participate in such a follow-on force. Defense Secretary William Perry has said recently that he believes U.S. forces should participate if other NATO countries do, but that he has not yet made a recommendation to President Clinton.

In his prepared remarks to the committee, Hughes called the NATO-led Implementation Force peace mission a success. But he also pointed to several remaining problems that could jeopardize the long-term stability of the country.

He mentioned, for instance, the tenuous Muslim-Croat federation that is supposed to act as a political and military counterbalance to the Bosnian Serbs, as well as clashes between Bosnian Serbs and Muslim refugees trying to return to their homes as is their right under the Dayton peace accords.

"These examples illustrate the continuing challenge facing the international community, and point to a trend toward de facto partition of Bosnia into at least two, if not three, parts," Hughes said.

Divers find black boxes from TWA crash

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — Divers recovered the data and cockpit voice recorders from the tail section of TWA Flight 800 early today, a discovery that could provide vital clues to what caused the jumbo jet to explode.

The so-called black boxes, found in the largest concentration of wreckage on the ocean floor under more than 100 feet of water, were taken to Washington for analysis, said Robert Francis, the vice chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Investigators will scrutinize the information today as they try to determine whether the explosion shortly after takeoff was caused by a bomb, missile or mechanical failure. All 230 people aboard the Paris-bound jetliner were killed July 17.

The boxes, which are actually orange, were being transported in water and plastic bags to prevent them from drying too quickly, which could damage the data, NTSB investigators said.

The discovery came hours before President Clinton was to meet with victims' families at an airport hotel.

The recorders, which are carried in the tails of jetliners, were found almost directly underneath a Navy search and rescue vessel, Francis said.

NTSB safety investigator Robert Benzon said the boxes were "a little banged up." The pinger was knocked off of the flight data recorder but they sustained, actually, slight damage. Both recorders are designed to emit a "ping" so they can be located.

The recovery, coming one week after the crash, represented a major breakthrough in the quest to find out what caused the second-worst airline disaster in U.S. history.

The voice recorder picks up cockpit conversations and could indicate whether the crew knew about a problem before the explosion and what action, if any, was taken to try to avoid the crash.

The data recorder picks up such information as a plane's altitude, speed and various equipment functions. It could help determine whether a mechanical problem brought the plane down.

But Al Dickinson, the NTSB's lead investigator, cautioned that the boxes may not hold all the answers.

"This is going to add to our

information, but it's not going to be a solving of everything," Dickinson said.

Until the discovery of the recorders, the salvage effort was most notable for what it had not found. The FBI has not determined whether the explosion was an accident or an act of terrorism, and about only half the victims' bodies have been pulled from the waters off Long Island.

Three more bodies were brought ashore earlier Wednesday. Of the 230 people killed, 114 bodies have been recovered and 95 have been identified by the Suffolk County Medical Examiner's office.

Divers also believe they have spotted at least seven more bodies in the wreckage, Francis said.

Drug czar says former drug users shouldn't be barred in government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharp-ening a partisan debate over drug use by public officials, the Clinton administration's drug czar says past narcotics use shouldn't be a barrier for those interested in government service.

"No Americans should be precluded from serving their country in any position as long as they now reject all illicit drug use," Barry McCaffrey, the national drug control policy director, said in a position paper released Wednesday. "We call upon the 50 million Americans who have tried and now do not condone drug abuse to join in the nation's anti-drug effort."

While McCaffrey, who is a retired Army general, insisted the position paper wasn't motivated by politics, it comes as the White House and Republican lawmakers trade barbs over the drug histories of politicians in both parties. The White House also remains embroiled in controversy over drug use by current and former political appointees.

William Bennett, who held the same job as McCaffrey as head of the White House Office of

National Drug Control Policy under President Bush, described McCaffrey's statement as "disappointing."

Focus on the drug issue has been intense in recent weeks. Earlier this month the White House revealed that some current Clinton aides are regularly tested for drugs because FBI security checks revealed "extensive and/or recent drug use found in their backgrounds."

NOTICE TO SANDS CISD TAXPAYERS

Below is a notice of meeting on tax increase. The increase will be above the effective rate. The actual rate will be the same as 1995 which was \$1.44.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The SANDS CISD will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by .07 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on August 5 at 7:00 PM at Sands CISD board room. FOR the proposal: Bobby Wigington, David Zant, Billy Reed, Martin Nichols, Joe Barnes. AGAINST the proposal: — None. PRESENT and not voting: None. ABSENT: Stan Blagrove, Reggie Hambrick.

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on 7/17/96. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 30,483	\$ 30,466
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Average taxable value	\$ 20,483	\$ 20,466
Tax rate	1.44 /\$100	1.44 /\$100
Tax	\$ 294.95	\$ 294.71

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by .24 or .01 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by .05527 per \$100 of taxable value or .03921 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties): The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ in the previous 12 months beginning 19 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Tropical storm kills at least 17, typhoon builds

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Tropical storm Frankie left at least 17 people dead and dozens missing after battering northern Vietnam's Red River delta for nearly two days, officials said today.

The crew members of 40 fishing vessels were among the missing, the official Vietnam News said.

To the east, Typhoon Gloria gained strength today as it barreled through the northern Philippine islands and on toward southern Taiwan, packing winds of up to 106.25 mph, the Manila weather bureau said.

At least 12 people died as Gloria's 430-mile-wide rain clouds flooded many areas on the main island of Luzon and loosened volcanic debris from Mount Pinatubo.

Frankie swept in from the Tonkin Gulf late Tuesday with winds of 56 miles an hour and dumped up to 8 inches of rain on Hanoi, the port city of Haiphong and five provinces, Vietnam News said.

By this morning, skies were clearing.

In Hanoi, some neighborhoods suffered power outages and many roads and homes were flooded. Damage was light compared to areas closer to the coast, where sea dikes caved in, crops were destroyed and thatched-roofed houses were blown away.



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Do you have a good story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

WATCHING THE ROAD



A young prairie dog stands next to the roadway at Comanche Trail Park recently and watches the cars drive by. There are several young prairie dogs that scurry across the roadway between the old tennis courts and the golf course.

New program offers Coahoma students on-the-job training

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Coahoma High School students will have a chance for on-the-job training if they enroll in a new course this fall.

Superintendent Sonny Monroe recently announced the new job training course to provide students with an opportunity to spend part of their school day with local businesses and industrial firms.

The participating students are enrolled in regular high school courses as well as one period of related job training instruction. High School Principal Cindy Young said students who will be seniors this year signed up for the course last year. "They had to fill out applications and were screened. We looked at their attendance and discipline

records. We have 11 students signed up for the program," said Young.

Young added Barbara Justiss, home economics teacher, is in the process of contacting individual businesses to see if they would be interested in having a student in their workplace.

Right now, the program is targeted just for seniors but may be expanded in the future to include juniors. The course is a year-long program and the student will spend 15 hours each week on the job learning skills and management practices necessary for this employment, explained

Justiss.

The program will offer training to seniors who want to pursue careers related to home



economics, agribusiness, office education and industrial technology.

It also provides opportunities for full-time employment after graduation.

Big Spring student goes to Hawaii, others prepare for new school year

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Gabe Rubio, 1996-97 president of the Big Spring High School Student Council, recently went to Hawaii to attend a safety conference.

The National Safety Program Conference in Honolulu was attended by eight other delegates from Texas as well.

The student council was selected to send a representative when it received an outstanding rating on the local safety project report form. The form was submitted to the Texas Association of Student Councils and the Texas Youth Safety Program.

It is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Department of Transportation. The local program was ranked seventh in the state, qualifying Big Spring to send a delegate.

The program was also ranked seventh in the nation and this was announced at the national conference. Only one other Texas school ranked in the top

10. Rubio will be a senior this fall.

Meanwhile, other student council officers attended the Texas Association of Student Councils Summer Leadership Workshop in San Angelo. The six-day event offered training to the officers with various leadership activities.

Sharon Richardson, council advisor, said 196 students and advisors from 31 schools in Texas attended the seminar at Angelo State University.

Richardson added the officers are in the process of planning a back-to-school lock-in for all members of the student council to make preparations for the 1996-97 school year. They will also be assisting with registration Aug. 13 and 14 at the high school. Plans for the first day of the year, the Howdy Days, are being made and it's scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14.

The officers who attended the workshop included: Paul Haney, first vice president; Tyler Murphy, second vice president; Kelly Hollar, recording secretary; Marisa Smith, corresponding secretary; Jason Williams, parliamentarian and Sharon Fleming, historian. Richardson accompanied the group. Richardson is also the workshop director for the TASC and Haney served on staff as a junior consultant.

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Being bothered by a bully

Scripps Howard News Service

Q: I am 14 years old and lately I think people are just rude and hurtful to others.

Just the other day at the pool I go to every day a guy who's in the sixth grade kicked a beach ball into the back yard of a house. The kids playing with the ball in the pool thought he was going to go get the ball and give it back to them.

He never went after the ball or even said he was sorry. I was so mad, but what could I do by myself? I was afraid of him and I didn't want to get into anything. But I've thought about it for days and it still makes me mad.

A: We agree with your feeling of anger, and think that a lot of other Americans agree with you, too.

As a country, we offer so much to so many. America is the land of opportunity and we do have a great many privi-

leges and rights in this country. Many of us are grateful for this, but others are greedy.

The boy at the pool is an example of greed. He knew that no one would approach him because he presents himself as tough — he's a bully.

TEEN TALK

So, what do you do? It's hard to say. It appears that most of America is afraid to step in and take control of our streets. "We don't want to get involved," is the usual excuse.

We believe it's time to get involved. It's time for those of us upholding the rights of this country to stand up to those who abuse our rights and abuse others.

Will it be easy? No. But sometimes doing the right thing isn't easy. Is it worth it? You bet!

People like this boy hide behind what they think are

their rights. But the rest of us have rights, too. Hurting others, destroying property and taking things that don't belong to you are not rights.

Maybe you weren't in a position at the pool to do anything personally, but you should tell someone in authority who can step in.

Parents, too, should take responsibility, knowing how their kids behave and creating consequences that help build moral character. Parents should know where their kids are and who they are with. Parents must teach their sons and daughters standards, manners and responsibility.

Teen Talk is a weekly feature of the El Paso Herald-Post written by teachers Carolyn Lea Wilson and Rose Mary Carbajal. Questions may be mailed to Teen Talk; P.O. Box 371965; El Paso, 79937. Answers can be given only through this column.

40 years later, survivor reflects on fate

Scripps Howard News Service

When Sister Angelita Myerscough of Belleville, Ill., decided to abandon the sinking Andrea Doria 40 years ago Thursday, she thought first like a nun.

"I made sure I was wearing the red sash that was part of our habit then," she said this week. "It was the symbol of our order, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ — and I thought, 'If I die, I want that on.'"

Then, she thought like a woman:

"I grabbed my purse, too."

Now, 40 years later, Myerscough is traveling to Kings Point, N.Y., for a reunion of survivors of the sinking of the Andrea Doria.

The westbound ship, an Italian liner, collided in the fog with the eastbound Swedish freighter Stockholm on the night of July 25, 1956. They

were 45 miles southeast of Nantucket Island, Mass.

The disaster claimed 51 lives, 46 of them from the liner.

Myerscough, then 35, was reared on an Illinois farm and joined the convent when she was 16. In 1954, her order sent her to Italy for two years of language studies.

For the trip home, she boarded the Andrea Doria on July 18 in Naples.

"I was in a cabin on the starboard side, which the Stockholm hit," she said. "Thank God I had a cabin mate."

That's because Myerscough had taken a sea-sickness pill before going to bed. "I wanted to be up early to see the Statue of Liberty the next day," she said, "and the pill really knocked me out."

The collision woke her — "It sounded like the corner of a huge crate hitting the outside

wall of my cabin" — but in her groggy state, she started to nod off again.

Her cabin mate, a young Italian woman, shook her awake and made sure the nun donned her life jacket. "She didn't leave until I was up and awake," Myerscough said.

After a three-hour wait, as the ship listed farther and farther to starboard, Myerscough climbed down a rope ladder to a lifeboat.

The lifeboat finally delivered her to a French liner, the Ile de France, which had sped to the scene. On that ship, she volunteered to help out in the infirmary, putting her language skill to use by translating for the Italian immigrants huddled there.

Myerscough was still in the infirmary when the Ile de France docked in New York

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Quilts: Pieces of the past

Art, craft or camouflage, linen or legacy: that great American antique, the quilt, has come back.

For decades, great-grandmother's ragbag creative gems held scant appeal. And Great Aunt Lucy's friendship quilt of another era saw little daylight at a time when Americans were preoccupied with space exploits and political protest.

But flower children coming of age at about the time of the Bicentennial rediscovered Lucy's linen treasures, with admiration. Collectors say the antique quilts displayed in the 1974 American folk art show at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City was the turning point in interest and market value.

In the 20 years since,

investors have seen prices rise and fall. The number of serious collectors now appears to be increasing, and that comes as no surprise to dealer Pat Menson of Woodbury, Conn.

There's enough variation in form and style to please anyone, she says. "It's like going out to buy a dress. Get what your eye likes."

She advises starting with an inexpensive purchase. "Then, if you like, shed the first one and pick up something else."

Factors affecting cost include the kind of fabric, construction, condition, and color, according to Menson. "Blue and white and red and white patterns may be pricier because they were costlier dyes and dyeing

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Vacations

(NAPS)—Vacation planning tips:

•Have your vehicle checked over before you leave, including brakes, fluids and windshield wipers.

•Make reservations when you can. If you're going camping, call ahead to reserve your campsite.

•Make arrangements with a neighbor or post office to see that your mail and newspapers don't pile up.

•Check your vacation gear, fishing rods, day packs, sports equipment, to make sure everything's ready to go.

•Make sure you allow for flex time in schedule.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Send in your recipes

The Herald is currently seeking submissions to its monthly Recipe Corner that runs the second Wednesday of each month.

Please submit any recipes you would like to see published. Meals that can be made in 30 minutes or less as well as recipes that are low in fat and calories are needed also.

The next Recipe Corner is scheduled for Aug. 14 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Aug. 5. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 235.

DAV rummage sale

The Disabled American Veterans are having a rummage sale at the V.F.W. Hall on Driver Road Friday and Saturday. The times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations of usable and saleable items are still needed. Call 263-1625 or 267-7773 for pick up.

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THE LAST WORD

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—Emily Dickinson

We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us really happy is something to be enthusiastic about.

—Charles Kingsley

Education should be gentle and stern, not cold and lax.

—Joseph Joubert

Experience is a good teacher but she sends in terrific bills.

—Minna Antrim

Bypass surgery, angioplasty have similar survival rates

Scripps Howard News Service

Heart bypass surgery and balloon angioplasty achieve similar survival rates for most people with coronary heart disease, according to a study published Thursday.

Researchers followed more than 1,800 patients with multi-vessel heart disease who were randomly assigned to undergo one of the two procedures. They found 89.3 percent of the bypass patients and 86.3 percent of the angioplasty patients had survived five years after the first treatment.

However, the report, published in The New England Journal of Medicine, points out that people undergoing angioplasty were much more likely to have additional procedures

to re-open arteries — either another angioplasty or a bypass — 54 percent against just 9 percent of the bypass patients.

About 362,000 angioplasties and 309,000 bypass surgeries are performed annually in the United States. An angioplasty typically requires a three-day hospital stay and costs \$15,000; bypass surgery requires an average of a week in the hospital and costs around \$30,000.

But because of the need for repeat care, angioplasty patients wound up spending more time in the hospital during the five years than those with a bypass.

Dr. Katherine Detre, a University of Pittsburgh epidemiologist who headed the study, said that "in spite of the greater need for re-intervention, 69 percent of the patients

who underwent angioplasty avoided subsequent bypass. For patients who prefer to avoid major surgery, angioplasty offers a reasonable alternative with an expectation of similar overall survival rates."

The report also notes that in a subgroup of 353 diabetic patients being treated with insulin or drugs, those who underwent surgery had an 80 percent survival rate, versus 65 percent for bypass patients.

That discrepancy was so remarkable coordinators of the Bypass Angioplasty Revascularization Investigation issued a special notice of their preliminary findings last fall.

Detre said "more extensive coronary artery disease among diabetics and the greater tendency for their arteries to re-

clog after angioplasty suggest potential reasons for the relatively better outcome after bypass surgery" but that more research will have to be done on treatment of heart disease in diabetics to bear this out.

About 14 million Americans have diabetes, which is a major factor in causing arterial disease. About 65 percent of diabetics ultimately die from some type of heart or blood vessel disease.

The study, carried out at 18 hospitals in the United States and Canada, also found rates of in-hospital death and incidence of stroke were similar in both treatment groups.

In an accompanying editorial in the journal, Dr. Maarten Simoons of Erasmus University in the Netherlands, said despite

the similar survival rates, bypass surgery remains the established therapy, with angioplasty an acceptable alternative.

He argues ongoing advances in technique and equipment, such as the use of surgical stents to keep arteries open longer after angioplasty, to some extent make long-term evaluations of coronary patients obsolete by the time they're finished.

Simoons expects the two schools of treatment to soon blur into "more of a team approach and the development of larger revascularization centers in which different procedures are performed by a closely coordinated team of operators with different backgrounds."

Survivor

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early in the evening of June 26. "I never did see the Statue of Liberty," she said.

But she saw something just as welcoming — a fellow nun, Sister Bernadine, waving the red sash of their order so Myerscough could spot her. (Life magazine photographer W. Eugene Smith snapped a famous photo of Sister Bernadine, her face torn with anxiety and her sash in her hand.)

Through the years, Myerscough has taught at all levels, from elementary school through college, and has served in the motherhouse at Ruma as her order's provincial, or administrative chief. From 1975-87, she served the Adorers of the Precious Blood as a member of the order's governing body in Rome.

Myerscough has flown to Europe several times — in fact, she had arrived in 1954 by air — but went by liner (the Raffaello) in 1967, "to express my confidence in the Italian Line."

And why had she decided to return to the United States in 1956 by ship rather than by plane?

"Because," she said with a grin, "I wanted the experience of going by sea."

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW GAS STATION



Heavy equipment tear into the asphalt and dirt underneath on the north side of the HEB parking lot Tuesday afternoon. Work began at the site Tuesday on the construction of a new gas station operated by HEB. Similar stations at HEB stores in Abilene and San Angelo have seen gas prices plummeting in those areas.

HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Quilts

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processes. In the 1800s, vegetable dyes were used a lot, but they were unstable. Many of the greens have faded out.

"Workmanship is also important," she continues. "Intricate patterns, uniformity, applique and lots of small pieces are ways to assess value."

"And just hope nobody threw it into the dryer along the way."

Scudder Smith, editor of Antiques and the Arts Weekly, a paper published in Newtown, Conn., says the "Baltimore album" genre is perhaps the most enthusiastically sought after among collectors.

"The Baltimore album pattern consists of various squares of either historical interest or simply the whim of the quilter — maybe a home, or a favorite horse," he says.

Album or bride's quilts became popular around 1840, and most of the Baltimore pieces were constructed during the next 10 years. Besides homes and horses, typical themes included elaborate fruits, flowers, birds, baskets and cornucopias. Fine fabrics and workmanship contribute to their continued marketability. It also helps that they were deemed "company-best" and pampered during their practical lifetimes.

The importance of care was passed along to one quilt owner along with the inheritance of her mother-in-law's grandmother's treasures. Joyce Cropsey of Litchfield, Conn., says the ancestral quiltmaker ran a 19th century boarding house in New York City, catering to actors and actresses of the day.

Cropsey's great-grandmother-in-law used the fine silks and velvets of the ladies' discarded

gowns and the gents' old ties to create her metropolitan "tumbling block" pattern quilts. According to the family story, she gave one of them to an actor, Edwin deForest, and when she spotted the quilt thrown over the back of the thespian's divan she exclaimed with exasperation, "Edwin! I did not make that quilt for you to lay your greasy head on."

Another of the lady's quilts made its way, via Cropsey, to Documentation Day this summer in Cornwall, Conn., an event sponsored by the state's Quilt Search Project and typical of many state projects following the lead of Kentucky, which inaugurated its first Quilt Search in 1982. Since then, about two-thirds of the states have copied the event, calling in tens of thousands of quilts for documentation with photographs, inspections, and oral histories.

Strausberg, a teacher and antiques dealer in New Milford, Conn., estimates she has 25 to 30 quilts. "I rotate them seasonally and by holidays," she says.

She advises displaying them on interior walls, away from direct sunlight. "And if they're delicate, don't hang them. Quilt covers without backing can be used as tablecloths, under glass."

Strausberg enjoys finding old fabrics from which she makes new quilts. "The Smithsonian and the Shelburne Museum in Vermont are also selling reproduction fabrics — patterns based on the vintage materials."

By The Associated Press

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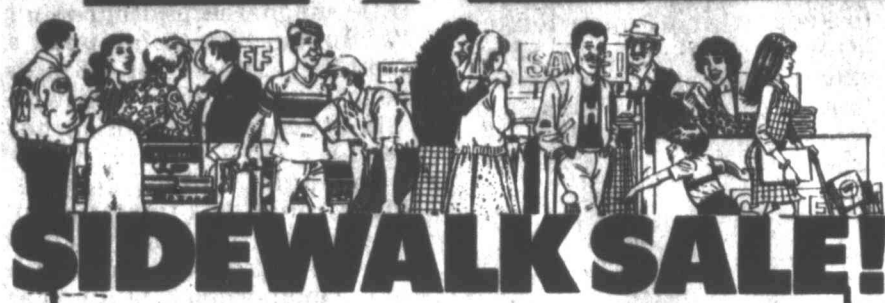
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Cowboys will see if they can survive September without Irvin

AUSTIN (AP) — The other shoe dropped, and it wasn't nearly as bad as the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys knew it could have been.

The NFL handed Michael Irvin a five-game suspension after the wide receiver's no contest plea to cocaine possession.

"We were surprised to a certain degree because we had heard it might be eight games, so I guess five just fell right

into the slot," Cowboys personnel director Larry Lacewell said.

The Cowboys couldn't win without Emmitt Smith. Now the question is can they survive until October without Irvin.

"Any time you lose a great football player, you're going to struggle, but this team has a knack of overcoming adversity," Lacewell said.

The five-game suspension will

Receiver hit with 5-game suspension

cost Irvin more than 500,000 — he makes \$102,647 a game — and force the man who caught 111 passes last year to sit out games against the Chicago Bears, New York Giants, Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Bills and Philadelphia Eagles.

Smith got into a contract fight with owner Jerry Jones several years ago and sat out

two games which the Cowboys lost. But they've never been without Irvin for a prolonged period.

"It's definitely going to hurt," Smith said of Irvin's suspension, which was announced Wednesday. "But we'll find a way to hang on until Mike gets back. We'll use it as a rallying point. We're always battling

some distraction."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said: "Michael certainly will be missed. He's one of the best in the league. We'll just have to do the best we can until he gets back."

Irvin can practice with the team and even play in exhibition games, but was not expected to report to training camp anytime soon.

Jones said he spoke with Irvin, who was in Miami.

"He said, 'I want to meet this heads up. I accept my responsibility. I was wrong and I'm going to pay the price.'"

"He is clearly resolved to get this behind him," Jones said. "He talked about his future and what he needs to do to get ready for his first game."

"He said he is ready to take his medicine."

Irvin doesn't plan to appeal

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Triathlon returns Sunday

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Now that the Comanche Warrior Triathlon has become established among competitors, organizers are taking steps to make it more viewer-friendly.

The fourth-annual triathlon, which will attract up to 100 competitors, will be held Sunday morning in and around Comanche Trail Park.

The event, which is smaller than a "regular" triathlon, will consist of three legs — a half mile swim in Comanche Trail Lake, a 20-mile bike ride from the park to FM 818 and back; and a 4.3-mile run from the city park to Big Spring State Park and back.

Competition will be held in 11 age groups ranging from 11 years old to 65 and above.

Karen Hager, who won last year's women's overall title, is expected to compete, but the defending men's champion — Kenmar Smith — recently suffered a broken leg and will miss the triathlon.

First-year race director Donna McMahon and fellow organizers have been busy since the first of the year preparing for this year's event.

Although McMahon is a newcomer to the event, she said several veterans of the triathlon have made preparations easier.

"It's become a very well organized event," McMahon said. "Everyone's got their spots and they know what to do ... Things have been planned out very well."

The triathlon's start time of 7:30 a.m. may not be totally conducive to the general public, but organizers have taken two notable steps to attract the

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The Stanton Buffaloes broke a five-year playoff drought in 1995, and are favored to reach the playoffs again this season, according to the annual "Texas Football" magazine.

Bufs hitting the road

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

If the Stanton Buffaloes can avoid bus lag, they could be in for a very successful football season.

The Buffaloes, who made the playoffs as the runner-up of District 6-2A last season, are picked for an identical finish this year by "Texas Football," the annual guide to Texas professional, college and high school football teams.

The district name is the same, but that's about all for 6-2A. Gone are traditional

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Evans gets last shot at gold; Ireland's Smith claims third medal

ATLANTA (AP) — A swimming nobody just a few weeks ago, Michelle Smith already has three gold medals at the Olympics. A swimming star since 1988, Janet Evans would settle for one more gold.

Win or lose, Evans wraps up her glorious career tonight in the 800-meter freestyle, concluding an eight-year odyssey in which the world saw her go from peppy teen-ager at Seoul to grand dame of the pool in Atlanta.

Evans, who failed to qualify for the final in the 400 after Smith was allowed to make a controversial late entry, was

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the sixth-fastest qualifier in the 800 Wednesday despite breaking a toe before the race.

This time, she won't have to worry about Smith, who didn't enter the event. Instead, Evans' main challenger is her own teammate, Brooke Bennett, who had the fastest qualifying time.

"I think she's going to give it all she's got and come back real strong," said Bennett, just 15 but already Evans' heirress apparent as America's top female distance swimmer. "Hopefully, the United States

will come out on top 1-2."

If Evans is the 1, she would tie Bonnie Blair's American record for most Olympics wins by a woman.

Also today, the women's individual all-around finals begin with Shannon Miller but without Kerri Strug; the U.S. baseball and women's soccer teams try to remain unbeaten; Tom Dolan goes for another gold in swimming; and second-round tennis features Andre Agassi and Monica Seles.

Smith has become a national hero in her native Ireland — even though she had to leave the country to train because it

doesn't have an Olympic-size pool. In Atlanta, she had barely crawled from the water after her third gold-medal swim, this one in the 200-meter individual relay Wednesday, when she faced more questions about her rapid improvement.

"I just have to laugh at it," she said of the rumors that she is using banned substances. "Every time I'm tested it's always negative, and I'm tested again and again and again."

Though ranked no higher than 24th in any event, Smith already has won three golds and will go for a fourth on Friday night when she swims

the 200 butterfly.

"You need to look very closely into that rate of improvement," said Richard Quick, the U.S. women's swimming coach.

Smith's latest victory came on a day when the other countries began to peck away at America's domination in the pool. Denis Pankratov of Russia set a world record in the 100-meter butterfly, and Hungarians Norbert Rozsa and Karoly Guttler finished 1-2 in the 200 breaststroke. The only U.S. victory came in the women's 400 medley relay.

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Twins complete sweep of struggling O's

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If the Baltimore Orioles get paid more than twice as much as the Minnesota Twins, then why can't they beat the Twins?

That may be a harsh comparison, seeing as how the low-flying Orioles have been having trouble beating anybody lately.

Minnesota completed its first three-game sweep at Baltimore since 1983, pounding the Orioles 11-4 Wednesday night and sending the O's to their 11th loss in 15 games.

The \$49 million-plus spent assembling the Orioles to challenge the New York Yankees for supremacy in the East looks like money wasted, especially compared to the almost \$22 million laid out for the Twins.

Baltimore second baseman Roberto Alomar, one of those high-priced acquisitions, can't explain it.

"This might be the best ball club I've even been on," Alomar said. "It can all turn around the next day, but we have to go out and play better baseball."

Coupled with the Yankees' 4-2 victory over Texas, the Orioles are 10 games out of first place.

In other American League games Wednesday, Seattle nipped Milwaukee 8-7, Cleveland crushed Toronto 10-0, Oakland beat the Chicago White Sox 8-5 and Boston bombed Kansas City 12-2.

AL

Minnesota outscored Baltimore 23-11 in its first road sweep of the Orioles since May 23-25, 1983.

"It's good to come in and play like this against a team that, on paper, we're not supposed to beat," said Twins starter Frankie Rodriguez (10-7), who allowed three runs in seven innings.

The only bright spot for Baltimore, which fell to one game over .500 for the first time since May 9, was Eddie Murray's second home run in three games since returning to the Orioles on Monday. It was his 493rd homer, tying him with Lou Gehrig for 15th on the career list.

Yankees 4, Rangers 2

At Yankee Stadium, Andy Pettitte (15-5) became the American League's first 15-game winner. He gave up two runs in six innings as he improved to 9-0 in day starts.

Tino Martinez provided the offensive support, hitting a three-run double off right fielder Damon Buford's glove in the fifth.

"When he hit it, I thought I had it all the way," Buford said.

"I've seen him make that catch 1,000 times — or at least a couple," said Texas manager

Johnny Oates. "That's a routine play for him usually. It looked like he went to the wrong spot."

Jose Alberro (0-1) lost in his first big league start.

Mariners 8, Brewers 7

Seattle scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth at the Kingdome. Alex Rodriguez hit an RBI single and scored on Darren Bragg's sacrifice fly to left, touching the plate with his hand after eluding the tag by catcher Mike Matheny.

Dan Wilson, who had four RBIs, then doubled down the left-field line off Mike Fetters (2-2) to score Ken Griffey Jr.

Bobby Ayala (3-2) was the beneficiary of Seattle's 13th victory in its final at-bat.

Indians 10, Blue Jays 0

Dennis Martinez made his return from the disabled list a successful one at the SkyDome, scattering three hits in five shutout innings for his first win since May 31.

Omar Vizquel hit his career-high seventh home run and Carlos Baerga hit his 10th.

Marty Janzen (4-6) gave up seven runs on four hits and six walks in 4-2-3 innings.

The best news for Toronto came before the game, when outfielder Joe Carter and manager Cito Gaston agreed to contract extensions through the 1997 season.

Rookie pitcher shines in first outing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sometimes, it seems the Atlanta Braves could grab someone out of the stands and still win.

With Steve Avery injured, the Braves gave rookie Terrell Wade his first major league start. Wade allowed just one run and two hits in five innings Wednesday night and Atlanta beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-1.

"I've been looking forward to this day, and I was ready when I got the chance," Wade said. "I want to help the team any way I can, but I've always been a starter and that's what I like to do."

Wade (3-0) got into a bases-loaded jam in the first, then got Brian Jordan to hit into a run-scoring double play and fanned Gary Gaetti.

Brad Clontz and Greg McMichael each followed with two perfect innings, with McMichael getting his second save.

"This was a lift for the pitching staff. Wade filled in for Avery and Mark Wohlers got a night off," Braves manager Bobby Cox said.

In other games, Houston beat San Diego 6-4 in 10 innings, Colorado beat New York 7-6 in 10 innings, Florida beat Los Angeles 3-0, Chicago beat San Francisco 7-1, Pittsburgh beat Montreal 5-4 and Cincinnati beat Philadelphia 3-1.

NL

Javier Lopez and Ryan Klesko homered for the Braves, who completed their second three-game sweep this season at Busch Stadium. Lopez was 4-for-4, including two singles and a double.

Cardinals starter Alan Benes (10-6), who had won three in a row, gave up four runs and six hits in six innings.

Astros 6, Padres 4

Pinch-hitter Ray Montgomery won the game at the Astrodome with his first major league home run, a two-run drive in the 10th off Ron Villone (0-1).

Houston tied the score in the ninth on Jeff Bagwell's two-out RBI double off Trevor Hoffman, who blew a save for the sixth time in 28 chances.

San Diego's John Flaherty extended his hitting streak to 25.

Rockies 7, Mets 6

Vinny Castilla singled over center fielder Carl Everett in the 10th at Coors Field, driving in the winning run and moving the Rockies into first place in the NL West.

Colorado, which overcame a 4-1 deficit, completed a three-game sweep. Walt Weiss took a leadoff walk in the 10th from Paul Byrd (1-2), Andres Galarraga was intentionally walked with two outs and

Castilla hit a drive that nearly landed on the warning track.

Curtis Leskanic (7-3) pitched the 10th for the win.

Marlins 3, Dodgers 0

Kevin Brown (9-8) allowed six hits in eight shutout innings and Gary Sheffield tied a club record with his 27th homer.

Robb Nen, who relieved after Mike Piazza's leadoff single in the ninth, struck out the side at Joe Robbie Stadium for his 20th save, helping the Marlins to their seventh win in 10 games.

Hideo Nomo (10-9) gave up three hits in seven innings, struck out five and walked one. Former replacement player Mike Busch went 3-for-3 for the Dodgers.

Cubs 7, Giants 1

Frank Castillo (4-12) scattered five hits in 8 1-3 innings and Tyler Houston hit his first home run for visiting Chicago.

Pirates 5, Expos 4

Jermaine Allensworth singled home the winning run in the ninth, giving Pittsburgh its first three-game home winning streak this year.

Mel Rojas (5-4) walked Mark Johnson and moved up the runner with a wild pitch. Angelo Encarnacion bunted into a fielder's choice at third and took second on a single by Mike Kingery, his fourth hit in his last five at-bats as a pinch-hitter.

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Britain	1	1	1
Finland	1	1	1
Uzbekistan	1	1	1
Georgia	1	1	1
Moldova	1	1	1

BASEBALL

American League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
New York	60	38	.608	—
Baltimore	50	49	.505	10
Boston	45	54	.455	15
Toronto	45	56	.446	16
Detroit	31	70	.307	30
Central Division				
Cleveland	61	40	.604	—
Chicago	55	46	.544	6
Minnesota	50	50	.500	10 1/2
Seattle	48	52	.480	12 1/2
Kansas City	46	56	.451	15 1/2
West Division				
Texas	57	44	.564	—
Seattle	54	45	.545	2
Oakland	53	49	.520	4 1/2
California	48	53	.475	9
Tuesday's Games				
Toronto 3, Cleveland 1				
New York 6, Texas 0				
Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2				
Oakland 8, Chicago 4				
Kansas City 7, Boston 5				
Seattle 7, Detroit 3				
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 3				
Wednesday's Games				
New York 4, Texas 2				
Oakland 6, Chicago 5				
Boston 12, Kansas City 2				
Minnesota 11, Baltimore 4				
Cleveland 10, Toronto 0				
Seattle 8, Milwaukee 7				
Thursday's Games				
Kansas City (Road) 0-1 at New York (Hutten 0-1), 7:35 p.m.				
Cleveland (Nagy 11-3) at Baltimore (Coppinger 5-1), 7:35 p.m.				
Oakland (Telgheder 0-1) at Detroit (Flemer 0-0), 7:35 p.m.				
Texas (Will 8-8) at Chicago (Andrzej 0-1), 8:05 p.m.				
Boston (Winkel 7-9) at Minnesota (Aldred 4-7), 8:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (VanEgmond 0-1) at California (Grimsley 5-6), 10:05 p.m.				
Detroit (Lira 6-8) at Seattle (Wolcott 6-7), 10:05 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Kansas City (Harvey 8-8) at New York (Hutten 0-1), 7:35 p.m.				

York (Keg 7-7), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Swindle 1-1) at Baltimore (Mussina 11-7), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Adams 0-0) at Toronto (Guzman 8-6), 7:35 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 8-3) at Chicago (Alvarez 12-5), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Carmen 4-4) at Minnesota (Fassero 1-9), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Damico 3-2) at California (D. Springer 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sager 2-1) at Seattle (Hitchcock 9-4), 10:05 p.m.

National League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
Atlanta	63	37	.630	—
Florida	53	46	.535	9 1/2
New York	48	52	.480	15
Philadelphia	47	54	.465	16 1/2
Central Division				
St. Louis	54	47	.535	—
Houston	54	49	.524	1
Cincinnati	47	49	.485	4
Chicago	47	53	.470	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	45	54	.455	8
West Division				
Colorado	53	47	.530	—
San Diego	54	49	.524	1/2
Los Angeles	53	49	.520	1
San Francisco	43	57	.430	10
Tuesday's Games				
Colorado 10, New York 7, 1st game				
Colorado 11, New York 10, 2nd game				
Chicago 9, San Francisco 6				
Los Angeles 7, Florida 1				
Cincinnati 5, Montreal 1				
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 3				
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 2				
San Diego 7, Houston 4				
Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati 3, Philadelphia 1				
Florida 3, Los Angeles 0				
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 1				
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 4				
Houston 6, San Diego 4, 10 innings				
Colorado 7, New York 6, 10 innings				
Chicago 7, San Francisco 1				
Thursday's Games				
Los Angeles (Candito 6-8) at Florida (Hammond 3-5), 7:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (R. Springer 2-0) at Pittsburgh (McCull 1-6), 7:35 p.m.				
Montreal (Urbina 4-3) at St. Louis (Morgan 3-4), 8:05 p.m.				
Chicago (Trachsel 8-6) at Colorado (Bailey 1-1), 9:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Madux 10-7) at San Francisco (Watson 6-8), 10:05 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
Friday's Games				
San Diego (Aashby 8-2) at Florida (Rapp 5-11), 7:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Schilling 4-4) at Pittsburgh (Neagle 12-4), 7:35 p.m.				
New York (Wilson 4-5) at Cincinnati (Smiley 8-9), 7:35 p.m.				
Montreal (Fassero 9-7) at St. Louis (Osbome 9-5), 8:05 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Astacio 4-7) at Houston (Wall 6-2), 8:05 p.m.				
Chicago (Navarro 7-9) at Colorado (Freeman 7-6), 9:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Glavin 10-5) at San Francisco (Latter 4-9), 10:05 p.m.				

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
BATTING —Knoblauch, Minnesota, .370; A-Rodriguez, Seattle, .352; A-Rodriguez, Seattle, .352; FThomas, Chicago, .349; Seltzer, Milwaukee, .339; Ciriello, Milwaukee, .335; M-Vaughn, Boston, .335.				
RUNS —E-Martinez, Seattle, 88; A-Rodriguez, Seattle, 85; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 85; Belle, Cleveland, 81; M-Vaughn, Boston, 79; Phillips, Chicago, 79; Rodriguez, Texas, 76.				
RBIs —M-Vaughn, Boston, 84; G-Vaughn, Milwaukee, 82; Belle, Cleveland, 81; Buhner, Seattle, 88; J-Gonzalez, Texas, 87; FThomas, Chicago, 85; R-Palmeiro, Baltimore, 84.				
HITS —Lofon, Cleveland, 134; M-Vaughn, Boston, 133; Molitor, Minnesota, 133; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 132; I-Rodriguez, Texas, 129; A-Rodriguez, Seattle, 122; Seltzer, Milwaukee, 122.				
DOUBLES —E-Martinez, Seattle, 44; A-Rodriguez, Seattle, 36; I-Rodriguez, Texas, 32; G-Jambi, Oakland, 29; G-R, Texas, 29; Cordova, Minnesota, 28; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 28.				
TRIPLES —Knoblauch, Minnesota, 9; Vina, Milwaukee, 7; J-Vaughn, Milwaukee, 6; Damon, Kansas City, 5; Ciriello, Milwaukee, 5; Thome, Cleveland, 5; Carr, Seattle, 5; Guillen, Chicago, 5; Carter, Toronto, 5.				
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STOLEN BASES —Lofon, Cleveland, 45; T-Goodwin, Kansas City, 45; Nixon, Toronto, 27; Vizquel, Cleveland, 24; Litch, Milwaukee, 21; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 21; McLamora, Texas, 18.				
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STRIKES —Clemens, Boston, 161; Finley, California, 134; A-Fernandez, Chicago, 128; Appier, Kansas City, 122; Mussina, Baltimore, 119; Guzman, Toronto, 119; Alvarez, Chicago, 119.				
SAVES —Wetzeland, New York, 36; R-Henderson, Chicago, 29; Perovich, California, 28; Mesa, Cleveland, 25; Montgomery, Kansas City, 21; Henneman, Texas, 21; R-Myers, Baltimore, 19.				

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Transactions

Wednesday

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled INF Bill Selby from Pawtucket of the International League.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Released RHP Kirk McCaskill. Recalled RHP Luis Andujar from Nashville of the American Association.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Dennis Martinez from the 15-day disabled list. Designated INF Scott Loefer for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned RHP Matt Whitehead to Oklahoma City of the American Association. Recalled RHP Jose Albero from Oklahoma City.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Extended the contract of Cito Gaston, manager, through the 1997 season. Agreed to terms with OF Jose Carter on a one-year contract extension through 1997.
National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Designated LHP Dean Hargraves for assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Recalled LHP Darrell May from Calgary of the Pacific Coast League. Assigned RHP Rich Loefer to Calgary.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Released RHP Jeff Parrett. Recalled RHP Cory Bailey from Louisville of the American Association.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Signed G Tony Dalk to a three-year contract.
INDIANA PACERS—Signed C Erick Dampier to a three-year contract.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed G Kobe Bryant to a three-year contract.
NEW JERSEY NETS—Agreed to terms with G Robert Pack to a multi-year contract.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Traded G Hubert Davis to the Toronto Raptors for a 1997 first-round draft pick.
PHOENIX SUNS—Signed G Steve Nash to a three-year contract.
WASHINGTON BULLETS—Re-signed G Chris Whitney.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Suspended Dallas Cowboys WR Michael Irvin for five games.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed CB Teddy Lawrence.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed WR Marcus Wall. Waived P Sean Terry.
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed OL Joe Davis on the reserve-military list.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed WR Larry Wallace. Waived DL Aaron Wallace.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed S Martin Bynes, LB Donnie Edwards, C-G Ben Lynch and C-G Jeff Smith to three-year contracts. Agreed to terms with DE John Browning on a four-year contract. Signed WR Victor Bailey to a two-year contract.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Signed OT Patrick Cunningham. Waived WR Frank Madsen and QB Jon Nielson.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed FB Frank Harvey.

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Badly sprained ankle forces Kerri Strug out of all-around

ATLANTA (AP) — Turns out Kerri Strug has a gold medal from an event she never set her sights on. And she'll have to sit out the one event she came to the Olympics to win.

Her painful vault to history left Strug with a sprained left ankle, two torn ligaments — and out of Thursday's all-around finals.

"I'm going to try and get my ankle healed so I can compete maybe in the event finals," she told CNN. "I'm a little bit down, but I'm still excited that we won the gold."

Make that an historic gold — the first U.S. women's team Olympic gold.

Strug's hoping physical therapy and electronic stimulation will fix up her leg in enough time to compete in the vault finals Sunday and the floor exercise on Monday.

The 4-foot-9, 80-pounder qualified seventh for the all-around finals, an event Mary Lou Retton says determines "the queen of gymnastics." She should know; she's the only American to win it.

The United States still has several other top contenders.

Shannon Miller, who now has six Olympic medals, including

a silver from the '92 all-around, was the No. 2 qualifier behind reigning world champion Lilia Podkopaeva of Ukraine. Dominique Dawes qualified sixth.

Strug's replacement is 14-year-old Dominique Moceanu, who finished fifth in the event at last year's world championships.

Moceanu got the jitters Tuesday night and fell twice on the vault. That set up Strug's performances.

Three gymnasts per squad advance to the 36-woman field. Only two per country can be among the eight challengers for the apparatus finals on Sunday and Monday.

Missing the all-around must be especially disappointing for Strug because not making the event in Barcelona is what motivated her to train for Atlanta.

Sure, she wanted to win the team medal as much as anyone. And she was proud of her role as the anchorwoman in floor exercise and vault.

But making the all-around was what kept her going as she shuffled between gyms in Houston, Florida, Oklahoma, her native Tucson, Ariz., and

finally back to Houston to work with coach Bela Karolyi.

In Barcelona, Strug was the third for the United States in the all-around spot after compulsory. But the big news was that reigning world champion Kim Zmeskal fell off the balance beam and was in danger of not advancing.

Zmeskal, one of Karolyi's stars, did bounce back in the optionals, tying Strug on the last apparatus — the vault. Then she slid past her and into the all-around with the third U.S. spot.

Come September, look for Strug in Hollywood. She'll enter UCLA on a four-year scholarship.

Tuesday night, after her ride to the medals ceremony in Karolyi's arms, Strug found time for a brief visit to Planet Hollywood as the special guest of owners Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, who had watched her perform at the Georgia Dome.

Strug and her teammates are staying at a private residence until gymnastics ends Tuesday, then they plan to move into the Olympic Village for a real taste of the games.

President's Cup names new captain

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Graham is out. Peter Thomson is in. And that means the Presidents Cup will keep its big-name international team players.

Less than a week after Graham was forced by a players' revolt to resign as captain, Thomson replaced him on Wednesday.

The move came after more than a week of maneuvering in which leading players eligible for the International team met at the British Open and said they were unhappy with Graham's lack of leadership and the fact they were not consulted about the choice of a captain.

"With our cricket and our rugby and other team sports, the players are a very integral part of that team captain selection," Greg Norman said in a phone call from his Tequesta, Fla., office. "We all felt that should have been the case with this."

The Presidents Cup is a Ryder Cup-style team competition between the United States and players from non-Ryder Cup nations — Australia, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. The first competition was held in 1994 at Manassas, Va., and the second competition will be held there in September.

The first time around, Ernie Els, Vijay Singh and Jumbo Ozaki skipped the event to play in other tournaments. Norman was ill and could not play and Nick Price played despite being clearly exhausted from a grueling schedule in which he had won the British Open in July and the PGA in August.

All of the top international players except Ozaki have agreed to play this year, giving the team an excellent chance to beat the United States.

But what looked like smooth sailing turned into rough waters at the British Open when about a dozen players rebelled.

"There was no one singular protagonist," Brian Allan, head of the Australasian, said Wednesday. "It soon became apparent — I think there were 11 or 12 players there — they felt the same," he said about the meeting at Lytham.

Brent Chalmers, head of the South Africa tour, said there was one international player who threatened to boycott if Graham was not replaced. Chalmers would not identify the player.

Norman denied that he was the moving force behind the ouster of Graham.

"I have not — and I repeat, have not — been the spearhead in implementing this," Norman said. "It has been a team decision all along."

Thomson — like Graham and Norman an Australian — provided no insight on the ouster of Graham.

"I have no knowledge of what led to this," Thomson said in a phone call from St. Andrews, Scotland. "There is a candidacy there and I am happy to step in and help out."

Norman said he spoke with Graham on Monday and assured him that he was not behind the ouster.

"David said — and this is a quote — 'You showed your class by calling me,'" Norman said.

Graham resigned last Friday and on Saturday issued a tough statement condemning the action.

"I must say that I am grossly offended by the outrageous and unacceptable behavior of the players of the International team and the international organizations involved," Graham said in the statement. "They have attacked my credibility, my reputation and my commitment to the success of the Presidents Cup."

Especially for kids and their families The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Fact-a-Roonies for Atlanta '96

Olympic Sports Mini Guide

To make Olympic sport watching more fun, here are:

- fact-a-roonies about each of the 26 sports.
- the number of men and women competing.

Stamps and pictograms illustrate the different sports.

Aquatics

Diving

There are two types...

- from a 33-foot-high platform that does not bend.
- from about a 10-foot-high board that springs.

Men: 70 Women: 70

Swimming

32 different events, including four strokes: freestyle, butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke.

Men: 450 Women: 450

Synchronized swimming

Eight women on a team, all very good at holding their breath for a minute or more. They can't touch the pool bottom or sides. Sport also called water ballet.

Women: 80

Water polo

Teams of seven members have to tread water while using only one hand to move a ball into a goal. Also called aquatic soccer.

Men: 156

Archery

Arrows can travel more than 150 miles per hour toward a bull's-eye measuring 5 inches across.

Men: 64 Women: 64

Athletics

Made up of 44 track and field events, which include running, throwing and jumping.

Men: 1,300 Women: 776

Badminton

The shuttlecock (also called the bird) can hit speeds up to 200 miles per hour. It's the world's fastest racket sport.

Men: 96 Women: 96

Baseball

Eight teams will compete. The U.S. team is expected to do well.

Men: 160

Basketball

The U.S. men's team, made up of pros, won the gold medal in 1992. This year both men's and women's teams are expected to do well.

Men: 144 Women: 144

Boxing

There's competition in 12 different weight groups. Boxers compete in front of five judges.

Men: 364

Canoeing/kayaking

In canoeing the paddler uses a single blade in a kneeling position. In kayaking, the paddler uses a double blade and sits with legs stretched out front.

There are two types of competition:

- **Flatwater sprint** is over a straight course.
- **Whitewater slalom** is over a course of rushing water through markers.

Men: 105 Women: 30

Cycling

Three types of competition:

- **Mountain biking** — cross country race including short, steep climbs and quick descents, trails with rocks and stumps.
- **Track racing** — bikes with one gear and no brakes around a banked track.
- **Road racing** — bikes with up to 14 speeds on paved road.

Men: 152 Women: 54

Men: 240 Women: 85

Equestrian

Men and women compete as equals.

There are three events:

- **Show jumping**
- **Dressage** — each horse-and-rider team performs the exact same movements.
- **Three-day event** — cross country, dressage and jumping.

225 men and women.

Fencing

First fencer to score five hits (touches) against the opponent is the winner. Fencing requires strategy and speed.

Men: 132 Women: 88

Football

Also called soccer. It's the world's most popular sport and was the first team sport in the modern Olympics. Women will compete for the first time.

Men: 288 Women: 128

Gymnastics

Two types:

- **Artistic gymnastics**, gymnasts perform on an apparatus such as a balance beam. They also do floor exercises.
- **Rhythmic gymnastics** (women only), gymnasts perform with an apparatus such as a hoop or rope.

Men: 108 Women: 108

Women: 88

Handball

Called "team handball." Each team has six players and a goalie. It's like soccer with arms, or water polo without water. The court is a little larger than a basketball court.

Men: 192 Women: 128

Judo

Contestants wearing baggy white pants and wrap-around coats compete on a 20-foot square mat. Each contestant tries to throw the opponent on the mat so the opponent's back hits the canvas.

Men: 200 Women: 200

Modern pentathlon

Athletes compete in five events: shooting, fencing, swimming, riding and cross country racing.

Men: 32

Rowing

There are two types: sweep (both hands on one oar) and scull (two oars with one in each hand). There are from two to nine people in a boat (called a shell). The rowers face the back of the shell and race on a course about 2,000 meters (1 1/2 miles) long.

Men: 400 Women: 206

Meet Teri Hatcher



Teri Hatcher plays Lois on the show "Lois and Clark."

Teri, 31, was born in Sunnyvale, Calif. Her father was a physicist and her mother a computer programmer.

She was studying math in college when a friend asked her to go along to an acting audition. Teri ended up getting a part, and her acting career began.

She has been in several movies, including "Soapdish." Teri and her husband, actor Jon Tenney, have homes in New York City and in the country near Pasadena, Calif. In her free time she likes to ride horses and read. She volunteers by spending time with troubled teen-aged girls.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHAT DID THE MOON EAT FOR DESSERT?

NOTHING — IT WAS FULL!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Q: What did the mayor nose say to the refrigerator?

A: "Please close the door. I'm freezing!"

Q: What kind of down would you find at a zoo?

A: Dandy-dons!

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OLYMPIC TRY 'N FIND

Names of some Olympic sports are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SWIMMING, DIVING, ARCHERY, BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, CANOE, KAYAK, CYCLING, FENCING, SOCCER, HOCKEY, JUDO, ROWING, TENNIS, BOXING.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Champion Chicken Salad

You'll need:

- 1 5-ounce can chunk chicken, drained
- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 cup peanuts, chopped

What to do:

1. Combine chicken and chopped celery in a medium bowl.
2. In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients except chopped peanuts. Mix well.
3. Add mayonnaise mixture to chicken. Mix well.
4. Add peanut pieces. Mix well.
5. Serve on a lettuce leaf or as a sandwich filling.

Serves 4.

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• number 3

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Shooting

There are three types of guns used. Shooters shoot at either still or moving targets.

Men: 300 Women: 130

Softball

America's favorite national sport, softball is an Olympic sport for the first time. It is only for women. Similar to baseball with a few changes. The ball is larger and the game is seven instead of nine innings.

Women: 120

Table tennis

Second most popular sport in the world behind soccer. Players hit a small ball across the net at speeds of more than 100 miles per hour. Also called ping-pong.

Men: 96 Women: 96

Tennis

Both singles and doubles are played. Our country will be represented by such pros as Pete Sampras and Monica Seles.

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Indoor volleyball

Played with six people per team, on a floor that is rubberlike. Ball is slightly smaller than a basketball. Sometimes balls travel more than 100 miles per hour.

Men: 144 Women: 144

Beach volleyball

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Men: 48 Women: 32

Weightlifting

Two types of lifts. In the **snatch**, the weightlifter uses one continuous lift. In the **clean-and-jerk**, he lifts the weight to his shoulders and then overhead. Each lifter is allowed three chances.

Men: 240

Wrestling

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Men: 360

Yachting

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443 men and women.

Readers Corner

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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.

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Business Opp.

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Education

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Trainees Needed
*Aviation Mechanics
*Aviation Electronics
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Must be willing to relocate temporarily to Tulsa, OK, during training. Financial aid available for those who qualify. Plus housing & job placement assistance during and after training. For your interview date & time. Call: 1-800-331-1204 ext. 616. We have more aircraft mechanics/electronics jobs than we have graduates. Now accepting applications for AUGUST Spartan School of Aeronautics.

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Financial

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EMPLOYMENT

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"ATTN: BIG SPRING" Postal Positions. Permanent fulltime for clerks/sorters. full benefits. For exam, application and salary info call (708)906-2350 Ext. 2543 8am to 8:00pm.

BAR MAID NEEDED: Honest & dependable. Must be 21 or older. For more information call 264-6602.

BSW

A BSW social worker is needed to work for a well established home care agency. It is a challenging job in a rapidly growing field. The BSW we hire will be offered a competitive salary and a great benefits package. Call Debbie at 1-800-480-6816.

CARDSERVICE INTERNATIONAL NOW HIRING!!! Up to \$6000/mo. Denial applications locally. No experience necessary. Call 24 hours/7 days. 1-800-215-3444 Ext. 6031.

HOME TYPISTS, PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. B-22435.

COOK NEEDED. Must be able to make tortillas. Apply in person at Country Corner Cafe, 3004 N. Lamesa Hwy. Between 7:00am-2:00pm.

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EARN \$1000's WEEKLY. Workers Needed Immediately! Processing mail at your location. Free Supplies/Information. No Obligation. Send S.A.S.E.: Sterling Dept. #39, P.O. Box 149167, Orlando, FL 32814.

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EXPERIENCED COOK wanted, to work morning hours. 6:00am - 11:30am. Monday - Saturday. Apply at 2200 Gregg St.

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BLIND BOX REPLIES

When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example)

BOX 999
c/o Big Spring Herald
P.O. Box 1431
Big Spring, TX 79721

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If You Have Any Questions Please Call The Big Spring Herald Classified Department at 263-7331.

HOUSEKEEPER - Needed. 30 hours per week. All daytime hours. 9:00am to completion. Benefit package available after probation. Motel experience required. If interested apply at Texas Workforce, 310 Owens. Ad paid for by employer.

IMMEDIATE opening for full time rouabout gang pusher. Call Cat Construction 267-8429 for appointment.

JOB LISTING-Pt/Ft. People needed to be a Mystery Shopper for local stores. Great pay. FREE products! Call now: 818-759-6542.

MATURE, non smoker, self motivated, general secretarial skills, computer a plus, telephone P.R. important. Office in Sand Springs area. Send resume to P.O. Box 2191, Big Spring, TX 79720.

NEED MAN for part time maintenance/managerial position in local laundromat business. Start \$7.00 per hour up to 35 hours per week. Mechanical skills a must. Info and application at 1208 Gregg.

PIZZA INN

Now hiring full-time & part-time cooks & drivers. Must be 18 and have valid driver's license. NO PHONE CALLS.

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SECURITY: Cornell Corrections, leader private corrections, needs Correctional officers immediately. Will train. Excellent wages/benefits. fulltime, must be available all shifts and weekends. Apply in person, Big Spring Correctional Center, 610 Main St, Suite B, Big Spring, Texas. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. EOE. M/F/V/D.

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SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS - Have you filed for your benefits and been denied? We can help! Free initial consultation. F.M. Blake Associates. 1-800-786-9024.

Stanton Care Center currently seeks a Receptionist/Office Clerk to join our team. Computer skills and ability to meet deadlines essential. Accounts Payable/Payroll experience preferred. Responsibilities include answering phones and filing. Interested candidates, please send resume to: Office Manager, Stanton Care Center, P.O. Box 400, Stanton, TX 79782. EOE.

TEAM & SINGLE DRIVERS WANTED We offer an excellent benefit package: Sign-on-bonus, competitive wage package, 401K with company contribution, retention bonus, Health/Dental/Life insurance, and uniforms.

REQUIREMENTS ARE: 1 year semi driving experience or completion of an accredited truck driver school, CDL with haz-mat and tanker endorsements, pass DOT and company requirements. We will help train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry.

Apply in person at STEERE TANK LINES INC., 1200 ST. Hwy 176, Phone # (915) 263-7656.

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WANTED: Baby-sitter for infant to come to my home. Nonsmoker, light house-keeping. References required. Hours 7:30am-4:30pm. Please send replies to Box 3218, c/o Big Spring Herald P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring TX 79720

Wanted- Owner Operators / Drivers. Power only fleet. Deliver trailers loaded and empty. Get paid for delivering empty trailer! Call for information 1-800-543-6482.

WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION JOBS Now hiring Game Wardens, Security, Maintenance, Park Rangers, etc. No exp. necessary. For application and info call 407-338-6100, ext. TX212 C. 7:00am-8:00pm, 7 days.

**BIG SPRING AREA SALES &

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION AVAILABLE**

Seeking professional, self-motivated Account Executive & Administrative Assistant for an established growing communications company. Must have good "people skills", loads of energy, self motivated, and be driven to succeed. Advancement possible. Long Distance experience preferred not required. Base plus commission, great benefits. Send resume to 3916 Tanglewood, Odessa, Texas, 79762.

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WARNING! DON'T LOSE to home assembly, envelope stuffing, or scams. For real home jobs call now! 1-800-550-3781 ext 912 or 800-677-1207 Pin 1076.

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.

EXPERIENCED TEENAGE BOY will do yard work, haul trash, etc. At reasonable rates. Call 263-2879.

LOANS

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RENT-TO-OWN REBUILT APPLIANCES Easy terms, guaranteed, delivery and connect. will buy Kenmore, whirlpool & GE washers. We have evaporative and refrigerated air conditioners for sale 264-0510 and/or 1811 Scurry.

Auctions

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SPRING CITY AUCTION

2000 W. 4th

7:00pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH

7:00pm

Indian figurines, wood crates, large elk mount, telescope, golf clubs, new hand tools, new locks, coolers, jars, glassware, new toys, kerosene lamps, coins, pictures, brass items, spurs, VCR movies, barn wood pie safe, barn wood cabinet, footed bath tub, floor lamp, small desk, wood rocker, metal utility cart, bag phone, computers, TV's, queen bed, dresser, Bed & night stand, sofa & recliner, office chairs, metal beds, metal patio swing, oak desk, Okeef & Merrett gas range with griddle, double oven electric range, side by side refrigerator, maple drop leaf table with 4 chairs, chandeliers, chip warmer, cheese warmer, large drip-A-Lator, bicycles, exercise bikes, exercise machinery, carpenter tool box with tools, yard tools, boomers, 22 caliber Raven pistol, cross bow, 22 rifle crack shot, 12 gauge shot gun, muscel loaded, 30-06 german rifle, organ, long wide camper shell, pick-up bed liner long-wide Ford, go-cart.

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Building Materials

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26 GAUGE steel roofing metal, slightly hail damaged. All lengths, white, red, charcoal. 30 cents per square foot, we have over 14,000 square per foot. Call 263-3182, night 267-3730.

Dogs, Pets, Etc

375

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FREE KENNEL CLUB

BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE:

Helps you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Purebred rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

Dogs, Pets, Etc

375

FREE kittens. Call 394-4517.

Kittens to give away. Call 263-7831.

Looking for a good home for a stray kitten. Very loving. Call 263-4645.

Garage Sale

380

INSIDE! VACUUMS! LAMPS! TABLES! COOKBOOKS! ANTIQUES! FURNITURE! BEDS! STEREO! RECORDS! TV'S! 1 FAN! PLANTS! PIANO! COLLECTABLES! THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 406 E. 22nd.

2504 W. 16TH. (off FM 700). Sat. 27th. 7:30am-7:30 gallon aquarium, stereo with CD player, fishing rods, women's plus size clothes up to size 26, big men's clothes up to size 50. Lots of misc. Home-made burritos for sale.

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 2717 Carol Dr. Friday & Saturday, 8:00am. Lot of baby items.

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: FM ROAD 33, across from Hwy. Dept. In Garden City. Saturday, 8:00am-7:00am. Lots of goods.

3 Family Garage Sale. 1602 Johnson. Friday and Saturday, 8-5. Love seat, couch, lots of miscellaneous.

5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Sat. 7:00am-5:00pm. 115 Hopper. Moss Creek Exit, follow signs. Burritos, waterbed, couches, washers, telescope, tools, toolboxes, household misc., all size clothing, toys.

END OF THE MONTH SALE: Air conditioners, jewelry, dishes, couch & chairs. Friday & Saturday. 2210 Main.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY. Refrigerator, freezer, lawn mower, weed eater, yard tools, hand tools, power tools, maple table & chairs, chest, old oak dresser, couch & love seat, 1880 pit (very nice), butter churn, lamps, mirrors, collectibles. Lots of decorative items & glassware. 509 Highland Dr.

FRONT YARD SALE: 3905 Doton. Saturday. 8:00am-5:00pm. Lots of clothes

SPAS 431

FOR SALE: Complete Satellite system, includes dish, cable, & descrambler. \$1200. Call 267-4605.

Telephone Service 445

TELEPHONE JACKS installed for \$32.50
Business and Residential Sales and Service
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Want To Buy 503

WANTED: A childrens indoor gate. Call 263-5822.

REAL ESTATE

Acreage for Sale 504

MARTIN COUNTY 10.35 ACRES. Get away on CR 2330 Utilities. \$71/mo.-4% interest. Call FOREST AMERICA GROUP 1-800-275-7376, Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

FOR SALE: 900 Acres pasture on North Midway Road. Good water 1/2 mile of paved frontage. Call 267-3547 or 263-7201.

Small tracks of land for sale 5 to 7 miles south of town. Have land that will make more than 50 gallons of water per minute. Will consider terms or Texas Veterans. Also have land 1 1/2 West of Coahoma. 263-8785. Also have 8 Emus for sale.

Business Property 508

ANTIQUES ETC. offering new spaces for lease in our comfortable, serviceable shopping environment in high traffic north Midland. Open 7 days a week. Call Dan Haller, 915-682-9257, 10:30am to 6:00 pm.

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RESTAURANT FOR LEASE Willow Park Inn, Snyder, Tx., 915-573-1961, ask for Jackie.

RETAIL STORE for lease approximately 3,000 square feet located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-8514, owner/broker.

TWO STORY - THREE APARTMENTS, some furniture and appliances. \$17,500.00 cash only. 263-3081 after 4:00.

Houses for Sale 513

4 BEDROOM, 2 Bath brick, A/H with extras on E. 24th. BOOSIE WEAVER REAL ESTATE, 267-8940.

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BARGAINS ON GOVERNMENT FORECLOSED HOMES!! Save up to 50% or more. Minimum or no down payment. Repossessed properties sold daily. Listings available now! 1-800-338-0020, E 6000.

BRAND NEW in Coronado Hills, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, huge living room with built in entertainment center, lawn, sprinkler, mini blinds, and large country kitchen. Open house Saturday and Sunday. Call 1-915-520-9648 for showing.

Cash for your house or equity regardless of condition. (806) 794-5964.

FOR SALE: 2 houses on 3 city lots, 2 garages, 1 water well, 1 storm cellar. Call 394-4929 from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Rebuilt 3-2 home, nice kitchen with all appliances. Kentwood area. 2501 Ann Dr. Call for apt. 264-6173. Mid 70's.

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSED HOMES, pennies on the \$1. Repot's, HUD, Sheriff sales. No money down government loans available now. Local listings. Toll free 1-800-869-2292 ext. H-4400.

KENTWOOD - REBECCA ST. 4 Bedroom, 2 bathroom house, 2 car garage. Large living area with corner fireplace. 263-6155

MUST SELL: Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bath, country home on 12 acres, Tubb addition, Forsan school district, great water, large porch, \$96,500. Call 263-3540.

OWNER FINANCE. 1220 E. 15th. Two bedrooms, one bath, garage. Term: \$1,800 down & \$300 per month. (806)791-0367.

OWNER FINANCE. 1203 Barnes. Three bedrooms, one bath. Terms: \$1,000 down & \$275 per month. (806)791-0367.

THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car carport, central air/heat. Large family room, dining room, fenced back yard. Adjacent vacant lot, Coahoma School District, \$99,500. Call (915) 728-4077 or 393-6797.

Houses for Sale 513

People Just Like You Read The Classified. Sell your home with our 5 day or 10 day package. Call us, Fax us, or come by TODAY and let us help you tell over 20,000 potential buyers that you have a house for sale. Phone 263-7331, Fax (915)264-7205. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover.

RENT-TO-OWN-HOMES
4 BEDROOM, 2-BATH, garage, barn, fenced, \$350.00/mo. 15yrs. Real neat 2-bedroom, fenced, \$250/mo. 1-bedroom, garage, nice house, nice yard, \$200.00/mo. 264-0510.

WAS 27, NOW 18 HOME SITES LEFT in Coronado Hills!! Very competitive pricing! Don't be fooled by other misleading ads. Know your true bottom loan & payment up front.
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Mobile Homes 517

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CLEAN ATTRACTIVE Large 1 bedroom apartment. Carpet, refrigerated air, \$275. No bills paid. No pets. 1104 E. 11th. 267-7628.

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- 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
- Lighted Tennis Courts
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Furnished Houses 522

FURNISHED: 2 bedroom, completely furnished. Water paid. \$250/month, \$150/deposit. Call 267-8754 or 263-4000.

Housing Wanted 523

WANTED TO RENT
Nice clean affordable 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in a nice clean neighborhood, ASAP. Call 263-7331 or 264-7440.

Storage Rentals 531

FOR SALE: ARROW Metal Storage building - 10'x6'. NEW. Still in original shipping carton. Never been unpacked. \$200.00 Cash. Delivered anywhere in Big Spring. Call 263-2484.

Unfurnished Apts. 532

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Section 8 Available
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1, 2, & 3 BEDROOMS
NON-SMOKING APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

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263-6319

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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.

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HWY 80, 264-0353

Now leasing 1 & 2 bedroom apartments.

Call for details.

Unfurnished Houses 533

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. 1104 rear No. lan. No pets. 267-3841, or 556-4022.

2 Bedroom, 1 bath with garage, Park Hill area. Will be available the 30th. Call 263-1054.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, DUPLEX. On midway road in Sand Springs. 267-3841, or 556-4022.

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 Bath, double car garage, fireplace, Kentwood area, 2510 Ann. \$600/month. 1st and last month down and deposit required. Call David or Connie 915-943-6056.

4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 1602 Virginia. Call 267-7628.

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.

CLEAN 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Carpet, stove and refrigerator. \$300. No bills paid. 1405 Princeton. 267-7628.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Newly remodeled. \$250/month, \$200/deposit. 1110 E. 13th St.

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WANTED!!! 100 PEOPLE to lose up to 30lbs., 30 days. GUARANTEED. 1-800-310-9428.

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FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 103 E. 20th. Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. 8:00am-7:00pm. Picnic tables, watermelons, lots of baby clothes, furniture, & misc.

BACKYARD SALE: 1404 Orile St. Thursday - Sunday. 9:00-3:00. Summer and winter clothes, Sega CD and games. Lots of miscellaneous. Don't miss out!

CARPET SALE: 808 E. 14th. Friday-Sunday. 8:00am till 7 PM. satellite dish, refrigerated air unit, tires, encyclopedia, ladies, childrens clothes.

GARAGE SALE: 2718 Cindy. 7:00am to 12:00pm. Toys, clothes, bikes, and lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: 3208 Fordham. Saturday. 8:00am-3:00pm. Furniture, appliances, girl clothes (newborn to 24 months), lots of misc.

GARAGE SALES: 1310 Owens & 1802 Owens. Bed room suite, bar stool, deep freezer, good school clothes, lots of miscellaneous. Sat. & Sun., 9am.

GARAGE SALE: 4119 Muir. Friday. 9:00am-4:00pm. Couch, love seat, play plan, walker, baby clothes & shoes (6-9 months), comforter & curtains.

GARAGE SALE: 1310 Johnson. Saturday 27th. 8:00am-3:00pm. Clothing, houseware, many misc. items.

GARAGE SALE: 100 E. 10th St. Friday & Saturday. 8:00am-3:00pm. Irons, school clothes (Azado burritos).

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for the Estate of WILLIAM HENRY GRIFFIN, JR., Deceased, were issued on the 22nd day of July 1996, in Docket No. 12,183 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to ROBBIE L. GRIFFIN.

The residence of the Administrator is in Howard County, Texas, the post office address is: c/o C. E. (BILLY) THOMAS, III P.O. Drawer 2117 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2117

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 22nd day of July, 1996.

ROBBIE L. GRIFFIN
By: Attorney for Estate
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P.O. Drawer 2117
Big Spring, Texas 79721-2117
(915) 263-4142
6991 July 25, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Howard will accept proposals until 3:00 p.m. on August 7, 1996 for Group Health and Group Dental Insurance.

Anyone interested in submitting a proposal may obtain applications from Bonnie Franklin, County Treasurer, 2nd floor, County Courthouse, 300 Main St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Proposals will be presented to the Commissioners' Court on August 12, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. for their consideration.

Bonnie Franklin,
County Treasurer
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JULY 26:

Excellence is your trademark. You are willing to do what you need to in order to be a success in your chosen field and in your personal life. Examine your long-term goals. This is your year. No matter what occurs, you land on your feet. Sometimes, your plans are foiled. But in the long run, a setback might be for the best. If you are single, this could be an exciting time, when the unexpected occurs in relationships.

Don't count on stability right away. If attached, make plenty of time for your partner. Your libido is charged into the coupling. SAGITTARIUS brings out the kid in you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A discussion delivers unusual feedback. You see the big picture. Get information, then move in a new direction. Dynamic thinking helps you realize long-term desires. It is you who makes this possible, no one else. Tonight: Pack your bags, and head out. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instincts about a partner are accurate. You receive important news that helps you see how right on you are. One-to-one relating is instrumental to a stronger tie. Share vulnerable feelings. Come to a joint decision. Tonight: Share a romantic night for two. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A friend helps you realize what you can expect from a long-term relationship. Doors open if you are willing to make a commitment. Make time for an important office gathering before you start your weekend. Tonight: Commence with the rounds of parties. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Assume responsibility. In some instances, that means asking for what you want. Touch base with your financial objectives. Make an appointment with an investment counselor. The time has come to plan for the future. Tonight: Go out with a co-worker. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are full of merriment. Examine goals. Your fun-loving nature comes out with a loved one. Discuss your long-term plans with this person. Use caution with flirtation, as another sees it differently. Tonight: Let the good times roll. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Check out finances, loans and other available sources. Stay anchored about an investment

or a big purchase. Make sure it will be as you expect. It may take a long time to come to term. Tonight: Enjoy a friendly night at home. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Another gives you his opinion, which could be a bit rough on you. Think through a key decision. Creativity is high, and you reach out for another. Listen carefully to someone's ideas. Be willing to run with him. Sort through messages. Tonight: Head off to a favorite spot. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You indulge yourself excessively. Consider the pros and cons of a situation. Work may be suffering. Consider the ramifications of not clearing your desk and completing tasks. Discipline helps make this a better day. Tonight: Head home. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are personality-plus and are able to put ideas into action. A loved one needs to know you care. He may feel threatened by your preoccupation with other matters. Call it an early day if you can. Your efforts will be magnanimously returned. Tonight: Share the good vibes. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do some solid thinking about your life, domestic situation and desires. Veer in another direction, even if you are unsure if you want to. In some ways, you can tolerate too much. Don't push, just do what you must. Tonight: Let someone else do the cooking. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A strong communication may set you back for a moment. Emphasize your dreams, an expanded friendship or a new circle of friends. Be willing to go for what you want. Your time is now. Another listens well. Tonight: Christen the weekend with style. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A financial liability puts you out of sorts. A boss is impressed by your efforts. You need to work longer and later than you initially thought. Be gracious about what is happening, even if you don't feel like it. In the long run, it pays off. Tonight: Make a call to an older relative. ****

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Picture of health is clouded by cardiovascular disease

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this in the hope of alerting others to some of the lesser-known symptoms of possible heart problems.

I was a daily runner for 23 years and never thought I would have cardiovascular disease.

For several months as I started my run, I felt a burning sensation in my throat. It kept getting worse, but always went away after about a mile of my three-mile run. I never experienced any chest pains, although toward the end, I did have occasional pain in my upper left arm.

My doctor finally gave me a stress test (treadmill), which showed heart abnormalities.

To summarize: In an 11-month period, I have had angioplasty twice and triple bypass surgery. Some of my arteries were 95 percent blocked although the heart itself was strong.

I'm writing to warn anyone who might be experiencing the burning sensation when engaging in strenuous activity such as jogging, running, mowing their lawn, etc. I had had several EKGs, which did not reveal the artery blockages. Please inform your readers that everyone should have a periodic stress test. You may use my name. — JOHN A. HARD-AWAY, LEAVENWORTH, KAN.

DEAR JOHN: I'm sure there

are many people living healthy lifestyles who think they have no need to worry about cardiovascular disease, but you are evidence that a healthy lifestyle may not be enough; screening is also necessary.

According to Dr. Rodman Starke, senior vice president of the American Heart Association, coronary artery disease resulting in heart attack is the single largest killer of American men and women. He said: "Each year, as many as 1.5 million Americans experience a new or recurrent heart attack, and about 500,000 of them die. That is why early diagnosis of coronary artery disease is so important."

Dr. Starke and the American Heart Association urge everyone to learn the warning signs that signal a heart problem: uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back; pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck, arms or jaw; chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

Not all the warning signs occur in every patient, but if some begin to occur, get help immediately because the delay could be fatal.

Readers, please don't let John's story be your story. Talk to your doctor as soon as possible about a cardiovascular evaluation, and if you have experienced any of the warning signs, call 911 or your local medical emergency hotline immediately.

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6	PM News Wn. Fortune	Simpsons Home Imp.	Science Guy	North and South: Book II (488361)	News (5980) Wn. Fortune	News (5980) Wn. Fortune	News (5980) Wn. Fortune	Home Videos	Married (15729)	Baby-Sitters Ready or Not	Dukes of Hazzard	Assault at West Point	There Goes My Baby	Movie: Speed (CC) (844036)	Light of the Southwest (864729)	Equalizer (864729)	Beyond 2000 Next Step	In the Heat of the Night	U.S. Soccer '96	400019 Dallas	see's Partner (13126100)	Out All Night Sanford & Son
7	PM High Incident (CC) (8600)	Marlin Living Single	Nat'l Geo. on Assignment	Rescue 911 (80922)	Movie: Driving Miss Daisy (CC) (83564)	Movie: There Are No Games (CC) (84038)	Movie: There Are No Games (CC) (84038)	Major League Baseball	El Premio Mayor (41342106)	Blavencos (30212)	Ingild (8959038)	Prime Time Country	Movie: Glory (873498)	On Set: Dredd	Bishop James John Osteen	Target: Mafu (86212)	Time Traveler (860816)	Amageddon (7874822)	Movie: Werlock: The Cycle World (73908)	Cheerleaders: Prodigy	Winds of the Wasteland	Video Soul (527552)
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11	PM Roseanne	The Night LAPD	Battlefield (CC)	Bonanza	Married... With	Ent. Tonight (40) Rokonda	News Summer	San Francisco Giants	Boy con Daniela (45) Movie: The Shadow Riders	Life of Ernest Tubbs	(1917632)	Bad Company	Movie: Private Lessons	Movie: The Principal	Biography (471106)	Wild Discovery	Fort. Baseball Pro Beach	Running	(15) Movie: State Fair	Rap City (410545)		
12	AM Rush L. (35) Tempest	Extra Star Trek	(472729)	Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	(5868496) The City	Olympic Games	Movie: The Shooting	(188903) Al Dabrez	The Shadow Riders	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country	Prime Time Country

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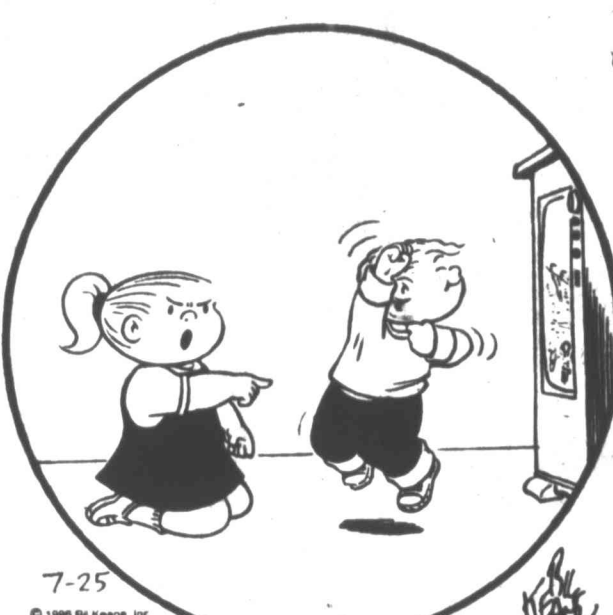


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Today is Thursday, July 25, the 207th day of 1996. There are 159 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword by C.F. Murray

ACROSS

- Jogger's gait
- Men and boys
- Familiar cousin
- Section in Sunday's paper
- Official stamp
- Mala
- Author Loos
- Take on
- Flush
- Kevin Costner film
- Fountain or Seeger
- Yawn
- Borstal employee
- Academic garb
- Phases
- Contented sound
- Dick's love
- Thong
- Braided
- Flower
- An Allen
- '70s hair style
- Family circle member
- Watery swelling
- Carries on
- Jewish queen of Persia
- Recipe word
- gin fizz
- Shakespearean drama
- Toodle-oo
- Land east of the Urals
- Welles or Bean
- Ad infinitum
- Fit inside
- Places for murals
- Remainder
- Pro —
- Gist

DOWN

- Melt
- Hollywood gossip, Barrett
- Leave out
- Beret's place
- Person in a will
- James — Jones

34 Put to flight

35 Miller and

36 Caresse

38 Give up

40 Water wheel

41 Hammer for breaking concrete

42 Massimo Troisi's film

43 "Bolero" composer

44 Mountain ridge

45 Gold seeker

46 Beetle Bailey's nemesis

47 High school course

48 Be prodigal

49 Church section

50 Undersized animal

51 Mel Gibson film

52 Ivan or Nicholas

53 Footlike part

54 Cheese with a red rind

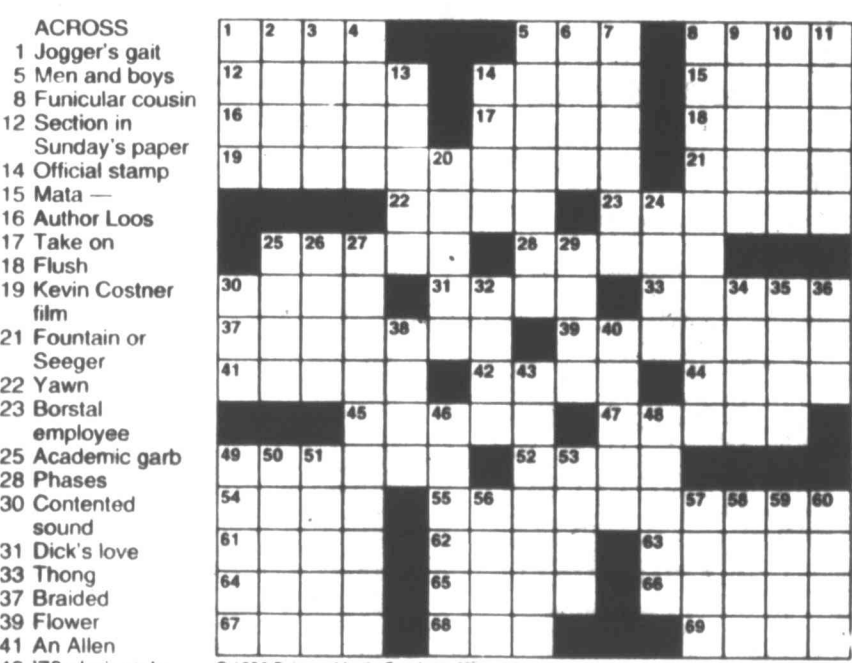
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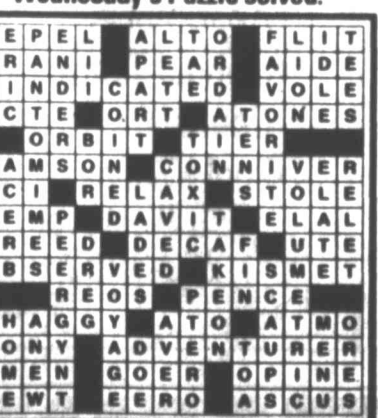
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Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



7/25/96

- Severe
- Wandering
- Pointer
- Chemical compound
- Work like a drudge
- Lugs
- Not this
- What "video" means
- Apothecary weight
- Capri, e.g.
- KS town
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Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on July 25, 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

On this date: In 1593, France's King Henry IV converted from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism.

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory.

In 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot flew across the English Channel in a monoplane, traveling from Calais to Dover in 37 minutes.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and reasserted his authority.)

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, 40 years ago, 51 people died when the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast.

In 1963, the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain initiated a treaty in Moscow prohibiting the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, in space or underwater.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first test-tube baby, was born in Oldham, England; she'd been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

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