

Amtrak officials to meet with Texas officials about possible new route through Big Spring

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Rail passenger service could return to the "Route of the Eagles" for the first time since March 22, 1967.

For decades, the Texas & Pacific and its successor, the Missouri Pacific, provided rail passenger service from T&P's Union Station in Fort Worth to El Paso's Union Terminal.

The loss of a postal contract and declining ridership led the Texas & Pacific Railway to ask for state approval to drop the service. That order was signed on March 20, 1967, the discontinuance announced on March 21 and the last train, eastbound

No. 26, pulled out at 6:40 a.m. That broke an 86-year history of passenger service to West Texas. Now, the nearly 30-year absence of service could be coming to an end.

Amtrak executives will attend a statewide conference in Odessa Thursday and Friday to discuss a possible passenger train route between Dallas and El Paso.

The only current east-west Amtrak route through Texas is the "Sunset Limited" running between El Paso through San Antonio and on to Houston. Amtrak retained the "Sunset Limited" name that Southern Pacific had made popular when the government-funded intercity passenger rail company was

formed in 1971. It's been almost 40 years since passenger train service was available along an El Paso-to-Dallas route.

With the interstate, the airport and train service, it would make us complete as far as the transportation angle.

Amtrak corporate officials will give a presentation to city and county officials representing the I-20 corridor during the annual Texas Association of Mayors, Council members and Commissioners meeting Thursday and Friday.

"We want to see if we can

have passenger train service between El Paso and Dallas with Odessa being the hub," said Iris Correa, executive

director of the Mexican American Network of Odessa. "With the interstate, the airport and train service, it would make us complete as far as the transportation angle."

Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said the company has been taking a close look at its

current routes to make service more "financially feasible" in an attempt to become less dependent on shrinking government subsidies.

"We're always looking at ideas," he said. "(An I-20 route) has been suggested since there's more population in Midland and Odessa than there is in Alpine, Sanderson and Del Rio."

Amtrak and local officials say the talks are "very preliminary," and even if an agreement eventually is reached, it would likely be at least four years before the first passenger train rolled through Odessa.

"It's not as easy as throwing a switch this way and throwing a switch that way," Magliari said.

Amtrak would have to negotiate with Union Pacific for trackage rights along the I-20 corridor. The only lines the service owns are those linking Washington D.C. to Boston and Los Angeles to Seattle.

Obtaining trackage rights could be easier, however, since the Surface Transportation Board voted to approve the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger.

Among upgrades discussed for the Fort Worth-Big Spring-El Paso main line is double-tracking and upgrading the track to 70 miles per hour capabilities.

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)

FATAL ACCIDENT



Two El Paso residents were killed Friday after their minivan slammed into a concrete overpass pillar at the FM 829 bridge over Interstate 20 near Stanton. The van was westbound when it went off the roadway and rolled behind a guardrail before hitting the pillar. The dashboard area of the van hit the column. Margaret Richer, 66, died at the scene and her husband, Benjamin, 68, was pronounced dead at a Midland hospital at 4:10 p.m. Officials working the scene said the driver took no evasive action and he may have fallen asleep or had a heart attack.

HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Local Girl Scouts close their building due to lack of funds

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Assistant News Editor

The advertisement could read something like this: Wanted, meeting place needed to accommodate groups of 30 to 35, handicapped accessible. Rent must be inexpensive, preferably free. It's an ad that won't appear in the Herald's classified section. The West Texas Girl Scout Council doesn't have the money.

It does, however, have need of a new facility after recently closing the Girl Scout Hut in the 1600 block of Scurry Street and is currently in the process of finding a replacement.

"We've known for some time that we needed a new facility," Council Executive Nancy Henderson of Abilene explained. "We just haven't been able to find a building that meets our needs."

Henderson explained the

council knew it's three-year agreement with the family which owns the building on Scurry Street was due to expire this summer, and the facility fell well short of the Girl Scouts' needs.

The building simply wasn't large enough and needed more work than was feasible given the local Girl Scout budget which receives \$3,000 annually from the United Way.

"It was very nice to have a facility of any kind," Henderson added, noting only two other cities, Lamesa and Snyder, had dedicated Girl Scout facilities in the council's 16-county area. "We haven't have anything like it here in Abilene, although we're planning on that changing in the near future."

"But we were very lucky to have that building and we want to make sure the people who donated its use know how much we appreciated their donating it," she continued.

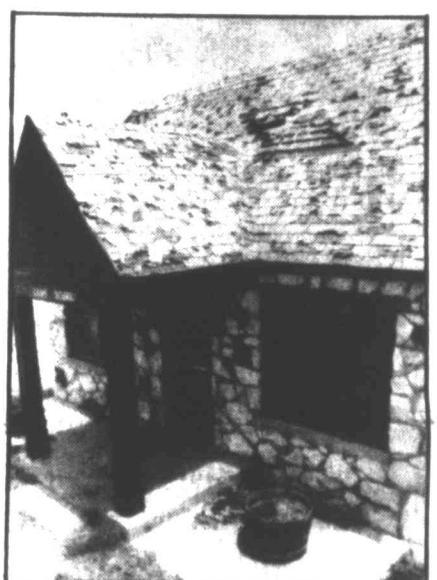
Henderson explained another facility was recently offered by a local drilling company, but the building did not meet guidelines established by the Americans With Disabilities Act.

"But there's a lot of empty property there in Big Spring and we're hoping someone will let us use and take care of a building that meets our needs until the economy improves," Henderson added.

Former council board member Johnnie Lou Avery said Wednesday she hopes local Girl Scout officials will be authorized to initiate a fund-raising campaign like that recently concluded in Lamesa.

"They just got through with their foundation campaign in Lamesa and it was a tremendous success," Avery explained. "It would be nice if they'd let us do that here. It's time for us to start trying to make sure we

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HERALD photo/Tim Appel

The local Girl Scout Council is searching for a new meeting place after having to close down the one on Scurry Street. The building is in need of repair and is too small to accommodate the troops.

Perry delays ag fees

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has decided to delay previously scheduled agriculture-regulatory fees. This is an effort to avoid placing further economic hardships on the state's farmers and ranchers. The fees were scheduled to take effect Sept. 1.

"The 74th Texas Legislature directed the Texas Department of Agriculture to achieve 100 percent cost recovery by Sept. 1 in most of our regulatory programs, when feasible," Perry stated last week. "Due to the severe drought conditions we are experiencing and a project-

ed \$2.4 billion loss in agricultural income, I have determined that it is not feasible to implement these fees at this time."



Perry recently notified Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and Speaker of the House Pete Laney about his decision.

The fee increase will effect grain warehouse inspection and

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Majority of Texas voters concerned about Whitewater

HOUSTON (AP) — About 54 percent of Texas voters think Whitewater raises serious questions about the integrity of President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a Houston Chronicle/KPRC-TV News poll shows.

In a published Chronicle report, it said 40 percent of the state's voters believe the investigations are nothing more than a partisan political witch hunt.

The July 11-13 poll of 817 registered Texas voters, conducted by Mason-Dixon Political/Media Research, has a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

Among voters who say they will vote to re-elect Clinton, 79 percent dismiss Whitewater, while 87 percent of those backing presumptive Republican nominee Bob Dole said it is serious.

Among voters who are undecided, 54 percent said Whitewater is serious and 31 percent believe it is partisan politics.

The poll of Texas voters found Dole leading Clinton 48 percent to 40 percent with 12 percent undecided.

"The economy, character and balancing the federal budget are the primary issues that voters currently say will most influence their choice in the presidential election," said poll director Del Ali.

When it comes to confidence in the economy — one of the cornerstones of Clinton's presidency — 57 percent of his own supporters are worried about the economy and their personal financial security. The economy was listed as the top issue in this election by 22 percent of those surveyed.

RAILHEAD TRADE DAYS



Virginia McMillan and Joe Ann Morgan look at some of the antiques for sale at the Railhead Trade Days in Colorado City Saturday. The quarterly arts, crafts and antique show will continue Sunday. An antique exhibit also continues Sunday at the Heart of West Texas Museum.

HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Commissioners begin hammering out budget

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Ironing out a budget is always a headache for local officials as they decide what to keep, what must go, what to increase and what to decrease. However, Howard County Judge Beene Lockhart and County Commissioners may not have to face as big a headache as they were expecting to this summer.

Howard County Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire gave commissioners a starting point on the 1996-97 budget by giving them estimates of the certification of values for 1996.

Compared to 1995, the county does not look to be in bad shape, despite the continuing decline in mineral values.

Total mineral value for Howard County in 1995 was certified at \$298.9 million, a decrease (actual loss) of \$32 million from 1994.

The 1996 estimate is \$284 million, a decline of \$14.9 million, but the county received good news to offset the decline.

Industrial values increased from \$339,854,220 in 1995 to \$395,570,000 in 1996, and local real estate values increased \$20 million to \$38 million.

"The estimates look really good," Toomire said. "We're looking at about a \$50 million increase in taxable value over last year."

The total appraised taxable value for Howard County for 1996, less exemptions, is estimated at \$1,099,035,499, an

increase of \$56.4 million from 1995.

Toomire added most of the increase is due to the recent expansion of Western Container, which went from a 1995 appraised value of about \$18 to approximately \$64 million in 1996.

Western Container's increase in value is mostly in new equipment and plant updates. Toomire cautioned commissioners to remember that equipment does depreciate.

The loss in mineral values were not as bad as commissioners were expecting, but Toomire said they will continue to decline and added there is not much of a crop (mainly cotton)

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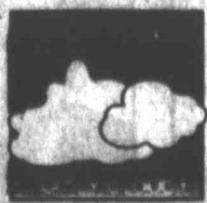
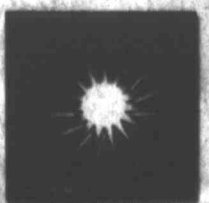
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OBITUARIES

Helen Oglesby

Service for Helen Oglesby, 85, of Westbrook, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 23, 1996, in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Colorado City with Rev. Wayne Oglesby officiating. Burial will follow in the Westbrook Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Oglesby died Saturday, July 20, 1996, at her son's residence in Big Spring. She was born May 6, 1911, in Wolf Summit, W.V. and had been a resident of Westbrook since 1960. Mrs. Oglesby married Daniel Aubrey Oglesby on Feb. 14, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 10, 1976. She was the retired Post Master of Otis Chalk and a member of the First Baptist Church in Westbrook, Golden Age Club and Westbrook Cemetery Association.

Survivors include one son: Mike Oglesby, Big Spring; one step-daughter: Mary Frances McGowan, Hobbs, N.M.; one sister: Mary Jo Thompson, Westbrook; one grandson, one granddaughter, six step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Voyde W. Kemper

Service for Voyde W. Kemper, 80, of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Monday, July 22, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, minister of 14th and Main Street Church of Christ, officiating. Mr. Kemper died Saturday, July 20, 1996, at his residence. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



KEMPER

He was born Dec. 25, 1915, in Cross Plains and married Wylene Brown April 17, 1949, in Stanton.

Mr. Kemper was raised in the Eula community and attended schools there and in Clyde. He came to Big Spring in 1946 and went to work for Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1944. He retired from the railroad as an engineer on Oct. 1, 1980. He was a member of the 14th and Main Street Church of Christ and the United Transportation Union.

Survivors include his wife Wylene (Brown) Kemper, Big Spring; three sisters: Roselle Yost, Lawn; Thelma Jennings, Marble Falls and Madelyn Dugan, Clyde; two brothers: Ross Kemper, Cottonwood, Ariz. and Freddie Kemper, Gallup, N.M.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Leonard and Raymond Kemper.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Howard County Commissioners

Howard County Commissioners will have a special meeting Monday at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to discuss or take action on the following items:

- Continue budget work session for 1996-97 fiscal budget
- Approve temporary early voting places for Nov. 5 general election
- Appoint election judges for Nov. 5 general election
- Discuss courthouse and library renovations with Bob Bruyere of Aguirre Associates Inc., Jack Roberts of Fanning, Fanning & Associates and Construction Administrator Phil Furquerson

Big Spring ISD

The Big Spring Independent School District will have a special meeting Monday at 5:15 p.m. at the administration office, 708 11th Place. They will discuss the following items:

- Resignations and employment
- Tennis court bids
- Breakfast price increase
- The board will then begin its 1996-97 budget workshop at 5:30 p.m. The workshop will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 5:30 each evening. Among the items to be discussed:
- Revenues and expenditures
- Tax rate
- Insurance
- Salaries

Coahoma ISD

The Coahoma Independent School District is scheduled to meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the board room of the administra-

tion building, 600 Main. Among the items to be discussed:

- Property evaluation report
- Approve 1996-97 appraisal calendar and teacher appraisers
- Consider lunch prices for 1996-97 school year
- Consider bids for the following: employee health insurance, milk, bread, fuel, janitorial supplies, student insurance and computers
- Athletic handbook
- Approval of first reading of Update 51
- Personnel
- Approve district vision and district goals
- Budget considerations and amendments
- Payment of bills
- Energy use report and membership report
- Next regular meeting Aug. 19 and special meeting Aug. 5

Forsan ISD

The Forsan Independent School District's regular meeting is Monday at 7 p.m. The items on the agenda include:

- Financial reports and payment of bills
- Communications co-op
- Region 18 ESCS
- Club Ball information
- Roof repairs considerations
- Report on progress on technician co-op
- Appoint tax assessor/collector for school taxes
- Tentative budget
- TAAS report for 1995-96
- Approve student insurance
- Consider Update 51
- Set date for budget hearing and special meeting
- Discuss health insurance for 1995-96
- Consider personnel issues - resignation of Jan Stevens and hire assistant principal

Budget

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to speak of and what is there may not make much, meaning agricultural values will probably decline for the next two years.

Based on these factors, commissioners may have to look at going above the effective tax rate for the 1996-97 fiscal year to avoid a pitfall next year.

The 1995-96 effective tax rate is \$.46281. The effective tax rate plus three percent is \$.47669, the rate the county is currently using. The tax rate for 1994-95 was \$.44324.

The effective tax rate would generate the income the county needs to operate at the same level, but the slight increase in the tax base and the Western Container expansion are things that can't be counted on again in the next budget year.

Commissioners said the picture for the next year is not a bad one, but the goods news they see now won't be there to offset the decline in mineral values next year.

County Auditor Jackie Olson said the county set a general fund revenue budget of \$4,975,000 for the 1995-96 fiscal year and to date has collected \$4,755,000, meaning the county has collected right at 95 percent of its projected budget.

Howard County is also on target, according to Olson, where expenditures are concerned, spending only 68 percent of what commissioners projected the county would spend. Commissioners set a 1995-96 expenditure budget of \$5,697,000 and to date has spent \$3,853,000.

"We're more than 75 percent through the (budget) year. We're on target, we'll collect all of our revenue and hopefully won't have to spend everything we budgeted," Olson said.

The county is also below budget with indigent health care expenditures, spending only \$275,264 as of June 30, of the \$563,740 budget for the department.

As of June 30 Howard County had a total cash fund balance of \$4.5 million, including \$2.2 million in the general fund; \$1.2 million in the road and bridge fund; and \$996,233 in the equipment operating fund.

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have a permanent building for the Girl Scouts' use."

While many of the city's 20-plus Girl Scout troops meet in churches or schools, a number held their meetings at the Girl Scout Hut and are now having to find new locations.

"I really don't know what we're going to do," said Stacy Rawls, who serves as troop leader for Troop 194. "I guess we'll be checking with churches to see if we can use some of their facilities."

April Ferguson, who serves as a leader for Brownie Troop No. 199 and Cadets and Seniors Troop No. 230, as well as being the local service unit director, said losing use of the facility she'd always known as the local Girl Scout headquarters since becoming involved in 1989 was difficult, but there was little choice.

"We're a non-profit organization, so we don't have the \$3,000 to \$5,000 that's needed just to fix up a building that's really too small for our needs," Ferguson said. "The troops that have been meeting there are now going to have to meet at schools or churches."

Perry

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license fees; produce dealer license fees; and seed certification label and inspection fees.

A scheduled fee increase will be implemented by Sept. 1 for pesticide product registration fees, which are paid by companies that manufacture and distribute pesticides in Texas.

Perry added he will continue to monitor and review when the fee increases can be implemented without causing significant harm to Texas' second largest industry, agriculture.

"In times of crisis such as this, state and federal government officials must use common sense and be flexible," Perry stated. "Clearly, now is not the time to raise regulatory costs on our producers."

Perry has also asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to rescind its June 6 fee increase that is as high as 400 percent on several veterinary health export fees that certify cattle and other livestock as healthy for export.

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Hours of operation will 2-6 p.m. July 21. For more information, call 728-8285.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

'S 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m., including a one-hour lunch, Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road. Both sessions must be attended to receive a certificate which entitles enrollees to up to 10 percent reduction in auto insurance premiums for each of three years. One need not be a member of the AARP to take the course but must be at least 50 years of age. Tuition is \$8 and reservations for the two four-hour sessions are requested and can be made by calling Marcy House, 268-9041.

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

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

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED to a city-wide program at Wesley United Methodist Church, 12th and Owens, Tuesday. Pastor Jerry Phillips and Pastor George Elliott will be sharing and ministering to those in attendance. The program starts at 7 p.m.

THE FORTS HIGH SCHOOL All-Star cheerleaders

will be having a garage sale in August (more information at a later date) to raise money for their trip to London, England and New York City.

Any unwanted items, no matter how big or small, will be appreciated. We will pick up items. Please call 264-0871 (Parker's), 267-7457 (Crouch's), or 267-4872 (Bess') for more information.

BILL GOSSETT, FORMER LONGTIME Big Spring resident, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. His birthday is July 23 and all friends are encouraged to send him a card to the hospital he is staying at: Cancer Treatment Center, c/o Bill Gossett; 2408 East 81st Street; Tulsa, Okla.; 74137-4210.

THE HOWARD COUNTY YOUTH HORSEMAN CLUB is sponsoring an open breed horse show on July 27. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the show starts at 10 a.m. The show will be at the HCYHC Arena in Big Spring located off the Garden City Highway (Hwy. 33).

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TODAY

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

• Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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

• Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 2 p.m. Saturday:

• RICHARD LEE BAXTER was arrested for burglary of a building.

• THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth St.

• MICHAEL RAMIREZ, 4106 Bilger, was arrested on local warrants. He paid his fines and was released.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported on the 600 block of E. Sixth St.

• THEFT OF GAS was reported on the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 2200 block of Alabama Street.

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• ASSAULT was reported on the 300 block of Tulane Street.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported on the 2000 block of Morrison Street.

• ASSAULT was reported on the 2200 block of Lynn Street.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported on the 100 block of E. 16th Street.

• LOUD PARTY was reported on the 100 block of E. 17th Street.

• JOEL ESPINO, 1704 W. Fourth St., was arrested on a domestic disturbance charge.

• CHARLES RAY WRIGHT, 1425 E. Sixth St., No. 15, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• WILLIAM JAY MCNEW, 1008 W. Sixth St., was arrested on local warrants and later released.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the intersection of E. 15th and Goliad streets.

SHERIFF

The Howard Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 2 p.m. Saturday:

• CHAD EVERETT PAYNE, Odessa, was arrested on a charge of revocation of probation for DWI. He was released on \$2,500 bond.

• TEDRIC LAMAR, McCALLISTER, 2911 W. Hwy. 80 No. 16, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for theft over \$20 and under \$200. He was released on bond.

• JESSIE CLYDE ELLIOTT, HC 76 Box 77, was arrested on a charge of non-payment of child support. He was released to the Potter County Sheriff's Office.

• ALLEN DAVID GILBERT, 700 E. 15th St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was released on \$1,500 bond.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on Driver Road.

• LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported at FM 2599 and Highway 176.

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Bush considers barring top aides from leaving to lobby

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush says he may prohibit his top aides from leaving their jobs to become lobbyists.

"I am troubled by ... allegations or insinuations or influence-peddling-type rumors," Bush said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a long-time state official with many ex-aides in the lobby corps, said he would bar his aides from lobbying for a year after leaving his staff. He also said he might ask the Texas Legislature to put it into state law.

House Speaker Pete Laney's policy is for a legislative session to pass before aides may lobby, according to spokeswoman

Janet Warren. "I didn't want the appearance of anyone on my staff working at creating a job for themselves," Laney said.



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bying. Only a handful of those laws cover former gubernatorial aides, said Craig Holman of the

Los Angeles-based Council of Government Ethics Laws.

"There is both the appearance and the actuality of corruption involved here," Holman told the Austin American-Statesman, while not referring specifically to the Bush administration.

"And when the public sees these people step out of one door in a public office and then right into a million-dollar lobbying contract, that certainly reeks of it," Holman said.

Three former Bush aides have left their jobs for lucrative lobbying posts — Dan Shelley, Bush's former legislative liaison; Reggie Bashur, Bush's former deputy executive assistant;

and Cliff Johnson, one-time senior adviser to the governor.

Bush said clients who hire his former staffers won't get special attention. "Those who think they can influence George Bush by spending money don't understand me," he said.

But he added, "If there is a perception that somehow the Bush administration is not making its decisions on an objective standard basis, then I am troubled by it."

Moving from Capitol offices to lobby posts is a time-honored and profitable tradition in Austin.

Many top lobbyists are ex-lawmakers. That list includes for-

mer Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and former House speakers Billy Clayton and Gib Lewis. Former aides to ex-Gov. Ann Richards, including John Fainter, her chief of staff, are now lobbyists.

Bush said he is shocked by the amount of money spent on lobbying.

"I'm amazed how huge it is, particularly since the product, untested I'm certain, is they are saying things they can't deliver on," Bush said.

According to Texas Ethics Commission records for 1996 — a year when the Legislature isn't meeting — 1,363 lobbyists were registered. Their total reported fees range from \$51

million to \$137 million.

State Rep. Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock, sponsored a "revolving door" bill that died in the 1995 Legislature. Krusee told The Dallas Morning News he hopes Bush will join his efforts to prohibit former lawmakers and others from engaging in lobbying activities for two years.

"I think the voters should be confident when they send people to Austin that they are there to work on their (the public's) behalf and not their own," Krusee said. "You're not there simply to build relationships and contacts to enrich yourself."

Education board approves affirmative action plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, while abiding by a ban on considering race in awarding student financial aid, says it's determined to ensure a college education is available to all Texans.

"The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board remains committed to ensuring that all aspects of higher education are available to and representative of all the people of Texas," said a resolution adopted unanimously by the board.

"The board is committed to developing and supporting programs and policies that will help achieve that goal," it said.

The board voted 11-3 to specify financial aid programs worth \$3.7 million to college students

in the coming school year can no longer include race in determining who gets money.

With the financial aid vote, the board was following the advice of Attorney General Dan Morales after the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court's anti-affirmative-action ruling.

Students promised aid before the July 1 Supreme Court order will still get it, officials said.

Higher education officials couldn't immediately say how much money had already been committed to students under board-administered programs that include a reference to minority status. The \$3.7 million in those aid programs is for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1.

The Supreme Court on July 1

let stand a ruling by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans striking down the University of Texas law school's former admissions policy. The policy, since discarded, was meant to boost enrollment of blacks and Mexican-Americans.

The 5th Court ruling said the law school policy discriminated against whites. And in a move that shocked affirmative-action advocates, it added a landmark 1978 U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing the use of race as one factor in college admissions is no longer good law.

Since the Supreme Court refused to consider the matter, the appeals court ruling is binding law for Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Morales has advised public

universities, and private ones that take federal funds, the action means they should no longer consider race in decisions on admissions and financial aid.

The majority of the board said they still must abide by his legal opinion.

Voting against the plan for complying with Morales' interpretation of the court action Friday were Carlos Villa of El Paso, Joaquin Cigarroa of Laredo and Wendy Marsh of Amarillo.

A committee of experts in demography and sociology is working to develop alternative criteria for financial aid that could be presented to the board in October.

Farmers sue over eradication effort

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — South Texas cotton growers have won a temporary reprieve from paying overdue fees for a boll weevil eradication program they blame for one of their worst-ever crops.

The legal action is the latest against the embattled Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, which oversees the statewide pesticide-spraying program.

Thirty-one South Texas cotton growers were granted a temporary restraining order that prohibits the foundation from collecting overdue fees for the pesticide spraying.

"We're just asking that the court stop the collection right now while we can deal with the bigger question, which is the constitutionality of the assessments," said Randy Whittington, an attorney for the growers.

Rio Grande Valley growers voted out of the eradication program in January, following one of their worst cotton seasons in history.

Many farmers blamed the pesticide-spraying effort, saying it killed beneficial insects that eat boll weevils and other cotton-destroying bugs.

Even though the program was halted, the foundation continued to assess Valley farmers \$12 to \$18 an acre to pay for a \$9 million debt they incurred for the pesticide spraying.

After losing an estimated \$140 million in sales last year, farmers contend the fees have created an additional financial burden.

"The combined costs of the assessments and control of boll weevils and pests poses a serious threat to the economic vitality of the cotton industry in the Valley," said Harlingen farmer Tommy Funk Sr.

Farmers in nearby Hidalgo County sued the foundation in June, claiming the fees are unconstitutional because state law forbids an "occupation tax" on farming.

Earlier this month, a Plainview judge ordered refunds for 10 Hale County cotton farmers who participated in the spraying program after he ruled the foundation was set up unconstitutionally.

Tim Leifeste, a spokesman for the Abilene-based foundation, said the organization had not yet been notified of the decision regarding the South Texas farmers.

"We can't really comment on the facts of the case until our attorneys have had time to review the documents," he said.

Leifeste said that while the foundation is concerned about increasing legal challenges to the program, it does not plan to halt the effort.

Veterans fighting mad over lottery ad poking fun at holiday

AUSTIN (AP) — Veterans are fighting mad over the Texas Lottery's latest advertising campaign, accused of trivializing the nation's war heroes.

The Texas Lottery Commission has pulled the ad that compared Armed Forces Day with Kolache Day and National Meat Week.

"I considered it a personal affront and thought any veteran would consider it an affront, particularly those who served long years and more particularly those that were prisoners of

war or wounded in action," said Thomas Jacobs of Austin.

To promote the lottery's Cash 5 game, a fictional couple in the radio ad list the holidays they celebrate — a series of low-priority red-letter days.

Jacobs, who retired after 37 years in the Navy, heard the radio spot this week while driving home from his monthly checkup at Wilford Hall military hospital in San Antonio.

He said he was surprised to hear Armed Forces Day in a list with "inane holidays."

So Jacobs, 60, established a multifront battle plan against the ad with calls to the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gov. George W. Bush's office and state Rep. Patty Keel, R-Austin.

Steve Levine, a lottery spokesman in Austin, said the ad was pulled Friday "while we take a look at what we might be able to do about this particular script."

"We acknowledge that some organizations have had a problem with it. We certainly never

intended to offend anyone," Levine said.

Jacobs said the ad reflects a generational difference in attitudes about the military.

"To somebody who is 30 years old, Armed Forces Day may be the same as National Dry Cleaners Day. But to an awful lot of people who served the country and the flag that's certainly not the case," the veteran said.

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Quote of the Day

"It requires ages to destroy a popular opinion."

-Voltaire

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OUR VIEWS

The TWA explosion

When a plane explodes and all 228 aboard are killed, certain reactions are inevitable — horror that such an event could occur, sadness for the victims and a desire to know why it happened. Based mainly on eyewitness descriptions, the immediate guess was that a bomb had caused the destruction of the Trans World Airlines 747 jumbo jet that went down in the Atlantic Ocean Wednesday night. It would seem to follow that terrorists were responsible.

But President Clinton should be heeded when he says Americans should wait for the facts and not jump to conclusions. Most will recall the widely shared belief immediately after the Oklahoma City bombing that Arab terrorists were guilty. Those later charged with the crime were Americans associated with fringe political groups in this country.

No one can stop his or her mind from considering the most likely possibilities, and nothing should stop renewed efforts to keep airplanes safe from sabotage. The chief point now is to remember that any speculation until an investigation has turned up more information will be just that, speculation.

For now, Americans can do what they always do when calamity strikes their fellows, and that is pray for them and do what they can to help.

All these "gate" scandals
cheapen the original

AMARILLO — The older of my two sons pays little attention to politics. His interests lie elsewhere. But he recently offered ol' Dad a bit of political wisdom that rang quite true.

"What's with all this 'gate' stuff when talking about the FBI files scandal?" he asked. "It seems to me that when they call it 'Filegate,' it only cheapens the original 'gate' and what it really meant."

Bingo, my beloved son. He refers, of course, to Watergate.

As one who came of age politically during that time, I have come to resent the "gate" suffix that President Clinton's critics — and even some of my colleagues in the media — attach so gleefully to this matter about the files.

It's only the latest in a growing line of "gate" scandals.

We have the still-brewing Travelgate matter regarding the dismissal of the White House travel office staff early in the Clinton administration. We've had Koreagate, a scandal involving payoffs offered by South Korean businessmen to members of Congress.

Remember Nannygate, dealing with how a Clinton appointee for U.S. attorney general employed an illegal immigrant as a nanny for her children? Now we have Filegate.

Got a scandal, or even a minor mess-up? Tie a "gate" suffix to its tail and watch it dash all over the political landscape like a frightened prairie dog.

Watergate — named after the tony Washington apartment/office complex on the Potomac River, the scene of the original crime — turned into the scandal against which we measure all others. At first, it was as President Richard Nixon and his supporters — including then-Republican National Committee Chairman Robert Dole — described it: a "third-rate burglary" at the Democratic National Committee offices. The "liberal media" covered it that way in the beginning, too. The Washington Post, which won a Pulitzer Prize for its reporting on the scandal, buried the story initially, much to the chagrin of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the reporter-sleuths who covered it.

Then came the event, six days after the break-in, that

Guest Column

John Kanelis

made it quite something else. That was the day, according to one of those infamous Oval Office tape recordings, that President Nixon told White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman to order the FBI to lay off the investigation of the break-in.

There it was. Abuse of power and the covering up of a criminal investigation all in one fell swoop.

Thus, a penny ante burglary became a very big deal, as congressional hearings would uncover in 1973 and 1974.

A generation later, we see other scandals referred to as some descendant of that original "gate."

It very well may turn out that President Clinton ordered his minions to obtain more than 700 files from the FBI for precisely the purpose his critics suspect — that he lounged around in his jammies late at night looking through them for any piece of dirt to use on his enemies. We might — just might — have an impeachable offense on our hands down the line.

But at the moment, we have nothing even close to it. We do have a situation where the White House's best defense so far has been to plead incompetence, which is no defense at all.

We could throw in a little arrogance to boot. The juvenile delinquents who ran amok in the early Clinton White House likely had no clue regarding the highly sensitive nature of their jobs.

Pick your poison: major-league bungling or a conspiracy.

The former is bad enough. Only if the latter becomes known does it enter the realm occupied by the scandal that captivated a nation a generation ago.

And even if it does, there must be a smartaleck pundit somewhere who can find something creative to call it.

As scandals go, Watergate is in a class by itself.

(John Kanelis is editorial page editor for the Amarillo Globe-News.)



Candidates, unlike deer, come out when it's the season

We're beginning to get into the political season ...

Rudy Izzard, Republican challenger to Charles Stenholm for Texas' 17th Congressional seat, has challenged the long-time incumbent to a series of six debates — one each in the district's major cities, which includes Big Spring.

Izzard's challenge comes after Stenholm showed a strong level of vulnerability in 1994, beating Phil Boone of Abilene by only 53.66 percent of the vote.

The San Angelo dentist/rancher says that while he's not done serious polling yet, he has gotten some indications that there's a level of worry in the Stenholm camp because of a telephone "push" poll that has been conducted in the district.

"They call up people and ask them if they know Rudy Izzard lived in Michigan before 1990," Izzard said during a visit to the Herald.

To a degree, that's true ... although Izzard only lived in Michigan for three months before 1990 while completing a residency program.

For the record, Izzard was born at Ballinger, graduated from San Angelo Central High School and played college football at the University of Texas.

Except for a year he spent in Mexico playing professional baseball — and his Michigan "stint" — Izzard has logged his time in West Texas.

Speaking of Stenholm ...

A Friday caller pointed out — almost verbatim to the wording on Stenholm's initial press release — that "because a number of smaller newspapers in the district have requested it, the Stamford Congressman is supplying a weekly newspaper column."

In essence, the caller wanted to know why we were denying our readers that column.

I explained that I felt the timing of the delivery of a weekly column was interesting, since it didn't start until we were past the party primaries.

Concerned that that decision was based on some political agenda, the caller wondered then, if we would have run the column had the Congressman been writing it for a couple of years.

No.

Although the Congressman has assured me the column has nothing to do with his reelection bid, and that, in compliance with Federal Election Commission rules, he will cease providing it prior to the general election, I still have a problem with the timing.

But, as I told the caller, I would have the same problem with the timing if the column was being submitted by Phil Gramm or any other incumbent facing a challenge in an election year.

For those who wish to keep score, between July 1 and Friday, the Herald had published seven columns or editorials critical of Bob Dole or the Republicans and six critical of Bill Clinton or the Democrats.

One column supporting and one opposing the Family Privacy Protection Act was published, one column and one editorial blasting ex-FBI agent Gary Aldrich for his sleazy hatchet job on the Clintons and a total of five columns or editorials that, in retrospect, I couldn't call either pro or con for either side, but addressing topical issues.

A couple of interesting ideas from candidates challenging incumbents ...
From Republican Scott

McLaughlin, facing District 70 Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) comes the endorsement of an idea to return 5 percent of the total income the state receives from the Texas Lottery to the city or county in which the sales were made.

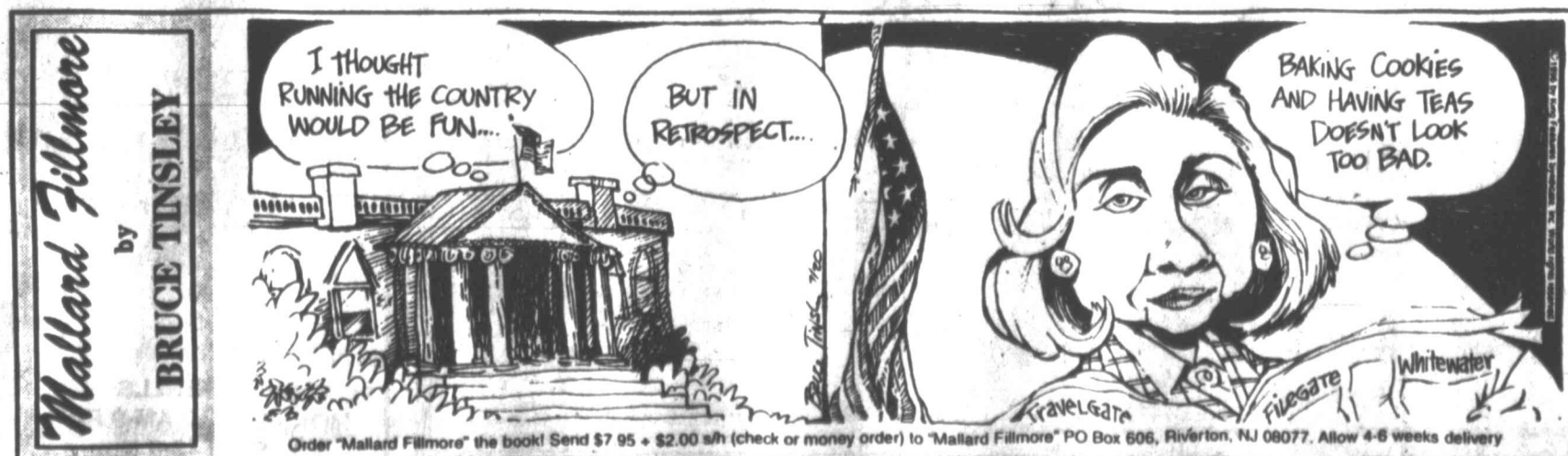
For Howard County, that means just slightly less than \$350,000 would have been returned in FY '95.

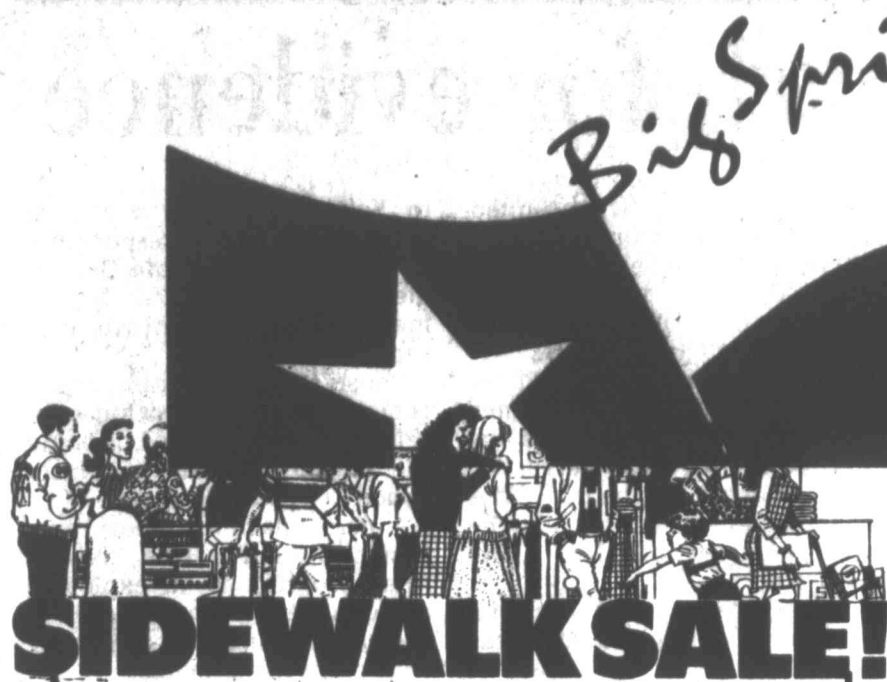
That money could then be used for some worthwhile purpose, such as tax relief. From Democrat Hector Uribe, facing incumbent Railroad Commission chair Carole Keaton Rylander, comes a proposal to eliminate the position for which he is running.

Uribe uses an organizational chart of the commission, along with a series of graphs, to show areas that could be cut in a streamlining effort of the \$52 million a year agency that employs 850.

Among the ideas, incorporate a non-functioning rail division into the Texas Department of Transportation. Based on the RRC's lack of knowledge in regards to the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger, I'd say he's right on target!

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper.)





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Crime or accident? FBI officials search for evidence

NEW YORK (AP) — The theories about TWA Flight 800 are becoming more intriguing — a missile fired from the shore, a World Trade Center connection, a terrorist who didn't make the plane at Athens.

But without solid evidence, the FBI stopped short of saying the jumbo jet was bombed out of the sky.

"We're not prepared to say that until we know it's true," FBI investigator James Kallstrom stressed Friday night.

Rough seas kept divers from retrieving more pieces of the 747 that should reveal the cause of the second-worst aviation disaster in U.S. history. Most of the pieces, including part of the fuselage, still lie at the bottom of the Atlantic.

Less than 1 percent of the wreckage has been found, National Transportation Safety Board Vice chairman Robert

Francis said. A Navy ship carrying sonar devices was to be in the waters off Long Island today to look for the flight's black boxes with crucial recorded information.

The Coast Guard was searching for debris this morning with three planes, a helicopter and seven cutters. Visibility was good, but the seas were too choppy for smaller vessels, said Petty Officer Don Wagner.

Kallstrom noted that it took 24 days before investigators could confirm the World Trade Center was bombed, six days to determine a bomb blew Pan Am Flight 103 out of the sky over Lockerbie, Scotland.

"We have a lot of things that look like accident, a lot of things that look like terrorism," Kallstrom said. The FBI must wait to make a determination until it has "evidence beyond a reasonable doubt," he said.

The Paris-bound 747 exploded shortly after takeoff Wednesday evening, and all 230 people aboard are presumed dead. More than 100 bodies were recovered by Friday.

As authorities investigated terrorist theories, they began to rule out mechanical failures.

Francis said there had been no distress call sent before the explosion and that a piece of equipment that automatically sends information back to controllers one minute into a flight reported no anomalies.

"The possibility of a criminal act is a distinct one," he said.

Meanwhile, agents began contacting informants in the terrorist underworld, according to a federal investigator who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

"It would be foolish not to be out there seeking every bit of information we can, from any

corner," the source said.

Investigators are seeking tips from an Internet site and a toll-free number. Kallstrom told The AP: "We're getting tons of information, but there is no big golden nugget — This is the reason they did this and this is who did it."

The New York Post reported today the FBI thinks there was a bomb in luggage in a rear cargo hold. The newspaper quotes a law-enforcement source as saying, "They're all willing to bet it was a bomb. Now they have to figure out who placed it."

Residents who said they saw flashes of light or flares at the time of the explosion apparently started a theory that a surface-to-air missile brought the plane down. The Pentagon said the plane would have been out of the missile's range.

CBS reported a Lebanese man

on a list of people with connections to terrorist organizations was supposed to be on board the doomed plane when it left Athens for New York, but missed the flight.

In a similar report, The Times of London quoted an unnamed State Department official as saying a "known Arab terrorist" was allowed to board TWA flight 800 at Athens, although he was escorted off the plane before it took off.

State Department spokeswoman Elaine McDavitt said it was "the first we've heard" of any of the reports, and couldn't confirm them.

Another report suggested a link to Ramzi Yousef, who is on trial in New York federal court, accused of plotting to blow up 12 West Coast-bound airliners in a single day in 1995.

Unidentified sources quoted by ABC News said a group tied

to Yousef contacted a federal agency and claimed responsibility. The FBI, the State Department and the Justice Department could not confirm that report.

Yousef, 29, who claims innocence and is representing himself at trial, is accused of being the mastermind of the World Trade Center blast as well.

A more macabre theory suggested during ABC's "Nightline" program is an explosive could have been planted in a cooler in which an organ for transplant was carried.

Flight 800 was said to have been carrying a cooler that arrived at the ticket counter at the last minute. Coolers with such organs are not traditionally run through X-ray machines and usually are put in the cockpit, ABC said. Internet address: newyork@fbi.gov. FBI tips phone number: 1-888-245-4636.

NATION BRIEFS

Abortion drug deemed safe

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — The drug RU-486 works safely and well enough to become American women's first approved alternative to surgical abortion, scientific advisers told the government.

The recommendation puts the French abortion drug, taken by 200,000 European women since 1988, a step closer to U.S. doctors' offices. But it came with warnings, and one condition.

Women should understand RU-486 can be painful, cause bleeding and must be used carefully — requiring three separate doctor exams, scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration warned.

The term "safe" should not be misinterpreted as free of

adverse events, and serious adverse events," said Dr. Diana Petitti of Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program in Pasadena, Calif.

Older voters could boost Republican hopes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gains among older voters have boosted Republican hopes for this fall's congressional races, according to an Associated Press poll that showed President Clinton's political standing little changed from the end of last year.

Asked how they would vote if elections for Congress were today, 41 percent of registered voters in the survey said Democratic and 40 percent said Republican. Fourteen percent said they were undecided and

the rest said they would not vote or refused to answer.

The AP survey results represented the best Republican showing on this question in months; two other recent national surveys showed Democrats with a 3-percentage-point edge on the congressional ballot question.

Taken together, the data suggest "control of Congress remains up for grabs," said Democratic pollster Peter Hart. "The next 100 days will count a lot more than the previous 100 days."

Abandoned kittens find home with dog

SANDY, Utah (AP) — Since their mother left them, three newborn kittens have found a new place to dwell — with Fel-

lene, the chihuahua.

The kittens were discovered near the Alta View Hospital only a few hours after their mother, believed to be a stray cat, delivered them several nights ago.

Tammy Dalton, an employee in the medical records department, took the kittens home. And after feeding them for a day with an eyedropper, Dalton decided she would try to get her dog, who delivered a puppy six weeks ago, to nurse them.

It worked. Dalton said the kittens were immediately to Felene, and the dog "thought they were her own."

Felene's puppy, Champ, doesn't even seem to mind his new siblings.

"He kind of thinks they're toys," she said.

Court documents attribute 17th blast to Unabomber

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Unabomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski has been linked to a bombing that occurred near his remote Montana cabin four days after his arrest.

No one was injured in the April 7 blast, but at the time, agents were searching Kaczynski's cabin for evidence.

Although Kaczynski had been arrested four days earlier, he was linked to the bombing in court documents filed recently.

It was not clear whether the device was triggered deliberately or accidentally, or might have been on a timer.

The bombing marked the 17th explosion attributed to the Unabomber, according to court documents. The previous 16 killed three people and injured 23 during the shadowy bomber's 18-year campaign against the evils of a technological society.

Officials at the U.S. attorney's offices in Sacramento — where Kaczynski awaits trial — and in San Francisco declined to comment on the matter Friday. FBI officials in Sacramento could not be reached.

Details of the 17th explosion were not included in the court documents, filed in connection with the postponement of a scheduled hearing for Kaczynski from Friday to Sept. 20.

Kaczynski's defense team sought the delay to examine a huge quantity of evidence that includes 22,000 documents and hundreds of photographs.

U.S. Attorney Charles Stevens said in a separate filing that additional evidence, including

"numerous laboratory reports," are expected to be made available to the defense within the next few days.

Stevens also said that he hopes to obtain a computer system to store and retrieve the large amount of evidence and use it during the trial, including a CD-ROM, television monitors and a sophisticated imaging system.

Kaczynski, 54, was accused last month in a 10-count indictment of four bombings that killed a computer store owner in 1985, a timber industry lobbyist in 1995 and maimed a University of California geneticist and a Yale University computer expert in 1993.

Stevens said the trial will likely start early next year in Sacramento.

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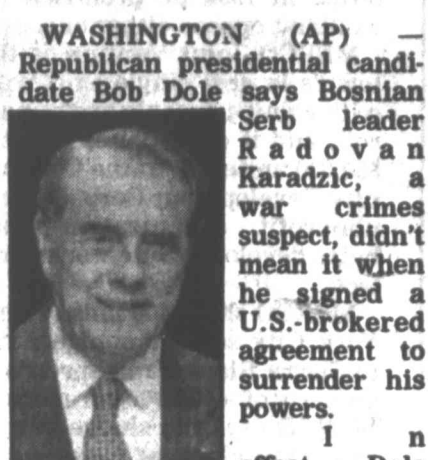
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Dole blasts agreement on Bosnian Serb as inadequate



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole says Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, a war crimes suspect, didn't mean it when he signed a U.S.-brokered agreement to surrender his powers.

In effect, Dole said, U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke got snookered.

But State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said that as a result of the agree-

ment, Karadzic's political career is effectively over and the possibility of credible national elections on Sept. 14 is greatly enhanced.

After four days of talks in the Balkans, Karadzic signed a statement in which he promised "to withdraw immediately and permanently from all political activities."

"He will not appear in public, or on radio or television or other media or means of communication or participate in any way in the elections," the statement said.

Holbrooke's negotiating partner during four days of talks was Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic. Holbrooke told Milosevic that failure to deliver

Karadzic's surrender of power could have meant international economic sanctions against Serbia.

The Clinton administration had sought Karadzic's ouster from Bosnian Serb politics ever since the Dayton peace agreement was signed last November. He has been accused by the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, of crimes against humanity.

In a statement, Dole said the resignation is unlikely to lead to a "significant reduction of Karadzic's authority or influence."

"Instead of insisting on the arrest of Karadzic and (military commander) Ratko Mladic as war criminals, the Clinton

administration is accepting the pretense Karadzic is relinquishing power, when the reality is he will continue to control the party and the government through puppet leaders," Dole added.

Administration enthusiasm over the agreement was tempered by the fact that Karadzic is still a free man, beyond the reach of the war crimes tribunal.

Burns said Secretary of State Warren Christopher "feels very strongly that at some point in the future, he (Karadzic) should be compelled to leave the country and be compelled to go to The Hague and stand trial for war crimes."

Robert Frowick, the American

heading the international mission that will organize Bosnia's elections, cautiously termed

Frowick's threat to bar Karadzic's party from taking part in the elections unless he surren-

The reality is he will continue to control the party and the government through puppet leaders.

Bob Dole

Karadzic's removal "a potentially major step forward."

Frowick delayed the start of election campaigning from Monday to Friday to increase the pressure on Karadzic. Bosnia's Muslims had threatened to boycott the elections if Karadzic remained head of the Serbs' ruling party.

Burns said a major contributing factor to the agreement was

dered power. That, the State Department spokesman said, would have meant that Karadzic's party colleagues would have had "to live and serve under others who would be elected on Sept. 14."

Another contributing factor was the U.S. threat to reimpose sanctions against Serbia if Milosevic failed to deliver Karadzic's departure.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Power plays become part of your day. Examine your expectations; they could be part of the problem. An offer from a respected friend takes some of the heat off. This too will pass. Keep a light attitude, and all will ease up soon enough. Tonight: Take your bows. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Raise a hand and say, "Halt!" You have overindulged and overextended yourself. We all get carried away sometimes. Don't stand in judgment. Now, just do for yourself. Friends will understand your need to pull back. Tonight: Regroup. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Listen carefully, and stay in control. Follow-through on a project. A friendship is enduring. You can get what you want, if you stay focused. A partner is up for a celebration. Immerse yourself in the spirit of the weekend. Tonight: A little mischief suits you. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It becomes apparent to you that you need to change your pace. Slow down, and make this a family day. You feel overwhelmed by what has been going on. Make solid decisions about work. You simply might be worn out. Tonight: Make your place your sanctuary. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Talk through a change, and be open to possibilities. Adjust plans so you can find the space to do something you really want. Invite a friend along. You need an outlet for your high energy. A day outing fits the bill. Tonight: Turn into an armchair philosopher. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In some way, you feel a partner is raining on your parade.

Consider options before you decide how to respond. Honor your own needs more within this relationship. Romance marks the afternoon, if you can let go of the past. Tonight: Grant yourself a night of fun. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your easy manner helps others with a problem. You can determine the motivations of others as well your own. Amusement on your part mellowes the energy. Enjoy family interactions. Being around you is delightful. Tonight: Your wish is another's command. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Everything is exaggerated by your fatigue. Listen carefully when another tries to explain his desires. Confusion prevails. Take time to ponder a decision. You could opt out of a recent choice. Let others be. Tonight: Curl up with a great novel. **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A loved one is nothing less than difficult. Don't cater to him. Instead, have fun with friends. Get some networking in on the side. You might splurge more than you originally intended. Tonight: Don't worry that tomorrow is Monday! ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Emotional extremes mark the day. It seems like you are going overboard. Listen to your instincts. Family matters play a significant role in your mood. Put your foot down. Visit with an older relative who cares about you. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow. ***

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A problem actually may turn into a positive. Open up to innovative ideas and better relating. Generosity bonds a friendship. Once you get past a feeling of inadequacy, you'll have a great day. Wherever you are, the party is. Tonight: Continue the festivities at home. ****

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Bombs explode in Algeria and Spain over the weekend

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — A bomb exploded in a cafe in suburban Algiers on Saturday, killing six people and injuring about 30. The casualties bring the death toll in bombings this week to 16.

There were no claims of responsibility for the attack in Kolea, government officials said on customary condition of anonymity. They had no other information.

The bombing came three days after two simultaneous bombs

killed at least 10 people and injured dozens more in Blida, 31 miles south of Algiers. Government officials also announced those bombs on Saturday.

Although no one claimed responsibility, officials said those could be linked to a split within the Armed Islamic Group, one of the most violent organizations waging a 4 1/2-year civil war against the military-backed government.

Meanwhile, bombs exploded at an airport and two hotels in

northern Spain on Saturday, injuring 14 people, news reports said.

The Basque separatist group ETA warned of the three bombs in calls to newspapers minutes before the first explosion.

Fourteen were injured when the first bomb went off at Tarragona airport in northeast Spain, including English tourists and one Spanish woman who was seriously injured.

Authorities had been unable

to evacuate the airport in time, despite the warning. Minutes later, bombs exploded at two luxury hotels in Barcelona, 40 miles to the north. No one was injured in those blasts.

ETA, which has waged a 28-year campaign for the creation of an independent Basque nation comprised of seven provinces in Spain and France, had exploded a series of bombs in southern Spanish tourist areas during the past three weeks.

Koreans warned against eating bear in Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — South Korean tourists are welcome in Thailand, as long as they refrain from dining on bear.

Thailand's tourism authority has warned South Koreans not to visit Thailand in order to eat bear, which some consider a delicacy, The Nation newspaper reported Friday.

Five South Koreans were arrested a week ago after police discovered 24 bear paws and bear entrails in their van during a traffic stop.

The tourists and three Thais are suspected of killing six bears, which are protected

under Thai law. The suspects face up to four years in prison and fines of \$1,600.

Wildlife conservationists protested outside the South Korean Embassy on Tuesday, passing out leaflets showing a bear's paw on a plate and the words, "Stop Eating Bear."

Bear parts, some of which are considered to have medicinal properties, are a lucrative business in East Asia. Diners at some restaurants will pay hundreds of dollars for a bowl of bear-claw soup. Tiny quantities of bile from bear gall bladders can sell for far more than the equivalent weight of gold.

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Czech descendants Small town plays 'Dumping for Dollars'

keeping traditions alive here in Texas

LA GRANGE (AP) — In the 1850s, Czechs from the provinces of Moravia and Bohemia began bringing their families to Texas, fleeing what their descendants describe as a state of virtual slavery under the Austrian empire.

In Fayette County, they found a piece of home.

"The countryside in the Moravian agricultural region is rolling hills and farm land like this," said Carolyn Meiners, whose ancestors were among those Czechs who helped start the town of Ammannsville about 60 miles east of Austin.

Meiners, fresh from a third trip to the Czech Republic, still struggles to understand the forces that led her ancestors to leave their beautiful homeland.

Still, she is grateful that her tenacious forebears held on to a language and culture that she loves.

"If not for the peasants, Czech wouldn't have survived," Meiners said.

To ensure that the culture Czechs have preserved through hundreds of years of invasion and persecution in Europe is passed down to coming generations, a statewide group, Texans of Czech Ancestry, is taking the first steps toward building a Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in one of the state's dozens of Czech communities.

The group envisions a center large enough to include a museum, cultural activities and a living historical Czech village. Communities, which organizers wouldn't name, are submitting their proposals this week for becoming the site of the center. Next month, a decision will be made, said Meiners, spokeswoman for the group.

For Central Texas, La Grange and the rest of Fayette County are the major Czech historical sites. There also are large, long-established Czech communities in dozens of other places in nearly every part of the state.

Czechs have left their mark on Texas with their farms, kolache pastries, polkas, churches with elaborately painted wooden interiors, and exuberant wedding celebrations and festivals.

"It is an old saying that 'Czechs work hard, play hard and pray hard,'" said Meiners.

About 95 percent of the Czechs who settled in Texas were farmers, historians say, and more than 85 percent were Catholic.

Czech Texans are 1 million strong. Czech is one of the most popular languages of European origin in the state, ranking third behind English and Spanish, Meiners said.

There are several trends — intermarriage, outside influences, the separation of families as they move to larger cities — that threaten the continuity of Czech heritage, she said.

"The cultural and heritage center is long overdue. It will leave a legacy for new generations in 2000 when it is finished," she said.

There already are bits and pieces of that heritage scattered throughout the state. Fayette County is full of them. There is a museum in Fayetteville, churches, major sites of Czech history and people eager to share the stories of their Czech ancestors.

Louis Polansky, one of the founders of the Fayetteville Area Heritage Museum, is one of them. His forebears, Alois and Johanna Polansky, were among the first Czechs to move to the town started by Anglo and German settlers.

Polansky enjoys telling a story of early feminism in the town.

Women refused to donate the money they had made baking and selling kolaches to pay for the sidewalks men wanted to install.

"The women said, 'We're not paying for sidewalks so you men can spit on them and we have to walk on that. We're buying a clock tower for the courthouse so that every time you men look up at it, you will respect us.'"

That clock tower still keeps time in the town square.

Although Fayetteville and La Grange still thrive, other tiny, once vibrant Czech towns have not fared as well.

Ammannsville is one of them. These days old-timers gather at the town beer joint, a fading one-room wooden building with a single gas pump out front, and outhouse out back, run for the past 47 years by the Tofel brothers, Louis and Innoc.

SIERRA BLANCA (AP) — The effects of years of other people dumping — or even just planning to dump — their waste on Sierra Blanca are evident.

This town, really little more than a blip on the map, has a new medical clinic, a library, a couple of shiny new fire trucks and a refurbished football field with lush deep green grass.

The improvements largely come courtesy of monies being pumped into the town by the state government, which wants Sierra Blanca to eventually play host to a depository for Texas' low-level radioactive waste.

"It wouldn't have been possible (otherwise)," said Hudspeth County Judge James Peace. "We're a very poor county and we just don't have the money for all of these facilities."

That has been changing somewhat over the past four years as Hudspeth County has taken on first one large refuse project, passively accepting East Coast sewage sludge, and prepares for another, the radioactive dump.

Local critics, such as shopkeeper Bill Addington, refer to the monies coming from the projects as "bribes and economic blackmail."

But government officials and others tout the economic potential the projects represent. There is little question assistance is needed throughout the county and its county seat, Sierra Blanca, 90 miles east of El Paso.

Studies have shown this and it takes only a quick trip up main street to confirm it.

Like so many of the nation's troubled small towns, Sierra Blanca seems to have a surplus of vacant storefronts and dilapidated buildings with splintered wooden eaves, chipped paint and weathered faces.

The business center is made up chiefly of service stations

'It doesn't really bother us too much, but I feel sorry for the children. I wouldn't want to raise young children out here just because of the potential hazards.'

Virgil Best
Sierra Blanca resident

patronized by motorists traveling along Interstate 10 on their way somewhere else.

Just off the interstate to the west, the offices for the MERCO Joint Venture sludge project occupy what had once been part of a resort community that was established in the 1970s and eventually failed.

Per capita income in the county is about \$15,000, lower for minority groups, who constitute a majority of the population of 2,900. (Sierra Blanca has about 600 residents.) Agriculture is the largest industry.

Opponents have seized on the reports of low incomes and the high minority population to back their attacks on the dump, whose siting they term "environmental racism."

The most vocal critic, Addington, said the Texas Legislature pushed the dump on Hudspeth County because it has no political voice. The money being thrown around is chiefly to silence opposition, he said.

"They say, 'It's a done deal. It's going to happen. Take the money and like it,'" Addington said.

But as the August date for the opening of public hearings on the dump's pending license approaches, protests have become more frequent, though they have usually been outside the area and involved only a few Sierra Blanca residents.

That's not to say sentiments in the town aren't divided, but more often than not questions about the facility will only draw resigned shrugs rather than impassioned declarations.

"I think people have just gotten used to it," said resident Cynthia Wells. "I don't think about it much. I figure we're going to get it."

When concerns do arise they usually focus on the possible risks associated with the radioactive waste, much of which will be medical equipment discarded by hospitals and irradiated tools from nuclear power plants.

"It doesn't really bother us too much, but I feel sorry for the children," said Virgil Best, who moved to Sierra Blanca with his wife, Betty two years ago. "I wouldn't want to raise young children out here just because of the potential hazards."

Still even those like Best, who says he's not an opponent but rather just "leery," can see some good coming of it.

"If I had an option to go to work for them (the dump), I'd probably work for them," he said. "From the little I know of the place ... and what little I've seen, it's already been beneficial."

Actually, both of Sierra Blanca's waste projects have yielded some economic benefit, enough so that when Peace ran for

office in 1994 he promised he wouldn't oppose either one.

MERCO Joint Venture is the town's largest single employer, with about 40 people on the payroll, and it contributes at least \$50,000 annually to the Community Development Corp., a local nonprofit organization that helps develop public works projects.

MERCO ships 400 tons of New York City sewage sludge daily to Sierra Blanca and spreads it on parts of a 128,000-acre ranch. MERCOC says the sludge, a soil-like byproduct of wastewater treatment, will fertilize the land.

Critics insist the ranch is an ill-disguised open-air dump.

The radioactive waste dump promises to bring in at least 30 jobs and even more money, provided it receives a license from the state's environmental agency.

"It will have a big impact when it all comes together," said H.A. "Speedy" Virdell, who runs a service station and the local cable service.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is scheduled to hold its first hearing on the license application Aug. 6. Approval this year would mean the facility could be operating as early as 1998.

But already Texas' Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority, the agency that will oversee the facility, has given the county \$1.9 million, which helped pay for the clinic and other facilities.

The funds, known as planning and implementation fees, were part of \$19 million the state collected from low-level waste generators to help pay for planning and developing the site.



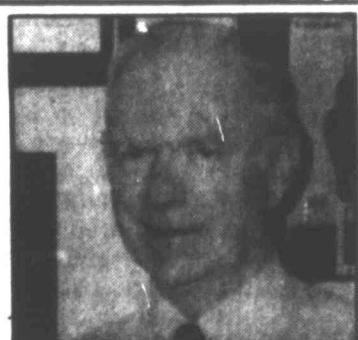
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Thunder on the water: Drag boat races return

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

After a two-year silence, the roar returns to Moss Lake this summer.

The Southern Drag Boat Association returns to the lake in two weeks when the Duel in the Desert drag boat races are held Aug. 3-4.

The race, which is SDBA-

sanctioned, will offer a guaranteed purse of \$16,500 and will feature some of the top drag boat racers in the southwestern United States, said Jimmy Johnson, one of the race's organizers.

Johnson said area race fans will not be able to tell much difference from this year's races, and those of past editions.

"They'll be the same as when (past organizer) Robert Sanders

did them before," Johnson said. "Robert didn't want to do it anymore, so we took it over from him."

Johnson and other area racers formed the West Texas Drag Boaters, and together they have been putting in lots of hours to get Moss Lake ready for the event.

"It's taken seven people four months of preparation," he said. "It takes a lot of time and plan-

ning and execution to pull one of these things off."

Johnson also said that city and county officials have contributed material and man-hours to prepare the race site. Graffiti has been painted over, roads have been paved and garbage has been removed.

"The lake is in the best shape it's been in years," Johnson said. "The city, the county and us together have done extensive

work on the lake."

With the lake ready for the races, all that remains is the races themselves. Johnson said about 100 total entries are expected in boat classes ranging from amateur "lake racers" to "blown" boats, which reach speeds in excess of 200 mph.

The races will be almost identical to land-based drag races. The only difference — aside

from the water element — in the two forms of quarter-mile racing is that drag boats make a rolling start.

Johnson said the event will appeal even to those not considering hard-core racing fans.

"It's outdoor entertainment," he said. "You can go and sit in the sun all day long if you want to. Of course, if you like racing, you'll like this."

Few area teams get playoff nods from football magazine

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

If "Texas Football" is correct, not many area fans will be happy this football season.

Of the 12 area high school football teams, only four are preseason favorites to make the playoffs, according to the annual magazine with previews pro, college and high school football in Texas.

The Big Spring Steers, who barely missed a spot in the Class 4A playoffs last season,

are picked to finish fourth in District 4-4A behind Sweetwater, San Angelo Lake View and Andrews. This season marks the first year that the top three finishers in Class 4A qualify for the state playoffs.

The news is rosier for Colorado City fans, as the magazine picks the Wolves to repeat as district champions. C-City will compete in District 3-3A, along with the Greenwood Rangers, who are picked to finish fourth.

Stanton, which makes a big

move west this football season, has been picked to finish second behind Iraan in District 6-2A. If forms holds, the Buffaloes will make the playoffs for the second straight year.

Both Coahoma and Forsan are picked to finish at the bottom of District 7-2A this season. The magazine has Coahoma finishing fifth and Forsan seventh. Perennial favorites Wall and Winters got the playoff nods from the magazine.

Garden City also is picked to

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Texas Football Magazine has picked the Big Spring Steers, shown making a defensive stop last year against Pecos, to finish fourth in District 4-4A this season.

On paper, Steers face uphill struggle in 1996

It's a good thing football games aren't played on paper, or Big Spring fans could probably forget about this season.

"Texas Monthly," the annual magazine which previews pro, college and high school football in Texas, has the Steers picked out of playoff contention for the 1996 season.

TM has the Steers holding down the fourth spot in District 4-4A. With the top three teams in each 4A district qualifying for the playoffs this year, that would mean Big Spring would barely miss out on the postseason for the second year in a row. The Steers finished third in the district in 1995.

District newcomer Sweetwater is picked to finish first in the district this year, even though the Mustangs lost 18 lettermen from last season, including their stellar running back, Shaun Carr.

"Even with the loss of ... Carr, the Mustangs should have enough weapons to make

a run at their seventh straight playoff appearance," the magazine stated.

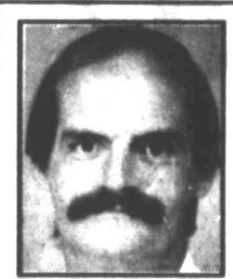
Defending 4-4A champion Lake View is picked to finish second, although the Chiefs were also hit heavily by graduation (26 lettermen gone). On the positive side for Lake View is the return of all-district quarterback Sterlin Gilbert, wide receiver Morris Smith and linebacker Gary Pittman.

The magazine's choice for the third and final playoff spot? The Andrews Mustangs, who finished second last season in 4-4A. Coach Mike Lebby's team returns 13 lettermen from last season's 5-7 squad.

As for the Steers, it might be understandable why the magazine is not optimistic about its playoff chances. All-state tight end Daniel Franks is taking his talents to the University of Miami, and coach Dwight Butler is faced with an almost total replacement of the offensive and defensive lines.

On the bright side, the Steers definitely have talent in the backfield. Second-team all-district tailback Antwoyne Edwards returns, and Toma McVae — picked as the starter ahead of Edwards before sidelined with a back injury in 1995 — is back at full speed.

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Steve Reagan
Sports Editor

Home-grown athletes give U.S. first medals

ATLANTA (AP) — A pair of homegrown Georgia heroes excelled Saturday, one bringing home America's first medal, as the United States took advantage of its homefield advantage on Day 1 of the Atlanta Olympic Games.

Angel Martino of the Americas, Ga., grabbed the bronze in the women's 100-meter freestyle to put America on the medal stand, starting a string of three medals in four events for the swim team.

She was joined in short order by silver medalists Jeremy Linn in the 100-meter breaststroke and Allison Wagner in the women's 400-meter individual medley.

Earlier Saturday, Kennesaw, Ga., native Kris Benson took the mound at Atlanta-Fulton County stadium and pitched the U.S. baseball team to a 4-1 victory over Nicaragua.

"It meant the world to me," Benson said of his dream-come-true start. "I wanted to pitch on opening day. I knew the significance of getting off on a good note."

The first day of competition, following ex-heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali's poignant lighting of the Olympic torch, continued the glow of good feelings for U.S. competitors at the Centennial Games.

In addition to the swimming medals and baseball win, the U.S. boxing team started strong

when 119-pounder Zahir Raheem handily won his first bout, as did 147-pounder Fernando Vargas. The American Greco-Roman wrestlers took five of their first seven bouts. The women's field hockey team, on a goal with 1:57 left, pulled out a 1-1 tie with the Netherlands.

"I heard the crowd and I heard my teammates. That motivated me," said Raheem, who arrived in the rings to chants of "USA! USA!"

Expected to join the ranks of the victorious: Dream Team III, with freshly minted multimillionaires Shaquille O'Neal, Gary Payton and Hakeem Olajuwon taking on their overmatched and underpaid South American neighbors, Argentina.

Fan support at the first American games in a dozen years was vociferous at worst, overwhelming at best — particularly in Birmingham, Ala., where more than 80,000 packed the Crimson Tide's Legion Field for the U.S. soccer team's debut against Argentina.

The pro-USA crowd at the pool rooted hardest for Martino, 29, the oldest U.S. woman Olympic swimmer in 72 years. The Georgian, who won two golds and a bronze in Barcelona, blew a post-race kiss to her cheering fans.

"I'm happy to do it here at a big meet," Martino said of her medal. "I'm sorry it wasn't a

gold. ... I gave it everything I had."

Martino's teammate, Amy Van Dyken, came in fourth despite a career-best performance. The exhausted Van Dyken, who took up swimming to battle an asthma problem, needed assistance from trainers on the pool deck after the race.

Fred Deburghgraeve of Belgium, who earlier set a world record, won gold in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 00.65 seconds. Le Jingyi of China, one of only two members of the controversial Chinese woman's team to qualify for Saturday's finals, won the women's 100-meter freestyle.

At the 1994 world championships in Rome, China's women won 12 of 16 gold medals. But just two weeks later, seven Chinese swimmers, including two of those champions, tested positive for steroid use before the Asian Games in Japan.

Michelle Smith of Ireland won the gold medal in the women's 400-meter individual medley, her country's first Olympic swimming medal.

The three favorites expected to vie for basketball silver and bronze played Saturday. Yugoslavia, despite foul trouble that benched Charlotte Hornets center Vlade Divac for the game's last 11 minutes, defeated Greece 71-63.

Lithuania, the defending

bronze medalist, defeated 1992 silver medalist Croatia 83-81 in double overtime. Chicago Bulls sixth man Toni Kukoc, playing with a broken thumb on his shooting hand, scored 33 points for Croatia.

Boxer Raheem, of Philadelphia, staggered Hoo Jong-Gil of North Korea seconds into their fight and cruised to a 19-4 win before a loud, flag-waving crowd at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Raheem's teammates chanted "USA! USA!" as the fight went on — a chorus that was repeated at other venues.

Vargas, of Oxnard, Calif., the only other U.S. boxer to compete on opening day, won a 10-4 decision over Tengiz Meskhadze of Georgia at 147 pounds.

At Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, the home of the champion Braves, local boy Benson made good as the U.S. baseball team won its opener. Benson survived a shaky first inning to pick up the victory in the biggest game of his life.

Benson, 21, outdueled 35-year-old left-hander Asdrudes Flores for the victory. The Americans' top competition in baseball, the Cubans, routed Australia 19-8 in their opener.

In the first game of the women's field hockey round-robin, Marcia Pankratz of Wakefield, Mass., deflected a penalty cor

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Cowboys' Kevin Smith say recovery from tendon injury almost complete

AUSTIN (AP) — He walks well again. He runs fine. He backpedals OK. So why isn't Kevin Smith on the field at the Dallas Cowboys training camp?

"Don't worry," Smith said. "If I had to play a game tomorrow, I could. I'll be there when it counts on Sept. 2."

Smith is recovering from one of the most devastating injuries a cornerback could suffer. He tore his right Achilles' tendon in the Cowboys' 1995 season-opener and earned his Super Bowl ring during rehabilitation.

It happened 24 hours after he signed a long-term contract that will make him a Cowboy for life.

"It was frustrating not being on the field," Smith said. "But I'll take Super Bowl ring No. 3. This year I want to be out there when we win another one."

Smith, a first-round draft pick from Texas A&M in 1992, had a reputation as one of the best cover corners in the NFL. He thwarted San Francisco's Jerry Rice on several occasions

and was on the verge of being a Pro Bowl regular.

Now, Smith tries to overcome what some had called a career-ending injury.

"I'm not as fast as I used to be, but I have football speed and that's all you need," Smith said. "There will be a question whether I can cover until I go out and do it. I think I can do it. My torn tendon has healed to the point where it is stronger than the other one. I'm not worried about blowing it again."

Smith is one of the keys to the Dallas defense that lost five starters to free agency and will lose cornerback Deion Sanders part of the time to offense. Aside from last season, Smith has averaged 80 tackles, 15 passes defended and 4 interceptions per year.

"There's no doubt that one of the keys to our season is getting Kevin back on the field playing like he did when he was one of our best defensive players," said coach Barry Switzer.

Smith is trying to pace him-

self so he'll peak for the Sept. 2 opener in Chicago. So far he has attended practice in street clothes.

"Mentally I'm ready but I have to build my stamina," said Smith. "I should be ready to hit the field in about a week and a half. That should be about right. I want my body to feel strong before I go out there again."

Smith said he hopes the defense doesn't lose Deion Sanders entirely. Sanders is working on his receiving skills and might even play both ways this year.

"I would have to do a lot of flip-flopping around if we lost Deion to offense," Smith said. "I would do it but it would be tough. We have to have Deion back there some."

Smith said the Cowboys will be a more aggressive defensive team in 1996.

"We plan to have a more attacking defense this year," he said. "You will see more upfield stuff from the Cowboys."

Lehman leads by six at British Open

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England (AP) — Tom Lehman only needed to look back as far as the Masters to know that his six-stroke lead over Nick Faldo after three rounds at the British Open was anything but safe.

Lehman's course-record 64 on Saturday and his 54-hole British Open record 198 was a masterful domination of Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club. Now he will find out if he can dominate Faldo.

"To play head-to-head with Nick Faldo will be something to tell my grandchildren about," Lehman said. "He is one of the best, if not the best player in the world."

No one in the world is a more relentless match-play player than Faldo. No one can put more pressure on an opponent. Faldo proved that in April at Augusta when he went head-to-head with Greg Norman on Sunday trailing by six strokes and won by five.

"Obviously it's a similar scenario. In that sense it is quite similar. But it's a different period of time, a different golf course," Faldo said, sounding like he wanted to add that it

also was a different opponent. "But the objective is still the same," he said. "To shoot a great score and see what happens. I've got to aim for 63 tomorrow."

There was an eerie sense of familiarity to Lehman's position.

Here he was once again leading a major championship going to the final round, the fourth time in three years he has been in the last group on Sunday in a major, most recently at the U.S. Open last month when he finished second to Steve Jones.

Yet Lehman has never won a major.

And here was Faldo once again making a birdie on the 17th hole — just like he did at Augusta — to force a final-round pairing with the man he has to catch, as he tries for his seventh major and fourth British Open.

"Being in the last group again may help," Faldo said after his 68 put him at 9-under-par 204. "If anything is going to happen, it is the best place to be."

Mark Brooks and Vijay Singh were seven strokes back at 205,

with Ernie Els and Fred Couples at 206.

Jack Nicklaus, who started one stroke behind midway leaders Lehman and Paul McGinley, shot a 77, the 11th time since the 1986 Masters he's shot 76 or higher in the third round of a major championship. McGinley fell back with a 74.

Nearly everyone fell back on another sunny, relatively calm day at Lytham, mostly because Lehman was putting up numbers that were impossible to match.

His eight-birdie, one-bogey round in which he made a half-dozen putts from 12 feet or longer, broke the Lytham course record of 65 and was just a single stroke off the lowest score ever in any major championship.

"It was definitely one of the best rounds I've ever shot, if not the best," Lehman said. "I don't think I could have putted any better."

He started quickly with birdies on four of the first six holes — all from 15 feet or longer — and made a 10-foot

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BOWLING

Local leagues

STAR GATE LEAGUE
RESULTS - Team 3 over Team 9, 21-4; Team 5 over Team 7, 20-25; Team 8 over Team 1, 10-2; Team 2 over Team 4, 15-9.5; Team 6 over Team 10, 13-12; hi hdp game Ray Kennedy, 257; hi sc game Ray Kennedy, 257; hi hdp series Al Moreno, 688; hi sc series Jackie Leary, 807.

STANDINGS - Team Two, 133-67; Team Five, 114-88; Team Seven, 114-88; Team One, 105-95; Team Four, 99.5-100.5; Team Nine, 98-102; Team Three, 85-115; Team Six, 84-116; Team Ten, 84-116; Team Eight, 83.5-116.5.

SUMMER PIN POPPERS
RESULTS - The Boppers tied Bustin' Beaulieu, 4-4; A & B Farms over Go-Go Girls, 8-0; Dede Chicka tied The Grannies, 4-4; hi sc game and series Kathrine Smith, 177 and 483; hi sc team game and series A & B Farms, 498 and 1285; hi hdp

game Shawn McCutchen, 234; hi hdp series Kathrine Smith, 638; hi hdp team game and series A & B Farms, 652 and 1727.

STANDINGS - The Grannies, 48-30; A & B Farms, 40-32; The Boppers, 38-34; Go-Go Girls, 28-34; Dede Chicka, 32-40; Bustin' Beaulieu, 28-45.

BASEBALL

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	58	37	.611	—
Baltimore	49	46	.516	9
Boston	44	51	.463	14
Toronto	43	54	.443	16
Detroit	30	68	.306	29 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	58	39	.598	—
Chicago	54	43	.557	4
Milwaukee	48	48	.500	9 1/2
Minnesota	45	51	.469	12 1/2
Kansas City	44	54	.449	14 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	51	45	.530	3 1/2
Oakland	49	49	.500	7 1/2
California	46	51	.474	10

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	56	41	.577	—
Seattle	51	43	.543	3 1/2
Oakland	49	49	.500	7 1/2
California	46	51	.474	10

Friday's Games
Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2
Boston 13, Baltimore 2
Detroit 8, Toronto 6
Milwaukee 7, New York 5
Kansas City 7, Chicago 4, 10
Innings
Oakland 9, Texas 6
California 9, Seattle 4
Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
New York 4, Milwaukee 2
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 5, 11
Innings
Boston 2, Baltimore 0
Detroit 5, Toronto 4, 10
Kansas City 7, Chicago 5
Texas 8, Oakland 4
Seattle at California (n)
Sunday's Games
Minnesota (Radke 5-12) at Cleveland (McDowell 8-5), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 11-7) at Boston (Clements 4-9), 1:05 p.m.
Detroit (B. Williams 2-7) at Toronto (Guzman 9-6), 1:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	60	36	.625	—
Montreal	52	44	.542	8
Florida	47	50	.485	13 1/2
New York	47	50	.485	13 1/2
Philadelphia	40	56	.417	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	53	44	.546	—
Houston	51	48	.515	3
Cincinnati	44	48	.478	8 1/2
Chicago	45	51	.469	7 1/2

Pittsburgh	42	54	.438	10 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	52	46	.531	—
Colorado	49	46	.516	1 1/2

Friday's Games
Florida 11, Philadelphia 2
Montreal 5, New York 4
Cincinnati 11, Pittsburgh 3
Houston 7, Atlanta 6
San Diego 4, Colorado 3
San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 4
St. Louis 9, Chicago 1
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Cincinnati (Smiley 8-8) at Pittsburgh (Neagle 11-4), 1:35 p.m.
Montreal (Fassaro 8-7) at New York (Clark 10-6), 1:40 p.m.
Chicago (Navarro 7-9) at St. Louis (Osborne 9-5), 2:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Glasie 10-5) at Houston

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AL leaders

BATTING—Knoblauch, Minnesota, .369; Rodriguez, Seattle, .352; RAlomar, Baltimore, .352; FThomas, Chicago, .349; Ciriello, Milwaukee, .340; Seitzer, Milwaukee, .339; JGonzalez, Texas, .337.
RUNS—E Martinez, Seattle, 88; ARodriguez, Seattle, 80; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 79; Belle, Cleveland, 78; Phillips, Chicago, 77; M Vaughn, Boston, 74; G Vaughn, Milwaukee, 73.
RBI—G Vaughn, Milwaukee, 92; M Vaughn, Boston, 91; Buhner.

Seattle, 86; FThomas, Chicago, 85;
Belle, Cleveland, 85; JGonzalez,
Texas, 82; EMartinez, Seattle, 82;
RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 82.

HITS—M Vaughn, Boston, 127;

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Cleveland, 21; Listach, Milwaukee, 19; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 19; McLemore, Texas, 17.

PITCHING (11 Decisions)—Pav Texas, 12-2 .857 4.49; Nary,

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STRIKEOUTS—Clements, Boston, 152; Finley, California, 127; Alferez, Chicago, 126; Mussina, Baltimore, 116; Appier, Kansas City, 116; Guzman, Toronto, 114; Alvarez, Chicago, 113.
SAVES—Wetteland, New York, 33; Hernandez, Chicago, 28; Percival, California, 24; Mesa, Cleveland, 24; Henneman, Texas, 21; Montgomery, Kansas City, 20; R Myers, Baltimore, 19.

NL leaders

BATTING—Plazza, Los Angeles, .358; E Young, Colorado, .346; Grace, Chicago, .342; Burks, Colorado, .333; Bichette, Colorado, .330; Mabry, St. Louis, .324; Grudzielanek, Montreal, .320.

Hedeman takes first-round lead

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Tuff Hedeman, who dedicated his 1995 Cheyenne Frontier Days bull riding title to his late friend Lane Frost, took the first-round lead in the event Saturday with a score of 80.

He said while he has slowed his competitive pace this season because of an earlier wrist injury and his father's recent heart surgery, he couldn't stay away from the lure of competing in the rodeo's 100th edition.

"I've been coming here for years and years and I probably have more sad memories than glad memories, but I won it last year," said Hedeman, who ranked fourth in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association standings. "To win it last year and to come back in the first-round lead is pretty exciting."

Frost was killed after a bull riding event during the 1989 Frontier Days.

Hedeman, of Morgan Mill, Texas, said his high score, earned after a crowd-pleasing, spinning ride close to the chutes, put him in a good position to do well in the next two rounds, but he said he realized anything could happen.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Permit applications accepted

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

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

A public drawing for the public hunting permits will be held Sept. 16 at the Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Coahoma workouts slated

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

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

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

Coahoma boosters to meet

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the elementary school cafeteria.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Ricky Stone at 393-5358.

Swim lessons offered

The Big Spring YMCA is accepting applications for summer swim lessons.

The lessons, which begin Monday, will be offered Monday-Friday for two weeks. For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Other services offered by the YMCA include:
• Arthritis classes begin Monday.
• The YMCA will host parties and offers the use of the indoor swimming pool, racquetball courts and a room for refreshments.

• Swim and Gym is open for preschoolers. Classes are held 10-11 a.m. A half-hour of gymnastics is followed by a half-hour of swim lessons. Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Hunter course on tap

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

The course, offered by local instructor Boyce Hale, is required for huntersborn on or after Sept. 2, 1971.

For more information, contact Hale at 267-6957.

Correction

In Thursday's story on 13-year-old roper Tony Wyrick, it was reported that his uncle's name was Jess Slaughter. Jess Slaughter III, who competed locally on occasion, is Tony's uncle.

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High Plains Junior Rodeo

Here are Friday results from the High Plains Junior Rodeo, held at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl:

8 and under calf riding
Trent McDonald, Post, 61.

9-12 steer riding
Nicholas Rogers, Tulsa, 67.

13-15 bull riding
Mitchell Rogers, Tulsa, 67; Ryan Yardey, Lubbock, 61.

16-19 bull riding
Ron Lilley, Crane, 62.

9-12 calf touching
Dillon Lewis, Clovis, N.M., 5.096; Miles Thompson, Hobbs, N.M., 6.244; Gary Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 7.417.

13-15 tie down
Clint Cooper, Hobbs, N.M., 13.000; Clay Hardin, Lovington, N.M., 14.479; Trey Dove, Seminole, 14.704.

16-19 tie down
Brandon Zesch, San Angelo, 12.208; Clyde Jenkins, Texico, N.M., 16.701; Dustin Bell, Lubbock, 18.990.

8 and under barrels
Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 17.537; Lacey Edwards, Midland, 19.592; Joni Brakebill, Portales, N.M., 19.791.

9-12 barrels
Rashyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 17.891; Mindy Davenport, Roswell, N.M., 18.602; Maggie Pearson, Eunice, N.M., 19.888.

13-15 barrels
Darcce Purcell, Ira, 17.793; Ericka Miller, 18.021; Tamra Sanders, Odessa, 18.043.

16-19 barrels
Cassie Short, Lubbock, 18.328; Kidra Hand, 19.370; Alanna Thigpen, Boerne, 24.458.

8 and under poles
Dustale Thomas, Lubbock, 21.576; Treff McDonald, Post, 22.219; Kimberly Jackson, Plains, 23.218.

9-12 poles
Rashyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 22.294; Maggie Pearson, Eunice, N.M., 22.706; Kristi McLaughlin, Odessa, 22.813.

13-15 poles
Tamra Sanders, Odessa, 21.483; Marcey House, Plains, 22.809; Mandy Cunningham, Midland, 24.039.

16-19 poles
Alanna Thigpen, Boerne, 23.371; Kidra Hand, Lovington, N.M., 29.160; Keri Gard, 32.738.

Chute dogging
Clyde Jenkins, Texico, N.M., 9.316; Bucky Crenshaw, Big Spring, 14.036.

8 and under breakaway
Teli Good, Kenna, N.M., 6.191; Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 7.922.

Boys 9-12 breakaway
Brad Good, Kenna, N.M., 3.695; Clint Tippy, Hobbs, N.M., 8.737; Dillon Lewis, Clovis, N.M., 12.575.

Girls 9-12 breakaway
Laura Jo Via, Lazbuddie, 4.183; Maggie Pearson, Eunice, N.M., 22.831.

Girls 13-15 breakaway
Darcce Purcell, Ira, 4.716; Mandy Cunningham, Midland, 6.528.

Girls 16-19 breakaway
Cassie Short, Lubbock, 3.162; Sadie Dove, Seminole, 4.194; Keri Gard, Carlsbad, N.M., 13.675.

Boys 13-15 breakaway
Trey Dove, Seminole, 2.929; Clint Cooper, Hobbs, N.M., 3.004; Rex Tippy, Hobbs, N.M., 3.970.

8 and under goat tying
Lacey Edwards, Midland, 12.480; Grady Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 15.340; Joni Brakebill, Portales, N.M., 16.013.

9-12 goat tying
Kara Jenkins, Texico, N.M., 12.710; Dana Lewis, Clovis, N.M., 12.967; Rashyn Gardner, Lovington, N.M., 14.665.

13-15 goat tying
Jessica Treadwell, Andrews, 13.436; Lauren Middleton, Big Spring, 13.952; Dalyn Peters, Midland, 18.335.

16-19 goat tying
Cassie Short, Lubbock, 13.264; Meghann Young, Roswell, N.M., 13.614; Kidra Hand, Lovington, N.M., 14.020.

Boys 9-12 ribbons
Jacob Martin, Lovington, N.M., 7.559; Miles Thompson, Hobbs, N.M., 10.807; Brad Good, Kenna, N.M., 11.817.

Boys 13-15 ribbons
Clay Hardin, Lovington, N.M., 7.627; Trey Dove, Seminole, 8.899; T.C. Long, 10.744.

Girls 13-15 ribbons
Marcey House, Plains, 18.275; Lauren Middleton, Big Spring, 21.307.

912 steer roping
Dillon Lewis, Clovis, N.M., 6.626; Gary Herrera, Tatum, N.M., 10.686; Jacob Martin, Lovington, N.M., 14.672.

13-15 team roping
Clint Cooper-Rex Tippy, 10.482.

16-19 team roping
B. Crenshaw-John Jenkins, 14.887.

Yankees shut down Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Relievers Mariano Rivera and John Wetteland combined for four scoreless innings Saturday, and the New York Yankees defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 4-2.

Rivera (4-1) took over in the sixth and struck out five in 2 2-3 innings. He walked two in the seventh, then fanned Jeff Cirillo to end the threat.

Kevin Seitzer singled to start the eighth and John Jaha singled with two outs. Wetteland struck out Jose Valentin to escape that jam, and pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 34th save.

Cubs 3, Cardinals 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Steve Trachsel pitched four-hit ball for seven innings and the Chicago Cubs beat St. Louis 3-0 Saturday, only the fourth loss in 16 games for the Cardinals.

Trachsel (8-6) struck out seven and walked three. In his previous start, he was tagged by the Cardinals for nine hits and six earned runs in four innings at Wrigley Field.

The Cubs used four pitchers in a combined five-hit shutout.

Red Sox 2, Orioles 0

BOSTON (AP) — Tim Wakefield blanked Baltimore for 8 1-3 innings and Kevin Mitchell enhanced his trade value with a home run Saturday, leading the Boston Red Sox to a 2-0 victory over the depleted Orioles.

With a strong wind making his knuckleballs flutter and mentor Phil Niekro in town with his Silver Bullets women's team, Wakefield (7-9) allowed six hits.

Wakefield was relieved after issuing his first walk, to Rafael Palmeiro with one out in the ninth. Heathcliff Slocumb got Bobby Bonilla to ground into a double play for his 14th save.

Indians 6, Twins 5, 11 innings

CLEVELAND (AP) — Albert Belle tied the Cleveland career record with his 226th home run, and the Indians beat the Minnesota Twins 6-5 Saturday on Alvaro Espinoza's homer in the 11th inning.

Kenny Lofton, who had five hits for the first time in the

BASEBALL

major, singled and scored the tying run in the ninth for the Indians on a bases-loaded walk to Eddie Murray.

Espinoza connected with one out off Dave Stevens (1-2) for his fourth homer. He entered as a replacement at first base for Mark Carreon in the eighth inning, and grounded out in the ninth with a chance to tie the game.

Tigers 5, Blue Jays 4

TORONTO (AP) — Mike Timlin threw a wild pitch that allowed the go-ahead run to score with one out in the 10th inning Saturday, giving the Detroit Tigers a 5-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Charlie O'Brien tied a career-high with four RBIs for Toronto. He hit a two-run homer early and had a two-run double in the ninth that made it 4-4.

Toronto starter Huck Flener held the Tigers hitless until Cecil Fielder blooped a single to start the seventh. Detroit rallied for three runs in the eighth for a 3-2 lead, and Melvin Nieves homered in the Tigers ninth.

Mets 4, Expos 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul

Wilson pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and Todd Hundley hit his 26th home run Saturday night, leading the New York Mets over the Montreal Expos 4-1.

Wilson (4-5) had retired 19 straight batters before Henry Rodriguez singled to start the eighth. Rondell White followed with a double and Shane Andrews had an RBI grounder with one out.

Wilson, in his second start since coming off the disabled list because of tendinitis in his right shoulder, walked none and struck out three. The 23-year-old right-hander was the overall No. 1 pick in the 1994 draft.

Reds 9, Pirates 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Hal Morris wound up scoring when his bases-loaded single was helped along by two Pittsburgh errors in the sixth inning, sending the Cincinnati Reds past the Pirates 9-3 Saturday night.

Morris hit a solo home run in the eighth as the Reds beat Pittsburgh for the fifth time in six games.

The Reds led 2-1 when they loaded the bases in the sixth with two outs. Morris dropped a single to left in front of Mark Johnson, a first baseman who was playing his first major league game in the outfield.

Olympics

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ner shot into the goal with 1:57 left to give the U.S. women their tie with the Netherlands.

Other firsts on Day 1 of the Summer Games:

•The first gold medal was won by Renata Mayer of Poland in the women's 10-meter air rifle competition.

•The first world record was set by Deburghraeve with a time of 1.00.60 seconds in the

100-meter breaststroke preliminaries.

•The first bizarre defeat came as defending 10-meter air pistol champion Wang Yifu flinched to blow his final shot — and the gold medal — before collapsing against a wall. He was given oxygen and taken to the medical tent for treatment; officials blamed the heat that reached as high as 99 degrees.

•The first athlete eliminated in a scheduling mix-up was

defending gold medalist David Khakhaleichvili of Georgia, who went to the wrong venue Saturday morning. A bomb scare kept the judo heavyweight from entering the right venue, and he forfeited his match.

And word of the first tragedy became public — the fatal heart attack of Evgeniusz Pietrasik, 48, chef de mission for the Polish Olympic team, during the opening ceremony.

Lehman

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birdie putt on No. 9 to turn the front in 30.

Lehman picked up three more birdies on the back nine — Nos. 11, 14 and 16 — and made his only bogey when he drove into a bunker on the last hole and could only pitch back to the fairway.

Asked if Faldo's comeback at the Masters crossed his mind, Lehman said: "You mean like lightning striking twice? Yeah."

Then, with resolve in his voice and determination in his eyes, he said, "This is a different place, a different time. It's my tournament to win or my tournament to lose. I'm going to try to not pay attention to him tomorrow."

Lehman played well the three previous times he was in the last group on Sunday. He shot a 71 at the U.S. Open on a very difficult course, but Jones slipped by him with a 69.

Lehman finished third when he was in the last group of the 1995 U.S. Open, and was runner-up when paired in the final group with winner Jose Maria Olazabal in the 1994 Masters.

"One of the biggest things was actually losing to Olazabal in 1994," Lehman said, explaining his confidence. "I felt like I held up under the pressure."

Faldo has proven over and over again he can hold up under pressure. He also played brilliantly on Saturday but putted nowhere near as well as Lehman, missing four makeable birdie putts in the first five holes and three-putting No. 4 from 18 feet for a bogey.

Taking advantage of the easiest stretch on the course, Faldo played Nos. 6 through 11 at 5 under par, making an eagle on No. 6 when he hit a driver and a 9-iron to 25 feet on the par-5.

He gave two strokes back on the difficult closing holes, making bogeys on 14 and 16 when he drove into the rough then hit greenside bunkers on both.

The key birdie on No. 17 came when he hit a 7-iron to 2

feet. "I wasn't trying to hit it there," Faldo said.

Lehman's lead was the largest going into the final round of the British Open since Tony Lema was up by seven strokes in 1964. He won by five.

Four times on the PGA Tour

Football

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finish near the bottom of its district. A. Bronte and Sterling City are the preseason favorites for a playoff spot, while the Bearcats hold down the No. 7 slot in the prediction.

In six-man football, the magazine picks Westbrook and Sands to return to the playoffs in 1996. Westbrook, which won District 6 last season, again is favored, while Sands — which advanced to the six-man quarterfinals last season, are picked to finish second in District 7.

Klondike, last year's semifinalists, holds down the third slot and Grady is picked fifth in District 7.

this year, a player has taken a six-stroke lead into the final round and only Norman was not able to protect it.

"It's like a pitcher having his good stuff and hitting the corners," Lehman said of his round.

He'll need his good stuff again on Sunday against Faldo.

Steers

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And Big Spring's defense, which underwent a massive overhaul last season, has plenty of returning experience in defensive backs Todd McAdams and Frankie Green, linebacker Brock Gee and line-man Gabe Rubio.

The Steers will also have one of the fastest players in the district in sophomore wide receiver Tory Mitchell. Mitchell proved his mettle last season as a punt returner, but really opened some eyes when he qualified for the state track meet in the 100 meter dash.

Pecos and Fort Stockton are picked to finish fifth and sixth, respectively, this season.

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Irvin could have been something very special

AUSTIN — Watching the fan reception for Deion Sanders on the first day of Dallas Cowboys training camp, it makes one wonder why Michael Irvin couldn't do things Deion's way.

Or Emmitt Smith's way.

Or Troy Aikman's way.

Or Darryl Johnston's way. Irvin had a chance to be the most popular Cowboy in the club's history. With his flamboyant personality and ability to back up his talk with wondrous plays afield, he had the key to Dallas.

Now, because he didn't watch who he kept company with and because of the illegal substances he couldn't leave alone, Irvin stands to be remembered as a loser.

It would be difficult to put a figure on the endorsements Irvin has cost himself. It's certainly well over a million bucks and counting. What company could take a chance on him now? Would they risk future embarrassment? It's not a gamble the public relations department of any company is willing to take.

And what about the Professional Football Hall of Fame? Voters into that facility don't have much of a sense of humor when it comes to voting in players with stained reputations.

If Bob Hayes can't get there, what makes Irvin think he has a chance? Hayes was the reason pro football coaches invented zone defenses. Yet, Hayes might not ever make it because of his drug conviction.

It could have been so different for Irvin, who had 111 catches last year. He's got

Super Bowl rings and club records for the Cowboys.

If only he had followed the lead of Sanders and Smith, both astute businessmen who refused to be surrounded by questionable characters. They don't drink anything stronger than coffee or Powerade.

If Irvin could have only been there for the opening of training camp when the crowd at St. Edward's University shouted "Deion, Deion, Deion" after the first practice.

Sanders is the unquestionable fan star of the Cowboys now. He had the good sense to wade into the fans and give them an autograph after autograph. Then he drove off with Smith as a passenger in his sleek black Mercedes golf cart with stereo.

Of course, Irvin isn't the only Cowboy who found himself on the wrong side of the public relations trucks.

Duane Thomas, Hollywood Henderson, Lance Rentzel and John Niland have been big name Cowboys to stumble in the past.

But none has as much going for them as the flashy Irvin, who should have absorbed something by osmosis being in the same lockerroom with Sanders and Smith.

Smith has always made himself available for interviews and therefore the media seldom misunderstands where he is coming from.

Irvin has always been a little bit on the mysterious side. He could be friendly. Then he could launch into garbage can throwing rages. Or shouting expletives on national television after playoff victories.

There was always something not quite right with Irvin.

Now we know what it was. Everyone pulls for him to find himself and eventually be like Deion or be like Emmitt or be like Troy.

Unfortunately, there has been damage done to his image and reputation that can never be fixed.



Denne Freeman
Associated Press

West: O'Neal hoopla has taken terrible toll

LOS ANGELES (AP) — While many in Los Angeles are elated by the high-priced signing of Shaquille O'Neal by the Lakers, the man who made it happen is not overjoyed with the media explosion that preceded it.

Jerry West, a former Lakers star and now the team's executive vice president, said the weeklong pursuit of the 7-foot-1 center has left him tired — of deal-making and of the media.

"Very bothersome, very, very distasteful," West told the Los Angeles Times in an interview published Saturday. "It's taken a horrible toll on me. A horrible toll."

West said he was particularly bothered by the media speculation that the Lakers had tampered with O'Neal to snatch him away from the Orlando Magic.

"I've enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the media," West said. "Absolutely wonderful. But to read some of the things that you read, that were not even close to being true, it's really disturbing to me."

"If something is honest and right on, I have no problem with that. I just think because people chasing stories and chasing rumors, it has left a

scar on me."

The pressure of the deal also took its toll, he said.

"I think sitting in agent Leonard Armato's room and waiting for Shaquille O'Neal to show up at about 2:30 in the morning, I think if he hadn't of shown up and signed that contract, I might have jumped out of that 60th-floor window."

On Thursday, O'Neal signed a \$120 million contract with the Lakers, the most lucrative total package in team sports history. Expectations match the money, with the team hoping O'Neal could fill the role of Magic Johnson as both a player and a fan draw.

In going after O'Neal, West put more than money on the line. The Lakers also traded Vlade Divac, Anthony Peeler and George Lynch.

"A huge risk," West said. "An absolutely huge risk. We would have gotten egg on our face maybe, because there were still other options left."

"But if this had gone much longer, we were dead. We were just dead. That's why the stress and the toll that was taken on me at that point in time, it was just hard to get up and tell yourself, 'We're going to acquire this player.'"

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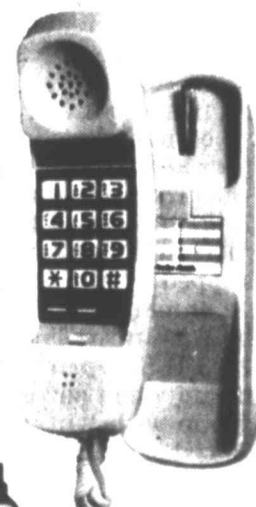
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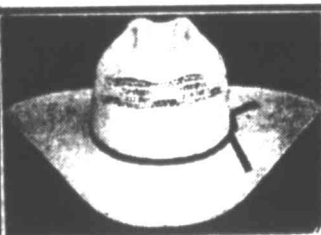


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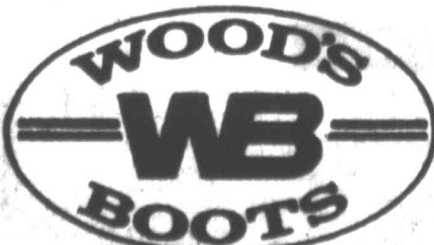
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Dora Roberts Rehab Center: Haven for healing



Left: Physical Therapist Kaki Morton helps improve Stephanie Carillo's trunk extension using the physioball. Right: Physical Therapist Assistant Cheryl Thomas aids Ceci Gomez in a session of pool therapy. The center is available for anyone who has a physical handicap, birth defect, injury or needs assistance in recovering after surgery. Executive Director John Yater said it is for any person needing any type of physical therapy. There is also a cardio rehab program to aid those recovering from a heart attack or other cardio-related incident.



Story by Kellie Jones
Photos by Tim Appel

The Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center opened its doors in June 1961 as the Howard County Rehabilitation Center. Five years later, the name was changed to its current title.

The center is funded by the Dora Roberts Foundation, donations, fees, insurance and the United Way.

DRRC provides therapy to those who have been injured on the job, in an accident or have handicaps such as cerebral

palsy. Donations help to offset the cost of treating patients who can't afford their services for whatever reason.

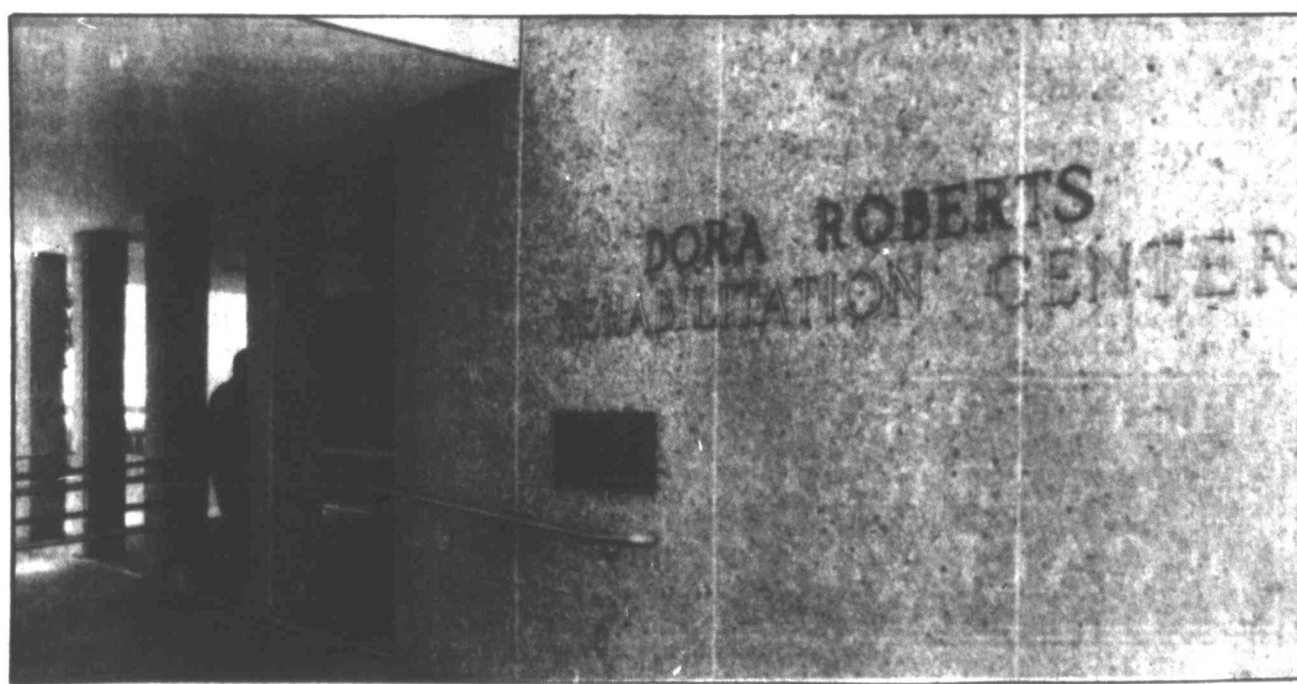
July has been set aside as the center's time for asking for donations. The eighth annual Summerfest ProAm Golf Tournament is the main fund raiser and is in conjunction with a letter writing campaign. The tournament, scheduled for July 28 and 29, is expected to raise about \$10,000. Donations can be sent to the center.



Left: Physical Therapist Phil Riegel works with Kristi Taylor who recently broke her wrist. This particular exercise will help increase Taylor's range of motion.

Below: The Dora Roberts Rehab Center has been a mainstay in Big Spring for 35 years, providing a variety of physical therapy exercises for thousands of patients. Donations are being sought this month to offset the cost of providing treatment to those who can't afford it.

Below left: Audiologist Joel Jennings prepares to conduct a hearing test on Justin Ramirez. Jennings has been with the center since May of last year. Morton has worked at DRRC for almost 25 years. Thomas came to work at the center just over two years ago while Riegel has been a physical therapist there for two years.



Running around naked at a Texas nudist camp

The mailbox at Live Oak Resort has a caricature of a man and woman smiling, looking over a fence.



Tumblweed Smith
Columnist

Their shoulders are bare and from the image you get the idea they aren't wearing any clothes. Chances are real good they are not. Live Oak Resort is a nudist camp.

It's between Brenham and

Navasota and billboards along the highway advertise the place.

Live Oak Resort has a high solid wall around it. I went there to interview the owner and he was very open and answered all my questions. After the interview we rode around on a golf cart. We were fully clothed. He told me, "The only way to stand out or be noticed at a nudist resort is to wear clothes."

Live Oak Resort is a beautiful place with trees, cabins, a camping area and RV park. Some residents live there year round. It has a swimming pool, volleyball court, a recreation room with ping pong and pool

tables, a pavilion for dances and barbecues.

We had just stepped out of the office when I saw a man watering his yard not 50 yards from the office. He was wearing nothing but a pair of sandals. When I was shown the laundry room, a man and woman came in wearing nothing but hats and thongs.

As we rode around I saw people taking sun baths, walking, washing their cars or doing other activities, all in the nude.

At the start of the interview I told the owner, Larry Hildebrand, that this was my first time to interview someone in a nudist facility and I didn't

know just what to call it. "Just don't call us a colony," said Larry. "Ants have colonies. Nudists have camps or resorts."

The camp was established in 1976. Larry bought it in 1988. "Since that time we have been very active in the community. We belong to two different chambers of commerce and work closely with several civic organizations. We're the biggest contributor to things like Thanksgiving for the poor."

The greatest number of people are at Live Oak on weekends. "The majority of people here consider nude recreation the same as going bowling, playing golf or fishing."

People who bare it all say going without clothing is calming. "It provides a sense of freedom, it's relaxing and provides a very tranquil and stress-relieving atmosphere," says Larry.

I asked him if anybody was embarrassed. "There is the initial first-time thing that everybody goes through. I did, just like everyone else. However, it normally takes about 15 minutes for that to go away."

Live Oak is a family place. "We have families here that honestly have three generations of nudists that enjoy nude recreation. We have a large children's playground area

with merry-go-rounds and swings, a sandbox and so forth."

First-timers look. "If they don't they're not normal. After you become a seasoned nudist and have attended a few times, nine times out of 10 the only contact you have when talking to someone is eye contact."

He says nudists are not sex maniacs. They just enjoy going around without any clothes. "You can talk to someone in a nudist resort and you don't know if they drove a Mercedes or a Chevy pickup. The artificial things go away. The only thing you have to judge someone by is personality."

WEDDINGS

Arrick-Everett

Jennifer Brooke Arrick, Odessa, and Eddie Bolen Everett II (Buddy), Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on July 20, 1996, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of John and Sidney Arrick, Odessa.

He is the son of Ron and Judy Plumlee, Big Spring, and Eddie Everett, Midland.

The couple stood before a majestic heart of candles. The heart was decorated with garlands of springerli fern and ivory gossamer ribbon. Arrangements of pink and lavender gladiolus, pink and white roses and stargazer lilies flanked the heart. Completing the setting were ferns and the unity candle. The bride's gown was marked with ivory gossamer ribbon and stargazer lilies and ferns.

Planist was Betty Downy and organist was Beth Spence.

Vocalists were Joe Wennik and Kasi Welch.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white silk shantung and re-embroidered lace. The halter-style bodice had a slightly dropped waist and a criss-cross treatment at the back of the bodice. The gown was a full ball-gown with separate detachable train. Her veil was a stand-up bandeau style of beaded lace with a fingertip length illusion with pear edging.

She carried a hand-tied arrangement of Casa Blanca lilies, white roses, and Queen Ann's Lace with accents of ivy.

Maid of honor was Jamie Arrick, sister of the bride, Odessa.

Bridesmaids were Lauri Phillips, Big Spring; Hallie Wisener, cousin of the bride, Burnet; Kasi Welch, Big Spring; Sunny Fraser, Austin; Karen Johnson, Big Spring; Kelli House, Austin; and Hayley Haynes, Abilene.

Samantha Plumlee, groom's niece, was the flowergirl, and Carl Larimore, bride's cousin, was the ringbearer.

Kenny Everett, brother of the groom, Big Spring, was the best man.

Jason Phillips, Big Spring; John Wofford, Austin; Jimmy Miller, Big Spring; Chad Wash, Big Spring; Craig Knocke, Dallas; Kyle Carroll, Hobbs; and Jay Arrick, brother of the



MRS. EDDIE EVERETT II
bride, Odessa, served as
groomsman.

Kyle Plumlee, Torbin McEwen, Rusty Ginetti, Jason Davis, Jeff Rutledge, Kevin Pirkle and Chase Fraser all served as ushers.

Candlelighters were Jay Arrick, bride's brother, and Lindley Everett, groom's sister.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Big Spring Country Club.

The bride's table was covered in a white lace tablecloth and was accented with pale pink bows and greenery. Topiary trees filled with pink and white roses, stargazers, lilies, greenery, and ribbon sat on the bride's table along with a silver punch service. The bride's cake was decorated with fresh pink and white roses and lilies accented with ivy.

The groom's table was covered with a white lace cloth with a silver coffee service.

The groom's cake was a two-tiered round double chocolate basket weave cake with chocolate dipped strawberries cascading from the top tier. A Texas Tech logo in red and black accented the cake.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School and a May 1996 graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in accounting.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School and a graduate of Texas Tech University with an accounting degree. He is employed by Western Container Corp.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Mitchell-Martin

Barbara Mitchell and Scott Martin were united in marriage in Reno, Nev. A reception honoring the couple will be Aug. 3, 1996, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church followed by a dance at Crestwood Hall on S. Highway 87.

She is a graduate of Forsan High School and attended Howard College. She is employed by Brierly and Company in Dallas.

He is a graduate of Forsan High School and also attended Howard College. He is



MR. AND MRS. SCOTT MARTIN
employed by Autoplex Express,
Inc. in Dallas.

Mayes-Conaway

Janice Mayes and Garrett Conaway were united in marriage on June 28, 1996, in the garden at the Healing Oaks Acres, Christoval, with Bill Day, of Midland, officiating.

She is the daughter of W.E. and Marie Pounds.

He is the son of the late Lloyd and Nellie Conaway.

The couple stood in a garden setting with oak trees and yellow, orange and bronze marigolds and pink and white periwinkles.

The bride wore an Ecru two-piece tailored suite of summer linen.

She carried a bouquet of cream colored roses tipped with apricot entwined with English ivy.

Matron of honor was Shelley Richardson, daughter of the bride, Big Spring.

Best man was Dale Conaway, brother of the groom, Gallup, N.M.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the garden.

The wedding cake was a two-tier wedding cake decorated with apricot roses and a miniature bride and groom topper. The table was covered in an



MR. AND MRS. GARRETT CONAWAY

Ecru embroidered table cloth with silver serving pieces and a unity candle as the centerpiece.

She is employed by Jerry's Barber Shop as a barber.

He is employed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons as assistant food administrator.

Following a wedding trip to Nevada, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

ANNIVERSARIES

George

Lee and Janet George celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on July 16, 1996, with family.

He was born in Midland, and she was born as Janet Reinart in Hereford. They met in Hereford and were married on July 16, 1966, in Hereford. They have three children, Christopher George, Waco, Michelle King, Midland, and Patrick George, Houston. They also have one grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. George have lived in Big Spring for most of their marriage.

They are the owners and operators of Lee George Construction, Inc. and have been for more than 21 years. They are affiliated with Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. They are involved with the Big Spring Rotary Club. They enjoy the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

This was the comment their



MR. AND MRS. LEE GEORGE

daughter had to say about their 30 years of marriage. "They have remained a loving couple in their 30 years of marriage and have always been supportive and caring parents."

Williams

Bill and Nadine Williams, Knott, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20, 1996, at 2 p.m. with a reception at the First Baptist Church of Knott hosted by their daughters.

He was born in Howard County, and she was born as Nadine Wiswell in Stanton. They met in 1945 in Big Spring at the VFW Hall. They were married July 20, 1946, with Rev. James Roy Clark at East Fourth Baptist Church, officiating. They lived in Howard County until the early 1970s,

moving then into Martin County. They have three daughters and their husbands: Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Gladys Marie) King of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby (Sandra) Damron of Jacksboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Linda) Cyfert of Garden City. They also have five grandchildren.

Mr. Williams is currently retired from farming. He also drove trucks and did some ranching. Mrs. Williams had many different jobs in addition to being a housewife and a mother. They enjoy gardening.

GETTING ENGAGED



Carrie Bruton and Mark Oehler will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 16, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church in Stephenville with Jerry Bob Taylor, former pastor/director of Circle 6 Ranch Baptist Camp in Stanton, officiating.

She is the daughter of Ronnal and Phyllis Bruton, Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Greg and Beverly Parker and the late Johnnie Oehler, Harper.

Laurie Michelle Light and Oscar Gerardo Barraza will unite in marriage on Aug. 10, 1996, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Chris Coleman, pastor, and Rev. Barry McLean officiating.

She is the daughter of Richard and Linda Light, Big Spring.

He is the son of Oscar and Bertha Barraza, Big Spring.



Tina Atkins and Tim Brunson, both of Denton, will be united in marriage on Oct. 12, 1996, in Big Spring at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Flynn Long officiating.

She is the daughter of Richard Atkins and Judi Atkins, both of Big Spring.

He is the son of Tommy and Tina Brunson, Coppell, and Kathy Sikes, Waco.

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NEW IN TOWN

Renee Owsley and son Cling, Moriarty, N.M. She is the manager of Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

Irine Ehrmann, Tucson, Ariz. She is a nursing instructor at Howard College.

Sarah Sobor and son Stan, New York. She is employed by the VA Medical Center, and he is employed by Denny's Restaurant.

Dwayne Hoelscher, San Angelo. He works for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Sam and Kathie Calbone, Oklahoma, City, Okla. He is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

Pam Burke and daughter Amanda, Wichita Falls. She is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Renee Burdette, Wichita Falls. She is a nursing student at Howard College.

Tom Curry, Odessa. He works for Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Mary Whitely, Midland. She is employed by the Federal Correctional Institution.

William and Susan Fogle and son David Marlow, Mesquite. He works for Perco Car Care Center.

Kevin C. and Tina Junkin, sons Jeremy and Joshua and daughter Katie, Littlerock, Ark. He is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Joy Henry, Little Rock, Ark. She is retired.

Mike and Susie York and sons Tristin and Jason, Lubbock. He is self-employed.

Shelia Cerrato and sister Angela Torres, Orange, Calif. She is retired.

Dr. Saeed Ahmed and Lucy Saeed Raymond and daughters Lovetta and Schon, Jersey City, N. J. He is a pediatrician at the Family Medical Center.

Robert and Jo Amende, Dallas. He is a truck driver for Tri State.

Randy Lopez, Andrews. He works for the C Bar C Ranch.

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Cats are her love and her business

Scripps Howard News Service

Jan Leitner dresses up her cats for fun — and profit. Leitner's furry friends are the inspiration for a line of greeting cards called Fur Ball Cards, now sold in 35 states.

The 48 cards in the line include photographs of cats wearing lederhosen, a motorcycle jacket, a sequined gown, a christening dress, a leopard print bikini, a cowboy hat, pajamas, a safari ensemble and a pink feather boa.

Other cards show cats dressed as pilots, lions, bunnies, detectives, chefs, bears, señoritas, angels, maids and fishermen.

"You're not slowing down," reads the front of one card. The cat on the card is wearing a gray wig, granny glasses and a warm shawl. This is inside: "The mice are just getting faster."

Another card, illustrated with a photo of a cat in a wicker chair, reads "Happy Birthday to the Nicest Purrr-son!"

Besides birthday cards, the line includes friendship cards, get-well cards, thank-you cards and anniversary cards. They sell for \$1.85 each.

Leitner, who lives in St. Louis, is a portrait artist who says she has always lived with cats and dressed them up. In 1993, she went to a signing to autograph copies of her book "Precious Memories: A Cat Lover's Diary" (Brandywine, Ltd.). For fun, she took along Bailey, one of her cats, attired

in a miniature prom dress.

"At first, some people thought he was stuffed. When they found out he is very real, they went home and got their cameras so they could have their photos taken with him," Leitner said.

Over time, numerous people suggested to Leitner that she produce a line of greeting cards featuring cats in outlandish outfits. The process took two years and lots of kitty treats. Photographing cats is extremely time consuming, Leitner said, and it sometimes took 200 shots to get one great picture.

"People think you can't train cats, but you can. Dogs work for praise, and cats work for food. Of course, all animals respond to love," she said. "Also, you must talk to the cats all the time."

Not everybody likes the cards. Some people have complained to Leitner she is exploiting animals, cats have the right not to pose for silly pictures.

"I love my cats, and they trust me," she said. "Also, the photo sessions provide some additional stimulation for these intelligent animals, and I always reward them with treats."

Leitner just signed with a national licensing company that may expand Fur Ball Cards to include a calendar, collectors' plates, plush toys, mugs and T-shirts. After seven months in business, Leitner said she is selling more than 4,000 cards a week.

Math academy saves years of school

By SHARON JAYSON
Associated Press

AUSTIN — With a little foresight and lots of intelligence, 15-year-old Carlos Murillo saved himself years in the classroom and kept money in the bank.

This fall, the soon-to-be college graduate is headed for medical school. He's on the fast track because he went to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, a high school program for bright students interested in math and science careers. The academy, headquartered at the University of North Texas in Denton, allows students to earn high school and college credit at the same time.

"It cut about two years of college," said Murillo of El Paso, who earned 80 hours of college

credit in Denton before coming to the University of Texas this past fall.

By taking more class credits at the academy than the typical 60 hours, Murillo was already ahead of his peers when he entered UT. He advanced further by taking a hefty course load that will allow him to graduate in August with 154 hours of college credit.

Others interested in saving years of schooling and thousands of dollars can hear more about the academy at an orientation session tonight at Huston-Tillotson College, which offers a two-month summer program for those interested in engineering and science careers. Students in the summer program often choose to go on to the academy.

Austinite Justin Hunkin, who

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PAINTING THE TOWN



Tammie Gross dabs a brush onto her barrel as others in the Summer of Success program work on other barrels at Howard College Thursday. The barrels, donated by Freecom, were decorated by the youth and will be used as trash cans in the city parks.

Chris Carter's 'X'-cellent adventures

Scripps Howard News Service

PASADENA, Calif. — "I can't believe I'm telling you this story," Chris Carter says, and then proceeds to tell it:

The future creator of "The X-Files" was nine years old, and he'd stayed out long after his parents said he could. To teach him a lesson, his father took Chris' dinner plate, put it on a manhole cover outside and told him he could eat there, with the cars driving by.

"I should point out," Carter adds quickly, "that we lived on a cul-de-sac, so there were hardly any cars. But still, it made an impression."

It must have, because the onetime dead-end kid no longer stays out late very much. He's too busy spinning paranoid, paranormal fantasies for "X's" Mulder and Scully — and, lately, bringing along "Millennium," an equally dark drama that Fox will air in the fall.

The luncheon the network has thrown for Carter picks up the distinctively queasy "X" color scheme: black tablecloths, green napkins, centerpieces heavy on lichen and moss. Dessert is a chocolate mousse drizzled with green sauce and topped with a lurid green buttermilk cream "X."

Fox will elbow "The X-Files" aside to Sunday to launch "Millennium" in the Friday hour heated up by the older show.

Carter, whose soft baritone is reminiscent of David

Duchovny's Mulder but who smiles more often, swears Sunday is fine with him. He does, however, deliver a crack about being abducted.

He's candid about the difficulty of keeping the series on top for a fourth season, saying there are many ways to sink a show and only a few ways to keep it on course.

Unnameable but unmistakable evil will continue to drive the plot and set the mood, Carter says.

"I grew up with the concept of the devil, the idea that there

is a force out there that tempts and tricks us," he says. That notion has largely been supplanted by more modern ones of aberrant psychology, but the satanic theme still holds Carter in its grip.

He'd also like to try giving Mulder a girlfriend, something Duchovny has been campaigning for aggressively. Many "X"-philes, however, have been horrified at the suggestion.

"I had such a hostile reaction from the Internet folks that I

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THURSDAY - Bar-B-Q chicken; potato salad; baked beans; mixed vegetables; milk/corn bread; pie.

FRIDAY - Enchiladas; Spanish rice; pinto beans; coleslaw; milk/corn bread; fruit.

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cheese toast; orange; milk.

TUESDAY - Toast; jelly; apple; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Cheese toast; assorted juice; milk.

THURSDAY - Assorted cereal; assorted juice; milk.

FRIDAY - Cheese toast; banana; milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Hamburger; mustard or mayonnaise; French fries; catsup; orange; milk.

TUESDAY - Fish sticks; catsup; snack crackers; mixed vegetables; drill pickle half; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hot dog; ketchup or mustard; pork and beans; banana and milk.

THURSDAY - Chicken patty; rice; bun or bread; corn; apple; milk.

FRIDAY - Cheeseburger; catsup; mustard or mayonnaise; orange; mixed vegetables; milk.

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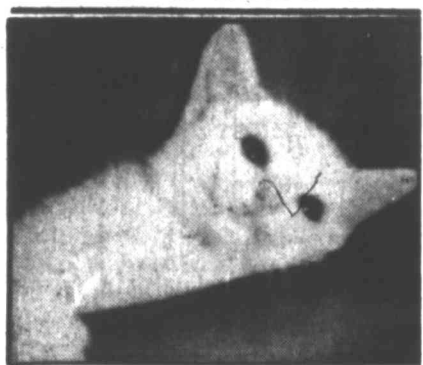
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and playful.

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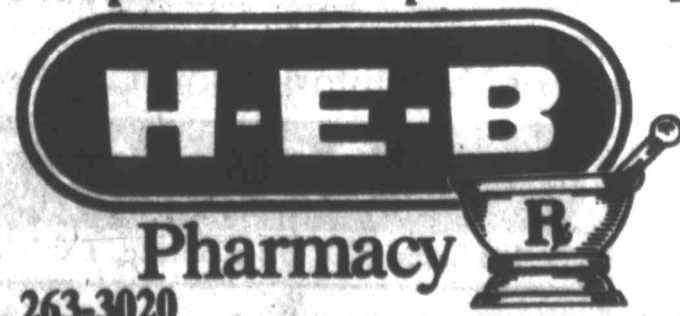
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Easy decorating ideas to achieve that country style

Country style decorating is free of rules, so it is relatively easy for a do-it-yourselfer to reproduce. Since furnishings from many periods and places can be combined, it is often possible to use what you have, creating a new look with accessories and fabrics.

Color palettes range widely from vibrant brights, with colors such as apple green, deep pink, cowslip yellow, chambray blue and white predominating to quieter schemes, such as burgundy and navy set against quiet faded florals and neutrals. Off-whites that look tea-stained are especially current.

AMERICAN COUNTRY - Although American period decor has specific rules for surfaces, furniture and accessories, those decorating in country style can forget about them and combine furnishings created over hundreds of years.

An attractive mix might encompass a Shaker cabinet (antique or reproduction),

Victorian wicker seating, a pine chest and a modern sofa. Mixing natural wood finish pieces and painted pieces is encouraged. Rag rugs, hooked rugs, and Orientals are all appropriate, and walls can be painted, and perhaps decorated with stenciled borders, or wallpapered.

For a contemporary feeling, keep backgrounds simple and uncluttered. Choose clear colors and select accessories that are not too fussy. To soften a room, choose lace and floral fabrics; to create a masculine feeling, select cowhide and American Indian motifs. Character antiques such as twig furniture or a painted Pennsylvania German chest (copies are fine) provide an edge that takes the curse of cuteness off the style.

ENGLISH COUNTRY - Inveterate travelers and collectors, English country house owners never throw anything out (or so it is said). The quin-

tesential English country cottage shelters antiques from many periods and places, mementos and collectibles in a seemingly haphazard arrangement for convenience and comfort.

The armoire is the quintessential French country piece. Painted armoires have come to be identified with the French country style although they aren't authentic.

An overstuffed sofa covered in faded floral chintz with mismatched pillows is a signature item for the living room. Favorites in the dining area are an old pine kitchen table, mismatched dining chairs, and a Welsh cupboard.

FRENCH COUNTRY - A combination of rough textures for walls and floors, fine old walnut furniture and bright sun-washed colors is character-

istic of French country style.

The armoire is the quintessential French country piece. Painted armoires have come to be identified with the French country style although they aren't authentic. True country

initials and perhaps some embroidered trim or lace.

A good way to project a specifically French feeling is with fabrics. The small figured prints of Provence, which come in bright color combinations are especially suggestive of a country French atmosphere.

Use fabric borders to fashion a simple valance over the kitchen sink or French doors or around windows, suggests Lyn Peterson, president of Motif in New Rochelle, N.Y. Fabric borders also can be used to flounce the edge of chair cushions and throw pillows.

Colorful patterns are best in rooms in which there is a lot of activity, such as a kitchen, bath or pantry rather than in a room where you plan to spend quiet time, Peterson says. For bedrooms and living rooms, select patterns such as toile (white with blue or red or brown) or blue and white or yellow and white checks.

By The Associated Press

Decorating wouldn't be complete with these books

An indispensable item of furniture for the home decorator is the bookshelf. Some suggestions for filling them:

A medium of both reality and illusion, the mirror is used by architects and designers to make rooms look bigger, bulky objects smaller, and to spread light. In "Mirror by Design," architect Pamela Heyne describes how mirrors can convey daylight to rooms underground, visually open up small spaces, disguise building defects, and often save substantial rebuilding costs in remodeling.

Heyne surveys the 6,000-year history of the mirror and the ways it has been used. Ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans made mirrors from metals; the 14th-century Venetians produced the first smooth glass mirrors; and the French made them decoratively famous with the "Hall of Mirrors" at the palace of Versailles. The author, who has used mirroring extensively in her commissions, also offers examples of modern use.

You might call it "investment decorating," but designer Linda Blair calls it "Design Sense." Her message is it's not

necessary to spend a bundle to create comfortable and attractive rooms that will add value to your home.

Planning is paramount to make the spaces work for the way you live. And she believes that quality purchases — not always the same as the most expensive — will repay dividends through long wear and when you sell your home.

Since nearly 40 million Americans now work at full- or part-time at home, the spaces they work in are becoming increasingly formalized into home offices. "Home Office Design," by Neal Zimmerman, shows home-based professionals how to transform available spaces to effective offices.

You may not be a budding Thomas Chippendale, but authors David and Jeanie Stiles say you still can master many home furniture projects, turning wood into useful bookcases, shelves, tables, beds, and storage boxes. Their book, "Woodworking Simplified," is

aimed at beginners and covers basic tools and techniques and how to choose lumber. The book includes plans and instructions for 19 practical projects.

Drab but serviceable old furniture can graduate into "heirlooms" with techniques described in "The Practical Guide to Decorative Antique Effects."

People who like modern European furnishings available from the Swedish marketer IKEA and similar stores will find useful ideas in "The Book of Home Design, Using IKEA Home Furnishings." Author Anoop Parikh offers advice on achieving the clean esthetic look using new and old furniture, paints, fabrics and accessories.

As generations of needlepoint fans know, hand-worked pillow covers, hangings, and seat covers give home decor personalized elegance. Pattern charts for new designs by artists like Kaffe Fassett, Candace Bahouth, and Eilann McCready are included in "The Ehrman Needlepoint Book," by

Hugh Ehrman.

The Victorians and Edwardians especially enjoyed decorating with cutouts, and the practice, decoupage, is enjoying a revival, according to Rubena Grigg, author of "Decoupage & Decorative Paint Finishes."

This how-to book offers basic lessons in the craft and instructions for 60 projects — place mats, containers, pitchers, teapots, candlesticks, furnishings and screens. Grigg points out the rich array of quality printing available to anyone these days and says imagination rather than artistic talent is the main skill needed to create professional-level results.

Drab but serviceable old furniture can graduate into "heirlooms" with techniques described in "The Practical Guide to Decorative Antique Effects," by Annie Sloan. She describes the processes: waxing, staining, stenciling and decoupage that can add character and interest to transform nondescript pieces into collectors' items.

By The Associated Press

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by Aug. 19. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for Aug. 28.

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

Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo. Some suggestions: children or pets doing funny or interesting things.

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Editor's Note: The policy of the HERALD is to list the parents and grandparents' names no matter where they are from. If the great-grandparents are the only local connection, their names will be listed as well.

Jasmine Diane Rios, June 21, 1996, 6 lbs. 1 1/2 oz., 19 inches long; parents are Anita Valle and Reuben Rios.

Kayla Delone Shelby, July 15, 1996, 7 lbs. 1 oz., 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Mark and Tonya Shelby, Big Spring.

Grandparents are Ron Daratt, El Paso; Paddy Daratt, Weiser, Idaho; and Ben and Roberta Shelby, Weiser, Idaho. Great-grandparents are Betty Daratt,

Big Spring, and the late Melvin Daratt.

Justin Ray Essery, boy, July 11, 1996, 10:32 p.m.; parents are Eddie and Rhonda Essery.

Grandparents are Horace and Peggy Proctor, Hermleigh, and Ed and Nellie Essery, Snyder.

Marcos Anthonie Escovedo, boy, July 15, 1996, 5:58 p.m.; parents are David Escovedo, Jr. and Lory Lopez.

Grandparents are Olga and Habacue Lopez and David and Victoria Escovedo, all of Big Spring.

Kristen Nicole Steen, girl, July 15, 1996, 2:10 p.m.; parents are Kenneth and Pamela Steen.

Grandparents are Kenneth R. and Patsy Steen, Big Spring, and Wilson and Helen Sikes, Midland.

All About Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

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New approach seeks to halt teen alcohol abuse

Scripps Howard News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — For years, adults have been trying to get kids to "just say no" to alcohol by telling them how bad it is or by trying to boost their self-esteem so they can swim against the tide.

And most of the time, it doesn't work.

But Cheryl Perry, a behavioral scientist at the University of Minnesota, has found there is a way to reduce drinking among teenagers — by changing the social pressures around them.

In a study released this week, Perry and her team reported they had significantly reduced drinking among eighth graders in northeastern Minnesota through a three-year classroom program called Project

Northland, which focused more on the role of peer groups and adults than individual students.

The children, who began the program in sixth grade, had a 20 percent lower rate of monthly drinking, and 30 percent lower rate of weekly drinking by the end of eighth grade, than did a comparison group who were given existing prevention programs. And even though they didn't talk about smoking, those same kids were also less likely to use cigarettes or marijuana as well.

The impact was especially dramatic among the teenagers who hadn't started drinking by the start of sixth grade. By the time they reached eighth grade, they were half as likely to use marijuana, 37 percent less likely to smoke cigarettes and 28 percent less likely to drink monthly.

"In public health terms, (that's) a big deal," said Perry, a professor of epidemiology at the university's School of Public Health. Because alcohol abuse is such a tough nut to crack, even a small drop can be significant to researchers.

Just last month, Project Northland was rated as one of the best in the nation by researchers in a report by Drug Strategies, a Washington-based institute. "The fact that it had a more profound effect on marijuana says to me it's doing what it's trying to do," said Margaret Beaudry, the institute's research director. "It's building the refusal skills that kids need. It's just that alcohol is harder to prevent."

Perry's project followed 2,400 middle-school students in 24 school districts in northeastern Minnesota from 1991 to 1994.

She picked that area because it has some of the highest drinking-related problems in the state, she said. She wanted to see if she could make a difference there.

Even before the study began, about a third of the students admitted they'd had at least one alcoholic drink "not including communion" before entering sixth grade, says Perry. In fact, 2 to 4 percent admitted they'd had a drink in the previous week. "That's a lot," she said. "You can think of it as the casual beer that the parents don't worry about."

Parents and community leaders then got into the picture, by talking to the kids more about drinking, setting explicit ground rules and creating alcohol-free activities where teenagers could have fun without feeling pressure to drink.

WHO'S WHO

The United States Achievement Academy announced Kurt Fisher has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.



FISHER

Fisher, who attends Palestine Middle School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The USAA National Honor Roll Awards provide honor roll students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent and ability.

Fisher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Fisher. He is the grandson of Edwina Welch Reagan of Big Spring and Elvie Fisher of Corinth, Mo.

Bradley D. Gibson is among those cited for academic achievement during the 1996 spring semester at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Gibson qualified for the Dean's Honor Roll, which requires a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 to qualify.

Malissa Kelly McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Arthur McKay of Big Spring, was named to Salem College's second semester dean's list.

Salem College is a four-year liberal arts college for women founded by Moravian settlers in 1772, making it the oldest women's college in the country.

Brenda Cowley, daughter of Evelyn Cowley and the late Bob Cowley of Forsan, has been selected for inclusion in the fourth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1996.

Brenda has been an employee of the Amarillo Independent School District for the past seven years. She teaches seventh and eighth grade Social Studies, eighth grade Creative Writing, and coaches seventh grade girls volleyball, basketball, and track at Fannin Middle School.

Ms. Cowley was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers by Kaleen Black, a 1996 graduate of Caprock High School in Amarillo. Only high school and college students who have been cited for academic excellence are invited to nominate one teacher from their entire academic experience. Who's Who, 1996 will honor a select 5 percent of the nation's outstanding teachers.

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Solid stuff from rock musician Neil Young

Scripps Howard News Service

BROKEN ARROW, Neil Young with Crazy Horse (Reprise)

You've heard this Neil Young album before — and that's OK. The relentless rocker rides again with Crazy Horse and the results are predictable and entertaining.

Those craving a dose of Young's chunky, charged electric boogie get plenty of that — as well as a heaping serving of the ax man's stinging, noodling guitar work — on the opening "Big Time."

More of the same follows on "Loose Change" and "Slip Away." Just about the time you think Young has forsaken songwriting for jamming (the first three tracks run a lengthy 7:24, 9:49, and 8:36 respectively), here comes "Changing Highway." The chugging, melodic, poppish (for Young) track qualifies as a ditty here.

And while the excellent "Scattered (Let's Think About Living)" brings back some of the opening songs' musical edge, "Music Arcade" and "This Town" close out the pre-recorded music on a quiet note.

The latter simply features an acoustic guitar and a virtually whispering Young.



NEIL YOUNG

The proceedings conclude with an eight-minute live version of Jimmy Reed's "Baby What You Want Me To Do," recorded at a tiny bar.

LIFE! IN BRIEF

Here is a list of upcoming events in the Crossroads Country:

• **July - The Heart of West Texas Museum, Colorado City.** announces an exhibit of antique home decor Sunday at the Mitchell County Heritage House, 425 Chestnut St. China, quilts and other home furnishings will be on display in conjunction

with Railhead Trade Days, the town's antique and craft fair. Hours of operation will 2-6 p.m. July 21.

Nature Walks at Big Spring State Park every Saturday in July.

Comanche Warrior Triathlon and 10-K Run at Dora Roberts Community Center and Comanche Trail Park July 27-28. Dora Roberts Pro Am Summerfest at Big Spring Country Club on July 28 and 29.

X-Files

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fear for my life," Carter says. His favorite "X"-cerpts from the series? The death of Scully's father and "the one with the sub bursting out of the polar ice cap."

His "X"-pectations for the fall? "Mulder will think there's a paranormal thing," Carter replies smoothly, "and Scully will say 'No, it can't be.'"

Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions need to be in the Herald office no later than Aug. 5. It is scheduled for Aug. 14. Meals that can be made in 30 minutes or less and low calorie/low fat recipes are needed.

Math

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spent two summers in the Huston-Tillotson program, enrolled at the academy last year.

"High school was just too easy," Geoff Hunkin said of his son's early high school experiences. "He didn't have to crack a book. We were afraid if we didn't find something to challenge him, he'd never learn how to study."

The academy was created in 1987 by the Texas Legislature to provide Texas residents with an advanced program that gives them a head start in college. Those who have demonstrated ability in math, science or engineering or are interested in a medical career can simultaneously complete their junior and senior years of high school and freshmen and sophomore years of college.

But academy students don't forfeit the high school experience. Traditional offerings, including student council, newspaper and yearbook staff, Key Club and a senior prom are provided. Students live in dorms in Denton with others in the high school program and may participate in college organizations, too.

Enrollment is limited by state law to 400. In the latest round of admissions, more than 500 students applied and 206 incoming juniors were selected, said Richard Sinclair, director of the academy. Among the 10th-grade candidates, SAT scores averaged 1282, he said.

Their brainpower is rewarded financially since academy students aren't required to pay the university's average annual costs of \$2,100 in tuition, books and fees. Funding for the program is provided through a \$1.7 million legislative appropriation and \$500,000 from the Texas Education Agency based on student enrollment. Students pay only room and board, which amounts to \$3,750 a year.

"There's a huge financial and academic advantage," said former Austin state Rep. Susan Combs, whose son Blaise Duran will graduate next spring.

His older brother, Alex Duran, is an academy graduate who is a senior at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Combs said eliminating two years of college costs amounted to a huge savings, especially since annual tuition at MIT costs them about \$22,000.

In Texas there is only one other similar program: Lamar University in Beaumont is in its second year with a program targeting students interested in leadership. The Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities has about 100 students, including a few from the Austin area, program coordinator Jean LaGrone said. It recruits new students by distributing information through Texas high schools and gifted and talented programs.

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Summertime and drought bring out landscaping problems

The prolonged heat and dry weather is showing its effects on local landscapes. My co-worker, Keith Klement, and I have had the opportunity to make a lot of home visits the past few weeks and some common problems appear to be emerging. Most of them heat and drought related.

The perennial Elm Leaf Beetle that devastates the com-



Don Richardson
County Agent

mon Siberian Elm in our area is active now. Hundreds of these trees are practically defoliated as a result of these pests feeding upon these leaves. This pest is fairly easy to control but its visible effects of skeletonized leaves will remain throughout the season. Early treatment with a pesticide such as Malathion usually does the trick.

If conditions exist (no food crops are grown in the area and the owner holds a TDA issued restricted-use pesticide license), a systemic insecticide, such as Di-Syston can be applied in the ground in mid-June and prevent damages from occurring. Call our office on details on this product use before applying it, however. A

strange phenomenon has occurred on some newly planted Cedar Elms, this summer.

We have found symptoms of the Elm Leaf Beetle on this species of elm for the first time in our area on some newly planted trees. The owner had very capably treated the trees prior to our visit and the insects were, for all practical purposes, all gone, but it surely appeared like this pest had attacked these trees. This situation bears watching as, normally, this is an excellent landscape tree for our area with few pests bothering it.

Tomatoes have been particularly hard hit by problems, it appears this summer. The very deadly Curly-Top virus has been widespread. This common

West Texas malady of tomatoes is spread by the feeding of the Beet Leaf Hopper.

It is practically impossible to control this pest because the damage has occurred and symptoms notices long after the pest has disappeared. Symptoms include a general decline in the plants appearance with leaves curling from the top down. Classic symptoms include, upon close examination, a wine-colored swelling of the veins on the underside of affected plants. No cure is available and infected plants should be pulled up and destroyed.

If early enough in the season, new plants can be re-planted with no additional damage other than what would be nor-

mally expected in the area to occur. Planting tomatoes thickly and screening them from the intense afternoon sun sometimes help keep the beet leafhopper away.

Thinly planted and isolated plants appear to be more attractive to this pest. Keeping the area free of weeds will also help prevent a buildup of these pests before they have a chance to move in on home gardens. We have also seen some evidence of the soil-borne disease, Verticillium Wilt, in our area this year. Once an area is infected with this problem, tomatoes, and other susceptible crops should not be planted there again for about three seasons.

The use of legume plants in

the area also seems to help clear up this condition. Symptoms of this problem include a fading in color of the leaves and a general decline. Cutting through the tissue near the base of the plant with a diagonal cut will reveal brown streaking in this area, which is a classic symptom of this problem.

Poor fruit set is another problem we hear about. Tomatoes, particularly the large, "beefsteak" types, set fewer fruit, generally, in our area. These type of varieties find growing conditions tough in West Texas with our summer heat. When temperatures hover over the 95 degree mark over a period of time fruit set is expected to be poor on most varieties.

Five Texans named to business hall

DALLAS (AP) — Five Texans who have helped shape the state's business have been selected for induction into the Texas Business Hall of Fame.

To be inducted are: Ebby Halliday, who founded the Ebby Halliday real estate company in Dallas; Harry K. Smith, an industrialist from Houston, who turned Big Three Industries into an international energy company; William T. Solomon, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Dallas-based Austin Industries, a construction contractor; Lionel Sosa, who founded and built the nation's largest Hispanic advertising agency and is now chief executive officer of KJN Advertising and Public Relations in San Antonio; and Anne Windfohr Marion of Fort Worth, president of Burnett Ranches Ltd., which includes the Four Sixes Ranch.

The official induction will be Oct. 16 in Dallas.

WHAT A RELIEF IT IS!



Howard County Commissioner Bill Crocker ponders an issue in the Howard County Commissioners' Courtroom. The Commissioners' Courtroom has a different look and a cooler feel now that renovations are completed on the courtroom. Commissioners will be spending a lot of time in the courtroom as they begin tackling the 1996-97 county budget.

Business earnings

■ GM

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. said Tuesday its profit fell 17 percent in the second quarter, due to the costs of spinning off its Electronic Data Systems Corp. subsidiary.

The world's biggest automaker earned \$1.89 billion, or \$2.63 a share, compared with \$2.27 billion, or \$2.39 a share, for the April-June period last year. Revenue increased 6 percent to \$44.7 billion from \$42.2 billion.

Without the \$208.8 million loss from the EDS spinoff on June 7, GM's earnings from continuing operations were up slightly at \$2.1 billion, or \$2.65 a share, compared with \$1.9 billion, or \$2.41 a share, a year ago.

The per-share results broke GM's record of \$2.56 a share, set in the first quarter of 1984.

The results were better than analysts' estimates. The average estimate of second-quarter earnings in First Call's survey of 18 analysts was \$2.51 a share.

"The second-quarter results from continuing operations demonstrate that we continue to gain ground toward achieving our long-range financial goals," said GM Chairman Jack Smith Jr.

Chrysler Corp. reported Friday that it had its best second quarter ever, with earnings up sharply at \$1.04 billion. Ford Motor Co. plans to report its earnings Wednesday.

Earnings from GM's North American operations and Delphi Automotive Systems, its parts subsidiary, totaled \$1.1 billion, compared with \$880 million in the second quarter of 1995.

But GM's international operations were down at \$424 million from \$513 million a year ago.

Excluding the EDS spinoff on June 7, GM's net profit margin was 5.2 percent compared with 5.1 percent in the comparable period of 1995.

■ EDS

PLANO — Electronic Data Systems Corp. on Tuesday reported second-quarter losses of \$326.5 million, or 67 cents per share, largely due to \$850 million in restructuring charges after EDS was spun off from General Motors Corp.

The Plano-based electronics and information company

said last month it would have to set aside about \$100 million more than earlier projected for the split from GM.

Before the charge, earnings for the quarter ended June 30 totaled \$246.6 million, or 51 cents per share, as compared with \$226.9 million, or 47 cents per share, during the same three months last year.

Revenue for the quarter was nearly \$3.5 billion, up from \$2.9 billion during second-quarter 1995.

The company said it expected the split from GM to begin paying off as savings in the third quarter.

"EDS will continue to grow and change as an independent company, just as it has throughout its entire history," said company chairman Les Alberthal. "If anything, our responsibilities now are even greater ... and the need to be agile and creative is even more imperative."

The restructuring charges included \$275 million for employee-related costs and \$15 million for the costs of writing down the value of technology.

■ TI

DALLAS — Continued downward pressure on memory chip prices pushed Texas Instruments Inc.'s second-quarter profit down 73 percent.

The company also forecast a drop in revenue for the worldwide chip industry this year, the first manufacturer to make such a gloomy prediction. While the semiconductor industry has experienced a revenue slowdown chiefly because of lower memory prices, most firms and analysts are still forecast slight overall growth.

The electronics manufacturer earned \$76 million, or 39 cents per share, in the quarter ending June 30. Analysts surveyed by First Call Inc. had expected a profit of 53 cents.

The disappointing performance added to investor perception of broader trouble in technology.

Texas Instruments' stock opened down \$1.62 at \$40.62 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company earned \$278 million, or \$1.44 a share, for the same period one year ago.

Revenue was \$2.85 billion, down 12 percent from the \$3.24 billion for the year-ago period.

Prices for the company's dynamic memory chips were as much as 75 percent below their year-ago level.

from Herald wire sources

INSIDE BIG SPRING...

Participation the key to community success

EDITOR'S NOTE: Inside Big Spring is a new feature that will appear weekly in the Sunday business section. Master Plan Coordinator Tara Kersh and City/County Grant Writer Leigh Corson will alternate as author of this weekly feature.

Have you ever known one of those really opinionated persons? Have you ever known one of those people involved in everything that's going on around town? At one time or another, most of us have.

How do these persons become so visible in the community? Why does their voice seem to carry more weight than others?

The answer to these and many other questions you might have is participation. These are the people who are familiar with their community. They know the needs of their community and have committed themselves to filling the voids.

Here's how they manage to do it (you can do it too).

First, inform yourself. Knowledge is power. Find out what your local government is doing, read the newspaper, listen to the radio, attend City Council meetings, and if you can't attend watch the meeting on cable Channel 10. Council meetings are every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the new council chambers on Fourth Street next to City Hall.

Decisions that can affect your everyday life are made during these meetings. Your presence and input are vital additions to this process.

Second, get out and vote.

Only 11 percent to 12 percent of the registered voters in Howard County are deciding how your tax dollars will be spent, according to the last city election.

With new accommodations being made for voters, there is no excuse for missing your chance to vote. You can now participate through early voting, absentee voting or by coming to the polls on election day. Those with disabilities may request that ballots be taken to their cars for their convenience.

Make a new commitment to your future by voting in each and every election. Last, but not least, donate your time and talents to the organization or cause of your choice. It doesn't take a lot of time; you don't have to miss your child's basketball game or miss a single episode of "ER," yet the results can be amazing. It's easy!

If every person in Big Spring donated only one hour of their time each month, this would average to approximately 770 volunteer hours per day. Just think about what a difference this would make on the image of the city and in the attitudes of our citizens.

Big Spring is an inviting community with real "home town" appeal and spirit. Unlike the metropolitan areas, we know our neighbors and civic leaders. This gives us an opportunity to ignite community pride by working together and participating to promote our home town.



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City/County
Grant Writer



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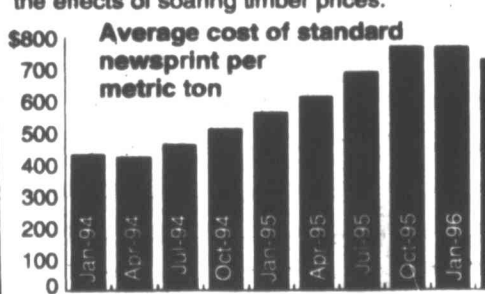
Keeping an eye on Texas

All the news affordable to print

Because of rising paper costs, many small weekly newspapers had to boost the portion of advertising in their papers to avoid job cuts, and even the Houston Post, when it folded in April 1995, cited higher newsprint costs as a major factor.

Newsprint prices

Over an 18-month period, average newsprint costs jumped by 80 percent, demonstrating the effects of soaring timber prices.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Press Association and Pulp & Paper Weekly.

Slick 50's benefits being questioned by FTC

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Federal Trade Commission complaint alleges that Quaker State is making false and unsubstantiated advertising claims for Slick 50, the best-selling auto engine treatment in the United States.

"Slick 50's ads claim that compared to motor oil alone, it reduces engine wear, lengthens engine life and provides a host of other benefits," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the agency's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "The claims sound good, but the evidence doesn't back them up."

The complaint is not a finding that Quaker State Corp. has violated the law. Instead, it marks the beginning of a proceeding in which the allegations will be examined at a hearing.

In Dallas, Stephen Blum, vice president of corporate relations for Quaker State, said four peer-reviewed technical papers and "a battery of lab engine tests and taxi fleet studies" support the claim that Slick 50 reduces wear on engines.

"It works, and we think we

have overwhelming evidence to substantiate that fact," Blum said in a Tuesday telephone interview.

Slick 50 sells for about \$18 a quart and Quaker State, the parent company, claims to have about 60 percent of the engine treatment market. Three subsidiaries of Quaker State are named: Slick 50 Management, Inc., Slick 50 Products Corp. and Slick 50 Corp.

Bernstein said the ads exaggerate protection the treatment offers over conventional motor oils.

"All the evidence we've seen so far suggests that the best thing you can do for your car's engine is to get an oil change performed at manufacturer recommended intervals," she said. "People who want to maximize their automobile performance and enhance its long life should read the owner's manual and follow the directions."

Similar charges last year against STP Corp. and its parent, First Brands Corp., resulted in an \$880,000 civil penalty.

Drought could be effecting state's shrinking business

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Shrimp production in the Gulf of Mexico is down for the second straight year, and fishermen say the prolonged Texas drought is to blame.

Wilma Anderson, executive director of the Texas Shrimp Association, says less rain means less fresh water in the estuaries, which means high salinity in bays and oceans.

Shrimpers piloted their boats into the Gulf of Mexico 30 minutes after sunset Monday for the start of the season. The National Marine Fisheries Service is predicting that about 25.5 million pounds of shrimp will be harvested over the next 12 months. That's up from the 24.6 million pounds caught last season, but below the expected catch of 27 million pounds.

Justice of the Peace, China Long, Precinct 1, P.O. Box 100, Big Spring, Texas. The address remains until all known addresses are updated. If any problem, contact China Long.

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Howard County Deed Records

Warranty Deeds:

grantor: C.R. and Ruth Eubanks

grantee: Kenneth R. Eubanks

property: Lot 3, blk. 4, Wason Place Addition

filed: June 26, 1996

grantor: Jerdean Kinman

grantee: Rocky and Yvonne Hale

property: A tract of land out of and part of tract no. 15 of Kennebec Heights Addition a subdivision of section 12, blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co.

filed: June 26, 1996

grantor: Wilma Arree Marlow

grantee: Thomas Ford Marlow, Sr.

property: South 1/2 of lot 4 and North 1/2 of lot 5 in blk. 6 in Hathcock Heights Addition.

filed: June 26, 1996

grantor: Edwin F. and Luella Arnold

grantee: Donald M. and Myrna G. Richardson

property: North 1/2 of lot 6, the East 20' of the North 1/2 of lot 5 and the West 10' of the East 30' of the North 1/2 of lot 5 in blk. 22 Cole & Strayhorn Addition.

filed: June 27, 1996

grantor: Wilma Arree Marlow

grantee: Costatez, Inc., formerly Texas Title Co.

property: tract 1 - South 1/2 of lot 4 and North 1/2 of lot 5, blk. 6, Hathcock Heights Addition. Tract 2 - tract of land 55' East and West and 155' North and South, out of East 200' of a 5.9 acre tract of land out of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-S T&P Ry. Co. Tract 3 - Out of and a part of section 5, blk. 32, Tsp. 1-S, T&P, Ry. Co.

filed: June 28, 1996

grantor: Tena Janest Parker

grantee: Jerdean Kinman

property: Lot 31, blk. 8, Suburban Addition.

filed: June 28, 1996

grantor: Joe Lea Fishback

grantee: Gerry Robinson

property: All real estate of every kind and character acquired by grantor as a beneficiary under the will of Victor Robinson, deceased, whose probate was filed in Upshur County, Texas in cause No. 5308.

filed: July 1, 1996

grantor: Harry Ray Fishback

grantee: Robert Gerry Robinson

property: All real estate of every kind and character acquired by grantor as a beneficiary under the will of Victor Robinson, deceased, whose probate was filed in Upshur County, Texas in cause No. 5308.

filed: July 1, 1996

grantor: Phillip Law once Fishback

grantee: Robert Gerry Robinson

property: All real estate of every kind and character acquired by grantor as a beneficiary under the will of Victor Robinson, deceased, whose probate was filed in Upshur County, Texas in cause No. 5308.

filed: July 1, 1996

grantor: Donna Lynn Cherryhomes

grantee: Victor R. Yanez Jr. and Maria D. Leos

property: Lot 3, blk. 2, Stardust Addition.

filed: July 1, 1996

grantor: Linda K. Rose

grantee: Reuben and Ruby Englert

property: tract 1 - Lot 29, blk. 14, Monticello Addition, and tract 2 - Lot 29, blk. 15, Monticello Addition.

filed: July 2, 1996

grantor: Carolyn J. Smith, formerly Carolyn Byrum Clark

grantee: Debbie G. Reese and Barton D. Neighbors

property: Lot 17, blk. 2, Monticello Addition.

filed: July 2, 1996

grantor: Florine L. Davis

grantee: Emiel E. and Mary E. Lehman

property: Lot 1, blk. 2, Western Hills Addition.

filed: July 3, 1996

grantor: Strickland & Knight Equipment Co.

grantee: Jerry Iden

property: A 10.019 acre tract of land out of a 64.89 acre tract in section 8, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Co.

filed: July 3, 1996

grantor: David A. and Charla K. Scott

grantee: Donald E. Hankins

property: Lots 5 & 6, blk. 10, Subdivision A, Fairview Heights Addition.

filed: July 3, 1996

Warranty deed/vendor's lien:

grantor: Jade Development, L.L.C.

grantee: Key Homes, Inc.

property: Lot 1, blk. 2, Caroline Court

filed: June 26, 1996

grantor: A.E. Kelley

grantee: Julia G. and Santos Lopez

property: Lot 4, blk. 3, Stanford Park Addition.

filed: July 1, 1996

grantor: The Doris P. Hale revocable trust dated 12/15/94

grantee: Lori Jan Green

property: West 125' of lot 3, blk. 25, Saunders Addition.

filed: July 2, 1996

grantor: Jade Development L.L.C.

grantee: Saech and Lucy Saech Raymond

property: Lot 2, blk. 3, Caroline Court Subdivision.

filed: July 2, 1996

grantor: Doris Pike Guthrie

grantee: Larry Dexter and Linda Rutledge Knight

property: Lot no. N, Village at the Spring, section 2.

filed: July 2, 1996

grantor: Judy Kay Rogers, Preston Virgil Crawford, Ginny Crawford, Dawn Michelle Privett and Lana Kay Crawford

grantee: Jason and Amy Ogle

property: Lot 4, blk. 4, Douglass Addition.

filed: July 2, 1996

grantor: ENE Inc.

grantee: Tony V. and Marsha Scott

property: North 1/2 of lot, 1 blk. 87, Original Town.

filed: July 3, 1996

grantor: Teresa Moore Warrington f/k/a Teresa Moore and Dennis Warrington

grantee: Osvaldo Jimenez Contreras

property: Lot 8, blk. 3, Marshall Fields Estates.

filed: July 3, 1996

grantor: Pete Rosenbaum

grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum

property: West 100' of South 50' lot 2, North 50' of lot 3, save and except 10' off of the East, blk. 90, Original town.

filed: July 3, 1996

grantor: Jessie Nalley and Janice Elizabeth Scott

grantee: Joe Simons and Virginia Gail Zilal

property: Lot 6, blk. 2, Indian Hills Addition.

filed: July 5, 1996

Deed without warranty:

grantor: Freida Colita Grant

grantee: Inez Newton Grant

property: Lot 25, blk. 10, Edwards Heights Addition

filed: July 1, 1996

Special warranty deed:

grantor: Associates Relocation Management Co. Inc.

grantee: Jimmy W. and Karen A. Henderson

property: Lot 5, and the West 5' of lot 6, blk. 5, Clawson Subdivision.

filed: June 28, 1996

grantor: Associates Relocation Management Co. Inc.

grantee: Jerry and Lori Penny

property: West 48' of lot 14 and the East 12' of lot 13, blk. 13, Douglass Addition #2.

filed: June 28, 1996

General warranty deed:

grantor: Joe D. and Helen Merrick

grantee: Alonzo and Marie Denettie Landin

property: Lot 16, blk. 1, Highland South Addition.

filed: June 18, 1996

grantor: Alonzo D. and Marie Denettie Landin

grantee: Anthony F. and Donna M. Salazar

property: lot 22, blk. 13, Douglass Addition #2.

filed: June 28, 1996

grantor: James and Janie M. McVean

grantee: Cindy Hopper

property: Lots 11 & 12, blk. 23, McDowell Heights Addition.

filed: June 28, 1996

grantor: Gene A. and Vicki A. Hector

grantee: Tim Gilles

property: Lots 3-5, Subdivision "A" of Fairview Heights Addition.

filed: June 28, 1996

Deeds:

grantor: Aline Lawrence, widow of C.B. Lawrence

grantee: Margaret A. Lawrence, trustee of the Margaret A. Lawrence Trust dated 5/9/96

property: Lots 5 & 6, Subdivision B, blk. 5, Fairview Addition.

filed: July 3, 1996

Gift deed:

grantor: Mary Ann Rodriguez

grantee: Carmen Rodriguez

property: East 1/2 of lots 7 & 8, blk. 35, W.R. Settles Subdivision of College Heights Addition.

filed: July 3, 1996

Cash deed:

grantor: Mary Ellen Bledsoe - formerly Mary Ellen Wallace

grantee: A.E. Kelley

property: Lot 14, blk. 2-B, Belvue Addition.

filed: July 2, 1996

General warranty deed with vendor's lien:

grantor: Paul Eugene and Mary Elizabeth Booker Spence

grantee: Sandra L. McCord

property: Lot 23, blk. 8, Douglass Addition.

filed: June 28, 1996

Special warranty deed with vendor's lien:

grantor: Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children

grantee: Ken Bennett, d/b/a Cotton Services Co.

property: Tract of land in section 48, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.

filed: July 2, 1996

118th District Court:

For 7/21:

Howard County, Et Al vs. Jim Tucker, DBA Tucker Construction, disposed-judgment-tax.

Howard County, Et Al vs. David P. Mitchem, DBA Mitchem, disposed-dismissed-tax.

Stephanie D. Riddell vs. John Williams Riddell, disposed-family law.

Maricella Balcazar vs. Jose Rios, disposed-family law.

Erlinda Gonzales vs. Luis Rivera, disposed-family law.

Mrs. Baird's wants to end price fixing lawsuit out of court

TYLER (AP) — Officials of four bakeries say they're ready to put an expensive class action lawsuit behind them.

While continuing to deny they conspired to fix bread prices over the past two decades, the companies have agreed to pay \$31.75 million to settle the suit, brought by grocery stores and school districts in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

According to court documents, Mrs. Baird's Bakeries, Inc., the nation's largest family owned bakery, would pay \$18 million; Flowers Baking Company of Tyler, Inc., and Flowers Baking Company of Texas, Inc., would pay \$7.5 million; and Campbell Taggart Baking Companies, Inc., known as Rainbow Bakeries, would pay \$6.25 million.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler postponed a scheduled hearing Thursday on the proposed settlement to review more than 100 pages worth of court documents filed after 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Justice said he'll reschedule the hearing for sometime in September, at which time parties can present evidence supporting their request.

The settlement with Mrs. Baird's is subject to the

approval of U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Northern District of Texas.

The settlements with Flowers and Campbell Taggart are subject to Justice's approval.

Justice issued two orders Thursday — one severing the claims against Interstate Brands Corp., doing business as Dolly Madison Bakery, because it has not agreed to settle, and one consolidating pending federal court action with a similar lawsuit, which had been filed in state court in Cleburne, Texas.

Mrs. Baird's, an 88-year-old company based in Fort Worth, Texas, was convicted earlier this year of price-fixing in East Texas between 1977 and 1993. It was acquitted of a similar count involving alleged price-fixing in West Texas.

On May 30, U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer of Dallas assessed the maximum fine of \$10 million, sentenced the company to five years probation and ordered it to perform 2,500 hours of community service.

Buchmeyer ordered Mrs. Baird's to pay \$1 million immediately and the rest in monthly installments. He also said

The community service, which could involve such

things as handing out bread at shelters, must be completed during the five years of probation.

The other bakeries also have been under litigation involving price fixing within the baking industry.

The tentative \$7.5 million settlement offer by Flowers Industries, a Georgia-based baker, and the proposed \$6.25 million settlement offer by St. Louis-based Earthgrains Co., formerly Campbell Taggart Baking Cos., were announced earlier in the year.

While agreeing to the settlement, "The settling defendants deny all of the claims alleged by plaintiffs in the class action (lawsuit) and deny all liability," the proposed settlement says.

"Nonetheless, they have concluded that the further conduct of the class action would be protracted and expensive.

"The settling defendants also have taken into account the uncertainty and risks inherent in any litigation, especially in complex cases like the class action, and have agreed to settle the class action on the terms set forth in the settlements in order to avoid the time, expense and uncertainty of litigation," it says.

California farmers say state agency failed to protect them

HANFORD (AP) — Bob Bassett is "a very bitter man" who blames a little-known state agency for his loss of a farm that had been in the family more than a century.

Bassett said he lost about \$70,000 in an onion deal with a Fresno-based broker in 1994, so he turned to the Market Enforcement Branch of the California Department of Food and Agriculture for help. The agency has the duty to regulate marketing practices between farmers and wholesalers or processors for all farm products other than milk, timber and certain seeds.

"I was kicking up my heels; I thought I was going to get my money back," Bassett said.

But he claims state officials offered him a settlement that would have recovered only a small part of his losses. The agency referred the case to the Kings County district attorney, but Bassett said no complaint was filed and he got no money at all.

Finally, he had to sell the

farm.

"If you ask me if I'm bitter, I'll tell you I'm a very bitter man," Bassett said. "I have a son who was helping me farm that land for seven years, who was going to take over after me."

Critics such as Bassett formed a group called California Farmer Advocates that helped convince the state auditor general to investigate food and agriculture's Market Enforcement Branch.

The audit report, released last week, charged that the branch has been too lax in regulating produce dealers, processors and their agents. The report found that the branch consistently failed to revoke or suspend licenses when warranted or to initiate civil or criminal action against violators.

The audit report said that in eight of 44 cases it inspected, Market Enforcement Branch officials were aware that produce dealers had violated codes, but the agency took no

action to stop the violations.

The report said some dealers undersold growers' crops, charged brokerage fees on sales that weren't authorized in writing and failed to provide written, accurate and complete accounts of sales as state law requires.

California Secretary of Food and Agriculture Ann M. Veneman said she generally agrees with the audit and noted a task force she appointed made similar recommendations.

Veneman said she has instructed her staff to prepare "a plan of action and implement the administrative recommendations within the department's statutory authority."

But members of California Farmer Advocates said any reforms will come too late to help growers such as Bassett and Ron Paul of Fresno.

Paul complained that the agency made a settlement offer of \$49,000 based on a partial audit of his dealings with his broker.

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FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATOR:
High School diploma or GED plus 18 months of full-time experience assisting in the therapeutic activities. Successful completion of a therapist technician program may substitute for (6) months experience. College work which includes courses pertinent to rehabilitation therapy may be substituted for experience on a basis of 15 hours for six (6) months. Must be highly motivated, self-directed, and able to work independently as well as part of a team. Will office in Big Spring and assist families within a 100 miles radius in coordinating education and developmental activities, medical services, therapies, social supports and assisting in therapeutic activities. Will work with infants and children from birth to three (3) years communication skills, and sign language skills. Must have a valid Texas driver's license and meet driving requirements to operate a State vehicle. Qualified applicants may contact Jackson Boen for further information (800) 696-4053 Ext. 3518.

WILL OFFICE IN BIG SPRING AREA

Apply at: Texas Employment Commission, 310 Owens St., Big Spring, TX 79720

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26 GAUGE steel roofing metal, slightly hail damaged. All lengths, white, red, charcoal. 30 feet. Call 263-3182, night 267-3730.

Computer 370
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FOUND: Female Pekinese Sheltie mix. Answers to the name Rudy. Please call 393-5645.

Furniture 390
FOR SALE: Couch & loveseat, International, 5 years old, like new. Call 263-4375.

Miscellaneous 395
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• 1 & 2 Bedroom
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Mobile Homes 517

1997 Fleetwood doublewide #1 home in America, 5 year warranty, garden tub, extra large closet. \$1595 down \$249.32 month 360 months 9.25% v.a.r.p.r.360 months. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

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LOOKING FOR MORE SPACE? Check this one out. Triplewide. It even comes with a deck, built in large kitchen, morning room sliding glass doors endless living area. Rock fireplace. Only \$2995.00 down \$468.00 month, 9.25% v.a.r.p.r.360 months. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881.

Look short term payout! on 3 bedroom 2 bath only 8 years and you own this home free and clear, your title is in the mail. \$995.00 Homes of America Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

USED DOUBLEWIDE 1993 Redman Shadowridge 28x80 4 bedroom, 2 bath with all appliances, air and fireplace. Buy this trade in before we bring it to our lot and save a double set up fee. Call Bob or Donna for details at 915-520-5850 or 800-456-8944.

Lowest price 4 bedroom on the market. #1 home in America upgrade carpet, high room large utility, freezer garage, garden tub and walk-in closets. \$1995.00 down, \$346.00 month, 240 months, 11.25% apr. Homes of America Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

MOBILE HOME REPOSESSED. I must sell nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath very good condition, has A/C. 800-215-4665.

OAKCREEK - HOMESTAR QUALITY AT IT'S BEST GUARANTEED. 800-215-4665.

REPO-REPO-REPO. If you want a good price on single and doublewide mobile homes then call this number 800-215-4665.

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USED SOLIDTARE!! Original Model home! 2 Bedroom 2 bath with front kitchen. This one is must to see today! Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881.

WE HAVE extended our Sizzle sale through July 21st. \$99 over cost. Take 5 minutes and call Byron or Eli for details at NATIONWIDE HOUSING SYSTEMS IN MIDLAND. Se Habla Espanol. Call 915-520-5850 or 800-456-8944.

ZERO DOWN IF YOU OWN YOUR LAND. We may be able to help with your meter loan, septic or well. You must have good credit. Call for details at NATIONWIDE HOUSING SYSTEMS. Call 915-520-5850 or 800-456-8944.

RENTALS

Furnished Apts. 521
\$99. Move In Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer. 263-7811.

ONE-TWO bedroom apartments, houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only, no pets 263-6944-263-2341.

Housing Wanted 523
WANTED TO RENT
Nice clean affordable 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in a nice clean neighborhood. ASAP. Call 263-7331 or 264-7440.

Unfurnished Apts. 532
ONE BEDROOM furnished apartment. Clean. Water paid. No pets. References required. \$250.00 + deposit. 267-5420.

TWIN TOWERS APARTMENTS
3304 W. Hwy 80
264-0787
E110
Come Look Us over

1 & 2 Bedrooms
Carpet, 1 bath, central heat & refrigerated air
Refrigerators and ranges furnished
Water furnished
Laundry room available
Clean & Comfortable
1 bedroom & 2 bedroom
Security Deposit Required.

Unfurnished Houses 533
2/BEDROOM, 1/BATH, no pets. 1505 Owens. 267-3841, or 556-4022.
2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. 304 E. 5th. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. Stove & refrigerator. 604 Holbert. \$300/month, \$150/deposit. Call 263-7648.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH DUPLEX. On midway road in Sand Springs. 267-3841, or 556-4022.

FOR RENT: Country living, close to Coahoma schools, clean large 2 bedroom. Call 267-7659.

LARGE 1 bedroom apartment duplex. Washer-dryer connections, walk in closets. \$225 plus utilities. See at 611 Runnels C-21 McDonald Realty. 263-7616.

LARGE CLEAN, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, good carpet, stove and refrigerator, double garage. 1309 Princeton. \$375.00 with \$250.00 deposit. No pets please. Call 263-6400 or 263-2591.

UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Deposit & references required. Call 263-2085.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ THE BIG SPRING HERALD

MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN

Diet & Health 613
WANTED!!! 100 PEOPLE to lose up to 30lbs., 30 days. GUARANTEED. 1-800-310-9426.

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HOUSE KEEPING. ALL TYPES. FREE ESTIMATES. CALL 915-267-3670.

TOO LATES
Too Late To Classify 627
1969 CASE 800 tractor. Good shape. \$1,500. 267-9501.

1994 SATURN SC-2, 5 speed, low mileage, clean, loaded, sunroof, plum color. Excellent school car. Call 263-3382 day, or 394-4434 nights.

LARGE 14 X 84 MEDALLION MOBILE HOME. 3/2, WOOD-SIDED, SHINGLE ROOF, FIREPLACE, NEW CARPET. \$13,900, PICK UP PAYMENTS. (915) 853-2332.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. 1104 rear Nolan. No pets. 267-3841, or 556-4022.

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 Bath, double car garage, fireplace, Kentwood area, 2510 Ann. \$600/month, 1st and last month down and deposit required. Call David or Connie 915-943-6056.

'83 DODGE half ton truck, '80 GMC Caballero, \$800.00 each. Both run but needs work. Call 267-4310.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE III
Texas Department of Health is recruiting for a Community Service Aide III to be headquartered in Midland. Will perform EPSTD outreach duties which include contacting clients, recording and/or data entry of outreach activities, client support services, and assisting with other EPSTD-related outreach functions. Required graduation from an accredited high school or GED plus one year full-time experience involving direct patient/client contact in a health care setting or social service setting. Bilingual-English/Spanish preferred. May require working hours other than 8-5, M-F. Requires 50% day and 10% overnight travel. This is a temporary position for one year. Salary: \$1261.00/month plus excellent benefits. No resumes accepted. For applications contact: Marge Price, (915) 774-6216 or Linda Hendry, (915) 783-1129. PRN96-R09-0060. Closing date: 08-01-96.

EO/ADA
FOR RENT: 2/Bedroom mobile home, Coahoma school district, \$300./month, \$150.00/deposit. Call 263-5808.

2/Bedroom home Big Spring area, \$300./month, \$150./deposit. Call 263-5808.
FOR SALE: BLUE HEELER puppies. Call 264-0638.

LARGE 2 bedroom, fenced yard, washer/dryer connections. Call 263-1701.

Large 1 bedroom, washer connection, stove and refrigerator furnished. HUD accepted. Call 263-1371.

LIKE NEW 1996 CRESTRIDGE FOUR BEDROOM MOBILE HOME. \$23,500. WILL FINANCE AND MOVE. 800-837-8079.

LOST!!! MEN'S GOLD NUGGET DIAMOND RING. \$500.00 REWARD!! Please call 267-3130.

OWNER FINANCE. 1203 Barnes. Three bedrooms, one bath. Terms: \$1,000 down & \$275 per month. (806) 791-0367.

OWNERS FINANCE. 1220 E. 15th. Two bedrooms, one bath, garage. Term: \$1,800 down & \$300 per month. (806) 791-0367.

GARAGE SALE: 2631 Langley, Sat. and Sun. 10-4. Bunches of clothes, children's clothes, women's clothes sports cards and lots of miscellaneous items.

RV CLEARANCE- 3 UNITS LEFT!!
33' Fifth Wheel w/ slide out \$26,950.
32' Pull type w/ slide out \$16,990.
27' Pull type w/ slide out \$15,160.
All beautiful. New with light hail damage, bargains all!! See at TEXAS RV PARK, US 87 South at Hearn. Call 267-7900.

Small tracks of land for sale 5 to 7 miles south of town. Have land that will make more than 50 gallons of water per minute. Will consider terms or Texas Veterans. Also have land 1/4 West of Coahoma. 263-8785. Also have 8 Emus for sale.

Travel Agents Wanted: No experience necessary. Representative for West Coast Travel Corporation will be in Texas to expand locally. Excellent opportunity. Fax resume to 1-800-484-3053 sec. code 0078.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMAN BASIN PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL.
The Permanent Basin Private Industry Council will hold its regular monthly meeting for the purpose of routine business matters Wednesday, July 24, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the Permanent Basin Regional Planning Commission, 2910 LaFayette Blvd., Midland Air Terminal, Midland, Texas. For more information call Linda Beaman (915) 684-1975. 0879 July 21, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Bids
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

JANITORIAL SUPPLIES
Specifications may be obtained from Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, Howard College, 1001 Shiloh Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-6175. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on August 1, 1996 at which time they will be opened in the Administrative Services and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and the determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting. Technical questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 915-264-6187. Bidding questions directed to Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, 1001 Shiloh Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-6175. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 0879 July 21, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDING(S)
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD

1. Irene Sanchez Rios, 1400 Mesa, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 8 Bk 6 Banks, located at 801 Wyoming.
2. Willie Fortenberry, Rt. 1 Box 629, Big Spring, TX 79720, Co 44 Bk 1N 14 E, located at 1310 E. 8th.
3. Charles Bradley, 1208 Elm, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 8 Bk 39 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1110 E. 15th.
4. Josephine Bradley, Unknown, Li 1 Bk 37 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 900 E. 15th.
5. Rosa Castillo Flores, 1110 E. 15th, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 8 Bk 39 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1110 E. 15th.
6. R. E. Gutts, Unknown, Li 8 Bk 39 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1110 E. 15th.
7. Frances F. Hook, 1400 Main, Big Spring, TX 79720, 9/2 Li 7 Bk 38 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1011 E. 15th.
8. Andres Sooa Dominguez, 112 E. 17th, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 14 Bk 2 Benton, located at 815 NW 6th.
9. Dewey Stewart, DMR, W/26 Li 8 Bk A Moore, located at 808 NW 4th.

10. Jimmy J. Jolley, 6611 Golf Hill Dr., Dallas, TX 75222, Li 8 Bk 6 Banks, located at 801 Wyoming.
11. Jimmie L. Jolley, 6611 Golf Hill Dr., Dallas, TX 75222, Li 11 Bk 6 Banks, located at 800 Wyoming.
12. Jimmie L. Jolley, 6611 Golf Hill Dr., Dallas, TX 75222, Li 11 Bk 6 Banks, located at 800 P. Pine.
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14. J. B. Hardeman, 104 NE 8th, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 8 Bk 5 Banks, located at 800 P. Pine.
15. Bernice Woodruff, c/o Jimmy Cavitt, 1831 E. Yessier Way, Seattle, WA 98122, Li 8 Bk 5 Banks, located at 800 P. Pine.
16. Ona T. Murray Estate, c/o Glen Murray, 700 E. 12th, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 5 Bk 107 Original Town, located at 208 NW 2nd.
17. Raymond & Irma Castillo, c/o Donnie Baker, 2303 Cindy, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 1 Bk 39 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1501 State (on the South Side).
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19. Robert Ayala, 118 E. Edgewood 6506, Houston, TX 77006-1468, W/PT Li 1 Bk 6 Wrights 2nd, located at 3201 Adams.
20. Alvin A. Bishop ET UX, 501 Young, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 12 Bk 7 Boydstun, located at 501 Young.
21. Pace Roper Corp, Unknown, Li 12 Bk 7 Boydstun, located at 501 Young.
22. Federal Wiremattress, Unknown, Li 12 Bk 7 Boydstun, located at 501 Young.
23. E. W. Thomas ET UX, 504 E. 10th, Big Spring, TX 79720, 9/12 Li 2 A8 Li 3 Bk 13 Co, located at 504 E. 10th.
24. Norma Coleman, 211 Union, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 2 A8 Li 3 Bk 13 Co, located at 504 E. 10th.
25. Anito BN Thomas, Unknown, Li 2 A8 Li 3 Bk 13 Co, located at 504 E. 10th.
26. Charles Bradley, 1208 Elm, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 8 Bk 39 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1110 E. 15th.
27. Edward Mowin, 1301 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 8 Bk 39 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1110 E. 15th.
28. Michael Patterson, Unknown, Li 8 Bk 39 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1110 E. 15th.
29. Wilbur F. Townsend, 526 W. 7th, Big Spring, TX 79720, Li 14 Bk 4 Cedar Court, located at 828 W. 7th.

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