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BRIEFLY

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Howard and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. For information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, please contact the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE SET

The Friends of the Library annual book sale began today and will continue through Sunday at the Howard County Library, 500. S. Main.

Hours for the sale are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Materials will be priced depending on four categories — new hardbacks, $3; other hardbacks, videos and CDs, $1; paperbacks, 50 cents, and children's books, 10 cents.

In addition, a "grab bag" of romance novels is priced at $1.

COMING SUNDAY



Baseball is half history, half competition, as this team in Ludington, Mich. plays ball as it was played in the 1860s.

Hometown Hero: Bernice Sims is renowned for her paintings depicting a day in the life of African Americans in the deep South.

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Alzheimer's group set to put on walking shoes

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will be hitting the pavement Saturday morning in the battle against Alzheimer's disease.

Project coordinator Nancy Jones said the walk, which will raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association, may not get under way until 9 a.m. Saturday, but her and her crews will be hard at work long before then.

"We'll be working on it through out the week, right up until Saturday morning," said Jones. "Today we'll be collecting the money from the teams and we're hoping to get as much of it before the walk as possible, since it's so hard to count it out in the open during the event.


JONES

"We'll be out at the park at about 6 a.m. to start setting up the course and decorating, and we're hoping everyone who hasn't already registered will be there at 8:30 a.m. so we can get all of the paperwork out of the way."

Jones said anyone in the community that wants to attend is invited, and she hopes the idea of walking the course doesn't scare anyone away.

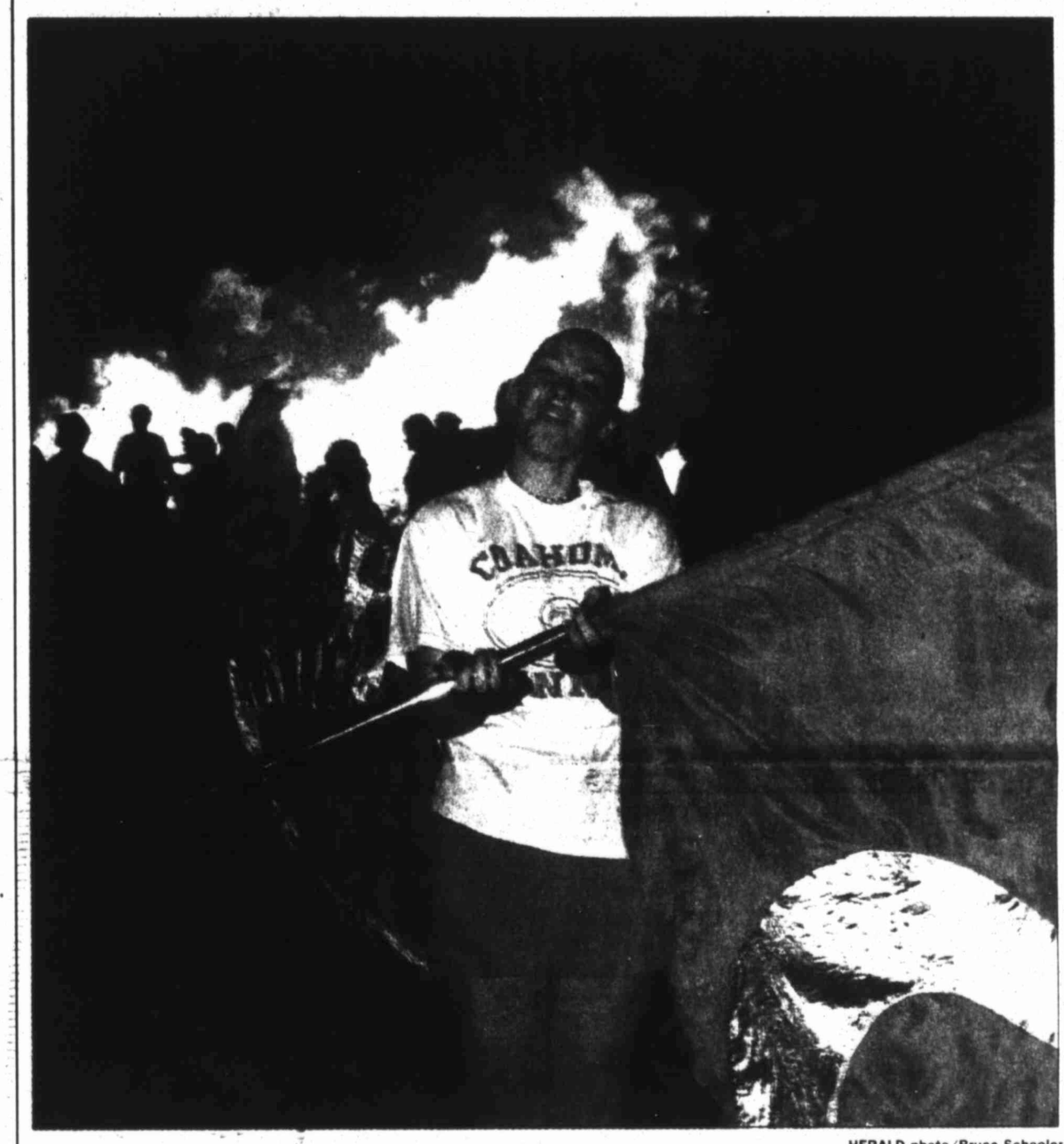
"At 9 a.m. promptly, the Howard College cheerleaders will give us a big cheer, and we'll take off on the walk," said Jones. "It's going to be a two-mile walk with a one-mile break in it, because we have so many elderly that walk with us, and that will give them the opportunity to come back if they want to.

"It's not a long walk. We'll be through with everything by 11:30 a.m., so it's not like it's an all-day commitment."

This year's annual event comes as local Alzheimer's Association members mourn the

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HEATING UP FOR HOMECOMING!



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Sydnie Gilbert, a membere of the Coahoma Marching Band's flag corps, performs during the annual homecoming bonfire Wednesday night. The Bulldogs are one of five area teams that will observe homecoming Friday night, as Forsan, Stanton, Grady and Garden City will also stage celebrations.

Housing

Officials outlining housing authority's new five-year plan

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Housing Authority is looking to the future, as it recently released its five-year plan for 2004 to 2008 and an annual plan for 2004.

"The five-year plan is the plan that we have to work through 2004 to 2008," said Big Spring Housing Authority Executive Director Mark Gentry. "It kind of gives us an idea where we're trying to go with the housing authority."


GENTRY

Gentry said a lot has changed in the past few years for the housing authority, marking both improvements in the local housing situation and shortfalls. "Three years ago I had 169 landlords and right now I only have 88 that are participating," said Gentry. "A lot of that decrease is due to the condition of the properties."

Not all results from the past year are negative, however, as Gentry described one of the goals from a previous plan that has developed into a boon for the community.

"Last year we indicated that we wanted to project-base vouchers out of Hillside Properties," said Gentry. "We project- based 50 of those, which meant the (Housing Authority) Board of Directors offered an incentive through project-basing. We needed to find more decent, affordable houses within the

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Chemical fire at Fibercom creates a scare downtown

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Business owners and spectators near 100 S. Runnels Wednesday afternoon received quite a scare, as a chemical fire at Fibercom sent smoke billowing from the building.

Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief Richard Grove said the accident occurred when a chemical that needed to be refrigerated reached a critical temperature.

"After consulting with the firefighters on the scene and talking to the management of the facility here, it appears one of the chemicals that needs to be refrigerated in order to remain stable reached an unstable temperature," said Grove. "I'm not completely sure of the specifics of that, but it was delivered today, so perhaps there was some confusion in the transfer.

"This stuff is naturally in a very stable powdery state. Once it got hot enough, it broke down and turned into a liquid, and in that process it generates enough heat that it caused some smoke and nasty fumes."

Grove said no one was injured as a result of the accident, which was neutralized by firefighters in a matter of minutes.

"As soon as we got the area ventilated and as soon as we got the product that was causing the

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Firefighters helped extinguish a chemical fire at Fibercom, located at 100 S. Runnels, Wednesday afternoon. No one was injured in the "flameless" incident.

VFW to students: What is your responsibility to the nation?

'Voice of Democracy' and 'Patriot's Pen' contests held for Howard and Glasscock youth

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Area secondary students have a chance to voice their views on citizenship and perhaps win scholarship monies in the annual Veteran's of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen" essay contests.

"The 'Voice of Democracy' is a national audio essay competition designed to allow ninth to 12th grade high school students to voice their opinion on their responsibility to our nation" said VFW Post 2013 essay contest chairman Leo Welch. "This is a premier program of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars."

Students compete by writing and then recording a three-to-five minute audio/essay expressing their views on this year's theme, "My Commitment to America's Future."

Welch said that local radio station KBST will assist students in vocally recording their essay.

Students will have an opportunity to win a $25,000 first-place award at the national level and at least $1,000 in scholarship monies at the state level, plus a trip to Washington D.C.

Cash prizes at the district and local levels given in the form of U.S. Savings Bonds are $300 and $150 respectively, Welch said.

"Patriot's Pen is for seventh and eighth graders," Welch explained. "They write an essay of 300 words minimum and 400 maximum, typed. This year's theme is 'My Dream for America.'"

Participants can win cash prizes at the local level and the national first place winner will receive a $10,000 U.S. Savings bond and a trip to Washington D.C.

Both local contests are open to U.S. citizens who are in public, private, parochial or home school in Howard and Glasscock Counties.

The deadline to turn in the essay to Welch is Nov. 1. Application forms can be picked up at the participant's school office for Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Sands and Glasscock County schools or by contacting Welch at 263-1658.

Essays can be sent to P.O. Box 1921, Big Spring, 79721.

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Obituaries

Bill Madry



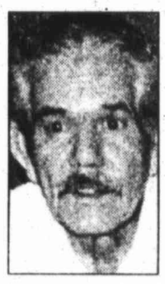
SAN ANGELO — Bill Madry of San Angelo died Sept. 15, 2003. Mr. Madry, a lead guitar musician, was raised in Big Spring and became a part of Country music history by being one of Lefty Frizzell's first important band members at the Ace of Clubs. Bill was also part of the group traveling from Big Spring, in 1950, for Frizzell's first history-making audition at Jim Beck's studio in Dallas. Madry even helped with the $100 fee. In the 50s and 60s, besides having bands of his own, Bill also backed area country singers Jimmie Fletcher, Curtis Potter, Hoyle Nix, Jerry Naylor and Blackie Crawford. Career-wise he has backed the following country stars: Hank Thompson, George Jones. Charlie Pride, Wynne Stewart, Bob Wills, Joe Stampley, Grandpa Jones, Cal Smith, Roy Clark and others.

He is survived by his wife, Oleta Madry; a son, Jerry Madry; two daughters, Stephanie Malone and Susie Shipman; two brothers, Gene Madry and Jimmy Madry; two sisters, Cissy Umphress and Deloris Edwards; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held for Bill Madry at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at North Ridge Baptist Church. Services will be officiated by Chunky Nelms.

Paid Obituary

Guadalupe D. Martinez



Guadalupe D. Martinez, 72, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, following a long illness.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Friday, Sept. 19, 2003 at St. Thomas Catholic Church, with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

Mr. Martinez was born June 27, 1931 in Mertzon, Texas. He married Maria Molina Feb. 25, 1982 in Big Spring. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 41 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and was a cursillista. Mr. Martinez had worked for Clyde McMahon Concrete Company for 19 years. He retired in the late 1980's.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Martinez of Big Spring; one daughter, Adelaida (Lyla) Gonzales of San Angelo; three sisters, Juanita Torres of San Angelo, Bessie Flores of Mertzon and Ema Fuentes of San Diego, Calif.; two granddaughters, Celisity Gonzales and Bridgette Gonzales both of San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Augustine and Maria Martinez; four brothers, Hilario, Victor, Fidencio and Miguel Martinez, and two sons.

Arrangements are under the Direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Online condolences can be made at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid Obituary

Donald Murphy

Donald Murphy, 75, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, at his home following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Loyce Denton

Loyce Denton, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Tuesday until 8 a.m. Wednesday:

- **JASON DIAZ,** 23, of 1111 Ridgeroad, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for criminal trespass of a habitation and assault.
- **SHANN MARLER,** 20, of 4210 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on a Bowie County warrant for theft by check.
- **SHAWN BROMINE,** 27, of 1401 S. Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1500 block of Stadium.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 1700 block of F.M. 700
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Goliad.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of E. Third Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 5400 block of N. County Road 25.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 1200 block of Gail Highway.

Take note

❑ **THE LAMUN-LUSK-SANCHEZ** Texas State Veterans Home is holding an open house at the home's Alzheimer's-care wing Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Staff members will be conducting tours of the facility.

Live entertainment will be provided by musician Clint Brown. There will also be door prizes, the grand opening of the home's gift shop and various wings at the home will receive new names. The public is invited to attend.

❑ **THE TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION** in Howard County is offering a food manager certification training course. This two-day program will be offered on Nov. 12-13 at the Howard County Library. Classes will start at 8 a.m. on each day. You must register before Oct. 21. The cost is $79 and includes training, materials, and the safe food manager certification examination.

This program is designed to not only prepare food-service managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

❑ **A FUND HAS BEEN** set up to help defray medical costs for Heidrun Meiser who underwent cancer surgery. The account is at American State Bank, P.O. Box 271, Big Spring 79720. The bank's physical address is 1411 Gregg.

❑ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

❑ **A CANCER FUND HAS** been set up at First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, in Big Spring for long-time Forsan resident Clarence Williams.

❑ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH,** 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Support groups

THURSDAY

❑ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

❑ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

❑ The Alzheimer's Association, Star Chapter-West Texas Region, Caregiver's Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at 2 p.m., at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home (chapel), 1809 N. Hwy 87. The support group is open to anyone providing long-term caregiving (regardless of the specific diagnosis) and is provided free of charge. For more information contact Janet Cross, Porgram coordinator, at 800-682-1174.

FRIDAY

❑ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Weather

Today...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 80. South winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon.

Tonight...Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s.

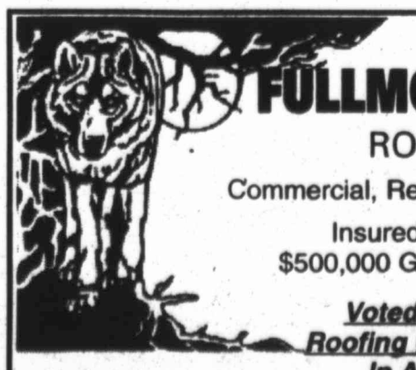
Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the mid 80s.

Tuesday through Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the mid 80s.

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TODAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m. Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster St.

FRIDAY

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

SATURDAY

Memory Walk, 8:30 a.m., Comanche Trail Park, Old Settler's Pavilion.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church fund-raiser, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Homemade enchiladas, tacos, rice, beans, drink, dessert. Plates $5 for adults, $4 children. Eat in or carry out. Also available: gorditas and chalupas, $2.50, tamales for $5 a dozen. Order tamales by calling 268-1506.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry, noon until ?, $7 a plate, 3203 W. Highway 80, Delivery from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m, 263-2084.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m., for meal and meeting to follow, Goliad and First Street.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

MONDAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People age 50 and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-24-28-32-41. Bonus Ball: 26.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $5 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-24-31-32.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $43,365.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night: 1-4-1

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon: 1-7-9

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NEWS BRIEFS

Director of NYSE Grasso steps down

NEW YORK (AP) — Dick Grasso is gone, and his millions with him, leaving a new, almost certainly less extravagant and likely more public era for the New York Stock Exchange.

The chairman's decision to resign late Wednesday, a response to furor over the $139.5 million payout he received last month, leaves the NYSE board of directors searching for a successor under the scrutiny of its members, critics and federal regulators, who want changes in how the market is run.

"Richard Grasso has done the right thing. He's fallen on his sword," said New York State Comptroller Alan Hevesi. "However, the issue is not just Mr. Grasso. The issue is making fundamental reforms at the stock exchange to restore investor confidence."

Hevesi and other state finance officials and pension managers had called for Grasso's resignation, joining an increasingly noisy chorus of politicians, investor advocates and traders who said his lavish salary undermined the credibility of the exchange.

Police kill man in standoff at college

DYERSBURG, Tenn. (AP) — A 26-year-old man with a history of mental problems held at least a dozen college students at gunpoint during a nine-hour standoff before a SWAT team stormed the school building and killed the suspect.

Authorities said the gunman, Harold Kilpatrick Jr., had left a note at his sister's house before the standoff Wednesday saying he "wanted to kill some people and die today."

Police rushed into the building at Dyersburg State Community College around 10 p.m. after hearing shots and killed Kilpatrick. Two hostages were wounded, but it was not immediately clear if they were injured by police or Kilpatrick.

The wounded hostages were airlifted to the Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

Kilpatrick's cousin, Carolyn Reed, who was at the college Wednesday, said he was being treated for mental problems, but was not taking his prescribed medication. Police said Kilpatrick was not a student or college employee.

California voters say they're confused

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — At first, Rick Lowery followed the twists and turns of California's recall election, from its overwhelming number of candidates to its possible postponement, with dedicated interest.

But now, Lowery said he has begun to suffer information overload from the near-daily developments in the campaign to oust Gov. Gray Davis.

"At first, it was kind of a shake my head in disgusted disbelief," Lowery, 42, of Tustin in Orange County said Wednesday. "Now, I have to put up with six more months of it? I would actually laugh if the whole thing wasn't deadly serious."

As voters wait to find out whether a federal appeals court will reverse its Monday ruling to postpone the Oct. 7 election, many say they are frustrated, confused or just plain tired of the roller coaster ride.

Registrar offices across the state have fielded thousands of voter inquiries; talk radio has been saturated with caller questions. Casual conversations often are often punctuated by head shakes and eye rolls at the latest developments.

Lowery, a database engineer, said he has begun turning off the television and putting down newspapers.

"I said when it first started it was going to be a circus, and now it is," he said. "There are a lot of people, like me, who are ready to say forget it."

Bush seeking common ground with allies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, working to find common ground with allies on a new U.N. Iraq resolution, sought to dispel controversy about recent administration statements on Saddam Hussein and the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Bush indicated the United States is not yet ready to present a revised resolution to other governments on the U.N. Security Council but is trying to accommodate some allies' demands for bigger roles in Iraq's reconstruction for themselves and the United Nations. "We're still talking about it," he said.

Bush later flew to Camp David a day early because of the approach of Hurricane Isabel. He was hosting Jordan's King Abdullah II at the Maryland mountain retreat for talks that had been scheduled for tonight and Friday morning. That period is exactly when the brunt of the storm was expected to reach the area.

As Bush aides scrambled to move up the meetings, a political irritant arose that may cloud the session designed as a treat for Abdullah. The administration wants Jordan to restore a freeze on bank accounts of six Hamas leaders.

White House easing off drilling in refuge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is easing away from insisting that Congress open an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling after the president was told by lawmakers the issue could doom energy legislation.

President Bush, after meeting with legislators, said he wanted a bill "that will pass both bodies" — the House and Senate. He said the White House would work with those trying to resolve "contentious" issues such as drilling in the Alaska refuge.

To the lawmakers present, it was a clear signal that the White House is willing to accept energy legislation without a provision to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil development.

PLAN

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community of Big Spring that would also accept our program.

"If you go out there you'll see that area is starting to become more revitalized than before. Trees are beginning to get cut and trimmed, the properties are being painted and the insides are being brought up to livable standards for the first time since the base closed."

Gentry said another part of last year's plan was creation of the Crossroads Housing Development Corp., which has been an incredible success already — bringing the Limestone Ridge Apartments to Big Spring. The housing authority isn't taking the time to congratulate itself, however, as the agency sets its sights on the future.

"First we'd like to create a home ownership program using the Section-8 voucher program," said Gentry. "We've had families, particularly those that are on fixed income or disability, that have been on the program for many years, and will be on it for many years to come if we continue to be funded.

"If they have $600 a month coming in, that's very limited and they don't have enough to buy a home. However, if they count their resources from mental assistance and add that in, along with a down payment and closing costs which we're working with the Crossroads Housing Development Corp. to do under their grant, now it becomes affordable for them to purchase a home."

Gentry said the program could actually lower the monthly payments on many subsidized properties, creating a better environment for everyone involved.

"Typically your mortgage payments, depending on the size house you have, are already less than what you're paying for a rental," said Gentry. "So you can reduce the amount (of payments) and people can find an equity in the property.

"With Crossroads offering their Fresh Start program, some of the homes can be turned back around. The idea that it's good for the community is that people who have homes that they have an investment in will take better care of them and have more pride in the community, and community involvement. If we're having to pay for rent, why pay for it toward a mortgage payment where the payments are reduced and we can actually save on the dollar."

In another part of the plan, the housing authority is assisting with the creation of a renter's association, something Gentry said is vital to the community.

"Another priority for the coming year is the creation of a renter's association," said Gentry. "A lot of the properties out there are substandard or below substandard and many of them are occupied. Then there are landlords, many of which are renting these properties, and they're used to using what's always been, and not used to using the renter and landlord law, which is required by the state.

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Mark Gentry
Big Spring Housing Authority

"Sometimes these landlords will take a tenant to court. Most of these tenants don't know what their rights are and we don't have an organization here in town that the public can contact to say, 'Hey, I don't think this is right, what can I do?'"

Gentry said many landlords are still following outdated laws, if any at all, and without such an organization to represent and educate renters, it will never end. "To put it quite bluntly, in the past and even to today, there has been no remedy for people who have complaints," Gentry explained. "Landlords typically have been able to dictate what the rules are, even if it's what the regulations read."

Also on the housing authority's to-do list for the future are studies to determine the number of homes in the area that have lead-based paint in them, creating a hazard for tenants and, most of all, area children.

"One of the other issues included in the plan is to discuss the issues of lead-poisoning from lead-based paints," said Gentry. "Back in 1995 there was a lot of testing done by the state. Big Spring and Howard County ranked the highest in the state of Texas for the number of children with lead poisoning, but there were never any studies done to find out why that occurred or is occurring.

"I'm having physicians speak to us and tell us it's still a very significant problem even now. That's something we're going to have to bring forward and address."

Gentry said he's optimistic these authority's goals will be met, although a definite timetable is almost impossible to adhere to.

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WALK

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loss of own of their own.

"This year's going to be a real emotional event for us," said Jones. "Jimeree Permenter, one of our leaders and one of our committee members, passed away this last week. She was in a constant battle with Patsy Sanchez over who was going to win the trophy for the most walkers.

"Jimmy won the trophy the first two years, ands Patsy won it the last two years, so it was a really big rivalry this year over who would go home with the trophy."

Jones said the group plans to honor Permenter in the best way they know how, which is make her name an integral part of the walk for years to come.

"We've renamed the trophy," said Jones. "It will be named in Jimee's honor, and the walk is going to be dedicated to her with everyone wearing purple ribbons in memory of her. We've also got a ceremony scheduled in her honor, either before or after the walk."

The fund-raiser won't be all exercise, said Jones, as they get ready to fire-up the grill after the heel-to-toe express comes to a halt.

"When we get back from the walk we get busy with the food," said Jones. "We've got some younger cheerleaders that are going to come and entertain during the break... and we'll have hot-dogs for breakfast. If you've never had a hot-dog for breakfast, you've really missed it. They're wonderful out in the open like that.

"Gary Fuqua will be our master of ceremonies, and we'll have a lot of fun giving away door prizes and prizes to all of the teams."

The walk is scheduled to get under way with late registration at 8:30 at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. For more information, contact Jones at 264-2397, or the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-682-1174.

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FIRE

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problem away from the rest of it, we got the area under control and it shouldn't be a problem," said Grove. "It's a hydrogen-peroxide form. I don't know the exact specifics, but it's nothing anyone needs to get really scared about. It does generate some heat and it's kind of nasty, so it's a good thing we got down here when we did."

Grove ordered firefighters on the scene to immediately decontaminate their equipment after entering the building, and although the order seemed dire to spectators, Grove said it's standard procedure.

"It's a health hazard," said Grove. "It's something they don't want to go back to the station and get on their skin or anything. It's not going to endanger them as far as their gear is concerned right now, but it's definitely not something they want to take home with them, so I was just letting the guys know they needed to decontaminate their gear before they go back to the station."

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OUR VIEWS

Let's honor our POWs and MIAs Friday evening

It's an opportunity for all of us to remember those men and women who should never be forgotten. Friday will be the local observation of POW-MIA Recognition Day and the Vietnam Memorial Committee is once again hosting a brief ceremony at Big Spring's Vietnam Memorial.

Members of the committee conduct a ceremony at the memorial each year to recognize the major sacrifice POWs and MIAs made for our nation and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. The public is always encouraged to attend. Friday's ceremony will be held at 8 p.m.

Again this year, the committee is extending a special invitation to all of the community's firefighters, law enforcement personnel and other emergency responders. As it did last year, the ceremony will recognize the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The event will include a candle lighting ceremony, and citizens are encouraged to bring candles.

We encourage everyone to take a few minutes out of their evening activities Friday and join us at the Vietnam Memorial.

Lest we forget.

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Arnold 'live and on the phone'

I just got off the phone with Arnold Schwarzenegger. I'm a Republican. I want to vote for him. I want to believe.

Schwarzenegger doesn't quite convince me. That little extra something that tells me he's one of us — a Republican who is willing to cut spending and gut bad regulations — is missing.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

I think that man lurks behind the curtain, but I didn't quite hear him on the speakerphone.

I started by asking Schwarzenegger about the stories of him with women in the '70s. Just tell me, I said, that if you're governor, there won't be any more stories like those.

His answer: The stories weren't true. Saying outrageous things "made a lot of people come to the gym," which promoted bodybuilding. Now he's married, has four kids.

I was told I only had seven minutes for the interview, and it's not my job to tell a candidate when his answers aren't hitting the right buttons, but I can tell you this, gentle reader: A strong pledge of good behavior would have been nice.

What would Ah-nold do about SB60 — the bill signed by Gov. Gray Davis that allows illegal immigrants to obtain California drivers' licenses? Ah-nold's "angry about it;" he's outraged that Davis signed a bill bereft of the background checks and other safeguards the governor had once demanded. Ah-nold will ask the legislature to take the bill back. If that tack fails, he'll put an initiative before the voters.

Good answer.

Would Schwarzenegger repeal the paid family leave act signed by Davis? His "common sense" tells him the bill, which has yet to take effect, will be bad for business, but he won't go out on a limb to say he'll work to repeal it.

If only he'd go out on that limb, I'd follow. But he didn't.

Of course, many Republicans will vote for Ah-nold, because he may be the best thing that can come of a bad situation.

The recall was not a good idea. For one thing, it sends voters the false message that they can just snap their fingers, and voila, a new, improved governor will appear. I'll add that when the other top GOP candidates — two of whom have withdrawn — took the no-new-taxes pledge, they added the implied message that years of fast-growing government can be erased with one vote. No muss, no fuss.

Schwarzenegger, to his credit, did not promise categorically not to raise taxes. That took political courage.

It's possible that next year, a new governor will confront another huge debt — some fear the state budget deficit will be as large as $20 billion. The only way that some good can come of the recall is if a take-charge adult confronts the nasty realities that Sacramento hath wrought, and crafts a compromise of spending cuts and temporary tax increases that stop passing suffocating debt on for yet another year.

I don't see who, other than Schwarzenegger, has the mojo to do that.

GOP state Sen. Tom McClintock is a solid fiscal conservative. The left-leaning legislature will reject whatever he proposes.

Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante has proposed huge tax hikes that, if enacted, would be poison for the California job market.

If Davis beats the recall, only his husk will be left anyway.

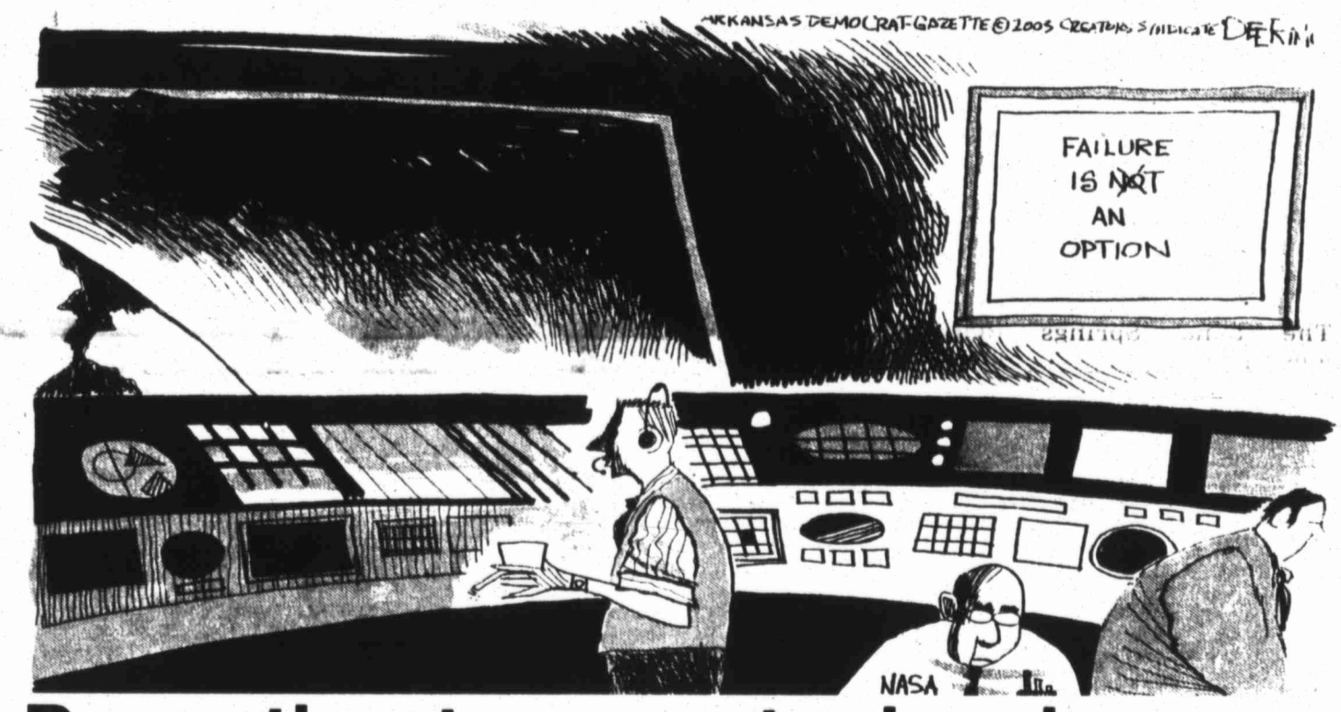
I asked Schwarzenegger about the move by his close adviser, former Gov. Pete Wilson, to raise taxes and cut spending when, as a newly elected governor, he was confronted with a then-record $14 billion budget shortfall. Schwarzenegger noted that Wilson was "fiscally responsible" and that Wilson's package brought the state from red ink to a huge surplus. But then — sigh — he speculated that Wilson might have managed the same without raising taxes. Quel disappointment.

I don't want to pay higher taxes, but I want a governor who, if the economy drags, will know when there's no other choice but to raise taxes — and pledge to reduce them when the economy improves. I want a governor, who like Wilson, isn't afraid to anger people.

I think Arnold Schwarzenegger could be that leader. I haven't quite seen that side of him, but I think it's there. So I'm waiting.

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Deception too great a burden

Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky, the only senator in the Baseball Hall of Fame, is as tough and aggressive a politician as he was a pitcher. He showed it last week during a closed-door session of Republican senators with Pentagon officials. "What the hell is going on with this supplemental (appropriations bill)?" Bunning demanded. The normally articulate Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz had no reply.



ROBERT NOVAK

Bunning was joined by Sens. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, James Inhofe of Oklahoma and Jon Kyl of Arizona in complaining about lack of information on how much Iraq is going to cost. The senatorial attitude was not improved Sunday night when President Bush requested an additional $87 billion, well above what had been hinted. What's politically significant is that these four Republicans are hard-core conservatives and Bush loyalists who believe they have been misled by the Pentagon.

Amid such complaints, Republicans on Capitol Hill were stunned last Saturday when the Zogby Poll reported that Bush's national approve-disapprove ratio has slipped into negative territory for the first time (with only 45 percent saying he is doing a good job). That couples with continued job losses across the country and the rising cost of Iraq, in blood and treasure. On top of that, GOP senators are depressed that Democrats are winning the judicial confirmation war. A worried freshman Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina puts all this together and calls it "the perfect storm."

In nearly half a century of Congress-watching, I frequently have observed senators of a president's own party head for the lifeboats when any storm — perfect or not — approaches. Today's Senate Republicans have not reached that point, but fear and anxiety among them is palpable.

Most of the danger is directed at the Defense Department's management of the Iraqi reconstruction. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard Lugar, who has an excellent relationship with the president, is described by friends as feeling the Pentagon misled him. The committee's second ranking Republican, Sen. Chuck Hagel, feels even more strongly about it. So does Sen. John McCain, who had buried the hatchet with George W. Bush to vigorously support the Iraqi intervention.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has become the scapegoat for all that has gone wrong in Iraq and is paying the price for disdaining from establishing good relations with U.S. senators for more than two and one-half years. Those senators get an earful about Rumsfeld from the uniformed military, whose criticism in private echoes what retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni has declared publicly. The unconfirmed rumor mill from the Pentagon to the Senate has Rumsfeld leaving early next year.

The jobless recovery has bothered the Republican senators much more since getting home and talking to their constituents last month. That was shown at their first luncheon last week, when Chief Deputy Whip Robert Bennett gave one of his regular reports on the economy. He was optimistic about revival of the stock market.

That did not please Sen. George Voinovich, who has been elected statewide in Ohio four times and is up for re-election there next year. Characteristically blunt, Voinovich told Bennett: "I don't give a damn about the stock market. But I do care about jobs." Voinovich's reluctance to support the president's tax cuts may make suspect his negativism, but the same concern about jobs is shared by the big majority of GOP senators who were enthusiastic about the Bush tax program.

Nobody is suggesting that George W. Bush is duplicating his father's nonchalance after the Gulf War in sliding to defeat against Bill Clinton. Nor do they have specific policy advice beyond playing straight with Congress on how much the war against terrorism will cost (though they blame Rumsfeld for the lack of transparency).

Bush political adviser Karl Rove always has predicted a close presidential election for 2004, just as he did for 2000. Republican senators now realize Rove was not kidding, and they no longer laugh at Howard Dean challenging Bush for the presidency. Pollster John Zogby calls this a 50-50 country and Bush a 50-50 presidency. Given those odds, arrogance and deception are too great a burden at either the White House or Pentagon.

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The Man In Black

I was born in deepest poverty; had a hard time all my life.
Never been in Folsom but my life's been filled with strife.
I've been in some dark places. I fight the beast each day.
I win some rounds with the help of God. Sometimes I loose my way.
One night in Chattanooga I went into a rage.
I got into my jeep and drove out to the Nick a Jack cave.
The moon lit up the entrance in front of Nick a Jack cave.
I walked down in the cavern there in my drunken rage.
Dark as deepest dungeon I could not find my way.
I fell down upon the floor, the floor that was cold as clay.
I felt the presence of my God and on my knees I prayed.
I could feel the wind blow in my face and I crawled out of the cave.
I've always been the man in black and the dark brought out the light.
The light of God shown down on me there on the darkest night.
I got into my jeep to leave and when I started back.
I could hear a train a coming down the track.
I could hear the lonesome whistle, as it come around the bend,
But I knew where I was going. I was going home again.

Bernice Reed Jones

▶Club News

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Sept. 15. President Fred Franklin presided. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Boadle, and opening prayer by Fred Franklin.

Laura Thompson motioned to dispense with reading the minutes- The motion carried. Treasurer Madeline Boadle said a gift in memory of Odell Turner was made to the Lions Camp in Kerrville.

District 2 Al Governor Melvin Feich will make an official visit Oct. 20. Members are urged to attend and bring guests.

Phillip Reid made a motion to allow the new Brownie Troop to use the building as a meeting place. The motion was adopted. Reid will check on the meeting needs. Thompson will get information on the Fall Festival held at the Coahoma Elementary School so the club can participate again this year.

Franklin introduced Charles Barbee, a retiree after 44 years with the T and P Railroad. Barbee started railroad work at age seven. The first train, a construction unit, came to Big Spring in March 1881. The line officially opened to Big Spring in May 1881. He told of his training and duties as a telegraph operator, and mistakes made along the way, some funny and not funny, especially for a young man starting a new job.

The second Cabinet meeting for District 2 Al will be held Oct. 24-25 in Midland. The meal was provided by Betty and Fred Franklin. Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center on Scout Hut Rd. in Sand Springs. Interested persons are invited to attend any meeting.

Local chef cooks menus for area hospital health seminar

Thomas Olson, a native of Big Spring, will be featured as a chef for the Food and Nutrition 101 symposium to be held Saturday at Midland Memorial Hospital. The symposium begins

Thomas, 27, the son of Kirk and Ann McKnight of Big Spring, will demonstrate cooking skills and menus at 11:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. Saturday. He serves as executive chef for Sodexho Food and Nutrition Services at the Midland Memorial Hospital.

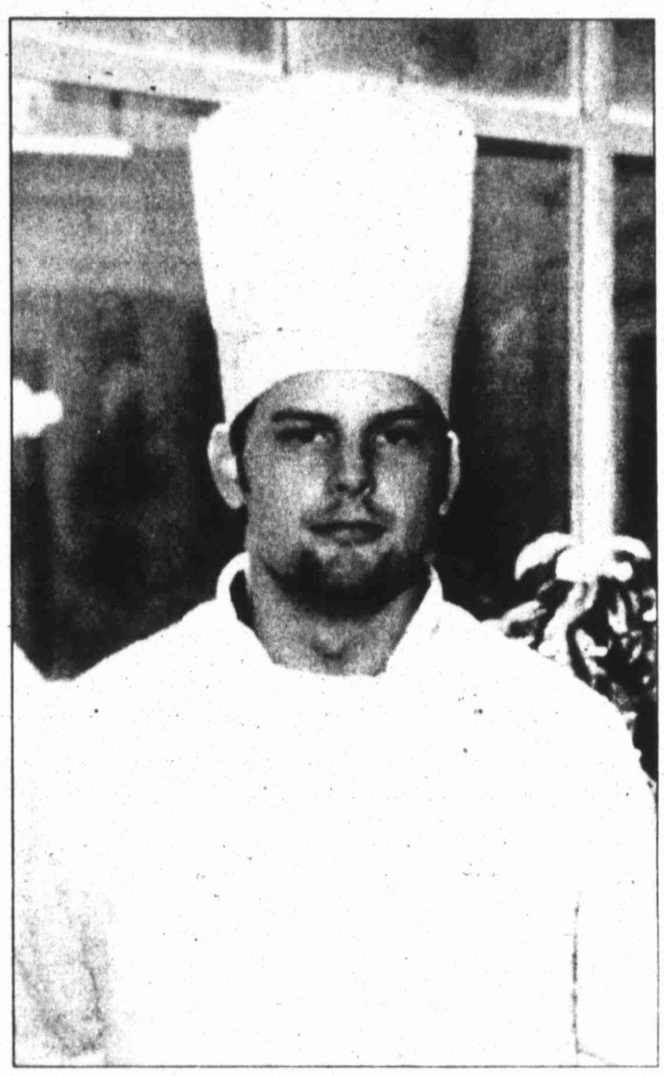
A fourth generation Texan, Olson was born in Dallas and began working in food service at the age of 14.

He attended Odessa College, earning a degree in culinary arts.

Using his experience and training Olson has traveled nationwide to put his skills to use. He has held chef positions as executive chef for Franciscan Woods in Columbus, Ga. and executive chef at the Big Spring Country Club.

He has served as president of the Greater Chattahoochee Valley Chef Association and was named chef of the year in 2001.

His experience spans work with such organizations as An Evening of Culinary Excellence, Partners in Education, Chef and Child, Taste of the Valley, Around the World in Eight Bites and the Odessa College Culinary Club.



Courtesy photo

Chef Thomas Olson

Saturday's symposium will include weight screenings, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, information on food and nutrition, maintaining a healthy vascular system and strategies for maintaining a proper weight control. There will be screenings for ankle, brachial pressure ratios, body fat analysis, hearing, pain assessment, and wheel chair adjustments.

Many exhibitors will include professionals from audiology clinics, water suppliers, fitness centers, a chiropractic clinic and other health related businesses. Information on osteoporosis is a seminar programs.

For information call the Hospital, 432-685-1111, or visit the Web site, www.midland-memorial.com.

Prepare a recipe from Chef Thomas

Berry-Good Mousse

One envelope of unflavored gelatin
1/4 cup orange juice
Three cups fresh strawberries
1/4 cup confectioners sugar
1/3 cup whipping cream (optional)
Four egg whites
1/4 cup granulated sugar
Garnish with fresh strawberries, hulled

In a saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over orange juice. Let stand to soften for five minutes. Warm over low heat until gelatin has dissolved.

Hull strawberries. Place in food processor or blender. Add confectioners sugar and process until pureed. Transfer to mixing bowl and stir in gelatin mixture. Refrigerate until mixture is consistency of raw egg whites. If using, whip cream and set aside.

In a large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks, and whisk 1/4 of beaten egg whites into strawberry mix. Fold strawberry mix and whipped cream into remaining beaten egg whites. Pour into six-cup glass serving bowl or individual bowls and refrigerate for four hours or a number of days. Garnish with fresh strawberries to serve and serves six.

Students earn honors

Cathy Ann Fox

A Big Spring student was among those singled out for special recognition during commencement exercises held Aug. 9 on the campus of Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Cathy Ann Fox earned a bachelor of science degree in applied science. Recognition was given on the basis of academic excellence and leadership potential by Tarleton president, Dennis P. McCabe.

Cole C. Furqueron

Cole C. Furqueron from Big Spring and a student at Big Spring High School has been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars. The Society invites students showing superior academic achievement, recognizing outstanding academic performance among high school students. Membership is by invitation only. Visit the Web site www.nshss.org.



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Green tomatoes: yummy cooking

By The Associated Press



Green tomatoes can be included in a multitude of dishes

This meal serves six. The dual-chef plan and its basic setup are elaborated in the Pences' new cookbook, "Caprial and John's Kitchen: Recipes for Cooking Together".

These two accomplished cooks run Caprial's Bistro, where Caprial is executive chef, in Portland, Ore., operate a cooking school next door, and appear in the public television series "Cooking With John and Caprial."

Caprial has written seven other cookbooks, which adds to the credibility of this new one, a companion volume to the TV show. The theme of both book and show is sharing and enjoying time in the kitchen with a partner.

The full range of dishes offered, with meal menus, includes restaurant items as well as the Pences' home-cooking favorites. Plus, of course, plenty of tips about dividing kitchen duties between two cooks.

For this menu, they say, the corn salad is served at room temperature and should be finished and cooling before the tomatoes are fried—allowing both cooks to share the tomato preparation.

The Pences' wine suggestion for the meal: A light red wine with a bit of fruit, like an Italian nebbiolo, would be an excellent end-of-summer choice for drinking with this meal.

Cornmeal-Encrusted Green Tomatoes and Grilled Corn Salad

Five ears corn, shucked
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
Three cloves garlic, minced
One red onion, julienned
Two ripe tomatoes, seeded and diced
Two red bell peppers, roasted, peeled, seeded and diced
One jalapeno, seeded and minced
Two teaspoons chopped fresh cilantro
Two tablespoons red wine vinegar
Salt
Two teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
For the tomatoes:
Six green tomatoes, sliced about 1/2-inch thick
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Two cups finely grated Monterey Jack cheese
Two cups all-purpose flour
Four large eggs, whisked until smooth
Four cups finely ground cornmeal
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2/3 cup sour cream, as accompaniment
Cilantro sprigs for garnish

To prepare the corn salad, oil the grill and prepare a hot fire. If you are using a gas grill, preheat on high. If you are using a charcoal grill, let the coals burn until they are covered with gray ash. The fire is hot when you can hold your hand over the grill for no longer than 5 seconds.

Brush the corn with one tablespoon of the oil, place the ears on the grill, and grill, turning often so they don't burn, until brown, five to seven minutes. Let cool.

While the corn is grilling, combine the garlic, onion, tomatoes, bell peppers, jalapeno and cilantro in a medium bowl, and mix well. In a small bowl, whisk together the vinegar and the remaining 1/3 cup oil, and pour it over the vegetables. When the corn is cool, cut the kernels off the cobs. Add the corn to the salad and toss well. Season to taste with salt and the pepper. Set aside until you are ready to serve. If the salad is prepared more than 30 minutes before serving, refrigerate it until you are ready to serve.

To prepare the tomatoes: Lay the slices out on a sheet pan and season with salt and pepper. Distribute the cheese over the tops of the slices, pressing firmly to help it adhere; set aside. Place the flour on a large plate, the eggs in a pie plate, and the cornmeal on a large plate. Carefully dredge the prepared tomato slices in the flour, dip them in the egg mixture, then dredge in the cornmeal; return to the sheet pan.

Heat the oil in a very large skillet over high heat until it reaches 350 F. Add as many tomato slices as will fit in the pan without overcrowding and cook until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels. Keep warm. Continue with the remaining slices. To serve place about three of the slices on each plate, and top each slice with some of the corn salad. Top with a dollop of sour cream and garnish with cilantro sprigs. Serve immediately.

Anniversaries honor favored food; American restaurants

NEW YORK (AP) _ Food history accumulates year by year, as products and companies register significant milestones in their existence.

Some notables mark birthdays this year, among them are Foodie and cartoon fat cat Garfield has his 25th birthday, celebrated with Ritter's Frozen Custard special promotions.

Bazooka Joe, cartoon comic kid-bubble gum, has a 50th anniversary.

Denny's, restaurant-chain operator, has a 50th anniversary.

Kellog's Rice Krispies marks its 75th anniversary.

Kraft Cheese has its 100th anniversary.

The ice cream co has a 100th birthday and is being celebrated by Dairy Queen restaurants. It seems there's some claim for the birthday to be dated to the year 2004 so it's being celebrated throughout 2004, too.

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Garlic is good for you

Sometimes people turn to supplements thinking large amounts of garlic are best. This does not seem to be the case. One prominent researcher has reported benefits with one to two cloves of garlic a week. Other researchers suggest four to five cloves a week may be more ideal. Loading up with large amounts of garlic every day, however, may increase the risk of digestive problems.

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Engagement



Sara Lusk and Justin Myers

Lusk and Myers

Sara Lusk and Justin Myers of Big Spring will be married Sept. 20 in the gazebo at Dora Roberts Community Center. A reception will follow the exchange of marriage vows.

The bride elect is the daughter of Joe and Debra Lusk of Big Spring.

The prospective groom is the son of Dr. John and Kay Myers of Big Spring and Steve and Teresa Green of Levelland.

Miss Lusk is employed at Scenic Mountain as an OR nurse. Mr. Myers is employed by Western National Bank.

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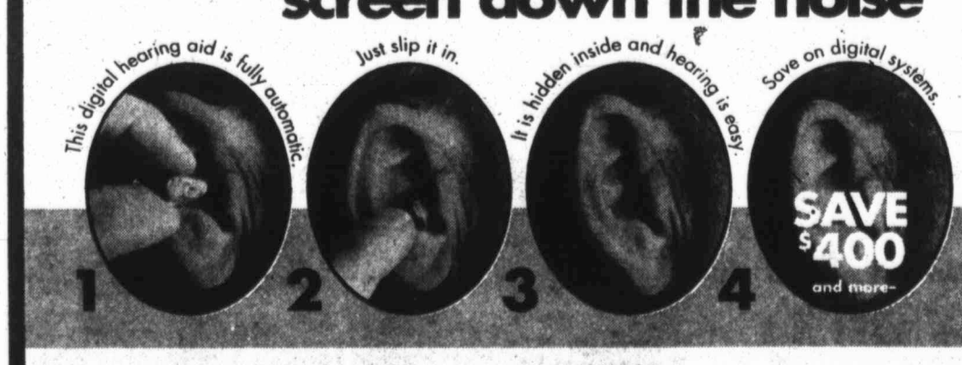
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Overton thrilled to follow in mentor's footsteps

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Howard College began a new era in athletic training earlier this summer by digging into its past.

John Overton was named the Hawks' head athletic trainer in July replacing former trainer Jim Campbell, who stepped down at the end of last year to pursue other options. Having proven himself as one of the top trainers in the field in Fort Worth, Overton returns to Howard College where he began his career as a student trainer for three years under Everett Blackburn.

> **"It's kind of a dream come true for me. "To me, this is a chance to come home ... This puts me in the situation where I can help someone the way (former HC trainer) Everett helped me.**
>
> *John Overton*
> *HC athletic trainer*

"It's kind of a dream come true for me," said Overton. "To me, this is a chance to come home and not have to work in the oilfield. This puts me in the situation where I can help someone the way (former HC trainer) Everett helped me."

A three-sport standout at Coahoma High School, Overton's original debut at the college level came as a football player at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. College football didn't hold his interest for long, however. Shortly after signing with SRSU, he decided to take a different path and returned home to enroll at Howard College.

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Astros' lead in NL Central cut to 1/2

DENVER (AP) — Todd Helton homered and pinch-hitter Mark Sweeney had a two-run single, leading Darren Oliver and the Colorado Rockies over the Houston Astros 7-5 Wednesday night.

The loss trimmed Houston's lead over the Chicago Cubs to a half-game in the NL Central. Chicago defeated the New York Mets 2-0.

Houston had its four-game winning streak snapped but still has won 10 of 13. Colorado ended a three-game losing skid.

Charles Johnson homered off Brad Lidge in the eighth for the Rockies, and Chris Stynes added an RBI double.

Oliver (12-11) allowed nine hits and two runs — none earned — in 5 2-3 innings. He helped his cause with an RBI single.

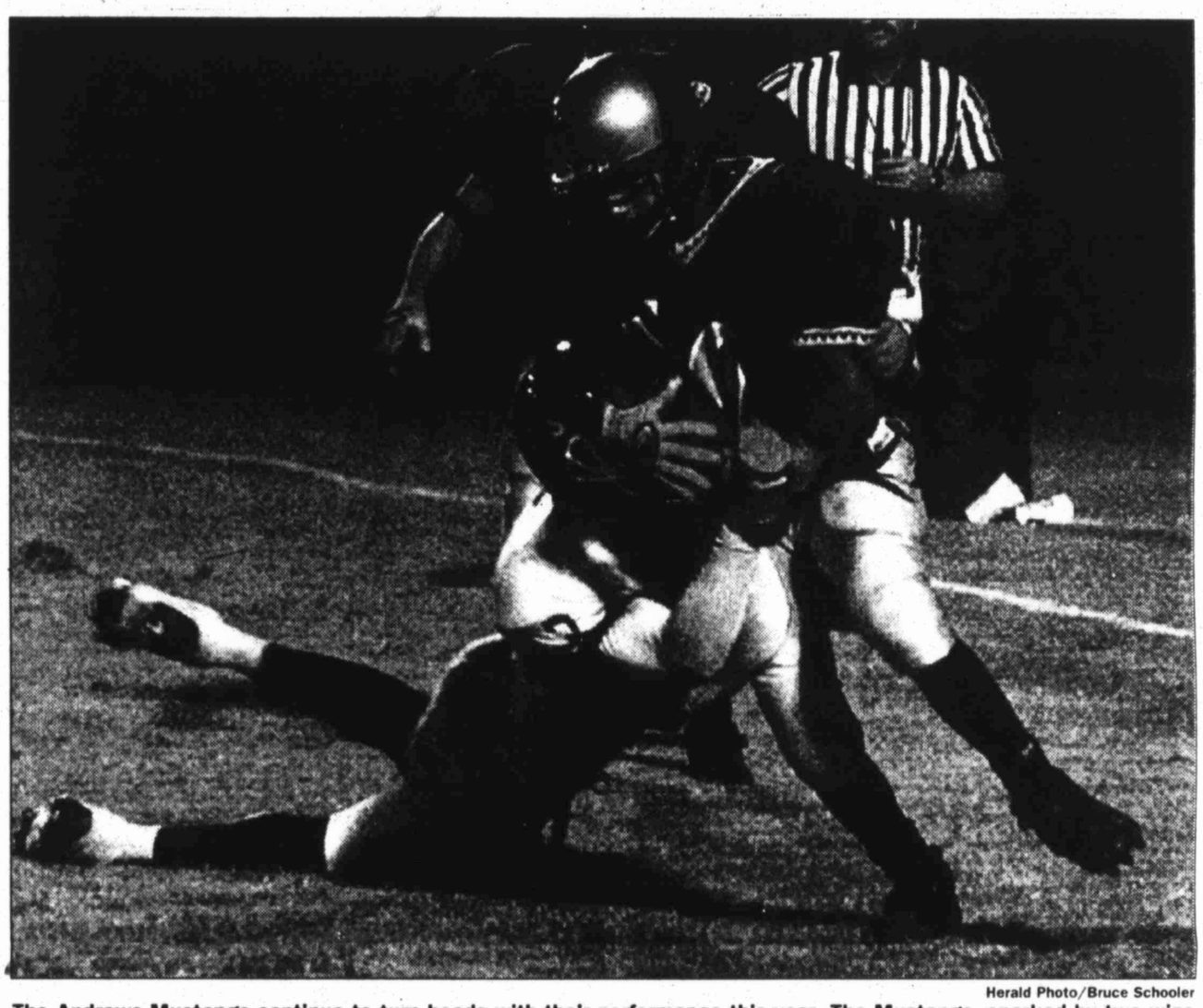
Ron Villone (6-5) went 4 1-3 innings, allowing seven hits and five runs and a season-high eight strikeouts.

On a cold, blustery and rainy night, Helton's lead-off homer triggered a three-run fifth.

After Helton's homer, his 31st, Larry Walker doubled and Jay Payton was intentionally walked, chasing Villone. Johnson hit an infield single off Ricky Stone to load the bases, and Sweeney lined a two-run single.

Houston made it 5-3 in the eighth. Lance Berkman and Brad Ausmus walked with none out against Brian Fuentes. After Fuentes retired the next two batters, Justin Speier replaced him and served up an RBI single to Craig Biggio. Jose Vizcaino walked to load the bases, but Speier retired Jeff Bagwell on a grounder.

Speier allowed an RBI single to Richard Hidalgo and a sacrifice fly to Mitch Meluskey in the ninth before netting eighth save in 11 chances.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

The Andrews Mustangs continue to turn heads with their performance this year. The Mustangs, sparked by two wins over Class 5A opponents, climbed to No. 14 in the state's Class 4A football polls. Andrews will play Sweetwater tomorrow night.

Andrews climbs to No. 14 in 4A poll

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Burnet used a 49-7 win over Killeen Shoemaker and a loss by former No. 2 Everman to collect all the first-place votes in Class 3A and gain the season's first unanimous No. 1 ranking.

Burnet, which has been ranked No. 1 all season, had 17 first-place votes last week while Everman had three in The Associated Press high school football poll. Everman lost to Lawton (Okla.) Eisenhower, 24-7, Friday and dropped to No. 7.

The poll is voted on by writers and broadcasters from across the state.

Ennis solidified its Class 4A No. 1 position by beating former No. 3 Denton Ryan 56-18 Friday. Quarterback Graham Harrell accounted for seven touchdowns and had 317 yards passing against the defending state champions. He threw for six touchdowns and ran for another.

Top 10

The Associated Press' high school poll with records, first place votes in parentheses and points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 through games of Sept. 13:

Class 5A

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Lufkin (15)	2-0	183	1
2. DeSoto (4)	3-0	158	2
3. The Woodlands	2-0	128	3
4. Southlake Carroll	2-0	119	5
5. Longview	3-0	118	4
6. Aldine Eisenhower	2-0	79	6
7. Waco	3-0	60	7
8. Tyler Lee	2-0	55	9
9. Houston Washington	2-0	49	8
10. Smithson Valley	3-0	32	

DROPPED OUT: Duncanville.

Also receiving votes: Converse Judson 14, Arlington Lamar 10, San Antonio Roosevelt 8, Galena Park Northshore 7, Donna 6, Round Rock Westwood 6, Grand Prairie 5, Dallas Carter 3, Coppell 2, Leander 1, Pflugerville 1.

Class 4A

1. Ennis (16)	2-0	187	1
2. Texarkana (1)	2-0	162	2
3. La Marque (1)	2-0	154	4
4. Brownwood (1)	3-0	139	5
5. CC Calallen	3-0	107	6
6. Bay City	2-1	47	7
7. Corsicana	3-0	46	
8. Dayton	3-0	45	9
9. New Braunfels	2-1	36	T10
10. Denton Ryan	1-1	27	3

DROPPED OUT: Stephenville, Conroe Oak Ridge.

Also receiving votes: Killeen 24, Canyon Randall 10, Stephenville 10, Andrews 8, Highland Park 8, Taylor 6, Kilgore 5, Sharyland 5, West Orange-Stark 5, Fredericksburg 4, Mesquite Horn 3, Hallsville 2, Harker Heights 1, New Braunfels Canyon 1, Richardson Pearce 1, San Antonio Alamo Heights 1.

Class 3A

1. Burnet (19)	3-0	190	1
2. Bellville	3-0	148	3
3. Midland Greenwood	3-0	145	4
4. Decatur	3-0	121	5
5. Daingerfield	3-0	105	6
6. Fairfield	3-0	86	7
7. Everman	1-1	78	2
8. Newton	2-0	70	8
9. Gilmer	3-0	52	10
10. Forney	2-0	18	

DROPPED OUT: Martin.

Also receiving votes: Gainesville 10, Ballinger 8, Navasota 6, Celina 3, Altair Rice 2, La Vernia 1, Martin 1, Sweetwater 1.

Class 2A

1. Corrigan-Camden (16)	3-0	179	1
2. Comfort (2)	3-0	166	2
3. Garrison (1)	3-0	155	3
4. McGregor	3-0	124	4
5. Panhandle	2-0	88	5
6. Tom Bean	3-0	75	7
7. Crane	2-0	66	6
8. Hemphill	3-0	64	8
9. Rosebud-Lott	2-1	42	9
10. Jacksboro	3-0	27	10

DROPPED OUT: none.

Also receiving votes: Leon 16, Italy 11, Centerville 7, Cisco 7, Elysian Fields 6, Van Vleck 5, Maypearl 3, Jim Ned 2, Linden-Kildare 2.

Class A

1. West Sabine (16)	2-0	177	1
2. Stratford (3)	2-0	169	3
3. Shiner	3-0	139	4
4. Albany	3-0	137	5
5. Anton	2-0	97	6
6. Iraan	3-0	87	7
7. Thrall	3-0	76	8
8. Chilton	2-1	54	10
9. Windthorst	2-1	48	
10. Celeste	2-1	42	2

Also receiving votes: Wink 15, Milano 3, Falls City 1.

The loss knocked Ryan to No. 10 in the poll.

Four of the five No. 1 teams were in action this weekend beating their opponents by a combined

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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Big Spring's Bobby Finn attempts to hang on to a pass during the Steers' recent JV win over Midland. Big Spring, 1-2, will host Plainview today at 5 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Moyer gets 19th win against Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Jamie Moyer pitched eight strong innings and Carlos Guillen hit a solo homer as the Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 5-1 Wednesday night.

Seattle ended a three-game losing streak and moved within 1 1/2 games of Boston in the AL wild-card race. The Red Sox lost 7-0 to Tampa Bay on Wednesday.

Moyer (19-7) allowed one run on four hits while striking out five and walking two in becoming the fourth AL pitcher to win at least 19 games. He improved to 12-3 in his career against Texas.

Guillen homered in the first for the Mariners, who remain 4 1/2 games behind Oakland in the AL West. Oakland beat Anaheim 2-1 Wednesday.

The Mariners, who lost the first two games of the four-game series, made it 3-0 after an error by Texas second baseman Michael Young on a potential double-play ball in the second.

With the bases loaded and one out, Dan Wilson grounded to Alex Rodriguez, who threw to Young at second for a forceout as John Olerud scored from third. An aggressive slide by Rey Sanchez forced Young to make a difficult throw to first. The ball bounced into the dugout and Randy Winn scored from second.

Heat cut salaries of employees by 10 percent

MIAMI (AP) — The salaries of Miami Heat employees will be cut 10 percent this season, a reduction that excludes the players but includes coach Pat Riley.

The reductions will allow the organization to avoid further layoffs. A few employees were let go after last season. The reductions include the business operation and the management of AmericanAirlines Arena.

Riley's annual salary is estimated at $5 million.

In Brief

Forsan boosters set hamburger supper

The Forsan Booster Club will be having a pre-game hamburger supper on Friday prior to the Buffaloes' Homecoming game against Sonora. The supper will begin at 5 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The cost for the meal is $5 per person.

Baseball boosters to meet Sept. 25 at ATC

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Booster Club will meet Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC.

For more information call 263-8527.

YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

Quarterback Club to meet Monday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting Monday beginning at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hawks open rodeo season in Portales

The Howard College Hawks will open their 2003 fall rodeo season today at Eastern New Mexico University.

The HC men's team is led by Bray Armes.

BCHS volleyball schedule changes

The Big Spring High School volleyball schedule for this weekend has changed due to a scheduling confict with Wink.

The Lady Steers' varsity game will be held at noon, instead of the originally slated 1 p.m. No junior varsity game will be played.

Wink officials cancelled the JV game after a previous tournament they had been slated to participate in was rescheduled for this weekend.

Directions to Bulldog Stadium in Plainview

Fans attending the Big Spring Steer-Plainview Bulldogs will need to take Interstate 27 north from Lubbock to Exit 50 in Plainview. After exiting, fans should stay on the access road to 24th Street before turning right. On 24th, proceed to Yonkers Street and turn right and fo to 20th Street.

On the Air

Sports Broadcast Schedule
Sept. 19

Event, Time	Station
Big Spring at Plainview, 6:06 p.m.	95.7/1490
Forsan vs. Sonora, 7 p.m.	94.3

Sept. 20

Event, Time	Station
Texas Tech vs. NC State, 10:15 a.m.	95.7

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Toronto	78	73	.517	15 1/2
Baltimore	68	83	.450	25 1/2
Tampa Bay	60	91	.397	33 1/2
Central Division				
Minnesota	83	69	.546	
Chicago	80	71	.530	2 1/2
Kansas City	78	73	.517	4 1/2
Cleveland	66	87	.431	17 1/2
Detroit	38	113	.252	44 1/2
West Division				
Oakland	92	61	.601	
Seattle	87	65	.572	4 1/2
Anaheim	72	81	.471	20
Texas	67	85	.441	24 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 9, Detroit 6
N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 12, Cleveland 8
Texas 10, Seattle 5
Minnesota 5, Chicago White Sox 2
Anaheim 6, Oakland 5

Wednesday's Games
Oakland 2, Anaheim 1
Tampa Bay 7, Boston 0
Toronto 6, Detroit 0
Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
Cleveland 9, Kansas City 1
Seattle 5, Texas 1
Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 2

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 17-7) at Baltimore (Hentgen 6-8), 11:35 a.m.
Seattle (Garcia 12-14) at Texas (Benoit 8-5), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Towers 6-1) at Detroit (Maroth 7-20), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Bell 4-3) at Boston (Wakefield 10-7), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Lima 7-1) at Cleveland (Sabathia 13-8), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Colon 14-12) at Minnesota (Lohse 13-11), 7:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
Toronto at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 6:15 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 7:05 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	95	58	.621	
Florida	84	67	.556	10
Philadelphia	83	69	.546	11 1/2
Montreal	77	76	.503	18
New York	63	88	.417	31
Central Division				
Houston	82	68	.547	
Chicago	82	70	.539	1
St. Louis	78	74	.513	5
Pittsburgh	70	81	.464	12 1/2
Cincinnati	65	87	.428	18
Milwaukee	64	87	.424	18 1/2
West Division				
San Francisco	92	57	.617	
Los Angeles	80	69	.537	12
Arizona	78	73	.517	15
Colorado	68	83	.450	25
San Diego	59	91	.393	33 1/2

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Tuesday's Games
Montreal 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
Cincinnati 12, Pittsburgh 4
Philadelphia 14, Florida 0
Chicago Cubs 3, N.Y. Mets 2
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 5
Houston 14, Colorado 4
Arizona 3, Los Angeles 2
San Francisco 4, San Diego 2

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 0
Atlanta 14, Montreal 4
Pittsburgh 8, Cincinnati 5
Florida 11, Philadelphia 4
Milwaukee at St. Louis, late
Houston at Colorado, late
Arizona at Los Angeles, late
San Diego at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Cincinnati (Bale 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Wells 8-8), 11:35 a.m.
Florida (Willis 13-6) at Philadelphia (Millwood 14-11), 12:05 p.m.
Houston (W.Miller 13-12) at Colorado (Jimenez 2-8), 2:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 11-11) at San Francisco (Ponson 3-4), 2:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 12-11) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 15-9), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Kinney 10-11) at St. Louis (W.Williams 15-9), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 10-8) at Los Angeles (W.Alvarez 5-1), 9:10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 2nd game
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 7:05 p.m.
Arizona at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at St. Louis, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 9:10 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

American Conference East Division	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	69	17
Miami	1	1	0	.500	41	31
New England	1	1	0	.500	31	41
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	23	37
South						
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	42	13
Houston	1	1	0	.500	31	51
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	32	53
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	40	62
North						
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	48	47
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	54	56
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	30	53
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	19	42
West						
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	67	23
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	68	34
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	43	45
San Diego	0	2	0	.000	27	64
NATIONAL						
East						
Washington	2	0	0	1.000	49	44
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	48	59
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	55	48
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	10	48
South						
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	36	32
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	58	46
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	41	37
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	26	12
North						
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	54	38
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	48	55
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	56	36
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	20	73
West						
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	65	10
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	73	34
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	40	47
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	24	80

Sunday's games
Miami 21, N.Y. Jets 10
Green Bay 31, Detroit 6
Washington 33, Atlanta 31
Indianapolis 33, Tennessee 7
Buffalo 38, Jacksonville 17
Baltimore 33, Cleveland 13
New Orleans 31, Houston 10
St. Louis 27, San Francisco 24, OT
Kansas City 41, Pittsburgh 20
Seattle 38, Arizona 0
Carolina 12, Tampa Bay 9, OT
Denver 37, San Diego 13
Oakland 23, Cincinnati 20
New England 31, Philadelphia 10
Minnesota 24, Chicago 13

Monday's Game
Dallas 35, N.Y. Giants 32, OT

Sunday, Sept. 21
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Philadelphia, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22
Oakland at Denver, 9 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE East Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts.	GF	GA
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Northeast Division							
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montreal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nashville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Northwest Division							
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Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Today's Games
Toronto at Djurgarden IF, 12:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Washington at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 6 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Vancouver at Winnipeg, Manitoba, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Toronto at Farjestad, 12:30 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Buffalo vs. Ottawa at Binghamton, N.Y., 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders vs. Pittsburgh at Wheeling, W.Va., 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Chicago at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Washington at London, Ontario, 6 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Carolina at Estero, Fla., 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Colorado vs. Florida at Fort Collins, Colo., 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

PRCA LEADERS

Overall Leaders
1. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, $179,787
2. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, $110,233
3. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., $108,019
4. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, $106,432
5. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., $94,509
6. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, $88,745
7. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, $86,991
8. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, $79,053
9. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, $72,321
10. Cody De Mers, Boulder, Mont., $71,312

BAREBACK RIDING
1. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas (45), $100,401
2. D. Clarke, Lewisville, Texas (61), $73,401
3. T. McFarland, Morristown, Ariz. (50), $69,331
4. Cody Jessee, Prineville, Ore. (58), $64,289
5. L. Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D., $62,723
6. J. Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas (52), $60,471
7. P. Hawkins, Weatherford, Tex. (53), $58,859
8. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan. (42), $58,383
9. F. Bramwell, Pag. Springs, Colo., $56,566
10. D. Shields, Bashaw, Alberta (62), $56,278

STEER WRESTLING
1. S. Greenfield, Lakeview, Ore. (45), $81,090
2. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D. (43), $62,573
3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas (40), $56,421
4. Rope Myers, Van, Texas (39), $54,520
5. M.y Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas (41), $52,492
6. F. Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo. (41), $50,954
7. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont. (39), $50,624
8. T. Johnson, Checotah, Okla. (44), $47,963
9. Randy Sohn, Riverton, Wyo. (40), $47,891
10. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo. (41), $47,809

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)
1. Speed Williams, Amarillo (44), $72,046
2. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. (39), $69,882
3. David Key, Caldwell, Texas (44), $62,702
4. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas (42), $58,011
5. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas (42), $53,559

Michigan asks judge to make Webber pay for college's legal fees, losses

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — University of Michigan officials asked a federal judge to order National Basketball Association star Chris Webber to reimburse the school $695,000 for legal fees and losses stemming from NCAA penalties.

Board of Regents chairman Lawrence Deitch and Marvin Krislov, the university's general counsel, made the request in letters to U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds.

The letters were among dozens Edmunds received before the Tuesday court hearing in which Webber, a member of Michigan's "Fab Five" from 1991-93 who now plays for the Sacramento Kings, was to be sentenced for criminal contempt.

Under a plea agreement, Webber admitted he lied to a grand jury when he testified in August 2000 that he couldn't remember repaying booster Eddie Martin about $38,200 in 1994.

Edmunds has not acted on the university's request. She had no comment on the letters, which were among about 65 released by the U.S. Attorney's Office with her approval, her clerk said.

Webber led sacremnto to the playoffs last year.

POLL

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score of 181-31 and retaining their top rankings. Class 5A Lufkin was idle and stayed atop the poll.

The No. 1 team in 2A, Corrigan-Camden, beat San Augustine 28-6 and West Sabine, Class A's No. 1 defeated Shelbyville 48-0. Corrigan-Camden is the first No. 1 team in Class 2A this season to keep its ranking for two weeks. Bangs and Rosebud-Lott both lost the top spot after just one week at No. 1.

In Class A, Celeste lost its No. 2 spot after being shut out by Honey Grove. Last week's No. 3 Stratford moved up one to take Celeste's place and the Blue Devils fell to the last spot in the poll.

DeSoto beat Garland 28-12 Friday to stay at No. 2 in the 5A poll. The Eagles are followed by The Woodlands, Southlake Carroll, Longview, Aldine Eisenhower, Waco, Tyler Lee and Houston Washington.

Smithson Valley replaces Duncanville in the poll at No. 10. The team beat San Antonio O'Connor 34-17 Friday. The Panthers lost to Coppell, 38-28.

In 4A, Stephenville dropped out of the poll from No. 8 last week after losing to Highland Park 45-27. Also dropping from the poll was Conroe Oak Ridge, who was tied for the 10th spot last week.

Klein Collins beat Oak Ridge 27-20.

Corsicana is the week's highest entrant in the poll at No. 7. The team beat Cleburne 38-0 Friday.

Marlin moved out of the 3A poll this week after its second-straight loss.

The Bulldogs were ranked at No. 3 in the sea-

OVERTON

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Blackburn, who had served as the head trainer at Howard College for several years, gave Overton the opportunity to join the Hawks' program as a trainer shortly thereafter.

The move paid big dividends for both.

"In high school I played every sport I could," said Overton, who also teaches athletic training courses at the school. "I've always had an interest in sports and medicine so when I stopped playing, Everett offered me a scholarship. He just helped me find my niche in life — a place where I can be involved with those two things."

Following graduation from Howard College, he continued his education at Tarleton State University.

From 1997-2002, Overton served as the head trainer at Boswell High School in Fort Worth, helping the Pioneers develop into one of the top 4A football programs in the Metroplex.

It was a place Overton was happy to call home — until late June when Howard College Athletic Director Jim Lewis dangled the opportunity to return in front of him.

"It's just an honor for me to be following in Everett's footsteps. This is one of those jobs I've always wanted. It's great to be here ... and to have a gracious and understanding wife who allowed me to do this," he said.

Overton and his wife Amy — a former Howard College graduate — are the parents of two children: MaKayla, 3, and MaKynlee, 2 months.

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"I woke up this morning and I felt like Jeff Gordon — I felt like I was going to be hard to beat today, and that's a great feeling to have that kind of confidence."

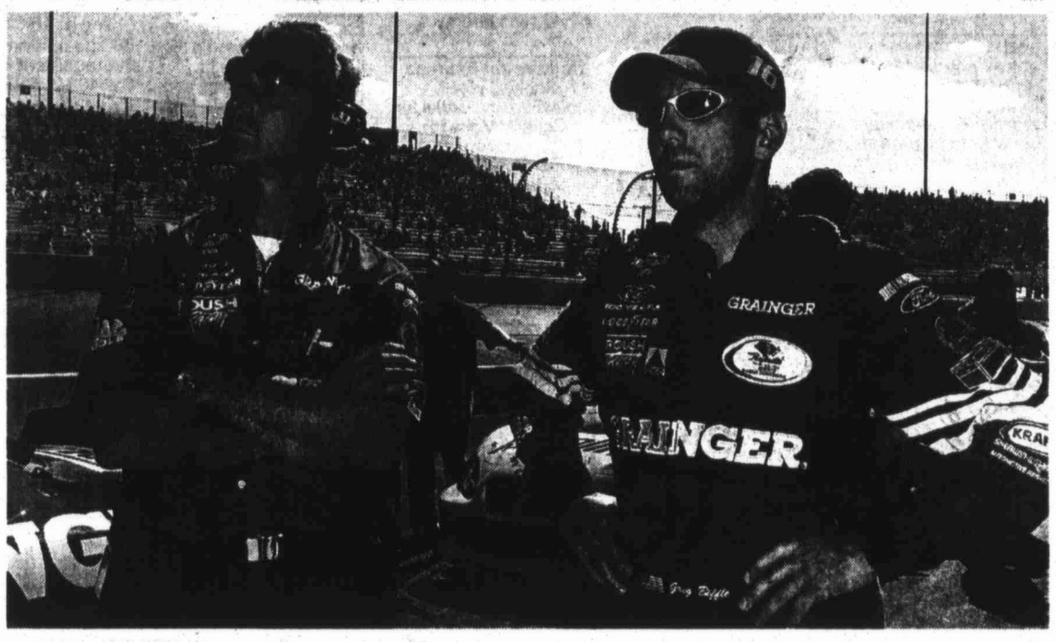
— Michael Waltrip, on how he felt before last Sunday's Sylvania 300 in New Hampshire.



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Leading the pack

McMurray, Biffle join a strong line of Cup rookies



AUTOSTOCK

Crew chief Doug Richert, driver Greg Biffle and the No. 16 team are in 20th place in the points standings.

BY BILL FLEISCHMAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A few years ago, rookies were not supposed to win Winston Cup races, or even be competitive.

That changed in the 1990s when top multi-car teams began signing talented rookies. The combination of skilled drivers and crews, plus abundant resources, suddenly made rookies formidable on the racetrack.

Jamie McMurray and Greg Biffle are the latest examples of rising rookies.

Last year, McMurray attracted attention when, in just his second Cup start, he won the October race at North Carolina's Lowe's Motor Speedway. McMurray was filling in for the injured Sterling Marlin.

In July, Biffle won at Daytona, in his 23rd Cup start.

McMurray, in 18th place, is the top rookie in the Winston Cup points standings. He leads 20th-place Biffle by 48 points. In the rookie of the year award standings, McMurray holds a slim 16-point edge over Biffle, 249 to 233. (The rookie of the year award is based on drivers' best 17 finishes.) Both rookies drive for strong teams: Biffle for Roush Racing, McMurray for Ganassi Racing.

McMurray's success is more surprising than Biffle's, because McMurray didn't distinguish himself in the Grand National series. Biffle, 33, won championships in the NASCAR Truck and Grand National series before finally moving to Winston Cup.

McMurray, 27, didn't win his first Grand National race until after he won the Cup race at Lowe's. In 2001, McMurray had no top-five finishes in the Grand National series. However, team owner Chip Ganassi saw something in him. Ganassi proved in Indy car racing that he is a shrewd judge of driving talent.

Following the trend in which drivers are drawn to Winston Cup from all over the United States, neither McMurray nor Biffle is from the South. McMurray is from Joplin, Mo.; Biffle is from Vancouver, Wash., near Portland, Ore.

While Biffle is thrilled to be in the Cup series now, he wishes he'd been called on sooner.

"I absolutely wish I had an opportunity when I was 25, but I didn't," Biffle said Tuesday. "I've paid my dues."

Jack Roush, Biffle's car owner, said Biffle wasn't treated very well in his first couple trips to the Southeast.

"He was in a sportsman race at Concord (N.C.) and in the closing laps, they threw an early caution to stop him from passing and getting the big prize where he could stay (in the Southeast)," Roush said. "He had to go back (to Washington)."

Prodded by NBC racing analyst Benny Parsons, the former Winston Cup champion who had seen Biffle race, Roush finally called Biffle.

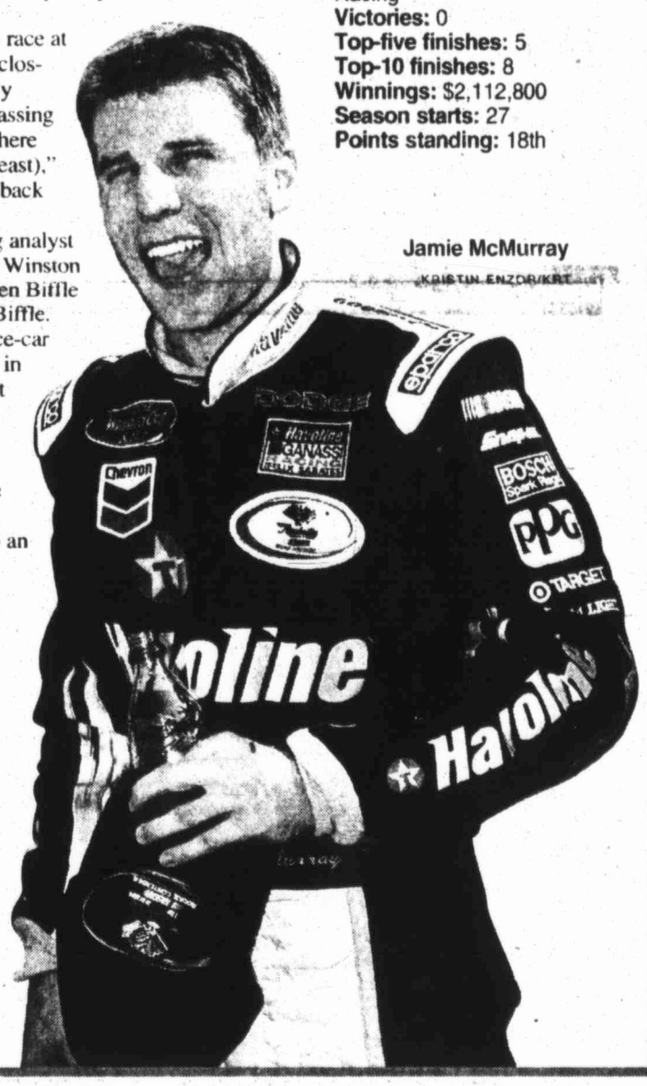
"Greg padlocked his race-car shop and put his sports bar in the hands of somebody that he trusted," Roush said. "In a matter of days, he was in Charlotte."

With such a close battle for rookie of the year, do Biffle and McMurray keep an eye on each other during races?

"We don't focus on them," McMurray said. "I know where everybody is pretty much. I think we've run better than him (most) of the year."

Said Biffle: "We do some, because we are racing them for position each week."

In the June race at Dover, McMurray finished 13th and Biffle was 30th. Want to bet they knew that without looking it up?



Jamie McMurray

KRISTIN ENZOR/KRT

Season stats



Greg Biffle

Car: No. 16 Ford Taurus
Crew chief: Doug Richert
Team: Roush Racing
Victories: 1
Top-five finishes: 3
Top-10 finishes: 5
Winnings: $1,891,180
Season starts: 26
Points standing: 20th



Jamie McMurray

Car: No. 42 Dodge Intrepid
Crew chief: Donnie Wingo
Team: Chip Ganassi Racing
Victories: 0
Top-five finishes: 5
Top-10 finishes: 8
Winnings: $2,112,800
Season starts: 27
Points standing: 18th

THIS WEEK'S RACE

MBNA AMERICA 400

Where: Dover International Speedway, a 1-mile highly banked concrete oval located in Dover, Del.
When: Sunday at 1 p.m. (all times ET).
TV: NBC
Radio: Motor Racing Network
Purse: $4,559,814
Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson
Worth mentioning: Ryan Newman has a 4.33 finishing average in three races at Dover. Jimmie Johnson has a 13.33 average finish in three races at Dover, in spite of having scored two victories there.



Johnson

Jeff Gordon, Bill Elliott and Ricky Rudd lead all active drivers in victories at Dover with four each. Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace have earned three victories a piece at Dover.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

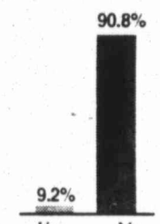
How will Brian France's ascension to the top spot in the NASCAR power structure affect the sport?

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

NASCAR levied heavy fines for the post-race rough stuff at Richmond. Do you think the message has been received?

Number of votes: 5,125



STOP 'N' GO

Q&A WITH BRIAN FRANCE

Last Saturday, Brian France was named chairman of the board and chief executive officer of NASCAR, taking over those roles from his father, Bill France Jr., to become the third generation of the France family to lead stock-car racing. For the full interview, go online and visit **www.thatsracin.com.**

■ What's the biggest lesson you've learned personally from your experience in working with tracks and racing series?



France

■ France: That's a good question. I have some personal philosophy that the sport is sort of like a stool with three legs. Competition is one of those legs. All of our partners — the tracks, the media, the teams — are another leg. And our fans are the third leg. If any one of those gets shortchanged, the stool falls down. I try to look at things in that context. I know there are better people than me on the competition side, and in the marketing side. You try to surround yourself with good people and in and make sure you keep those legs on properly.

— David Poole

BY THE NUMBERS

WINSTON CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Sept. 14:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Kenseth (17)	4015	21. W. Burton (22)	2740
2. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	3611	22. R. Craven (32)	2702
		23. R. Rudd (21)	2695
3. K. Harvick (29)	3552	24. J. Nemechek (25)	2670
4. J. Johnson (48)	3543	25. J. Mayfield (19)	2651
5. R. Newman (12)	3398	26. J. Benson (10)	2642
6. J. Gordon (24)	3382	27. D. Jarrett (88)	2510
7. K. Busch (97)	3323	28. D. Blaney (77)	2510
8. B. Labonte (18)	3323	29. J. Spencer (7)	2383
9. T. Labonte (5)	3191	30. K. Wallace (23)	2299
10. M. Waltrip (15)	3169	31. S. Park (30)	2291
11. T. Stewart (20)	3121	32. T. Bodine (54)	2236
12. R. Gordon (31)	3095	33. C. Mears (41)	2029
13. J. Burton (99)	3046	34. J. Green (1)	1976
14. R. Wallace (2)	2962	35. K. Petty (45)	1909
15. B. Elliott (9)	2952	36. K. Schrader (49)	1889
16. M. Martin (6)	2940	37. T. Raines (74)	1868
17. S. Marlin (40)	2844	38. J. Andretti (43)	1629
18. J. McMurray (42)	2819	39. M. Skinner (4)	1560
19. E. Sadler (38)	2771	40. J. Sprague (0)	1284
20. G. Biffle (16)	2747		

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): If he'd had any kind of chance to make it on fuel, he'd have gone for the win at Loudon. Last week: 1.

2. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): For a change, things just didn't go this team's way near the end of the Sylvania 300. Last week: 2.

3. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Admire this team's resiliency in winning last week. The early pit road mess was scary. Last week: 4.

4. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Pushed his fuel luck late at Loudon. If you've got to stop anyway, why push it so far? Last week: 3.

5. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): Had a long day at Loudon — he had to drive the last 260 laps without power steering. Last week: 5.

6. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): He led 46 laps and finished fifth while down a cylinder. And it's not too hard to pass? Last week: 7.

7. Terry Labonte (car No. 5): His crash late in Saturday Loudon practice set back what might have been a good weekend. Last week: 6.

8. Robby Gordon (car No. 31): Kicked himself for not trying to squeeze out a fuel-mileage victory at New Hampshire. Last week: 8.

9. Bobby Labonte (car No. 18): Weather permitting, Dover could be the place where this team gets it all back together. Last week: 9.

10. Bill Elliott (car No. 9): Never mind all the retirement talk, it was full speed ahead in a top-five finish at Loudon. Last week: 12.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatsracin.com.

'Gentlemen's agreement' comes into question again

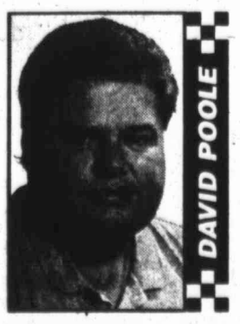
Dale Jarrett was starting to unbuckle his safety harness so he could climb out of his No. 88 Ford after wrecking just past the halfway point of last Sunday's Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway.

Thankfully, he changed his mind. "My spotter told me to stay buckled because they were coming," Jarrett said.

"They" were the race leaders, being chased by a group of lapped cars intent on getting back on the lead lap. Everybody had a different idea about what he was doing, and Jarrett was a sitting duck.

The closest thing NASCAR has to a rule governing that situation is the so-called "gentlemen's agreement," which strictly defined is a policy by which the race leader is given the responsibility of determining whether or not anyone should get back a lap.

After the race, though, the gentlemen involved disagreed strongly both on what happened and what should have.



Bill Elliott was leading the race at the time, and he slowed dramatically as he brought the field back to the yellow line. Was Elliott honoring a deal to allow a lapped Bobby Labonte to get a lap back, or just trying to do the right thing?

"You need to slow down and kind of give guys a break with the accident," Elliott said. "You know, trying to get the medical people to those guys. If I'm in a wreck out there on the track, I'd want them to be able to get to me as fast as they possibly could."

Michael Waltrip was running behind Elliott on the lead lap, though, and thought something else was going on.

"One car, the 9 (Elliott), is leading the race," Waltrip said. "All he has to do is to go hammer down through the accident scene. That takes 20 cars out of the equation of getting their lap back.

"When the leader stops, like Bill did, everybody thinks they're going to get a lap back and then you have a gold rush coming to a guy who's sitting wrecked in the middle of the track..... It was stupid."

There should be a rule to prevent such madness, but it's more complicated than that."

You want to revert to the order on the last green-flag lap? That means anyone who's involved in a crash suffers no competitive consequence as long as he can drive away, since he'd go right back to where he was running before he wrecked.

You want to freeze the field in the positions they're in when the yellow comes out? NASCAR says the technology to do that without having split-second judgment calls from the naked eye isn't there yet.

New NASCAR chairman and chief executive officer Brian France said Sunday that working out that technology so a workable rule can emerge from the mess the "gentlemen's agreement" has become is one of the first things he'd like to handle.

While France is at it, he should also make it illegal for cars to pass each other on pit road as they try to hurry into the pit boxes. That's what led to the scary incident Sunday that had Johnson's crew scattering like bowling pins after Jeff Gordon cut inside of Waltrip and got bumped sideways when Waltrip went into his stall.

There's nothing complicated about changing that rule.

GRAND NATIONAL POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Sept. 5:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. D. Green	3583	11. S. Compton	3033
2. B. Vickers	3535	12. M. Bliss	2928
3. S. Riggs	3518	13. A. Lewis	2717
4. R. Hornaday	3509	14. M. Wallace	2628
5. J. Keller	3472	15. C. Gibbs	2525
6. B. Hamilton Jr.	3286	16. T. Bodine	2467
7. J. Sauter	3173	17. K. Grubb	2171
8. S. Hmiel	3160	18. K. Harvick	2032
9. K. Kahne	3089	19. M. Waltrip	2027
10. S. Wimmer	3079	20. J. McMurray	1891

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Stacker 200, Dover, Del.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Sept. 13:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. B. Gaughan	2786	6. B. Hamilton	2602
2. T. Kvapil	2777	7. R. Crawford	2600
3. T. Musgrave	2724	8. C. Edwards	2445
4. D. Setzer	2685	9. T. Cook	2333
5. J. Wood	2622	10. J. Leffler	2316

NEXT RACE: Saturday, American Racing Wheels 200, Fontana, Calif.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The Virgo sun reminds us to keep improving, and the focus today is on creating better relationships. Family expectations demand that we please others first, but luckily, it's not difficult to figure out how to do this while Venus is transiting Libra. The Gemini moon opens a breezy, upbeat line of communication. Cut through materialistic views.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You see what you want. Instead of getting jealous of those who already have it, you get busy. The one who can focus reaches the goal. Being able to visualize yourself doing things the correct way will determine your success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't mind taking responsibility for a job, as long as you have the resources available to do it right. Negotiations go well between you and other earth signs (Capricorn and Virgo). The definition of a relationship may be blurry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You might still be wondering whether or not a new acquaintance really likes you. You can safely call this person a "friend," but realize that he or she is guarded as a person and will take longer than most to open up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). New living arrangements could save money, but don't make any move for strictly financial reasons. Settle the issues that still keep you apart from an old friend or an ex; you can work it out tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Keep in touch. Neglected friends will soon fall out of your circle completely unless you make the effort. Sometimes, a postcard in the mail is enough to prove you care. Auspicious partners are Sagittarius and Scorpio.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Group decisions can go either way. One misguided influence can cause the rest to follow suit. Someone with a foreign accent or an education very different from yours could bring the most wisdom to your dealings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wealthy friends may be intimidating, so remind yourself that life is not a contest to see who can amass the most material items the fastest. You sparkle with personality tonight if you turn energy in an outward direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Excitement can serve to push things forward, so don't get too worried. Express what is in your heart to strengthen romantic bonds. For financial help, be candid with a Taurus, and you'll get advice that's the real deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You and your partner are not on the exact same journey — you're two distinct people! As you grow in spiritual awareness, your union shifts and changes, but that doesn't mean you should bail when you get out of sync.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your attitude can make a difference between a business arrangement that is pleasant and successful and one that's a constant drag. Wins have to do with selling an idea or finally convincing someone close to back you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You might not want to be where you end up today, but stick with it. A little discomfort can be very character building, and you'll gain admirers for your ability to roll with life. Drastic moves are not favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In your mind, a special project seems like a wonderful idea, but you still don't seem to be moving ahead. It's easy to tell that the benefits outweigh the deficits, but your emotional side remains difficult to convince.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born Jan. 30, 1986. My home life isn't too great. My parents have been giving me a harder time than my siblings. I always seem to be doing things for them, and I am tired of submitting. I was wondering if it's a good time to rebel now or if I should wait until their moods change for them to let me be a little free. My mom is 38 and born Dec. 18. My dad was born March 8 and is 54."

I know you're dying to go wild, but your "rebellion" will be far more effective if you contain and channel this energy. Here's the plan I'd suggest. 1) Get a job outside the home. It can be anything, as long as it has set, consistent hours and as many of them as you can take on. This act alone will stop most of the bothersome requests they make of you because you simply won't be available to do their bidding. 2) Start becoming independent in every way you can under their roof. This means providing your own transportation and paying for your own clothing, entertainment and even food, 3) Sock as much money away as you can. 4) Hang in there one more year, and then, move out.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Four-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong is a cancer survivor, best-selling author and inspirational figure to many. With his four luminaries in the sign of personal best, Virgo, the constant battle to improve himself is a sheer joy for this courageous man. This year, Armstrong could work with nutritionists and doctors to develop a health product that helps millions of people feel better and stronger.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: I'm a single, 38-year-old father with two young sons. I am just under 6 feet tall and weigh about 360 pounds. My biggest fear is that I won't see my children grow up.

I have no other health problems, but I know that if I don't do something about my weight now, I will pay for it in the not-too-distant future. I've been overweight since my teen years. I managed to lose nearly 100 pounds three years ago, and I did it on my own, but when I went through my divorce, the weight found me again.

I ride bikes, walk and chase my kids. But I work at a fast-food chain, and I eat improperly. I also overeat when I'm happy or sad. I've thought about a gastric bypass, but frankly, an operation scares me. I want to lose weight naturally. Is there any kind of self-help organization that can help? — San Bernardino, Calif

Dear San Bernardino: There are several groups that can help you. Check your phone book for Weight Watchers Inc. (weightwatchers.com), TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) (tops.org), and Overeaters Anonymous (oa.org). There are also numerous weight-loss plans available at your local bookstore or library. (You also might consider another job.)

Keep in mind that permanent weight loss requires a program that you can follow for the rest of your life, and includes regular daily exercise and weights. Good luck. We'll be rooting for you.

Dear Annie: A few weeks ago, one of my sisters passed away. Most of my other family members had little to do with "Lana" because she was dirt poor. She wore thrift shop clothes, lived in a run-down apartment, and her appearance was rather shabby. When she became ill, no one wanted to help her out except me. My sister, "Erica," was particularly unkind. She would never allow Lana into her home. Erica didn't approve of Lana and thought the way she lived was an embarrassment.

Three months before she died, Lana unexpectedly came into some money. All of a sudden, Erica became her best friend. She invited Lana to her home and even took her out to eat in fancy restaurants. In the last few weeks, Erica took over everything, even changing Lana's burial arrangements.

I never asked Lana for one cent, but I was hurt when she left everything she owned to Erica. Lana apparently didn't remember that I was the one who took care of her when no one else would. It burns me that Erica acted so phony just to get her hands on some money, and I no longer want to have anything to do with her. Does that make me a bad person? What should I do? — Mad and Confused in California

Dear Mad: You have been a loving and caring sister, but Lana was so grateful for Erica's belated attention that she was easily manipulated. Your hurt feelings are understandable, but please don't become bitter. Even if Erica's motives were self-serving, she did provide Lana with companionship and comfort. Let it go.

Dear Annie: Here is the scenario: A father names his first son after himself, and the father is referred to as "John Sr." The son is "John Jr." Junior has a first son named after him, and he is now referred to as "John III." When the grandfather passes away, does his son now become Senior and the III become Junior? If not, does the grandson's child become the IV? — New York

Dear N.Y.: There is no hard and fast rule. If Junior wishes to become Senior when Grandpa dies, he may do so, in which case, the grandson then becomes Junior. However, this can get awfully complicated after a few generations, and some men prefer to keep their original monikers to avoid confusion.

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By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 18, 1947, the National Security Act, which unified the Army, Navy and newly formed Air Force into a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

On this date:

In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

In 1793, President Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

In 1810, Chile declared its independence from Spain.

In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which allowed slaveowners to reclaim slaves who had escaped to other states.

In 1851, the first edition of The New York Times was published.

In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

In 1963, "The Patty Duke Show" premiered on ABC television.

In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Ten years ago: Kimberly Clarice Aiken of South Carolina was crowned "Miss America" at the pageant in Atlantic City, N.J.

Five years ago: Over Democratic objections, the House Judiciary Committee voted to release President Clinton's videotaped grand jury testimony as well as 2,800 pages of sometimes graphic evidence compiled by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Mark McGwire hit his 64th home run of the season, pulling out of a tie with Sammy Sosa.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Leon Askin is 96. Actor Jack Warden is 83. Actor Robert Blake is 70. Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 70. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 70. Actor Fred Willard is 64. Singer Frankie Avalon is 63. Rock musician Kerry Livgen is 54. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 53. Actor James Gandolfini is 42. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 41. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 39. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith is 32. Actor James Marsden is 30.

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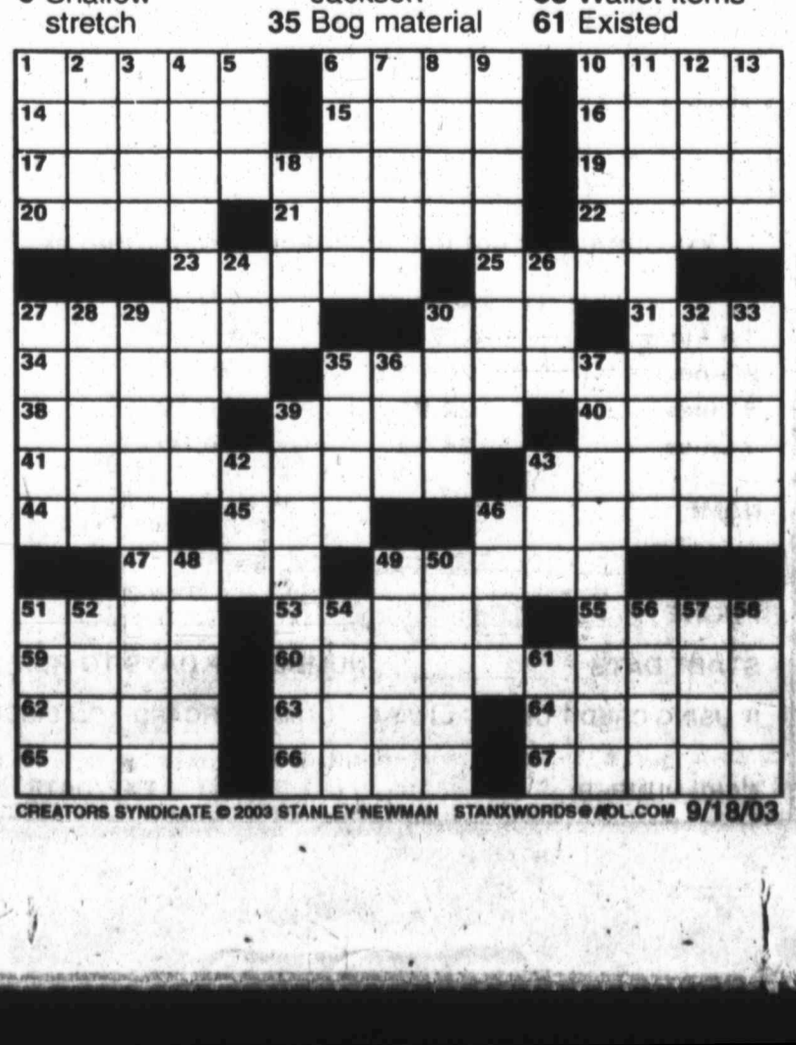
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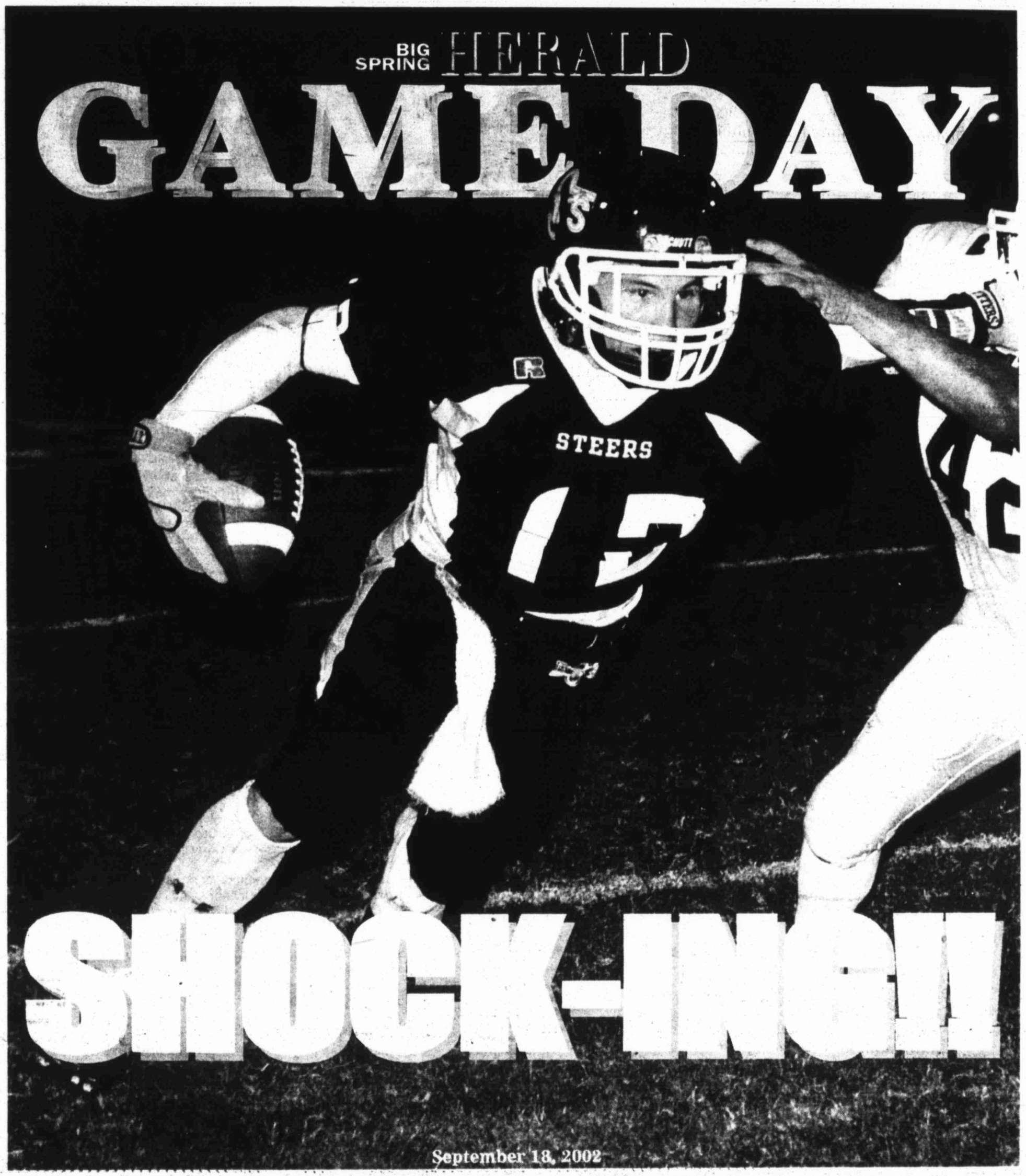
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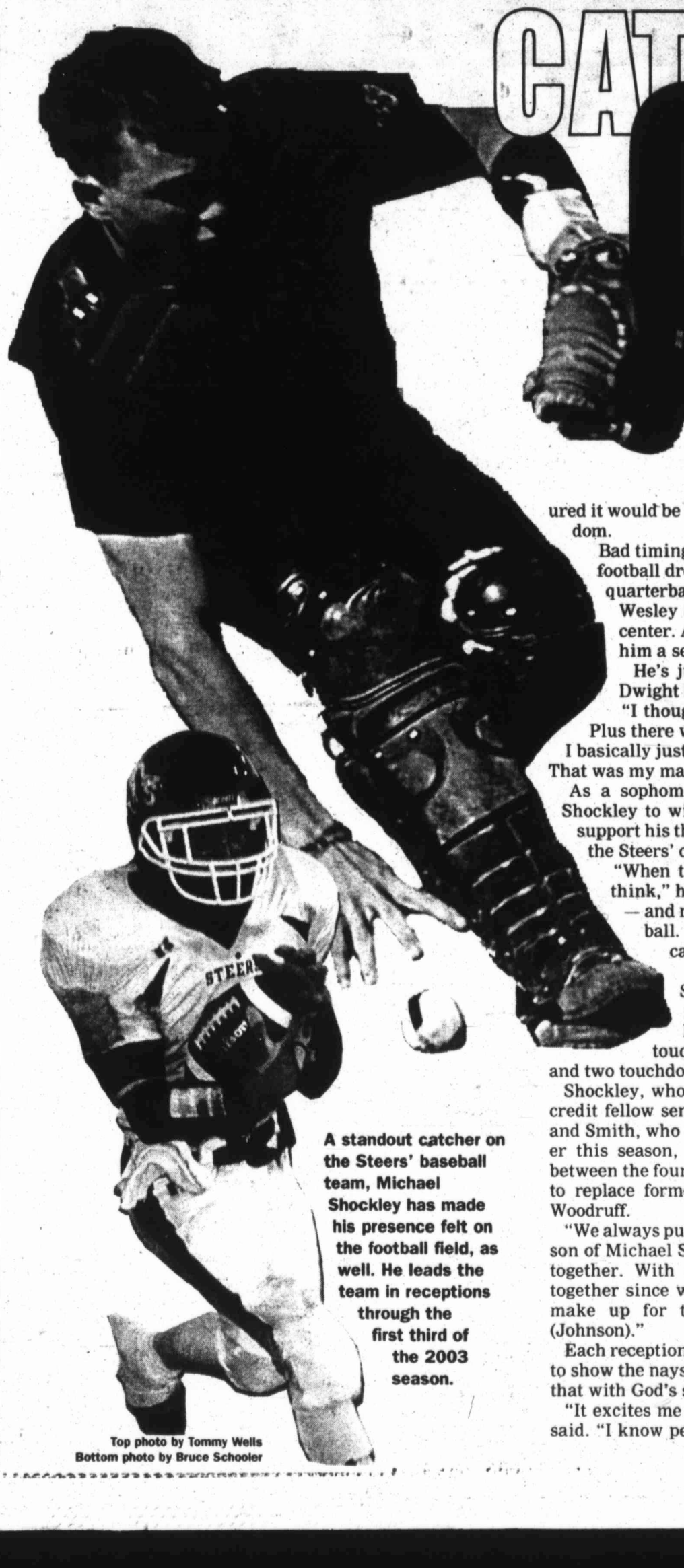
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CATCHING ON



A standout catcher on the Steers' baseball team, Michael Shockley has made his presence felt on the football field, as well. He leads the team in receptions through the first third of the 2003 season.

Top photo by Tommy Wells
Bottom photo by Bruce Schooler

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Michael Shockley always knew he was going to play ball at Big Spring High School. The funny thing is he figured it would be baseball that would be his main route to stardom.

Bad timing and a lack of size seemed to have erased his football dreams almost as soon as they had began. As a quarterback playing under the likes of Tye Butler and Wesley Smith, he knew he wouldn't see time under center. At 5-foot-7, he didn't think anyone would give him a serious chance as a receiver.

He's just happy God and Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler didn't subscribe to the same ideas.

"I thought I was undersized for the sport," he said. Plus there were two good quarterbacks in front of me so I basically just played so I could stay in shape for baseball. That was my main concern really."

As a sophomore, the Big Spring coaching staff shifted Shockley to wide receiver — a move that only seemed to support his thought of focusing on his promising career as the Steers' catcher.

"When they first moved me, I didn't know what to think," he said. Then I grew a little — not a whole lot — and realized I had a hidden talent for catching the ball. To be honest, I didn't even know I could catch."

Two years later, the Steers' decision to move Shockley has produced a gem. Heading into the fourth week of the Steers' 2003 season, the BSHS senior leads the team in receptions and touchdowns, having caught 10 passes for 71 yards and two touchdowns.

Shockley, who also starts as a defensive back, is quick to credit fellow seniors Michael Ornales-Doporto, Jordan Cobb and Smith, who was moved from quarterback to wide receiver this season, for much of his success. The competition between the four, he said, has made it possible for Big Spring to replace former standouts Brandon Mendoza and Curtis Woodruff.

"We always push each other to do better," said Shockley, the son of Michael Shockley and Sheila Barber. "We all grew up together. With the exception of Jordan, we've all played together since we were in pee wee. I think that's helped us make up for the loss of Brandon, Curtis and Ronnie (Johnson)."

Each reception is something personal to Shockley. It's a way to show the naysayers the "too small" label can be wrong and that with God's support anything is possible.

"It excites me when either I or Mike catch a big play," he said. "I know people have always said I was too small to do

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It's (Stop) Taber Time

Key to evening record to .500 will be Steers ability to contain Plainview running back

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler isn't about to say Plainview standout Taber Minner could be one of the best running backs in the state. He knows the Bulldogs' tailback already is.

In fact, if Butler had to write up a defensive scheme to stop the speedy back Friday in Plainview it would be a relatively simple three-part equation. First, someone has to hit him and hang on until help arrives. The second and third parts would have to do with getting help there and praying to the great Football Coach in the Sky it happens somewhere before the end zone.

That defensive plan — combined with Butler's hopes that the Big Spring offense will pick up where it left off in last week's rout of Hereford — will be the key, the Steers' all-time winningest coach said, to Big Spring winning or losing when the two teams face off beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Plainview "We know we're not going to shut him down," said Butler. "He's one of the best runningbacks in this half of the state. What we have to do is contain him and try to limit the number of long runs he has.

"We're not trying to fool anyone. He's going to get his yards against us, just like he has against everyone else. No one has stopped him. We just have to realize we can't let him go 70 or 80 yards on one carry. We're going to have to hit him and hang on until help gets there. If we can do that, we feel we can play with them."

For the Steers, playing with Plainview represents another major opponent. Plainview High School is one of the state's largest Class 4A programs. Overall, the school sports more than 800 more students than Big Spring.

"They're probably as good as any team we've faced this year," said Butler. "It's definitely another step up for us, plus it's on the road. Plainview is not an easy place to go and play ... which is what we want. This is a great step in our team's learning curve."

Not allowing Minner to run curves through the defense will be the key.

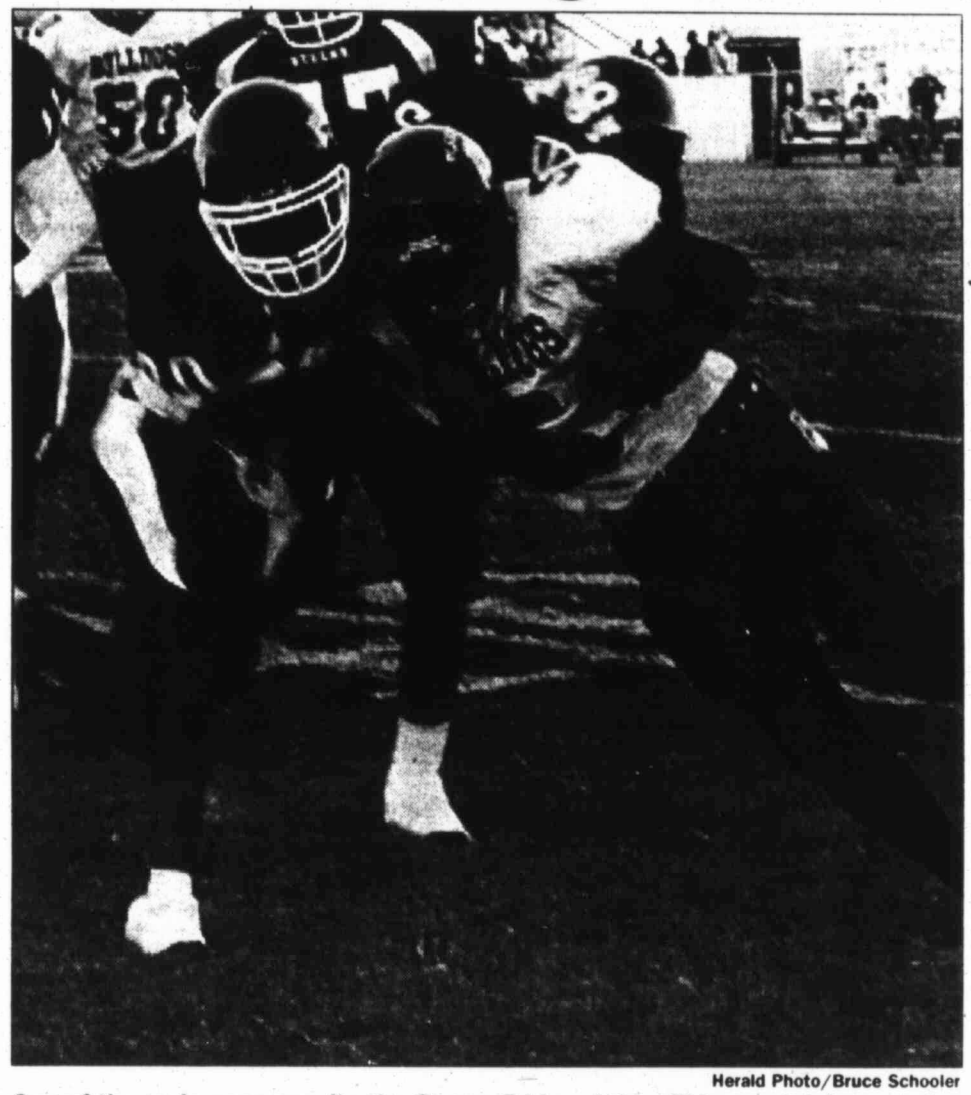
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> *head coach*

The Plainview standout, which has received college offers from several Division I programs, headlines a potent rushing attack. After being benched for disciplinary reasons in the Bulldogs' season-opening loss to Borger, he has amassed 396 yards and six touchdowns and led Plainview to back-to-back routs of Lubbock Coronado (51-21) and Canyon (38-10).

Just how big of an impact has Minner had? In the Bulldogs' 27-21 double-overtime loss to Borger, Plainview managed to gain just 16 yards via the ground.

"He's an all-world caliber," said Butler. "He's going to get some yards every time so you have to get to him quickly and tackle him. It doesn't matter how it looks. just grab hold and hang until until someone comes

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One of the main concerns for the Steers Friday night will be containing running back Taber Minner. The Plainview back has rushed for 396 yards and six touchdowns in his last two games.

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to help."

Last season, the Steers' bend-but-don't-break philosophy paid off big time against Minner and the Bulldogs' offense. Big Spring, which has won three of the last four meetings between the two teams, held Minner to 280 yards in a 34-29 come-from-behind victory at Memorial Stadium.

Joining Minner in the backfield will be fullback Jamar Wall. Though mainly a blocker, he has rushed for 116 yards on 17 tries.

In addition to Minner and Wall, the Bulldogs have added a new dimension to their game this fall — passing. Plainview quarterback Danny Garcia shattered the school's record for most yards passing in a single game two weeks ago against Coronado.

Through the Bulldogs' first three games, the 5-foot-10 senior has completed 39-of-62 attempts for 610 yards and five touchdowns. He has also thrown three interceptions.

Seniors Tyler Lane and Joe Michael Urbina have been Garcia's top targets. Lane, a 5-foot-10 receiver, has caught 11 passes for a team-high 248 yards and two scores. Urbina has 10 receptions for 220 yards and a pair of TDs.

"They're passing game has improved," said Butler. "That is going to make it that much harder for us. We've been playing pretty well defensively the last couple of weeks, but we're going to have to be focused on every play and be very disciplined against Plainview."

Playing well could be an understatement for the Steers after last week's demolition of Hereford. Big Spring intercepted six Whiteface passes and held the Herd to just 172 total yards.

Offensively, the Steers will be battling through a series of nagging injuries this week. Butler indicated several starters could see limited — or little — playing time in an move designed to give them two weeks of rest.

One starter who won't be making the trip is offensive lineman Domingo Calderon. He will miss the game to attend the funeral of his grandfather who passed away earlier in the week. J.R. Rodriguez will likely step into to fill in.

Linebacker Zach Angel will not be available either. He reaggravated his hamstring during practice Tuesday.

On a brighter note, senior defensive tackle Brock Pittman will be back in action against Plainview. He missed most of the second half of the Steers' romp over Hereford Friday with a hyperextended knee.

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Scores By Quarters

Opponents	19	22	14	35	-	90
Big Spring	20	39	20	6	-	85

Individual Offensive Statistics

Passing

Player	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TD
Jerry Doporto	26	44	1	397	2
Andy Lasater	6	12	1	70	1
Team	32	56	2	467	3
Opponents	17	44	7	243	2

Rushing

Player	Att	Yards	TD
Taviance Clemons	23	148	0
Marcus Gray	23	145	0
Jerry Doporto	36	122	3
Mike Ornales-Doporto	2	39	0
Dan Ward	7	15	0
Michael Shockley	1	9	0
Andy Lasater	3	-2	0
Team	95	476	3
Opponents	116	730	7

Receiving

Player	Recpt.	Yards	TD
Mike Ornales-Doporto	7	197	1
J. Rich Sparks	2	74	2
Michael Shockley	10	71	2
Wesley Smith	4	53	0
Jordan Cobb	3	48	0
Marcus Grey	3	18	0
Alex Castillo	1	3	0
Taviance Clemons	1	2	0
Jerry Doporto	1	1	0
Team	32	467	6
Opponents	18	245	1

Scoring

Player	TD	XP	2pt	FG	Total
Jerry Doporto	3	-	2	-	20
Michael Suockley	3	-	-	-	18
J. Rich Sparks	2	-	-	-	12
Taviance Clemons	2	-	-	-	12
Jordan Cobb	-	8	-	1	11
Marcus Gray	1	-	-	-	6
Mike Ornales-Doporto	1	-	-	-	6

Individual Defensive Statistics

Player	Cont.	Assist	Solo	T-Loss	Total
Quentin Vanderbilt	10	26	14	3	53
Jared Phillips	23	17	5	-	45
Michael Shockley	6	10	7	1	24
Daniel Castillo	6	10	1	-	17
Wesley Smith	1	10	5	-	16
Mike Ornales-Doporto	5	6	5	-	16
Steven Heffington	8	8	-	-	16
Jeremy Cerda	3	9	1	1	14
Erin Partee	5	6	1	1	13
Michael Parker	1	7	1	1	10
Jordan Cobb	2	4	3	-	9
David Lopez	1	4	-	-	5
Brandon Hughes	1	3	1	-	5
Nick Rushin	-	4	1	-	5
Dexter Straughter	1	2	-	-	3
Alex Castillo	2	1	-	-	3
Brock Pittman	2	1	-	-	3
Zach Angel	1	-	1	-	2
Curtis Osburn	-	1	1	-	2
Pete Yanez	1	-	-	-	1
Tom Olague	-	1	-	-	1
K. White	-	1	-	-	1
L. Cortez	1	-	-	-	1

Kickoff/Punt Returns

Player	KO	Punt	Yds
Mike Ornales-Doporto	7	3	199
Jordan Cobb	10	-	117
Jerry Doporto	2	-	29

Interceptions

Player	Total
Michael Shockley	3
Wesley Smith	3
Jordan Cobb	1

Fumble Recoveries

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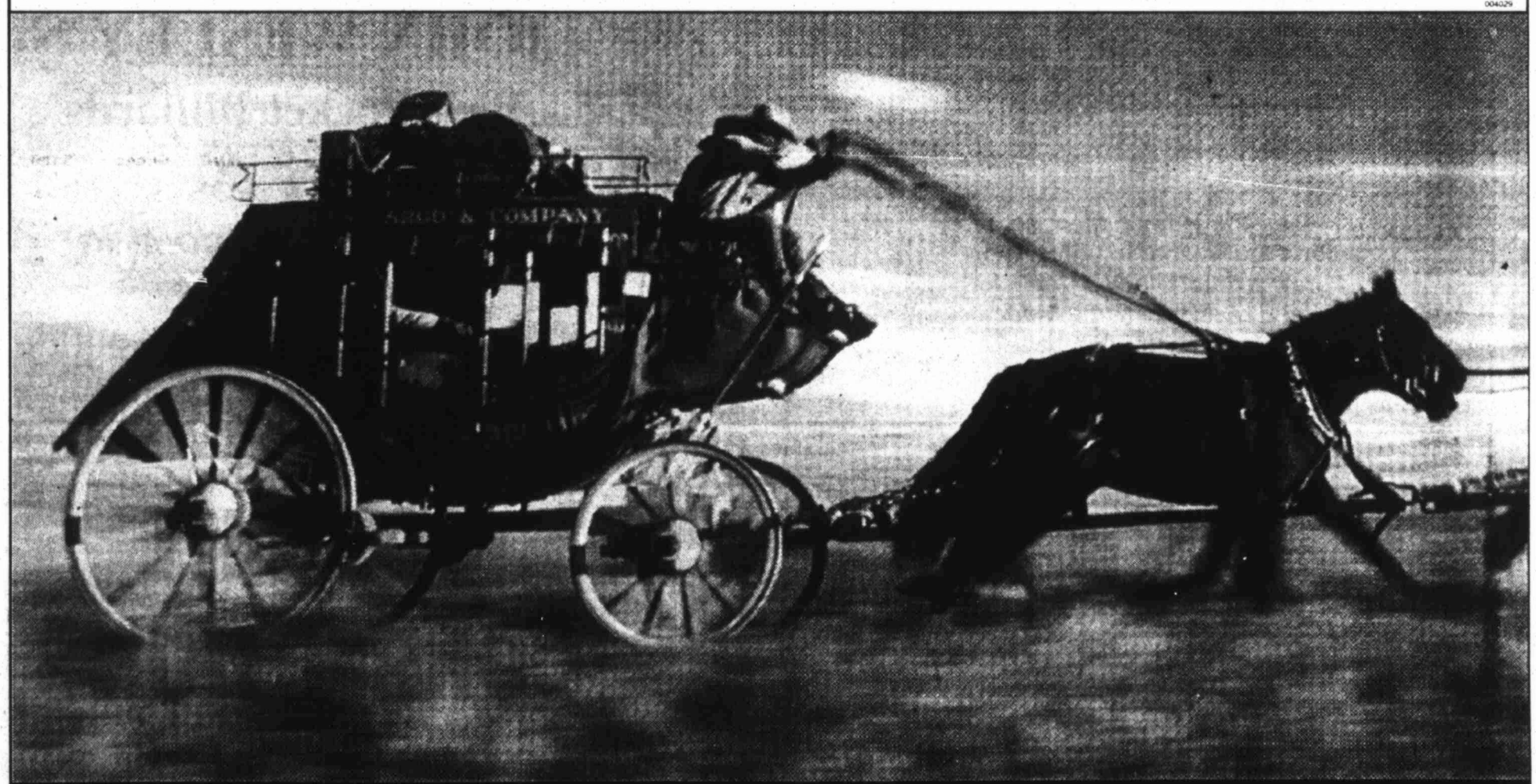
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Buffaloes looking to avoid another close loss in Rankin

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs have easily been one of the biggest surprises of the 2003 season. Coahoma faithful are hoping the good feelings continue to roll along this Friday when they host the Ozona Lions.

Even more than the good feelings, the Bulldogs hope footballs continue to fly through the air at the same pace they have over the past three weeks. Armed with a solid passing attack from senior quarterback Sam Tindol, Coahoma has rolled to a 2-1 record.

The Bulldogs defense will likely receive a solid push this weekend from the Lions, a perennial state power. Ozona posted an 11-1 record a year ago and advanced to the Class 2A Division II area playoff round.

"It's going to be a good test for us," said Coahoma head coach Robert Wood.

The Lions head into the contest fresh off a stunning 22-14 loss to the Fort Stockton Panthers. The loss snapped the Lions' 18-game regular season win streak that dated back to the 2001 season.

Ozona will face a major test with the Coahoma offense. The Bulldogs have averaged 354 yards a game through their first three games.

Tindol sparks the CHS offense. In his first 12 quarters in the Bulldogs' spread offense, he has accumulated almost 1,000 yards of total offense — 751 yards (and nine touchdowns) passing and 204 yards rushing. In all, Tindol has completed 52 of 100 passes and thrown balls to nine different receivers this fall.

Kelby Kemper, Lance Roberts and Adrian Abrego lead the CHS receiving corps. Kemper has caught 19 passes for 371 yards and six TDs. Roberts has 16 receptions for 182.

Tailback Clay Grant powers the CHS rushing attack. He has run for 96 yards on just 21 carries.

Like Coahoma, the Stanton Buffaloes and Garden City Bearkats will be trying to keep the positive vibes flowing this week with a pair of homecoming showdowns. Stanton will face state-ranked Iraan Braves Friday night at 8 p.m. Garden City will host Irion County.

Stanton (1-2) snapped a nine-game losing streak last weekend with a 20-8 mauling of the Rankin Red Devils. Iraan (3-0) is ranked No. 6 in the state's Class A poll.

The Buffs are led into the contest by quarterback Victor Hernandez and running back Tanner Riley, who rushed for a career-high 193 yards last week.

Garden City (1-2) will try and string together its first two-game win streak since 2001 Friday at 8 p.m. The Bearkats snapped an 11-game losing streak last weekend with a 28-15 victory over the Robert Lee Steers.

Quarterback Alex Halfmann and receiver Todd Weishuhn lead the GCHS offense.

Irion County will pose a good test for Garden City. The team possesses several speedy running backs.

The Forsan Buffaloes (0-3) will try and give new head coach Tommy Thompson its first win on homecoming night against Sonora. The two teams will square off beginning at 7:30 p.m.

In Grady, the Wildcats (2-1) will try and bounce back from last week's loss to Wellman-Union against the Buena Vista Longhorns.

On Tap ...

Today

Plainview at Big Spring JV	5 p.m.
Big Spring 9 at Colo. City	5:30 p.m.
Grape Creek at BSJHS	5 p.m.
Coahoma JV at Ozona	6 p.m.
Ozona at Coahoma JH	5 p.m.
Stanton JV at Iraan	6:30 p.m.
Iraan at Stanton JH	5 p.m.
Westbrook, Open.	
Forsan JV at Sonora	6:30 p.m.

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Big Spring at Plainview	7:30 p.m.
Ozona at Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Iraan at Stanton	8 p.m.
Irion Co. at Garden City	8 p.m.
Sonora at Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Buena Vista at Grady	7:30 p.m.
Sands at Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.

SHOCKLEY

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this or that and this is a way to show size isn't as important as heart.

"I've always used that as motivation. It just makes me work twice as hard," he added.

Last season as a junior, the "too small" motivation began paying big dividends. He emerged as one of the Steers' top young players through the year, joining Ornales-Doporto in garnering considerable time in the Steers' four-receiver set.

> **"When they first moved me, I didn't know what to think. Then I grew a little — not a whole lot — and realized I had a hidden talent for catching the ball. To be honest, I didn't even know I could catch.**
>
> *Michael Shockley*
> *BSHS senior*

His performance last year impressed the Steers' coaching staff enough, he was penciled in as a starter prior to the start of the year.

"I'm enjoying this year,." he said. "Before we started, everybody had their doubts because we had to get a new quarterback and replace three of our receivers. But I think we're doing all right. Jerry (Doporto) has done a good job and so have Wesley and Mike as receivers."

"I think all the credit should go to Christ," he said. "Without Him giving me the ability to do it, nothing would be possible. I have to give Him the credit for everything I do."

Shockley hasn't done poorly himself on both sides of the ball. In addition to his 10 receptions, he is third on the team in tackles with 24 stops. Last week, he etched his name into the history books as a different type of receiver — catching three passes from Hereford's quarterbacks to highlight a record-setting six interception night by the BSHS defense.

All in all, Shockley is pleased he decided to give the receiver position a try — even if it does mean he had to make room for football atop his favorite game list.

"It's been fun," he said. "Baseball will always be one of my main concerns, but I don't rank one above the other ... although I think we're going to be a lot better this year.

Shockley, for his part, has proven to be a top-flight receiver for the Steers' baseball program. His performance a year ago for a team that struggled through a tough year was good enough to earn all-district accolades as the Steers' starting catcher.

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Area schools prepare for Homecoming '03

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

There will be no shortage of homecoming sportage this weekend in the Crossroads. In fact, there will be enough royalty around to confuse even the most ardent European.

No less than five of the Crossroads' seven area schools will hold their homecoming ceremonies this Friday evening. Among the schools holding homecoming activities are Forsan, Grady, Stanton, Coahoma and Garden City.

Former students, fans and friends won't have to wait until Friday to begin celebrating. Several activities have been held throughout the week.

In Coahoma, students ushered in the homecoming spirit Wednesday night bylighting their bonfire on Main Street.

The Coahoma High School activities will continue tomorrow with the junior varsity football game. On Friday, CHS alumni can attend the FFA Homecoming BBQ from 5-7 p.m..

During the half of the Bulldogs' varsity showdown with Ozona, five CHS girls will vie for the title of homecoming queen. Up for the honors are seniors Kristi Hutchison, Natasha Mitchell, Miranda Hester, K.K. Kellar and Haley Butts.

In Lenorah, the Wildcats will bring out the media to fire up the locals. Television newsman Glen Glazer of Big 2 News, will serve as the master of ceremonies at the GHS pep rally, which starts at 2:30 p.m.

GHS exes and students can attend a dance from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Among the young women vying for the queen honors at Grady this year are seniors Lauren Hanks, Whitney Oppegard and juniors Brianna Pribyla and Megan Dotson.

In Forsan, seniors Lacy Eggleston, Heather Hise, Jaclin Hise, Kacy Liles and Adrianna Marlow are all up for the FHS queen honor. Cayley Eggleston and Kim Berry will serve as the school's freshman and sophomore dutchesses, respectively. Cynthia Becerra will represent the junior class.

Forsan students will also be holding a bonfire.

In Stanton, exes will be treated to a pre-game homecoming barbecue on Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $7 per plate.

At the game, three former SHS students, including Kathy Linney Hull, Mary Hernandez Byrne and Shawna Clark Barnhill, will be competing for the 2003 Coming Home Queen honors.

2003 Homecoming Queen Nominees

Forsan High School
- Lacy Eggleston . . . . . Senior
- Heather Hise . . . . . Senior
- Jaclin Hise . . . . . Senior
- Kacy Liles . . . . . Senior
- Adrianna Marlow . . . . . Senior

Grady High School
- Lauren Hanks . . . . . Senior
- Whitney Oppegard . . . . . Senior
- Brianna Pribyla . . . . . Junior
- Megan Dotson . . . . . Junior

Coahoma High School
- Kristi Hutchison . . . . . Senior
- Natasha Mitchell . . . . . Senior
- Miranda Hester . . . . . Senior
- K.K. Kellar . . . . . Senior
- Haley Butts . . . . . Senior

Garden City High School
- Brecklyn Hughes . . . . . Senior
- Stacy Gully . . . . . Senior
- Allison Jansa . . . . . Senior

Stanton High School
- Jessica Saenz . . . . . Senior
- Shelby Harp . . . . . Senior
- Kristi Bridges . . . . . Senior
- Rebecca Briggs . . . . . Senior



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Coahoma High School students join four other Crossroads schools in celebrating Homecoming this Friday night. Also celebrating the event will be Forsan, Stanton, Garden City and Grady.

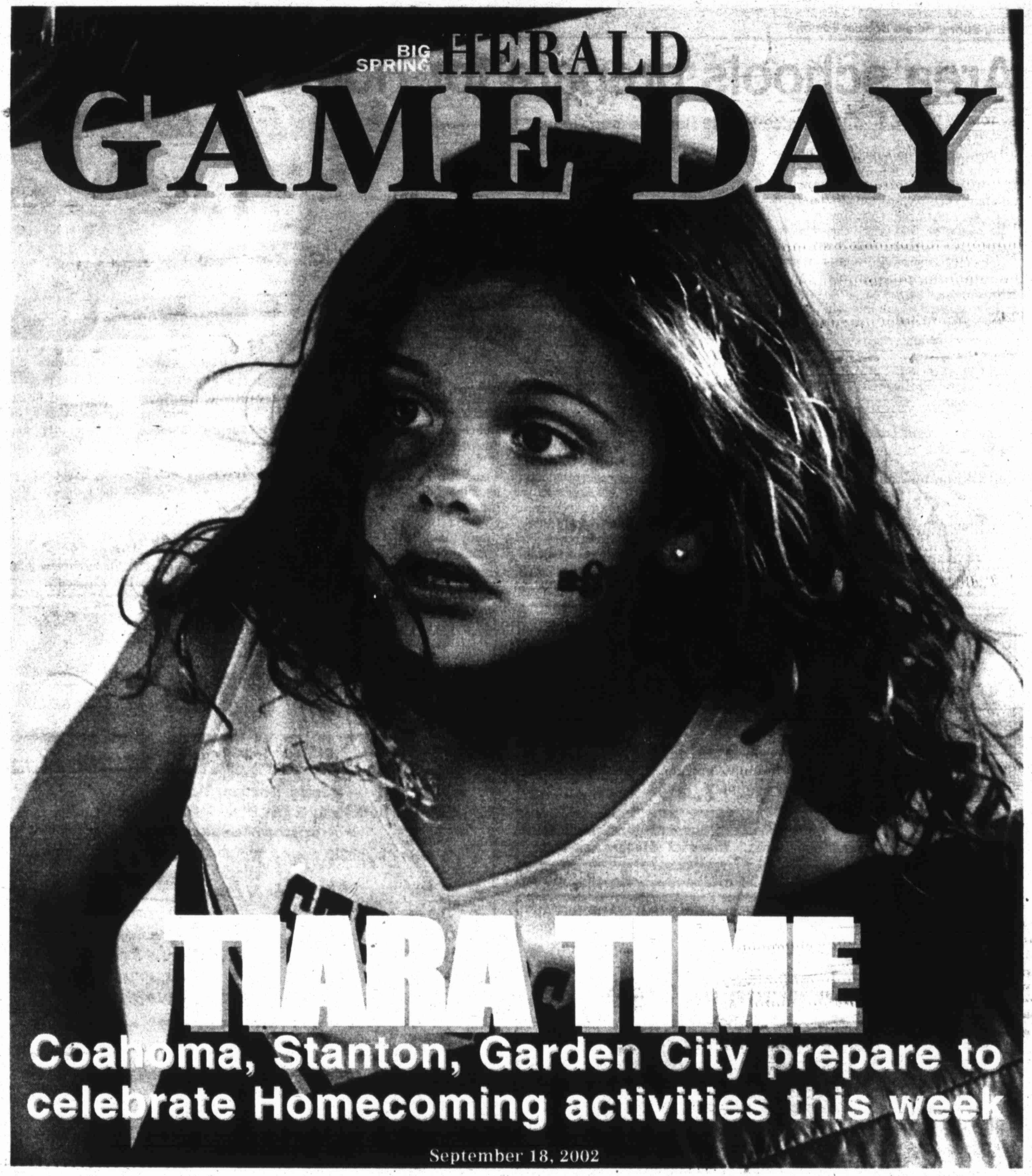
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