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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking retail businesses to participate in a Halloween night shoppers special from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Oct. 31.

There is no cost to participate. However, businesses that do will be included in a drawing for use of a spotlight for one hour or a one-hour radio remote on Halloween night. The deadline to register for eligibility in the drawing is Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Merchants that want to participate in a "Night of Spooktacular Shopping" should call the chamber at 263-7641, or stop by 215 W. Third to fill out a brief registration form.

VFW ESSAY CONTESTS

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

The "Voice of Democracy" is a national audio essay competition. This year's theme, "My Commitment to America's Future."

Patriot's Pen is for seventh and eighth graders who write an essay of 300-400 words. This year's theme is "My Dream for America."

Both local contests are open to students in Howard and Glasscock Counties.

The deadline to turn in the essays is Nov. 1. Application forms can be picked up at the participant's school office or by contacting Leo Welch at 263-1658.

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

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Bid OK'd for Howard Cottage day care center

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees approved a \$79,441 bid by Johnston Construction of Big Spring Wednesday for Phase I of the Howard Cottage project — getting the ball rolling for the construction on a new day care facility.

Phase I of the project, funded through a private donation, will include construction of the foundation, plumbing work under the foundation, setting a pre-made metal building, door and window work and insulation work, said project architect Phil Furqueron. Furqueron added the cost of Phase II of the two-part project is more than \$200,000.

The project kicks back into gear after being stalled for months while college administrators searched for ways to fund construction.

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Trustees had given the go-ahead for the new building after learning the location of the current day care facility is preventing another multi-million dollar privately funded performance hall project from getting under way.

Come January, parents of Howard Cottage students will be paying more for using the day care services.

Trustees officially passed a rate hike for

those who use the program, which faced elimination a few months earlier due to the college's financial woes. Currently the program is operated at a loss.

"We evaluated our program and we've seen our center as more of an enrichment type center so that's part of why we are raising our rates to reflect that of service," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Rates for preschool children of students and employees increase from \$65 to \$70 and \$72.5 per week respectively; rates for non-student and non-employee preschoolers go up from \$70 to \$75.

For toddlers, student and employee rates were raised from \$65 to \$70 and \$72.50 a week

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Big Spring police and firefighters assist at the scene of a two-vehicle accident early this morning on the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Gregg Street. According to police, a Ford F-300 with a flat bed carrying a Caterpillar back hoe was northbound on Gregg when it collided with a Chrysler Plymouth heading west on Martin Luther King Boulevard. The pickup swerved to attempt to avoid the accident, police said, causing flat bed to flip. The driver of the Chrysler was cited for failure to yield right of way and was taken by EMS to receive medical care. The accident caused police to detour traffic for part of the morning.

TRASH

City approves gate fee hike for the landfill

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council finalized an ordinance that will charge a daily gate fee at the municipal landfill Tuesday evening, putting a \$5 price tag on dumping at the facility.



McEWEN

The fee, which will provide the customer with day long access to the landfill, was adopted during the meeting in an effort to raise funds for the eventual closing of the facility and, in turn, the construction of a new one.

Mayor Russ McEwen said he and council members have wrestled with

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Restaurants join program to assist United Way effort

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Just like you need another excuse to eat barbecue, Al's and Son Bar-B-Q owner Chucky Bagwell is giving the public a great one.

The Gregg Street restaurant is inaugurating the Dine Out series for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

"Everything a partici-

pating restaurant sells on Friday, a percentage will go to the United Way campaign," said Cynthia Scott, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County executive director.

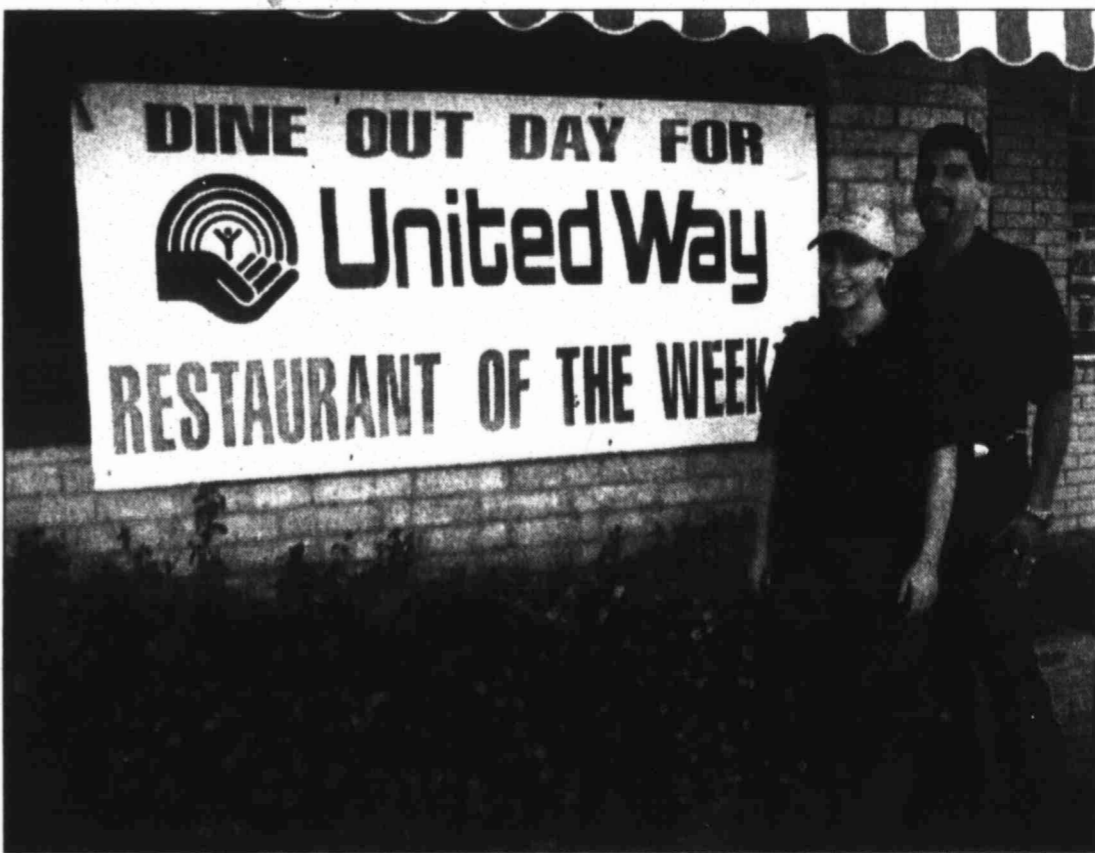
All day this Friday, as patrons of Al's & Sons, 1810 S. Gregg, enjoy menu items, they will be contributing to help fund area agencies which provide needed services to the community.

Scott said currently five businesses are lined up for the eight-week series:

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SCOTT



Al's and Son Bar-B-Q employees Chdi Herrera and Rick Ramirez, assistant manager, pose before the Dine Out for United Way banner. The Gregg Street restaurant will inaugurate the series which begins this Friday.

Local police investigating vehicle burglaries

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Big Spring police are investigating a string of vehicle burglaries that occurred Monday night in the Kentwood and Highland areas.

Police spokesperson Sgt. Roger Sweatt said there's a good chance the crimes are connected and are currently under investigation.

"Anytime you have this many vehicle burglaries within a few blocks of one another, there's a really good chance the crimes were committed by the same per-

son or group of people," Sweatt said.

Vehicle burglaries were reported in the 2500 block of Carol, the 2800 block of Rebecca, the 2800 block of Stonehaven, the 2900 block of Huntersglenn and the 600 block of Highland.

Sweatt said all of the vehicles that were burglarized had one important thing in common.

"None of the vehicles that were hit were locked," said Sweatt. "There was no forced entry on any of them."

Sweatt said there are several

things local residents can do to avoid becoming the target of these types of crimes.

"We always ask residents to keep their vehicles locked," he said. "That's one of the most important things you can do to deter these types of crimes. You also want to leave your vehicle in a well lit area, and always remove your valuables. Anytime you leave items of value in your vehicle, it just makes it that much easier on thieves."

These types of crime sprees are not uncommon, said Sweatt, and

not locking your door can seem like an open invitation to a thief.

"It's pretty common for these sorts of thieves to walk along and keep trying the doors of vehicles until they find one that's unlocked," he said. "Some people will also leave their keys in the car, like in the visor or under a mat. If the thief finds them, there's a pretty good chance he's going to drive off with the vehicle."

Sweatt said no evidence was recovered from any of the crime scenes.

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Obituaries

Macedonio Mendez Landin



Macedonio Mendez Landin, 82, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, at his residence. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Reagan, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Landin was born on May 9, 1921, in Ozona and married Belia Diaz on Nov. 10, 1951, in San Angelo. He came to Howard County in 1968 from Mitchell County. He worked for Ozona ISD and Big Spring ISD and had also farmed. After retiring, he worked part time at Hall-Bennett Hospital for seven years. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Belia Landin of Midland; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Nora Landin and Alonzo and Denettie Landin, all of Big Spring, and Macedonio Jr. and Mary Landin of Midland; three daughters and sons-in-law, Irma and Jose Ortega and Alice and Henry Villa, all of Big Spring, and Amanda and Bobby Porras of Midland; 26 grandchildren, Cindy Landin and husband, Sammy Rodriguez, Joe Landin, Jr. and wife, Jasmine, Paul and Veronica Landin, Rocky Ortega and wife, Corina, Roy Ortega and wife, Suzie, Roman, Randy and Rachel Ortega, Cierra and Jeremy Landin, April Draper and husband, Thomas, Cassandra Herzog and husband, Kenneth, Victor Yanez IV, Pete Yanez, Lisa Landin, Macedonio Landin III, Chris, Adam, Jacob and Michelle-Villa, Natalie, Gabriel and Arthur Hilario, and Kandyce and Mercedes Porras; seven great grandchildren; one sister, Oralia Perez of Big Spring; and a niece, Adela Deanda of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Saragosa (Mendez) Landin; and one brother, Rosendo Landin.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Frank Gordon Stone



Frank Gordon Stone, 91 of Stanton, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, in Midland. Private graveside services will be held for the family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Stone was born Aug. 23, 1912, in Dumont and married Mary Inez Campbell Sept. 1, 1935 in Munday. She preceded him in death April 14, 2000.

Dogie had lived in the Martin County Community since 1931. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, a member of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and served as a member of board of director at First National Bank of Stanton 53 years.

His survivors include his son, Dr. Gordon C. Stone of Fort Worth; his daughter, Carolyn Stone of Stanton; two grandsons, Wilson Gordon Stone of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Neil Campbell Stone of Houston; two granddaughters, Mary Kathryn Hurst of Tyler Leigh Anne Kotarski of Fort Worth, and seven great grandchildren; Caroline Josey Stone of Houston, Kathryn Grace Stone of Houston, Ashlyn Anne Kotarski of Fort Worth, Hailey Kathryn Hurst of Tyler, Matthew Allen Hurst of Tyler, Gordon Campbell Stone, II of Houston and Stuart Cambell Hurst of Tyler.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Weather

This afternoon...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the south 5 to 10 mph after midnight.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-16-24-36. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$21,302. Winning tickets sold in: Baytown. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-29-30-37-39. Bonus Ball: 10. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$8 million.

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Violet B. Reed



Violet B. Reed, 97, of Wooster, Ohio, formerly of Big Spring, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003, at her residence.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 2003, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Visitation will be Friday starting at 8 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born on Jan. 29, 1906, in Big Spring to John and Bessie (Campbell) Berryhill and married Walter Jackson "Jack" Reed on July 29, 1929, in Texas.

Mrs. Reed graduated from Texas Tech University in 1946 and was a grade school teacher for 40 years at various schools throughout Big Spring. She had been a resident of Wooster, Ohio, for the last eight years.

She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and both the Heyl Road Church of Christ and the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Carroll and Joan Reed of Wooster, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Laura and Gordon Sellers of Plano, Brad Reed of Dallas, Judy Roesle of Sugarland, Randy and Lorri Reed of Marysville, Ohio, Annette and Terry Reed of Mansfield, Ohio, Renee Hotte of Portage, Mich., Jeff and Marie Reed of Inkster, Mich.; 12 great grandchildren and one great grandchild. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to either 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main St., Big Spring 79720, or to the Heyl Rd. Church of Christ, 715 Heyl Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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Wendell O. Ware



Wendell O. Ware, 64, of Big Spring, died at 10:05 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, in Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at The First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ed Williamson and the Rev. David Ring officiating. Burial will be held at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Ware was born May 29, 1939, at McCamey. He was the son of Arlene Osburn Ware and David Elmer Ware. He grew up in Fort Stockton. He received a bachelor's degree from Sul Ross University in Alpine and a master's degree in education from North Texas State University in Denton. He was a teacher, and later a principal with the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) from 1962 until 1991. He was principal at Kentwood and Washington Elementary Schools. After retiring from BSISD, he worked for Josten's Learning Centers and Wal-Mart. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club, and served on the board of directors and the advisory board the Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union.

He is survived by one sister, Virginia Rose and her husband Leonard of McCamey; one niece, Susie Coy and her husband Rick of Carlsbad, N. M.; one nephew, David Rose and his wife Dian of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and several cousins.

Pallbearers will be Murray Murphy, Jim Long, Grady Rogers, Carroll Choate, Cleo Carlile and Harlan Huibregtse. Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Take note

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

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

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

□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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Eufemia Grado Aguirre



Eufemia Grado Aguirre, 92 of Stanton, went to meet the Lord on Monday, Sept. 22, 2003. She died in a Midland nursing home. She was born to Trinidad and Juanita Grado in Los Alamos de San Antonio, Mexico on Oct. 25, 1910. She married Cruz Aguirre on Nov. 22, 1927, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death July 13, 1972.

Mrs. Aguirre moved to Stanton in 1928 where she resided for 79 years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton and Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland.

She was also a member of The Stanton Senior Citizens and played in the Old Sorehead Band and enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Ramundo and Andrea Aguirre of Odessa; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lillie and Ycidro Arguello of Midland, Dora and Richard Scott of Midland, Anita and Joe Teneyuque of Beaumont; three sisters, Simona Huerta of Whiteface, Mary Huerta of Odessa, Natividad Rodriguez of Mexico; 41 grandchildren; 93 great grandchildren and 40 great, great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sons, Emelio, Manuel and Feliz Aguirre; and two daughters, Beatrice Olivas and Maria Villa; nine brothers; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A prayer vigil will be held Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton with Rev. George Thiramangalam, officiating. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Stanton.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Midland, Inc., 911 W. Texas Ave., Midland, 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Carroll Woods

Carroll Woods, 56, died at 8:28 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• LUIS RAUL LOZANO, 41, of 407 Young, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated and two city warrants.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• in the 1000 block of E. 15th Street. Items valued at \$756 were reported stolen. Damages were estimated at \$200.

• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported in the 1800 block of Settles.

• THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office recently reported the following activity:

• FRANCIS LEVERETT MURRAY, 56, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• JOHN ANTHONY THURMOND, 44, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana over two ounces and under 4 ounces, and failure to drive in a single lane.

• VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the area of Coahoma High School. Deputies were advised of the violation and took a report.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the area of S. Main Street. DPS also responded, report to follow.

• RECKLESS DRIVER was reported near the 170 mile-marker of Interstate Highway 20. Deputies responded and an arrest was made.

• VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 6800 block of N. County Road 41. Deputies responded, subject was gone when they arrived. Report to follow.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of Shifflet. Deputies responded, report to follow.

• MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 7200 block of Old Colorado City Highway. HCSO and DPS responded, accident report to follow by DPS.

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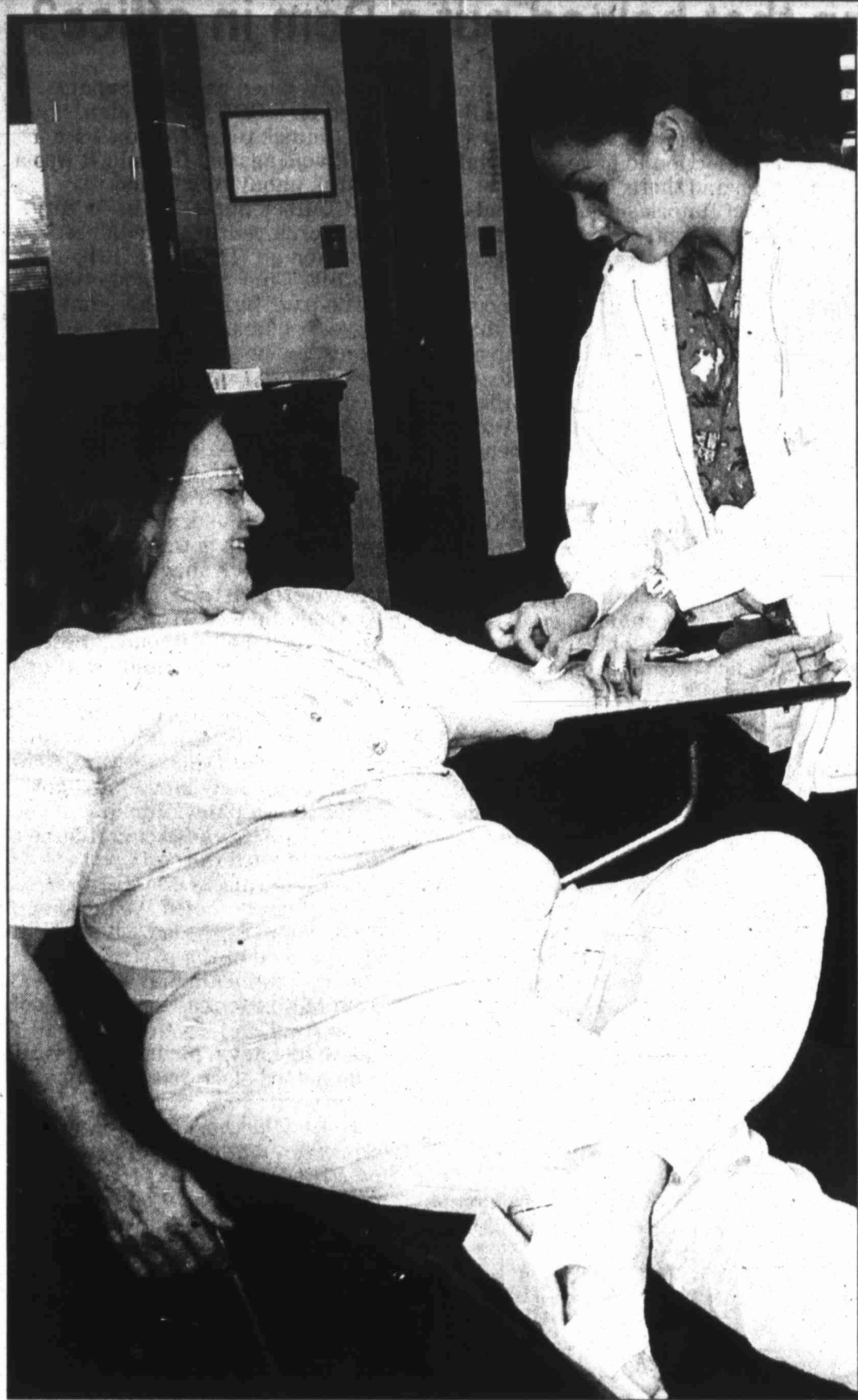
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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
United Blood Services of Midland employee Debbie Lain places a Band-Aid on Donna Daniel's arm after Daniel gave blood during a drive held at Howard College Wednesday. Another drive is being held today until 3 p.m. at Rip Griffin Truck Stop.

TRASH

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the pros and cons of the \$5 fee, but in the interest of Big Spring, had to approve the charge to avoid a possible crisis in the future.

"We had to look at the tipping charge out at the landfill, and that again was a difficult decision," said McEwen. "Right now we're looking at a situation where we're going to have to open a new landfill in the future, and that's millions of dollars. I've said it once and I'll say it again, this council could have passed it on to a future council, because when we actually look at a new site, I really don't think anybody serving on this council will still be around."

"By making incremental changes right now, we prevent some future council from saying, 'Oh my goodness, we've got \$3.5 million to \$4 million that we have to come up with,' and I think that's the proper way to do it. We're passing on something to a future council that they can live with."

Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore called the fee a "double charge" to county residents and said he feels his constituents have been cut out of using the facility.

"What I'm looking out for is the county's interests," said Kilgore. "We actually own half of the landfill. It's in the contract that we pay a fee to the city for the use of the landfill for the people that live outside the city limits to use it. We're also paying a closure fee on it

with the city, since we own half of it. So half of it is our responsibility. We feel that we've been cut out of it."

"They didn't increase the fee to us and put it off on the people using it. And actually, they aren't

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Commissioner Jerry Kilgore

going to be able to use it, or won't use it, because of the fee. I think where it's going to cause us problems is people will not use it, and as it happens now, they'll go out on a county road and dump. We pick up a lot of trash already and I think this will make it worse."

Kilgore said he's heard a considerable amount of concern from county residents about the new fee and many are telling him they simply won't use the landfill once the new ordinance is implemented.

"I understand their (council members') problem and the problem that we have of opening a new landfill, but I just don't feel that this is a fair and equitable way to do this, especially to us," said Kilgore. "I've had a lot of calls on it and a lot of concerns about it from people

that are using the landfill. They say they will not use it anymore."

Councilman Woody Jumper voiced concerns over the fee being detrimental to volunteer trash pickup in and around the city, something McEwen said was unforeseen but will be handled with a high degree of care.

"You can't anticipate everything and put it into your laws and say if you're a volunteer you don't have to pay and put that into an ordinance," said McEwen. "What I tried to say tonight was if any council person or any member of staff is aware of anyone volunteering to go out and pick up trash, we'll make sure they get into the landfill free of charge."

"If you want to volunteer and go out and pick up trash," he added, "I can guarantee if you let us know, you'll get all of that trash into the landfill free of charge."

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Benita Torres Padron, 74, died Monday. Funeral mass will be 10:30 AM Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be in Coahoma Cemetery.

Wendell O. Ware, 64, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at First United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Carroll Woods, 56, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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respectively and community rates increased from \$70 to \$75.

Trustees also proved a scholarship program to help parents pay for the monthly fees.



SPARKS

In other business, San Angelo Campus Provost Linda Byrd informed trustees the campus' Criminal Justice Program was designated at-risk after a site visit in August by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

"Because of our low trend on the exam pass-

ing rates of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standard and Education (TCLEOS), they determined our program was deemed at-risk," Sparks explained to trustees.

Bryd said that although the four-year-old associates degree program has a large student base, relatively few students complete the program to become law enforcement officers and take the state exam.

In fact, Bryd explained, last year only two people took the exam. One passed and one failed, leaving the college with a 50 percent passing rate.

Bryd said the college plans to correct the problem by having students pass an exit exam before being certified by the college.

Also on the agenda, trustees:

- Heard unofficial enrollment numbers. The college district is down 42 students from this time last year from 2,795 enrolled in 2002 to 2,753 in fall of 2003. The Big Spring and Lamesa campuses show a decrease while the San Angelo and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campuses have seen increases.

- Gave authority to Terry Hansen to sign a bulk purchase interlocal agreement with the General Land Office for natural gas.

- Approved small class reports.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

UNITED WAY

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Greg's Grill, a new restaurant opening up in the Big Spring Mall next week;

Herman's Restaurant; Red Mesa; and K.C. Steak House.

Two slots are open to sign up and Scott encourages business owners thinking of participating to contact the United Way quickly. She can be contacted at 267-5201

Funds from the annual

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County support 14 area agencies which are the American Red Cross, Boy's Club of Big Spring, Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, the Howard County Humane Society Pet Therapy, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center,

Salvation Army, Victim Services, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council and the YMCA of Big Spring.

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OUR VIEWS

United Way drive
benefits all who
live in our county

Another campaign kickoff luncheon has signaled the start of the annual drive for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. This is an effort everyone can get behind because it benefits us all.

The few dollars each of us gives to United Way goes a long, long way. Through scouting, the YMCA, after-school programs and the like, children learn teamwork, responsibility and the value of participation. It helps keep our youth focused on positive things and off the streets.

Programs such as Victim Services give those who have suffered emotional and physical trauma a source to turn to, new hope and the ability to carry on with productive lives. The American Red Cross helps us in times of disaster, whether it be a tornado or a house fire.

The Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center helps us recover from physical setbacks and get back on our feet again.

And the Salvation Army provides school supplies, coats and shoes for those who don't have them; food for those who are hungry; Christmas for those who would not otherwise share the joy and peace of the holiday season. In short, it helps those who are having a tougher time of it and need a warm, caring hand to help them back up again.

So many lives are touched by these non-profit organizations and the others United Way serves — the Council on Aging, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center and the Westside Community Center and Westside Day Care Center.

All told, the 14 agencies ensure that someone in our county who needs help can get it with dignity and pride.

Because of this, those few dollars each of us contributes keep our neighborhoods safer. They ensure our children get an education. They provide the means that allow single parents a step up to self-sufficiency.

This is not charity. It is ensuring the well being of an entire community and that's something we all have a stake in.

Many of those who need our help today will be among our leaders tomorrow. That is the goal — to provide the means for everyone in our county to have an equal chance to become a productive part of society.

It takes all of us.

On Tuesday, United Way luncheon guest speaker Don Maynard said it well.

"The attitude we've all got to take is right within ourselves," Maynard said. "My two key phrases or words are common sense and reality. Every decision I make will try to be with that. I want to leave all you people with one word. It's got four letters and you can write it 27 different ways, backwards and forwards — love."

We hope you'll choose to be a part of this incredibly beneficial cause. Let's not stop until we have all done our part.

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The Republican that helped put a Dem in office?

State Sen. Tom McClintock is the rare candidate with a pure vision. His vision of a tightwad state is so strong that he thinks he can win the recall election, despite Arnold Schwarzenegger's celebrity candidacy. The Republican from Ventura County is so confident he believes he can enact a no-new-taxes fiscally conservative state budget, despite the overwhelmingly left-leaning legislature. After all, if Sacramento lawmakers don't work with him, he'll go directly to the people.

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This is the way McClintock put it: "The next governor of California is going to have to take a page from Hiram Johnson's play book. He was elected to office in 1910 in a similar period of the state's history — facing "a recalcitrant state legislature." Johnson went to the people and "produced the most breathtaking era of political reform in California's history. He also changed the legislature in the process. I believe the next governor of California will have to do the same thing."

McClintock has five major initiatives — workers' compensation reform, local government reform, a spending-limitation act, contracting out for services and tort reform. If elected, he said, he'll take those issues to the legislature in "five concurrent special sessions."

Then: "The legislature will have 30 days to enact those five reforms. If they fail to enact those reforms, I will take those issues to

the people. We will qualify those five initiatives simultaneously and then, as governor, I can call a special election to have it out right then and there."

McClintock's agenda sounds easy, deceptively easy. He speaks as if government is a well-oiled machine.

To believe that his plans could work, you have to believe that the same California voters who elected only Democrats to top state offices less than a year ago, and the same voters who keep sending very liberal Democrats to Sacramento, would agree with his very conservative proposals. As in: his call to suspend Proposition 98, which guarantees that close to half of the state general fund is spent on education. Suspending Proposition 98 means that public schools would have to make bigger cuts.

I also fear that if McClintock wins, the Dems will launch The Son of Recall.

California will be all recall, all the time.

Dems aren't McClintock's only problem. He doesn't exactly get along well with Republicans, either.

Last year, McClintock should have won the race for state controller. He garnered more votes than gubernatorial hopeful Bill Simon. McClintock would have taken the seat, except that GOP solons wouldn't give him the money he needed to win. Some party suits preferred no Republican in statewide office — which they got — to that one Republican being Tom McClintock.

Part of McClintock's problem is that he has been too principled — and too quick to hector GOP pols.

Indeed, McClintock can be so principled that he's not effective.

In July, when the state Senate voted on a GOP budget plan, McClintock registered the lone GOP vote against the bill. It was a pitiful, phony bill. Or as McClintock put it, it was "a rotting porch waiting to collapse," based on an "illegal tax" (the car tax hike) and "illegal borrowing."

Too true. But with the senator's 17 years of experience and budget expertise, he should have been able to persuade tax-phobic Repubs to draft a strong budget. It says something when he can't even convince his own party.

Now he's banking on doing better with the voters than fellow lawmakers. No surprise, some of his Republican detractors are saying McClintock should get out of the governor's race.

Except, they're wrong. McClintock has a strong conservative message. He should see if he can woo more voters.

If McClintock doesn't gain the votes he needs, and if his candidacy means that Demo Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante may be the next governor, I think McClintock will get out, despite his assertion that he will stay until the end.

As California GOP Chairman Duf Sundheim noted Wednesday, other Republicans have bowed out for the good of the party.

Soon, California may know if Tom McClintock is too principled — so rigid, in fact, that he's willing to be known as the Republican who helped elect Cruz Bustamante governor.

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Court of Appeals terminating the Terminator?

Last week, a well-placed California Democrat candidly laid out to me the situation here. Democratic

Gov. Gray Davis has run a horrible campaign against his recall. The effort by Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, the only prominent Democrat on the replacement ballot, has been even worse. Consequently, another Republican actor might soon occupy the governor's chair in Sacramento, marking the first major Democratic defeat in this state since 1994.

But then this Democrat ended our long conversation with a startling prophecy, indicating that help was on the way. He predicted an all-Democrat three-judge federal appellate panel in San Francisco, including two of Bill Clinton's liberal appointees, would postpone until next March the Oct. 7 recall election as demanded by the American Civil Liberties Union. What's more, he said, the decision would be based on the Supreme Court's 2000 decision in Bush vs. Gore.

How did he know all this? It was common knowledge in Democratic lawyers' circles, he explained.

My source's prophecy became reality within less than 24 hours, including the detail of citing the 2000 election decision. So much for the myth of judicial objectivity. The notoriously liberal 9th Circuit of Court of Appeals had struck to terminate the terminator. Arnold Schwarzenegger had been on a roll, climaxed by an impressive performance at the state Republican Convention in Los

Angeles last weekend. Unless the panel is reversed, the Republican momentum will be dissipated by a six-month campaign, giving Democrats a fresh start.

The Republican establishment has gotten behind the Hollywood actor and former Mr. Universe in a way that seemed inconceivable when I made my last reporting trip to California several weeks ago. At the state convention, conservatives chose to ignore Schwarzenegger's social liberalism and embraced him as a disciple of Milton Friedman's economic conservatism. "I'm a Republican because Milton Friedman is right and Karl Marx is wrong," he told cheering delegates. They were moved by his story of how he commissioned the bust of Ronald Reagan for the Reagan Library.

The convention's mood favored conservative State Sen. Tom McClintock getting out of the race to stop dividing the Republican vote in this overwhelmingly Democratic state. At a meeting of the party's county chairmen, just two of them dissented from agreeing that there should only be one Republican candidate. Former Gov. Pete Wilson's organization was lining up support for Schwarzenegger, but his backing was more spontaneous than that. Young men and women with "Arnold" stickers roamed the LAX-Marriott Hotel.

Financier Gerald Parsky, George W. Bush's main man in California, wore neither a Schwarzenegger nor a McClintock sticker and, talked only about the president's 2004 campaign in his speech to the convention. It is no secret that Parsky has not been enthusiastic about either the Davis recall or the prospect of replacing him with a Republican. In contrast, there is a strong sentiment among

Republican leaders that Schwarzenegger has a much better chance than Bush of carrying California, with enough money on hand to get out the vote.

Schwarzenegger's nightly tracking at the end of last week showed him defeating Bustamante by a comfortable margin, even with McClintock still running. The same polling showed a huge margin in favor of Davis' recall.

That reflects the intense unpopularity of Gray Davis' call for higher taxes after his relatively narrow 2002 re-election. For all the help from Bill Clinton, Jesse Jackson and John Kerry, veteran Democratic politicians told me that they did not see how the governor could survive Oct. 7. His reversal of previous opposition to driver's licenses for illegal aliens is considered within his own party to be a horrendous blunder.

Since the fiasco of taking \$2 million from Indian gambling interests, Bustamante's negatives now hover around a poisonous 50 percent. Hardly the standard bearer that the Democratic Party wants, he is a professional politician who accidentally moved up the chairs to Assembly speaker, lieutenant governor and now de facto nominee for governor.

It is also accidental that the recall scenario pumped new life into a California Republican Party previously thought to be comatose. New voter registration, for the time being, is running four-to-one Republican. It has taken three Democratic judges to slow down the revival.

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Theater Arts
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The play's the thing



Theater Arts instructor, Tracie Lindsey, and sound technician, Allan Michael Sheedy, work on a table to be used as a prop.



Above, performing that scene one more time are play performers, left to right, Kathryn Weissman, Garrett Honea, Camilla Painter and James Clark.

'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' to show at BSHS

Big Spring High School Theatre Department ensemble players will perform "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" Friday and Saturday in the high school auditorium. Curtain is at 7 p.m. Sunday's matinee performance is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call the high school for more information, 264-3641.

Tailgate a few tasty dishes

If it's fall, it's tailgate cooking time.

On game day fire up the grill and put pre-game festivity into play.

Tailgate parties are great social entertainment and can be done regally elegant, or comfortably casual.

If tastes lean toward gourmet flavor combinations, but the time you have is take-out menus, pork in a variety of ways, such as barbecue is always a welcome pre-game menu selection.

People are eating more fruits and vegetables, even along with the staunch selections of hearty meats.

Delicacies in fruit selections can be made to fit the menus of tailgating with little or no hassle.

Surprise tailgate guests with fruit salads, fruit lazy Susan tastes coupled with tangy dips such as apple and onion flavors.

Pasta in a variety of choices are an easy way to complement grilled meats. The flavor combination of pasta salads tossed with honey, lime and poppy seed dressings are delectably irresistible.

For instance, try a pasta salad with these ideas using honey as the taste booster.

For the dressing use 1/2 cup fresh lime juice or the juice of two limes
2/3 cup pure clover honey
two teaspoons poppy seeds
Add to three cups or 1 1/2 pints quartered fresh strawberries



Football season is tailgate cooking season

two bananas, peeled and sliced
four kiwi fruit peeled or cubed
one can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
six cups cooked and chilled pasta

In a small bowl, whisk together lime juice, honey and poppy seeds, refrigerate until ready to use. Right before serving or leaving for the tailgate party, mix remaining ingredients and toss. Pour dressing over the fruit and pasta, stirring gently to coat. Garnish with

fresh strawberries, parsley or nuts.

Options for this recipe include using one large can of drained pineapple chunks.

And be sure to use football shaped pasta.

The tangy tastes of honey and fruit make this tailgate salad selection a quick, easy dish selection for guests.

Remember the sweet tooth tastes, too. Try honey and peanut cookies.

one cup honey
one cup creamy or chunky peanut butter

2/3 cup shortening
two large eggs
3 1/2 cups baking mix
one cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
additional sugar for rolling

Mix in a bowl the honey, peanut butter, shortening and eggs until smooth. Combine baking mix and one cup sugar and baking soda. Add peanut butter mix and stir well. Chill dough for one hour.

Shape dough into one inch balls and roll in sugar.

Make an indentation using a football shaped cookie cutter. Mark the laces in the center of the football with a knife.

Bake at 375 degrees for nine to 11 minutes or until golden brown. Cool five minutes and remove to rack to cool completely. Make approximately five dozen cookies.

Old fashioned gospel music to be performed

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church will host an original gospel music and old fashioned preaching Oct. 5-8. Performances are Sunday from 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. For more information call 214-675-4581.

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Remember to the stew and cornbread supper at Birdwell Methodist

The community is invited to the stew and cornbread supper Sept. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church.

Salads, sandwiches and desserts are part of the delicious menu.

A book fair will be held. See the changes the church recently underwent and enjoy a fun, enjoyable evening for the whole family. The church is located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane in Big Spring. Call 263-2536 for more information.

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Cowboys' offense starting to highlight receivers

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells' favorite offensive system is an easy choice. It's the one that scores the most points.

He's not the kind of coach who takes one playbook from team to team, insisting that's how the game should be played. He won big with the New York Giants, New England Patriots and New York Jets by using schemes that best fit the players he had.

Two games into his tenure with the Dallas Cowboys, Parcells seems to have figured out this team's best plan of attack: Daring defenses to try and cover

receivers Antonio Bryant, Joey Galloway and Terry Glenn at the same time.

Parcells loaded up on three-receiver formations in Dallas' last game, a 35-32 overtime victory over the Giants, and has hinted since to expect more, starting Sunday against the Jets. His latest tease was saying that his biggest surprise so far is the Cowboys' offensive potential.

"We have more firepower than I thought we would have," he said.

Considering the way the running game is going, he's certain-



ly referring to the passing game. In the opener against Atlanta, Galloway had seven catches for 139 yards and Bryant had 71 yards on two catches. Glenn was shut out, then rebounded against the Giants with eight catches for 113 yards. Bryant had 98 yards on five catches, including the pass that set up the field goal that forced overtime. Galloway also contributed three receptions

for 43 yards as quarterback Quincy Carter threw for a career-high 321 yards.

"These three guys can go out and run routes and make big catches for you," Carter said. "All I've got to do is keep being consistent."

A lot of factors must fall into place for three-receiver formations to work.

The offensive line, which has been woeful in recent years, must hold off defenders long enough for Carter to pick a target. And the much-maligned

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IN BRIEF

Basketball boosters to hold fish fry

Big Spring Steers Basketball Boosters will be holding a Fish Fry on Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex. The meal will include hand-breaded catfish, fries, salad, dessert and a drink for \$7 per adult and \$4 for children.

Call in orders are available. Delivery orders can be made by calling 267-4602 or 466-1998 on the day of the event.

Baseball boosters to meet today at ATC

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Booster Club will meet this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC. For more information call 263-8527.

BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27. Participants will perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

YMCA swim team spots available

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

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

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

Quarterback Club to meet Monday at ATC

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

BSHS netters to host Levelland Sept. 27

The Big Spring team tennis squad will continue its trek through District 4-4A this weekend when they host Levelland at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex.

Steer freshmen to face Grape Creek

While most of the Big Spring football teams take a week off, the BSHS freshmen will hit the field tonight to face Grape Creek at Memorial Stadium. The Steers will begin play against the Eagles at 4:30 p.m.

Westbrook JH to face Mustangs today

The Sands Junior High School Mustangs will return to play this afternoon when they travel to Westbrook for a 6 p.m. tilt.

ON THE AIR

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Sept. 25	
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Astros vs. Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.	1490
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Guillen powers A's past Texas

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jose Guillen, playing with a broken bone in his left hand, hit a two-run homer and bunted home the go-ahead run to lead the Oakland Athletics over the Texas Rangers 5-3 Wednesday.

Tim Hudson pitched seven solid innings as A's manager Ken Macha rested most of his regulars, a day after Oakland clinched its second straight AL West title.

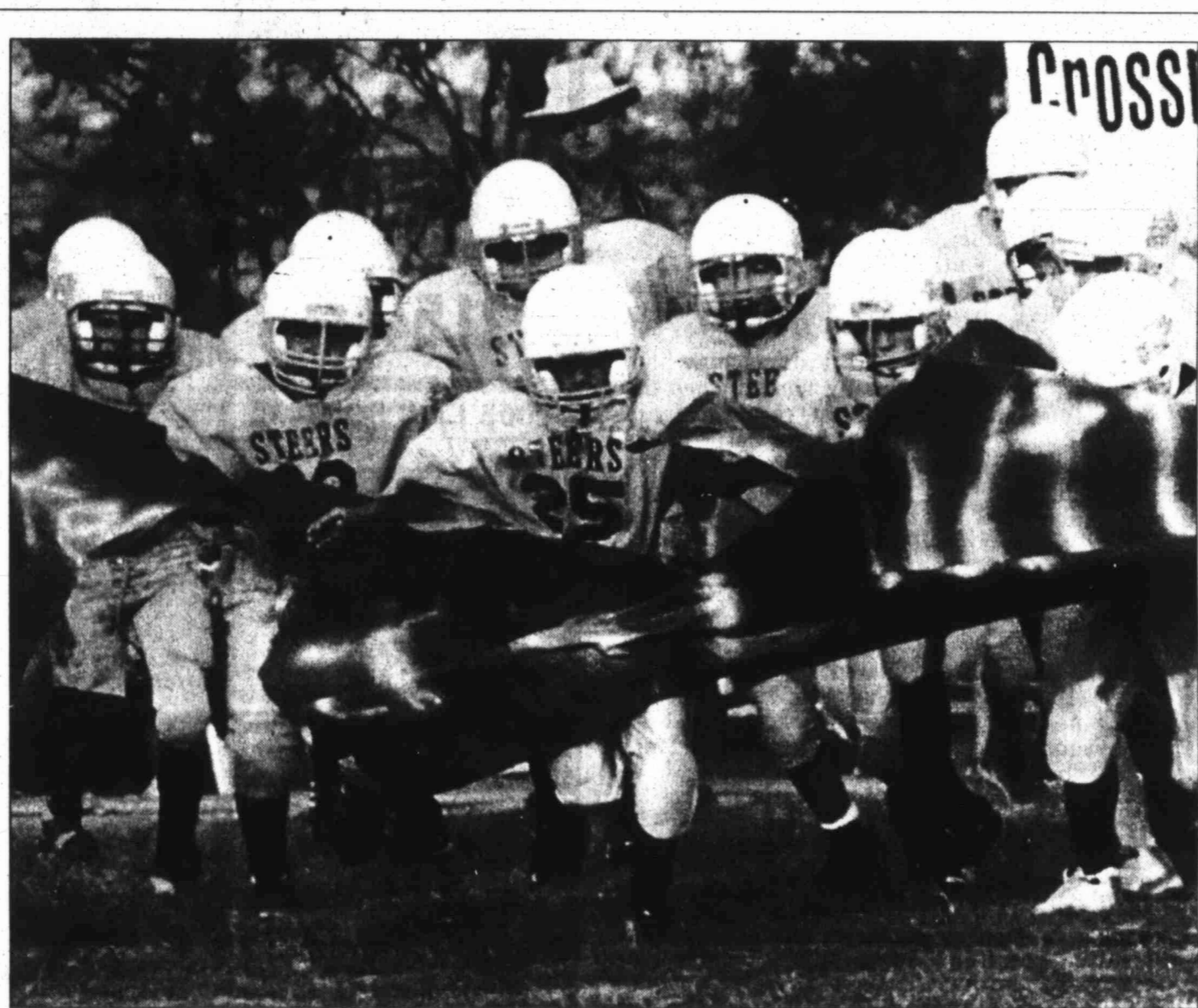
Chad Harville pitched the ninth for his first major league save.

But, as always, reigning AL MVP Miguel Tejada was in the lineup. Tejada played in his 591st straight game, then skipped off the field when he was replaced by Bobby Crosby just before the start of the fourth. Tejada received a standing ovation, and he waved and tipped his hat before disappearing into the dugout.

The A's are headed to the playoffs for the fourth straight season, looking to get past the first round after losing three straight division series.

Guillen hit his 31st homer against Joaquin Benoit in the first after Chris Singleton led off with a single. Guillen broke the hamate bone in his left hand Sept. 14, but said he would surprise people by coming back to play this year.

Rangers manager Buck Showalter tapped his fingers to his lips as he watched in frustration as the A's went ahead. Mark Teixeira hit a solo homer in the eighth off John Halama for the Rangers, who went 4-15 against the A's this season. Oakland's 15 wins against Texas are their most in a season against the Rangers — the A's won 13 meetings in 2002.



Members of the Steers Division II team crash through a sign prepared by the cheerleaders last weekend during Crossroads Little Football League action. Games are scheduled to continue this weekend at the CLFL Field, beginning at 9 a.m.

Big Spring netters climb to No. 12

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Over the past few years, the Big Spring Steers team tennis squad has consistently been one of the top teams in West Texas. Now the rest of the state is taking notice.

Big Spring, despite posting a 3-4 record over the first six weeks of the 2003 season, managed to turn enough heads to land at No. 12 in the latest Texas Team Tennis Coaches Association poll. The Steers' ranking is the highest in several years.

"It's nice to see that," said Big Spring head coach Sarah Corse. "I didn't even know it until someone told me about it. It's a great honor for the players who have worked so hard."

The pollsters, evidently, weren't fooled by Big Spring's sub-500 record. A non-district schedule that included four Class 5A programs — Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Abilene Cooper and Abilene High — accounted for a tough start.

Top 25
The following is a look at the Texas Team Tennis Coaches Association's high school poll through the weekend of Sept. 25.

Class 4A	
No.	Team
1	Alamo Heights HS
2	Dallas Highland Park HS
3	Wichita Falls HS
4	Rider HS (Wichita Falls)
5	JJ Pearce HS
6	Oak Ridge HS
7	Tuloso-Midway HS
8	Palo Duro HS
9	Boerne HS
10	New Braunfels HS
11	Texas HS
12	Big Spring HS
13	Friendswood HS
14	Flour Bluff HS
15	Hewitt-Midway HS
16	Harker Heights HS (Killeen)
17	Andrews HS
18	Ellison HS (Killeen)
19	Uvalde HS
20	Frisco HS
21	Kerrville Tivy HS
22	Levelland HS
23	Ennis HS
24	Montgomery HS
25	Nacogdoches HS

Big Spring, which will be trying to nail down its third consecutive District 4-4A championship this fall, began flexing its muscle earlier this week by opening district

action with a resounding 18-1 win over two-time defending league champion Lake View. The BSHS Netters followed that win up with a 17-2 romp over Sweetwater on Monday.

"I think we have just as good a team this year as we had last year," said Corse, who lost just four seniors from last year's regional qualifying squad. "We're trying to go for a three-peat. I feel good about our chances," she added.

San Antonio Alamo Heights topped the coaches poll, edging out Dallas Highland Park. Wichita Falls High and perennial Big Spring rival Wichita Falls Rider check in at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively, while Pearce rounds out the top five.

Oak Ridge, Tuloso-Midway, Palo Duro, Boerne and New Braunfels check finish off the top 10.

The Steers were one of two District 4-4A teams to make the rankings, which can be found online at www.texasenniss.com. Andrews is rated No. 17.

Vizcaino keeps Astros in playoff chase

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros were on the brink and they knew it. Then Jose Vizcaino came up with a big hit that kept them from dropping even farther back in the NL Central.

Vizcaino pinch hit in the seventh inning and singled home two runs to lead Houston over a lineup of San Francisco substitutes 2-1 Wednesday.

"If we lost today, we were in serious trouble, but we live to fight another

day," Craig Biggio said. "Obviously, that was a huge hit."

Houston, which remained one game behind the division-leading Chicago Cubs, stopped a four-game losing streak, which had tied a season high. A defeat would have dropped the Astros two games back with four to play.

"This was huge for us. It was make or break for us," said Billy Wagner, who closed with a perfect

ninth for his 44th save in 47 chances. "We've got to win out and hope they lose one or two. If they win out and we win out, then so be it. You get out there and the adrenaline is pumping. We've got to win this game."

Roy Oswalt (10-5) won his fourth straight start since coming off the disabled list, allowing three hits in eight innings, including Pedro Feliz's second-inning homer.

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Lady Steers to host Levelland this Saturday

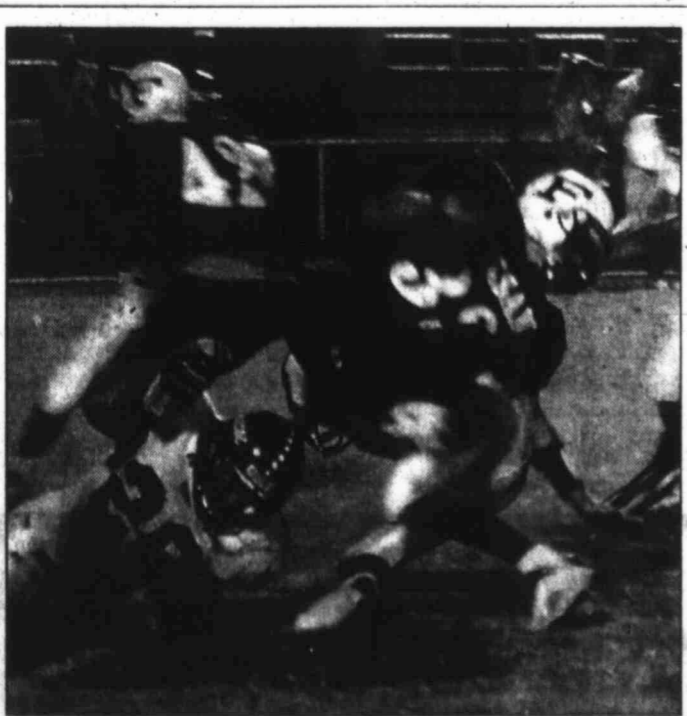
The Big Spring Lady Steers will make their first appearance at home in District 4-4A action this Saturday when they host the Levelland Lady

Loboes in the Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers, 18-8 for the year, is 1-0 in loop play. Big Spring rallied from an 0-2 deficit Tuesday to bump off the

Lake View Maidens in San Angelo.

The Lady Steers' matchup with Levelland is scheduled for a 3 p.m. start.



Forsan quarterback Josh Heimstetler leaps over two defenders for a short game last week. The Buffaloes, 1-3, will face Ozona this Friday.

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COWBOYS

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Carter must make the right reads, then put the ball where he wants it, something he hasn't always done.
Then, it's up to Bryant, Galloway and Glenn, all of whom are reliable targets with fleet feet.
'If we can get some time to throw the ball, these kids will give some people trouble,' Parcels said.
The downside to this approach is giving up a blocker. That tempts defenses to blitz more, thus putting more onus on Carter.
Then again, defenses are forced to change, too, usually swapping a linebacker for a fifth defensive back — one who wasn't good enough to crack the top four. That creates a mismatch somewhere, a fact of football life that studious Cowboys fans know all about because of the way Dallas has been exploited in its nickel defense this season.

'It spreads things out and makes defenses a little bit more predictable,' Carter said. 'It opens up the running game, too.'
Dallas has 256 yards rushing through two games, but nearly one-fourth came on a 63-yard run. Tailback Troy Hambrick leads the team with just 113 yards, an average of 3.1 per carry.
Those numbers probably pushed Parcels to go to the three-wides package, but he probably didn't need to be pushed too hard.
After all, Parcels inherited Galloway and Bryant, then made Glenn his first acquisition. He's known all along they were his three most-skilled offensive players.
So expect the Cowboys to use all three whenever necessary — but never on an every-down basis.
For the receivers, they must understand that the share-the-ball philosophy doesn't provide instant gratification. As tough as that might be on their egos, they must remem-

ber their triple threat is far tougher on defenses.
'They can all make a good contribution if nobody is worried' about their own stats, Parcels said. 'That's the way it will unfold every week. You never know who it is going to be.'
Although Parcels prides himself on being a football Neanderthal, which implies an unrelenting three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust mindset, his track record shows otherwise.
Phil Simms on the Giants and Drew Bledsoe on the Patriots both set season franchise records for attempts, completions and yards under Parcels. Vinny Testaverde set a Jets record for touchdown passes in a season under Parcels despite starting only 13 games.
Now, it could be Carter's turn.
'Coach Parcels wants to put us in the best position to win,' Carter said. 'He's going to play to our strengths.'

ASTROS

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Oswalt struck out six and walked none.
Sidney Ponson (3-6), backed by three double plays, allowed just two singles in the first six innings, but got in trouble in the seventh.
Ponson hit Jeff Kent with a pitch with two outs and Lance Berkman followed with a double off the left-field scoreboard, sending Kent to third.
San Francisco inten-

tionally walked Richard Hidalgo and Vizcaino, batting for Brad Ausmus, lined a single to center to drive in the tying and go-ahead runs.
'He was tough,' Vizcaino said. 'In that situation, when I go out to pinch hit, he's the one in trouble. He has to throw a strike.'
Vizcaino was on the disabled list from June 25 to Aug. 20 because of a broken wrist. He'd rather start than pinch hit.
'I don't want to be in that role,' he said. 'I

know I can play every day.'
San Francisco, which already has clinched the NL West, rested many of its regulars. Barry Bonds pinch hit leading off the ninth and was struck out by Wagner, whose pitches reached 101 mph.
Wagner, who gave up two homers in Monday's loss to the Giants, was eager to get back on the mound.
San Francisco lost for only the second time in 15 games at Minute Maid Park.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for American League, National League, and various game results including scores and inning details.

NFL STANDINGS table showing American Conference and National Football League team records.

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That's Racin'

"I think it is a good move by NASCAR and probably a few years overdue. It was just getting to the point where racing back to the yellow was just too dangerous."

— Johnny Benson, on NASCAR's recent rule change prohibiting cars to pass once a caution flag is displayed.



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Rising to the top



After a frustrating start to the season, Jeremy Mayfield and the No. 19 team are beginning to find their groove

By DAVID POOLE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Coming close, Jeremy Mayfield said in no uncertain terms after last weekend's race at Dover, Del., stinks.

Actually, the driver of the No. 19 Evernham Motorsports Dodge used stronger language, language you don't normally hear on national television, to describe his frustration over his runner-up finish to Ryan Newman in the MBNA American 400.

"We should be happy to finish second, and we are," Mayfield said after cooling down. "But you only get the opportunity once in awhile and when you get it and you come so close it just makes you mad."
Second is not something a Winston Cup driver wants to get used to, of course. But for Mayfield, two runners-up finishes in the past three races certainly couldn't have come at a better time.

If you buy into all of the recent speculation, Mayfield is racing for his job. He's certainly talking like somebody who wants to keep it.

"This is a good race team," Mayfield said. "A lot of other teams out there would like to be running like we're running right now. I just feel like when you've got something good, don't change it. Don't fix it if it's not broke."

"Things are going good right now. I'd hate to think anybody would want to make changes, and if you did, could you get it back like it is right now?"

On the whole, it has been a frustrating year for Mayfield. After finishing eighth in the Daytona 500, he went 12 races without being better than 18th.

The bottom came at Lowe's Motor Speedway near Charlotte in the Coca-Cola 600, when he wrecked after 123 laps and finished last to drop to 33rd in points.

"There have been several (races) where we

were mad, not as much mad at each other but frustrated we couldn't get it to work," Mayfield admitted. "I feel like we all knew the potential was there. We all knew we had a great race team. It was just a matter of how we were going to put it all together."

"I think that's where we all sucked it up and realized we could all be better ourselves. It's still hard, but you've just got to continue on wanting to learn and wanting to be better."

There have been bright spots. In April, he won the pole for the Aaron's 499, his third Talladega pole but his first anywhere since joining Evernham Motorsports last season. He finished

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— Jeremy Mayfield

eighth in both Daytona races this year, and Mayfield led 19 laps on the way to an 18th-place finish at Talladega.

He put together five top-15 runs in June and July, and now he's riding a five-race streak where he's finished no worse than 11th and has moved to within 56 points of the top 20 in the series standings.

Mayfield has three Winston Cup victories, but hasn't won in 109 races — since Pocono (Pa.) in June 2000.

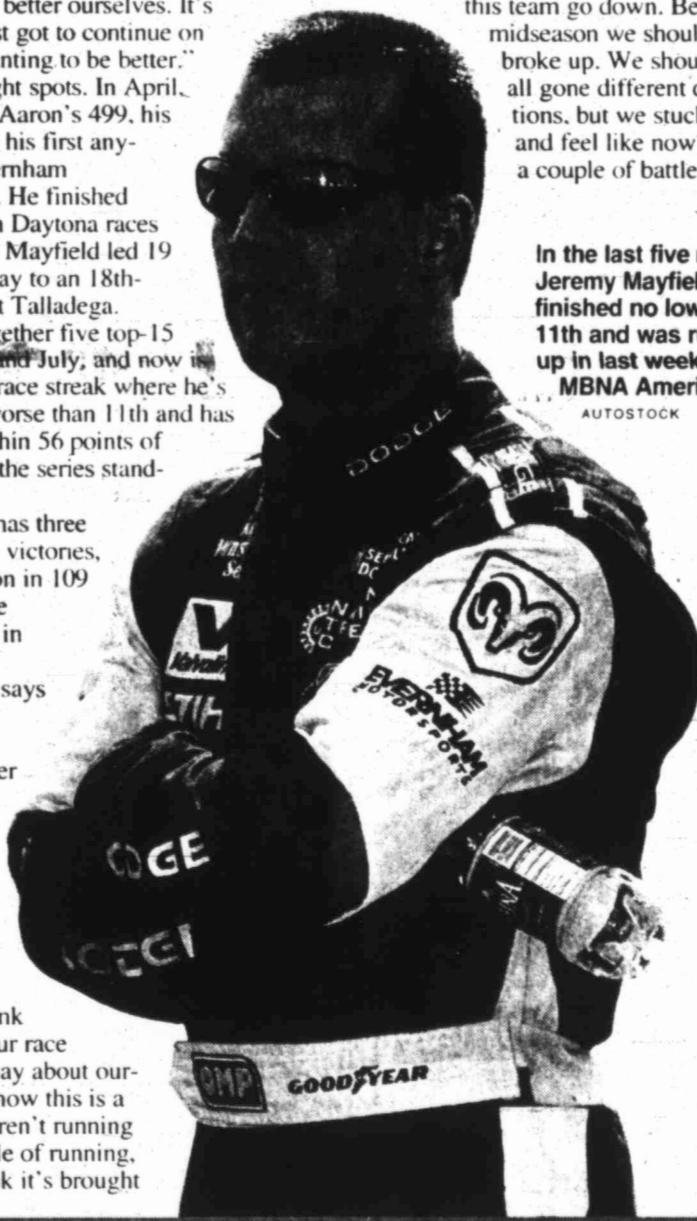
"I think it says a lot about the competition," Mayfield said. "I feel like I'm a lot smarter driver than I was a long time ago. I feel like the experience I've gotten since then has helped me a ton. ... I feel like I'm a better driver now than I've ever been, and we're running bad. I think that's what motivated our race team. We all feel that way about ourselves in general. We know this is a good race team. We weren't running the way we were capable of running, and knowing that, I think it's brought

out the best in all of us. It's certainly made me sit down and think about what I can do to make this team better."

"It's all about everybody wanting the same thing and just doing it, putting all egos and pride aside and just doing whatever it takes to race. That's what's cool. I've seen this team go down. Before midseason we should have broke up. We should have all gone different directions, but we stuck it out and feel like now we won a couple of battles."

In the last five races, Jeremy Mayfield has finished no lower than 11th and was runner-up in last week's MBNA American 400.

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RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. **Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** He could have the championship clinched by the time you finish reading this sentence. Last week: 1.

2. **Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Giving him a lap back free is like spotting the New York Yankees six runs in the first. Last week: 2.

3. **Kevin Harvick (car No. 29):** He's the most likely suspect to end Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s four-race Talladega winning streak. Last week: 4.

4. **Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** He's failed to complete just two of the total laps run in the season's past 15 races. Last week: 3.

5. **Kurt Busch (car No. 97):** Season has been stuck in a lull, but nobody behind him is knocking him out of this spot. Last week: 5.

6. **Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8):** Got his bell rung pretty good in Dover crash, but remains the man to beat this week. Last week: 6.

7. **Terry Labonte (car No. 5):** Hasn't finished outside top 20 in the second half of the season. A Talladega dark horse? Last week: 7.

8. **Bill Elliott (car No. 9):** Both he and Evernham teammate Jeremy Mayfield seem to be putting things together. Last week: 10.

9. **Jeff Gordon (car No. 24):** Seems like a long time since he was competing for victories week in and week out. Last week: 11.

10. **Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** Made a politically incorrect statement about tires at Dover, but if he believes it, good for him for saying it. Last week: 15.

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

Newman benefits from rule change he criticized

By JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Ryan Newman may not have liked it, but he sure learned to live with it.

The one Winston Cup driver more than any other who had been most vocal last week in criticizing NASCAR's new caution procedures became the first driver to test those rules and translate them into victory.

The only part of NASCAR's new procedures Newman had questioned was the decision to allow the first car not on the lead lap to regain a lap when a caution is displayed, regardless of its position on the track.

As recently as Sunday morning, Newman reiterated his displeasure with that rule.

Sunday afternoon, Newman was celebrating in Victory Lane at Dover International Speedway, having been awarded a lap back via the rule. That

lap helped him win the MBNA America 400.

"I still believe what I said. I guess the reward part of it, from my perspective, is still opinionated. It always will be opinionated if the rule stands the way it is," Newman said.

Newman cut a right-rear tire early in the race and had to pit under green for new tires. He fell a lap down and then worked through several cautions to get into position to return to the lead lap.

His chance finally came when a caution was displayed on lap 287 of 400 for debris. Newman's was the first car not on the lead lap, so under the new policy he returned to the lead lap. He then topped off for fuel three times before the race restarted.

He did not pit again and inherited



Newman

the lead following another caution on Lap 325 when the rest of the leaders pit for fuel and tires. And following a wild side-by-side battle with Jeremy Mayfield, Newman held on to win by 1.152 seconds.

The win is Newman's seventh of the season, matching the seven poles he has won. He has victories in two of the past three races and five in the past 11. He also completed a season sweep of both Dover races.

He still lags in the championship hunt, as Matt Kenseth continues to hold a dominating 436-point lead over second-place Kevin Harvick. Newman is fifth, 580 behind the leader.

One of those quick to remind Newman of his good fortune Sunday was Greg Zipadelli, crew chief for third-place finisher Tony Stewart.

In the spring, Newman, while the race leader, refused to allow Stewart to get a lap back when a caution came out. Stewart ended up earning the lap back

later, but the move did not sit well with Stewart's team.

"It's funny how in the spring, he didn't give us our lap back and it cost us the win. I don't think anybody could even argue that," Zipadelli said. "Then today, he can't even stay with us and gets his lap back because of the new rule and wins the race because of it. That's just the luck of the draw and it just didn't roll our way."

Even after returning to the lead lap and taking the lead late in the race while the other leaders pitted, Newman said he still worried whether his gas would make it to the checkered flag.

"Being able to save fuel from the driver's seat is not really easy to do when you're trying to go fast," Newman said.



Zipadelli

THIS WEEK'S RACE

EA SPORTS 500

Where: Talladega Superspeedway, a 2.66-mile highly banked paved tri-oval, located in Talladega, Ala.

When: Sunday at 2 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 4:05 p.m. on Friday.

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Last year's winner: Dale Earnhardt Jr.



Earnhardt Jr.

Worth mentioning: Earnhardt Jr. leads all active drivers in Talladega victories with four wins. Bill Elliott, Sterling Marlin, Terry Labonte, Mark Martin and Jeff Gordon each have two.

Jeremy Mayfield has scored three poles at Talladega. All three came with different teams: 1996 (fall), Cale Yarborough; 2000 (fall), Penske-Krampfuss; and 2003 (spring), Ray Evernham.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Who's having the more impressive season, Matt Kenseth or Ryan Newman?

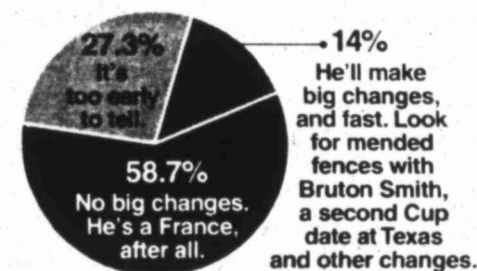
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

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

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RANDOM THOUGHTS

A list of who's hot and who's not in Winston Cup racing.

WHO'S HOT

■ Rookie **Jamie McMurray** has four top-10 finishes in the past five races.

■ **Jeremy Mayfield** has four top-10 finishes in the past five races, including two second-place finishes.

■ Series points leader **Matt Kenseth** has 26 top-15 finishes in 28 races.

WHO'S NOT

■ **Dave Blaney** and **Todd Bodine** have not finished in the top 10 in the past eight races.

■ **Robby Gordon** has finished 21st or worse in the past five races.

■ **Kenny Wallace** has not scored a top-10 finish in the past 22 races.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

WINSTON CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Sept. 21:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Kenseth (17)	4158	21. R. Rudd (21)	2825
2. K. Harvick (29)	3722	22. J. Mayfield (19)	2821
3. J. Johnson (48)	3685	23. W. Burton (22)	2816
4. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	3685	24. R. Craven (32)	2745
5. R. Newman (12)	3578	25. J. Benson (10)	2742
6. J. Gordon (24)	3542	26. J. Nemechek (25)	2704
7. B. Labonte (18)	3393	27. D. Jarrett (88)	2619
8. K. Busch (97)	3372	28. D. Blaney (77)	2601
9. T. Labonte (5)	3294	29. J. Spencer (7)	2501
10. T. Stewart (20)	3291	30. K. Wallace (32)	2378
11. M. Wallrip (15)	3206	31. S. Park (30)	2376
12. R. Gordon (31)	3189	32. T. Bodine (54)	2348
13. J. Burton (99)	3173	33. J. Green (1)	2091
14. R. Wallace (2)	3096	34. C. Mears (41)	2084
15. B. Elliott (9)	3073	35. K. Petty (45)	1976
16. M. Martin (6)	3037	36. K. Schrader (49)	1953
17. S. Marlin (40)	2973	37. T. Raines (74)	1941
18. J. McMurray (42)	2969	38. J. Andretti (43)	1690
19. G. Biffle (16)	2893	39. M. Skinner (4)	1600
20. E. Sadler (38)	2877	40. J. Sprague (0)	1284

GRAND NATIONAL POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Sept. 20:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. B. Vickers	3720	11. S. Compton	3160
2. S. Figgis	3688	12. M. Bliss	3088
3. R. Hornaday	3659	13. A. Lewis	2863
4. D. Green	3653	14. M. Wallace	2824
5. J. Keller	3614	15. C. Gibbs	2634
6. B. Hamilton Jr.	3456	16. T. Bodine	2467
7. J. Sauter	3249	17. K. Grubb	2277
8. K. Kahne	3249	18. K. Harvick	2175
9. S. Wimmer	3200	19. M. Wallrip	2027
10. S. Hmiel	3160	20. L. Gunselman	1923

NEXT RACE: Oct. 4, Mr. Goodcents 300, Kansas City, Kan.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Sept. 20:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. B. Gaughan	2966	6. R. Crawford	2760
2. T. Kvapil	2924	7. B. Hamilton	2722
3. T. Musgrave	2904	8. C. Edwards	2596
4. D. Setzer	2850	9. T. Cook	2460
5. J. Wood	2760	10. C. Chaffin	2426

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Las Vegas 350, Las Vegas

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Healing energy takes hold. Powerful knowledge prevents you from living through old patterns with a new partner. Meditate upon old wounds. You end up with a greater comprehension of what hurt you in the first place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your concentration is exceptional, so envision yourself realizing your dreams. An associate tries to pull the wool over your eyes, but you outwit this person in the end. Just be sure to settle the matter without involving other people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All the people you meet today are untapped resources of creative ideas. Their unique life experiences can be turned into the beginnings of new products or stories. Love tip: The best relationships take a lot of work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a fine line between being smart and

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's super easy to go with the flow — just make sure you know where it ultimately is taking you. You initiate a profitable business relationship through friends this afternoon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You gain heaps of good karma today, as you spend most of your time helping others. It feels wonderful to do good! Relax, and give yourself as many breaks as you need in order to get your work done.

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When William's friends come over, I make sure I am fully covered. I have spent years explaining to my children that the naked body is nothing to be embarrassed about. My husband thinks this is terrible. William is comfortable, and so am I. We will abide by what you think.

— Naked at the Beach

Dear Naked: Covering up does not mean you are ashamed of your body. It is an issue of privacy and consideration for the discomfort of others. Although William has no problem with your nudity now, that may not be the case as he gets older. Most teenage boys do not want to see their mothers naked (and if they do, that's a different problem).

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Dear Lonely: We'll soon be receiving mail from women asking why men are attracted only to skinty females who treat them like dirt. While there are plenty of people who behave like moths near a flame, there are just as many who are sensible and kind, looking for a person who will be thoughtful and considerate in return. If you encounter only the former, you need to expand your search.

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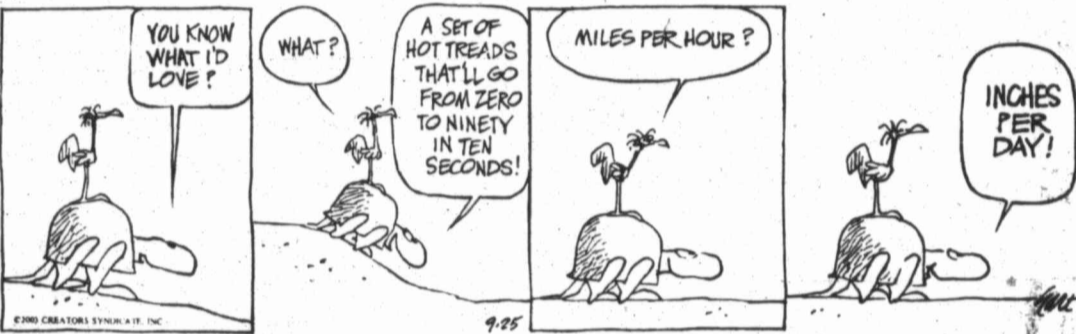
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2003. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 25, 1789, the first U.S. Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.

On this date:

In 1493, Christopher Columbus set sail from Cadiz, Spain, with a flotilla of 17 ships on his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1890, one of the earliest American newspapers, Public Occurrences, published its first and last edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an

attack on Montreal.

In 1890, President Benjamin Harrison signed a measure establishing Sequoia National Park.

In 1890, Wilford Woodruff, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, issued a Manifesto formally renouncing the practice of polygamy.

In 1957, with 300 U.S. Army troops standing guard, nine black children forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class.

In 1973, the three-man crew of the U.S. space laboratory Skylab 2 splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean after spending 69 days in orbit.

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1979, the musical "Evita" opened on Broadway.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

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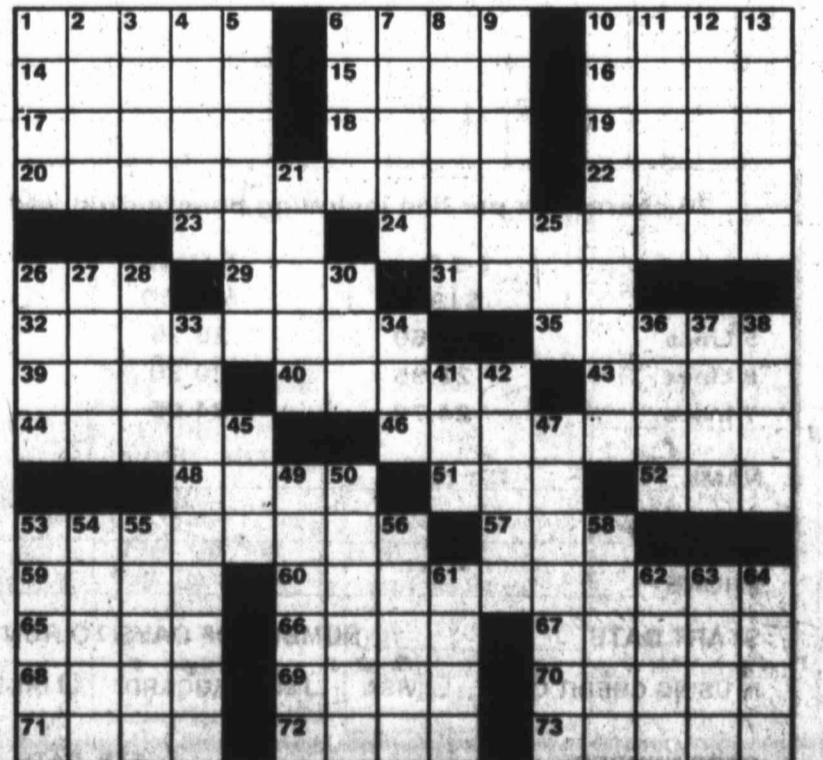
Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Rizzuto is 85. ABC News correspondent Barbara Walters is 72. Country singer Ian Tyson is 70. Rhythm and blues singer Joe Russell is 64. Actor Robert Walden is 60. Actor-producer Michael Douglas is 59. Model Cheryl Tiegs is 56. Actress Mimi Kennedy is 54. Actor-director Anson Williams is 54. Actor Mark Hamill is 52. Actor Christopher Reeve is 51. Actor Colin Friels is 51. Actor Michael Madsen is 45. Actress Heather Locklear is 42. Actress Aida Turturro is 41. Basketball player Scottie Pippen is 38. Actor Jason Flemyng is 37. Actor Will Smith is 35. Actor Hal Sparks is 34.

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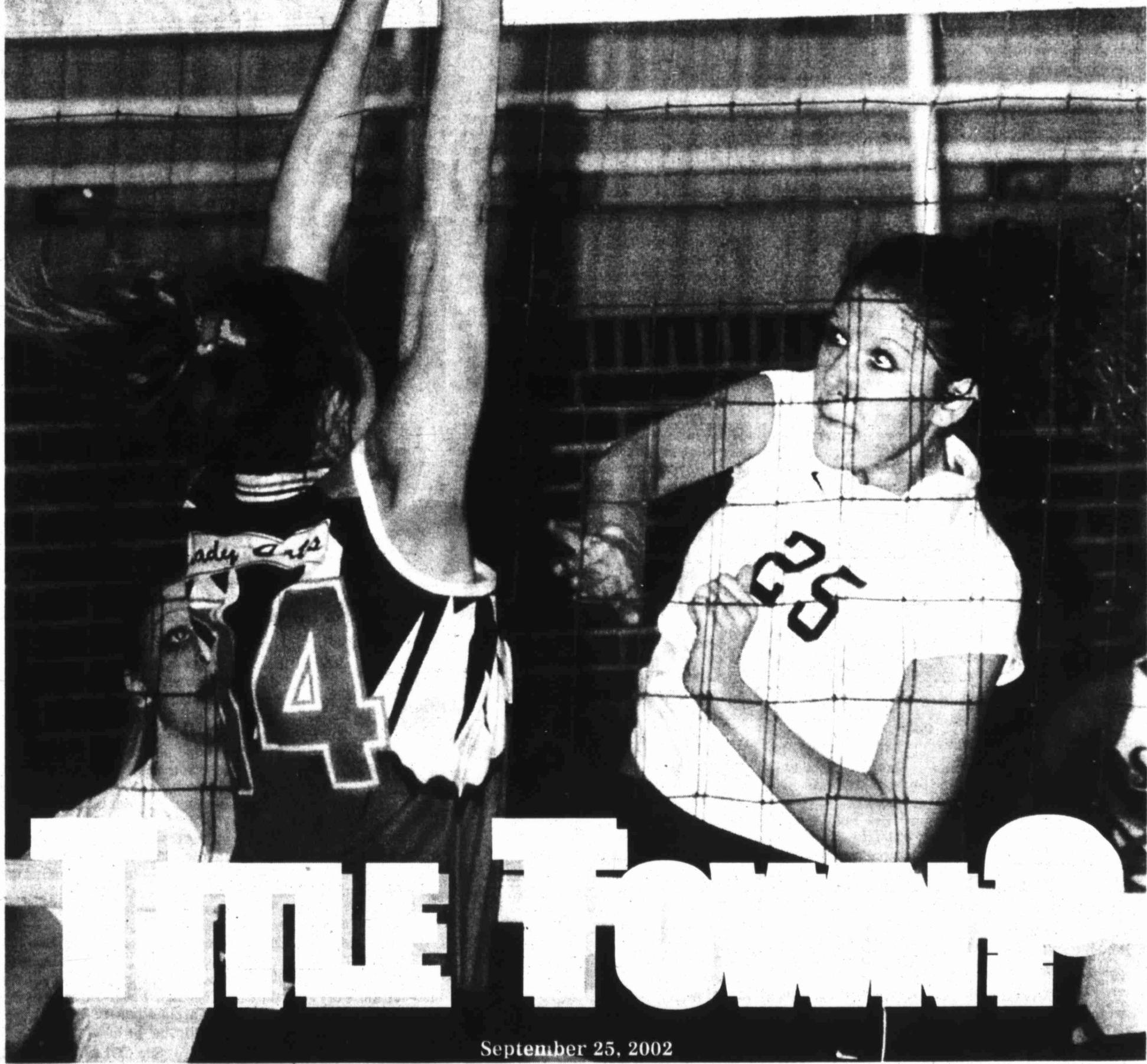
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The WAITING game

Crossroads stars wearing redshirt labels as they adjust to college life

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Tye Butler is learning a different game these days as a freshman at the University of New Mexico. So, too are, Curtis Woodruff and Josh Mathews — who teamed with Butler to help carry the Steers to the Class 4A Division II regional semifinals a year ago.

The game has nothing to do with taking snaps, running routes or learning the basics of playing defensive back. It's all about waiting ... as in standing on the sideline watching and learning. It's all about wearing a redshirt as a college freshman.

For Butler, being on the sideline is something completely different than what he was used to as the starting quarterback for the Big Spring Steers. Only a year removed from rewriting almost every record in the BSHS record books, he now works out with the New Mexico scout team during the week and watches on the sidelines on game days.

"It's a whole lot different than what I did in high school," said Butler, who attended the Steers' game with Plainview last week. "Right now, it's been a great experience for me. I work with the scout team running the opposing team's offense against the varsity defense every week. Even though I'm not playing on Saturdays, it's just like playing in a game.

"I really think this (redshirting) will be a good thing for me," he added.

Maybe even better than Butler was for Big Spring football. As a two-year starter, the 6-foot-1, 210-pounder used his strong right arm to pass for more than 5,000 yards and 40 touchdowns.

Big Spring head coach — and his father — Dwight Butler agreed, saying redshirting an incoming student/athlete could be one of the most important things a college can do.

"Personally, I like the fact the college redshirted him," said the elder Butler, who has helped send more than 40 players to the college ranks in his 13 years as the Steers' head coach. "I think it's great for anyone that's going to college — unless they are just a phenomenal player — to take the redshirt because it can help in two ways. First, it lets them adjust to life in college while also giving them time to



Tye Butler will be trying to climb up the quarterback depth charts at New Mexico next fall. Curtis Woodruff (below) has been redshirted at Tarleton State University.



learn the system they're going to be playing in without taking away from their eligibility. "Most players who are redshirted their first year are a step ahead of the game when they go into the school's next spring training session," he added.

Such is the hope of Dwight and Kathy Butler's youngest son. He hopes to learn as much as possible from Lobos' starter Casey Kelly this fall and compete for the team's backup quarterback role next year.

New Mexico, which suffered a tough 23-13 loss to nationally-ranked Washington State earlier this year, will have two quarterbacks returning in 2004, including the backup and third-stringer.

Despite being redshirted, Butler feels he can climb Lobo the quarterback depth chart quickly.

"The biggest difference is the speed of the game," he said. "That's been the biggest thing I've seen. The rest isn't as big of a deal for me. Football has always come very easy for me. Part of that may be because I been raised around football my whole life. It's almost second nature."

The redshirt year also enables Butler to bulk up for next

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Top photo by Tommy Wells
Bottom photo by Bruce Schooler

Welcome to Title Town

Lady Steers begin quest for District 4-4A crown

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

When Revis Daggett said she would take over the helm of the Big Spring High School volleyball program, she had two goals in mind: Become a part of the community ... and win the District 4-4A title.

Having already settled into the community with her husband and son, Daggett is ready to lead the senior-laden Lady Steers to the second part of the equation.

"We've got the talent here to play with anyone," said the former Division I college coach. "If we take

care of business and play ball like we are capable, I think we have a shot at going unbeaten (in district). If we don't play up to our abilities, we could come out at 5-5."

Big Spring took its first step toward the school's first district volleyball title since the 1980s Tuesday night by posting a wild come-from-behind win over the Lake View Maidens.

With the win over Lake View, Big Spring improved to 18-9 for the year and, more importantly, moved into a tie with Andrews and Frenship for the top spot in the District 4-4A race.

Most of the credit for Big Spring's strong start, according to Daggett, belongs to the team's five seniors and a willingness to adapt.

"All five of them have really con-

tributed to this team," she said. "It's a lot of fun having them around. They're good leaders and are willing to do whatever it takes for the team, as a whole, to succeed."

Evidence of the Lady Steers' willingness to adapt came two weeks ago when Daggett approached all-state hitter LaKenya Wrightsil and setter Lindsay Phillips about switching to new positions.

Both agreed.

"I talked to the girls about it," she said. "They said they were willing to give it a try if it would help us get better."

The move — putting Wrightsil on the outside and shifting Phillips to a hitter's role while inserting junior Kendal Adams as the setter, paid div-

idends almost immediately as Big Spring knocked off No. 7-rated Abilene High.

"They adjusted to the transition really well," said Daggett. "By doing that, they have made us a much better team in that we're not as one-dimensional. We can attack from almost any point on the court."

Joining Wrightsil and Phillips on the floor are fellow seniors Leina Braxton and outside hitter Ka'Rissa Magers. Timmie Blackshear comes off the bench as the team's defensive specialist.

Shannon Higgins, a part-time starter on the Lady Steers' regional semifinal squad of a year ago, is also back as a hitter.

The Lady Steers, who are slated to host Frenship Saturday afternoon in the Steer Gym, appear to be the odds-on favorite to claim the district crown. Two-time defending champion Andrews has struggled to find its game this fall after longtime coach Penny Bane resigned in the summer.

"If we can take care of the ball, I think we have a shot at it," said Daggett. "We have to come out focused and ready to play every game, but we have the potential to do it."

Daggett, who is making her first tour through the 4-4A landscape, said Andrews and Lake View will likely be Big Spring's main rivals this fall.

"They're the teams, I think, that could come out and take a shot at us," she said.

Big Spring has won two of its three meetings with Lake View this season, including Tuesday's district opener.

Big Spring netters hoping to nail down three-peat effort in tennis

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School team tennis squad could be the closest thing to a dynasty in West Texas since Fort Hancock.

Big Spring is trying to nail down its third straight district title in team tennis this fall. It's a feat head coach Sarah Corse thinks her team is capable of accomplishing.

"I feel pretty good about our chances," she said. "Obviously, Andrews and Frenship will be tough, but we have a veteran team that has been able to overcome them in the past.

"To do it (win a third title), we'll have to be on top of our game every time out," she said.

Big Spring has certainly looked strong thus far this year. Despite a 3-4 record, the BSHS netters have been overwhelming when they face teams their own size.

All four of the Steers' losses this season have come against 5A opponents in Odessa High, Odessa Permian, Abilene High and Abilene Cooper. In their last two outings

against teams their own size, the Steers won easily, taking 35 of 38 games.

"I think we have just as good a team this year as we had last year," said Corse, who lost just four seniors from last year's regional qualifying squad.

Back to anchor the girls' squad as the team's No. 1 player is Veronica Villarreal. The hard-serving junior is one of the top players in West Texas. In addition to advancing to the Region I-4A Team Tennis meet last fall, she competed in numerous events as an individual in the summer.

Seniors Heather Parnell and Lauren Chesworth also return, as do junior Jessica Rodriguez and Alex Garipey and sophomore Amanda Farmer.

Villarreal and Chesworth form Big Spring's No. 1 doubles team. Parnell and Rodriguez and Garipey and sophomore Natasha Neighbors also play.

Jaime Jordan competes with Kyle Conley in mixed doubles action.

The Steers' boys' squad is loaded with senior talent. Vishal Shroff headlines the BSHS squad as the No. 1. Jake Smiley and Justin Ferrell are the team's No. 2 and No. 3 players.

Juniors Nick Paedez and Nick Rivera return for the season.

Freshman Roshan Shroff is the team's No. 6 player.

Vishal Shroff and Smiley man the boys' top singles team. Paredez and Rivera comprise the "Nick" team at No. 2 while Ferrell and Roshan Shroff form the school's third tandem.

Big Spring is scheduled to make its second district outing of the season Saturday morning when they host Levelland at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex.

The action is scheduled to get underway at 9 a.m.

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Bulldogs expect tough 'challenge' from Badgers

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Coahoma head coach Robert Wood has heard all the stories how a Class 2A team should beat a Class A team easily.

Beat, yes. Easily, not necessarily — especially when the McCamey Badgers are involved.

"I think we're going to have our work cut out for us with McCamey," he said. "They have a lot of talent. Believe me, it is going to be another challenge for us when we line up against them Friday."

The Bulldogs, who are off to a surprising 3-1 start to the season, are slated to begin their final non-district matchup at 7:30 p.m. in Badger Stadium. McCamey enters the show-down sporting a 1-2 record that includes losses to two Class 2A squads.

"You can ignore their record," Wood said. "They have a pretty good football team. They're still rated around No. 15 in one (the Harris) poll."

The Badgers, who were a preseason pick to win the District 7-A crown and make their fourth straight playoff appearance, are led into the contest by quarterback Cannon McWilliams, a speedy 5-foot-10 junior who earned all-district praise a year ago.

The one person the Bulldogs won't have to worry about is running back Rigo Juarez, who graduated last May after rushing for more than 4,000 yards in his career. The Badgers have replaced the former West Texas speedster with a bevy of younger backs.

Offensively, the Badgers will come at the Coahoma defense with an offensive line that averages nearly 200 pounds per man.

In Coahoma, McCamey will be fac-

Friday Night Football Coahoma Bulldogs vs. McCamey Badgers 7:30 p.m. in McCamey

ing one of the most potent offenses in West Texas. The Bulldogs, thanks to a solid effort up front by linemen Terrell Bibb, Jarod Flohr, Sam Sevey, Andrew Brown, Zach Phillips and D.J. Allen, have averaged more than 300 yards a game through the first four weeks of the year.

Pulling the trigger on the CHS offense is quarterback Sam Tindol, who has posted some impressive numbers in his first 16 quarters in the Bulldogs' spread offense. He has completed 66 of his 123 attempts for 920 yards and nine touchdowns.

Amazingly enough, the CHS stand-out has distributed the ball among nine different receivers this year, including Kelby Kemper, Lance Roberts and Adrian Abrego.

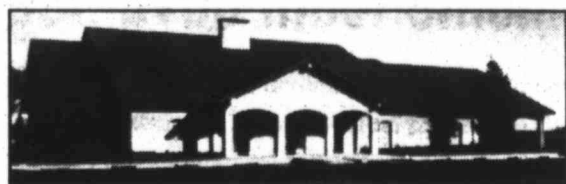
Kemper, who starred at tailback last year, and Roberts give Coahoma one of the best 1-2 combinations in West Texas. Kemper, a tailback last fall, has 25 receptions for 452 yards. Roberts has caught 21 passes for 235.

"I think it's important for us to come out and play well (against McCamey)," said Wood. "We're still learning this offense so we'd like to get into district on a good note."

Finishing their non-district slate — made up of four teams (Reagan Co., Ozona, Rankin and McCamey) that could make the playoffs in November — will take a team effort, Wood said.

"One person doesn't make this thing work," he said. "It's one of those things where everyone has to do their part."

Good Luck To All Area Teams!



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2003 Season Statistics

GAME RESULTS

17	Odessa High	35
19	Odessa Permian	48
49	Hereford	7
0	Plainview	51

Scores By Quarters

Opponents	42	36	28	35	141
Big Spring	20	39	20	6	85

Individual Offensive Statistics

Passing					
Player	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	TD
Jerry Doport	26	47	1	397	2
Andy Lasater	11	19	2	126	1
Team	37	66	3	523	3
Opponents	34	61	8	521	6

Rushing

Player	Att	Yards	TD
Taviance Clemons	31	156	0
Marcus Gray	35	237	0
Jerry Doport	38	111	3
Mike Omales-Doport	2	39	0
Dan Ward	7	15	0
Michael Shockley	1	9	0
Andy Lasater	12	-15	0
Team	126	552	3
Opponents	153	894	10

Receiving

Player	Recpt.	Yards	TD
Mike Omales-Doport	7	197	1
Jordan Cobb	7	104	0
J. Rich Sparks	2	74	2
Michael Shockley	10	71	2
Wesley Smith	4	53	0
Marcus Gray	4	18	0
Alex Castillo	1	3	0
Taviance Clemons	1	2	0
Jerry Doport	1	1	0
Team	37	523	6
Opponents	34	521	4

Scoring

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

Individual Defensive Statistics

Player	Cont.	Assist	Solo	T-Loss	Total
Quentin Vanderbilt	11	32	16	3	62
Jared Phillips	24	23	6	-	53
Michael Shockley	8	17	10	1	36
Daniel Castillo	9	17	1	-	27
Steven Heffington	12	11	-	-	23
Jeremy Cerda	6	13	1	1	21
Wesley Smith	2	11	8	-	21
Mike Omales-Doport	7	6	6	-	19
Jordan Cobb	4	8	5	-	17
Erin Partee	5	6	1	1	13
David Lopez	5	6	1	-	12
Brock Pittman	6	5	1	-	12
Michael Parker	1	7	2	1	11
Nick Rushin	2	5	3	-	10
J. Rich Sparks	2	1	1	4	8
Alex Castillo	3	1	2	-	6
Brandon Hughes	1	3	1	-	5
Lee Cortez	2	1	2	-	5
Dexter Straughter	1	2	-	-	3
Volker	1	2	-	-	3
Zach Angel	1	-	1	-	2
Curtis Osburn	1	1	1	-	2
Pete Yanez	1	-	-	-	1
Tom Olague	-	1	-	-	1
K. White	-	1	-	-	1
Abel Pesina	-	1	-	-	1

Kickoff/Punt Returns

Player	KO	Punt	Yds
Mike Omales-Doport	9	3	239
Jordan Cobb	12	-	163
Jerry Doport	2	-	29
Lee Cortez	2	-	0

Interceptions

Player	Total
Michael Shockley	3
Wesley Smith	3
Jordan Cobb	1

Fumble Recoveries

Player	Total
Steven Heffington	1
J. Rich Sparks	1
Wesley Smith	1

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Buffaloes hoping to get on track against Devils

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

Stanton head coach Lee McCown knew it was just a matter of time before all the pieces began falling into place for his squad. Consider the wait over.

Stanton heads into this weekend's non-district finale riding the crest of one of its better performances in recent years. The Buffaloes, thanks to several key plays late in the fourth quarter by Michael Washington and quarterback Victor Hernandez, upset No. 6-ranked Iraan Braves, 20-19, in front of a large homecoming crowd.

More importantly, the Buffs reached the .500 plateau for the first time since the 2001 season.

Against Iraan, Stanton relied on a bit of experience and a whole lot of guts to upend the Braves. The Buffs, after scoring a touchdown with less than a minute to play in regulation decided to forego a possible tie by going for the two-point conversion. Hernandez, who had found Washington in the end zone to cap off a desperation drive, tossed a short pass Washington on the PAT play and staked the Buffs to a one-point win.

Stanton will try and reel off its third win of the year Friday when they face the Ozona Lions, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Ozona. The Buffaloes will also be trying to avenge a lop-sided 47-0 whitewashing they suffered at the hands of OHS last season.

Tanner Riley leads the way on the

Friday Night Football
Coahoma Bulldogs

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ground for Stanton. In last week's game, the Buffs' speedy senior running back ran for 63 yards on 10 carries and scoring a touchdown late in the first quarter to bring the Buffs even, at 6-6, with the Red Devils.

In all, Stanton gained nearly 300 yards in the game. Hernandez had a solid performance via the air, completing 7-of-14 attempts for 141 yards.

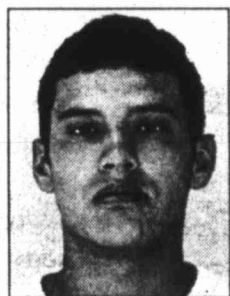
The defense, even though it gave up more than 300 yards to Iraan, was the poster child for the bend-but-not-break theory. Senior Daryl Williams keyed a late stand that all but doomed Iraan's hopes.

Williams, who leads the Buffs with five interceptions, garnered a pick in the second half — marking the fourth straight game he has recorded an interception.

While Stanton was pulling off its miracle, Ozona, which qualified for the area round of the playoffs last fall, ended up on the other end of a heart-breaking 13-12 loss to Coahoma. The Lions enter the game at 2-2 on the year.

The Lions are led on offense by quarterback Clay Hale and running back Jarryd Taylor.

Taylor leads the OHS defense.



HERNANDEZ

Grady looking to upset state-ranked Highland

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Grady Wildcats will get the opportunity to test themselves against one of the top teams in the state this Friday when they travel to Roscoe to face Highland.

Highland enters the fifth week of the Texas high school football season sporting a perfect 4-0 record and rated No. 6 in the state. Grady is 2-1.

The Hornets, who stunned Grady last fall, are loaded with speed. Sophomore running backs Marcos Calderon and Ryan Adkins have both

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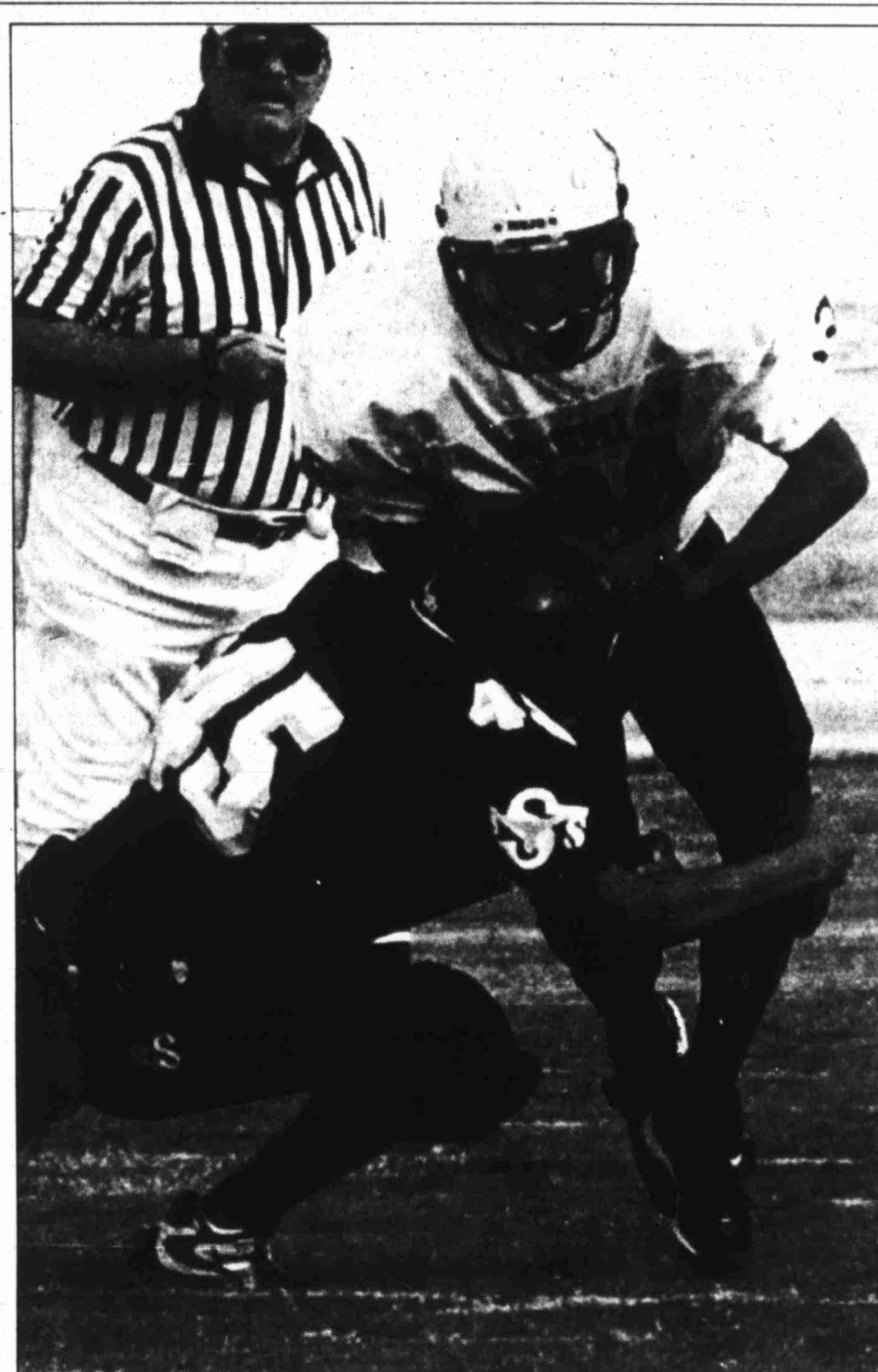
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rushed for more than 200 yards apiece this fall.

Wildcats' junior Andrew Villa leads the Wildcats, who roared Buena Vista last week. Villa has rushed for more than 300 yards and seven touchdown in his first three games.

Trent May also plays a key role.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

The Big Spring High School freshmen will tray and bring down Grape Creek this afternoon, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at Memorial Stadium. The freshmen, who are 1-3 for the year, is the only BSHS team in action this week. The Big Spring varsity and JV teams are idle this week and will face San Angelo Lake View next week.



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Area Football Standings

District 4-4A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	4	0	166	58	1.000
Frenship	3	1	113	52	.700
Levelland	1	2	48	56	.333
Big Spring	1	3	85	141	.250
Lake View	1	3	68	87	.250
Estacado	0	4	49	133	.000

Last week — Andrews 38, Sweetwater 15; Plainview 51, Big Spring 0; Lake View 30, Fort Stockton 7; Lamesa 7, Levelland 6; Frenship 24, Hereford 14; Amarillo Palo Duro, 41-14.

This week — Greenwood at Andrews; Lubbock High at Levelland, Borger at Frenship; Lake View at Wichita Falls High; Big Spring is open.

District 3-3A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Denver City	3	0	86	20	1.000
Merkel	3	1	95	26	.750
Seminole	2	2	61	54	.500
Sweetwater	1	2	72	81	.333
Lamesa	1	2	19	55	.333
Snyder	0	3	32	69	.000

Last week — Andrews 38, Sweetwater 15; Greenwood 22, Snyder 18; Merkel 40, Post 0; Crane 14, Seminole 7; Lamesa 7, Levelland 6; Denver City 26, Portales, N.M. 21.

This week — Sweetwater at Abilene Wylie; Snyder at Fort Stockton; Merkel at Breckenridge; Seminole at Lubbock Cooper; Littlefield at Lamesa; Denver City at Kermit.

District 3-2A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Colo. City	4	0	133	43	1.000
Crane	3	0	54	26	1.000
Coahoma	3	1	104	98	.750
Seagraves	3	1	138	47	.750
Stanton	2	2	79	75	.000
Forsan	1	3	46	138	.250

Last week — Coahoma 13, Ozona 12; Colorado City 26, Haskell 6; Crane 14, Seminole 7; Sonora 34, Forsan 6; Idalou 35 Seagraves 19; Stanton 20, Iraan 19.

This week — Coahoma at McCamey; Colorado City at Stamford; Crane at Pecos; Forsan at Rankin; Seagraves at Brownfield; Stanton at Ozona.

District 7-1A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Wink	4	0	139	32	1.000
Iraan	3	1	107	40	.750
McCamey	1	2	79	69	.333
Rankin	1	3	89	96	.250
Garden City	1	3	47	94	.250

Last week — Wink 39, Plains 0; McCamey 52, Van Horn 14; Irion Co. 40, Garden City 6; Eldorado 32, Rankin 20; Stanton 20, Iraan 19.

This week — Garden City at Midland Trinity; Coahoma at McCamey; Van Horn at Wink; Forsan at Rankin; Iraan at Menard.

District 15-1A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Roby	4	0	198	59	1.000
Bronte	3	0	86	18	1.000
Sterling City	3	0	55	28	1.000
Roscoe	2	1	78	68	.667
Miles	1	2	34	76	.333
Robert Lee	0	4	47	117	.000

Last week — Christoval 33, Robert Lee 6; Roby 56, Throckmorton 8.

This week — Bronte at Eden; Miles at Rotan; Winters at Robert Lee; Roby at Cisco; O'Donnell at Roscoe; Sterling City at Irion County.

District 5 Six-Man

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Dawson	3	0	139	30	1.000
Klondike	3	1	164	97	.750
Grady	2	1	151	87	.667
Borden Co.	1	2	76	130	.333
Sands	0	3	24	140	.000
Loop	0	4	0	181	.000

Last week — Grady 53, Buena Vista 6; Dawson 45, Amherst 30; Balmorhea 49; Sands 0; Ira 56, Borden County 6; Spade 34, Loop 0; Ft. Davis 50, Klondike 6.

This week — Grady at Highland, Dawson at Ropes; Westbrook at Sands, Wellman-Union at Borden Co., Loop at Hermleigh.

District 8 Six-Man

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Highland	3	0	149	82	1.000
Ira	2	1	114	64	.667
Loraine	2	1	141	82	.667
Trent	2	1	120	116	.667
Westbrook	1	2	42	108	.333
Hermleigh	0	2	36	76	.000

Last week — Ira 56, Borden County 6; Aspermont 70, Loraine 22; Highland 44, Santa Anna 36; Trent 42, Woodson 38; Water Valley 64, Westbrook 14.

This week — Westbrook at Sands; Loop at Hermleigh; New Home at Ira; Loraine at Southland; Grady at Highland; Guthrie at Trent.

Canada Conference 3

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Outlook	3	0	189	32	1.000
Watrous	3	0	90	38	1.000
Loreburn	2	1	65	25	.667
Hanley	1	2	102	147	.333
Clavet	0	2	47	71	.000
LCBI Bisons	0	2	2	103	.000
Central Butte	0	2	12	91	.000

Last week — Outlook 52, Central Butte 0; Watrous 45, Hanley 22; Loreburn 23, Clavet 17.

Buffaloes hoping to get on track against Devils

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffaloes will try to get their season back on track this week-end. Fresh off two consecutive devastating losses, the Buffs travel to Rankin to face the struggling Red Devils.

Last week, Forsan's lack of size and depth hampered the Buffs in their showdown with Sonora. The Bronchos ran wild through the FHS defense — something that Buffalo head coach Tommy Thompson hopes to remedy this week.

Sonora rushed for more than 300 yards in the contest.

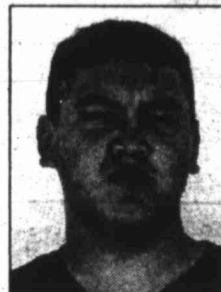
Offensively, the Buffs will try and reload behind quarterback Josh Helmstetler. The Buffalo offense, which has faced three solid defensive units, is averaging just more than 15 points per contest.

Helmstetler has passed for more than 200 yards in the Buffs' 1-3 start.

Sophomore Adam Johnson powers the running attack along with Cory Reyna and Anthony Acosta.

Trey Paradez is Helmstetler's main target. The FHS standout is the team's top receiver and has caught several touchdown passes. Brandon Burleson and Johnathan Wright have shown the ability to come up with the big catch as well.

Defensively, Helmstetler leads a stingy FHS secondary. The senior two-way starter is currently second in the Crossroads among defensive backs with four interceptions.



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On Tap ...

Today

Grape Creek at BSHS	9	4:30 p.m.
Big Spring JH at Snyder	5	p.m.
Snyder at Big Spring JH	5	p.m.
McCamey at Coahoma JV	6	p.m.
Coahoma JH at McCamey	5	p.m.
Ozona at Stanton JV	6:30	p.m.
Stanton JH at Ozona	5	p.m.
Sands at Westbrook JH	6	p.m.
Rankin at Forsan JV	6:30	p.m.

Sept. 26

Coahoma at McCamey	7:30	p.m.
Stanton at Ozona	8	p.m.
Garden City at Mid Trinity	7:30	p.m.
Westbrook at Sands	7:30	p.m.
Grady at Highland	7:30	p.m.
Forsan at Rankin	7:30	p.m.

Stanton's Darryl Williams leads all area defensive backs with five picks.

Forsan standout Mitch Hooper shores up the interior defense.

In Rankin, the Buffs face a team that has found the going tough this the season. The Red Devils suffered their third loss last week — falling to 1-3 — as they fell to the Eldorado Eagles, 32-20.

Rankin averages 22 points per game on offense. Defensively, the Red Devils have given up 24 points per contest.

The Red Devils have already faced one of Forsan's district foes this year. Rankin fell to Stanton in Week 2 by a 20-6 margin.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday in Rankin.



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Former 1,000-yard rusher Josh Mathews has redshirted this year at Ranger College. He will be playing defensive back next year for the Rangers.

COLLEGE

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year. He has already added about 10 pounds to his frame since beginning workouts this summer."

He spends a considerable amount in the weight room, strengthening his body for the hits and pounding collegiate athletes withstand.

"In the long run, it will be better for him," said Dwight Butler, the Steers' all-time winningest coach. "At that level, you take a lot of vicious hits so you need to be bigger and stronger to last. Tye is a lot stronger now than when he was here — especially in his upper body.

"With the speed of the game and the collisions that happen, athletes have to prepare themselves," he said.

Tye Butler isn't the only former Big Spring standout making the redshirt adventure this season. Woodruff and Mathews — part of a 2003 BSHS senior class that produced eight collegiate signees — have both been redshirted as freshman.

Woodruff, a 6-foot-4 receiver, is spending the year getting stronger and adjusting to life in Stephenville. Mathews, who starred at running

back a year ago for the Steers, has been redshirted at Ranger College where he will be shifting to defensive back.

"Curtis came by to see us a couple of days ago," said Butler. "He said he was enjoying college but that they (the TSU coaches) were trying to kill him with so much work in the weight room."

Mathews will likely also serve as the deep snapper for the Rangers next fall.

Another former Steer already making an impact in the collegiate ranks is Butler's oldest son, Bowe. The 2001 Class 4A defensive player of the year, has developed into a standout linebacker at Charleston Southern.

"He's doing really well," said Butler. "He's lost a little weight and gained some speed. It's helped him a lot."

Heading into Saturday's games, Bowe Butler ranks among the nation's leaders in tackles despite missing one game with a sore shoulder.

Butler, like Mathews is learning a new position this fall. He has been shifted to an outside linebacker spot this fall, moving from the middle linebacker role he held a year ago.

Mustangs look to snap 3-game slide against Westbrook

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Sands High School senior Brandon Woods probably feels like he's caught in a bad episode of the Twilight Zone. And no matter what he does, he just can't seem to find the remote to change the channel.

One year after helping carry the Mustangs to 14 wins and a berth in the state semifinals, Woods and Co. are looking for their first win. That's a tough situation for a Sands program that is used to winning ... a lot.

The Mustangs, who graduated five starters on both sides of the ball, will try and crank out their first victory of the year Friday night against the Westbrook Wildcats. A win would also make the school's 2003 homecoming activities that much better.

Sands is scheduled to face Westbrook beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Ackerly.

Finding offense has been the Mustangs' biggest challenge this year. Through their first three games, Sands has managed a total of 24 points offensively.

Of the five teams in the race for the District 5 championship, Sands has tallied the second-lowest scoring total. Only Loop has scored fewer points — zero.

The Mustangs do have weapons, however. Woods ranks among the state's top 25 rushers and is widely regarded as one of the top six-man linebackers in the nation.

Junior Marcelo Barraza has shown

2003 Homecoming Queen Nominees

Sands High School

Chelsy Ybarra Senior
Tisha Lucio Junior
Hannah Lester Sophomore
Carol Martinez Freshman

Escorts

Julian Mojica Senior
Corey Ramey Junior
Dee Fryar Sophomore
Eusebio Gonzales Freshman

improvement over the first month of the season at quarterback. He took over the SHS reins from Jeremy Renteria this fall.

Julian Mojica is another SHS veteran. Mojica saw action at the team's backup up center and kicker a year ago.

In Westbrook, Sands will be facing a team that is trying to solve its own offensive question marks. Westbrook lost its top rusher, junior Chris Molina, to a knee injury two weeks ago.

The Wildcats enter the game sporting an 0-3 mark.

As part of the homecoming activities, Sands will be staging several events during the week. Students in the school will wear western attire on Thursday and dress in the school's brown and white colors on Friday.

The 2003 Sands High School Homecoming Queen will be crowned at the half of the non-district matchup. The National Honor Society will hold a Red Wagon Float Parade prior to the game.

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Lamar enters 5A poll after beating DeSoto

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Arlington Lamar debuted at No. 7 in Monday's Associated Press high school football poll after beating former No. 2 DeSoto 14-11 on Friday.

DeSoto dropped to No. 8 in Class 5A in the poll of 20 writers and broadcasters from across the state.

Four Class 5A top-ten teams lost, causing several other changes in the poll. Aldine Eisenhower lost to No. 1 Lufkin and fell from No. 6 to No. 9. Tyler Lee beat Waco to move from No. 8 to fifth place. The loss sent Waco out of the poll.

Houston Washington also dropped

out of the poll after losing to Class 4A's No. 3 team La Marque 30-6.

The Woodlands, Southlake Carroll and Longview all moved up one spot to places two, three and four.

Longview got its second win in as many years over Evangel Christian, scoring 22 fourth quarter points in a come-from-behind 43-26 victory Saturday night. Twenty-thousand fans gathered at the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La. for the game against Evangel, which has won back-to-back Louisiana state titles.

Lufkin remained 5A's No. 1 team after its win over Aldine Eisenhower and received all but one first place vote.

In Class 4A, Andrews entered the poll at No. 10 after getting off to a 4-0 start, including wins over 5A teams Midland and Odessa.

Ennis stayed as the top team in 4A and also received 19 first-place votes after beating Mesquite Horn 48-0.

New Braunfels was the only ranked 4A team to lose this week and dropped out of the poll from No. 9.

Texarkana and La Marque both won Friday to keep spots two and three. Brownwood and Corpus Christi Calallen kept places four and five after an idle week.

Bay City dropped one spot to No. 7 despite beating Lamar Consolidated 44-0. Corsicana beat rival Waxahachie 38-31 and moved up to No. 6.

Former top five team and defending state champion Denton Ryan inched up a spot to No. 9 after beating Class 5A Coppell 35-10. On Sept. 12, Coppell knocked Duncanville out of the Class 5A rankings with a 38-28 win over the Panthers.

For the second week in a row, Burnet was the unanimous No. 1 selection in Class 3A. The Bulldogs beat Midland Christian 66-19 Friday.

Bellville and Midland Greenwood stayed at No. 2 and No. 3.

Daingerfield, Fairfield, Everman, Newton, Gilmer and Forney all moved up one spot after last week's No. 4 Decatur lost 47-41 to Mineral Wells.

Decatur dropped out of the poll and Gainesville entered the poll for the first time at No. 10. The team is 4-0 and beat Burkburnett 40-7 Friday.

The turnover continued in 2A, as Comfort took over as the fourth No. 1 in five weeks. Corrigan-Camden was the latest team to lose the top ranking after a defeat by last week's No. 8 team Hemphill 21-14.

Hemphill jumped to No. 4 and received five first place votes following the win. Corrigan-Camden took Hemphill's old spot in the poll at No. 8.

The top five teams in Class 1A remain the same with West Sabine in the first spot after getting 17 first-place votes.

Thrall replaced Iraan at No. 6. Iraan lost by one point to Stanton. Iraan dropped four spots to No. 10.

Celeste, No. 2 two weeks ago, dropped out of the poll from No. 10 after its second consecutive loss.

Wink, which is 4-0, entered the poll for the first time at No. 9.

Top 10

Here is The Associated Press high school poll with first place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll:

Class 5A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Lufkin (19)	3-0	199	1
2. The Woodlands	3-0	152	3
3. Southlake Carroll (1)	3-0	150	4
4. Longview	3-0	130	5
5. Tyler Lee	3-0	123	8
6. Smithson Valley	4-0	83	10
7. Arlington Lamar	4-0	79	-
8. DeSoto	3-1	37	2
9. Aldine Eisenhower	2-1	33	6
10. SA Roosevelt	3-0	27	-

DROPPED OUT: Waco, Houston Washington.

Also receiving votes: Galena Park North Shore 23, Waco High 18, Leander 9, Spring Westfield 9, Round Rock Westwood 5, Abilene 4, Dallas Carter 4, Copperas Cove 3, Converse Judson 2, Port Arthur Memorial 2, Houston Washington 1, Schertz Clemens 1.

Class 4A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Ennis (19)	3-0	199	1
2. Texarkana (1)	3-0	175	2
3. La Marque	3-0	163	3
4. Brownwood	3-0	141	4
5. CC Calallen	3-0	115	5
6. Corsicana	4-0	75	7
7. Bay City	3-1	66	6
8. Dayton	4-0	44	8
9. Denton Ryan	2-1	33	10
10. Andrews	4-0	26	-

DROPPED OUT: New Braunfels.

Also receiving votes: Kilgore 8, Highland Park 7, Canyon Randall 6, Sharyland 6, Stephenville 6, Taylor 5, Fredericksburg 4, Port Neches-Groves 4, Texas City 4, Killeen 3, Waco University 3, Hallsville 2, Nederland 2, Kerrville Tivy 1, New Braunfels 1,

Sulphur Springs 1.

Class 3A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Burnet (20)	4-0	200	1
2. Bellville	4-0	164	2
3. Midland Greenwood	4-0	148	3
4. Daingerfield	4-0	132	5
5. Fairfield	3-0	109	6
6. Everman	2-1	98	7
7. Newton	3-0	88	8
8. Gilmer	4-0	58	9
9. Forney	3-1	39	10
10. Gainesville	4-0	23	-

DROPPED OUT: Decatur.

Also receiving votes: Decatur 17, Celina 9, Navasota 6, Bishop 5, Altair Rice 2, Marlin 1, Mineral Wells 1.

Class 2A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Comfort (11)	4-0	182	2
2. Garrison (2)	4-0	176	3
3. McGregor (1)	3-0	139	4
4. Hemphill (5)	4-0	136	8
5. Panhandle	3-0	110	5
6. Tom Bean (1)	3-0	88	6
7. Crane	3-0	65	7
8. Corrigan-Camden	3-1	54	1
9. Rosebud-Lott	2-1	46	9
10. Jacksboro	4-0	45	10

DROPPED OUT: None.

Also receiving votes: Italy 19, Leon 14, Cisco 9, Centerville 6, Maypearl 6, Jim Ned 3, Linden-Kildare 2.

Class A			
Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. West Sabine (17)	3-0	195	1
2. Stratford (2)	3-0	181	2
3. Shiner (1)	4-0	154	3
4. Albany	3-0	137	4
5. Anton	3-0	118	5
6. Thrall	3-0	86	7
7. Chilton	3-1	81	8
8. Windthorst	3-1	67	9
9. Wink	4-0	39	-
10. Iraan	3-1	23	6

DROPPED OUT: Celeste.

Also receiving votes: Milano 6, Roby 5, Falls City 4, Celeste 2, Bremond 1, Crosbyton 1.

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