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County will again combine voting precincts for Nov. 4 constitutional election

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Combining the county's 21 voting precincts into six precincts for last December's runoff election for the District 28 State Senate seat and for the Aug. 9 homestead exemption referendum worked so well that Howard County commissioners have decided to do it again on Nov. 4.

The U.S. Department of Justice will again have to give its permission for the county to consolidate voting precincts, which shouldn't be a problem, according to Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray.

The county's 18,000 registered voters will return to the polls in 47 days to say "yes" or "no" to 14 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, including:

- **Amendment One** — The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation.

- **Amendment Two** — The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the

school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead.

- **Amendment Three** — The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented.

- **Amendment Four** — The constitutional amendment eliminating dupli-

cate numbering in certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution.

- **Amendment Five** — The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state.

- **Amendment Six** — The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas Growth Fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia.

- **Amendment Seven** — The constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water sup-

ply, water quality, flood control or state participation from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs.

- **Amendment Eight** — The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead.

- **Amendment Nine** — The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem

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Renaming streets could become more difficult

At least one council member is critical of proposed policy's \$500 application fee

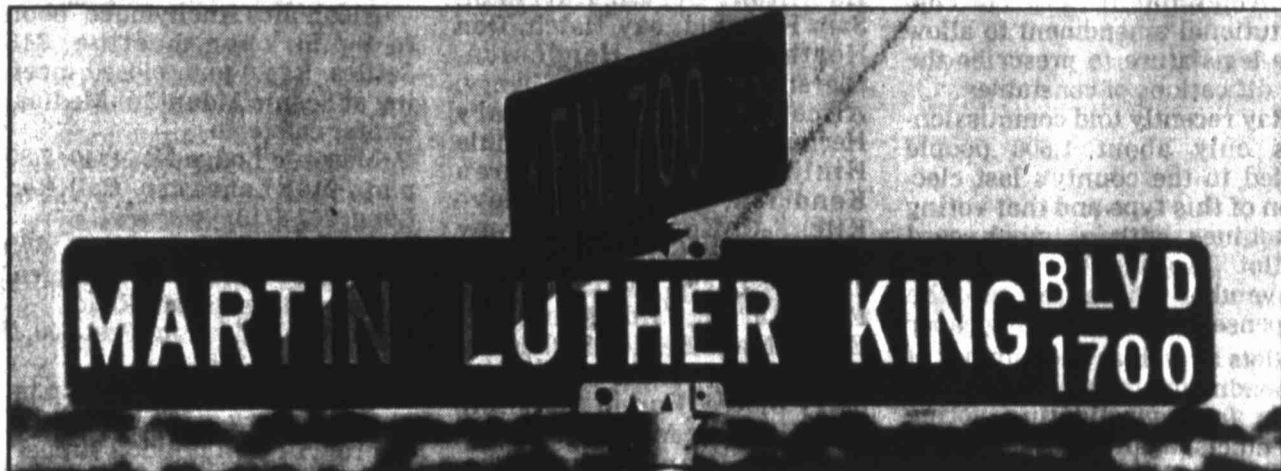
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Having a street named in someone's memory, usually to recognize the work or accomplishments achieved within a community is a grand gesture but one which could become more difficult in Big Spring if a proposed ordinance is passed by the Big Spring city council.

Since late spring, at the request of the council, the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and Traffic Commission have worked together to come up with a set of guidelines regulating the naming or renaming of streets after people in Big Spring.

Councilman Jimmy Campbell was the driving force behind the idea of establishing an ordinance with the purpose of establishing uniform criteria and procedures, applicable to all persons, groups firms and agencies proposing to change a street name in Big Spring.

The proposed ordinance requires an application requesting a name change be submitted to the city's Community Services Department and be accompanied by a petition signed by more than 75 percent of the owners of land abutting the



street for which the change is requested. The signatures on the petition must be in favor of the proposed change.

The proposed ordinance states an application requesting the change of a street name must include:

- The current official street name.

- The proposed street name, which shall meet the policy guidelines of Chapter 17, Article 5 of the code of Ordinances.

- A detailed description of the reason for the requested street name change, not to exceed 5,000 words or be less than 1,000 words, including discussion of major contributions of the individual to the community of Big Spring.

- The name, address and telephone number of the person, persons, corporation, association, group or entity proposing the name change.

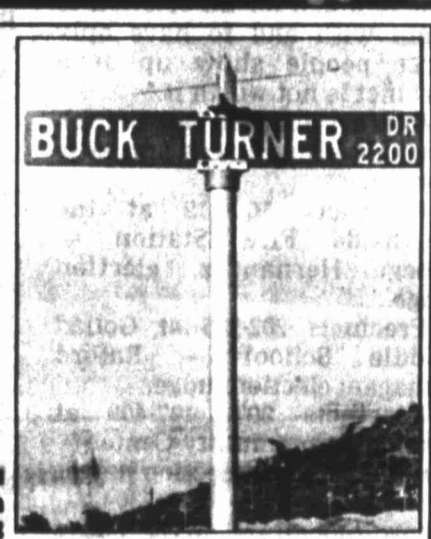
- The name, address and telephone number of one person

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Councilman
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with authority to represent binding commitments and take official action relative to such street name change on behalf of the proponents.

- A non-refundable application fee of \$500 to cover the administrative cost of review, postage, advertising and name change filing expenses, as well as \$50 per property requiring



an address change to cover the cost of changes to any street name or address signs to be deposited with the city's Community Services Department.

Once an application has been completed, it will be reviewed by the Traffic Commission.

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Bees

County officials suspect aggressive bees are of Africanized variety

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Although it hasn't been officially confirmed, officials strongly suspect that Africanized honey bees have taken up at least temporary residence in this area.

Africanized bees are slightly smaller and more aggressive than European honey bees, Howard County agriculture agent David Kight said.

Howard County has not been officially confirmed as a site for the bees, according to state apary inspector Paul Jackson of Texas A&M, but the insects have been reported in Martin, Glasscock and Dawson counties.

Kight said there have been two or three incidents this past summer involving bee attacks, and the nature of those incidents leads him to believe that Africanized bees have colonized in this area.

"We don't know for positive they are Africanized bees ... but we think they are," Kight said. "There's no way to tell the difference between the two unless you put them under a microscope. It's not a situation where you can look at the hives or bees and tell they're Africanized."

Jackson said that Africanized bees are about 8 percent smaller than their European cousins.

Kight said Africanized bees are not any more poisonous than their American cousins.

The only major difference between the two breeds, Kight said, is in attitude — Africanized bees are far more aggressive than domestic breeds.

"They're not any more poisonous than American bees, but they are quite a bit more aggressive ... (and) more apt to swarm," he said. "So elderly people or someone who is extremely allergic to bee stings could have a problem with them."

Jackson hesitated to call Africanized bees aggressive, saying instead they were true wild bees. European bees, by contrast, have had their aggressiveness bred out of them by beekeepers.

"If (Africanized bees) didn't become aggressive or swarm at times, they wouldn't survive," Jackson said.

Jackson added that there are several months in the season

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David Kight
Ag Extension Agent
Howard County

when Africanized bees are just as gentle as their European cousins. They become their most aggressive during periods of high brood-rearing.

At those times, persons who disturb a hive can expect a violent response. Where a person attacked by a swarm of European bees can expect three or four stings in a 30-second period, they can be stung up to 300 times in the same time frame by Africanized bees, Jackson said.

Kight said there have been "three or four" reports of bee attacks in this area during the past month.

"Typically, (Africanized bees) become more active and aggressive toward the latter part of the summer," Kight said. "Every incident we've heard about has been caused by lawnmower activity. In all bees, high-pitched noise ... excites them."

Jackson said Africanized bees swarm during the late summer and early autumn months, much later than European bees.

"If you see a swarm in your back yard (during that time), get rid of them, because the odds are very high that the bees are Africanized," he said.

Also, if people find hives within three feet of the ground, the odds are increased that the bees are Africanized. Jackson added, however, that Africanized bees follow no set rules as to where they place their hives.

Kight said local residents have no reason to fear a sudden rash of "bee muggings."

"Usually, (Africanized) bees will not attack people as long as they're not excited by some high-pitched noise or if they're disturbed," he said. "There have been exceptions, but normally

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TWO-VEHICLE CRASH ON U.S. 87

Police and rescue personnel investigate the scene of a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 87 and FM 846 Wednesday afternoon. Anna Mae Hyden of Luther, the driver of the overturned sport utility vehicle (background), and Gladys Macon, a passenger in the other vehicle, were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where they were treated and released. Hyden was cited for failure to yield right of way.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett



WEATHER

Tonight:



Fri:



Sat:



Sun:



Tonight, fair. Low in lower 70s. Friday, partly cloudy. High in mid 90s. Friday night, slight chance of t'storms near morning. Lows in 60s. Saturday, mostly cloudy, windy and colder. Chance of t'storms. Highs to the mid 70s. Sunday, cloudy and breezy with chance of rain. Lows in 40s. Highs 65-70.

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Big Spring's Holiday Inn Express still planned

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Despite some indications to the contrary — a weed-covered vacant lot, for instance — Dr. P.V. Patel's plans to construct a Holiday Inn Express in North Big Spring are progressing.

Patel, a Midland cardiologist announced plans last year to construct a Holiday Inn Express on the site formerly occupied by Broughton Implement on U.S. 87 north in Big Spring.

'Original plans called for a 100-

bed motel at the site, but Patel downsized that estimate to 66 rooms.

Construction also has been delayed, and Patel has been cited by the city for failure to maintain weed control on the lot. In addition, the city charged Patel for cleanup work done on the site after the Broughton building was demolished.

Concerns have been expressed that the project was dead, but city and Holiday Inn officials said nothing has changed.

Elizabeth Taylor, a spokesperson for Holiday Inn, said the

company still expects a 50-bed Express motel to be opened at 910 Lamesa Highway in January 1998.

In addition, Joe Hughes of Home Realtors said plans are in the works to recruit a restaurant to be located near the property.

Patel's PVP Inc. owns the main portion of the property, while a restaurant, if recruited, would be located in the frontage area of the property.

Express motels differ from regular motels in that they're usually smaller and more

geared toward business travelers, and offer fewer amenities than a full-service motel.

Services geared toward business travelers include complimentary continental breakfast, free local phone service, meeting rooms, fax service and express check-out.

The first Holiday Inn Express was opened in 1990. Today, there are more than 600 worldwide, according to information released by the company.

Patel has failed to return repeated telephone calls from the Herald.

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OBITUARIES

Virginia Goodin

Funeral service for Virginia Goodin, Balch Springs, will be 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 1997, at Restland Abbey Chapel with Dr. Michael Waco officiating. Burial will be in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas.

Mrs. Goodin died Tuesday, Sept. 16, in Mesquite. She was born on Aug. 11, 1933, in Carrollton, Ga.

Survivors include: her husband, Robert G. Goodin, Balch Springs; one son, Leslie T. Pachall, Balch Springs; brothers and sisters, Joyce Grizzard, San Angelo, Reba Parrish, Nile Cole, both of Big Spring, Maxie Cole, Norman, Okla., and W.W. Cole, Biloxi, Miss.; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Restland Funeral Home, Dallas.

Comic Skelton dies at 84

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Red Skelton, the sentimental clown who delighted TV audiences for 20 years playing Clem Kadiddlehopper, Freddie the Freeloader and the Mean Widdle Kid, died Wednesday. He was 84.

The comic known for his crushed porkpie hat, unruly hair, crossed eyes and goofy, twisted grin died at a hospital in Rancho Mirage. He had been ill for a long time, but the nature of the illness was not disclosed.

"I don't want to be called 'the greatest' or 'one of the greatest'; let other guys claim to be the best," Skelton once said. "I just want to be known as a clown because to me that's the height of my profession. It means you can do everything — sing, dance, and above all, make people laugh."

His characters included Clem Kadiddlehopper, a slow-witted hayseed; Freddy the Freeloader, a silent tramp; The Mean Widdle Kid, whose favorite expression was "I dood it!"; punchdrunk boxer Cauliflower McPug; the inebriated Willie Lump-Lump; henpecked husband George Appleby; and the cross-eyed seagulls Gertrude and Heathcliffe.

Each show concluded with his trademark line: "Good night, and God bless."

Skelton was already a leading film comic, starring in a series of comedies, when he began his TV career on NBC in 1951. He moved to Tuesday nights on CBS in 1953, placing among the Top 10 shows eight times, then returned to NBC in 1970.

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Lola "Honey" Knowles, 69, died Monday. Services are today at 1:30 PM at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Mrs. Hubert H. "Ruth" Rutherford, 92, died Sunday. Services were at 10:00 AM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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which will forward a recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission. A public hearing will be held no more than 90 days from the date of the application and all nearby property owners will be notified.

A denial of a proposed street name change from the Planning and Zoning Commission is final unless the denial is appealed in writing to the council through the Community Services Department within 10 days of the denial.

As for criteria for renaming a street, name changes will no longer be limited to those who are deceased, and streets already named in honor or memory of a person are not eligible for a name change.

The proposed ordinance also states streets that have experienced a name change are not eligible for additional or further name changes for a period of no less than 20 years.

Major thoroughfares and major collector streets are not eligible for a name change unless they receive unanimous consent of the Traffic Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission and city council, and "street name changes in honor of a business are not eligible unless and business has operated in the same location and under the same name for at least 35 years."

Councilman Chuck Cawthon is opposed to the proposed ordinance because he says it will discourage people from participating in such activities.

"I don't like the ordinance the way it's written at all," Cawthon said. "A great town is full of great people and we should be able to recognize our great citizens. A \$500 fee is ridiculous."

"The ordinance is supposed to be toned down some at the next council meeting and if it's not I won't vote for it," Cawthon added. "This country is set up to recognize great people."

Some of the most recent streets named after people in the include Martin Luther King Boulevard, Father Delaney Street, Sgt. Paredes Street, Buck Turner Drive and Chuck Bradley Boulevard. Additionally, Clyde McMahon, Sr. and the late Winston Wrinkle were recognized through the McMahon/Wrinkle Air Park.

BEES

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they don't bother anybody."

Another reason area residents shouldn't be too alarmed at the situation is that our climate works against the Africanized bees.

"Incidents are still very low here because we have cold enough winters that don't establish colonies in great numbers," Right said.

Jackson said the best way to combat Africanized bees is to call an exterminator.

If anyone believes they have Africanized bees on their property, they should contact the county extension office at 264-2236.

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ELECTION

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tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property.

• Amendment 10 — The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used.

• Amendment 11 — The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund.

• Amendment 12 — The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing.

• Amendment 13 — The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas Tomorrow Fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas Tomorrow Fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund.

• Amendment 14 — The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables.

Ray recently told commissioners only about 1,600 people voted in the county's last election of this type and that voting machines with a punch card ballot would be used in November because of the expense involved in using paper ballots as well as the number of amendments to be considered.

As for consolidating voting precincts again, Ray said, "It cost so much for an election to begin with and to have only three people show up at a precinct is not worth it."

Voters will again use the following polling places and election judges:

• Precincts 101-112 at the Northside Fire Station — Omega Hernandez, election judge.

• Precincts 202-205 at Goliad Middle School — Raford Dunagan, election judge.

• Precincts 207, 407-409 at Cochran Community Center — Maxine Himsley, election judge.

• Precincts 208 and 304 at Elbow School — Myrl Soles, election judge.

• Precincts 301-303 and 305 and 306 at the 18th and Main Fire Station — Nan Buske, election judge.

• Precincts 401-406 and 410 at the 11th and Birdwell Fire Station — Leta Kirby, election judge.

BRIEFS

YOUTH OF ST. PAUL Lutheran Church will sponsor Fall Fest '97 Sunday, Sept. 21 beginning at noon at the church, 9th and Gregg. There will be German sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad and dessert for \$6 a plate (adults) and \$4 (children).

Also planned are a cake walk, fish pond, moon walk, face painting, dunking booth and more. Call 267-7163 for information.

SOME CITY OF BIG SPRING offices will be closed Friday for relocation to the new municipal annex at 501 Rannels. The water office, building permits, code enforcement and ambulance billing departments will be closed Friday and resume normal service Monday.

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AROUND THE TOWN

THE BIG SPRING HIGH School class of 1962 is having a reunion during the Homecoming celebration of Oct. 3-4. The following list is of missing classmates. If you have any information on any of the people listed, please call Pat Rutledge at 263-3436 or write to her at 2101 E. 25th St., Big Spring.

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Dallas school board tables superintendent's resignation

DALLAS (AP) — Yvonne Gonzalez remains superintendent of the Dallas public schools despite submitting her resignation in a tearful news conference two days ago.

School trustees met behind closed doors for nine hours from Wednesday afternoon until early today before voting to table her resignation for 30 days. In the meantime, she'll be on paid administrative leave.

Gonzalez offered her resignation Tuesday night after the school district's chief financial officer filed a lawsuit accusing her of sexual harassment.

Robert Payton, an associate superintendent, will be acting superintendent while Gonzalez is on leave.

For most of Wednesday night's executive session, the school board discussed results of a corruption investigation that Gonzalez had ordered. Finally came the vote on the resignation and an announcement that the board had voted 6-

3 to delay a decision for 30 days. The vote was along racial lines with the board's three black members wanting to accept the resignation.

"It's unfortunate because it continues all the insinuations between blacks and hispanics," said Yvonne Ewell, one of the board members who voted against tabling the resignation. "We just need to get on with education, and we don't need all this ambivalence."

"I'm just thinking we continue to have whites running things. It's a major racial issue, and what worries me is that we may be getting to some serious embroilment, and I don't want to see it happen."

Lee Alcorn, a local official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was unhappy about the vote. A day earlier, he cheered news that she was stepping down.

"This makes no sense whatsoever. I'm not happy at all. This is a further travesty of justice,"

Alcorn said. "It's a further indication of the deep corruption and deep wrongness of the school district and the way they do business."

"Not only should we accept her resignation, we should fire her," Alcorn said. Black leaders opposed Gonzalez' selection last January. They wanted a black superintendent.

The vote on Gonzalez's resignation came eight months after she began her tenure as superintendent — a term that has seen the school system become a cauldron of racial and ethnic turmoil.

Calling it a job "no one can survive," Gonzalez had said Tuesday she was being driven out by allegations she sexually harassed a colleague, lavished money on office renovations and deliberately demoted or reassigned blacks.

As the executive session got under way Wednesday afternoon, hundreds of supporters thronged to the administration building. Most were vocal in their support of Gonzalez.

"Gonzalez! Gonzalez!" chanted the crowd as the afternoon faded to dusk.

The throng, numbering as high as about 1,000 at one point, cheered as people posted notes on windows to the board room with such messages as: "Don't go," and "Don't leave our children."

Meanwhile, for 7 hours trustees heard and discussed the results of the corruption probe.

Special counsel Marcos Ronquillo told reporters shortly before midnight that the district planned to file three lawsuits, starting today, seeking a total of at least \$10 million in damages for alleged shoddy and uncompleted work, vendor fraud and conspiracy. He said that some criminal charges would be sought. He declined to identify target.

"This is the tip of the iceberg," Ronquillo said. "We're just starting. The Dallas Independent School District will not long be victimized."

The last straw for Gonzalez, 44, came Friday when district chief financial officer Matthew Harden, who is black, filed a lawsuit alleging Gonzalez sent him notes filled with suggestive comments such as, "How about a little one-on-one?"

Earlier, he said Gonzalez, although she is married, told him she wanted to marry him.

Gonzalez also was accused of attaching a sophisticated tracking device to Harden's car because "she was jealous of other women around him."

Court records filed Wednesday showed that Gonzalez agreed to resign to settle Harden's lawsuit and obtain his evidence of her alleged misconduct.

But the deal faltered when Gonzalez purportedly failed to read a prearranged resignation statement. Consequently,

Harden refused Wednesday to drop his lawsuit.

Gonzalez denied the harassment allegations and said Harden's lawsuit was an attempt to discredit her because of the ongoing probe into district mismanagement. Harden's division has been the subject of internal and FBI investigations over the last few months involving overtime abuse, contract fixing and other allegations of corruption.

Several of Harden's top staffers have been placed on administrative leave or fired. Thirteen employees indicted on federal charges of overtime, fraud were in Harden's division.

For Gonzalez, who is Hispanic, trouble began from the day she came to Dallas from Santa Fe, N.M., to replace a white interim superintendent. Some blacks viewed it as another example of powerful whites and Hispanics shutting blacks out of power.

Gunmen open fire on tour bus outside Cairo museum

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Gunmen dressed in business suits opened fire on a tour bus today and set it ablaze with firebombs outside Cairo's popular Egyptian Museum, killing seven Germans and two other tourists.

Four foreign tourists and 15 Egyptians also were wounded in the attack, police said. There were no immediate reports of any American casualties.

No one immediately claimed responsibility. Witnesses said that police shot three of the attackers.

The attack was the worst against foreigners since April 1996, when gunmen opened fire on Greek and Australian tourists who were about to board a bus outside Cairo's Europa Hotel, near the pyramids. Eighteen Greeks were killed in that attack, and 16 Greeks and an Egyptian were wounded.

An Interior Ministry statement today said police had detained three "terrorists," the word usually used for Muslim militants who have waged a five-year campaign of violence against the government of Hosni Mubarak.

A police official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, said two of the attackers — brothers Mahmoud and Taha Farhat — were wounded and arrested. A third attacker was also shot and seriously injured, but was not identified.

The attack happened at the busy, downtown Tahrir Square, or Liberation Square, which is surrounded by hotels and office buildings.

Frightened tourists and

bystanders streamed away from the museum, home to one of the greatest collections of Pharaonic antiquities, including the golden treasures found in the tomb of Tutankhamen.

The attackers opened fire on the bus and hurled one bomb underneath it and a second one at the vehicle itself as the tourists were boarding, a police official told reporters.

At least 31 tourists were already inside the white bus when the first bomb exploded.

The wounded were rushed to Qasr el-Aini hospital, where eight Germans remained hospitalized in stable condition, hospital director Abdel-Muati Hussein said. There were no details on the other wounded.

Museum director Mohammed Salah told The Associated Press that "three persons came and began to throw some Molotov cocktails" at buses parked outside the museum.

Police said the attackers were wearing dark-colored business suits, apparently in an attempt to make them inconspicuous so they could approach the bus in the area which has many nearby office buildings. The museum is heavily guarded.

Nine people were found dead on the bus. Seven were German tourists, but authorities were uncertain if the other two victims were tourists or the Egyptian driver and tourist guide aboard the bus.

Witnesses said tourists were boarding the bus as the attack occurred.

Police officials, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said at least some of the attackers escaped and fled into the neighboring district.

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SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 1997

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 36 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow a person to hold the position of municipal judge in more than one municipality.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow a person who holds the office of municipal court judge to hold at the same time more than one civil office for which the person receives compensation."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to limit the maximum annual increase in homestead appraisals for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. The amendment would also permit the legislature to allow the governing body of a school district to elect to apply the law providing for the transfer of the age-65-and-older school property tax freeze to the person's new homestead, if the move to the new residence homestead occurred before the law took effect.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the Legislature to limit increases in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem taxation and to permit a school district to calculate the school property tax freeze applicable to the residence homestead of an elderly person or the surviving spouse of an elderly person in accordance with the law authorizing the transfer of the school property tax freeze to a different homestead regardless of whether that law was in effect at the time the person established the person's homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 45 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to authorize counties, cities, towns, and other local taxing entities to grant exemptions or other forms of ad valorem tax relief on property on which approved water conservation initiatives have been implemented.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit a taxing unit to grant an exemption or other relief from ad valorem taxes on property on which a water conservation initiative has been implemented."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 104 proposes an

amendment to update the Texas Constitution by deleting duplicate numbering in its provisions and removing certain of its obsolete portions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment eliminating duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 19 proposes an amendment to allow the Supreme Court of Texas to hold sessions at any location in this state. Currently, the court is limited to holding sessions only at Austin, the seat of state government.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the supreme court to sit to transact business at any location in this state."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 39 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the current provision which provides that the board of the Texas Growth Fund may not invest money in a business unless the business has disclosed to the board whether it has any direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment allowing the Texas growth fund to continue to invest in businesses without requiring those businesses to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia."

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 17 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas Water Development Fund II as a fund separate and distinct from the Texas Water Development Fund. The amendment would authorize the Texas Water Development Board to administer the fund and issue general obligation bonds for purposes of the fund under guidelines set forth in the amendment.

The amendment would also allow the Board to use loan repayments coming into the fund after the end of the fiscal year to make bond debt service payments, and would provide certain conditions for the flow of funds for repayment of Texas agricultural water conservation bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment relating Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations for water

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 31 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize home equity lending, in which a loan could be secured by a lien against the borrower's homestead. The amendment would also establish several provisions providing for consumer protection in the home equity lending process.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 96 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to authorize a property tax of five cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts which are located in Harris County. The constitution currently authorizes a property tax of three cents for each \$100 valuation in rural fire prevention districts regardless of what county they are in.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County of five cents on each \$100 of taxable value of property."

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 33 proposes a constitutional amendment to permanently dedicate monies from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund (and its auxiliary fund) so that they are used only for assisting victims of crime and not for any other purpose. If an episode of mass violence occurred, however, monies from the funds could be used to assist victims of the mass violence if all other sources of authorized emergency assistance were depleted first.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment designating the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 98 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the Legislature from authorizing additional state debt payable from the general revenue fund if the resulting annual debt service for each year to make payments would exceed five percent of the annual general revenue available

to the state. The term "additional state debt" does not include bonds that, although backed by the full faith and credit of the state, are reasonably expected to be paid from revenue sources other than the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment limiting the amount of state debt payable from the general revenue fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 55 proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Texas Supreme Court does not act on a motion for a rehearing within 160 days of the motion's filing, the motion is denied.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 8 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas Tomorrow Trust fund dedicated exclusively to the prepayment of tuition and fees for higher education. The amendment would guarantee that if there is not enough money during any fiscal year to pay the appropriate tuition and required fees, the needed money will be appropriated out of the first available money coming into the state treasury each fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, to extend the full faith and credit of the state to protect the Texas tomorrow fund of the prepaid higher education tuition program, and to establish the Texas tomorrow fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

House Joint Resolution 88 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to set the official qualifications for constables.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el 4 de noviembre de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podra obtener una gratis por llamada al 1-800-258-0683 o por escrito al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711.

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Quote of the Day

"Anything that comes easy, comes wrong."

Josephine Tessier

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OUR VIEWS

Local people will make Settles project successful

Did you ever look toward downtown Big Spring and wonder what that tallest building was?

It's a silly question, we know, because all of us who live here or have lived here know that it's the Settles Hotel. We also know that over the years it's value to the community has gone downhill in direct proportion to its state of disrepair.

In fact, its value has declined to the point that the Settles is one of the city's landmarks that locals most often try to avoid when touring visitors around the community.

But that could change "if" a couple of things happen within the community.

First is the Settles window project, first proposed by Tommy Churchwell.

Second is a restoration effort being heralded by a group called "Friends of the Settles."

Churchwell's project to put new windows in the building continues to gain momentum throughout the community. Now, more than 100 windows have been installed in the facility by Quality Glass and more are being purchased every day.

One of the most recent — and most heartwarming — purchases to-date involves residents at Canterbury Retirement Center.

"Those folks are on all limited incomes," Churchwell said, "yet they were able to work and pull together \$150 to buy a window."

We agree with Churchwell that if our community's golden age citizens, with limited income, can come up with the money for a window that those of us who are less restricted financially could certainly do the same.

Friends of the Settles is a group committed to a restoration project of at least the ground floor and the ballrooms of the Settles. The project would entail new awnings around the facility and would work hand-in-hand with Churchwell in ensuring the windows are secure.

Yes, there have been many projects in this community's past that involved the Settles. Instead of those people following through on those projects, the building has been raped, ravaged and plundered.

Instead of being the grand old dame of the community, she has turned into the town's bag lady.

We point out that this time there is something different about the present effort to do something positive with the Settles.

This time, instead of a San Antonio or Midland or Denver investor/developer, the people involved in these projects are your friends and neighbors ... they're folks you see in the grocery store ... that you go to the Rotary Club with ... that you pass on the street.

These projects will succeed because Big Spring is their hometown ... and when they do something positive about the Settles, they do something positive for their community.

It's time for you to sign on as well.

TO BUY A WINDOW

• Go by Quality Glass, 505 E. 2nd in downtown Big Spring.

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GIVE IT A REST, DICK! SO AL GORE'S GOT BIG PROBLEMS... LAY DOWN AND GET SOME SLEEP!!

Federal regs on car safety more than hot air

By HENRY PAYNE

Scripps Howard News Service

America is at peace, the economy is cruising along, and Washington has become irrelevant to our lives. Or so goes the conventional wisdom.

But in a Rockville, Md., auto accident last Sept. 16, the federal government suddenly became relevant to 8-year-old Michael Horsey. Despite wearing a seat belt, Michael suffered serious head and facial injuries when the federally mandated passenger-side air bag on the family car deployed when the vehicle hit another car at an intersection.

As a result of injuries like Michael's — and the deaths of 43 other children due to passenger-side air bags — the federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) began a review of its air-bag mandate last December.

A decision is expected soon, but making passenger-side air bags optional "does not appear to be a favorite in the current horse race," says Sam Kazman, a safety expert for the Competitive Enterprise Institute who futilely warned against air bags' harm to children when they were first proposed in the 1970s.

Unplugging the air-bag mandate — or at least allowing car owners the option of having a mechanic deactivate their air bag — would give motorists the flexibility to address their diverse driving habits. A passenger-side air bag may be inconvenient for families who own sports cars, or pickups, or who need the front seat of a station wagon for a child.

Other safety devices — such as anti-lock brakes — are not mandated, but instead are gaining favor as voluntary usage proves them reliable.

But unlike anti-lock brakes, NHTSA — not the auto industry — initiated the flawed idea of passenger-side air bags and so is reluctant to banish its own brainchild. Federal agencies rarely admit error.

The agency is backed by consumer advocates like Joan Claybrook, who as NHTSA chief during the Carter administration declared air bags safe for children not wearing seat belts and who still tows a hard line despite fatal evidence of the mandate's imperfections.

Joining Claybrook and company is an unlikely new ally, the auto industry. The industry was once the air bag's most vocal opponent, pointing to its own test data in the 1970s that warned of serious harm to children hit by an air bag deploying at 200 mph.

By the late 1980s, however, industry opposition to the air-bag mandate evaporated as seat-belt use grew to 68 percent (from 14 percent in 1978).

"We were optimistic that ... with higher belt usage the potential for (air-bag) injuries wouldn't come to fruition," says Phil Haseltine of the industry-backed American Coalition for Traffic Safety. (One of the great ironies of the federal air-bag mandate is that without industry-supported state seat-belt mandates, the death toll from air bags would be much higher today.)

Today, the auto industry feels that the huge threat of legal liability — and negative public-

ity — is not worth the effort of pushing for air-bag deactivation.

If the federal air-bag mandate were as effective as state seat-belt mandates, it would be worth keeping. But it's not.

While studies show seat belts decrease fatalities by 40 percent to 60 percent, NHTSA itself admits that air bags reduce fatalities by only 10 percent to 13 percent — well under NHTSA's early projections of 40 percent. By contrast, buying a large sedan instead of a compact car reduces fatalities by 100 percent to 200 percent. If pure safety were a concern, the federal government would mandate the purchase of large cars.

The price of NHTSA's refusal to admit that its bag mandate was in error is that auto companies are forced to divert more research and development dollars to a technology that saves fewer lives.

What is not to say that industry would have never marketed an air bag. Even now, Mercedes and BMW, responding to consumer safety demands, offer side air-bag systems.

Under current NHTSA regulations, consumers are not prohibited from deactivating their passenger air bag. But major automakers who fear liability exposure have advised their dealer networks against deactivation. In other words, unless NHTSA either lifts the bag mandate or gives motorists the right to deactivation, it will be difficult for consumers to get the job done.

The result, fears Kazman, will be a black market for bag deactivation. Anticipating this

problem, the Competitive Enterprise Institute has informed NHTSA of its intention to post an expert "How to Deactivate Your Air Bag Yourself" page on the Internet so that consumers have access to good advice.

In the 1970s and 1980s, NHTSA withheld information that passenger-side air bags would harm children. As late as 1993, consumer advocates lobbied against labels on car visors warning drivers to put children in the back seat because they were concerned the labels might make the public suspicious of the device.

Now, after dozens of children have lost their lives to air bags, NHTSA chief Ricardo Martinez has finally begun a national campaign to educate motorists.

But there are some people, like the Horsey family, who may be convinced air bags are not worth their risks. Horsey's still have to buy a car with a mandated passenger-side air bag?

Washington is home to activists like Joan Claybrook who don't want to give Americans these kinds of choices and who have the political clout to deny them those choices.

So the next time you open a newspaper, you might want to read the news from a not-so-irrelevant Washington. Its impact may be as close as your dashboard.

(Henry Payne is a writer and editorial cartoonist for Scripps Howard News Service.)

The concrete intestine ...

By RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON
Syndicated Columnist

It was just a hole bored beneath a busy four-lane. But in the most frightening period of my entire life, those dreadful junior-high years, The Tunnel loomed as one more obstacle.

To get to school you had to walk through The Tunnel. Unless you caught a ride, a rare thing in the days of neighborhood schools, the only way to cross the busy Atlanta Highway in the peaceful Dalraida neighborhood of Montgomery, Ala., was to go beneath it.

In theory, of course, The Tunnel was a wonderful thing. Nobody had to risk life and limb in traffic, and there was no need for a crossing guard.

In practice, it was an ordeal. It was the last thing anyone needed in that queasy period of life called puberty, when your face erupts and your feet grow long,

when your sweat grows foul and old friends become strangers.

The Tunnel was where the more brazen teens — we called them, simply, "the hoods" — tried cigarettes and beer and four-letter words and French kissing and who knows what all.

The hoods weren't even that good at their mischief. They weren't even hoods. They were strictly beginners.

Every day the concrete intestine had a new coat of graffiti on its walls — a real delinquent's primer. Most of the bad words were misspelled.

School authorities painted over the offending art as quickly as possible, but still you could make out a list of new vocabulary words through the custodian's whitewash.

"Just shut your eyes," my practical mother said when I tried to wrangle a ride to school by snitching on the hoods.

"Shut my eyes. Right." It was dark enough down there, since

the hoods routinely broke out all The Tunnel's lights.

In that more innocent age, there was no real danger, except, perhaps, learning the facts of life from a concrete wall. Today you'd have to worry about being mugged or shot or raped in such a situation. In my day, we dreaded being whistled at.

But The Tunnel did seem to hold all that was forbidden and evil, at least in the mind of a sheltered seventh-grader whose social life consisted of Sunday School and Training Union.

I know now that many of the "dirty" words weren't even dirty, at least not outside of Dalraida. And you see as many obscene hand gestures riding the Atlanta interstates as we saw when the hoodlums contorted their digits in greeting.

"Didn't The Tunnel used to seem really long to you?" my old friend Cindy Wells asked not long ago. We were sitting up late, reminiscing about our

rather uneventful childhoods.

Cindy goes back to Montgomery frequently to see family. On one trip she took her daughter, Claire, to The Tunnel. "It wasn't long at all," Cindy reported. "It used to seem so long..."

You could describe The Tunnel as the long, dark passage to Adulthood, strewn with temptations and pitfalls and hoodlums who can see right through your knee socks. (I don't know what you'd do with the traffic rumbling overhead, but a poet could work all that out.)

I prefer to remain literal. The Tunnel was as much a part of my education as civics or algebra. And a heckuva lot more interesting.

The Tunnel through puberty taught me that the light at the other end might just be a trash fire set by hoodlums, that beer stinks the day after, and that a good paint job requires at least two coats.

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Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY

◆Cork is made from the extremely thick outer bark of the oak tree.

◆The "litchi nut" is actually a dried litchi, which is a fruit.

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Garden City students ready for 'wild' year

Reading room generates excitement

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Garden City Elementary students are going wild.

Wild about reading, that is. At least, that's the theme for the Accelerated Reader Program at the school this year.

School staff and older students even created a special room for reading, decorated in a jungle theme. Since school began, students have seen signs such as, "It's coming," and other hints about the special room.

On Friday, they got to experience it for the first time.

Arranged with chairs, a tent, day bed and bean bag chairs, and decorated with paper vines, animal posters and inflatable monkeys, the room has had the whole school talking. Classes can sign up to visit the room, where they spend an hour quietly (and comfortably) reading.

"They can sit at a desk if they want to, or lay in the tent," said Principal Dean Munn. "Whatever makes them comfortable. The room is intended to be a place for reading."

When classes enter the room, the teachers read, too. Munn said the idea is that teachers model the behavior for students.

"I enjoy it, too," said 6th grade teacher Ken Chandler, who says he doesn't have much time to read otherwise. "A lot of the students are so busy, they really don't have time to read, either."

"I show rabbits," explained Grant Wills, a 6th grader at Garden City, "so I don't have a lot of free time. But I like reading. In here, it's quiet and they give you time."

"It's very jungle-y," said Leslie Jansa. "They did a lot of work."

Since school started, the window of the room's door was covered with a "no peeking" sign.

"Everybody was really excited about it, as you can imagine," said Carla Hirt, 6th grade teacher. She explained that students are given reading goals to meet. They are given a reading level after a test at the beginning of the year.

At school year's end, if the classes make their goal, Munn said he will swing from a vine like Tarzan, or George of the Jungle. The theme music from "George" accompanied a recent "reading pep rally" that got the program kicked off.

The reading room came from a committee of school staff, said Trish Bryant, reading specialist for the school. Some committee members visited a school in Lewisville that had a similar program, but the Garden City group added their own ideas and expanded on it, she said.

"One of my goals in life is to make sure that kids can read," Bryant said. "It's the focus nationwide, and we're focusing on it here."

Garden City Elementary classes try to set aside 60 minutes a day for reading, whether all at once, or in intervals. At



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At top, Tina Thieszen and Allison Jansa relax and read. Above, Morgan Kight chose a tent to read in at the elementary school's "Wild About Reading" room.

future "reading rallies," each class will act out the story of a book, without the ending, to create interest among other students.



Garden City Elementary staff, from left, Principal Dean Munn, Vicki Kight, Trish Bryant, Darla Burks and Linda Robinson were part of the committee that developed the school's new reading room.

SCHOOL NEWS

The last physical year for the Goliad Middle School campus started the 1997-98 "new" year with a new principal, Mrs. Brenda Gainey, challenging academics, enticing activities, exciting sports, annual sales, and supportive clubs which will contribute greatly to this history-making year. The historic year will also include new teachers, a new counselor, encouraging experienced teachers and staff which will help make this school year great.

Goliad welcomes new teachers and staff. To head the list of newcomers, Mrs. Brenda Gainey is our principal, although Mrs. Gainey is not new to our campus, she has been Goliad's counselor for the past few years. Teachers are Marilyn Parker, sixth grade math, Lucy Odom, also a sponsor for the cheerleaders, works in the sixth grade English department along with Tiffany Weese.

In Special Education, teachers are Lucy Bedell, Charla Soto, and Kim Merket. In physical education, the new coach is Chad Fouts, while Rachael Swinney is the sixth grade girls' P.E. coach. Other new staff members are our counselor, Don Cook, Mary Kay Fleniken, our staff secretary and Annie Roberson, our computer proctor.

At our first pep rally, Deanna Adams and Al Laird welcomed all the new teachers at Goliad with an official Maverick pin. We are proud of our new and old Goliad staff. Good luck at GMS.

The Goliad football team has started out with a bang. Two wins over Ballinger helped to encourage the players. The white team had a landslide victory over Ballinger, 16-0. The black team had a victory of 22-6. The football team has great coaches: head coach Jason Phillips is also a science teacher. Coach George Martin is our history teacher, while Coach Jim Vasquez and Coach Chad Fouts are our boys' P.E. teachers.

This is what Coach Tamara Dove and Coach Donna Gent, seventh grade volleyball coaches, had to say about the teams when they responded to some questions. "The team looks pretty good, but we have a few skills we need to work on as a team. To be able to bump the ball three times consecutively, serve more consistently, always work hard, hustle, and have more fun are some of our goals."

The A team's record is 5 and 2 while the B team's record is 0 and 4. Kids six and under get into the games free, adult tickets cost \$1 and student tickets are 50 cents. They encourage all to come see the Lady Mavs play. Snacks are available at the games.

Our Goliad Tennis Team is off to a great year! The first intensive game is in January. All 20 players are working hard to get ready for it. The team has 13 girls and 7 boys. Until game time, the team will be working hard on our forehands, and backhands to better our skills. Friday, the team will be introduced to the school personally at the rally.

The tennis coach, Sarah Corse, has been teaching tennis and history for seven years. We look forward to a wonderful Please see SCHOOL, page 6A.

CHEERING GARDEN CITY



Garden City varsity cheerleaders, above, are (front row, left to right) Kamie Schwartz and Paula Braden, back row, Kyndra Batia, Deidra Hirt, Misti Batia and Tiffany Maxie. Junior high cheerleaders are, below, left to right, Bonnie Pezel, Chelsea Schwartz, Dendra Maxie, Lisa Hoelscher, Yvonne Escamilla, Yvette Escamilla and Mascot Lisa Eggemeyer.



Use love in discipline of children

QUESTION: My husband and I are doing far too much disciplining of our kids. Is there another way to encourage them to cooperate?

DR. DOBSON: The best way to get children to do what you want is to spend time with them before disciplinary problems occur, having fun together and enjoying mutual laughter and joy. When those moments of love and closeness happen, kids are not as tempted to challenge and test the limits. Many confrontations can be avoided by building friendships with kids and thereby making them want to cooperate at home. It sure beats anger as a motivator of little ones!

QUESTION: It has always been my understanding that marriage was supposed to be based on unconditional love. That is, the commitment to each other should be independent of behavior, no matter how offensive or unfaithful. But your concept of accountability seems to be, "I will love you as long as you do what I want."

DR. DOBSON: You've misunderstood my point. The limitations of language make it difficult to express this concept adequately, but let me try.

I certainly believe in the validity of unconditional love, and in fact, the mutual accountability I have recommended is an expression of that love. For example, if a husband or wife is behaving in ways that will harm himself, his children, his marriage and the family of the "other woman," then confrontation with him becomes an act of love.

The easiest response by the innocent partner would be to look the other way and pretend she doesn't notice. But from my perspective, that is tantamount to a parent's refusing to confront a 14-year-old who comes home drunk at 4 a.m. That mother or father has an obligation to create a crisis in response to destructive behavior. Love demands that they do that!

I'm trying to say that unconditional love is not synonymous with permissiveness, passivity, weakness and appeasement. Sometimes it requires toughness, discipline and accountability.

QUESTION: I'm 22 years old and am still living at home. It's driving me nuts. My folks are in my face every day. They want me to get a full-time job because I only work part-time at a gas station. Why can't they get off my case and leave me alone?

DR. DOBSON: With all respect, I think it's time for you to pack. Many young adults like you continue to hang around the house because they don't know what to do

next. That is a recipe for trouble. Your mother and father can't help "parenting" you if you remain under their noses. To them, it seems like only yesterday that you were born. They find it difficult to think of you as an adult.

The way you live may irritate them, too. They might hate your messy room, which would require a tetanus shot just to walk through. They may not like your music. They may go to bed early and arise with the sun; you might keep the same hours as hamsters. Perhaps you drive the family car as if you've been to Kamikaze Driving School.

They want you to get a job, go to school - do something! Every day brings a new argument, a new battle. When things deteriorate to that point, it's time to get out.

QUESTION: What would you and your wife do if the resources permitted her to stay at home after the kids were in school?

DR. DOBSON: I don't have to speculate about the answer to that question. Shirley and I did have that option (although we sold and "ate" a Volkswagen initially to make it possible), and she stayed at home as a full-time mom. Neither she nor I has ever regretted that decision. Now that our kids are grown, we would not trade the time we invested in them for anything on Earth. Looking back today, we feel it was especially important for Shirley to

Please see DOBSON, page 6A.

SLICE of life!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Surviving ragweed and allergy season

(NAPS) — Ragweed season, which begins about mid-August and continues until the first killing frost, is a sight for 15 million sore eyes. These allergy sufferers, whose primary symptoms are itchy, watery eyes, reach for oral antihistamines at this time of year, but may also benefit from topical medications administered directly into the eyes.

Allergy sufferers can limit their exposure to pollen by using the following tips from experts:

- Avoid rigorous exercise when pollen levels are highest, when temperature is highest, humidity lowest and on windy days.
- When you return indoors, remove clothing, shower shampoo hair immediately because pollen clings to hair and clothing.
- During pollen season, refrain from drying sheets, pillowcases and clothes outside where pollen can accumulate on them.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Festival planned

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is planning for its church festival Sept. 26-27 which will feature booths, food, games, raffles and entertainment. Plans are to begin activities at 5 p.m. each day.

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THE LAST WORD

The joy of life is variety; the tenderest love requires to be renewed by intervals of absence.
Samuel Johnson

This makes me so sore it gets my dandruff up.
Samuel Goldwyn

When a man is wrong and won't admit it, he always gets angry.
Lord Halliburton

Digital pets all the rage with younger set

By MICHAEL KELLEY
Scripps Howard News Service

The child of the future rises early and runs straight to his chores.

Pet the dog.
Feed the chickens.
Milk the cows.
Let's see. What buttons do you push to close the gate? When. Just in time.

Here come those dorky neighbor kids. Press this button. Press that button. Zap. They're history.

The future might be closer than you think.

A hint of what it might be like began this spring with that peep-peep-peeping noise you might have heard in and around the homes and the schools and the playgrounds of the virtual pet set. And the peeping isn't stopping anytime soon.

Virtual pets, at \$10 to \$15 apiece, were an instant success in the United States. They're still being snapped up as soon as they hit the store shelves.

Toy and department store clerks say shipments of Tamagotchis, Nano Pals and Giga Pets arrive randomly, a few at a time — good luck for shoppers who happen to be in

the store. Tamagotchis from the Japanese-based Bandai Company, the original breakthrough success story among virtual pets, are particularly hard to find.

Hanging from a little key chain, the egg-shaped toy begins its virtual life with an electronic egg that hatches a tiny chicken on its tiny screen.

The chicken peeps when it wants its digital food, shows affection and requires scolding, according to official operating instructions, if it "beeps at you for no reason."

The pet takes medicine when it's sick, produces droppings the owner has to clean up in order to keep it happy, plays, grows, changes appearance ... and dies.

Push a couple buttons, and another egg hatches to take its place.

Company spokesman Mary Woodworth said the company has sold 12 million pets worldwide, including 3.5 million in the United States, where it was unleashed on May 1.

The numbers could be much higher, she said, if Bandai could fill the frantic orders of its retail outlets.

"They're manufacturing as

many as they can," she said. "The components are the same as the components used in cell phones, so it's just a matter of not being able to get the actual workings they need in order to manufacture them."

Shortages have not stopped the company from producing spinoff products such as the mobile telephone, the Tamapichi, with a virtual pet inside that can be moved through the airwaves to another owner's telephone. Available only in Japan, it's priced at almost \$400.

Bandai also has announced the development of a virtual pet game for the Nintendo system that is capable of raising three pets at once. It's expected to be available in the United States this fall and retail for about \$35.

The company also has signed a licensing agreement with the Beantalk Group in New York for production of board games, clothing and other related products.

No sales figures are available for the Nano Pal line, a series of egg-shaped devices with virtual pet babies, puppies and kittens that, like the Tamagochi, hang on a key chain and sell for about \$15.

Unlike Tamagochi, Nano Pals don't die.

They do run away, however, if not properly cared for.

Like Tamagochi, a new Nano Pal can quickly be produced on the screen.

Giga Pets are similar versions of the same thing at a lower price — at least on the store shelf.

One member of the Giga Pet menagerie, the Baby T-Rex, was being advertised by an online distributor recently for \$45. Giga also come in the form of dogs, kittens, monkeys, aliens and the Bit Critter, a sort of robot.

A company spokesman said the manufacturer does not report sales figures.

Barbara Brown, manager of the Village ToyMaker in Germantown, Tenn., said she has tried to meet the demand for virtual pets by ordering a shipment of a new line called Cyber Pets, which have the same computer chip as Tamagochi and include four versions — a cat, a dog, a dinosaur and a chicken.

Brown said the store gets frequent calls about virtual pets, and about 100 callers are on a waiting list. The toys are expected to arrive any day now.

SCHOOL

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Golden Girls activities have started. The pop squad consists of 82 girls. Some new cheers have been introduced to the list of old cheers. The girls will be attending a total of eight games — football, volleyball and basketball. There are six sponsors of Golden Girls which consists of three squads. The six sponsors are: Dondi Vasquez, Lacey Bedell, Sue Kneet, Andrea Ware, Sue Anderson, and Charla Soto.

One of the extracurricular activities at Goliad is Cavaliers. The Cavaliers is a service organization for 6th grade boys. They assist the Big Spring Optimist Club with their community service projects. Don Cook, Ruth Quisenberry and Sue Anne Seay are sponsors for the Cavaliers. On Sept. 20, 1997, the group will assist with the Big Spring State Hospital patient miniature golf game. They will also participate in the Big Spring homecoming parade.

Annuals are on sale this week for \$10. Pictures for the yearbook were taken Monday. The annual staff consists of Stacey Ramirez, Chelsey Higgenbotham, Ashley Smith, Mindi Partee, Mona Saldana, Vicki Stewart is the staff sponsor.

—by Goliad 7th grade Signal class.

DOBSON

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be at home during our kids' teen years.

These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

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NEWS DEADLINES

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Ethnic dolls used to teach children values

BEAUMONT (AP) — When children play with a doll or an action figure, the toy usually represents how they used to be — a baby, for instance — or fast forwards to the future — Barbie or G.I. Joe.

That's not the mold for the dolls that are appearing in every kindergarten class in the Beaumont school district. Instead, when students look at these dolls, they'll see themselves in dolls depicting children their own age, representing the district's four major ethnic groups.

It's part of a pilot project aimed at teaching basic values to the district's 1,500 kindergarten students.

If it works, organizers are eager to try it elsewhere.

"We want to do it all over the country," said Regina Rogers, a lawyer who joined with her mother, Julie Rogers, to underwrite this year's program in Beaumont schools. "It's teaching children at an early age to get along with each other."

In making the program part of the kindergarten curriculum, school officials said teaching values is an important part of a well-rounded education.

"Kids at that age are very impressionable, and if you introduce them to concepts in a positive way ... then their whole being is enhanced," said school board president Martha Hicks. "Laying that foundation is just so important."

That goal has become more common in public schools throughout the country, said Robert Boston, spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, based in Washington D.C.

He said educators must bal-

ance the concerns of those who don't want "values instruction" to be a cover for religious teaching in the classroom vs. those who believe it's wrong to teach values without rooting them in religion.

"The educators are really in a tight spot," he said. "The best advice we can offer is that values instruction should focus on those values that are held in common by all the world's great religious and philosophical traditions. And it should not imply that certain religious groups have a better system of values or that some religions are true or some are not."

The Beaumont school district's program — called, "Achieving Love, Respect, and Dignity" — uses a set of eight dolls, with each doll representing a value. The values are respect, sharing, manners, responsibility, thankfulness, patience, forgiveness and honesty.

Each pair of dolls also represents an ethnic group: African-American, Asian, Caucasian and Hispanic.

In addition, the pilot project features booklets that accompany the dolls, and the school district will develop a curriculum for teachers to follow when using the program.

The Institute for Education Advancement, a Beaumont-based "think tank" that Regina Rogers founded earlier this year, will conduct interviews with children, teachers and parents to evaluate Beaumont's pilot program over the course of the school year.

Mary Gagne, the institute's director, will also review a similar program started this year in Saginaw, Mich., schools.

NASA packing for exploration of Saturn

By LEE BOWMAN
Scripps Howard News Service

If you're going on a long trip, you might as well pack heavy. That's just what NASA and the European and Italian space agencies are doing with the Cassini space probe's 11-year, billion-mile mission to Saturn.

Set for launch next month, the 2 1/2 story, six ton spacecraft is one of the most complex unmanned probes yet attempted. Two presidential elections will have come and gone by the time it deploys a drone into the dense atmosphere of Saturn's biggest moon in 2005.

Another campaign will be in full swing when Cassini finishes taking up to a half-million images of the giant planet, its still mysterious rings and

many of its 18 satellites.

With NASA officials and Congress committed to the notion that unmanned space science probes need to be built and launched "cheaper, smaller, faster," with budgets of no more than \$100 million, the 19-year, \$3.4 billion Cassini effort may be the last of its kind for some time.

"But when you're going so far into such a dynamic environment, it makes sense to send a rather complicated science package as we're doing here," said Dennis Matson, a project scientist for the mission.

"Saturn's family of rings and moons is a one-stop treasure trove, offering countless clues to the history of planetary and solar system evolution," said Wesley Huntress, NASA's head of space science.

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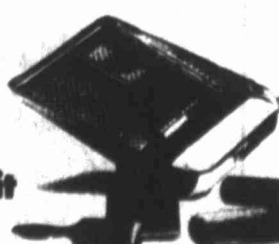
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Cotton says forget records, Bulldog single shot a major concern

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Looking at Friday's meeting of Coahoma's winless Bulldogs and Stanton's Buffaloes, it would appear on paper as if Mark Cotton's unbeaten Buffs would be a prohibitive favorite.

If someone were offering a betting line on schoolboy games, there probably wouldn't be one for this game.

But Cotton says you can take all that so-called "paper" stuff in a desk somewhere and brink it out at a later date.

"You can throw the record books out on this one ... Coahoma always plays us tough," Cotton said in looking ahead to the Bulldogs' visit. "It's always a war when we play them."

In fact, listening to Cotton talk, there's a clear edge of concern in his voice — one that on the fact of things, you wouldn't expect from a coach whose team is fresh off a 31-7 thrashing of Roscoe's Plowboys.

But the Buff coach says he believes Roscoe played extremely well against his team and that if it had not been for the absence of Roscoe's leading rusher, running back Toby Young, the

THIS WEEK'S GAMES:

Tonight:
Big Spring at Lubbock Estacoo, 7:30 p.m.
Friday:
Coahoma at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Forsan at Sterling City, 8 p.m.
Odessa High sophs at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Grady at Buena Vista, 7:30 p.m.
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Plowboys would have made it much more difficult to win.

Similarly, after having seen films of the Coahoma's 34-14 loss to Anson last week, Cotton expect plenty of trouble from the single-shot offense operated by Jim Edwards' Bulldogs.

"The single wing is real difficult to defend against ... there are no definite keys," Cotton explained. "On top of that, nobody else you play runs it, so you it's always new to you. We can't even simulate it in practice very well."

"Believe me, they can get on a roll and be very hard to stop," he added. "They moved it really

well on us last year and the only thing that slowed them down last week at Anson was the referees ... they'd have a big play and the officials would bring it back on a penalty."

As might be expected, those penalties were frustrating for Edwards, too.

"They (penalties) just killed us," Edwards said. "We got inside their 5-yard line four times and then would have a penalty that would back us up. Not only did it seem like we were in a first-and-20 situation all the time, but it took almost an hour and a half to play the third quarter."

But Edwards' biggest concern going into a game where the Buffs will have a decided edge in speed and experience, is whether or not the Bulldogs get off to a good start.

"We let Anson get ahead early," he explained.

"We can't afford to let Stanton do that. We're going to have to control the football and keep it out of their hands and we're going to have to throw the ball to do that."

The Dogs didn't have as much success throwing the ball as they would have liked against Anson, and Edwards says one of the keys to Coahoma's success Friday will be "doing a much better job of throwing the ball and catching it."

More than anything, however, the Bulldogs

need some confidence.

"We've got a lot of young players that are spending a lot of time on the field," Edwards noted. "We played seven people defensive last week that are either sophomores or have sophomore-like experience. After those first two losses, we need some self-confidence."

The Buff offense, directed by Kyle Herm, seems a tough customer to have to build confidence against.

Noted for his passing prowess, Herm was just 8-for-19 last week with one interception, but threw for two touchdowns and five of those incomplete passes, as well as that which was picked off, were simply dropped by receivers.

However, the Buffaloes have proved they can move the ball overland, Stanton's most productive rushing being James Jenkins, previously a reserve who has earned his first start at tailback this week.

"Our rushing offense has gotten better with every game and James has been a really pleasant surprise for us," Cotton noted. "He's earned the chance to start this week. Besides, with him starting, it gives us a chance to rest our other two people we've had in that spot because they start defensively."

Rangers defeat Mariners

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — No lead seems to be safe with the Seattle Mariners' bullpen. Seattle relievers blew a ninth-inning lead for the eighth time this season Wednesday night as the Texas Rangers staged a three-run rally for a 5-4 victory.

Lee Stevens hit Norm Charlton's first pitch off the wall for a two-out, two-run double, capping a comeback and giving Charlton his 10th blown save of the season for the first-place Mariners, who are five games ahead of Anaheim in the AL West. Seattle's magic number stayed at six as the Angels beat Oakland 5-4.

Charlton and other Mariners pitchers said they were taking the latest letdown in stride. After all, this isn't the playoffs — yet.

"It's been going on all year long," said starter Jeff Fassero, whose strong six innings were wasted by the bullpen. "It's just a loss and we still have 10 games to play ... Things are put under a microscope with 10 games to go."

Charlton said he threw Stevens a slider over the plate. "He'd been laying off the breaking stuff all night," Charlton said. "He didn't lay off that one."

Stevens, who struck out in his only other career at-bat against Charlton, said he learned from that.

"I was looking for a first pitch strike," Stevens said. "I was trying to be aggressive and get ahead of him."

Ken Griffey Jr. failed to keep pace with Mark McGwire in the home run race, but had two hits and an RBI for Seattle. McGwire hit his 53rd homer earlier Wednesday in St. Louis' 12-9 victory over the Chicago Cubs. Griffey leads the American League.

Heathcliff Slocumb (0-9) gave up a leadoff single in the ninth to Tom Goodwin, who stole second before moving to third on Domingo Cedenzo's groundout. Rusty Greer struck out, but Juan Gonzalez drew a walk and Ivan Rodriguez singled to score Goodwin, making it 4-3.

"I feel like I made some good pitches," Slocumb said. "I kept the ball down and got a couple of key outs. ... Rodriguez's ball could have easily been hit at someone."

MOVING ON UP



Big Spring tennis team players YuChing Li (foreground) and Monica Villarreal, one of the team's co-captains, take part in warm-ups prior to Saturday's district opener with Sweetwater Saturday. The Steers, who were ranked No. 5 in Class 4A last week, improved to No. 4 in this week's rankings.

Dallas not very offensive lately, and that's become big concern

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys won't rest easy even with a week off.

They know something is wrong with their offense which has taken a two-game vacation after an opening 37-7 whipping of the Pittsburgh Steelers in which Troy Aikman threw four touchdown passes.

The Dallas offense has been blitzed almost into submission by Arizona and Philadelphia.

When Anthony Miller out-jumped his defender to snare a 14-yard touchdown pass from Aikman, the game winner in the wild 21-20 Philadelphia game, it was the Cowboys' first offensive touchdown in eight quarters.

"To achieve what we want to achieve we've got to get better," Aikman said. "We will get better."

The Cowboys got 42 percent of their scoring from field goals last year courtesy of Chris Boniol.

Against Philadelphia, Richie Cunningham bailed out the

Cowboys with a five-for-five field goal performance to help put Dallas at 2-1, much better than a 1-3 start a year ago.

"I don't know what the deal is with our offense," said guard Nate Newton. "I just hope the coaches figure it out so they can tell us."

The deadline is Sept. 28 when the Chicago Bears come calling in Texas Stadium.

In 1996, the Cowboys were not good on third down, missing the proficiency of injured tight end Jay Novacek.

This was supposed to be a much better year given the production of Eric Bjornson and rookie Davie LaFleur in training camp.

But the Cowboys have yet to develop a solid third down go-to-guy for Aikman.

Bjornson shows flashes of brilliance but still drops too many passes and has trouble separating from the defender. LaFleur has yet to catch a pass.

"It's frustrating to get down there in the red zone and not be able to get any more than a field goal out of it," Aikman

said. "At times I don't even know who we have in the game at wide receiver. Sometimes I thought I was throwing to Michael Irvin and Stepfret Williams would come out of the pile with the ball. We have to get things ironed out."

Dallas has converted only 32 per cent of its third down chances.

Running back Emmitt Smith, who is averaging 4.1 yards per game, said he's puzzled.

"You look at our Philadelphia game and say this can't possibly be the same team that went to Pittsburgh in week one and did what they did," Smith said. "That's what everybody is saying: from Pittsburgh, to Arizona, what happened? Everybody is asking the question what happened? We're trying to figure it out, too."

Bjornson said he has to step it up a notch. He played with two sprained ankles last year but is healthy this season.

"I've dropped some balls and I need to quit dwelling on the bad things," Bjornson said.

Stanton's Herm, Sands' Cisneros earn top honors

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

It must have been the thunderstorm ... maybe riot.

But whatever the reason, Stanton's Kyle Herm and Sands' Robin Cisneros struck like lightning at stadiums just a few miles apart Friday, earning top billing in the Herald's area schoolboy football honor roll.

Herm earned offensive player of the week honors by throwing for two touchdowns and running for another in the Buffaloes' win in Roscoe last week, a game that didn't get underway until one hour past the scheduled 8 p.m. start as a result of a thunderstorm that rolled through the area.

Cisneros, the defensive player of the week honoree, and his teammates were in nearby Highland and trailed the Hornets for three quarters before his recovery in the Highland end zone sparked a 20-point fourth quarter rally that gave the Mustangs a 38-28 win.

Herm's 8-of-19 passing statistics in the Buffs' 31-7 win would have been more impressive, Stanton coach Mark Cotton explained, "if we hadn't had receivers drop four or five passes."

The one interception the Plowboys managed was also a ball that caromed off a receiver's hands. Of course, Herm, a two-way starter, got even fer that theft by intercepting two Roscoe passes.

Sands coach Billy Barnett noted that not only Cisneros, but his entire defensive unit deserved credit for the Mustangs' comeback win.

"Our entire defensive unit really came through there in the second half," Barnett explained. "We scored two defensive touchdowns and you could really say there were three, because we put Highland in a position where they went for it on fourth down at their one five and we stopped them."

"We scored one play later, so you really have to give the defense credit for that touchdown, as well."

Herm had plenty of competition for the offensive accolade from Big Spring's John Lawdermilk and Joe Haden,



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who were the unlikely one-two punch that provided the Steers with a "miracle" 11-9 win over Ballinger.

Lawdermilk, who opened the game with a long kickoff return only to see it go for naught when the Steers fumbled away their first scoring opportunity, saved his best for last.

With Ballinger owning a 9-8 lead with less than 30 seconds remaining, Lawdermilk gathered a free kick following in intentional Bearcat safety, broke to his left and sailed down the sideline to the 10-yard line.

That return gave Haden, who'd missed a game-tying field goal attempt a few minutes earlier, a chance at redemption.

Haden made the most of the second chance, splitting the uprights with 6.2 seconds left on the clock.

Also earning honorable mention offensively was Forsan quarterback Cade Park who completed 11 of 28 passes for 77 yards and one touchdown in the Buffs' loss to Ranking; and Coahoma quarterback Vincent Garcia who threw for two touchdowns in the Bulldogs' loss to Anson.

Cisneros' primary competition for the defensive honor came from Big Spring line-backer Brock Gee, who Dwight Butler gave considerable credit for the Steers' last-minute victory.

"Brock was a big, big factor," Butler explained. "The minute we missed the field goal, he was at the sideline plotting our strategy for using our time outs."

"He was not going to let our kids quit ... he just kept telling them, 'You've got to believe,' Butler added. "I don't think all of us did, but he did and he made us believe."

Braves clinch playoff berth, McGwire hits 53rd home run

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Atlanta Braves clinched a record sixth straight playoff berth, Mark McGwire moved closer to Roger Maris' home run record, and the San Francisco Giants pulled within a game of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West.

McGwire hit his 53rd home run of the season Wednesday as the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Chicago Cubs 12-9. He has 11 games left to break Maris' record of 61 homers in 1961.

"It's a longshot right now," said McGwire, who topped his previous career high of 52 set last year with Oakland. "If I get there, I get there. If I don't, I've still had a pretty good year."

The Braves became the first major league team to clinch six straight postseason appearances by beating the New York Mets 10-2.

Atlanta is guaranteed at least a wild-card spot, and its magic number to win the NL East title is down to six. The Braves hold a six-game lead over the Florida Marlins, who split a doubleheader with Philadelphia.

"We're really not thinking about (the wild card)," manager Bobby Cox said. "We're thinking about the division. We're going to keep pushing."

Barry Bonds hit a two-run homer and Kirk Rueter pitched seven strong innings as the Giants defeated the Dodgers 2-1 at San Francisco to tighten the NL West race.

The teams faced each other again today in their final meeting of the year. After that game, each team will have nine games left.

"It will come down to the end," Dodgers manager Bill Russell said. "It's too bad we don't end the season playing each other."

Elsewhere in the NL, Houston beat Pittsburgh 8-4, Montreal downed Cincinnati 4-1 and San Diego defeated Colorado 5-4. Philadelphia beat Florida 5-2 in the opener of a doubleheader, then lost the nightcap by the same score.

In American League games Wednesday night, New York beat Detroit 6-2, Milwaukee topped Baltimore 8-3, Cleveland defeated Minnesota 7-6, Boston edged Toronto 4-3, Chicago beat Kansas City 8-4, and Anaheim defeated Oakland 8-4.

Giants 2, Dodgers 1

Bonds won it with his 34th homer of the season, a 426-foot shot into the upper deck in right field.

Rueter (13-6), who did not allow a hit until Raul Mondesi hit his 27th homer with one out in the fifth, gave up one run on four hits. He has won four straight and is 8-2 in his last 13 starts.

Cardinals 12, Cubs 9

McGwire's leadoff homer in the third inning at Wrigley Field gave him the highest total in the majors since 1961, when Maris broke Babe Ruth's record and Yankees teammate Mickey Mantle hit 54.

Royce Clayton hit a two-run homer in a five-run first, Gary Gaetti added a three-run double in the seventh, and Mike Delfino had a two-run homer in the ninth for St. Louis.

Braves 10, Mets 2

At Atlanta, the Braves set a major league record with their 12th grand slam of the season.

Ryan Klesko's grand slam was part of a nine-run first inning for Atlanta. Jeff Blauser added a three-run homer and Greg Maddux picked up his 19th victory for the Braves.

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Major League realignment
beginning to get personal

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Baseball owners, unable to come up with a realignment plan they all can support, are blaming each other for the impasse.

San Francisco owner Peter Magowan said Wednesday it was Arizona's fault, and Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo said it was the American League's problem.

Magowan, trying to prevent owners from putting the Oakland Athletics in the National League, said all the problems could be solved if the Diamondbacks were shifted to the AL.

Colangelo said no one had asked him to move, and that none of the plans he had seen would move his team out of the NL.

"I understand his argument why the National League is preferable to the American League, but really he could be very successful in the American League West, too, and it would solve a lot of baseball's scheduling problems,"

Magowan said, adding that the Diamondbacks "are going to be sold out no matter what."

Colangelo had lobbied to be placed in the NL West, where his team hopes to develop rivalries with Colorado, Los Angeles and San Diego.

"They did the right thing," he said of his team's division assignment. "Why change it? Because someone else is complaining? That's not a reason to do anything."

Magowan, citing a provision in the NL Constitution that gives him exclusive NL rights to areas within 10 miles of the San Francisco city limits, has threatened to sue if owners try to move Oakland into his league. The A's ballpark is about seven miles from the city line.

"Magowan is pointing to us, we could solve the problem if we go to the American League West. He has his own agenda," Colangelo said. "He's protecting the Giants and what he believes is his interest."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Youth soccer league results

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association coaches are touting the play of several players from this week's Under 6 division game.

In one game pitting the Green and Red teams, Matthew Cooksey, Michael Hill and Keagen Rotan scored for the Red, while Luke Lewis and Macy Briggs both had multiple goals for the Green.

In Under 8 division games, the Twisters got three goals from Brenna Phernetton in posting a 7-2 win over the Scorpions Saturday, while teammate Colten Watson came up big in Tuesday's game, scoring two goals in a 4-2 win over the Anacondas.

The Saturday game saw Phernetton get scoring help from Watson, David Mattson and Michael Slaton, while Logan Pierce contributed scoring help in Tuesday's game.

And in the 10 and Under game, Chris Guillen scored two goals Tuesday and teammate Austin Neighbors added another in leading the Purple

to a 3-2 win over the Orange.

Strong defensive play from Taylor Parks, Dakota Teaff, Lance Tissue, Joshua Adams Childers and Chris Freeman preserved the win.

Tennis development program starting

The fall Junior Development Tennis Program will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The program is open to all children between the ages of five and 12 years of age and no fee is required.

Participants should bring an unopened can of tennis balls and, if possible, a racquet.

For more information on the youth program, contact Ralph Davis at 264-9229 or Dennis Smiley at 263-3848.

YMCA planning flag football program

The Big Spring YMCA will have a youth flag football program this fall for boys and girls in kindergarten through the sixth grade.

The deadline for registration will be Saturday, Sept. 27. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Coahoma Booster Club meetings set

The Coahoma Booster Club's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school's faculty dining room.

The club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and each meeting includes a brief review of the previous Friday's game film.

YMCA forming swim team

A swim team to be coached by Harlan Smith is being formed by the Big Spring YMCA.

The team meets from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, and anyone between the ages of 6 and 16 who can swim one length of the pool and is willing to learn the four competitive swimming strokes is welcome to join.

For more information, contact the YMCA by calling 267-8234.

Disc golf tournament set for Oct. 5

The 5th Ever DiscOver Big Spring Disc Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Oct. 5 at Birdwell Park.

Registration for the 54-hole tournament is scheduled for 11 a.m. with a noon tee off.

Entry fees for the tournament are set at \$25 for professionals, \$15 for amateurs and women and \$10 for juniors.

For additional information, contact Greg Brooks at 267-1465 or 267-6335.

Quarterback Club meeting Tuesday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring High School Athletic Facility's film room.

The club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. to review films from the previous week's Steers game.

Herald seeking stringers for football

The Big Spring Herald is looking for stringer photographers and writers interested in working high school football games this fall.

Photographers must have their own cameras and photographic equipment.

For more information, contact sports editor John A. Moseley by calling the Herald at (915) 263-7331 ext. 233.

NOTICE OF TAX RATE

**COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
TAX RATE FOR THE 1996-97 YEAR WAS \$1.42.
THE TAX RATE WILL REMAIN
AT \$1.42 FOR THE 1997 YEAR.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The Coahoma ISD will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 10.56 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 September 30, 1997 at 7:00 PM in the board room of the administration building located at 600 Main Street in Coahoma, Texas.

FOR: Gail Wells, Larry Bennett, Hubert Rowden, Bill Gressett, David Elmore, Brian Marlar, John Wayne Metcalf.

AGAINST: NONE

PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 29, 1997. 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	\$34,458	\$34,701
General Exemptions Available (amount available on the average home, including senior citizens or disable persons exemptions)	\$11,892	\$21,940
Average Taxable Value	\$22,566	\$12,761
Tax Rate (per \$100)	\$1.42000	\$1.42000
Tax	\$320.44	\$181.21

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$139.23 or 43.25 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.00 per \$100 of taxable value or 0.00 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

If you have any questions about the preceding Notice, Call Michael Hartman, Superintendent, Coahoma ISD, 394-4290.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Forsan ISD will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 9.92 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 Monday, September 25, 1997, at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the Forsan High School.

FOR the proposal: Debbie Burt, Cynthia Breymann, Dale Humphreys & Sammy Anderson

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Lewis Boeker, Donnie Andrews and 1 vacant position

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 29, 1997. 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	\$36,465	\$37,003
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$12,293	\$22,400
Average taxable value	\$24,172	\$14,603
Tax rate (per \$100)	1.40500	1.40500
Tax	\$339.62	\$205.17

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would decrease by \$134.45 or 39.59 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.00 per \$100 of taxable value or 0.00 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

PERSONAL

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When owners met last January to decide where to put the expansion teams, the original plan was to put Arizona in the NL West, Tampa Bay in the AL East, shift Detroit to the AL Central and Kansas City to the AL West.

The Royals objected to their proposed shift, gained the support of the Texas Rangers and blocked the plan. Owners then assigned Arizona to the NL West and Tampa to the AL without specifying a division. Tampa Bay, for scheduling purposes, was unofficially assigned to the AL West.

FISHING REPORT

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Sept. 17:

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear; 80 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are fair to good on spinners and topwaters fished in the shallow water on the edge of the grass early in the morning. Some fish are also coming on Carolina-rigged worms fished on main lake secondary points. Hybrid stripers are fair to good on Rat-L-Trap and live bait fished under the birds. Catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with cut bait and topwaters fished under birds. Crappie are fair to good on shiners fished around the crapple barges and in creeks. Blue and channel catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with cut bait and Magic Bait. Flathead catfish are slow to on trotlines baited with live bait. Best action is in the river.

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; 3 feet low; 82 degrees; black bass to 4 pounds are fair on Texas-rigged watermelon seed colored worms and on chrome crank baits fished in 5 to 14 feet of water. Topwaters action is picking up some in the afternoon. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait and topwaters fished under birds. Crappie are fair to good on shiners fished around the crapple barges and in creeks. Blue and channel catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with cut bait and Magic Bait. Flathead catfish are slow to on trotlines baited with live bait. Best action is in the river.

SOUTH
AMSTAD: Water clear; lake level 1084.58; 86 degrees; black bass up to 8 pounds are fair to good on Texas and Carolina-rigged worms fished in 5 to 40 feet of water on the ledges. Striped and white bass are good under lights at night and on small crank baits and topwaters fished on the river. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cheese bait and on trotlines baited with live bait.

WEST
KEMP: Water fairly clear; 1 foot low; black bass are fair on small topwaters and Bass Assassins fished on the outer edge of grass and on spinners fished in 2 to 8 feet of water in the morning. Carolina-rigged worms are fair to good on the heat of the day. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait. No reports for catfish.

MEREDITH: Water fairly clear; 34 feet low; black bass are slow. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines and rod and reels baited with cut bait and crawlers. No report for walleye.

O.H.VIE: Water fairly clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; black bass up to 6 pounds are fair on small topwaters fished in the afternoon. Bass are also coming on white/chartreuse and red spinners fished in shallow water. White bass are fair to good on spinners and live bait. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and "jellyfish" in deep water. Channel and blue catfish are fair to good on cut perch. Flathead catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live bait fished in the river.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 3 feet low; 80 degrees; black bass up to 6 pounds are fair to good on gold-bladed spinners and Texas-rigged firetail worms. Striped and white bass are fair and improving on live bait and Charlie Slabs fished on the main lake. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows fished on deep water brush piles. Channel catfish are good on earthworms and cut bait fished on rod and reels in the mouth of creeks and around baited boat docks. Yellow catfish are fair to good on jugs and trotlines baited with live perch.

AREA DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 7-4A STANDINGS				
Season	W	L	T	PF
Andrews	2-0	0-0	0	85
Big Spring	2-0	0-0	0	35
Fort Stockton	2-0	0-0	0	92
Pecos	2-0	0-0	0	47
Sweetwater	2-0	0-0	0	48
Lake View	1-1	0-0	0	44

Last week: Andrews 43, Brownfield 8; Big Spring 11, Ballinger 9; Fort Stockton 42, El Paso 31; Lake View 30, Lamesa 12; Sweetwater 27, Snyder 7; Pecos 20, Alpine 18. This week: Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, Andrews at Midland High, Fort Stockton at Lamesa, Pecos at Monahans, Austin LBJ at Lake View, Friendship at Sweetwater.

DISTRICT 8-2A STANDINGS				
Season	W	L	T	PF
Eldorado	2-0	0-0	0	61
Winters	2-0	0-0	0	61
Forsan	1-1	0-0	0	47
Ozona	1-1	0-0	0	11
Wall	1-1	0-0	0	25
Coahoma	0-2	0-0	0	14
Roscoe	0-2	0-0	0	13

Last week: Stanton 31, Roscoe 7; Sonora 17, Ozona 0; Rankin 28, Forsan 12; Wall 17, Reagan County 14; Winters 27, Merkel 20; Anson 34, Coahoma 14; Eldorado 27, Menard 9. This week: Roscoe at Albany, Harper at Ozona, Forsan at Sterling City, Wall at Goldthwaite, Winters at Coleman, Coahoma at Stanton, Eldorado at Sonora.

DISTRICT 6-2A STANDINGS				
Season	W	L	T	PF
Iraan	2-0	0-0	0	67
Stanton	2-0	0-0	0	56
Tornillo	2-0	0-0	0	27
Anthony	1-1	0-0	0	38
Van Horn	1-1	0-0	0	33
McCombs	0-2	0-0	0	6

Last week: Tornillo 6, Marfo 0; Van Horn 27, Fort Hancock 8; Crane 44, McCombs 0; Stanton 31, Roscoe 7; Truth or Consequences, N.M., 27, Anthony 8; Iraan 25, Dalhart 21. This week: Hatch, N.M., at Tornillo; Fort Davis at Van Horn; McCombs at Rankin; Coahoma at Stanton; Anthony at Aransas, N.M.; Reagan County at Iraan.

DISTRICT 7-3A STANDINGS				
Season	W	L	T	PF
Iron County	1-0	0-0	0	24
Bronte	1-0	0-0	0	7
Christoval	1-1	0-0	0	28
Miles	1-1	0-0	0	28
Sterling City	1-1	0-0	0	24
Garden City	0-2	0-0	0	6
Robert Lee	0-2	0-0	0	13
Water Valley	0-2	0-0	0	28

Last week: San Angelo Central JV 28, Water Valley 14; Hawley 47, Miles 7; Rocksprings 40, Robert Lee 6; Wink 46, Garden City 0; Sterling City 24, Eden 6; Iron County 55, Harper 0; Midland Christian 40, Christoval 6; Bronte vs. Abilene Cooper sophs, cancelled. This week: Odessa High sophs at Garden City, Cross Plains at Miles, Robert Lee at Eden, Forsan at Sterling City, Bronte at Roby, Rotan at Water Valley, Rocksprings at Iron County, Christoval at Leakey.

The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

A Timeline of the Past (Part I) A Communications History

We are in what is often called the "Information Age." This is a time in our history when, because of many new inventions, it is easier than ever to communicate. This Mini Page is the first in a series of two about how we have kept in touch with others through the years.

Gestures and grunts
20,000 B.C.

Since they had no language, early people used gestures and grunts.

Story pictures
20,000 B.C.

Drawings were made on cave walls and rocks.

Objects in nature
20,000 B.C.

Stones were used to record the number of objects.

Smoke signals

The first signals were probably warnings.

Drums

African tribespeople beat messages that carried for miles.

Writing before 3000 B.C.

The Sumerians developed the first writing, using symbols for words.

Picture writing about 2000 B.C.

The Egyptians developed a way of writing and made a type of paper from papyrus leaves.

Libraries about 2000 B.C.

The Egyptians started libraries by storing scrolls of papyrus.

Alphabet 2000 to 1500 B.C.

The Semites developed the first alphabet. The Greeks and Romans developed theirs later.

Runners

Runners carried notched sticks.

Knots

Knots tied in different colored strings were used.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mimi Jokes

WHAT IS THE MOST DELICIOUS COUNTRY IN THE WORLD?

Q: What is the hungriest country in the world?
A: Hungary!
(both sent in by Ross Walton)

Q: What did the chicken say when she saw an orange on her mother's nest?
A: "Look at the orange mama-laid!"
(sent in by Brittany S. Johnson)

PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE & LE-DO

Fit the names of these ways of communicating into the puzzle.

ACROSS: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

DOWN: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

Answers: Across: 1. radio, 2. pen, 3. train, 4. quill, 5. pencil, 6. drum, 7. letter, 8. papyrus, 9. scroll, 10. ink, 11. paper, 12. stone, 13. cave, 14. rock, 15. wall, 16. object, 17. number, 18. symbol, 19. message, 20. sign, 21. flag, 22. code, 23. key, 24. lock, 25. door, 26. window, 27. hole, 28. pipe, 29. road, 30. path, 31. bridge, 32. tunnel, 33. gate, 34. fence, 35. wall, 36. roof, 37. floor, 38. ceiling, 39. base, 40. top, 41. bottom, 42. middle, 43. side, 44. end, 45. beginning, 46. middle, 47. end, 48. middle, 49. end, 50. middle, 51. end, 52. middle, 53. end, 54. middle, 55. end, 56. middle, 57. end, 58. middle, 59. end, 60. middle, 61. end, 62. middle, 63. end, 64. middle, 65. end, 66. middle, 67. end, 68. middle, 69. end, 70. middle, 71. end, 72. middle, 73. end, 74. middle, 75. end, 76. middle, 77. end, 78. middle, 79. end, 80. middle, 81. end, 82. middle, 83. end, 84. middle, 85. end, 86. middle, 87. end, 88. middle, 89. end, 90. middle, 91. end, 92. middle, 93. end, 94. middle, 95. end, 96. middle, 97. end, 98. middle, 99. end, 100. middle.

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- 2 eggs
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- 1 6-ounce bag semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup pecans, chopped
- 1 unbaked pie shell

What to do:

- Mix butter or margarine, sugar and vanilla in a large bowl until smooth and creamy.
- Add eggs. Mix well.
- Add flour. Mix well.
- Add chocolate chips and pecans. Mix well.
- Pour into pie shell.
- Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 50 to 60 minutes.

A Communications History (cont.)

Watchtowers 500 B.C.

HOW THE TORCHES ARE SET UP SIGNALS EACH LETTER.

The Greeks built watchtowers close enough to send messages.

Carrier pigeons

OOH, ANOTHER LOVE NOTE!

The Greeks used carrier pigeons to carry messages.

Flashing shields

RETREAT! RETREAT!

Persian soldiers flashed messages by reflecting sunlight off shields.

Parchment about 250 B.C.

THIS BUSINESS LETTER GOES TO...

The Greeks invented something to write on called parchment.

Newspapers 59 B.C.

ACTA DUCIT

The Romans posted a news sheet in busy places.

Paper and ink A.D. 105

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The Chinese invented ink, and paper made from wood.

Movable clay type about 1034

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The Chinese invented printing using movable type made of clay.

Town criers 400 to 1400

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Town criers strolled through the streets yelling the news.

Scribes 400 to 1400

WILL I EVER FINISH?

It took scribes a long time to hand-copy books, so there weren't many.

Postal service 1400s

BY THE 1700s, MAIL SERVICE HAD SPREAD TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

King Edward IV of England set up a series of houses for passing along public mail.

Movable metal type 1450

HOW MANY BOOKS CAN BE PRINTED?

Gutenberg of Germany invented the printing press and movable metal type.

The pencil 1564

HERE IS AN ACCOUNT OF THE HUNT IN SHERWOOD FOREST.

Graphite was discovered in England. Today's "lead" pencils are a mix of graphite and clay.

Steamships and trains 1786 1804

WE'RE CARRYING AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE. FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Steamships and locomotives speeded the way messages were carried.

Semaphores 1794

Movable crossed bars on top of towers sent messages that could be seen for miles. Semaphore, or flag, signals are still used on board ships.

Jacquard loom 1801

PUNCHED CARDS CONTROL WEAVING DESIGNS.

The punch-card method used by this loom later helped develop the computer.

First permanent photograph, 1826

LIGHT COMING THROUGH A HOLE MADE AN IMAGE ON THE OPPOSITE WALL.

Joseph Nicéphore, a Frenchman, exposed a treated piece of metal to light for eight hours.

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9-3.**

**Garage Sale - 1600 E 11th:
CD's, Electronics, CD, games
CD's, exercise machine,
couch, chairs, recliners,
clothes kids infants, adults,
games, tools, & lots of misc.
Fri. - Sun.**

Garage Sale: 2904 Parkway,
Sat. 9-5. Trash and
treasures.

**CITY WIDE GARAGE
SALE**
BALLINGER, SATURDAY
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8:00 A.M. TIL 7 MAPS
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**Coahoma Lion Club, Sell
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Oct. 4, Sign up sheets at The
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Sept. 28, 394-4424

FURNITURE

3 Pc. living room set, 2 Pc.
hutch & dining table w/ real
ivory chips and 4 chairs.
264-0108 after 5

HUNTING LEASE

OZONA
Prime Hunting Lease:
Canyons, Flat, Oak, Cedar,
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Factory direct - no
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starting at \$9.00 a month -
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FOR SALE: 10 speed,
Forest Ranger bicycle.
Special edition. Used very
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For Sale: Kenmore washer
& dryer. Sears side by side
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condition. \$500 for all 3.
Early American sofa,
loveseat, ottoman,
green-cranberry-oak trim,
\$600.00. Call 264-0058.

Beautiful carpet for 3
bedrooms, 3 months old.
Purchased \$2,550, sale for
\$550. 268-8888

FACTORY DIRECT: New
Sofa and Love seat sets,
\$539.
Brannan Furniture, 2004 W.
4th.

KK'S CLOSET, reopened, 2
weeks only, 9/4-9/20. Great
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Allendale. 263-8554, 9-6
M-F, 1-6 Sat.

STORE FIXTURES for
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**CREATIVE
CELEBRATIONS**
20th Anniversary Discounts
Cakes, Flowers, Arches &
Atrium
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**MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS**

For Sale: Betsy Ross
Spinnet Piano - great
condition: solid wood.
\$600.00. Day phone
264-2694 ask for Carolyn,
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Must reduce inventory -
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back from fair, delivery
and financing available.
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Must sell this week - trade
in - hot tub/spa. Delivery and
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CAMPBELL ESTATES
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7.4 Acres Beautiful view
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w/ fireplace, CHA. Plenty of
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sale by owner. 267-4003 or
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FOR SALE or RENT
601 E. 16th: 3 bedroom, 1
bath with 1 bedroom, 1
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4 Bedroom 2 1/2 bath, with
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NICE 4 bedroom home on
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For sale or rent. Call Joe
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OWNER FINANCING:
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18 acre hideaway near town.
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College Park, brick/alum.
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grade school. 3 bdr., 2
bath west side. \$220 per
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By owner 3 br., 2 bath, 3
living areas, 22.3 sq. ft.,
cinder block fence, double
carport suitable for RV,
Kerwood area. 267-8861.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3
bdr., 2 bath, low maintenance
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3-2-1 brick on Hamilton with
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Realtors 267-3061.

FOR SALE in Highland
South 2808 StoneHaven, 3
bedroom, 2 bath, large
double garage, shade trees.
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For Sale by owner. 2 bdr., 1
bath, carpet, fenced yard,
shop, storm windows.
Remodeled. \$19,000.
263-1580 8-5. After 5,
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FOR SALE BY OWNER:
4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathrooms,
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laundry room, patio,
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\$799.00 down, 6 year
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Terms are negotiable. 4th
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1 BEDROOM APTS for rent
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263-3555.

Apartments, houses, mobile
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Furnished house (two
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references. Call 263-1281.

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Must reduce inventory -
prices reduced - excess
storage buildings/shops - left
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Delivery and financing
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available. 563-3108.

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Efficiency up stairs
apartment for rent 303 1/2 E.
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR
FRIDAY, SEPT. 19:**
The extraordinary can happen this year, if you work with the unpredictable. Understanding takes you in a new direction. There are many possibilities, both professionally and emotionally. Touch base with what you want, and make it happen. If you are single, romance is likely to start at the office; you might choose not to mix business and pleasure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Expansion is indicated, though it happens unexpectedly. Roll with the punches. Communications concerning money are important. Your friendship means a lot to another.

Tonight: Make a "must" appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Regroup this morning. A partner offers a multitude of possibilities. You see things differently from before. A heart-to-heart talk opens a door.

Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Take a back seat when your life turns into a roller coaster. You are best off not reacting; remain mellow. A partner sheds light on what is going on. Discussions are open and vibrant; reveal your inner thoughts. Recognize what is going on. Tonight: Take a night off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Go for what you want. Hop over an obstacle; don't keep running into a brick wall. Creativity surges, if you are open to different ways and styles. A partner has a great money-making idea, but think before you leap. Tonight: Be with your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Unexpected behavior from others forces you to take on responsibilities and a leadership role. You are overly indulgent with a family member. You want him to feel good, but be realistic about spending. A business idea seems too good to be true. Tonight: Relish Friday night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You are drawn to new people and different scenarios. You'll need to bounce over some rough spots as you adapt. The excitement intrigues you and aids you in seeing the panoramic view. You might be touched by another's indulgent ways. Tonight: It's your call.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
One-to-one relating is exciting and dynamic. But a loved one might turn in another direction when you least expect it. You might be a bit self-indulgent, but also loving. Apologize if you unintentionally hurt another's feelings. Be more understanding. Tonight: Enjoy a hot date!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Deferring to another brings a whole new point of view. You learn a lot as a result. You shed light on what previously was incomprehensible. Your inner light comes out when dealing with a family member. You are unusually magnetic. Tonight: Don't be alone!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Stay level with your dealings. An element of the unexpected plays a role. It feels as though extremes mark your emotional choices. Talks open doors and allow you to understand someone better. Reveal your fears at this point. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your caring nature is key to friends. Creativity and flirtation add sparkle to a relationship. What is beginning could become important to you. Indulging a loved one assumes top priority. Share a dream with someone you care about. Tonight: Show your spunky side.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You have a vision of what could be, especially at home. You feel you have been given a second chance or a new beginning. Others find your behavior a bit erratic. Make choices for yourself. A partner offers you important feedback. Tonight: The party is at your place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Discussions are animated. Listen to an associate who means a lot to you. You have an unexpected insight. Your ability to express what is happening on an inner level helps foster closeness. A caller from a distance is the bearer of good news. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

Husband has stopped loving

DEAR ABBY: My husband quit drinking five years ago, and he hasn't made love to me since. The only time he put his arms around me after he quit was when his father died.

I don't think he is having an affair; I think he can't show his feelings unless he's had a drink. I sleep in another bedroom because he snores and reads the paper in bed, but he could come to my bed for sex if he wanted to.

I suggested counseling once, but he said I was the one who needed help. Now it seems I'm only attractive to him when he's had a drink or two.

Abby, I need to be held, and made to feel like a woman once in a while. Life is too short to live like this, but I still love him. What can I do to get him to be affectionate again? — FEELING UNLOVED IN ST. CLOUD, MINN.

DEAR FEELING UNLOVED: There is little you can do, unless your husband admits there's a problem that needs to be resolved.

If he is content with the marriage and is unwilling to seek counseling with you, go without him. The kind of rejection you describe can be devastating to one's self-esteem. With professional help you will be able to rebuild it — and also decide what you want to do about this marriage.

UNFURNISHED APTS.

1 bdr., 1 bath, apt. cha, clean, quiet. Super value. On site management. Eff. \$200. 1 bdr. \$220. 267-4217.

\$99 MOVE IN plus deposit. 1,2,3 bdr. 2 bills paid. Low Rent! 263-7811

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

3 Bedroom 1 1/2 bath, 4221 Hamilton. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022, 263-7536.

3 Bedroom 2 bath, 1104 Sycamore. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022, 263-7536.

1 bdr., central A/H, stove & ref. Call 263-7769.

Clean 1bdr., 1 bath, large living room & kitchen near Coahoma School. 267-7859 or 263-5272.

For Rent: 2bdr. 1 bath, with w/d connections. Refrigerator & stove furnished. 910 Nolan. \$260.00 month \$100.00 Dep. 263-8813

2 bdr. 1 bath, adjacent grade school. 3 bdr. 2 bath west side. \$220 per mo. 264-0510.

3 Bdr. Mobile home for rent, with washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, and central air. Midway area \$350. + \$150. dep. 267-3114 after 2pm, or 393-5585 anytime.

2 BEDROOM, houses. Stove & refrigerator furnished. 263-4410.

TOO LATES

Garage Sale: Sat. 9-7. 708 N. Lamesa Hwy.

Carpentry help needed. Must have painting & carpentry exp. Basic hand tools required. Must have transportation to & from work. 267-2296

3bdr. 2 bath garage, CHA, refrigerated window units. \$400 / mon. \$400/dep. 263-5808.

For Sale: John Deere 240 Lawn Tractor; 1981 Kingfisher / SOLP Evinrude boat; 1984 Olds Delta 88 car. 263-6148 after 4:00.

For Sale: Over head garage door, 7x9. \$150. Call 267-4677.

House for sale at 1610 E. 5th. Corner of 5th & Birdwell. 3 / 2 bdr., 1 bath, garage. 398-5486

Nice lg. 2 bdr. 1 bath dining area central A / H. Lg. carport W/D hookups, storage room near school. 263-2694.

Tired of housecleaning or just can't it done. Call 263-5154 at any before 5:00pm.

Very clean 1 bedroom, refrigerated air, carport, references required, \$250/mon. \$100/dep. 263-2382 or 263-4897.

Yard Sale: 3237 Duke, Fri. 9-2, Sat. 9-3. All sizes of clothes, misc.

3210 Drexel, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, central heat, clean & nice. 263-3350.

'93 Plymouth Voyager Mini van, 7 passenger, V6, automatic, air, 47,000 miles. \$7500.00. May take trade depending on what you have. 263-7501.

Dollar General Corporation, a major retailer, is actively recruiting for a Store Manager at its new store located at College Park Shopping Center, 1801 Birdwell Lane, Suite 25, Big Spring. Qualified applicants should have at least one to two years retail experience, good organizational skills, a positive attitude, and a proven ability to lead and motivate others. Some supervisory experience preferred. Qualified applicants should send their resume to Dwayne Erickson, District Manager, Dollar General Store #3229, 2802 Gregg St., Big Spring, TX. 79720-8540. No phone calls please. EOE

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMAN BASIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board is seeking a proposal from a firm with a minimum of 10 years experience in the development, management, and procurement of the local area Workforce Centers. Please mail all resumes and information supporting experience with workforce development programs to the following:

Mr. C. Richard Sivalls, 2910 LaFlore Blvd., Midland, TX 79711. Phone number (915) 569-1081. Deadline for submission: October 1, 1997.

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A negative drug screen is a prerequisite for employment with this agency. Please apply in person in at 418 N. Grant, Odessa or in Big Spring at 1107 N.W. 7th St. No phone calls please. HENDRICK MEDICAL CENTER is seeking experienced Pediatric RNs for Pool positions, days or nights. QUALIFICATIONS: TX RN license Minimum 2 years recent Pediatric or ICU experience. Able to work two 12-hour shifts per pay period (bi-weekly) BENEFITS: \$22/hr shift & weekend differential. Housing & Mileage reimbursement available. Qualified candidates, please call for fax or resume to: Hendrick Medical Center ATTN: Paige Bohannon, Human Resources 1242 North 19th Street Abilene, Texas 79601 (915) 670-3181 (800) 933-2289 FAX (915) 670-4417 Equal Opportunity Employer Smoke-Free & Drug-Free Environment Job opening for CLERK; HOURS: High school graduation or GED plus some secretarial or clerical experience. Prefer Medical Office experience. (transcription and data entry experience a must). 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