

SUNDAY

October 7, 2001

WEATHER

Today:



TODAY 80°-82° TONIGHT 50°-53°

Old cell phones put to use by violence victims

Victim Services of Big Spring has a good use for those old cell phones.

The organization is collecting used cell phones in good working condition during the months of October and November to give to people in domestic abuse situations.

"The phones will be used only for 911 emergency calls," said Linda Perez, Victim Service assistant manager.

The drive will begin on Monday and run until Nov. 30.

Dropoff locations include the Big Spring Police Department at 400 E. Fourth, Howard County Sheriff's Office at the county courthouse, RSVP in the Polly Mayes Building at 309 Johnson, KBST at 608 Johnson, the Sparenberg Building at 309 Scurry, Wes-Tex Telecom at 711 Scurry.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m., at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. 1607 East Third.

Big Spring High School production of "She Left Her Heart in Texas," 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$5 for adults.

Big Spring Commandery 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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Free depression screenings scheduled at mall on Thursday

By VALERIE AVERY Herald Correspondent

Free, confidential depression screenings will be administered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring Mall by qualified mental health professionals from Big Spring State Hospital and West Texas Centers for MHMR.

The screenings are being held on National Depression Screening Day in conjunction with Mental Illness Awareness Week, Oct. 7-13.

Participants who attend the screenings will hear an educational presentation about depression, take a written screening test, review the test results with an attending clinician and receive educational materials.

The screenings, which produce confidential results, are not a substitute for a psychiatric evaluation, said Dr. John Pichitino, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Psychology.

Last year, the two agencies screened nearly 40 people during four hours, he

said. "We found that people really wanted this service," Pichitino said. "We had people waiting for us to open last year. Many of the people we screened were depressed and needed help. And we expect the number to be even higher this year in light of the troubles facing our nation."

Seven in 10 Americans say they have felt depressed since the terrorist attacks, and half are having trouble concentrating, according to a survey by the Pew

Research Center for the People and the Press. More than a third have had trouble sleeping.

"What people are feeling is perfectly natural in the wake of these disasters," said West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith. "Even if you didn't know someone who was personally affected by the terrorist attacks, it has touched us all as Americans."

"And now that we're sending troops overseas, there's a lot of uncertainty."

Coping with terrorism

may produce shock, trauma, feelings of anxiety, fear and depression, Smith noted.

Approximately 2.94 million Texans — nearly one in six people — live with some form of mental illness. About 20 percent of all Americans experience a mental disorder each year. Clinical depression is the most common form of mental illness.

Nearly 80 to 90 percent of all people who live with depression can be effective-

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Four-year-old Hope Halfmann and 10-year-old Natasha Richards donate almost \$300 of the money they were saving to buy souvenirs on a future trip to Disneyland to a Kentwood Elementary School fund-raising drive for the relief efforts in New York. Also pictured are Big Spring firefighters Kendra Kothe, left, and Cecil Cevallos.

Giving it everything Sisters donate Disneyland trip savings to relief fund for New York's victims

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Two local girls saving for a future trip to Disneyland decided people they may never meet needed their money more than they do.

Kentwood Elementary student Natasha Richards, 10, and her sister Hope Halfmann, 4, donated about \$300 in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters to the Kentwood drive for the relief efforts for New York.

"We wanted to help the people," Natasha said.

The family is planning a future trip to Disneyland when the newest addition to the family, 20-month-old brother T.J., will be old enough to enjoy the trip.

To help the girls feel like they were contributing to the trip, Natasha and Hope have been saving their allowance and found change in a jar to pay for the trip's souvenirs.

And the girls have been on a mission this past year.

"They would look around on the ground

for change," said Melissa, the girls' mother. "If we are in the car and change hits the seats they would snap it up," said Tommy, the girls' father.

The Sept. 11 terroristic attack on the World Trade Center that left many children in New York without parents or a parent impacted young Natasha.

"She was worried about the orphans in New York when she heard about the kids that were not picked up from day care," said Melissa.

During the Kentwood fundraiser, Natasha and Hope asked their parents if they could give all the money in the change jar.

"We explained to them that they did not have to give all the money," Tommy said, but after the family discussed the donation the girls wanted to give all the money.

"If that is what they wanted to do with it, let them do that," Melissa said.

The school donated the money raised from the drive to representatives of the Big Spring Fire Department who will forward

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Prevention

Firefighters schedule trips to give fire safety message at local elementary schools

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

It's National Fire Prevention Week again.

The week of Oct. 7-13 is National Fire Prevention week, an annual event that was created after the deadly Great Chicago Fire which occurred Oct. 9, 1871.

"The Big Spring Fire Marshal's Office and officers of the Big Spring Fire Department will team up during this month to reach out to our area school children and civic groups," Fire Marshal Carl Condray said. "This year's topics will stress the importance of smoke detectors and keeping the batteries changed, fire exit drills in the home and how to use the 911 system."

Condray said the department will take a fire engine and an advanced life support medical unit to each of the elementary school campuses this week to let school children get a look at the tools of the firefighters' trade. Some teachers will get to lend a hand as well.

"Many children have a fear of how we look in our gear," Condray said. "It is usually fun to have one of their teachers dress up in our gear, and the kids can relate to them."

Condray will take "Sadie," his hydrocarbon-sniffing arson dog, to the schools.

"All the kids remember Sadie each year and often come up to her when she is out in public, much to the chagrin of a parent or two," Condray said.

Condray said it is important that everybody know how to use the 911 system.

"Sadly, we have noticed that although fire calls were down nationwide, fire deaths increased 13 percent to 4,045 (last year)," he said.

FALL FIRE TIPS

HERALD Staff Report

With fall and the holiday season right around the corner, the Big Spring Fire Department offers the following tips to help make the end of 2001 a safe experience for everybody.

Home candle fires have risen dramatically over the last decade, according to the department.

Historically, December has twice the number of candle-related fires than any other month. Each year candles are responsible for almost half the fires involving home decorations.

The department recommends following these steps to enjoy candles safely:

- Do not allow combustible materials within a one-foot circle surrounding each candle.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets, and make sure all lighters and matches are stored safely away.
- Never use candles for night lights. Instead, use a

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"Any message we can take to our children and community is very important. We simply must do all we can to help keep our children and families safe."

The Big Spring Fire Department's schedule for the week includes:

- Monday: 9 to 10:30 a.m. — Washington Elementary. 2 p.m. — Moss Elementary.
- Tuesday: 2 p.m. — Kentwood Elementary.
- Wednesday: 9 to 10:30 a.m. — Anderson Kindergarten. 2:30 p.m. — Bauer Magnet School.
- Thursday: 9 to 10:30 a.m. — St. Mary's Elementary. 2 p.m. — First Baptist Church.
- Friday: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. — Goliad Elementary. 1 to 2 p.m. — Marcy Elementary.

BSHS choir students earn spots on all-region choruses

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Fourteen Big Spring High School choir students earned a spot on either the All-Region Treble or All-Region Mixed choirs after taking part in tryouts held Sept. 22 at Permian High School.

"This was a good showing for our school," BSHS choir director Linda Lindell said. "We work really hard."

Assistant choir director Kathleen Tedesco took 51 BSHS choir students to the auditions where close to 500 Class 4A and 5A competitors battled for positions.

Two BSHS students earned the top position for their range.

"We have two we are very

proud of that placed first chair," Lindell said. "(Senior) Kim Jumper placed first in alto and (senior) Alex Edgemon placed first in tenor. They did a great job."

Eight of the BSHS choir students placed in the top 15 percent and advanced on to Pre-Area competition to compete against high school students all over West Texas.

"It is really hard to get to the top," Lindell said. "I feel that at least Kim and Alex will have a really good chance for state this year."

Other students qualifying for Pre-Area include: tenors Sonia Ortega, a sophomore, and seniors Jason Jimenez and Lacey Wilkinson; bass-



Members of the Big Spring High School Choir earned a place on either the All-Region Treble or All-Region Mixed choirs after taking part in tryouts held at Permian High School.

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OBITUARIES

Matthew Hampton Harrington

Funeral services for Matthew Hampton Harrington, 88, of Nacogdoches, Texas, will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Big Spring, Texas, with Father Jeremiah McCarthy officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.



Mr. Harrington died Oct. 4, 2001, in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Born Oct. 13, 1912, in Fort Worth, Texas, he was the son of Dennis Patrick and Gertrude Cosgrove Harrington. He moved to Big Spring in 1935 and worked for Cosden and the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce. During World War II he was an instructor pilot at Victory Field in Vernon, Texas, and later served in the Air Transport Command as a ferry pilot. He returned to Big Spring and worked in the life insurance business for more than three decades. Later he managed the Ponderosa Apartments for 11 years before retiring in 1978.

Survivors include daughter and son-in-law Jane and Dr. Donald Gregory of

Nacogdoches, Texas; grandson, Steven Gregory of Dallas, Texas, granddaughter and husband Karen and Bryan Gantt of Austin, Texas, and niece Nancy Rhodes of Paris, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary Gene Dubberly Harrington who died in 1999, and sisters Margaret Ellis of Fort Worth, Texas, Josephine Douglas of Breckenridge, Texas, and Marian Williams of Fort Worth, Texas.

Pallbearers and Honorary Pallbearers will be Bob Gilbert, Gale Kilgore, Jim Bill Little, Louis Stallings, Marcel Torres, R.H. Weaver, Del and Karen Brewer, Jack Little, Kent and Jan Morgan, Gary Pickle, Joe Pickle, Colleen Slaughter, Aubrey and Ann Weaver, John Curtis and Jake Glickman.

Family will receive visitors Sunday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. at Myers and Smith Funeral Home with a wake vigil to follow at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Paid obituary

Dorothy Dunnam

Dorothy Dunnam, 73, of Siloam Springs, Ark., and formerly of Big Spring died at her home Friday morning, Oct. 5, 2001.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel. The Rev. Rex Clayton, pastor of Belmont Baptist Church of Odessa, will officiate.

Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Dunnam was born July 28, 1928. She was the daughter of D.L. Moreland and Lorene Briley Moreland. She was a resident of Big Spring from 1952 until 1983. During that time she worked for more than 20 years for the Big Spring Independent School District, first at Big Spring High School, and later was Secretary to superintendents Sam Anderson and Lynn Hise. In 1983 she moved to Odessa where she was employed at Sam's, retiring this year. She moved from Odessa to Siloam Springs, Ark., in June, 2001. She was a member of the Belmont Baptist Church in Odessa.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Louise Dunnam of Siloam Springs and Louis and Nancy Dunnam of Midland, three grandchildren, Louis Dunnam, and his wife Kenda of Friona, Texas, Matthew Dunnam and Stephanie Dunnam, both of Midland; two great-grandchildren, Alex Dunnam and Keeley Dunnam, both of Friona; two sisters, Patricia Ambrose and Dean Robinson, both of Winters, Texas. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Dunnam was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Moreland.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Ambrose, Phillip Ambrose, James Van Stavern, Tom Smith, Steve Smith, Jerry Sims and Rick Robinson. Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Shirley L. Head, 65, of Odessa, died Saturday. Funeral services are pending.

Buddy McCoy Sr., 45, of Big Spring died Monday, Oct. 1, 2001, in Odessa. Arrangements are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

William Elmore Brackett

William Elmore Brackett, 86, of Midland died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001, in a Big Spring Hospital.

At his request, his body has been donated to Texas Tech School of Medicine in Lubbock and there will be no services.

A native of Justin, he was raised and educated in the Austin area. He married Iris Copeland April 20, 1940, in Mason, and they moved to San Angelo in 1947. He worked for many years as an insulator for Smith Insulation and Crouch Heating and Air Conditioning before retiring. In 1999 he moved to Midland and he had been a resident of the Texas State Veterans Home in Big Spring for six months.

He was a World War II Army veteran, having served in Europe.

Survivors include his wife, Iris Brackett of Midland; two daughters, Beverly Scott of Midland and Barbara Kingston of Odessa; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family offers a special thanks to the V.A. Hospital Intensive Care Unit staff for their excellent care and concern, and suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland, Texas, 79703, or to a favorite charity.

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

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SCREENINGS

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ly treated with medication and/or therapy, Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said.

"The medications for treating depression keep getting better and better each year," Moughon said. "But there's this stigma with admitting you're depressed. That's why we're urging people to come to the mall and take this anonymous and confidential test."

Questionnaires addressing symptoms of depression are prepared for several age groups — children, teenagers, parents and adults. Following completion of the questionnaire, recommendations concerning treatment options are made available if necessary.

Nine different symptoms of depression are targeted during the screening, and if the respondents answer positively to five of them, they may be clinically depressed, Smith explained. Symptoms of clinical depression range from loss of appetite to a disinterest in friends and activities.

The questionnaire can be an eye-opener for many people who are unsure if they are depressed, Pichitino said. "Our hope is that people who may think they are

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depressed, and who test positive for forms of depression will seek treatment.

"We feel as if this is a very important public service."

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides outpatient services for people with mental illness and mental retardation in 23 rural West Texas counties. Big Spring State Hospital cares for more than 200 patients who need intensive hospitalization for their illness, in 78 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

For more information, call (915) 270-1878.

TIPS

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low-wattage electric night light.

• Use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic holder for each candle.

• Never leave a burning candle unattended.

The following tips are suggested for fall yard-work safety:

• It is against the law to burn yard clippings or trash in the city limits. There is a compost facility at the industrial park that will receive pruning and yard waste.

• Be sure to clean the underside of your mower deck of built-up clippings.

• Prime bare spots on the mower deck with a good paint primer or other rust preventative.

• Have the mufflers of your mower changed if the spark arrestor screen has failed to prevent sparks from igniting dry grass.

• Stabilize your fuel for winter or have your equipment winterized by a small engine shop.

The following tips are suggested for indoor heater use:

• For central heaters, change the filters and have burners or heating elements checked by a licensed service professional.

• Heaters should be cleaned of dust and lint which can smolder and make the house smell as well as produce large amounts of carbon monoxide.

• Space heaters need a three-foot clearance from all combustibles.

• Never leave a space heater unattended while in use.

• Make sure new space heaters are UL-certified.

• Follow all the instructions that come with your space heater.

• Remember to allow for proper ventilation.

• If heaters are liquid-fueled, they should be refueled in well-ventilated areas away from possible ignition sources such as water heaters and central heating or air conditioning units. They should be completely cool before refueling is attempted.

• Fireplaces should be checked by a licensed chimney sweep before they are used each year.

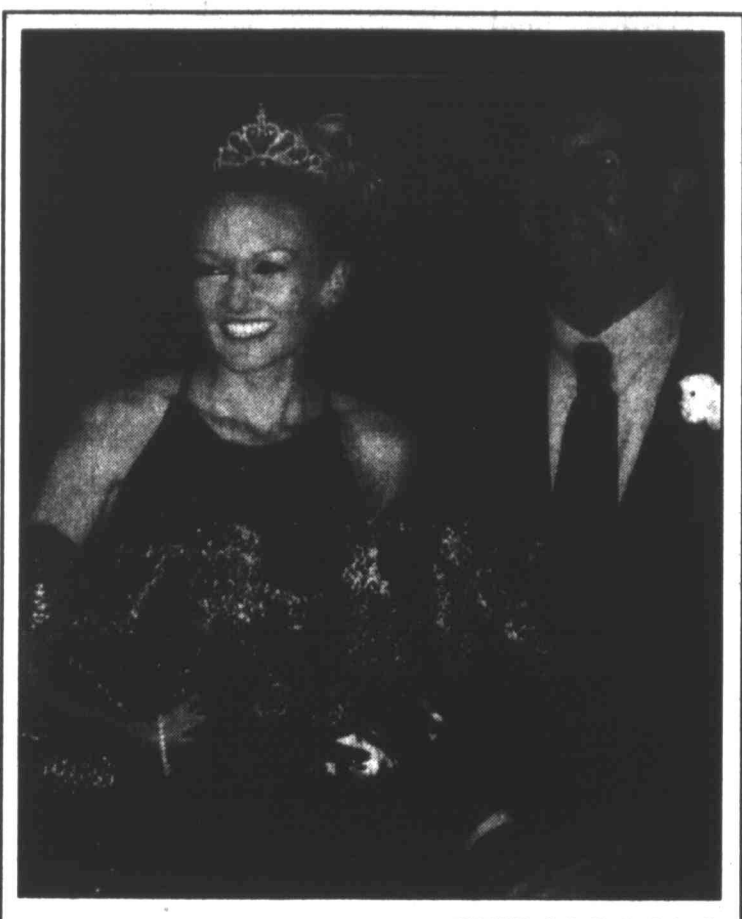
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the contributions to the International Association for Firefighters.

The generosity of the two girls evoked some emotions from several of the firefighters.

"I was really shocked



HERALD photo/Patty Schuelke
The Grady High School 2001 Homecoming Queen senior Samantha Yates is escorted by her father, Jody, following the ceremony. Yates was crowned during Friday night's football game.

when I heard," said Cecil Cevallos, one of the firefighters who went to the school to receive the donation.

"I would be proud to have kids like that in my family," said Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said. "They had to weigh the discussion would they spend the money or give it to people they don't even know."

Kentwood made a \$497 donation to the cause while Marcy Elementary School donated \$462.

"We are receiving so much generosity and support from the community," Condray said.

According to Condray the Big Spring Firefighter's Association has already sent a check to the IAFF for \$1,526 with the union chapter donating \$500 and the rest coming from community donations.

Firefighters will continue to accept donations for the relief effort at neighborhood fire stations.

CHOIR

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es Andrew Campbell and Brian Wingert, both seniors, and sophomore David Brooks. All were selected for the mixed choir.

Earning alternate positions for Pre-Area were tenors Chris Correa and Brian Thomas, both seniors; and alto Sherrean Jones, a senior.

Correa and Thomas earned positions in the Mixed Choir and Jones was selected for the Treble Choir.

Also selected for the

Treble Choir were: sopranos Kristina Woodruff and Nicole Rushin and altos Kori Johnson and Jessie Weir, both seniors, and sophomore Jacquelyn Bowen.

Both choirs will perform on Nov. 3 in Midland.

Featured music for the evening includes "Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl, "Ave Verum Corpus" by Norman Greyson and "We are the Music Makers" by David L. Bruner and "Laudate Pueri Dominum" by Mendelssohn.

The program will also include "If Music be the Food of Love" by David C. Dickau, "The Last Words of David" set to music by Randall Thompson, "Jubilate Deo" by David L. Bruner and "Laudate Pueri Dominum" by Mendelssohn.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday until 8 a.m. today:

• SHANNA MARIE PIERCEFIELD, 21, of 538 Westover Road was arrested for on a charge of possession of a controlled substance 3 to 200 grams.

• JOE LOPEZ CHAVEZ III, 31, of 509 E. 18th St. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance 3 to 200 grams.

• JUAN PAUL GARZA, 37, of 1006 E. Sixth St. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance 3 to 200 grams.

• JERRY MCGREGOR RUSKIN, 30, of 307 W. Sixth St. was arrested for 10 local warrants.

• ALEX GUTIERREZ, 27, of 538 Westover was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon and for Hascal County warrants.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Matt Harrington, 88, died Thursday. The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, Sunday. A vigil service will follow at 7:00 PM, Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11:00 AM, Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dorothy Dunnam, 73, died Friday. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM, Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

G. W. Hines, 78, died Saturday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Cemetery 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 www.npwelch.com

Marla Reese, 49, of Big Spring died Monday, October 1, 2001. Memorial services will be held at 3:00 PM, Monday, October 8, 2001 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Dollie Marie Berryhill Johnson, 79, of Marietta, Georgia died Friday. Graveside funeral services will be at 2:00 PM, Saturday, October 13, 2001 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO hero's honor Friday to Lt. O. Wagner at Houston National Cemetery. Wagner, 40, hijacked jet crashed on Pentagon on Sept. 11. The fourth-grader was buried at cemetery as Army Sgt. Wagner. She was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Purple Heart Merit, the Purple Heart with Valor and the Purple Heart with Distinction.

Whistleblowers involved in near miss

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawsuit filed in federal court says a regulator who investigated a huge funeral home while he was a whistleblower. Former Texas Service Director Elizabeth she was fired because of her investigation into Houston Service International, the largest funeral home in the country. The company's political contributions may have influenced Bush, Attorney General John Cornyn and other officials. The Texas Court had been on whether AG could question the court removal from its dock parties to procurement negotiator Houston Chronicle in its Friday. Austin law Howard, who May, said the "entered into agreement," the parties were further proceeding. Such an agreement

"Clean up"

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OUR VIEWS

Firefighters' words need our attention

Today marks the start of National Fire Prevention Week, an annual event that was created after the deadly Great Chicago Fire which occurred Oct. 9, 1871, and remains extremely important to all of us today. At least it should.

That's why the Big Spring Fire Marshal's Office and Big Spring Fire Department personnel will be teaming up during this week to reach out to our area school children and civic groups.

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In addition, "Sadie," the fire marshal's hydrocarbon-sniffing arson dog, will also be making the rounds at the schools.

Just how important is Fire Prevention Week? Well, a total of 4,045 people nationwide lost their lives in fires in 2000 — a 13 percent increase from the previous year. And that's in a year when the nation's fire departments answered fewer fire calls than in 1999.

Obviously, any message firefighters impress on our community is very important. Nothing should be paramount to keeping our children and families safe.

That's the calling of our firefighters. And at a time when we as a nation have spent several weeks honoring the sacrifices of police officers and firefighters following the collapse of the World Trade Center towers in New York, perhaps there's no better way to salute our local emergency personnel this week than heeding to their warnings.

Clearly, we'll all be better for the experience.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring Quarterback Club would like to send special thanks to the Big Spring Harley Owners Group for its tremendous support and participation in the pep rally and pre game activities before the Andrews football game.

For those of you that missed the pep rally, 41 Harley owners showed up to bring the team and the cheerleaders through the Steer helmet and tunnel onto Blankenship Field. If you think one Harley going down the street is loud, you need to be there with 41 on a football field. After the pep rally,

everyone was invited down to sit on the bikes and have their pictures taken. Later that evening, the HOG joined together to escort the team from the ATC to Memorial Stadium. It was unanimous that the HOG showing its support, this was by far the loudest and the best pep rally ever.

Big Spring is lucky to have a group that supports the activities of our community and our schools like the Big Spring Harley owners. Once again, we salute you for your dedication and thank you for your support.

JIM CLEMENTS
QUARTERBACK CLUB

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Spreading comfort and caution together

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Guest Columnist

The government says terrorists are likely to strike again but Americans should get back in airplanes. It says Americans are safe from biological attack but the threat of it must be taken seriously. Reassurance and red flags are coming out of Washington in roughly equal measure. The nation's leaders say: Be normal. They say: Be alert. One possible effect: Be confused.

As the government feels its way through an unprecedented crisis, it may be setting off needless alarms here and spreading a false sense of security there.

The task is huge: Return people to their routines for the sake of the economy and the national spirit, yet ensure they don't let down their guard as the country prepares for war and the prospect of more terrorism.

"It's a very fine line," said trauma specialist Dr. Alan Stewart, an assistant professor of psychology at the University of Florida. "Our belief in a benevolent and predictable world is shattered," he said. As a result, "there's information to sift through. It's not just taking for granted our safety."

This week, Health and Human Services Secretary

Tommy Thompson surprised public health specialists and countered some of the government's own reports when he declared that Americans are not at risk from biological weapons.

"We've got to make sure that people understand that they're safe, and that we're prepared to take care of any contingency, any consequence, that develops for any kind of bioterrorism attack," he said unequivocally on CBS' "60 Minutes."

Not so, said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who has held many bioterrorism hearings as chairman of the House national security subcommittee.

Shays said terrorists will have access to biological weapons if they don't already, and "I'm absolutely certain that they'll use them." He said the government cannot handle a massive number of victims.

On one hand, President Bush has declared that Americans must not give up their freedom to travel. On the other hand, the State Department warns that it is "deeply concerned about the security of Americans overseas."

On the day Bush told the public, "Get on the airlines, get about the business of America," his administration also publicly clarified the chain of command should the need arise to shoot down a threatening

commercial airliner as a last resort.

David Murray, who studies risk as part of his research for the private Statistical Assessment Service, says the government's dual messages of comfort and caution are appropriate, if hard to follow.

"You don't want to sound the all clear but neither is it the time to go into the bomb shelter," he said. "It's probably sound to say, 'Go back to normal, the averages are still with you.'"

The marginal, small uptick in overall risk is real but it is not that overwhelming."

Some public health experts, however, said Thompson's assurances about the country's ability to manage a biological attack were bewildering.

"Mr. Thompson has presented a very optimistic opinion of what we would be able to do," said Dr. C.J. Peters, a well-known virologist who recently retired from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"It's really hard to say that we have things in place that would really and truly defend against a large-scale bioterrorist attack," he said. "His remarks only refer to a very small-scale episode."

The CDC would be at the forefront of managing the response to a biological-weapons attack.

If Thompson was eager to keep people calm when many are rushing to buy gas masks, Attorney General John Ashcroft has emphasized the potential dangers to Americans to justify the need for tougher anti-terrorist laws.

He spoke early this week of the "likelihood of additional terrorist activity" and a "very serious threat of additional problems now," and even more so in the future when the assault against terrorism is fully engaged.

Such warnings of looming but vague danger are probably not helpful because they scare people without giving them useful information, said William L. Waugh Jr., a public administration professor at Georgia State University. Waugh developed a college-level course in terrorism response for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Sept. 11 attacks have officials at all levels thinking about when and how to warn of danger, and how best to restore confidence.

Psychologists say that in urging people to resume routines, the government is like a trainer telling someone who fell off a horse to climb back on.

Many people cope best by going back to the activity associated with the trauma, Stewart said. So might a nation, he said, despite the danger of another spill.



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God and guns are back in the picture

I hope a lot of you noticed that after the terrorist attacks, Americans turned to God and guns. Kind of reminds me of a bumper sticker I used to see that used words to the effect that America was created by "God, guns and guts."

The Airline Pilots Association has asked Congress to permit pilots to have firearms in the cockpit. That's a reasonable request. The old rule that you obey the hijackers in order to survive is no longer applicable. And there is talk of putting armed marshals on the planes. Likewise, that's a reasonable idea.

There is only one logical reply to force, and that's counterforce. That's why warplanes were scrambled. That's why President Bush had already given the order to shoot down the airliner that was flying over Pennsylvania, heading

toward Washington. The passengers on that plane, to their credit, did the job themselves and brought it down in an open field.

And, of course, every politician in the country was praying and attending religious services. The president even proclaimed a national day of prayer and remembrance.

In the face of all that praying by the high and mighty, the federal-court orders that state our children cannot start their school day with a prayer, have a prayer at a commencement exercise or pray for the safety of the players at a high-school football game certainly seem to be the petty, nonsensical rulings that they are.

You will notice that during this crisis period, we have not heard even a peep, much less a squawk, from all those people so hot to trot on the subject of church and state separation. Well, if the House and Senate can start their sessions with a prayer, if the president can proclaim a day of national prayer and remembrance, if politicians

of every stripe can attend prayer service after prayer service, if even television networks can put up little messages saying the network's prayers are with the victims and their families, why in hell can't children pray at school events?

I've heard other commentators say that this atrocity has diminished in the eyes of the public the importance of professional athletes and entertainers. It is now clear that they are not heroes.

I hope it will also diminish in the eyes of the public those few secular cranks who wish to drive all traces of religion from American public life. It's quite clear that most Americans are religious, and it's always been clear to anybody who bothered to read American history that this nation has always had a strong religious base.

Freedom of religion has never meant freedom from religion.

The only purpose of the First Amendment was to simply forbid the federal government from adopting a particular church as an official church subsidized

by tax dollars. In fact, the stated hope of the Founding Fathers was that by prohibiting an official church, religion would flourish in America. And, indeed, it has.

Most people, when faced with death, will reach for God. Most people, when faced with men who want to kill them, will reach for a gun. Perhaps more Americans will realize that it is no accident that the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of speech, religion, assembly and press, is immediately followed by the Second Amendment, which guarantees the right of individuals to keep and bear arms.

Ultimately, even in our day, the world is ruled by force.

That's why we have the armed forces, armed police, armed federal officers and an armed citizenry. If you see a terrorist about to crash a truck into a school, what are you going to do? Throw a law book at him? No, you had better shoot him dead where he sits.

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Bush

WASHINGTON President Bush's Congress to pass economic stimulus that includes income tax cuts breaks for business assistance income workers

In doing so, Bush to quiet Republicans that the White House is too willing Democratic special proposals ranging insurance aid construction.

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WASHINGTON Intelligence from Air strikes from from aircraft Troops on the Uzbekistan to be special forces opera Afghanistan. An command cen Saudi Arabia.

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WASHINGTON Meeting Transportation Norman Mineta, Republicans prepared for the White House executive orders to make air travel safer than accept legislation eralizing airport v

Bill Clinton was acted on his own that," said the Governor. Tom DeLay

The session over House officials scrubbed Mineta's appointment — with Senate Republicans and Democrats awaiting the very House leaders have so forcefully.

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Afghanistan offers to free aid workers if U.S. stops 'propaganda campaign'

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — As a U.S.-led anti-terrorism coalition tightened the circle around Afghanistan, the country's increasingly isolated Taliban leadership offered Saturday to release eight imprisoned foreign aid workers. The condition: The United States must halt its "massive propaganda campaign."

The Taliban foreign ministry, comparing the Christian aid workers' situation with that of the Afghan people, said the United States "should issue a statement that the (Afghan) people will be safe and will not be the target of attack and that they can go back to their homes."

"If they stop issuing threats, we will take steps for the release of the eight foreigners," the ministry said in a statement released in Kabul, the Afghan capital.

But in his weekly radio broadcast Saturday, President Bush delivered a blunt warning to the Taliban.

"The Taliban has been given the opportunity to surrender all the terrorists in Afghanistan and to close down their camps and operations," the president said.

"Full warning has been given and time is running out."

Also Saturday, the Taliban ambassador to Pakistan said in Islamabad that their leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar, had ordered the release of British journalist arrested last month for sneaking into Afghanistan.

Ambassador Abdul Salam Zaeef said the decision to release Yvonne Ridley, 43, this weekend was made on humanitarian grounds and followed an appeal by the Pakistani government and British diplomats.

The offers were the latest in a series by the Taliban, which want to negotiate over U.S. demands that they hand over Osama bin Laden, chief suspect in last month's terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Bush has refused, saying the demand for bin Laden is not negotiable.

On Saturday, Taliban anti-aircraft guns fired at a high-flying aircraft over the capital. The origin and type of the plane were unknown. The intense volley sent thousands of residents into the streets to stare at the plane, barely visible overhead.

Afghan gunners have fired anti-aircraft bursts in recent days in what the Taliban said were drills. However, Saturday's firing was much more intense, according to witnesses in the Afghan capital.

As the United States massed military forces, its leaders and allies are seeking support from governments in the Muslim heartland of the Middle East, North Africa and South and Central Asia for a crackdown on bin Laden, his al-Qaida terrorist network and his Taliban allies.

Especially pivotal is the support of Pakistan, Afghanistan's eastern neighbor and an important Islamic ally for the United States.

With that in mind, British Prime Minister Tony Blair paid a visit to President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Friday night, a demonstration of solidarity aimed as much at the Muslim world as at Pakistan itself.

Some Pakistanis are angry at Musharraf's decision to support the United States, and many have staged protests in larger cities. In the border city of Peshawar, several thousand people staged a noisy rally Saturday to denounce the United States and pledge support for the Taliban.

Blair, who leads a country with substantial Pakistani and Muslim populations, said his visit was "part of making sure that around Afghanistan we have all the people supporting us."

"The purpose is to ensure

that we have a trap set around Afghanistan in which everyone supports the things we need to do," he said. He met Saturday in New Delhi with leaders of India, which also has a substantial Muslim population.

The eight aid workers in Kabul — four Germans, two Americans and two Australians — were arrested in August on charges of trying to convert Muslims to Christianity, a serious crime under Taliban law in that devout Islamic nation.

The two Americans are Heather Mercer, 24, and Dayna Curry, 29. Both attended Baylor University and were active members of Antioch Community Church in Waco.

All are employees of the German-based Christian organization Shelter Now International. Sixteen Afghan staff of the same aid organization also were arrested.

The offer Saturday to release them in the middle of their trial contradicted Taliban chief justice Noor Mohammed Saqib's assertion this week that there was no connection between their trial and the growing dispute with the United States over bin Laden.

But as the Taliban's isolation grows, the issues are becoming increasingly interwoven.

The ministry said that the fate of the aid workers was important on humanitarian grounds, "so are the people of Afghanistan who have been hit by drought, cruel sanctions and are facing winter."

"Because of American threats, people are being forced to flee their homes, along with their children and women and old people," the statement said. "Are their lives not important?"

In Islamabad, John Mercer, father of American aid worker Heather Mercer, said he was heartened by the statement and called it "very encouraging."

"The issue of the detainees is now out there," he said.

Saqib, the Afghan chief justice, has refused to discuss possible punishment. For Afghans, the mandatory punishment for preaching Christianity is death.

As Blair tried to persuade Muslims that the coming military campaign will not become a Western war against Islam or Afghans, the United States focused diplomatic efforts farther north.

The leader of Uzbekistan, a former Soviet republic on Afghanistan's northern border, granted permission Friday for U.S. warplanes and troops to use an Uzbek air base. The U.S. Army dispatched 1,000 soldiers.

But President Islam Karimov, meeting with U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, made clear he wasn't offering an open endorsement for U.S. military action.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Oct. 7:

Your dynamic personality bails you out of many jams this year. Often you or others will get stuck in either/or type thinking. Give others space, and do not corner them in disagreements. Others acknowledge your work and leadership as you take a predominant role in the public arena.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)**** What starts out as a touchy conversation mellows out. Perhaps you decide the argument isn't worth it. Let another choose a fun idea. If at first you feel like nixing the idea, just jump in and do it. A good time will be had by all! Tonight: Keep rolling with the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**** You and another simply don't agree about a financial matter, no matter how much you discuss it. Is there a way to go halves? Do something positive that reinforces your relationship, perhaps not related to the issue. Before you know it, you are laughing away. Tonight: You find the answer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**** You can handle another's difficult nature, but the million-dollar question is why? Let go of problems and allow your playful nature to emerge. Treat someone to a fun afternoon. Don't worry if you both laugh and perhaps spend a little too much. Tonight: Talk relationship with someone who gives good advice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)*** You might not be in the mood for many people. If so, just say so rather than grumble and growl. Others will respond and go off to make other plans. Realize your limits within a special familial relationship. You can tease, but you might not be able to lecture! Tonight: Get ready for tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**** Continue letting your wild imagination come out. You lighten up a friend who is way too serious, and add more mirth to the moment. While laughing with a loved one, you share much more of yourself. Make it OK to be vulnerable. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*** A strong reaction could be driving your plans. You

might feel uncomfortable in another's company and not want to be within sight of this person. What you discover is that you really cannot run away, even though you have a great time with friends. Tonight: Straighten out a problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**** What could be a misunderstanding shapes your plans. Don't worry about it. Just go with the flow. Others express delight at seeing you unexpectedly. News from a distance might be slow in coming. Someone doesn't feel like sharing. Tonight: Return calls. Catch up on another's weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Deal with a difficult friend or loved one, even if there is a disagreement. Realize your limits with this person as well. Plans, such as going to a football game, allow you to recharge and express your bubbly personality. Tonight: An intimate chat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Taking a strong stand is exactly the wrong move. Give someone the space to change his mind. A fun discussion lights up the moment and, as a result, makes everything a lot easier. Talk, share and

express yourself. Someone will do the same. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** If you woke up on the wrong side of bed, go back to bed! Just don't allow fatigue and grouching to ruin a perfectly wonderful day. Take advantage of an invitation, and simply let go. Please notice how much someone cares. Tonight: Enjoy all the attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** An invitation seems irresistible. As a result, you might want to cancel some plans that you made earlier. Whatever you do, wherever you are, you will tend to go overboard. Make it OK to do something totally different and offbeat. Tonight: Include a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)*** Someone pressures you, or so it seems. You actually create the tension yourself because of a judgment you are making around a request. A family member or you might need some quiet time close to home. Honor the preferences. Do only what delights you. Tonight: Specialize in having a good time.

Her needy, long-lost brother has sister in a quandry

Dear Ann Landers: My mother had three children and gave all of us up for adoption when we were infants. My sister and I found each other several years ago, and recently, we were reunited with our brother. We were thrilled to find him, but now I'm not so sure it was such a good idea.

"Thomas" is extremely needy and has become a

pest. He phones every day, sometimes twice a day. Every call lasts at least half an hour, and all he does is complain about how our mother abandoned us. I don't want to stop talking to Thomas, but I have a busy life, and he has become a pain in the neck.

My sister signed up for Caller ID and doesn't pick up when Thomas phones. I feel completely smothered by his neediness and don't know how to reclaim my life. What can I do without hurting his feelings? Smothered in Dixie

Dear Dixie: Your sister has the right idea. Caller ID (if available in your area) and an answering machine

were tailor-made for situations such as this one. Pick up only when it is convenient. Decide how long you want to talk, and end the conversation when you've had enough. Say, "Sorry, I have a lot to do today, and I must hang up now." Then, click off before he has a chance to say anything more. Remember the old Ann Landers admonition: "No one can take advantage of you without your permission."

Dear Ann Landers: I recently learned that a dear friend's daughter is getting married. My husband and I have not been invited. At first, I thought the wedding must be a small, intimate

affair, and that's why we weren't sent an invitation, but I have since learned it is going to be a major bash.

We have always been invited to their parties, anniversaries and everything else. I am terribly hurt that we weren't included this time. I'm sure to run into this friend at some social function soon. What should I say? -- Slighted in Sacramento

Dear Sac: Smile sweetly, and make no mention of being excluded. Silence can speak louder than words. She'll get the message. (P.S. Just a thought -- when was the last time you invited this friend to something?)



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IN BRIEF

Big Spring basketball boosters to meet

The Big Spring basketball boosters are slated to meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Steer Gym at Big Spring High School. All parents of prospective players are urged to attend this important organizational meeting Monday.

Big Spring gets forfeit tennis win

The Big Spring tennis team picked up its fifth District 4-4A win Friday without even playing Saturday's match at Estacado high in Lubbock when the Matadors called in a forfeit win, giving Big Spring a 5-0 district record and a Saturday off.

The Steers return to the court Tuesday, traveling to Sweetwater for a non-district match before Saturday's showdown with Snyder at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Big Spring.

The Tigers are currently 4-0 in district action, so Saturday's meet will give one team an opportunity to stay undefeated in its quest for a conference crown.

Big Spring swim team meeting

The Big Spring Swim Team parents meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Big Spring YMCA.

All parents of swimmers are urged to attend. For more information, call 263-4427.

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RESULTS

TENNIS
BIG SPRING — Forfeit win from Estacado, Friday.

VOLLEYBALL
BIG SPRING — Big Spring lost to Andrews, 15-7, 15-7

TUESDAY

TENNIS
BIG SPRING — at Sweetwater, 4 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
BIG SPRING — vs. Snyder, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL
BIG SPRING — vs. Levelland, 7:30 p.m.

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GARDEN CITY — at Rotan, 7:30 p.m.

GRADY — at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

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STANTON — at Plains, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

CROSS COUNTRY
BIG SPRING — at Abilene Cooper, 10 a.m.

COAHOMA — Cisco Invitational, 4 p.m.

FORSAN — Idle

GARDEN CITY — Idle

ON THE AIR

RADIO
BASEBALL
12:45 p.m. — Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals, KBST, 1490 AM.

2:30 p.m. — Dallas Cowboys at Oakland Raiders, KBST, 95.7 FM.

Television
NFL FOOTBALL
12 p.m. — Redskins at Giants, FOX; Titans at Ravens, CBS.

3 p.m. — Cowboys at Raiders, FOX.

6:30 p.m. — Panthers at 49ers, ESPN.

Bonds hits No. 71 and 72, sets new record



Courtesy photo from Houston Chronicle/Christobal Perez
A big smile graces the face of Giants slugger Barry Bonds during a press conference at Enron Field last week after he tied the record.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds wasted no time.

He claimed home run history for himself Friday by hitting No. 71, ending Mark McGwire's reign just one night after he tied baseball's most glamorous record.

Bonds homered to right-center field at Pacific Bell Park in the first inning on a tailing fastball from Los Angeles' Chan Ho Park.

The San Francisco star connected on a 1-0 pitch to break the record McGwire set in 1998. It came on his first swing since hitting No. 70 in Houston's Enron Field off rookie Wilfredo Rodriguez. Both homers went in

Barry Bonds 72 Mark McGwire 70

the same direction.

After hitting his 442-foot shot, Bonds trotted around the bases and was mobbed by his teammates at the plate and his 11-year-old son, Nikolai.

Bonds slipped into the dugout for a short time, before returning to the field.

As a "71" flashed on the scoreboard and fireworks went off in the outfield, Bonds hugged his wife, Liz and daughter Aisha, as well as his mother, Pat.

In a neat twist, Bonds homered at the same moment McGwire was approaching the plate at Busch Stadium at St. Louis. Until Big Mac came along, Roger Maris' record of 61 had stood for 37 years.

And now, Bonds has rewritten the record book only three years — and he still has two games to go against the Dodgers.

Shortly after McGwire made out against Houston, the Busch scoreboard briefly flashed that Bonds had hit No. 71. But it had happened so fast that most fans didn't even notice.

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Chiefs nip Steers in San Angelo

Ford runs for 125 yards against former Lake view team as Steers fall to 0-5

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Ramone Ford did not have a happy reunion when he returned to Lake View High School Friday night.

The former Lake View football player rushed for 125 yards on 24 carries, but he failed to score for his Big Spring Steers and he was a marked man from the start of the District 4-4A contest that the Chiefs won, 26-17, leaving the Steers in an 0-5 hole.

"We played extremely hard, but you can't make mistakes at crucial times," Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said as he left the field, referring to special teams mistakes that contributed to Big Spring's fifth loss of the season.

"We caught the ball well and we ran the ball hard. Our defense played hard in the second half and came up with big stops that gave us a chance to go ahead and we just couldn't hold it. We just made too many mistakes at crucial times. That's the whole season in a nutshell," Butler said.

for the fifth time this season, Big Spring had a chance to win with a second-half comeback. But the Steers made punting mistakes that led to Lake View points. For the second time this season, Big Spring had a second-half lead, but couldn't hold on in the fourth quarter.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Ramone Ford tires to sweep around the left side for a first down, but a tribe of Lake View Chiefs haul him down for a short gain on this third-down rushing attempt. He ran for 125 yards on 24 carries against his former teammates Friday. Ford failed to score as Lake View beat Big Spring, 26-17, leaving the Steers still looking for their first win of the season with an 0-5 record. Lake View improved to 2-3 overall and 1-0 in District 4-4A play.

Facing a fourth-and-17 situation at the 26-yard line, Big Spring called timeout to consider kicking a field goal that would have tied the game at 20-20. But the 43-yard attempt seemed out of kicker Jordan Cobb's range, so the Steers elected to set up in a shotgun formation. With 90 seconds left, the snap sailed over quarterback Tye Butler's head. He scrambled to grab the ball, but fell down as he tried to gather it in, leaving

the Steers with one last chance for a defensive stop as they used their final time outs to save time.

After the Steers forced a third-and-one at the 49-yard line, Jaumar Hall, who set a school record with 231 rushing yards on 28 carries for Lake View, scored his third touchdown of the night on a sweep to the left that covered 51 yards. He scored with 36 seconds left in the game, but the clock ran down to 34 before the

operator stopped it.

"I was just trying to get a foot and then I saw the hole and I filled it," Hall said of his breakaway run that left the Steers wondering what they have to do to find a win in the 2001 campaign. "When I broke to the outside, I didn't see anyone in front of me, so once I saw the hole, there was no looking back. It feels mighty good to get a close win against these guys, especially with Ramone on their

Lake View 26 Big Spring 17

team now. We played together on the JV last year, so we really wanted this win and we got because we did what we had to do. It feels like we're dominate right now."

The Chiefs did dominate the Steers early, taking a 14-7 halftime lead on a 13-yard Brant Dendle pass to Ryan Lancaster that caught the Steers looking with 8 seconds left before intermission.

It was an important score that gave Lake View momentum after Big Spring had tied the game on a seven-play drive that featured Tye Butler going to the air for a pair of long passes that put the Steers in scoring position.

Ford found little room to run as the Chiefs challenged him at the line of scrimmage. Butler capped the drive with a 5-yard touchdown toss to Brandon Mendoza with 59 seconds to go. Butler started the drive with a 38-yard pass to Clarence Wilkins that stunned the Chiefs. He followed with a 24-yard strike to Larry Thompson on the next play before Ford had a hard time running for two yards. He scampered for seven on the next play, running to his right.

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Bearkats beat Indians as Garden City stays undefeated at 5-0

HERALD Staff Report

Bearkats 48 Indians 7

GARDEN CITY — After Curtis Eggemeyer gave Garden City an early 6-0 lead on a 10-yard run, Adrian Trevino boosted the Bearkats to an 8-0 edge on a 2-point pass from senior quarterback Boyd Batla, giving Garden City all the points it would need to beat Fort Davis at Bearkats Stadium Friday night.

With an 8-0 advantage less than three minutes into the Class 1A high school football game, junior Daniel

Martinez put a punctuation mark and six more points on the Garden City stat sheet when he picked off a David Lara pass and returned it 13 yards for a second Garden City score. The Bearkats went on to a 48-7 win, keeping their perfect record intact at 5-0. "That was the biggest play of his career," Garden City coach Wade Wesley said of

Martinez's interception return. "He did a good job with the opportunity he had. I was elated for him because he is a hard worker and one of the hardest hitters we have. He is always passing licks in practice, so it was good to see him have success on Friday night. He and Adrian both got first scores. Adrian made a move to the inside and cut it back and went down the sideline (for Garden City's fifth score with 6:14 left in the second quarter). "He was a top sprinter for

us in track last year, so we knew he could run," Wesley continued, commenting on Trevino. "We'll have to try to get him the ball more often and he might be able to help us at a couple of positions. He got the opportunity to play some quarterback for us. He played some of the third period and all of the fourth and did a good job for us for his first time. He showed a lot of potential. I think he has a lot of ability because he's a smart kid and it takes a smart kid to play quarterback because

there is a lot of it."

After Eggemeyer and Martinez gave Garden City a solid lead, Brian Hillger chipped in with a 30-yard scoring scamper on a pass from Batla that made it 21-0 as Kendall Goodwin added his first of four extra-point kicks.

Eggemeyer added his second score on a defensive play. The Bearkats' leading tailback, who had two offensive touchdowns and 106 yards on only seven carries,

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Grady gets back on track with 50-point win

HERALD Staff Report

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LENORAH — All Eagles are not alike.

A week after getting sent home early from a six-man football game because of a lopsided score against the Sanderson Eagles, Roger Smith watched his Grady High football players have some fun Friday. His entertainment and the Wildcats' excitement came at the expense of the short-handed Painview Christian Eagles, who lost seven of their eight fumbles and had five passes picked off as Grady got its third win of the season, 68-18, over the Eagles.

"I think we could call

this one the fumble game because they fumbled eight times and we dropped two balls on the ground. But it sure was a whole lot more fun than last week," Grady coach Roger Smith said, referring to last week's lopsided loss, 50-0, at home to No. 4 Sanderson.

"Every kid we have played and every kid did something to contribute to this win, so it really was a team win for us and a confidence booster that we needed after last week," Smith continued. It seems like everybody

did something good for our team. Either they recovered a fumble or made a tackle or got an interception or scored or did both.

The Wildcats piled up 380 yards of offense and recovered both of their own fumbles — turning one into a touchdown — while using 12 Eagles' turnovers to score 40 first-half points before adding 28 second-half points to the total.

Eric Tunnell led the rushing attack, scoring five touchdowns and rushing for 195 yards on 11 carries. And almost all of his hard work came in the first quarter before he took a seat on



HERALD photo/Don Fiero
Colter Tate (right in black) fights off a Plainview Christian player and recovers one of the Eagles' eight fumbles Friday night. J.T. Springer led the Grady defense with a pair of interceptions and rumble recoveries.

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SPORTS EXTRA

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League (East, Central, West) and National League (East, Central, West) standings, including teams like New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians, St. Louis Cardinals, etc.

NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns for American Conference (East, Central, West) and National Conference (East, Central, West) NFL standings, including teams like New England Patriots, Dallas Cowboys, etc.

No domination, but Sooners get win over Texas

The Associated Press. The Oklahoma Sooners didn't dominate the Texas Longhorns this time. They tricked 'em instead. Third-ranked Oklahoma set up its only touchdowns by running an option on fourth-and-2 and pooching a punt on a fake field goal, leading to a 14-3 victory over No. 5 Texas on Saturday.

COLLEGE SCORES

Table listing college football scores from various conferences including the Big 12, SEC, and others.

BONDS

Continued from Page 7A. When the popular McGwire hit his record-breaking 62nd homer in 1998, he got high-fives, hugs and handshakes all around the bases from the opposing Chicago Cubs.

major league clubhouses by his father, former All-Star outfielder Bobby Bonds, and spending time on the diamond with his godfather, Hall of Famer Willie Mays. Even before these last two days, Bonds' season had been phenomenal.

Barry Bonds Career Stats

Table showing Barry Bonds' career statistics including batting average, home runs, RBIs, and stolen bases.

In a sharp contrast, Bonds — never the most likable player among fans, opponents and even some of his teammates — wasn't embraced by any of the Dodgers on his trip around the bases.

Bonds became the 17th member of the exclusive 500-homer club on April 17 against the Dodgers. On Sept. 9, Bonds hit No. 61, 62 and 63 at Coors Field in Colorado, surpassing Maris' mark and giving him the most homers in a single season by a left-hander.

Pittsburgh picked him sixth overall in the 1985 draft and he zoomed to the majors the next year, making it as thin, fleet leadoff hitter. Bonds became a free agent after the 1992 season, and chose to join the Giants, and eventually bulked up to become the game's most feared slugger.

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But on first-and-five, he was stalling. Big Spring star after intermissions kicked his first of the season, a 32-1:312 left in the tugging before Butler got in the end zone yard scoring seemed like a stalling. But Wilkins amazing catch the ball away defender in the TD. Wilkins' score to play gave Big first lead of the 14, capping a fourth that covered 51 seconds.

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Balmorhea runs over Sands

By JOHN FULBRIGHT
Special to the Herald

Six-man football games can get away from a team in a hurry.

Sands made too many mistakes at the wrong time at Balmorhea on Friday night. A pair of first-half fumbles by Sands led to two Balmorhea touchdowns, and the Mustangs turned the ball over twice more in the third period, right after fumbles by the Bears.

All that allowed Balmorhea to take a 38-6 lead before No. 16 Sands could straighten things out. It was too late to avoid a 46-33 loss to the no. 18 Balmorhea Bears in the final pre-district game for both teams.

"We had a tough time getting started," Sands coach Clint Lowry said. "Balmorhea played a good game. We knew they had a good football team, but we didn't get everything running until the second half. Hopefully we'll keep it going into Grady next week."

"We got after it then and it showed a lot of character on our kids part. A lot of teams would have rolled over after that first half, but our kids hung in there and tried to get back into the game."

The Mustangs and Bears both came into the game with 2-2 records and both were missing a couple of key players due to injuries.

"We were kind of worried,

only having 12 players, that we were going to wind up being worn down a little. But we were able to get the lead and it worked out in the long run," Bears' coach Ennis Erickson said.

Both teams ended up going to the air more than normal, though for Sands, the passing game was absent for a while after their opening drive.

"They did a good job on us defensively, but we also missed a lot of blocking assignments," Lowry said, referring to the two times his team was stopped on short-yardage fourth-down runs in the first half.

The Mustangs took a 6-0 lead less than two minutes into the game on a 17-yard over-the-shoulder touchdown catch by Dusty Floyd from Jeremy Renteria. Renteria was 3-for-5 for 52 yards on the drive, but didn't complete another pass until he hit Nate Looney for a 31-yard TD late in the third period.

In-between, Balmorhea's Jerry Mendoza had an 11-for-17 start with a pair of touchdown passes, and added a third TD after Looney's 31-yard score.

Mendoza's first TD came on a fourth-and-one pass to Jourmain Matta from 2-yards out, which tied the game at 6-6. The Bears then stopped Sands on downs and went up 14-6 on a 19-yard run by Isaiah Rodriguez.

Then the mistakes started

for the Mustangs. Gilbert Ybarra fumbled the ball two plays after the ensuing kick-off, with Matta recovering for the Bears. A holding call wiped out Rodriguez' second TD run a few moments later, but he scored on the first play, the first of the second period. Her scored on a 12-yard pass from Mendoza.

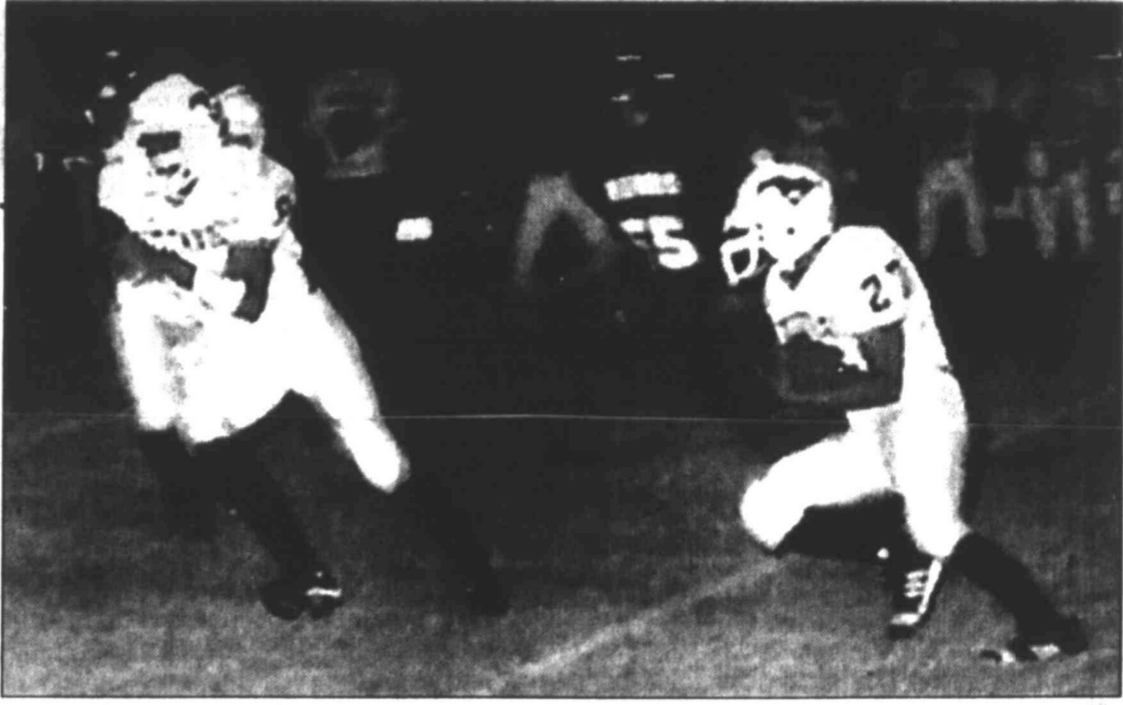
Sands was then stopped on downs after driving to the Balmorhea 20. But this time, the Mustangs were able to hold the Bears after another Rodriguez touchdown was wiped out by a holding call. Two plays after that, Ibarra was hit and fumbled again, with Ivan Rodriguez falling on the ball at the Sands' 14.

Balmorhea's Robbie Mendoza scored from six yards out a few plays later, and Jerry Mendoza added the two-point kick for a 30-6 lead.

Sands' Chance Nichols intercepted Mendoza on the first play of the second half, but Sands gave the ball right back, as Renteria was picked off by Mendoza on a deep pass to Floyd.

Sands then stopped Balmorhea on downs but lost their third fumble of the game right after that as Ivan Rodriguez recovered a Joe Luis Gonzales miscue at the 25.

Adriel Roman scored from a yard out five plays later, and the Bears widened their lead to 32 points. Renteria was able to find Nate



Courtesy photo/John Fulbright

Gilbert Ibarra (right) gets around Balmorhea's Logan Humphries for an eight-yard gain in the first period of Friday's game. Ibarra scored one touchdown in the second half and ran for 58 yards on 16 attempts, but he and the Mustangs had fumble problems for much of the game, allowing the Bears to take an early 38-6 lead at intermission before posting a 46-33 victory in Balmorhea. Sands fell to 2-3 while the Bears improved to 3-2.

Looney behind the Bears' defense less than a minute later to get Sands back on the board and Looney broke free for a 51-yard TD run as the third period ended. His score came after Mendoza's TD pass to Arturo Rodriguez and two-point kick made it 46-14.

Sands would fumble the ball once more deep in their own territory, just after stopping another Balmorhea threat with their own fumble recovery as the fourth period began.

But the Bears fumbled again, with Catlin Barraza recovering at the Mustangs' 11 and Sands' marched 69

yards for their fourth TD of the game on an 11-yard pass from Renteria to Ibarra with 3:10 to play.

The Mustangs forced Balmorhea to punt and scored their last TD at the one-minute mark, on a 2-yard pass from Renteria to Floyd, cutting the lead to 13. But the Bears were able to recover the ensuing on-sides kick and run out the clock.

"This is a really big win for us, because this is the first time in a while we've beaten a team that was supposed to beat us," Erickson said.

Preseason predictions have Sands and Balmorhea

meeting each other in the bi-district round of the six-man playoffs, so the teams could see each other again in mid-November.

"We could be facing these guys again, but first we have to worry about our own district," Clint Lowry said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Sands notes:

Friday, the Mustangs host Grady, a 68-18 winner over Plainview Christian Friday, as both area rivals start the District 9-six-man football schedule at 7:30 p.m. at Sands' Mustang Stadium.

BEARKATS

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scored his first defensive points on an 18-yard fumble recovery with 3:34 left in the opening stanza.

"Curtis had another great night for us," Wesley said. "He only ran the ball seven times and got over 100 yards before we took him out and let our other kids play. But I'd say he had a good time on

GRADY

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the pine for most of the final three frames.

"Eric did an amazing job for us Friday," Smith said Saturday as he review the video tape. "He only played the first period for us on offense. We let him play a little longer on defense, but we wanted to give all our kids a chance to get some playing time."

Tunnell added four tackles to the defensive effort from his safety spot. But Freshman Jobe Christon could be considered the Grady player of the week. He had three of the five interceptions, setting up scores for the Wildcats.

"Jobe must have been the happiest kid on our team,"

Lady Steers lose at Andrews

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — The Lady Steers of Big Spring suffered a serious blow to their chances of challenging for a post-season playoff position when they lost to Andrews on the road Saturday.

After her volleyball girls got swept, 15-7, 15-7, Big Spring coach Traci Pierce said her team was not out of the hunt for a playoff position and a No. 3 District 4-4A finish, but that the margin for error was gone. The Lady Steers are not out of contention, but hope for a district title all but evaporated Saturday as the Steers fell to 6-4 in district action and 16-14 for the season against the 8-1 Andrews Lady Mustangs.

"We just didn't play very well," Pierce said by phone from the team buss as the Big Spring team headed home Saturday night.

"We had some bright spots, but we just couldn't get it together as a team tonight. It was like having one oar in a row boat, we kept going around in circles all night."

Pierce said she saw some excellent individual efforts Saturday, but that her team never seemed to get in a rhythm.

"Andrews tried to take our top girls out of the match," she said. "They doubled and tripled LaKenya (Wrightsil) and Leina (Braxton) all

defense."

Trevino followed with his 36-yard run before John Lindell scored on a 6-yard pass from Lara, putting the Indians on the scoreboard with 46 seconds left in the first half. Eggeneyer added his third TD of the night 25 seconds later as Garden City took a 41-7 lead into the locker room after his 4-yard run.

Hillger finished the scoring with

a 20-yard pass reception from Batla before Goodwin finished his kicking duties.

"Curtis didn't play much. We tried to get the ball to our other kids and we really worked on our passing game in the second half so we can be ready for the tough district teams we will face starting next week," Wesley said. "I thought we played well defensively and there are a lot of players

who could get recognition, like Drew Plagens. He plays well on both sides of the ball. He's a great blocking fullback for us who plays tough at linebacker. But we have a lot of kids who had some fun Friday."

Garden City notes:

Garden City starts District 9-1A play with a trip to Rotan this week. The Bearkats and the

Yellowhammers kick off at 7:30 in a game that could be the first real test for Garden City.

"Forsan was our toughest game so far, but Midland Trinity played us tough too," Wesley said Thursday. "We've got a lot of tough teams ahead, so we need to take them one at a time and not look down the road to (No. 2 ranked) Roscoe because Rotan will be a challenge for us."

followed with three more TD runs for the Wildcats. He ran in from eight, three

and 10 yards out before Austin Junod returned the ensuing kick 71 yards with

7:32 left in the first half to get the Eagles on the board. Collin Spain scored the

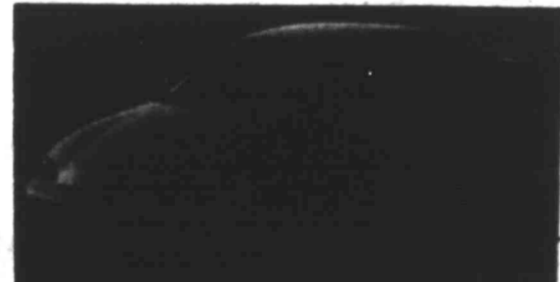
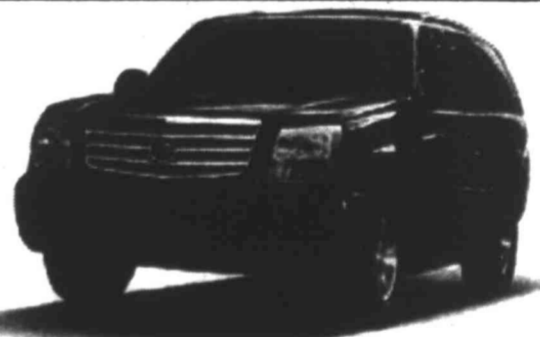
first of his two TDs on a 14-yard run with 2:36 left, making it 40-12 at intermission.

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Life Goes On ...

Although watching the events of Sept. 11, 2001, horrified many, appreciating the devastation and resulting melancholy is nearly impossible.

The people of New York are faced with the constant reminder and what could be described as almost reliving the death and destruction.

Ever present smoke and an odor that has been described as "Peculiar — like death," reportedly emanates continuously from the wreckage.

The following account was provided by a local resident who traveled to New York City.

She, her daughter and friends less than two weeks following the terrorist attacks in New York City and describes their impression of the atmosphere in the city and the surrounding areas.

— Andrea Medlin

We had planned the mother-daughter trip for almost a year, and Margaret Wise, her daughter Monette and Monette's partner Bronwyn Allen and Bronwyn's mother Jackie (Clark Allen) Chobot, decided to stick with our plans, come what may.

Margaret flew from Midland through Houston to Newark, N.J. where she met Monette, Bronwyn and Jackie who flew directly from Seattle, Wash.

Security seemed a bit tighter than before that tragic day, but we and our bags made it through just fine.

Everyone we met was so grateful that we were willing to travel, to come to NYC during this time of crisis — from the flight attendant who is losing her job, to the limo driver who said business has been so slow that he and his wife aren't sure how they're going to make their house payment, to the cab drivers, to the "red cap" luggage handlers at Penn Station.

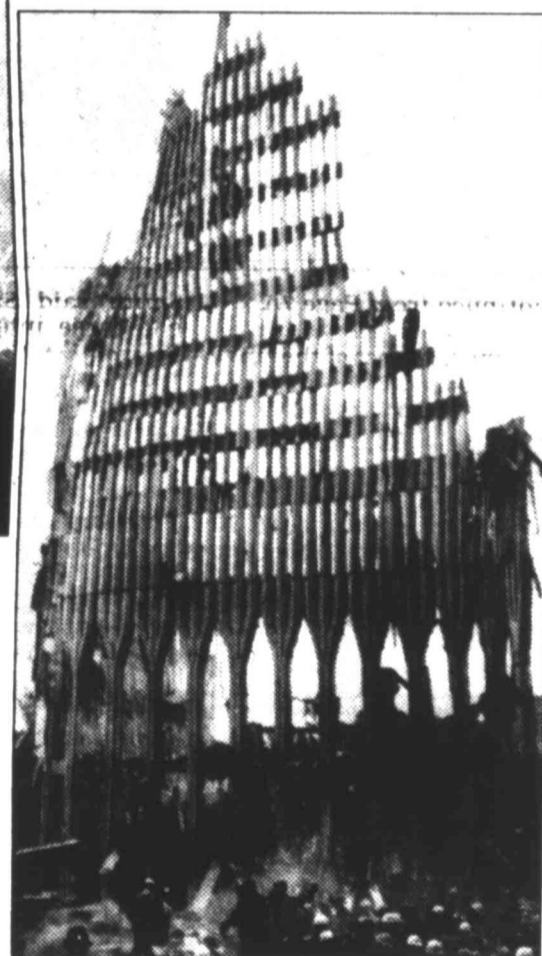
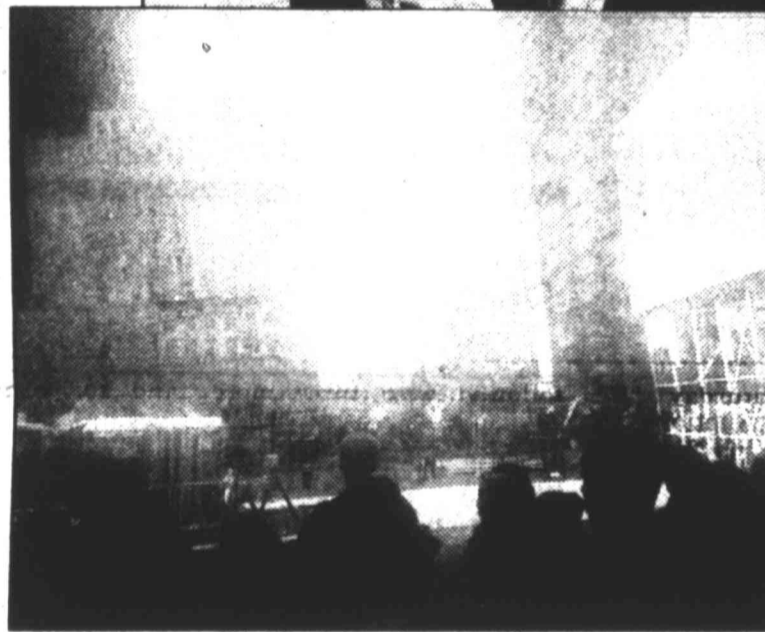
Everyone was so appreciative and friendly, asking us where we were from and engaging in conversation — not the stereotypical New Yorkers.

At a packed movie theater on Saturday night, the manager even came out with a microphone to tell everyone how glad he was to see them after so many quiet nights.

His call for people to "get past this and push forward together, in unity" was a theme we heard over and over.

We hadn't really thought about what happens when people go out of business, the stores and shops and services. There was so much devastation around the World Trade Center and the impact trickles down to everyone, especially the hotel and entertainment business and the support companies who service them.

Even at Niagara Falls in Canada, where we spent one night at the Renaissance Falls Inn, our waitress commented on the impact they're feeling too from the tragedy... they rely on 30 percent of their business from Japanese tours, most of which have been



canceled since Sept. 11.

In fact, we couldn't get a reservation when we called a few months ago, but when we called a couple of days ago we were able to get a room — on the top floor with a fantastic view of the falls — at a highly discounted rate.

Rosie O'Donnell has implored everyone to get out and support Broadway — in fact, all the local talk shows including Rosie, Regis & Kelly, The View, Letterman, etc., have been supporting theater by giving away tickets to Broadway shows to everyone in the studio audiences each day. We did our part by going to see two Broadway shows: a comedy musical called "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!" and "Phantom of the Opera."

Another 'touristy' thing we wanted to do was visit the Statue of Liberty, but the tour boats were suspended because of security, so we took the Staten Island Ferry in order to at least see her up close.

The statue is much smaller than Margaret expected, but stands alone and proud nevertheless, with the skyline as her backdrop — minus the Twin Towers of course, which we can't really appreciate since we don't live there and Margaret never saw them standing.

On the Staten Island Ferry we met a college student who saw the second plane hit while crossing from Staten Island to Manhattan and described the event very succinctly "It was shocking, man — they have to create a memorial, but then they have to rebuild those buildings... we can't let them take (the World Trade Center) away."

To get to the Staten Island Ferry (which was free and took about 20 minutes to get across each way), we had to walk about 30 blocks along with everybody else, except service vehicles, from Chamber Street to Battery Park.

We took a cab as far as we could go to the blockades with police and military guards and as we

walked the rest of the way we passed the site of the attacks.

We got as close as two blocks from the wreckage, where we saw the smoke rising, witnessed the fallen buildings, smelled the charred ruins for what seemed like miles around, observed many people wearing filter masks and noted that a few even had gas masks.

As we passed by we were told to keep moving and warned that no cameras or videos were allowed.

We were permitted to stop at a fire station, where funeral and memorial services were posted and the air was full of sorrow as well as support.

The scene was unreal, but all the more real experiencing it in person.

No matter where we were in the city, even from Staten Island, we knew where the devastation was by the gap in the skyline, the constantly rising smoke, the cranes, the sirens as the rescue workers were bused in and out from the war zone.

Despite the tragedy, we were glad we came to help the city "get on with the show."

Submitted by Bronwyn Allen of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Big Spring.

Clockwise from left — Jackie, Bronwyn and Monette stand in front of Fire House No. 7 where memorials and funeral notices have been posted by those who have lost loved ones.

The curious gather at a barricade set up close to 'ground zero' where they are directed to move on by the police.

Monette, Bronwyn, Jackie and Margaret pause for a photo during their stay at Niagara Falls.

This photo of the remains of what was once one of the Twin Towers was sold to Margaret by a street vendor close to the disaster site.

More curiosity seekers gather at another barricaded area where in the distance the large crane often featured in media photos can be seen.

"Day of terror... creates a defining moment for our nation"

In this present moment of crisis in our country, we first need to continue to pray for all the victims of the 'Day of Terror,' and secondly that God will give wisdom, light, courage, truth and compassion to our President and other leaders as they make decisions that will have great impact on the future of our country and the world.



MICHAEL PFEIFER

This is a defining moment for our nation. Nothing in our Holy Scriptures, nothing in our understanding of God's revelation, nothing that is

Christian, Islamic, or Jewish justifies terrorist acts and disruption of millions of lives as we have witnessed in this catastrophe.

These actions need to be condemned as evil and diametrically opposed to true religion.

In these tragic events we have seen humanity at its worst, using innocent people to destroy innocent people, but also at its very best as people gave their lives to save others.

All people of our country need to unify in this national tragedy and encourage cooperation among all ethnic, cultural, racial and religious groups constituting the mosaic of our society.

This is a time to preach about the virtue of patriotism — love, service and support for our coun-

try as we act in justice and work for peace.

As we support our government and the pursuit of those responsible for these barbaric acts, our response to this great crime must be based on justice and law, not on vengeance.

In our efforts to prevent such outrages in the future, we need to reflect on the causes of violence and the context out of which violence springs.

Everything done to overcome gross economic, social and political inequalities contributes to building up peace and avoiding war.

As we undertake the heavy burden of defending the common good, in morally appropriate ways, against global terrorism, we should not lose sight of the

ultimate goal and responsibility of using our nation's considerable influence and power to contribute to a more just and peaceful world.

Among other things, our foreign policy must give new emphasis to deepening our engagement with their Arab and Muslim worlds and, in particular, to continue to make every effort to press for a just and peaceful resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

In the face of escalating violence in our world, as people of God, we must make every effort to escalate love.

We must never become the evil we want to eradicate. If we want peace, we must work for justice, justice based on the rule of law and the precepts of our faith tra-

ditions. The spirit of violence, the spirit of evil, can only be overcome by the spirit of love.

We have countless ways to reduce violence in our world by reducing the strife and tension right where we live each day.

The ones who committed these cowardly, barbaric acts which have taken the lives of thousands of innocent people and injured so many can in no way claim to have the approval of God.

Violence is simply not part of what it means to a true Muslim, Jew, or Christian.

This week's guest columnist Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI is the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo.

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WEDDING



Amy Darling and Preston Huitt, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows Sept. 15, 2001, at College Baptist Church with Glenn Carrigan officiating.

She is the daughter of Jim and Margaret Darling of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Betty Findley of Big Spring.

He is the son of Ron and Louise Huitt of Big Spring and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Barber of Big Spring.

The bride was given in

marriage by her father, Jim Darling, and wore an off-white, sleeveless gown with beads on the front.

The matron of honor was Brooke Atkins.

Bridesmaid was Rena Armstead.

Flowergirl was Haley Wells. Ringbearer was Timmy Huitt.

Terry Huitt served as best man. Jerry Huitt served as groomsmen.

Ushers were James Darling and Jason Caldwell.

A reception was held at College Baptist Church.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake.

The wedding cake was white and decorated with blue bows and flowers.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is a housewife.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by Cornell Corrections.

Following a wedding trip to Llano the couple made their home in Big Spring.

WHO'S WHO

State Rep. Myra Crownover has been selected as a 2001 Freshman Legislator of the Year by the National Republican Legislators Association.

Rep. Crownover is one of three freshmen state legislators who were selected for the award.

She was selected by the association for the tenacity and fortitude she displayed after winning the special election in May of last year to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Ronny Crownover. He died after serving a little more than half of his two-year term.

She also ran unopposed in the November election.

She is the daughter of Myra Robinson of Big Spring.

Sarah Lynn Martinez, girl, born Sept. 30, 2001, at 7:01 a.m.

Weighting seven pounds, six ounces and 19 inches long.

Parent is Christina Martinez. Grandparent is Lorenza Martinez.

Briana Marie Ortega, girl, born Sept. 18, 2001, at 2:31 a.m. Weighting six pounds, 6.5 ounces and 19 inches long.

Parents are Noel Ortega and Amy Olivarez.

Grandparents are Louisa and Joel Ortega and Mary and Ted Viasana, all of Big Spring.

Kimberly JoAnn Chapel, girl, born Sept. 19, 2001, at

STORK CLUB

5:22 p.m.

Weighting six pounds, five ounces and 18 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Thomas and Amy Chapel. Grandparents are Jimmie and Robbie Billings, Edward and Linda Schlegel, all of Big Spring and Thomas Leon Chapel Sr. of Florida.

Joshua Nathaniel Hines, boy, born Sept. 25, 2001, at 3:34 p.m.

Weighting 7.5 pounds and 19 inches long.

Parents are Joseph and Debra Hines.

Grandparents are the late Thomas Hines; Glendi Hines of Lomax and Edmundo and Josephine Cruz of Jordanton.

Kyran Alexandria Williams, girl, born Sept. 25, 2001, at 10:43 p.m.

Weighting nine pounds, seven ounces and 19.5 inches long.

Parents are Gregg and Tammy Williams.

Grandparents are Ronnie and Sara Williams and Bobby and Peggy Ziedy all of Mt. Pleasant.

Ryan Andrew Buske, boy, born Aug. 22, 2001, at 12:49 a.m.

Weighting eight pounds, 14 ounces and 22 inches long.

Parents are Pete and Amanda Buske.

Grandparents are Pete and Martha Hernandez and the late Russell and Nan Buske.

ANNIVERSARIES



Billy and Verline Calley of Ira will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception on Oct. 13, 2001, at Ira's First Baptist Church hosted by their children.

Mr. Calley was born in Pasadena. Mrs. Calley was born Verline Light in Colorado City.

The couple met in Colorado City in August 1951 and were married on Oct. 14, 1951, in Forsan.

Their children are Gwen Nichols of Arlington; Myron Calley and Darryl



Calley both of Snyder. The couple have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The couple have lived in Ira throughout their marriage and are now retired.

Previous occupations include Calley Fowler Oil Servicing from 1949-1957, Calley Fowler Oil Production from 1957-1992 and they have been ranching since 1999.

They are members of First Baptist Church in Ira.

Hugo and Annette Campbell of Big Spring celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a reception of family and friends held Friday, Oct. 5, 2001, at Comanche Trail Nursing Center hosted by their family.

Mr. Campbell was born in Montague.

Mrs. Campbell was born Annette McDonald in Paducah.

The couple met through friends in Paducah and were married on Oct. 5, 1946, in Paducah at the First Methodist Church Manse.

Their children are Barbara Haner of Lubbock, Charles Campbell of Big Spring and Scott Campbell of Austin and they have three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The couple have lived in Big Spring throughout most of their marriage.

The couple are now retired.

Hugo was an aircraft maintenance supervisor for 25 years and spent four years and eight months overseas in the South Pacific in World War II and 20 years in Civil Service at Webb Air Force Base.

Annette was a homemaker.

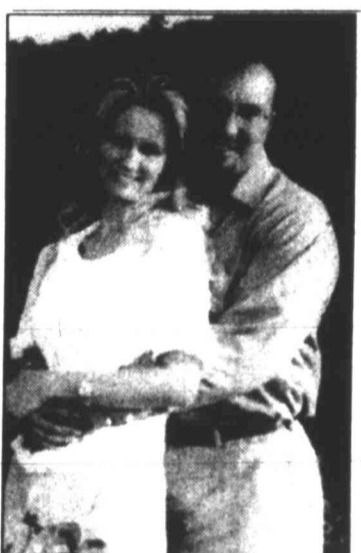
They are members of First Baptist Church.

Annette was a member of Pythian Sisters until they closed and was a member of three bridge clubs.

She enjoys sewing and gardening.

Their comment on their marriage is "We've had a wonderful marriage."

GETTING ENGAGED



Albin and Sumner

JoVena Albin of Southern California and Robert Sumner of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows Oct. 20, 2001, at College Baptist Church with the Rev. Greg Taylor and Jeremiah Andrews, both of Miracle Revival Center, officiating.

She is the daughter of Noah and JoAnne Albin of Southern California.

He is the son of Bobby and Margret Sumner of Big Spring and Dennis Luparello of New York and the grandson of Armanda Salgado Sr. and Josie Salgado.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is Poorboy — Rottweiler mix, brown with dark highlights, neutered male, 1 yr. old.

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Dixie — Shepherd mix, tri-colored, spayed female.

Sally Jane — Bird dog mix, tri-colored, spayed female.

Shadow — Lab mix, solid black, spayed female, 2 yrs.

Pettie — Cocker Spaniel, solid black, 5 yrs.

Big Gypsy — Chow mix, solid black, spayed female, 4 yrs.

Willy — Heeler mix, black and gray, neutered male, 3 yrs.

Waylon — Willy's brother, Heeler mix, neutered male, 3 yrs.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, rice, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, baked beans, lettuce & tomatoes, milk/buns, cobbler.
THURSDAY-Liver & onions, potatoes, brussel sprouts, salad, milk/rolls, cake.
FRIDAY-Enchiladas, spanish rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

BIG SPRING ISD
MONDAY-Pizza, potato rounds, rosy applesauce, mixed fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Nacho grande, border beans, corn on cob, fruit cobbler, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad w/ranch, grapes, roll, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, roll, milk.
FRIDAY-BBQ on bun, french fries, pickle slices, pork & beans, cookie, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-Spaghetti or ham sandwiches, corn, salad, rolls, pears, milk.
TUESDAY-Enchiladas or burritos, pinto beans, pineapple, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Baked cheese sandwiches or chili dogs, fries, apples, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken spaghetti or corn dogs, peas, rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, fries, fruit, milk. Teachers only: Salad or baked potato.

STANTON ISD
MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza or corndog, peas & carrots, salad, salad dressing, apples, milk or fruit drink.
TUESDAY-Hot dog on a bun or burrito, cheese sauce, corn, vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, applesauce, milk or fruit drink.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, carrots, peaches, hot rolls, milk or fruit drink.
THURSDAY-Nachos with ground beef or baked potato, refried beans, lettuce & tomato, fruit cocktail, bread sticks, milk or fruit drink.
FRIDAY-Cheeseburger or

hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad, orange, mustard, salad dressing, ketchup, oatmeal cookies, milk or fruit drink.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY
MONDAY-Burrito, new potato, salad, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY-Chili mac, green beans, salad, fruit, crackers/milk.
WEDNESDAY-Turkey sub sandwich, lettuce/tomato/pickle, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Stew, corn, salad, cornbread, milk.
FRIDAY-Western casserole, salad, fruit/crackers, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD
MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.
TUESDAY-Chili beans, cabbage slaw, potato wedges, cornbread, pears, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, pineapple cake, milk.
THURSDAY-Taco salad, with cheese, salsa, fiesta rice, fruit cups, milk.
FRIDAY-Beef stew with vegetables, cheese or peanut

butter sandwiches, banana pudding, milk.

FORSAN ISD
MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Pizza, buttered potatoes, chocolate cake, salad, applesauce, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Bean chulupas, corn, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Hot dogs, onion rings, salad, peaches/cream, milk.
FRIDAY-Steak finger/gravy, french fries, texas toast, salad, jello/ fruit, milk.

SANDS CISD
MONDAY-Hot dogs w/chili, pork & beans, french fries, cake, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken strips: w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY-Baked ham, potato salad, mixed salad, hot rolls, pineapples, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, ranch style beans, cookies or fruit, milk.

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Museum exhibit reveals the fearsome world of the Northern European Vikings

HOUSTON — In days of yore, Vikings were fearsome warriors with horns jutting from their helmets. We know this because we've seen it in the movies, on the opera stage or in "Hagar the Horrible" comic strips.

Yet those horned helmets are a myth — as untrue as the notion that all Texans wear cowboy boots and 10-gallon hats.

The deeper truth is that Northern European Vikings were master shipbuilders and intrepid explorers — and if they'd stuck around when they first landed in America, they'd have welcomed Christopher Columbus to these shores with a hearty "velkommen."

Such truths will be on view in "Vikings: The North Atlantic Saga," a new exhibition at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Running through Oct. 14, the show traces Vikings' westward expansion from their Scandinavian homelands across the North Atlantic to Iceland, Greenland and Canada.

"This is not a revisionist exhibit," said Dirk Van Tuerenhout, the museum's curator of anthropology and curator of the exhibition.

"Vikings were warriors," he said. "They could be savage and wild. But there's no evidence from any archaeological site that Vikings wore horns on their helmets or that Viking women looked like Brunhild, with full-body armor and braided hair."

"That's the stuff of movies or Wagnerian operas. It's imaginary."

The exhibition touches on this at the start. Displays include modern Viking toys and a Minnesota Vikings football helmet with horns painted on the sides.

But "Vikings" quickly punctures such myths with more than 300 artifacts dating as far back as the eighth century.

These were first gathered for showing at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.

The exhibition then traveled to New York and Denver before arriving on the second floor of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. It's in a space reserved for major traveling shows such as the just-departed "Secret World of the Forbidden City."

After Houston, "Vikings" will go to Los Angeles and Ottawa. A final stop is likely in Minneapolis, home to many Scandinavian-Americans.

"We wish we could keep this for a year, but they won't let us," Van Tuerenhout said. "Every museum that's had it so far has had incredible success with visitor numbers and would like to keep it much longer."

Receiving loaned artifacts from five Nordic national museums "means we get the really cool stuff," he said.

"But it also means we have to wait until representatives from those museums come here to help us unpack."

These are very special items.

Indeed, this marks a once-in-a-lifetime confluence of artifacts from Norway,

Sweden and Denmark to Iceland, Greenland, Finland and the United Kingdom — perhaps even "once in a millennium."

Millennium is the operative word, since the Vikings settled briefly in what is now the Canadian province of Newfoundland roughly 1,000 years ago — or 500 years before Columbus "discovered" the New World.

"That's a round number, so this seemed like a good time to mark that event," Van Tuerenhout said. "I'd imagine this may not occur for another 1,000 years."

"These are true national treasures — part of these nations' own permanent collections. Some of these pieces are the equivalent of us sending our Constitution to them, so we're treating this with respect."

Such an item is a 750-year-old Icelandic book that's comparable to our Declaration of Independence. It represents the Althing, the world's longest continuing democratic assembly, now Iceland's parliament.

An even older item is a gravestone from 793, the first record of a Viking raid on what is now England. Carved on its back are seven warriors with axes and armor.

So even though they lacked horned helmets, Vikings could be marauders, placing dragon carvings on the bows of their ships to spark fear and worshipping mighty Norse gods such as Thor and Odin.

Even so, Van Tuerenhout says Vikings "got a lot of bad press."

"They sometimes attacked monasteries," he said. "Well, monasteries had people who could write. So they wrote of these 'evil pagans.'"

He feels the Viking image should be augmented by the fact they were hardy farmers and avid chess players, "not just barbarians and brutes." Also, their explorations required superior shipbuilding and great bravery.

"They had to have courage to set out on unmapped oceans like that," he said. "A lot of them didn't make it. Their ships sank, or they died during conflicts with Native Americans."

Those who survived were heralded as heroes, such as Eric the Red, who discovered and settled Greenland, and his son Leif Ericson, who landed on the northeastern edge of North America.

Even though American Indians were here first, "ask people, 'Who discovered America?' and most will say 'Columbus,'" Van Tuerenhout said.

"It hasn't been that long — the late 1960s — since the Vikings' earlier presence was discovered."

When settling on new shores, he said, Vikings often had fairly large towns. "They were, in a sense, cosmopolitan, because they traded with people in far-away places. Vikings even went to Baghdad."

Such journeys were boosted by the fact Vikings "were incredible shipbuilders."

They had the highest developed technology of shipbuilding at the time," Van Tuerenhout said.

He said Houston is a fitting

place for the exhibition, since thousands of people here are of Scandinavian descent and the contributing countries have consulates here.

As home of the manned space program, Houston also is a city of explorers. When NASA first sent sophisticated space probes to Mars in the late 1970s, those missions were named "Viking."

Also, though Texas founder Sam Houston is of Scottish-Irish descent, the name Houston had Swedish origins (pronounced "HOW-ston").

"And the Vikings were there (in Scotland), so ultimately Sam Houston could have come from Vikings," Van Tuerenhout said.

On top of that, "What better place to be in the heat of summer than in an exhibit about Vikings?" he said, noting murals depicting the explorers' chilly environments.

In tracing their westward expansion, "Vikings" shows how the explorers carved a home out of the Newfoundland coast in the late 10th century.

This settlement had just five buildings. "Basically they arrived, said, 'Nice neighborhood,' then moved back out," Van Tuerenhout said.

But they were there long enough for the first European-American to be born, and after leaving, the Vikings continued to trade with American Indians from settlements in Greenland and Labrador.

Viking clothing, jewelry, carvings, weapons and armor from that time will be on view, along with replicas of Viking vessels, including a 37-foot cargo ship that is three-quarter scale.

And though visitors "can't touch the actual artifacts, of course," Van Tuerenhout said, "they will be able to touch modern replicas. Have you ever touched chain mail? Do you know how much it weighs?"

Video screens will show Viking culture and views of replica ships gliding on the sea. Some of this material was made especially for the exhibition here.

On weekends, members of a San Antonio chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism will roam the 10,000-square-foot exhibition or remain in a storytelling area, dressed in Viking regalia.

Just don't expect horned helmets.

But do expect to see Vikings for what they really were.

"Yes, they were warriors," Van Tuerenhout said. "But they were also explorers. With this exhibition, we hope to present a well-rounded image of the Europeans who reached America first."

When: Daily through Oct. 14; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday

Where: Houston Museum of Natural Science, 1 Hermann Circle Drive. Call 713-639-4629; visit www.hmns.org.

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$3 for children 3-11, \$8 for seniors, free to members.

Area boasts the state's two youngest priests

DALLAS — The Rev. John Robert Skeldon rejoiced at the ordination of his fellow priest, the Rev. Jeffrey J. Poirot, in May.

Father Skeldon's rejoicing went beyond the spiritual aspects of the occasion. He was thankful Father Poirot would take over his role as the youngest priest in the Fort Worth Diocese.

According to the diocese, Father Poirot, 27, is the youngest priest in Texas.

Father Skeldon, 28, held that honor after he was ordained last year.

He is associate pastor of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Arlington. Father Poirot is the associate pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church in

Bedford. "I am six months older than Father Jeff, but he looks older than I do," Father Skeldon quipped.

Father Poirot will celebrate his 28th birthday in November. Father Skeldon turned 28 in May. The average age of priests who serve in a parish or diocese is 59, according to the Rev. Joseph Schumacher, Vicar General of the Fort Worth Diocese and pastor of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Arlington.

In the United States, the average age of priests serving in a religious order is 63, according to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, a Catholic research organization

based in Washington, D.C. The organization reported that one-fourth of the nation's priests are older than 70.

Father Poirot and Father Skeldon were college freshmen, newly committed to the ministry, when they met in 1992 at a diocese event in Fort Worth. College took them to different states, but they kept up with each other when they came home. At meetings with other priests, Father Skeldon's blond hair and Father Poirot's black hair made them easy to pick out.

"When there would be a gathering of priests of the diocese, it would be a sea of white and gray," Father Skeldon said.

NEWCOMERS

William and Cyndi Gardner of Austin.

He is a computer specialist for MHMR.

Hector and Becky Pereida; son, Zachery, of Pecos. He is a federal officer for INS.

Mary G. Hobbs of Radcliff, Ken. She is retired from Hardin County Board of Education.

Karen Harbin and daughter, Caiplin of Mobile, Ala. She is the secretary for Slaton Ins.

Lisa Aguero of Odessa. She is employed by All Star Wide world sports.

David and Joanie Duke of San Angelo. He is a truck driver for Western Container.

Eddie and Dianne Barrea; daughters, Stacy and Ashley, of Lamesa. He is employed by Basic Oil Service.

Justin Mangum of Levelland. He does landscaping work.

Police make doughnut run via helicopter

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Albuquerque police have taken doughnut runs to new heights, swooping down in an official helicopter for a late-night snack.

"I don't know how they decided that was a good idea," said Lt. Bob Huntsman, department spokesman.

Huntsman said the department is investigating.

"If they violated policy or procedure, they're going to get disciplined for it," he said. "We've worked too hard to make this a professional unit to let lack of common sense tear us down."

Keith Turner, who works near a Krispy Kreme doughnut shop, said he was on a break with other people early Thursday when a police helicopter circled and landed in a dirt field nearby.

"I was like, 'No, they'd better not go and get doughnuts,'" Turner said. As the helicopter idled, someone got out and went into the store, returning 10 or 15 minutes later with a Krispy Kreme box, he said.

The chopper gave what Turner presumed was a goodbye toot on its police siren as it took off, he said.

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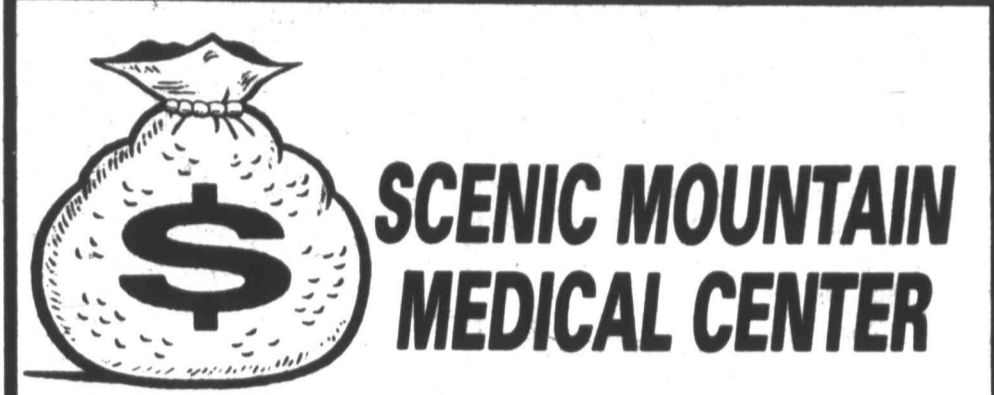
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118th District Court, Howard
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Courthouse of said County in
Big Spring, Texas, at or before
10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday
next after the expiration of 20
days from the date of service
of this citation, then and there
to answer the petition of the
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Protective and Regulatory
Services, Petitioner, filed in
said Court on the 18th day of
September, 2001, against
Floriberto Centeno.
Respondent, and said suit
being numbered 41447 on the
docket of said Court and entitled
"In the interest of Christina
Marie Davis and Mary
Guadalupe Centeno, children",
the nature of which suit is a
request for protection of a
child, for conservatorship, and
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the parent-child relationship.
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this suit to enter any judgment
or decree in the child's interest
which will be binding upon
you, including the termination
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the same according to require-
ments of law, and the man-
dates hereof, and make due
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Court at Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas, this 19th
day of September, 2001.
#3022 September 23, 30
& October 7, 14, 2001

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Jimmy T. Alatorre,
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1 Atlas, for example
8 Surpass
15 Leave the path
16 Spills clumsily
17 Skating troupe
18 Watertight coat
19 Poetic preposition
20 Countercharge
22 Birthright seller
23 wave
25 Fluid-ounce fraction
27 Letter to Plato
28 Something to peel
29 Lot of bills
30 More intimate
32 Four o'clock fare
35 Type of violet
36 Used up
37 Numerical suffix
39 Well-known transfer
42 Pays to use
46 Wet slightly
49 "A Chapter on Ears" author
51 Energy measure
52 Provided medication
54 Rancher's mark
55 Mufasa's pride
57 Parsley cousin
59 Ontarian's letter
60 Do over
62 Not frank
64 Spotted
65 Feeling less stress
66 Dobie Gillis' dad owned one
67 Vehicles with runners
DOWN
1 Nitwits
2 Acknowledgment of a sort
3 Late
4 Birthplace of Constantine the Great
5 Shah Jahan's wife
6 Like of bricks
7 One in the headlines
8 Krupp Works city
9 Minister
10 Mauna
11 Dot on a map
12 Introduce
13 State bodies
14 Sea arm
21 Not localized
24 Saws
26 Has the blues
29 Pale
31 More like a buffoon
33 Not overtly legible
34 Solemnity
38 Clairvoyance
39 '68 Winter Olympics star
40 Aquarium accessory
41 Small generator
43 Harper Valley P.T.A. star
44 Pottery finish
45 Jonah's destination
47 More flexible
50 Some calculator users
53 Like watermelon
54 Din
56 Hoss Cartwright's real name
58 Daredevil name
61 Breeze through
63 Cinque follower