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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 70°-72° SATURDAY 95°-100°

Blood drive set Monday at Wal-Mart

United Blood Services will be in the Wal-Mart parking lot for its "Blood Center to You" drive on Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30.

Donors must be 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds, be in good health, carry proof of identification and know the names of any medication taken in the past 30 days.

Those wishing to make an appointment to give blood can contact the United Blood Services at (800) 756-0024.

Dinner theatre tickets on sale at the chamber

Tickets are on sale for a Sept. 1-2 dinner theatre production of the comedy "I Take This Man."

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Howard College theater department, the ticket price will include a candlelight meal before the show.

Tickets are \$25 a couple, \$15 for singles and \$10 for seniors 65 and older. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the show goes on at 8 p.m.

The event takes place at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets are available at the chamber office, Third and Gregg.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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Farmer's Cooperative Gin of Knott to celebrate 50 years

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Saturday, they'll be holding a director's meeting again at the Farmer's Cooperative Gin of Knott. It's an annual event, but there is something special about this one — it marks 50 years that the gin has been in business.

"This has been a very successful operation. We've got quite a few customers and they are all good cus-

tomers," said gin manager A.L. Higgins.

Everyone knows Higgins as "Skinny," a nickname he's had since his youth. He's been looking after the operations of the gin for nine years, assisted by Jane Moore, secretary and bookkeeper.

They'll be among the 200 or so people attending Saturday's 6:30 p.m. meal and stockholder's meeting at the gin. Al's & Son Barbecue will serve up the food. A number of mer-

chants have donated door prizes to be given away as the group celebrates the milestone anniversary.

The idea of constructing a gin for farmers in the area began with a meeting on Oct. 16, 1949.

Present were W.A. Jackson, T.M. Robinson, J.D. McGregor, Emmett Grantham, Edgar Phillips, R.L. Stallings and R.J. Shortes.

A vote to build the gin was held on June 19, 1950, and Phillips, Stallings, Shortes,

Robinson, McGregor and Jackson were named to the original board.

Of those six men, only Phillips survives today.

The current board is made up of Derwood Blagrave, president; Oren Lancaster, vice president; Larry Shaw, secretary; Joe Barnes; Kelly Gaskins; Anacleto Casas Jr. and Danny Pugh.

Like most gins, the Farmer's Coop of Knott is also a gathering place, a spot for farmers to talk over a cup of coffee. In trying to

help its customers, the gin does a little business on the side as well.

"We handle a lot of farm stuff — pipe fittings, bolts, sweeps, brushes and the like. We try to save the farmer a trip to town. We don't try to make much, just break even," said Higgins. "We appreciate our customers and they come back to us."

"It looks like things are going to be rough this year. But for the most part, they've been good ones."

Fair activities already in full swing

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Although the Howard County Fair officially begins this afternoon, activities were already in full swing Thursday.

"This is the 11th year we have presented Ag in the Classroom at the fair," said Mike Moates, Howard County Farm Bureau president. "The Texas Farm Bureau started this program for the fourth graders after they study Texas history."

Ag in the Classroom at the fair this year brought fifth graders from Ackerly, Garden City, Forsan, St. Mary's Episcopal School and Big Spring schools. Fifth graders were invited because they had studied Texas history at the end of last school year.

"It's a great program because even though this is a farming community, most kids really don't know much about farming," Moates said.

During the program, students proceed through nine different stations: portable dairy truck, farming equipment, petting zoo, beekeeping, horseshoeing, food and nutrition, cotton gin, boll weevils and chemicals, and a program on insects.

"The portable dairy truck is new this year," said Moates. "It teaches the children about dairy cows and there is a cow milking demonstration."

As many as 500 students



Eddie Corse demonstrates to a group of fifth graders from Marcy how to shoe a horse Thursday afternoon at the fair barns. The Howard County Fair opens its doors at 4 p.m. today and runs through until Monday.

participated in Thursday's activities.

The fair will be open from 4 to 10 p.m. today with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys performing at 7 and 9 p.m. in the HEB Entertainment Tent.

Saturday, the gates will open at 10 a.m. Highlights include the Kountry Kids Contest at 10:30 a.m. and songwriter and recording artist Red Steagall, who will perform under the HEB Entertainment Tent at 8:30 p.m.

Garden City team roper and musician Mike Hillger will perform on Sunday night; gates open at 1 p.m. and close at 10. Those who want to leave to attend church can have their hands stamped and return free of charge.

The traditional Battle of the Cheerleaders will be a part of the fair's final night on Monday. The hours of operation on Monday are 4 to 10 p.m.

For the first time, livestock shows will be going

on during the run of the fair. Judging of all food and creative arts entries was Thursday and a new addition this year to that area is the return of pies.

A special contest for children will be illustrations of nursery rhymes in three-dimensional artwork, and antique serving bowls will be displayed.

The carnival will be run by Candy Apple, which promises an area for small children as well as bigger and better rides for others.

Fraud

Indictments handed down in selling of unregistered securities

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

A Midland County grand jury has returned indictments against two people allegedly involved in selling unregistered securities to residents of Big Spring, Midland and Odessa.

"There are about 24 investors named in the indictments," said Joseph P. Oman, assistant director of enforcement for the State Securities Board. Oman did not immediately have a breakdown of how many cases involved Big Spring residents.

"Most of them were in Midland. Several people invested multiple times. They run the gamut from retirees to a divorcee and a truck driver. Some invested about \$5,000, while others invested quite a bit more," Oman said.

The grand jury returned 12 indictments on Wednesday against Sherry W. Keisling and H. Bradley Bertrand for violations of the Texas Securities Act

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Brazilian youth says he's enjoying his stay in Big Spring

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

When Gustavo Carvalho arrived in Big Spring two weeks ago, he was surprised by the welcome he received.

"I am just amazed at the way the people have received me," he



CARVALHO

said. "They have been very friendly."

Carvalho is an exchange student from Campos dos Goytacazes, Brazil sponsored by the Guarus Rotary Club of Brazil. He is participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program with the Rotary Clubs of Big Spring.

The Rotary Youth Exchanges have two programs — the long-term, where the student stays for the entire school year; and a six-week program, which is usually over summer break. Both programs allow the

youth to experience the host country's culture in a way that the casual visitor never could.

"The thing I have seen the most difference in is the culture," said Carvalho, who will stay for the entire school year. "In Brazil, we are much more liberal, whereas in America, there are things like curfews."

Other noticeable differences in cultures according to Carvalho are the food, the amount of meals eaten in a day and the school schedule.

"In Brazil, we eat four

meals a day," he explained. "And we also start school in the afternoon, and have 11 subjects of study throughout the week."

Carvalho added that the school schedule in Brazil is different every day, not like at Big Spring High School, where students generally take the same classes each day.

His hobbies include playing the guitar, drawing, reading and the sport of soccer.

"I do miss seeing soccer," he said. "I do not under-

stand American football at all."

Carvalho hopes to work on his English and learn as much as possible about the United States and the Texas culture as he can.

"I also hope to teach people a little bit of Brazilian culture as well," he said.

He plans on graduating this school year and will go to college and study architecture.

While in Big Spring, Carvalho will be staying

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Small business breakfast set Tuesday by chamber

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Calling all small businesses of Big Spring: There will be a dutch treat breakfast, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday beginning at 7:30 a.m.

"We have a quarterly round table for large tax entities in Big Spring," said Terri Newton, executive vice president. "We want to try to get this same type of thing, going for the small businesses in town."

This meeting will be informal to discuss ideas and topics that interest small businesses.

"We want to hear what's going on with these businesses," she said. "We want to see what problems or needs they might have and

to see what area we (the chamber) can be of help."

The meetings will be open to all small businesses.

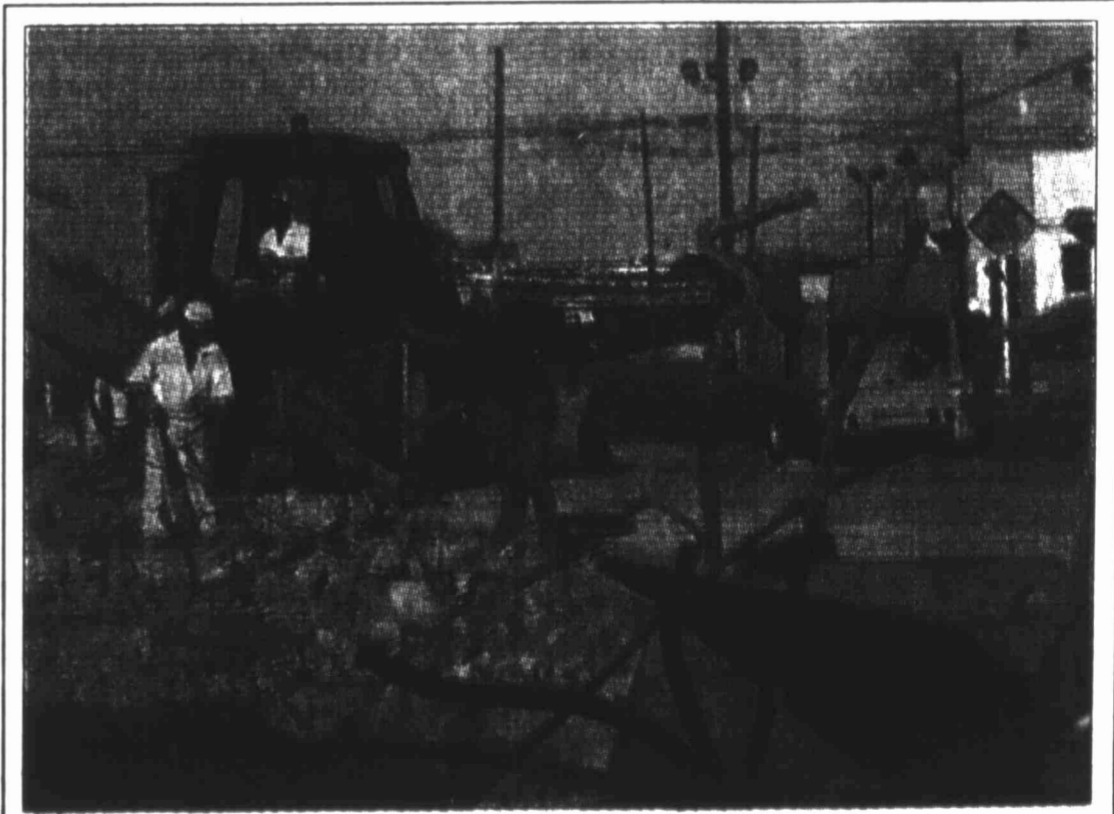
"After the first two meetings, we won't be mailing out as many notices," Newton added. "But that doesn't mean those who aren't on our mailing list aren't invited."

According to Newton, there are about 250 small businesses that are already members of the chamber.

"We did mail out around 700 mailouts to the small businesses around town," she explained. "If some small business didn't receive a mailout, please come and join us anyway; I'm sure we just overlooked them by accident."

Newton added that the

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Big Spring city employees and prisoners work in the rubble of the Permian Building this morning. The city is preparing the area to be paved for a parking lot for the Heart of the City Park. The project should be completed by Oct. 15.

OBITUARIES

Jesse James Wright

Jesse James Wright, 53, of 29 Palms, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, died on Aug. 15, 2000, at his residence. Mr. Wright was born in Olympia, Wash., on Sept. 26, 1946, and was raised in Brady. He moved to Big Spring in 1971. He worked for Jim Raul Exxon for a number of years in Big Spring. He also worked for the Howard County Sheriff's office. He married Carey Brouillette in 1997.



He is survived by: his wife, Carey Wright of 29 Palms, Calif.; his son, Wayne Wright of Big Spring; two daughters, Jeannette Towely of Brownwood, two sisters, Linda Flowers of Brownwood and Gloria Meyers of Aiken, S.C.; and five grandchildren.

LaQuita Watson

Funeral service for LaQuita Watson, 65, of Big Spring, is pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died in her home on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000.

Edward Mendez Jr.

Funeral service for Edward Mendez Jr., Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Lillian Jeanean Johnson

Graveside service for Lillian Jeanean Johnson, 61, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2000, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Jess Cosgrove of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Mrs. Johnson died on Aug. 23, at her residence. She was born March 16, 1939, in Midland. She is survived by: her son, Jeff Cullen Halbrooks of Arlington; her daughter, Laura Jan Chavez of Amarillo; her three brothers, Clarence L. Hardin of Jal, N.M., Oscar Leroy

Hardin of Big Spring and Larence Hardin of Jal, N.M.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

D.O. "Dee" Worthan

D.O. "Dee" Worthan, 75, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000, at his residence. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000, at the College Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor, and the Rev. G.A. Magee, interim pastor of First Baptist Church in Kermit, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born on Jan. 25, 1925, in Taylor County and married Helen Hull on Nov. 6, 1944, in Big Spring. Mr. Worthan came to Big Spring in 1947 and had worked for Bob Brock Ford for 27 years, retiring in 1979 as General Sales Manager. He was a member of College Baptist Church. He had served in the United States Navy for four years, serving in the South Pacific during World War II.



Survivors include: his wife, Helen Worthan of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Travis Fryar of Midland and Jan and Terry Hansen of Big Spring; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and four sisters.

Pallbearers will be L.C. Gibbs, Bob Brock, Bert Hillger, Randy Gee, Rondel Brock, Don Stabeno, Pete Sanderson and Craig Caudill. Honorary pallbearers will be Al Long, David Hodnett, Larry Chandler, Delbert Donelson, Ralph Walker, and all employees of Bob Brock Ford.

The family suggests memorials to the College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720, or to a favorite charity. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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with four host families — Willis and Barbara Morrison, Rusty and Amber Buske, Stan and Carol Hanes and Lynn Simpson. He is currently staying with the Morrison family and will change families every three and a half months. "I think everyone should have a foreign exchange student at least once in their lifetime," said Morrison. "It is such a great experience and you learn so much from them." Carvalho will move on to his next host family in November. "This experience will be good for my future," he said. "I'm having a good time."

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CHAMBER

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chamber plans on having speakers to discuss issues of concern to those who

attend. "Some businesses may need educational information about something, so we could bring in someone from West Texas Centers for MH/MR or maybe from the Texas Workforce Commission. We just want to help as best we can."

For more information, contact Newton at 263-7641. "We are really hoping to get more involvement with the small businesses in town," she said.

INDICTED

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and money laundering. Keisling and Bertrand were indicted for selling unregistered securities, and selling securities without being registered dealers or salesmen. Keisling was also indicted for securities fraud and securing the execution of a document by deception.

According to the indictment, Keisling, doing business as Cornerstone Financial in Midland, sold approximately \$1.5 million in certificates of viated insurance benefits issued by Financial Federated Title & Trust Inc. of Lazy Lake, Fla., and American Benefits Services Inc. of Lake Worth, Fla.

Bertrand allegedly participated in the scheme while doing business as Cornerstone Financial Agency Inc. of Blanchard, Okla.

Oman said Bertrand was the person Keisling sold through.

Financial Federated Title & Trust collapsed in September of 1999 after the principals in the firm were charged in Florida with federal fraud and money laundering violations. More than \$115 million in viated benefits certificates have been sold to investors throughout the United States, according to Oman. "The feds did a real good job in Florida. They got almost all of the main principals," said he said.

According to him, the selling of unregistered securities and selling securities without being registered is widespread.

"We're seeing a number of salesman going from true insurance products to these alternative investment products and most of those products are bogus. And they are all securities," Oman said.

According to Oman, Keisling is a former Midland resident. Bertrand is a resident of Blanchard, Okla.

BRIEFS

A BENEFIT FUND HAS been set up at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Melody Statham, who is battling a rare form of cancer. The family has no health insurance to pay for treatments or travel they must make to Galveston. Donations can be made to account 758214, or contact Tammy Barber at Cosden Credit Union, 264-2600 for information. Donors can also contact Calvin and Linda Bordofsky, 264-0838.

SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR the Deaf will have an open house for its new Diagnostic Center, Activity Building and dorms on Tuesday. There will be a dedication ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon and then a tour of the facilities following.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY
•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (paper no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY
•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndrome, 1 p.m., on the second Saturday of each month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Contact Linda Hagler at (915) 520-3500.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (paper no.).

•Open birthday night meets the last Saturday of the month with a covered dish at 7 p.m. and birthday meeting at 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

December cotton 66.18, up 71 points; September crude 31.72, up 9 points; cash hogs steady at 44 even; slaughter steers steady at 66 even; October lean hog futures 53.37, up 7 points; October live cattle futures 68.07 down 60 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

Table with market data including AT&T, Archer-Daniels, Atmos Energy, BP AMOCO, Chevron Corp, Compaq Computer, Cornell Cos, Dell, Du Pont, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, IFCO Systems, IBM, Intel Corp, NUV, Patterson Ener, Pepsico Inc, Phillips Petro, SBC Comms, Sears Roebuck, Texaco Inc, Texas Instrument, TXU, Total Fina, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart de Mexico, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 7,3,0

Cash 5: 1,9,11,16,20

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission

FAIR RESULTS

The following students were prize winners during Thursday's Ag in the Classroom presentation at the Howard County Fair:

Grand prize winner, Michael Booth of Bauer Magnet Elementary, boom box from Wal-Mart.

Other prize winners, John Williamson, Elbow Elementary, \$40 gift card sponsored by Unichem; Giorgio Taylor, Moss Elementary, \$40 gift card sponsored by Co-op Gin Ackerly; Mikeala Barton, Garden City Elementary, \$20 gift card sponsored by Kydee's; Kayla Holloman, Coahoma Elementary, \$20 gift card sponsored by BNB Electric.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

THURSDAY
7:27 a.m. — 2000 block S. Gregg, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

10:41 a.m. — 1002 block Runnels, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:57 p.m. — 1000 block Nolan, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

4:54 p.m. — 700 block E. Fourth, medical call, patient refused service.

7:16 p.m. — 1900 block S. Main, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:53 p.m. — 200 block Little Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:30 p.m. — 4100 block Dixon, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

•MICHAEL MENDOZA, 32, 1003 Brumley, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•CONSUELLA ANN MENDOZA, 28, 1003 Brumley, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana under two ounces.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. today:

•CARLOS GONZALES, 19, address unknown, was arrested for public intoxication.

•AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 1200 block of Gregg.

•LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore, 500 block of NW Seventh.

•DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVER was reported in the 1000 block of Goliad.

•SHOTS FIRED was

reported in the 2500 block of Gunter.

•THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell, 900 block of Willia.

•CLASS A ASSAULT was reported in the 2000 block of Main.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON was reported at 19th and Goliad.

•FORGERY was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

•CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1900 block of N. Hwy. 87.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of W. Fourth.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 900 block of Runnels.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

•ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 2200 block of Brent.

CORRECTION

Ricky Wallace, Sharon Houlihan, Betty Newberry, Daniel Santiago Quintana, John L. Watkins, Scotty Ray Land and John James Hilger were listed in Thursday's paper as being arrested by the Howard County Sheriff's Department or the Big Spring Police Department. Those arrests had been previously published in the Herald and did not take place Wednesday.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 99
Thursday's low 70
Average high 93
Average low 67
Record high 105 in 1936
Record low 56 in 19161
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.12
Month's normal 1.55
Year to date 11.60
Normal for the year 12.88
Sunrise Saturday 7:17 a.m.
Sunset Saturday 8:17 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday 7:18a.m.
Sunset Sunday 8:16 p.m.

RITZ 401 S. Main CHILD \$2.00 263-7480 ADULT \$2.00
Bless the Child (R) Daily 7:10 & 9:30 Sat & Sun 2:30 & 4:50
Scary Movie (R) Daily 7:20 & 9:40 Sat & Sun 2:40 & 5:00
Hollow Man (R) Daily 7:00 & 9:20 Sat & Sun 2:20 & 4:40

STAR College Park Shopping Ctr.
The Replacements (PG-13) Daily: 7:00 & 9:20 Sat. & Sun. 2:20 & 4:40
Bring it On (PG-13) Daily: 7:10 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:30 & 4:50
CINEMA 4
Nutty Professor 2 (PG-13) Daily: 5:00 & 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 10:00 Sat. & Sun. 2:30
What Lies Beneath (PG-13) Daily: 7:00 Fri. & Sat. 9:30
Space Cowboys (PG-13) Daily: 4:40 & 7:10 Fri. & Sat. 9:40 Sat. & Sun. 2:10
The Cell (R) Daily: 4:50 & 7:20 Fri. & Sat. 9:50 Sat. & Sun. 2:20
Autumn in New York (PG-13) Daily: 4:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:00
ADULTS: \$5.50
\$3.25 ALL MATINEES, CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS
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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
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Board granting parole to more Texas prison inmates, study shows

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's parole rate climbed in July to its highest point in a single month since Gov. George W. Bush took office five years ago, but the chairman of the parole board says politics did not play a factor.

Nearly 29 percent of eligible convicts were approved for parole in July, new statistics show. A year ago, about 18 percent of eligible convicts were paroled and the rate has been climbing.

Parole Board Chairman Gerald Garrett said the increase is a result of policy changes that are starting to

impact the parole rate. However, Democratic Party chairwoman Molly Beth Malcolm said the new figures show there are problems with how the prison system is run and the increased parole rate is politically motivated.

"When you cut through the bureaucratic explanations, it appears that the parole board has been holding people in prison longer than necessary at a high cost to the taxpayers or they are now releasing inmates early to minimize the budget shortfall," Malcolm said. Top lawmakers and state

officials have said the state's \$610 million budget overruns are in part to blame on a higher prison population in county jails because of tougher parole rules.

Garrett dismissed Malcolm's explanation. "She was miles off in her assessment in what's happening now and particularly why it is happening at this point of time," Garrett said.

Garrett said the parole rate has been rising steadily and Malcolm's comments seem "to suggest that something like this current approval rating could hap-

pen overnight. We are talking about two years in the making to get where we are."

Bush spokesman Mike Jones said Malcolm's comments do not hold weight. "It's a very strange and convoluted argument at best, obviously not based on any actual facts," Jones said. "The facts are that the Texas crime rate, particularly violent crime rate, continues to fall."

Garrett said that when he was appointed chairman in July 1999, many people suggested that the parole approval rate would be kept

"artificially low" because Bush was campaigning for president.

"Some people just flat out said 'we know you are not going to release anyone on parole because of the election,'" Garrett said. "The rate has gradually increased for over a year now. It is amazing to me that someone would now come forward that would say that now that the rate has come up, it is politically motivated."

Garrett said the parole rate is increasing because of rehabilitation programs for inmates inside prisons; they are better prepared for life

outside incarceration.

The increase also is based on an aging inmate population. Older inmates are not as likely to commit crimes when they are released, Garrett said.

Parole rates in the state have been a political lightning rod since the early 1990s, when the board released nearly 80 percent of the convicts it considered to ease prison crowding.

Reacting to public outrage, the Texas Legislature enacted tougher laws and more than doubled the size of the prison system in five years.

Random checks of visitors to Mexico will persist

EL PASO (AP) — Random inspections of immigration documents at Juarez international bridges will be permanent and eventually will spread to the entire U.S.-Mexico border, Mexican officials said.

Some border residents said the inspections contradict Mexican President-elect Vicente Fox's open-border vision for the three countries in the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"These inspections will enable us to find out who's entering the country and for

what purposes," Angelica Rendon, spokeswoman for the National Migration Institute in Mexico City, said. "The information we gather will also provide us with valuable data of all kinds related to immigration flows."

She said not everyone will be stopped every time to show proof of citizenship.

Last week, immigration officials in Juarez last week indicated they were cracking down on people from the United States who travel south of the border to con-

duct business. Many of them must have special visas if they are doing business in Juarez, they said.

"We didn't have enough staff to do these inspections before," said Rendon. "We have additional staff this year that has enabled us to enforce Mexican immigration laws, and Juarez was the starting point."

Fox, who discussed his border proposals Thursday with President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, Fox, was scheduled to meet Friday with Texas Gov.

George W. Bush in Dallas.

"It is not our purpose to inconvenience people at the border unnecessarily or to create traffic jams," Rendon said. "The inspections follow existing laws and are not related to (Fox's) vision for the border."

Veronica Callaghan of El Paso, who is on the Border Trade Alliance national board of directors, said the border business community was caught off guard by the news last week that Mexico was going to start asking for immigration papers.

Researches to study long-range movements of smog

HOUSTON (AP) — A \$20 million study, 150 scientists and engineers, and 30 public, private and academic institutions joined forces Thursday in the battle to improve Texas' air quality.

The group, which includes the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the City of Houston and Harris County, will conduct the Texas 2000 Air Quality Study.

Deemed the most exhaustive study ever done in the state, it will look at air quality in the eastern half of Texas, including the cities of Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange, Dallas, Fort Worth, Longview, Tyler and Marshall. It could also

involve other cities, including Austin, Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

"The study will allow us to make good policy decisions based on science. We will do them in a more consistent manner, in a more cost effective manner," TNRCC Commissioner Ralph Marquez said at a news conference.

Marquez said scientists hope to better understand the meteorological and atmospheric complexities of the pollution problem, including how ozone and fine particulate matter is created and travels to different areas of the state.

Nearly 50 percent of the state's residents live in four urban areas that currently do not meet federal standards for ozone: Houston,

Galveston, Dallas-Fort Worth, Beaumont-Port Arthur and El Paso.

Houston and Los Angeles have wrangled in recent years for having the nation's smoggiest air. Los Angeles, which lost the title to Houston in October, regained the dubious honor Thursday. Experts said Los Angeles has posted eight more days of unhealthy ozone than its Texas rival.

The TNRCC has given preliminary approval of proposed smog reduction plans for the Houston-Galveston area. The agency is considering testimony on the plans, and a final version will be adopted in December and sent to federal officials for consideration.

The Clean Air Act requires the TNRCC's new

plan to bring Houston's ozone levels below a national health standard by 2007.

If they miss the deadline, or if the EPA rejects the plan, the Houston area could lose highway money and be dealt federal restrictions.

The initial results from the Texas 2000 Air Quality Study won't be available for several months — not in time to be incorporated in the smog reduction plan for the Houston-Galveston area, said Gregg Cooke, an EPA administrator.

New scientific equipment being used for the study includes six specially equipped research aircraft from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Energy, Baylor University and NASA.

Wind farm to be placed on Upton County mesa

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials have tagged King Mountain, a prominent West Texas mesa, as the site of a wind farm that should generate enough electricity to power about 65,000 homes.

Construction is expected to begin this fall on the King Mountain Wind Ranch, which will cover about 200 acres along the eastern and southern edge of the mesa near McCamey in Upton County.

Its 160 wind turbines will produce more than 200 megawatts of power.

The wind farm will be more powerful than others because the turbines will be "some of the largest in existence," said Richard Wheatley, spokesman for Houston-based Reliant Energy, which will buy the wind farm's electricity.

The King Mountain Wind Ranch is the latest in a slate of wind farm projects slated to crop up across the region known for breezy conditions.

A facility comprised of 107 turbines opened at a site about five miles away from the King Mountain Wind Ranch in June. Dallas-based TXU Electric & Gas recently announced

plans for a 242-turbine, 160 megawatt farm south of Odessa, scheduled to come on-line late this year.

The Public Utility Commission also lists three wind projects finished last year and seven wind farms scheduled to be built in 2000 to 2001.

The wind farms are being built to satisfy a 1999 state law that was designed to open up Texas' electric utilities market, but also mandates that in nine years 2,000 megawatts of power — about 3 percent of the state's generating capacity — come from renewable sources such as windmills or solar power.

"State policy clearly is very, very important, and Texas has been and will be the largest single market for wind in the next decade," Randall Swisher, executive director of the American Wind Energy Association, said.

"That, plus the fact you have a heck of a strong resource and the need for new electrical capacity," Swisher said.

Relentless wind in the area, along with the decline of aging oil fields, makes King Mountain an attractive site, project officials said.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **CITY CREWS**, who worked countless hours over 15 days to demolish the unsightly and dangerous Apache Bend apartment complex.

• **HOWARD COUNTY FAIR QUEEN HEATHER HARRIS**, along with Kara Jeffcoat, first runner-up, and Sterling Burchett, second runner-up. All of these outstanding young ladies were crowned last Saturday at Big Spring Mall.

• **GRAYSON HANKINS AND SKIP HEDGPETH**, owners of Home Hospice, who gave donations to two worthy programs recently — the Alzheimer's Association and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

• **DEREK CLAPP**, a new instructor at Howard College whose work in the communications field has already earned him national recognition.

• **SCENIC MOUNTAIN QUILTING QUILD**, which finished a project that was begun 70 years ago. They completed a quilt for Borger resident Bill Wilkerson that was started by his mother in 1929.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a 14-year-old freshman at Garden City High School. I live a little bit outside of Big Spring and go there often.

A couple of friends and myself were wondering why there isn't some type of dance club in Big Spring for teenagers like me and my friends. We all feel that if there were a dance club (or something similar) that more kids would be hanging out there instead of getting into trouble.

Sometimes teenagers get

so bored that they start trouble just to have something to do. We want to stop that, and we think a dance club could stop a lot of it.

I would start the club myself, but being only 14, it would be quite difficult.

I know this has been tried before and failed. However, I think that with teens telling what's expected of the club, that it will work.

AMANDA HENSON
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Republicans' tendency has been correct

My good friend and former student at Dartmouth, Peter Robinson, has just published a book titled "It's My Party" (Warner Books). In it, Robinson explains why he and others are Republicans despite the many flaws of that party.



JEFFREY HART

I will return to some of the wisdom of Robinson's book in the future, but it seems clear to me that, whatever its foolishness and shortcomings, the Republican Party has achieved the best of the argument since the day Harry Truman left office.

The Republican Party is an institution of conservative tendency, albeit with disagreements. The Democratic Party has been purified of all but a steady liberal tendency. And, as you go down the list of issues that matter profoundly, the Republican tendency has been correct.

Of course, the Democrats boast of continuing prosperity. But they do not understand its basis.

Demonstrably, the three foundations of economic growth are lower taxes, sound (not inflationary) money and deregulation.

After taking office in January 1981, the Reagan administration wrung inflation out of the economy that it had inherited with a temporary economic downturn. It also, under the Kemp-Roth tax reduction,

demonstrated the power of investment to produce growth. And, of course, it removed a great deal of encrusted regulation, as in the airline industry. The result was sustainable economic growth.

Aha, a critic will reply. President Reagan left us with huge deficits.

But the federal budget was controlled by huge Democratic majorities in the House, which rejected most of the cuts that Reagan proposed in federal programs. Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill annually announced that Reagan's proposed budget was "dead on arrival."

The liberal Democrats do not understand the theory or practice of economic growth. They endlessly lament the "income gap." The fact is, we have an opportunity society plus a generous social safety net. An opportunity society by definition creates "income gaps." One has the impression that liberal Democrats would prefer all social safety net and no opportunity. That would amount to a stagnant gross national product and shared poverty.

On national-security issues, since Truman's departure, liberalism has been consistently wrong.

The fact is that post-Truman liberalism is unhappy with the use of power. Jack Kennedy's failure at the Bay of Pigs and his allowing Nikita Khrushchev to insult him and bully him at the Vienna Summit probably emboldened Khrushchev to install his missiles in Cuba. Kennedy's hope of engaging the enemy in Vietnam with Green Berets and advisers was romantic and absurd. Resenting

Fidel Castro, the Kennedys tried to kill him with exploding cigars, poisoned wet suits, and whatnot. The "best and the brightest" in Kennedy's administration were liberals who had no feel for concrete power. President Eisenhower must have cringed.

Late in Reagan's first term, the Soviets installed intermediate-range ballistic missiles in Eastern Europe. This was a dangerous ploy. The idea was to pry Western Europe out of NATO with the argument that the United States would not risk its own territory to a Soviet long-range missile attack in order to block Soviet threats to its NATO allies.

The Democrats and their candidate, Walter Mondale, advocating a "nuclear freeze," would have acquiesced in this strategic imbalance in favor of the Soviets. Reagan, supported by Margaret Thatcher, Francois Mitterand, Helmut Schmidt and other NATO leaders installed our Pershing II missiles in Europe. This was strategic checkmate and one of Reagan's finest hours.

Doesn't everyone know that if Mondale had defeated Reagan in 1984, Soviet power would very likely still be intact?

When Saddam Hussein seized Kuwait and President Bush launched Desert Storm, most Democrats opposed it. Most of them favored sanctions instead. If the seizure of Kuwait had been allowed to stand, Hussein would have been a much more menacing figure in the Middle East than he is today.

It is an important fact that Colin Powell is a Republican today because he does not trust

liberals/Democrats on military/national-security matters. Powell has every reason to hold that opinion.

President Clinton's use of military power in Kosovo was a liberal textbook case. The goal, of all things, was multicultural. Muslim Albanians and Eastern Orthodox Serbs were henceforth to live happily together in pluralistic harmony. When the troops leave, we will be back to square one — murder, rape and pillage. Clinton attempted an impossible goal with ludicrously inadequate means.

Finally, there is a huge moral gap between conservatives and liberals. From historian Gertrude Himmelfarb's phrase, the parties now represent "two cultures." The selection of Joe Lieberman as Al Gore's running mate cannot hide this.

The Republican Party, very generally speaking, stands for traditional or conventional morality in sexual matters and in entertainment.

It knows that Hollywood, along with much of the media and also the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, regards this ethos as square or uncool.

All of these elements tend to be opposed to "middle-class morality" as being boring, and tend to fiercely defend any justification that can be justified as "art" or "free expression" or "civil liberties." We are paying a very high price for this liberationist morality, both individually and as a society.

In all of these respects, and more, the Republicans and the conservative tendency win hands down and no contest.



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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to a column from Charlie Reese seen (recently) in the *Big Spring Herald*, his theme was basically about Israel bullying the Palestinians and the United States not being an unbiased arbitrator. I don't know if Mr. Reese really believed what he wrote or if he only wanted to get the juices flowing in average Americans, but just one question, Charlie: "Are you an idiot?"

A few points Mr. Reese: Yes, Israel invaded Palestine in 1948 and set up a Jewish state.

Yes, they were conquered by several empires over the past few thousand years and, yes, America has stood by Israel.

If the Israelites had obeyed God when they first came out of Egypt there would have been no

Palestine to invade in 1948. God had instructed the Israelites to kill every man, woman and child when they came into the Promised Land, but the Israelites felt they needed slaves and eventually intermarried with different tribes instead of driving the other tribes out. Check it out; it is all in the Bible.

Onward to other subjects. Yes, Israel overran Syria during the Six-Day War and took land from them. Get any encyclopedia and read about it.

The tiny country of Israel is practically surrounded by Arab nations. Arab nations that hate Israel. A hate that has lasted several thousand years. When a coalition of Arab nations formed to fight the Jewish nation in 1967, Israel struck first and in six days it was all over.

Now Mr. Reese says give the land back.

If we want to talk about land won in a war, here are a few examples:

Texas won its independence in 1836 from Mexico. We kept the land.

The Mexican War in 1848. The Mexican government ceded the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas (again), Utah and portions of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Wyoming to the United States after being defeated.

The Spanish-American War in 1898 saw Spain cede several colonies to the U.S. such as Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines. The U.S. kept them as territories instead of states and helped them self government.

Sure, the U.S. made payments to the foreign governments for the land but

the point stands. We got the land!

Israel was overrun and its people scattered to different lands in the year 70 A.D. Almost two millennia later, the Jewish people come together, invaded and formed another country. That is a tremendous accomplishment for a people who had survived the nightmare of the Holocaust in Germany three years earlier.

Mr. Reese has made Israel out to be the bad guy, with U.S. help and he shows the Palestinians to be the victims in this scenario.

I will not go into all the Palestinians have done in the last 52 years, but you can read about it also.

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Firefighters digging in across nation

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Firefighters battling blazes burning nearly 600,000 acres across Montana braced for the worse today under a forecast of gusty wind, scorching temperatures and lightning.

Temperatures into the 90s and 40 mph wind were expected in areas of the state where some of the 25 major fires are burning.

The National Weather Service said the hot, breezy weather could continue through the weekend in Montana, as well as Idaho and Washington, providing ideal conditions for new blazes.

At Payette National Forest in central Idaho, hundreds of soldiers from Fort Hood in Central Texas are helping to cut a fire line in advance of the 41,000-acre Burgdorf Junction blaze.

Twenty-five military

squads and three civilian fire crews are assigned to the Burgdorf Junction fire.

"This past week, we have really crossed the threshold," Lt. Col. Darryl Williams, the Task Force Thunder Commander, told the San Antonio Express-News. "These guys are in their rhythm now. They are comfortable with this task."

Spec. Javier Andrade, 23, of San Antonio said he has learned more about firefighting than he ever thought he would know when he joined the Army 19 months ago.

"There is no question these soldiers have done something they know how to do best, and that is follow instruction," Master Sgt. Lewis Matson said from the Burgdorf base camp.

High wind Thursday fanned two major wildfires burning in Montana, result-

ing in additional damage to buildings in the Bitterroot Valley and more evacuations in that and on an 81,000-acre fire burning mostly scattered timber and cow pastures between Helena and Bozeman.

In Washington, a lightning-sparked brush fire grew to 35,000 acres Thursday and threatened 50 rural homes outside the town of Mabton. About 150 Yakima County residents were evacuated.

The blaze had destroyed 10 outbuildings by Thursday night, said Penelope Christopherson of the State Emergency Operations Center. The fire started Wednesday in a remote area of the Yakama Indian Reservation and spread by high wind. All but about 3,000 acres of the charred land was on the reservation, Christopherson said.

In the Bitterroot Valley, a blaze pushed by 30- to 50-mph wind jumped a road. Ravalli County officials said some additional buildings were burned, but no dwellings were destroyed. Nearly 70 houses and cabins have been destroyed in the area since the fires began nearly a month ago.

Morning temperatures have cooled across the Northwest and there are other signs that fall is drawing near, but the NIFC said the end of summer does not signal an end to the fires.

"We just don't see a real end in sight," said E.Lynn Burkett, with the interagency center in Idaho.

"This time of year, what usually happens is we get monsoon weather in the Southern states and it moves north," bringing rain, she said.

But that isn't happening.

Fox clarifies time frame on open border with U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexican President-elect Vicente Fox says the huge income gap between the United States and Mexico could be erased through sound economic policies in 10 years, after which restrictions on cross-border travel could end.

In the meantime, Fox said in an interview Thursday night on PBS' "The NewsHour," the United States would be within its rights to keep undocumented aliens off U.S. territory.

Fox planned to discuss the issue Friday afternoon with Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush in Dallas, hours after Bush was delivering a speech on the subject in Florida.

The two obviously appear to be approaching the issue from different perspectives. While Fox wants to open the border, Bush, who is governor of Texas, says he believes curbs on the entry of illegal aliens should be strengthened.

"We've got to do a better job of enforcing our border," Bush said Thursday, adding that Fox has yet to fully explain his position.

Fox said in the interview he has no preference between Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

"The idea here is to build up a common future and I think we can work that future with either one," Fox said.

Fox, takes office on Dec. 1.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 26:

You will have many opportunities dropped on you this year. You know what you want, and you know how to proceed to make them real. You are unusually attractive and draw many toward you. You have choices, so be open to them. Professionally, you gain as long as you stay focused on the long term. Don't get frustrated by lots of work. If you are single, romance knocks on your door. A friendship could become a lot more. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from time away together. Plan frequent romantic weekend get-aways. LEO reads you cold.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Relax at home. You clear an important project and feel very good about yourself. A loved one chips in and makes your day even mellow. Once you're free of a responsibility, you kick up your heels like a kid. Romance blooms. Tonight: Naughty and nice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Speak your mind and share your feelings. Don't always assume that another knows everything about your feelings. Sharing improves the bonding that exists. Browse a flea market or favorite store. Talk and relax with a loved one or a friend. Tonight: Throw a party.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Finances could stop you from doing what you want, but they don't have to. Express your concerns and allow others to pitch in with ideas. Others like being a bigger part of your life. Visit with friends and get together with others later in the day. Tonight: Chat the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Your smile warms others. Try to bring a sister or brother out of the doldrums. You don't need to do much to make others happy. Treat another to a late lunch or dinner. Don't limit yourself by negative thinking. Stay optimistic. Tonight: Have dinner out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Take your time getting started. You deserve a day off from the hectic pace. Lounge and enjoy yourself. Another wants to treat you to a good time. Accept the gesture. You draw much

more of what you want when you relax and don't push. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Aim for what you want. Friends seek you out, and your popularity soars. Join friends early on for a game of golf or tennis. As the day progresses, you will want time with a special friend. Take a walk or drive. Talks thrive in a different atmosphere. Tonight: Do only what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Finish off any work and clear out responsibilities. Once you manage to do what you must, take time with a loved one or special friend. Remember, you don't have to make everyone else happy at the cost of depriving yourself. Gather with friends and enjoy life's positives. Tonight: Make yourself happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Take off for an outing at the beach or some other favorite summer resort. You might not be sure of a loved one's or friend's reaction. Yet there is no other way than expressing yourself. Others prove to be far more responsive than you had anticipated. Tonight: A must show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** One-on-one relating opens doors and puts a smile on your face as well as another's. Taking time with a loved one encourages a better flow. Take off together in the later afternoon. You might want to explore a new area or go to a fair. Tonight: Keep exploring!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Friends surround you with their own sets of plans. They all want you! Make decisions that you will enjoy, rather than pleasing others. Downtime with a loved one recharges your relationship. Make time to be with a loved one or a dear friend. Tonight: You'll need your air conditioning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Finish up an errand or two. You will relax better if you clear out something you feel you must do. Allow your sense of humor to come out with others. A child benefits from your insight. Accept an invitation for the late afternoon. Tonight: Let the party begin.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Allow your playful side

to emerge with others. You bring out the spring in their step. Share a favorite pastime or hobby. A loved one responds to your overtures and thoughtfulness. Listen to a parent who might be morose or out of sorts. Tonight: Let others do for you, for a change.

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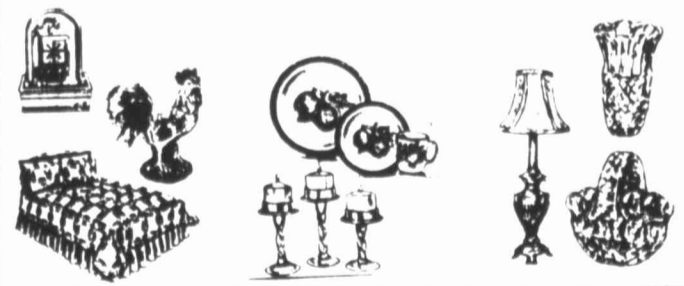
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Tea in Mitford

Book event planned Sunday will benefit work of Samaritan Counseling Center

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A popular book series will come to life Sunday in Big Spring.

The first novel in the "At Home in Mitford" series, will be the subject of a talk beginning at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church parlor. Then a Mitford-style tea will be served in the parlor, where costumed characters from the books will mingle with guests.

"This is a unique event, and we are so pleased to have people involved from several different churches," said Frances Wheat, a board member of the Samaritan Center. "We think it will be a lot of fun."

The "At Home in Mitford" series, written by Jan Karon, concerns the life of an Episcopal priest in a small town. Throughout the books, he confronts the hilarious, touching and sometimes difficult antics of the townspeople, while finding changes occurring in his own life as well.

It is described by fans as an uplifting, heartwarming series.

"Once you finish one, you can't wait to get the next

one," said Janell Davis, who will give the presentation of the books. While it is geared toward those who have read at least one of the series, she said it will be enjoyable for anyone.

"After hearing about the books, they will want to read them," she said. The Master's Touch will have books available at the tea.

Refreshments, including several items mentioned in the books, are being prepared by six women from various congregations. Patti Horton, Nancy Little, Joan LaFond, Betty Smith, Cliffa Slate and Pauline Nelson are cooking up such delightful treats as cheese straws, cucumber sandwiches, miniature quiche, raspberry tarts, lemon squares and orange marmalade cake.

Charlotte Plaia will make the tea, and a teapot collection owned by Fran Bartlett will be displayed.

"All of the food is donated, and all of the work is being done by volunteers," Wheat said. While there is no charge to guests at the tea, a \$5 donation is suggested.

The money will go to support the work of the Samaritan Center, which offers counseling programs



From left, Janell Davis, Patti Horton and Frances Wheat set up table decorations for Sunday's Mitford Tea to benefit Samaritan Counseling Center, and Davis holds the book that will be discussed. The event begins at 2 p.m. in First Baptist Church's parlor.

to families, couples, the Midland/Odessa and Big Spring. The center's ser-

ing scale.

Is it time for you to make an adjustment?

What catches your attention?

Each of us have points of interest that cause us to focus in on life. It's amazing how diverse we are though all are part of the same Human Race. In the last few weeks we have had ample opportunity to get serious about a wide variety of events. You may identify with most, or few, of these stories. Let's take a look. What is it that you have been talking about?

Politics: Who could miss this one? Both the Democratic and the Republican parties are promising you they can make your life great. Don't get me wrong, I have very strong political convictions. You don't have to know me very well to know where I stand on just about every issue. Let's not go there.

Sports: The Houston Comets are in the Finals of the WNBA, again! Go Swoopes! (I'm a Texas Tech grad). The Texas Rangers are deep in the cellar. But Kapler's 28-game hitting streak kept them in the news. Tiger Woods still is! The

Hawks are back in town! Welcome!! Football is up and running again, but where are the Cowboys? The Big Spring Steers and marching band (my daughter's in the band) get a fresh start. Go Steers!

Financial: My low point! But I do know who Alan Greenspan is. I'm still paying too much for gasoline, but I'm told the economy is great!

Courts: Several of the nine justices and other officials seem a little confused about their role. Understanding the difficulty of being unbiased in public affairs, I am often frustrated with the "modern" interpretations of our great Constitution. Our founders must be "rolling over in their graves."

Human Interest: The tragedy of the Russian Nuclear Submarine and its crew. We all have our opinions on that heartbreaking story. I pray for the families.

Weather: Still extremely dry. Possibly the latest local gossip, or a recent shopping trip? Anything catch you? Are you alive out there? What are you talking about?

Think about these two statements that Jesus made. He was quite a radical in His day. They really help us identify the things in life that make each of us tick.

The first says: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The second statement links up with the first, though found in a later chapter of the same Gospel. "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."

Very simply stated, it means that you "talk" about those things that are important to you. Both of these statements are recorded in

Matthew's account of the life of Christ. Together, they indicate that you can tell what is truly valuable to someone, just by listening to them talk.

Now it's time for some real honesty. What is it that makes you tick? If you don't know, just ask the people nearest to you. Maybe it's time for an adjustment of the heart. After all, the only thing in life that really matters are your relationships. First, to God; then, to those around you.

Crime is down; unemployment is down; abortions are down; teen pregnancies are down; and the economy is up. But if you're still miserable, what difference does it make. Isn't it time you found some real meaning and purpose in life. The life focus you've been looking for is Christ and His Way. The Lord of the Church is patiently waiting to meet with you. See You On Sunday!

Ken McMeans is pastor at College Baptist Church.



KEN McMEANS

CHURCH NEWS

Evangel Temple

Evangel Temple, located at 2205 Goliad, will have a back-to-school rally on Sunday at 5 p.m. with guest speaker Robert Summers. The public is invited.

St. Mary's Episcopal

This summer, St. Mary's Sunday Holy Eucharist service begins at 9:30 a.m. The 9:30 a.m. Sunday service will continue until Sept. 10.

The Canterbury Board will meet at Canterbury South on Monday at 5:15 p.m.

St. Mary's will begin their Fall Christian Education program on Sunday, Sept. 10. There are classes for all

age groups and everyone is welcome.

Baker's Chapel AME

The officers and members of Baker's Chapel AME Church invites you to a reception for our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. Michael K. King, Sunday, Sept. 3, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service in the Fellowship Hall at 911 N. Lancaster.

King is a native of Jacksonville, Fla. He attended Florida A&M University and B.F. Lee Seminary (Ed



KING

Waters College) in Jacksonville. In 1992, the Rev. King was asked to transfer from the 11th Episcopal District (Florida) to the 10th Episcopal District (Texas).

Since his transfer to Texas, he has pastored several churches: Bethel A.M.E. Church, Sweetwater for four years, Brooks Chapel A.M.E. Church, Crowell, two years, and Greater St. Paul A.M.E. Church, San Angelo, two years.

The Rt. Rev. McKinley Young, Presiding Bishop of the 10th Episcopal District, appointed King to Baker's Chapel during the 83rd Session of the Northwest Texas Annual conference in Lubbock on Aug. 13.

Baker's Chapel cordially invites the public to come and meet the new pastor, the Rev. King, and Mrs.

King, who have lived in Big Spring for eight years.

First United Methodist Church

"Money As A Tool Not A Master" (2 Timothy 2:2) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. This message is about how believers in Jesus Christ obey Christ in relation to money. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Our home page is <http://www.xroad-stx.com/dove>.

All youth meet on Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. Please call the church for a complete list of summer activities planned for the youth this summer. Children also have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning.

The First United

Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. Single Adults have a class all their own, taught by Jackie Henry, on Sunday mornings at 9:40.

We also have a class for adults with special needs and talents, The Kingdom Class, taught by Shelley Smith.

There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

If you are interested in taking the Disciple Bible Study, please contact the church office. The class will be held on Sunday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., September 17, through April 29. This class will take you through the Bible.

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Howard County A&M Club

The Howard County A&M Club awarded local 2000-2001 scholarships and the Sidney Clark Endowed Scholarship.

Six scholarships were given from the Aggie club amounting to \$3,000. The money was donated by local Aggies with a matching portion supplied by former Big Spring resident Don Knight.

Leonard Scott Crowell, the son of Pat Crowell, is the recipient of the Sidney Clark Endowed Scholarship which is awarded to a freshman. Crowell will be a freshman at Texas A&M this year majoring in animal science with a pre-vet option.

He also received one of the A&M Club's local scholarships.

The recipients of the local Aggie scholarships include: Cheryl Coates, daughter of Daryle Coates and Cathy New, who will be a sophomore majoring in elementary education; James Clements, son of Jim and Leslie Clements, who will be a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering; Anthony Everett, son of Oskar and Bethany Everett, who will be a junior majoring in biochemistry; Thomas Garza, son of Carlos Garza and Otila Garza, who will be a sophomore majoring in construction science; and Alison Woodall, daughter of Frank and Raylene Woodall, who will be a sophomore majoring in biomedical science.

The A&M club and the Texas Tech Exes club will have an auction on Sept. 7, at La Posada Restaurant. Funds raised go to scholarships for the next school year for students to attend either A&M or Tech. For information, contact Cynthia Scott at 267-3933.

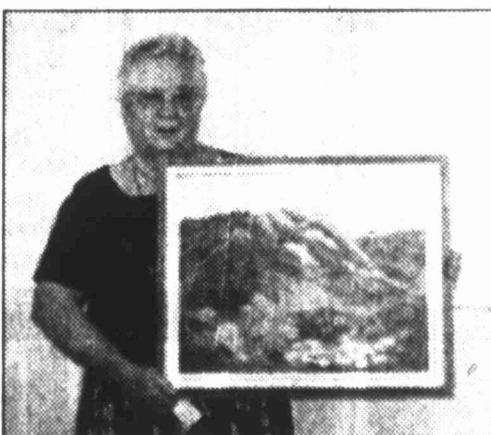
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Artist of the month for the Big Spring Art Association is Jean Money. She has been studying art since 1974, working with various teachers. Money retired in 1991 from her work as a medical laboratory technician, and has continued her study of art.

She took a number of workshops with Frank Covino, a portraitist who teaches the old masters' techniques. She also took forensic reconstruction workshops from Betty Pat Gattliff, whose work has been featured in movies and TV shows.

Money enjoys working in oils and pastels, and has won numerous ribbons in local art shows, along with a reserve champion award at the Howard County Fair. Her paintings are displayed at the Heritage Museum.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE FOR THE Deaf will have an open house for its new Diagnostic Center, Activity Building and dorms on Tuesday. There will be a dedication ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon and then a tour of the facilities following.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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He that fears not give e advantage to the danger.
Francis Quarles

When you jump for joy, beware that no one moves the ground from beneath your feet.
Stanislav Lec

Do not do an immoral thing for moral reasons.
Thomas Hardy

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For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

Living Water Ministries

Jean Krisle, founder of Krisle Christian Ministries, will be speaking at Living Water Ministries, 1008 Birdwell Lane, Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. She will also be speaking at Christ's Community Church, 1909 Gregg at 7 p.m. and Miracle Revival Center Monday and Tuesday at 600 E. F.M. 700 at 7 p.m.

First Assembly of God

"The greatest decision a Christian can make," is Pastor R.T. Havener's message this Sunday morning at First Assembly of God Church, Fourth and Lancaster. Life requires each of us to make many decisions. How we respond to them is extremely important.

The members of First Assembly invite you to join them this Sunday at 10:40 a.m. to hear Havener's special message on this subject. In the Sunday evening service at 6, Pastor Eddie Johnston will be ministering on the subject, "The Calvary and Chariots of Israel."

There will be inspiring worship and special music in both services, and the public is invited to attend both of these services this Sunday.

Hillcrest Baptist

Hillcrest Baptist Church will hold Family Friendly Wednesday Nights from 5:15 p.m. until 6 p.m. An inexpensive dinner will be served and then we pray together as families around the tables. At 7 p.m., there is something for everyone: preschool choir, youth team rally, children's missions classes, Beth Moore women's study, a general Bible study of fresh perspectives on life, and adult choir rehearsal.

Come and join us. The meal cost for adults is \$3, children under 10 is \$2 and the family maximum is \$10. Call the church office to make a meal reservation or for more information at 267-1639. Hillcrest is located at 2000 W. F.M. 700 near Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

A Beth Moore Bible study, To Live is Christ, for women is offered on the life of David. It begins at 7 p.m.

on Wednesday evenings at Hillcrest Baptist Church as part of the Family Friendly Wednesday Nights. Individuals may participate at no cost, however, a donation to help with cost of materials is requested from those who can give.

First Baptist Church

Enoch, a concert pianist, will appear in concert in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church at 6 p.m. This Sunday. He will present three selections during the morning worship service. Pastor Eddie Tubbs' sermon title for that service is "We Seemed Like..." Come join us as we worship this Sunday.

Freedom 2000 is coming Sept. 10-15 with Ken Freeman and Among Thorns. This city-wide crusade will be held in the sanctuary at First Baptist. You are invited to participate.

First Presbyterian

"It Costs Too Much" is the Rev. Dianne Brown's sermon title for this Sunday. Worship is at 11 a.m., following Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten refreshment time at 10:30 a.m.

This is barbecue weekend, and everyone is invited to join the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for fellowship and family fun at Morgan Ranch beginning with the cowboy breakfast Saturday morning at 9 a.m. After worship on Sunday, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a barbecue dinner with all the trimmings.

Call the church office, 263-4211, for more information.

Atheist 'church' called successful prototype

IRVING (AP) — When four former Catholic altar boys started an atheist "church" here a few years ago, they didn't think they were doing anything special. They just wanted a place where they and other nonbelievers could gather for fellowship, just as other churchgoers do.

But five years later, the North Texas Church of Freethought nicknamed the "church for the unchurched" has become a model for other atheist congregations, sparking interest in similar ventures around Texas, the nation and the world.

"It's an idea that I had for many years," said Dr. Tim Gorski, one of the four founders of the group, which is believed to be the nation's largest atheist congregation.

About 40 people attended the first service in Irving's Wilson World Hotel in 1995. The church now boasts a membership of 150 and is raising money toward owning its own building.

And in March, leaders helped launch a congregation in Houston. Atheists in England and New Zealand have also contacted them about starting a church.

"We're the prototype," Dr. Gorski said proudly. "But we advertise in the newspaper. And we have an extensive Web site. And we have people who pass the word along by word of mouth."

Freethought co-founder and executive director Mike Sullivan said that although the philosophy of atheism is obviously not new, the possibility of having a "church of unbelievers" is. He said that modern-day technology is responsible for the

growth and interest that the North Texas group has inspired.

"I don't think a project such as ours would have been possible without the Internet," Mr. Sullivan said, who estimated that the group gets 200 "hits" per day on its homepage (church.freethought.org). "The Internet spreads knowledge and information so quickly."

Houston's Freethought Church was formed, for example, after its organizers found the North Texas group's Web page.

"We don't have the turnout that they have yet, but they were very instrumental for us," said co-founder and executive director Art Fay, who said services are drawing 15 to 18 people. "We wanted to use their materials because of the success they've had in five years."

"They provided the model and said that this could be done, that atheists and free-thinkers could be organized into a church," Mr. Ashmore said. "I didn't believe that it could be."

Mr. Sullivan said the church offers atheists, humanists and other "free-thinkers" many of the same things that theistic places of worship provide, including a disbelief in false gods. But he said atheists take that precept one big step further.

"We've rejected all other gods plus one more," Mr. Sullivan said.

Mr. Sullivan said atheists find belief in the God Christians, Jews and Muslims worship unreasonable.

"The beauty of this church is that the entire world of human ideas is

open to us," Mr. Sullivan said. "We are not limited by one thought or belief."

Organizers said they understand that for many

people, the idea of atheists going to "church" is a foreign concept. But they said nonbelievers share a need for fellowship.

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Organizers skirt pre-game prayer ruling

BOGUE CHITTO, Miss. (AP) — Wide receiver Scott Edwards says high school football and prayer go hand-in-hand on Friday nights and no court can change that.

The 16-year-old son of a Baptist preacher and many of his classmates at Bogue Chitto High are counting on fans in this little Mississippi community to restore prayer to the stadium legally — with individuals deciding, on their own, to join hands and recite the Lord's Prayer.

The students' effort is part of a grass-roots movement, mainly in communities across the South, to encour-

age "spontaneous" prayer as a way to get around a U.S. Supreme Court ruling barring school officials from letting students lead stadium crowds in prayer.

The high court ruling in June came in a Texas case brought by two families — one Catholic and one Mormon — who challenged a school policy of letting students elect someone to lead the benediction.

"We have a very strong Christian atmosphere here," Scott said of the town, which has a Baptist church directly across from the 500-student school. "I feel like people have a right to express their Christian

views. This is a community thing."

David Ingebretsen of the American Civil Liberties Union said what is being planned is illegal.

"It seems to me that a planned spontaneous prayer cannot be spontaneous and it violates the court's ruling," Ingebretsen said. "If this planned, spontaneous prayer happens, it forces everyone there to hear that prayer or to participate in it."

Jim Keith, the attorney for the school district, said as long as the school isn't orchestrating the prayer, there's no harm done.

Coming Sunday: Memories of a place called home.

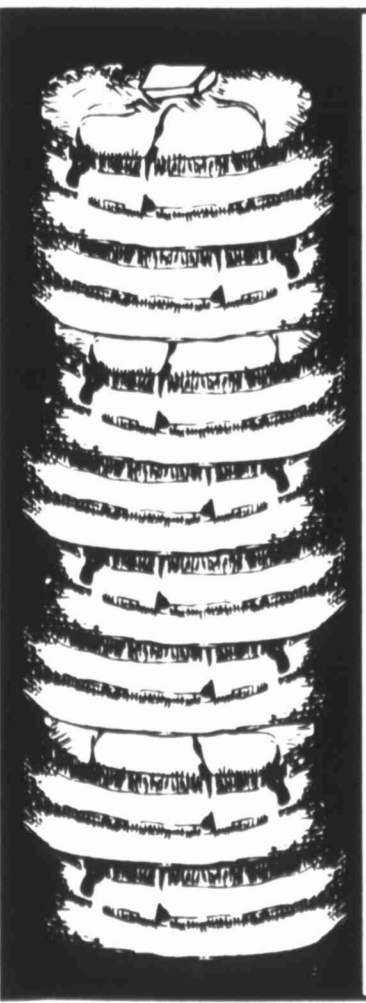
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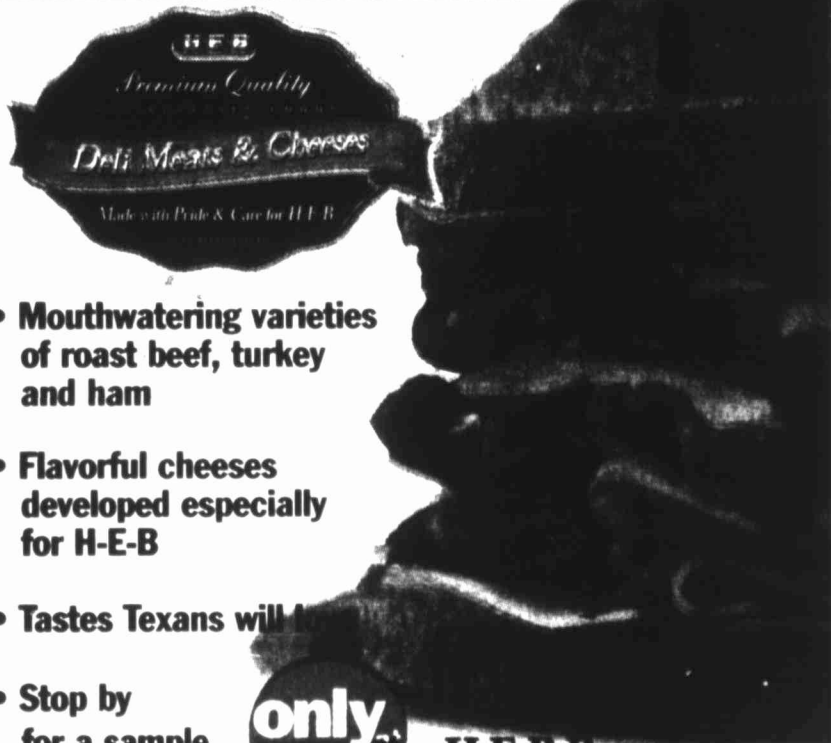
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IN BRIEF

Football signups conclude today

Today is the final day of Crossroads Football signups. The signup will be taking place at All-Star Sports during business hours.

Last two fall baseball signups scheduled

Two more signups for the Crossroads Fall Baseball League have been scheduled at the Big Spring Mall. The first of these will be from 6-8 p.m. today and the final session will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The cost of registration is \$25.

HC schedules 'Meet the Coaches'

The Hawk Flight Booster Club has set "Meet the Teams" for Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church.

It will be an ice cream social and all coaches and students athletes will be introduced. Anyone wanting to support Howard College athletics to attend.

For more information contact Stan Feaster, booster club coordinator at 264-5045.

UGSA signups currently under way

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association is currently holding fall signups and will continue to do so until Sept. 2.

The signups will be taking place during regular business hours at three locations, All Star Sports, Microzone and Sound Decision.

For more information, contact either Joellen (263-2082) or John (267-3861).

Quarterback Club meets each Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club meets at 7 p.m. each Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program is invited to attend.

Comets defeat New York in first game

(AP) — Cynthia Cooper is not ready to retire just yet. She's still got all the moves and all the motivation to bring a fourth WNBA title to Houston.

As the New York Liberty moved closer to pulling off a dramatic comeback in the final minute of Game 1 of the WNBA finals Thursday night, Cooper's desire to win took over.

She scored five of her 20 points in the last minute as the Comets held off the Liberty 59-52.

"I felt like I needed to take it upon myself to be the leader in that situation," said Cooper, the two-time MVP.

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Red Raiders, Lobos ready to square-off new offenses

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech expects the fine-tuning of its new pass-based offense to continue into its first game Saturday against New Mexico, when the Red Raiders debut a new game plan and a new head coach.

Of course, not everything will be new when the Red Raiders take the field — veteran running back Ricky Williams is returning to the gridiron after suffering a knee injury, which kept him out for most of last season.

Two years ago, Williams finished fourth in the nation in rushing with an average 143.82 yards per game. He rushed for a total 1,582 yards on 306 carries.

After getting injured in last year's opener, Tech coach Mike Leach says Williams is looking forward to running again during the Transamerica Hispanic College Fund Classic, a charity game which benefits Hispanic college students and both teams by allowing them to play 12 games as

opposed to the normal 11. "The best teacher you get is the first three games," Leach said of the opener.

Tech had its seventh winning season (6-5, 5-3 Big 12) under former Coach Spike Dykes last year, but didn't see a bowl game.

New Mexico isn't sure of exactly what to expect from Tech's new passing offense, but expects Tech will be taken back by its new offensive look as well.

The team boasts of a new quarterback, Jeremy

Denson, who "can threaten as much with his legs as he can with his arms," according to fullback Ted Jacenda.

The Lobos say they won't let Tech's new passing game throw them and plan to keep an eye on Williams and his runningback counterpart Shaud Williams, as well as quarterback Kliff Kingsbury.

"We're planning that at least half the time they'll have three receivers with two runningbacks in the backfield because two of

their most explosive guys in the open field are their two runningbacks, Shaud and Ricky Williams," Long said. "Both of these guys are not very big, but they're real quick and fast."

Last year, the Lobos were 3-8 and 4-7. They hope their new offense and defense will help them overcome those losing records.

"They're probably a little more talented than we are, but the gap isn't so much that we can't win the game," Long said.

Tors outscore Big Spring

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
Sports Editor

The best news about Thursday night's football scrimmage between Big Spring and Lamesa was that it was not a regular game that counts for anything officially.

That's because if it had been a regular game, the Golden Tornadoes, ranked No. 2 in Class 3A would have won it as they outscored Big Spring 4-2 at Memorial Stadium.

While the Tors possess plenty of weapons, Big Spring head football coach Dwight Butler said that the Steers had experienced a letdown from the previous week.

"We came out here listless," Butler said. "We felt like we were just gonna walk out on the field because what happened against Lee last week and people would just bow down and fall down on the ground for us."

"This (Lamesa) is an extremely good team," Butler said. "We knew it and we tried to tell them (the players), but as coaches I guess we just didn't get them ready to go."

The Steers did get some good gains from quarterback Jason Choate's scrambling as well as some quality runs from tailback Jason Woodruff. Choate accounted for one score when he threw a 17-yard scoring strike to Clarence Wilkins. Woodruff scored the other on a one-yard run.

"We've got to learn the responsibilities at every position," Butler said. "The veer offense (which Lamesa ran) is a hard one to play when you don't play it very much and we've just gotta go to work."

After working on punting and extra points, the teams went to a regular scrim-



HERALD photo/John Hasselmeier
This pile-up, which Big Spring lineman Rian Jensen is observing, took place Saturday during the scrimmage at Midland Lee. The Steers hosted Lamesa, the No. 2 team in Class 3A Thursday night, and were outscored 4-2.

mage situation. Tor quarterback Waylan Hogg threw a pass to halfback Marcus Burton that would have been a touchdown, but the whistle was blown, calling the play dead.

The teams then played a half. The Steers got an interception at the Lamesa 41 and cashed it in on Hogg's 17-yard scoring strike to Wilkins, which came three plays after an 18-yard Choate scramble.

Big Spring then forced a punt and drove to another score. Choate found Wilkins for 22 yards for the biggest play of the drive besides the touchdown, which came on Woodruff's one-yard run.

After that, the half belonged to Lamesa. The Tors scored on a one-yard run by Matthew Wade and

a 53-yard scoring strike from Hogg to Noel Morales. Hogg then threw another scoring strike to Burton in the second quarter to give Lamesa 3-2 win for the quarter.

The teams then worked on overtime. Hogg scored on a 16-yard run and then ran in a two-point conversion.

Then came Big Spring's turn. Woodruff got away for 14 yards and two more plays netted the three-yard line. However, Choate was then sacked for a six-yard loss and then fumbled on fourth down.

The Steers will open the regular season next Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium against former district rival

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Cowboys fall to Rams Thursday

IRVING (AP) — With no major injuries and his offense still humming, St. Louis coach Mike Martz has plenty of reasons to be pleased about the preseason.

"Our team is energized and ready to go," Martz said following a 24-17 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday night. "I really like where we are at right now."

Martz gave Kurt Warner the night off to protect him from getting hurt and to rest his sore right shoulder. Trent Green filled in nicely, going 9-of-12 for 171 yards with touchdown passes of 15 and 48 yards.

It helped that Green was playing with most of Warner's supporting cast.

Isaac Bruce caught a pass on his back, then lateraled to Ricky Proehl for a 50-yard gain. Chris Thomas had two steps on two defenders when he caught a long pass, then walked into the end zone when the beaten Cowboys collided and fell.

Az-Zahir Hakim made Green's short TD pass look easy by speeding past his defender on a perfect post pattern. And when a drive stalled at the Dallas 6, Jeff Wilkins salvaged it by kicking a 24-yard field goal.

"The type of year Kurt had warrants that he be the starter," said Green, the No. 1 quarterback until hurting his knee last preseason. "I just need to be ready when the time comes."

The Rams (2-2) ended the meaningless part of their season on a roll. Some say that doesn't mean a thing. Martz disagrees.

"The fourth preseason game is important," he said. "It's a momentum-setter. Not everybody agrees with me, but I think it's important that we play well in the last game."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones agreed — which was strange considering that his

team finished the preseason 0-5, running a preseason losing skid to 14 of 15. Dallas completed its second winless preseason in three years after having only three in the previous 38.

"I would take where we are," Jones said. "The preseason sets the quality for the season. The team has given a great effort."

Running back Emmitt Smith watched from the sidelines in shorts, capping a preseason in which he never played. He was the only offensive starter missing as Dallas had its first-string line and tight end David LaFleur together for the first time.

Thanks in part to their protection, Troy Aikman went 6-of-7 for 71 yards in his only two drives.

But the results weren't as good as the stats as the Cowboys continued to struggle deep in enemy territory.

Aikman's first series ended with an underthrown lob to Joey Galloway that Dexter McCleon intercepted in the end zone. The second one started on the St. Louis 34 and ended four plays later with a 44-yard field goal by Tim Seder.

"We moved the ball around and put together another good drive, which has been a goal that we've reached in every game so far," Aikman said. "You'd like to get a touchdown, but those will come."

Clint Stoerner drove the Cowboys to two touchdowns in 20 quarters: an 8-yard pass to Wane McGarity and a 7-yard run by Michael Wiley that was set up by a 26-yard reception by McGarity. McGarity also had a 51-yard punt return.

The best news of the game was that neither team suffered any serious injuries. The worst of it was a strained hamstring that knocked out Dallas receiver Chris Brazzell in the second quarter of Thursday night's contest.

Texas team reaches Little League finals

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — The downside to winning the U.S. title for Bellaire, Texas, is that it won't have Ross Haggard available to pitch in Saturday's Little League World Series championship.

Not that Bellaire manager Terry McConn is concerned. He said he's got three other capable pitchers from the Houston suburb ready to go against

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Martinez struggles early, but Red Sox win anyway, 9-7

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

On a night that started with Pedro Martinez at his worst, the Boston Red Sox ended up on top of the AL wild-card standings.

Martinez allowed six runs in the first two innings before settling down to his usual dominant self, and Rico Brogna had the game-winning hit in the 10th inning of Boston's 9-7 win at Kansas City on Thursday night.

In other American League games, it was Detroit 10, Seattle 3; and Baltimore 8,

Chicago 5. In the National League, St. Louis routed Atlanta 12-5, Los Angeles beat Montreal 7-0, and Cincinnati topped Philadelphia 8-3.

Boston moved a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the AL wild-card race as the Indians lost 11-7 to Oakland. The Red Sox stayed three games behind the Yankees in the AL East.

Martinez allowed five runs and six hits in the first inning, something he hadn't done since 1995. But after Mike Sweeney's home run with two outs in the second,

the reigning Cy Young winner retired 18 of the next 19 batters.

Martinez gave up a season-high eight hits and six runs in eight innings, with six strikeouts. The six earned runs were the most he allowed since giving up seven to Florida on July 19, 1999. His major league-leading ERA jumped from 1.53 to 1.77.

Athletics 11, Indians 7

Terrence Long's first grand slam and career-high

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Yankees edge Rangers 8-7 Thursday afternoon

NEW YORK (AP) — Glenallen Hill keeps hitting home runs like, well, Babe Ruth.

"Everybody's looking at his at-bats. They don't want to miss them," catcher Jorge Posada said after Hill homered for the 12th time in 68 at-bats since joining the Yankees, a two-run drive that helped New York beat the Texas Rangers 8-7 Thursday.

Hill went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and extended his hitting streak to 13 games.

He is hitting .429 since joining the Yankees and has driven in 23 runs in 21 games, and his 10 homers in August lead the American League.

"He's incredible. It doesn't matter if it's a fastball, changeup or whatever," said Andy Pettitte, who won his seventh straight start. "He's making this ballpark look like Enron Field with the Astros, or Coors Field."

Hill crushed a changeup from Matt Perisho (2-7) in the fourth inning, and it ricocheted like a pool ball off

the black front of the bleachers.

"If I keep talking about it, I'm sure I'll go 0-for-30," Hill said as teammates dressed for a six-game trip to Oakland and Seattle. "I come to the ballpark every day and the ball flies off my bat — but most of the time, it's in batting practice."

Pettitte (16-6) allowed a season-high seven runs — five earned — and 10 hits in six-plus innings, but New York has backed him with seven or more runs in 15 of

25 starts, including seven in a row.

"You don't get too many wins when you give up seven runs," he said. "A couple of years ago, I think I was down to the bottom of the league in run support."

Because of injuries and the quick turnaround from Wednesday night, the Yankees fielded a stripped-down lineup missing center fielder Bernie Williams (strained right rib cage), right fielder Paul O'Neill (sore right hip), second

baseman Chuck Knoblauch (right elbow tendinitis) and first baseman Tino Martinez (day off).

Posada played first base until the ninth inning, Jose Vizcaino was at second, David Justice in right, Clay Bellinger in center and Chris Turner behind the plate.

New York committed a pair of errors and a run-scoring passed ball, yet overcame a 4-1 deficit and

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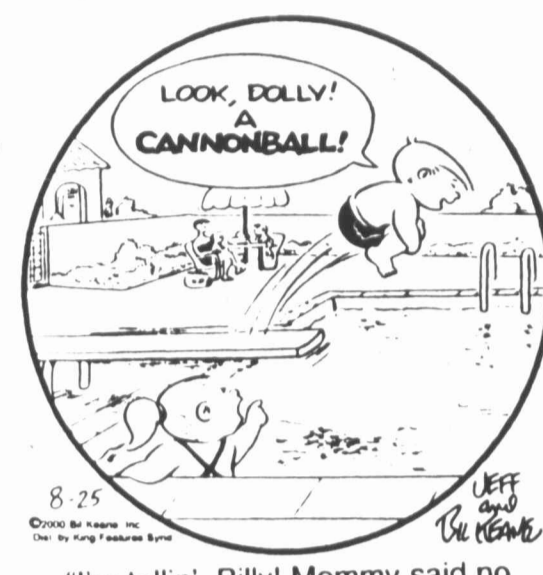
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8 PM Making Band Making Band	(CC)	Remember When: A History of Dallas Fort Worth	Providence (CC)	JAG (CC)	Making-Band Making-Band	Dateline (CC)	Cardinals at Atlanta	Laberintos de Pasion	(10) Movie: Mighty Joe Young (CC)	Motor Madness (CC)	Movie: Night Beggars	Stargate SG-1 (45) Outer Limits (CC)	Movie: Goodbye Lover (CC)	Something Good	Investigative Reports (CC)	News Explore Our Storm Warning!	Movie: Mazes & Labyrinths						
9 PM News (CC) Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	Postcards	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Burglar	P. Impacto Noceroto Univ	Bug Juice Totally Circus	Rollerjam: Teams TBA	Eyes 4	Limits (CC) Beggars	Movie: Goodbye Lover (CC)	News Life in Word	Law & Order (CC)	On the Inside	Movie: Running Mates (CC)						
10 PM Politically Inc (38) Maury	Newsradio Unhappily	Voice: The Dallas Gay	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) Golf Highlights	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc	Show (CC) (37) Late	Humor-Corred	Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse	Championship Bull Riding	(15) Movie: McCabe and Mrs. Miller (CC)	(15) Movie: McCabe and Mrs. Miller (CC)	(15) Movie: McCabe and Mrs. Miller (CC)	Chris Rock Sopranos	Duane Sheriff Church	Biography (CC)	News Explore Our Storm Warning!	Movie: Pirates of Silicon Valley	Mazes & Labyrinths					
11 AM (CC) (38)	Cops (CC) Hollywood	Lesban Community	Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	(12:08) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Fraser	(11:50) Movie: Te Sigo Amando	Walt Disney Presents	Dukes of Hazzard (CC)	Mrs. Miller (CC)	Red Shoe Beverly Hills	Arts (CC)	In Touch (CC)	Poirt (CC)	Storm Warning!	Pirates of Silicon Valley	Mazes & Labyrinths						

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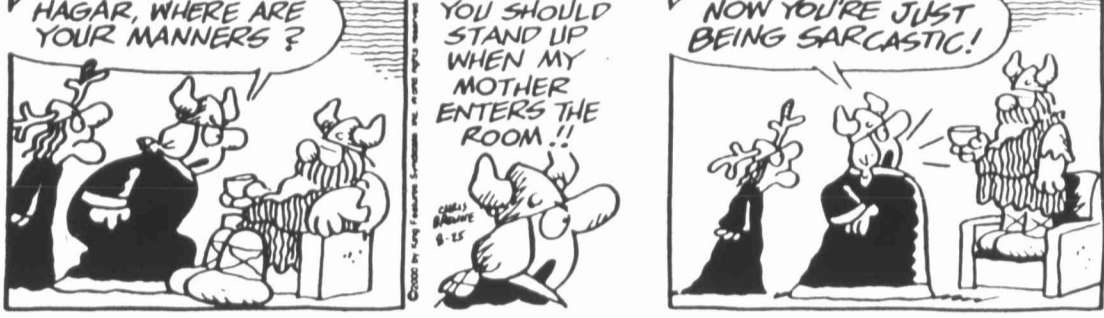
"AS LONG AS WE'RE GONNA HAF TA TAKE BATHS ANYWAY, LET'S GET GOOD AN' DIRTY!"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm tellin', Billy! Mommy said no war games of any kind!"

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Friday, Aug. 25, the 238th day of 2000. There are 128 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 25, 1900, philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche died in Weimar, Germany.
On this date:
In 1825, Uruguay declared independence from Brazil.
In 1875, Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, getting from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours.
In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.
In 1921, the United States

signed a peace treaty with Germany.
In 1944, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation.
In 1944, Romania declared war on Germany.
In 1950, President Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.
In 1980, the Broadway musical "42nd Street" opened. Producer David Merrick stunned both cast and audience during the curtain call by announcing that the show's director, Gower Champion, had died earlier that day.
In 1985, Samantha Smith, the schoolgirl whose letter to Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov resulted in her famous peace tour of the Soviet Union, died with her father in an airliner crash in Maine.
Today's Birthdays:
Former U.S. arms control director Eugene V. Rostow is 87. Actor Van Johnson is 84. Actor-producer Mel Ferrer is 83. Game show host Monty Hall is 77. Actor Sean Connery is 70. Actor Page Johnson is 70. Talk show/game show host Regis Philbin is 69. Actor Tom Skerritt is 67. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 67. Movie director Hugh Hudson is 64. Actor David Canary is 62. Movie director John Badham is 61. Filmmaker Marshall Brickman is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 58. Actor Anthony Heald is 56. Actress Anne Archer is 53. Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 51. Actor John Savage is 51. Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Blackhawk) is 51. Rock singer Rob Halford is 49.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Severe
- Ernest of country music
- Cracked, in a way
- Privileged few
- Computer owner
- Upkeep
- Character on 41A
- Black cuckoos
- Kin through marriage
- Most extensive
- Flight of Mohammed
- Lytton Strachey's first name
- Lateral part
- Greek letters
- Dundee denial
- Did carpentry work
- WWII battle site
- Building wing
- Horned viper
- Popular sitcom of the '90s
- Churchillian gesture
- Cheerleader's cheer
- Melt together
- Conical abodes
- French born
- PC key
- Invites
- Odor
- Like egrets and ostriches
- Military forces
- Old, ugly woman
- Synthesizer maker
- Co-star on 41A
- Floating barrier
- Hot chamber
- Take care of
- Diva Moflo
- Space juice?
- Mississippi quartet?

DOWN

- Biddies
- Landed

By Robert H. Wolfe
North Woodmere, NY

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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53 Brazilian dance in duple time
54 Sing
56 Actress Ryan
57 Beethoven's "Fur..."
59 Pick out
61 Mimics
62 Tiny bit
63 Son of Seth
66 Actress Le Gallienne
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