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Could it be a Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo without Quail Dobbs?

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

It would be hard for Big Spring Rodeo fans to imagine one of the yearly events without Quail Dobbs' antics.

Fortunately for them, Dobbs can't imagine it, either.

For the past 35 years, Coahoma native Dobbs has been one of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's best-known and best-loved clowns, and he has no intention of stopping anytime soon.

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Slowing down, maybe, but stopping, no.

Rodeo has been Dobbs' sport, profession and passion for most of his adult life. He tried his hand as a bull rider before becoming a clown in 1962.

"I wanted to be a rider, but most of the people thought I looked like I was doing a clown act anyway," Dobbs said. "I always admired rodeo clowns. I watched them ... and thought, 'There's nothing to it.'"

In the past 3 1/2 decades,

AT-A-GLANCE



WHO — Quail Dobbs, age 55
HEIGHT — 5-4 WEIGHT — 150

The Coahoma barleman has made four appearances at the National Finals Rodeo ('72, '78, '85 and '88).

Earned PRCA "Clown of the Year" in 1978 and 1988 and one of only three men to work NFR as both a barleman and bullfighter.

Dobbs has tickled people's funnybones with his antics, which range from cornpone commentary on current events to his

repeatedly futile attempts to launch his "space shuttle," a pyrotechnic jalopy that has caught fire more often than a

backyard barbecue pit.

Through it all, he has learned one major lesson: Being a rodeo clown isn't as easy as it looks.

"It's what I do, but I wouldn't recommend it for everybody," Dobbs said. "I'm glad to say that my son doesn't do it. If you don't have the right act, you'd be just like a singing artist without the right hook, you'd never make it go."

"And," he added, "you've got to want to do it."

Desire — and talent — has apparently never been a problem for Dobbs. His peers seem

to think the same thing, as he has made numerous appearances at the National Finals Rodeo and has won the Coors "Man in the Can" Award — given annually to the top barrel clown on the PRCA circuit — three times.

Being a rodeo clown means more than just funny makeup and corny jokes, however. The more serious side of the job calls for clowns to be bullfighters, warding bulls away from endangered riders.

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Here comes the bride, here comes the bride ...

Then...



and



now...



Couple plan wedding, future together

"When one loves somebody, everything is clear — where to go, what to do — it all takes care of itself and one doesn't have to ask anybody about anything."

—Maxim Gorky

Stephanie Herren and JaCoby Hopper are little more than a month away from their wedding date, and still speaking to each other.

In fact, they see each other every day at work, along with her parents and his father.

It must be love.

The young couple, who met while working at Harris Lumber and Hardware, plan to marry Aug. 9. Since they announced their engagement about a month ago, they have fallen into the whirlwind that is non-stop preparation, planning, choices and sacrifices.

And they don't even look too stressed out.

"We pretty much agree on everything," said Stephanie, 18.

She has known JaCoby, 20, since childhood. A couple of years ago, he began working at the store, which is owned by Stephanie's grandfather.

Stephanie's parents, Steve and Gaye Herron, work at the store. JaCoby's dad, Jimmy Hopper, has worked at the hardware store for three years. His mom, Janice, is not working for Harris — yet.

All are taking part in the plans for the big day.

Stephanie's main concern about the wedding is not her dress, her five bridesmaid dresses or the 400 invitations.

It isn't their specially created wedding rings, her bouquet, or the tuxedos and Euro-ties for the guys. In fact, most everything is coming together nicely.

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Fifty years after exchanging vows, they married each other again

"To love a person means to agree to grow old with him."

—Albert Camus

On June 7, 1947, Eloise and Alphonse "Poncho" Mendez joined their lives, promising themselves each to the other forever.

On June 7, 1997, they said those vows all over again.

The Mendezes re-enacted their wedding 50 years later, at the

same church, with the same attendants. She even wore the same dress and veil.

Coming down the aisle that evening, Mrs. Mendez said she felt some of the same jitters.

"I knew everyone was going to be looking at me," she said.

And her husband? He had a classic case of "cold feet."

"Two or three days before," he said, "I felt really nervous."

But Mendez said the second time around actually came off better than the first.

"I guess we had some prac-

tice," he said.

The couple's 50 years together have been the bumpy, winding road of any marriage: navigated by love, sacrifice and understanding.

"We've learned a lot," he said. "We've had our ups and downs like anyone, but we've been real lucky, and we've gone to church together, that's kept us going."

Mendez met the love of his life on what should have been a short trip to Big Spring in 1947.

Just finishing a tour of duty in the military, the 20-year-old

came from California to visit family in West Texas.

He was introduced to Eloise Puga after church.

"It must have been love at first sight," Mendez said. "Because it changed everything. I never went back."

But the object of his affections was not interested.

"I would go to the movies with my friends, and here he would come," Mrs. Mendez recalled. "I would say to myself, 'Why is this guy always here?'"

Her mother, on the other

hand, liked Mendez.

"She would say, 'He sure is nice-looking,' and things like that, trying to get me interested," Mrs. Mendez said.

It must have worked. In two years, they were married.

"He's put up with me all these years," Mrs. Mendez said. "I'm kind of hard to get along with."

Her husband nodded. "When she wants something a certain way, that's how it will be," he said.

In five decades, the Mendezes say they have grown more alike

and learned to give and take. But mostly, they just never gave up.

"If you have problems, try and solve them," Mrs. Mendez said.

And they have nurtured each other.

Her greatest disappointment, Mrs. Mendez said, was that they weren't able to have more than one child. But, she added, "My son, he's so special, he made up for about three more."

Al Mendez, a Big Spring High

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WEATHER

Today:



Mon:



Tue:



Wed:



Today, partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night, fair. Lows 65-70. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows 65-70. Highs in the 90s.

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Lakeview School remembers Williams, Penny

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The senior class was always too small to have a traditional class reunion, so in 1985 graduates and former students of Lakeview School began having a school reunion every two years.

This year's reunion was held Friday and Saturday at the La Vadera Club in conjunction with Thursday's Juneteenth celebration, marking the seventh reunion since the tradition began.

Friday's activities began at 6 p.m. with registration, followed by the reunion program at 7 p.m.

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Saturday's activities included a continental breakfast, a gathering at Morgan Park and dinner and dancing at the La Vadera Club Saturday night.

Two of the featured attractions of the reunion included the return of longtime

Lakeview teachers Mrs. Venora Williams, who still lives in Big Spring and Mrs. Gladys Penny of Odessa.

According to 1962 Lakeview graduate Myrtle Banks of Dallas, a lot of credit for the successes at Lakeview belongs to Williams, who organized the first boys and girls basketball teams and successfully lobbied the Big Spring school district for a school bus.

"We all realize that a lot of things could not have happened without the help of Mrs. Williams," Banks said.

Williams and Penny both taught at

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OBITUARIES

Juanita V. Martinez

Funeral service for Juanita V. Martinez, 68, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
Mrs. Martinez died Saturday, June 21, 1997, in a Big Spring hospital.

BRIEFS

LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE Boy Scouts of America will participate in a gas "pump-off" at HEB from 10-2 on Saturday. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the local Scouting organization.

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Juanita V. Martinez, 68, of Big Spring, Texas died Saturday, June 21, 1997 in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

MEETINGS

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT: Commissioners will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse to consider the following items:
•Set polling place for Aug. 9
•Constitutional Amendment election concerning the home-stead exemption.
•Approve personnel changes in the Sheriff's Office.
•Consider approving David Knight as the new Howard County Extension Agent.
•Discussion of employees' health insurance.
•Discussion of fire school with Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan.

THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB is selling historic throws depicting a variety of Howard County scenes. Cost of the throws is \$40 each and information may be obtained from any Lion or by calling Archie Kountz at 267-3821.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER will have a community blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday in the first floor classroom. Please call 263-1211 ext. 463 for an appointment.

THE BOY SCOUTS WILL have a carwash fundraiser, from 10-3 Saturday at Neighbors Brushless Car Wash, 3315 East FM 700. The cost is \$5 per vehicle washed with a \$1.50 vacuum fee.
All proceeds go to Boy Scout Troop 401 for summer camp.

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING will help local residents clean up their property during June. Large item pickup and towing of "junk" cars will be available each weekend. Call code enforcement at 264-2505 to arrange the free service.

A FIDDLERS CONTEST IS planned July 4 at the Roundup Hall in Stamford. Prizes of \$75 for first place, \$50 for second and \$35 for third place will be awarded.

All fiddlers 45 years or older are eligible and invited to enter the contest. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Call 940-997-2680.

THERE WILL BE A

Branson-style concert with Jason Layne Milliken and Knights of the West in the Big Spring City Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce or at the door for \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 and senior citizens.

TRENCH ART WILL BE on display at the Heritage Museum through July. The collection of two local residents is located on the museum's lower floor.

The art was made by soldiers during wartime, often using shell casings and other items found on the battlefield. For more information, call 267-8255.

THE STATE PARK WILL have Nature Walks and Sunset Tales with nature walks starting at 8 p.m. and storytelling at 9 p.m. every Saturday in June. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is \$2 (park admission for adults 13 years and older).

A RAGBALL TOURNAMENT IS planned at the Ballpark at Coahoma, for those age 13 to adult. Cost is \$10 per person, for a 10-person roster of five men, five women.

Start time is 1 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday. For details contact Cindy Kirby, 394-4748 or Tina LaRue, 394-4928.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS renting booths for a garage sale in its parking lot Saturday. Small booths are \$15, large are \$25. No food booths will be rented.

Call Margie at 267-1191 or the church office 263-7884 for more information.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR nominations are needed for Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas.

A family will be chosen to represent Big Spring, along with one each from Midland and Odessa, at the center's October banquet. This family should be nominated for its strong values and community as well as religious involvement.

For more information, call 563-4144.

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TODAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

REUNIONS

Hale Family
July 12 at about 10 a.m. in the VFW Hall in Gordon. Any descendants of Harvey Bourne Hale or Miley Ann Dickerson are welcome to attend.
For more information, call Floreine Hale Palmer at (915) 362-2190.

Big Spring High School Class of 1977
20th reunion Friday and Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Plans are to begin with a gathering and informal dinner 6:30-11 p.m. Friday. Saturday's agenda includes a morning golf tournament, family picnic at noon and evening of dinner and dancing at the Big Spring Country Club.
To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call Sandy Booth Smith at 267-8535 or Jeanne Miller Newman at 266-1056.

Flower Grove School Dawson County
A reunion for all ex-students, teachers and friends on July 5. It will be held in the Lamesa

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High School. Student Center located in the 600 block of North 14th Street, Lamesa. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. A catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. for \$7.50 per person. Since an approximate count is needed of the number of people planning to attend the evening meal, please call 806-462-7666.

Post High School All Class Reunion
An all-school reunion July 4-5. For information, former students are encouraged to call (806) 495-3461 or write: Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 610, Post, 79356.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 1:30 p.m. Saturday:
•**OMEGA ALBERT, 39**, of 1001 S. Main, was arrested on local warrants.
•**ROBERT ROSE, 30**, of 2515 Langley, was arrested for assault.

LAKEVIEW

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Lakeview for 25 years, with Williams teaching for a total of 40 years and Penny for 41 years.

Both teachers, who together attended Tillotson College in Austin to receive their bachelors degrees and Prairie View A&M University for their masters degrees, can recall their years at Lakeview as if it were yesterday.

"I didn't let a child leave my classroom without learning," Williams said. "I always wanted to help people so I got into teaching."

Williams taught second grade from 1948 until 1961 and at times had as many as 38 students in her class.

"Whether a class load is too much or too little depends on the teacher," Williams said. "Of course the load on teachers has changed now."

"I also would not teach a child without knowing his or her parents," Williams added. "You have to have a relationship with parents."

In all her years of teaching, Williams said she always tried to teach her students to do right.

"We always prayed," Williams said. "We learned the Lord's Prayer. I also tried to teach my students that if they were going to do something to do it right or not at all."

As Penny, attending her second Lakeview reunion, talked to former students about their days at Lakeview, she said, "The biggest change I've noticed in teaching is discipline. If there's no discipline, there's no way you can teach."

Among the traditional phrases you hear at a reunion, Lakeview faithfuls could be heard echoing "I made it, I made it," and "It's so good to see you. It's been such a long time."

Many of those in attendance enjoyed reliving old times, but also remembered the way things were as they made their way down "Memory Lane" — a



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Venora Williams (left), Willie Forman and Ullis Williams look at the "Memory Lane" photo board as they reminisce about when they were a part of Lakeview School.

long wall displaying a five-decade pictorial history of Lakeview School.

Lakeview School was the school black students in Big Spring had to attend until 1962. In honor of the sweeping changes that occurred in 1957, the reunion was dedicated to the class of 1957.

Master of Ceremonies Clarence Hartfield Jr. reminded everyone in attendance that the events of 1957 — the integration of Central High School in Arkansas and the formation of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission — happened three years after the U.S. Supreme

Court made its historic decision in the Brown vs. the Board of Education-Topeka, Kan. case overturning legalized school segregation.

One of the more special moments was the lighting of candles as former Lakeview student Jennie Clark read the names of the 84 students and 10 teachers who have passed on.

Keynote speaker Rev. Ullis Johnson, also a former Lakeview student, said, "We all share a love and dedication for our community, but the best thing we've shared was Lakeview School."

SIDEWALK PAINTER



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Betty Conley is one of the artists at the Sidewalk paint-out in the park next to Railroad Plaza in downtown Big Spring. The artists paint and sell their art on the third Saturday of each month.

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Many couples seek counseling to prepare for marriage

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Married couples who love each other, tell each other a thousand things without talking.

—Chinese proverb

Before a wedding, many couples spend months preparing.

But between visits to the florist, jewelry store, tuxedo rental shop and caterer, many couples also make time for visits to a counselor or clergy.

With counseling on such issues as communication, finances, family planning and religious views, husband and wife-to-be hope to resolve differences that can threaten the relationship.

"We really believe that we are attracted to people who will complement us," said Dr. Jerry Kelly, executive director of Samaritan Counseling Center.

"Then we spend a lot of our time trying to get them to be more like us. When the glow wears off, you get into a power struggle."

Kelly said Samaritan Counseling Center contracts with several churches to provide their premarital counseling services.

"This frees the clergy to focus on the wedding itself, the service," he said.

Samaritan counselors help couples understand themselves and each other by using personality assessment tools, or tests.

"What we find is that those differences are what attracted them to each other, and they should be honored," Kelly said.

"I let them know that it is a covenant, a commitment for life," said Rick Cunningham,

minister at 14th and Main Church of Christ. "I try to let them know what God has said about marriage and divorce. I discuss the pitfalls along the way."

Cunningham said common sources of conflict in marriage include money, sex and in-laws.

"These problems can be addressed," he said. "I encourage them to come and talk to me when things come up."

Retired Presbyterian minister Flynn V. Long Jr., said he advises couples planning marriage to have a community of faith in which to worship together.

Sharing worship is important, Long said, because the union is to be blessed by God.

"It's important that if you are going to be married under God, that you continue that by tak-

ing part in worship," he said.

The Rev. John Abendschan, a retired Methodist minister, said he makes certain couples have discussed the important issues that will arise during the marriage — including finances and having children.

"They need to know how the finances will be handled," he said, "if the husband will be the breadwinner, or the wife will be."

Also, Abendschan said the couple should agree if they will have children, or how many.

"Very important is their relationship to the Lord, and that Christ is at the center of their marriage," Abendschan said.

The Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy said Catholics who wish to marry will meet several times with a priest.

"These sessions include

understanding of marriage as a lifetime commitment, what makes a Christian marriage, and other topics," he said.

McCarthy said couples are also sent to an Engaged Encounter Retreat, where they meet with others planning marriage and attend a full course on issues of marriage. Beyond that, McCarthy said there is advice about the wedding ceremony itself, which should be meaningful and happy for the couple, their family and friends.

But the ministers agreed the marriage is where a couple needs to focus.

"We encourage that they pray together, attend church regularly, make friends in the community and become part of the community," McCarthy said.

—Debbie L. Jensen

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School graduate, went on to the University of Texas at El Paso and also earned a diploma from West Point. His parents proudly show a photo of their son, now 48, marching with the military band during the inauguration of Richard Nixon.

It is still difficult, however, for Mendez to think about the boy's first hours of life.

"(The doctor) came to me and said my wife was very close to death," Mendez recalled. "He told me he would do the best he could to save one of them. But he didn't think he could save them both."

Married just two years, Mendez was facing the loss of his only son, or the love of his life. Fifty years later, he said he was a lucky man to have kept them both.

"We've been very lucky, lucky in everything," he said.

Even in their anniversary celebration, in which many of the original bridal party were willing and able to return to Big Spring and to Sacred Heart Church. Even their beloved priest, Father James P. Delaney — who had not performed the wedding, but served their parish more than 35 years — was able to return for the ceremony.

And Mrs. Mendez's dress still fit with only slight alterations.

"He had to get another tuxedo," she said, chiding her husband.

The wedding dress, purchased at Jabor's in Big Spring, had been preserved in a cedar chest, along with her veil and — over the years — her son's baby clothes and other keepsakes.

"He gave me the chest when we were married, and I always thought I would be getting it (the dress) out again and wearing it again," Mrs. Mendez said.

Friends came from all over the country for the ceremony, reception and a dance that followed. There were gifts to be opened, years of memories to be shared.

But when the moment came, and Mrs. Mendez began to walk down the aisle escorted by her son and grandson, she said she realized her wish had come true.

She had recreated the moment she so cherished.

"It was perfect," she said.



Q.T. Coats, Jr. of A Timeless Design shows Stephanie Herren some flowers to consider for her August wedding.

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But she does have one fear.

"We have some small kids in the wedding," she said. "I'm afraid one of them might take off running in the wrong direction."

Even the mother of the bride, who has had only a month to make plans, is pleased with how things are going.

"All of us have worked well together," said Mrs. Herron. "Everything we're going to do in the wedding will be fun. The

planning is even fun."

JaCoby and Stephanie know the wedding is not the difficult part, the marriage will be. But worrying is not something they are doing — despite the fact that at least one person gives them a warning, or some advice, every day.

"Sometimes people say we're too young," Stephanie said. "A lot of people tease JaCoby about getting married."

Married friends tell them, "Just wait a year, everything

Recovered memory

Local woman finds lost band

During the prehistoric period, primitive man would tie braided grass rings around the ankles and wrists of his bride. It was believed that this act would protect her from evil spirits.

Perhaps there is nothing that symbolizes a marriage more than the wedding ring.

That's why it was so devastating to Big Spring resident Karen Allen when hers was lost 10 years ago.

And that's why, when she found the ring in her backyard last week, Allen let out a scream.

"It wasn't the panic kind of scream," said her husband of 15 years, Kerry, who was working in the front yard at the time. "I knew something big had happened."

Lying in the dirt next to her barbecue pit was the band of gold the Allens had purchased at Zale's in 1982.

"I just never thought something like this would happen to me," Karen said. "I'm sure there

will change," or "after a while, you won't be in love anymore."

But their parents are supportive from all sides, the couple

are a lot of other people out there who've lost something they really care about."

Karen has never been sure how her ring was lost. She thinks her son Andy, three years old at the time, was playing with it.

"I found him in the bathroom with only my engagement ring," she said. "The wedding ring was nowhere to be found. I figured he had flushed it down the toilet."

Kerry soothed his wife's sorrow with a new ring, custom-made to incorporate the engagement ring, from Tatum Jewelers.

During the next 10 years, the family did extensive work in the backyard — planted new grass, built a shop, and placed a brick walkway from the house to the shop building.

The Allens said they suspect recent rains helped bring the ring up to the surface, but are at a loss to explain why it appeared as it did.

Karen said now, although she

agreed.

"They all want us to be happy," JaCoby said.

"I told them, if God wasn't at the center of their marriage, it would never last," Mrs. Herron said.



Karen Allen thinks maybe recent rains helped bring her wedding ring to the surface.

is thrilled about finding the lost ring, she has another problem.

"I don't know what I'll do with it," she said. "I can't wear it with the new one."

"Uh oh," her husband sighed.

—Debbie L. Jensen

Jimmy Hopper said Stephanie and JaCoby are "paired off just perfect."

"I think this is something that was meant to be for a long time."

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Quote of the Day

"If a man will not work, he shall not eat."
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10

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OUR VIEWS

Rodeo working to build a future

While Michael Yater is probably already hooked on rodeo, there are a lot of youngsters who aren't.

We single out little Michael because his dad, Mike, is the rodeo coach at Howard College and because Michael took part in Saturday's Kid's Rodeo in downtown Big Spring.

It would appear that the board of directors of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo hit a gold mine of an idea when they came up with the idea of the Kid's Rodeo and another event to involve youngsters, the highly popular Mutton Bustin'.

To us, the rodeo's getting kids involved in the sport at an early age is a thoughtful effort at preserving a future for the sport in an age when working cowboys are getting to be harder and harder to find.

But the involvement of the kids is just one thing the rodeo board did this year in an effort to help make the 64th edition a success. More importantly than that, their work this year ensures there will be a 65th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo and more after that.

We salute the board and the rodeo's many volunteers on their collective efforts to keep our Western heritage alive and to provide many hours of entertainment for rodeo fans of all ages.



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Gen. Halftrack heading for sensitivity training

Beetle Bailey's Gen. Amos Halftrack, you know, the old guy who ogles his civilian secretary, Miss Buxley, all day long, is heading in for sensitivity training.

In an effort to be more sensitive to current issues in both the military as well as the workplace, strip originator Mort Walker is making a few changes. "I read my mail," Walker says. "I want to entertain my readers and when I find that

certain subjects are not funny, I'm willing to change."

In a press release from King Features, we are reminded that Gen. Halftrack's wife — the very ample Martha — has called him an old fool for years for leering at Miss Buxley and making sexist remarks to both Buxley and her colleague, Pvt. Blips.

Over the years, Walker has maintained that the comments made by the General are not demeaning to women, but rather to foolish old generals who chase after the skirts.

As an example, he points out that Lt. Fuzz gags are demeaning to insufferable little junior officers and Beetle gags are demeaning to lazy goof-off privates.

According to King, if Halftrack were a real general

in the real Army, he would be packed off to sensitivity training or either drummed out of the military.

Well, get ready. Between July 7 and July 10, the general will be shipped off to sensitivity training and, in the strip of July 10, he returns to Camp Swampy and apologizes to both Miss Buxley and Pvt. Blips.

"It's just that I grew up with certain words and attitudes I thought were okay. I'm sorry," he tells them, contritely.

Walker says the change means Beetle Bailey will become a different strip but that despite his change in attitude, Gen. Halftrack will probably remain an old fool in many other respects.

He adds that while Miss Buxley will remain attractive

to men, she will have more attraction for hard-working secretaries everywhere.

Does this mean that Andy Capp's driving days — not to mention his days in the British pubs — are winding down?

What about Snuffy Smith? Will Snuffy no longer be able to cheat at cards? Can he no longer be allowed to make moonshine?

What about that occasional chicken he stole?

Heck, remember when the male characters in Alley Oop would caress the skull of female characters with a club and then drag them off to their cave?

Ah, yes. As (Bob) Dylan wrote, the times, they are a changin'.



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

Failure to understand meaning causes woes

Something in the American psyche, as I have remarked from time to time, positively hungers to be French. It would be better if we starved. By way of Horrid Example, pray consider:

The Lakeland (Fla.) Ledger carried an interesting item in December 1995. The gist of the story was that the refurbishing of the Polk County Courthouse had been completed. Employees who had moved out three years earlier would be returning, but in an effort to maintain high air quality, they would have to leave behind their live plants, hair sprays, deodorants and perfume.

The Ledger quoted Clerk of the Court E.D. "Bud" Dixon: "We are asking all of our staff to come au naturel. That's going to cause some untenable problems with staff."

But what a great photo op! In somewhat the same vein, The Associated Press provided a story two years ago on the renovation of Times Square. A columnist for the Village Voice lamented the antiseptic

prospect: "It's a misguided attempt to take away the risky element that is part of what makes New York unique." My guess is that he was mourning the elimination of a risqué element, but maybe yes, maybe no.

In the weekly Watauga (N.C.) Democrat last year, a columnist had advice for tourists who do not want to look like tourists. They should try to look like locals. "This means one must carefully pick one's wardrobe or social foe pas may occur." Or perhaps a faux pas.

Many writers have a problem with "cachet." They also have a problem with its first cousin, "cache," and no wonder, for the words have a common grandfather in the 17th-century French word for "seal." A lettre de cachet bore the king's seal, pressed into a document. Over the course of time, "cachet" took on a connotation of prestige, and "cache" emerged as a hiding place.

An AP business writer got tangled up in quoting a marketing executive on the merits of an American Express credit card. "Exclusivity has been part of the cache, the mystique of that brand." In USA Today, another marketing specialist commented upon a trend toward high-priced cigarettes that "enhance the cache of smoking." The Los Angeles Times reported from India that foreign brands of whiskey have

"great cache" among wealthy toppers.

In each instance, the writers wanted "cachet." I once heard an airhead on TV pronounce it "cash it," like a check. It's cashay, rhymes with sashay, a diagonal move in square dancing. I digress.

Writers look especially silly when they use a French phrase correctly, and then misspell it. This happened to a reverend gentleman in Augusta, Ga., in May. He wrote a petulant letter to the Chronicle complaining that the media pay more attention to golfers Tiger Woods and Fuzzy Zoeller than to events of worldwide importance. He signed off with "Quelle damage!"

This was a cherry bomb that fired off a ladyfinger blast. The gentleman wanted "quel damage!" What a pity, indeed.

Not long ago newspapers in Arkansas and Mississippi carried ads promoting the cuisine that would come upriver aboard Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino. Executive Chef Terry Newkirk would prepare the finest in Southern cooking. "Bon appetite, Greenville!" This was close, but it was more of a fallen soufflé. If one starts in French, one had better finish in French: Bon appetit!

In Seattle, a suburban newspaper carried an ad in February for a newly opened Japanese steakhouse. The Susumu restaurant "takes

great delight in preparing classic Japanese cuisine with pinnace and entertainment."

The only "pinnacle" I ever met was a small sailboat that came out to welcome a cruise liner in Rhodes. My guess is that the ad writer meant "panache," which once defined a tuft of ornamental feathers on a helmet and came to mean "dash or flamboyance in style and action."

When we're not flubbing French we flub something else, such as Spanish. The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch carried an "in search of" ad a few years ago: "DWF, 42, slender, petite, tired of sorting through social garbage. Friend first, then 'que serra, serra!'" One 'r,' ma'am, as in "amorio."

Or we flub Italian. A preprinted supplement to the Columbus Dispatch carried an article on "Dining alfresco in the open air." This is the very best way to dine in Rome or Florence, especially if Al Fresco is the chef. He makes a great "anti pasta salad," which is what a trade association served in Cincinnati a year ago. It's antipasto, and it's not exactly a salad.

The moral to all this is: Stick to English! Foreign phrases can add a nice garnish to the prose we prepare, but only when they're aptly used and correctly spelled. On that note, chow! And also, ado!

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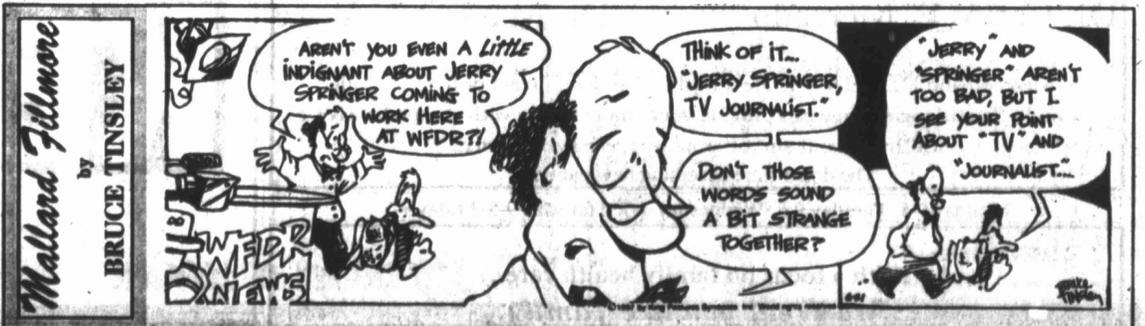
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By JOHN H. W.
Managing Editor

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64th rodeo parade draws 51 entrants, crowd estimated at 2,500

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

It was evident early on Saturday morning that the parade for the 64th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo was going to be something special. It was also going to be big.

"It's the biggest one I ever remember," said a costumed Quail Dobbs as he headed south on Scurry Street, riding along with the 11-block long parade.

For the record, there were 51 entrants — including 25 floats — and over 400 individuals in the parade to entertain the estimated 2,500 persons lined up along the route.

"This is really something," said Grand Marshall Malcolm Patterson. "It seems like everyone is really enjoying themselves."

Rodeo board member Johnny Middleton was pleased with the participation.



"We were hoping for 10 floats ... we would have called that a success ... but the community really turned out to support the parade," he said.

Franklin and Son Tire took top honors in the float division with its stagecoach entry being trailed by a country outhouse complete with half-moon door.

Second place in the Float Division went to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People while The State National Bank finished third.

In the Riding Club Division, the West Texas Rangers of Midland took top honors while

the Dawson County Riding Club finished second. The Howard County Youth Horseman Club won the Junior Riding Club Division.

The parade included Miss Rodeo Texas, Terri Turner, of Del Rio as well as Miss Teenage West Texas, Big Spring's own Leanne Miller.

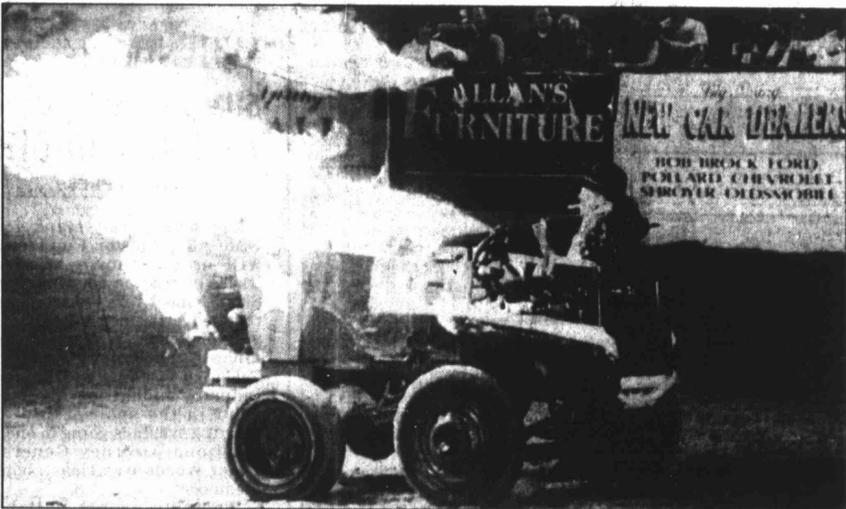
They were joined by Texas Tech mascot Raider Red, Howard College's Hawk mascot, the Santa Rosa Palomino Club of Vernon and Kennedy Sausage Co.'s hitch of Percheron draft horses from Weatherford.

The parade was co-sponsored by the Herald and KBST and preceded a Kid's Rodeo in downtown Big Spring was sponsored by Allan's Furniture that drew an estimated 175 youngsters.

Howard College Rodeo Coach Mike Yater held a mini-clinic for the youngsters before the rodeo while Jody Nix and his Texas Cowboys entertained the crowd.



Franklin and Son Tire Co.'s stagecoach and outhouse entry won the float division of Saturday's rodeo parade. The parade drew a total of 51 entrants, including 25 floats, and attracted crowds estimated at 2,500 persons along Main, 3rd and Scurry streets.



Quail Dobbs entertains the crowd at the 64th annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Friday night by putting out a fire in his car — the "Endeavor 2" — with a flame thrower.

QUAIL

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Dobbs was one of the best bullfighters in the business early in his career, but a broken leg suffered after being stepped on by a bull in 1973 convinced him that life in the barrel wasn't so bad after all.

That have been other close scrapes as well.

"One night, I was telling an Aggie joke, and it must have been an Aggie bull," he said. "He was a big, snuffy-acting bull with some good speed, and somehow he got his entire head into the barrel. After about 20 stitches, I was OK ... I guess he didn't like my jokes."

But despite the broken bones, stitches and scars attendant to a rodeo clown's life, Dobbs said he has no plans of retiring anytime soon.

"It has its ups and downs," he said. "It's not really a reliable job. If you don't put your money back, you don't get it. It's just like being a farmer ... Also, it's kind of a daredevil kind of job. You have a tendency to live dangerously ... although age will make you smarter."

That's not to say he doesn't think about retirement now and then.

"You get to (thinking about retirement), especially when people come up to you and say, 'I thought you quit,'" he said. "This is what I like doing."

About the only concessions Dobbs has made is that he's cut down on the number of appearances he makes every year. After appearing in more than 40 rodeos a year earlier in his career, he averages between 20-25 events a year now.

One event he will always be at, he said, is the local rodeo — although he doesn't understand his popularity among the locals.

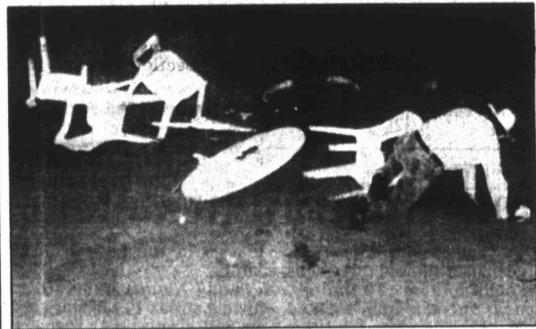
"Sometimes I feel people are getting tired of Quail Dobbs here in Howard County," he said. "I've really been put up on a pedestal. I've been the luckiest guy in the world. There's a lot of heroes here who never got off the farm or out of the office."

"Rodeo's not for everybody," he said, "but it's been good to me."

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Sean Hagins was the last "poker player" at the table during Thursday night's Tijuana Poker at the 64th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. The act proved to be one of the more popular at this year's rodeo.

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BBB warns of 'Nigerian Letter' scam

HERALD Staff Report

A popular scam has crept back into West Texas, according to the Permian Basin Chapter of the Better Business Bureau.

The now-infamous "Nigerian Letter" states that there is a tremendous amount of money that needs to be sent out of Nigeria. A person in the US is needed, the letter adds, to receive the money and allow it to be banked locally.

"Then the local person will be able to keep a percentage of the money as a reward for assisting the Nigerian government," said Dick Rowland, president of the Permian Basin BBB.

"When you read the letter, it appears to be a money-laundering scheme," he said. "But we're talking millions of dollars to supposedly be kept by the local contact, and that can make a lot of very honest people pay attention so something that they would never consider otherwise."

In reality, the letter comes from someone who is using the scheme to gain access to, and steal from, bank account numbers.

"Then, when the money is out of the country, there's no way to get it back," Rowland said.

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This scam hasn't been limited to this area, either.

"This is something that's happening all over the nation," Rowland said. "The BBB system has been getting thousands of calls daily on the matter."

The U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Postal Service authorities have been investigating this scam for about a year, and several arrests have been made.

The scam, however, continues.

"If you get such a letter, take it to the post office," Rowland said. "Local postmasters all over the country are sending the copies they receive to a central investigations office."

"The BBB's bottom line on the matter, as always, is that something sounds too good to be true, it probably is," he added.

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Some of this, a little of that

Sometimes... now, that's just sometimes, you understand... even an authoritative source can cause all sorts of problems.

When we learned last week that Big Spring High School assistant coach Mike Ritchey had resigned his post and accepted the head basketball coach's position at Robert Lee High School, we immediately called Robert Lee to find out who Ritchey was replacing.



John A. Moseley
Sports Editor

We were told by Robert Lee school officials that R.L. Coates had left the school to take the head basketball job at Garden City.

That report created somewhat of a stir in Garden City, because there's no opening for a new head basketball coach there.

There is, however, a job open for an assistant coach, but as of yet, that post has not been filled.

The rotund one had to get that cleared up as quickly as possible, because he'll be gone on vacation for a couple of weeks — just driving to Belton to pick up his daughter and basically do whatever it is she wants to do for the next two weeks.

Speaking of Garden City coaches, Dennis Bryant, the Bearkats' head football coach, underwent knee replacement surgery this summer and is progressing well.

According to his wife, Trish, Dennis is now up and walking around with a cane.

"He can get pretty grumpy right now, but expects to be ready for football season," she added.

We all here at the Herald wish him a continued speedy recovery.

And we've finally been given a list of four more all-star teams from various summer youth baseball leagues.

Coahoma's Little League All-Stars, who will take part in the district tournament beginning June 30 at Midland, are: Canon McWilliams, Justin Barnes, Kody Jackson, Cory Mulkey, Brandon Hart, Will Allen, Dan Griffin, David Salazar, Seth Stoval, Toby Jackson, Heath Webb, Billy Bob Walker, Chance Grantham and Kelby Kemper.

Darrell Nichols dropped by Friday and provided us with Big Spring's two 13-year-old all-star squads, as well as the 14- and 15-year-olds.

Big Spring will be the host for the 13-year-olds' tournament beginning July 7 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Red Team members are: Micheal Goillandeau, Nathan Campbell, Jud Opeppard, Braden Wegner, Justin Nichols, Casey Conner, Zac Phinney, Justin Belcher, Adam Solis, Joseph LaRochelle, Lupe Canales, Landon Adkins, Travis Hipp and Jaye Shroff.

Keith Connors will manage the red shirts, while Kal Opeppard will serve as coach.

Blue Team members include: Willis Morrison, Clayton Kelso, Steve Franco, Ryan Guinn, Tye Butler, Jason Thomas, Chance Nichols, Jon McKinnon, Brandon Greathouse, Dusty Floyd, Daniel Mata, Derrick Wilson, Manuel Holguin and Jarrod Simmons.

The red teamers will be managed by Delvin Guinn and coached by Pat Carter and Brandon Rogers.

Lupe Ontiveros, who will manage the 14- and 15-year-olds will keep his coaching staff in the family, with help from Tony Ontiveros and Raymond Ontiveros.

Ontiveros' roster includes Ricky Solis, Aaron Ovalle, Jay Kuykendall, Dustin Payne, Andy Neel, Dustin Morgan, Jose Canero, Daniel Beauchamp, Renee Herrera, Leonard Munoz, Clint Bambert, Jason Choate, Brandon Naegle.

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Curtain falls on 64th annual Big Spring rodeo

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The largest crowd of the week bid farewell to the 64th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Saturday.

Attendance Saturday was close to capacity at the Rodeo Bowl, and those in attendance saw some fine performances in the early going.

In early roughstock competition, only one rider was able to post a score. That came when Jason Takats of Mesquite scored a 67 on top of Coonrod, a National Finals Rodeo bull.

In the first event of the night, local cowboy Dane Driver came

close to winning Saturday's portion of the steer wrestling. His time of 7.2 seconds was third-best of the night, behind Dean Phelps of Canute, Okla. (6.1) and Martin Poindexter of Red Springs (7.0). Barry Simpton of Del Rio was the overall winner in the event, totaling 10.7 seconds on two runs.

On Friday night, the threat of rain may have kept attendance levels down, but didn't prevent some fine performances — by both humans and animals alike.

Some of the closest competition of the night came in saddle bronc riding, in which three cowboys ended up within

four points of each other.

The best ride came courtesy of NFR cowboy Derek Clark of Colcord, Okla., who was teamed up with another NFR veteran, Ace of Spades. Clark rode the high-kicking horse to a score of 77, three points better than Jim Blain Kenney of Carlsbad, N.M. Rogers, Ark. cowboy Mike Galpin was third with a score of 73.

But the closest competition of the night came in bareback bronc riding, which ended with two cowboys sharing the lead.

As Shawn Minor was settling on top of Loose Change, the bronc began banging against the chute, as if he was in a big

hurry to get elsewhere. Once the gate opened, the horse proved it, racing down the east end of the arena with Minor hanging on for dear life.

The ride earned Minor a 73, which was good enough to tie Bubba Miller of Woodville for first.

None would confuse calves with roughstock, but calf ropers had just as hard of a time posting good scores as any bull rider did Friday. James Zant of Harper, who had to settle for a no time in his first go Wednesday, came back Friday to post a time of 7.4 seconds, the best yet in the competition. His time was almost two seconds better than runner-up

Arlis Baze of Midland, who posted a 9.4.

Bull riding proved especially treacherous for the riders Friday, as only three of 17 contestants posted scores.

The best of the survivors proved to be Copperas Cove cowboy Dwayne Durham, who scored a 68 atop Snake Oil. Brent Gluck of Greenville scored a 65, while Ben Heinze of San Angelo posted a 61.

This area produced a winner in barrel racing Friday when Gail cowgirl Lisa Ogden won her round with a time of 17.63 seconds. Mary Walker of Ennis was second at 17.74 seconds.

Complete final results will be published in Sunday's Herald.

BRUSHING THE BARREL



Pam Conner of Morganmill brushes past a barrel during the barrel racing competition at Friday's performance of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. Conner finished the event in 21.86 seconds.

Will sports say goodbye to Joe Camel?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The bright red signs for NASCAR's Winston Cup series will be torn down at race tracks across the country. The Skoal bandit won't stare from rodeo advertisements.

Under terms of the historic tobacco settlement reached Friday in Washington D.C., the industry's longtime involvement in the sponsorship of sporting events is going to end.

Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods was clear about the impact.

"Sporting events will no longer feature anything to do with tobacco... those days are over," he stated.

The multibillion-dollar legal settlement must still be approved by Congress and President Clinton, but its provision to end sports sponsorships is generating a great deal of talk and speculation.

The Winston Cup is arguably the most visible of the industry's sponsorships in the United States. R.J. Reynolds reportedly puts \$25 million to \$30 million into motorsports advertising and promotion, including several other NASCAR divisions and drag racing, each year.

R.J. Reynolds has said it would not comment on any proposal concerning sponsorships, and telephone messages left with the company's sports marketing arm were not immediately returned Friday.

But among Winston Cup drivers, a ban was understandably unpopular.

"No. 1, if Winston leaves, NASCAR will have plenty of sponsors to take its place, but that's not important. What's important is that Winston has been with us for so long. We have a kinship with them, they're like family to us," driver Rick Mast said after a recent race.

Jimmy Spencer, whose cars are sponsored by Camel cigarettes, wasn't sure where his team stood after the announcement.

"I hope the Camel brand stays on our car, because if it doesn't, I'll be out of a job," Spencer said. "But I don't think anybody really knows what's going to happen, yet, so I don't want to say too much and get in trouble."

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Astros hand Chicago its fourth straight defeat

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim Lincecum hit three doubles and the Houston Astros chased Frank Castillo after just four outs, beating Chicago 7-3 Saturday and sending the Cubs to their fourth consecutive loss.

Luis Gonzalez went 0-for-3 with a walk in the seventh, stopping his hitting streak at 23 games. On Friday, he tied the Houston team record set by Art Howe in 1981.

Chris Holt (7-5) allowed three runs — two earned — and five hits in 6 1/3 innings, retiring 10 straight from the third through the sixth innings.

Castillo (4-9) lasted 35 pitches and 1 1/3 innings, his shortest outing since April 26. He allowed five runs and seven hits, dropping to 0-7 against the Astros since July 24, 1993.

Houston took a 2-0 lead in the first on Jeff Bagwell's RBI double and Derek Bell's run-scoring single.

Chicago got a run in the second on consecutive doubles by Dave Clark and Kevin Orle.

Craig Biggio hit an RBI single in the second on scored on Pat Listach's triple, which chased Castillo. Bagwell hit a sacrifice

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fly off Kent Bottenfield for a 5-1 lead.

Clark doubled in a run in the third, but Bogar hit a run-scoring double in the bottom half, then doubled again in the sixth.

Jose Hernandez hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh. Sean Berry hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom half.

Expos 4, Marlins 3
MONTREAL (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero and Henry Rodriguez homered, and Jeff Juden won his third consecutive start to lead the Montreal Expos over the Florida Marlins 4-3 Saturday.

With the Expos trailing 2-1, F.P. Santangelo singled off Pat Rapp (4-4) leading off the seventh and Mike Lansing followed with a game-tying double.

Mark Grudzielanek sacrificed and Lansing scored when catcher Greg Zaun's pickoff throw bounced into left for an error.

Rodriguez followed with his 15th homer, giving the Expos a

4-2 lead and chasing Rapp. Juden (8-2) allowed three runs and eight hits in 7 2/3 innings, struck out six and walked three.

Todd Dunwoody hit a leadoff homer in the eighth, and Ugueth Urbina relieved after Moises Alou's two-out single.

Urbina allowed a double and a walk that loaded the bases, then retired Zaun on a flyout to the warning track in right.

Indians 13, Yankees 4
CLEVELAND (AP) — Manny Ramirez led a rejuvenated Cleveland offense with four hits, including a grand slam and career-high six RBIs as the Indians beat the Yankees 13-4 Saturday.

Ramirez, who was 4-for-5, had an RBI groundout in the first, a run-scoring single in the third, a double in the seventh, and a grand slam in the eighth off reliever Graeme Lloyd.

Jim Thome sparked the offense with a two-run double high off the left-field wall in the third off Andy Pettitte (8-5).

After New York jumped on Orel Hershiser for three runs in the third, Pettitte lost control and walked the bases

loaded in the bottom of the inning.

Sandy Alomar extended his hitting streak to 20 games with an RBI single in the seventh that made it 9-4.

Hershiser (7-3), who handed it over to the bullpen in the seventh, allowed four runs and eight hits, walking two and striking out two.

Royals-Brewers flooded out
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Saturday's game between the Kansas City Royals and the Milwaukee Brewers was postponed after torrential rains flooded County Stadium.

The infield was an island and water reached into the second row of box seats.

Grounds crews worked throughout the day but could do little more than wait for a massive drainage tunnel to clear up so water could recede.

Milwaukee's Ben McDonald (6-4) and Kansas City's Kevin Appier (5-5), who were scheduled to pitch Saturday night, were pushed back until Sunday.

After Sunday, Kansas City doesn't return to Milwaukee until Sept. 23.

BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

CGA planning benefit golf tournament

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will hold a tournament benefiting Christina Saucedo with tee times from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, June 29, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

All players must register before 10 that morning.

The four-man scramble (made up of teams with A,B,C and D players) requires an entry fee of \$15 per person.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. In addition, barbecue plates will be sold for \$5 each following the tournament.

All proceeds from the event will go to helping Saucedo and her family pay for medical expenses.

For additional information, call 264-2868 or 263-7741.

Crossroads Summer League results

Greenwood's junior Crossroads Summer Girls Basketball League team ran its unbeaten string to 4-0 with a 19-9 win over Forsan Thursday, while Stanton beat Garden City to stay a half-game back in the standings at 3-0 on the season.

In senior league play, Big Spring edged Garden City, 29-25, to improve to 1-0 in the standings, while Sands II took a 38-18 win over Sterling City and Grady pounded Greenwood, 46-18.

Monday's schedule of games will be played at the Sands High School Gymnasium in Ackerly.

The opening game will be at 5:30 p.m., pitting Big Spring I against Stanton. In the 6:30 game, Greenwood will face Coahoma.

The last three games will be the seniors. Big Spring takes on Sands II at

7:30, while Sands I and Coahoma play at 8:30. The nightcap at 9:30 pits Grady and Stanton.

Big Spring Football Camp scheduled

The first Big Spring Football Camp has been scheduled for July 8-10 at Big Spring High School.

The three-day camp, according to BSHS coach Dan Arista, will be structured to provide basic football skills and fundamentals to youngsters between the ages of 11 and 13.

Camp sessions will begin at 8 a.m. each day and conclude at 5 p.m. Participants may either bring a lunch with them, or a meal will be provided at a reasonable cost, Arista added.

Youngsters are being asked to pre-register by contacting Arista at 267-6884 or in person at the new athletic facility on the BSHS campus. Athletic offices at the high school will be open today and

Thursday, as well as Monday through Thursday of next week.

In addition, youngsters of other ages wanting to take part should contact Arista to obtain special permission prior to the start of camp.

The registration fee will be \$40, and each youngster participating in the camp will need to bring the following: a T-shirt and shorts (not denim shorts), a good pair of running shoes, a swimsuit and a towel.

Softball tournament scheduled

The Cobras Softball Tournament has been scheduled for Friday through Sunday at Walker Field in Stanton.

Tournament games are slated to begin at 8 p.m. Friday.

Entry fees are \$100 per team. For additional information, contact Ray DeLeon at 264-0680 or Chopper Oliva at 264-0014.

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Back when the big ones were biting

In the late summer of 1969 my family and I were living in Anchorage, Alaska. We were, as well as most fishermen, anxiously awaiting the opening day of salmon season.

Normally the first salmon runs come in July and last well into September. The bag limit of fresh water salmon was three in a 24-hour period from midnight to midnight.

As soon as the season opened, I made plans to go fishing, and I asked Jean to get our camping and fishing gear laid out because I never know what day I could leave for Anchorage.

After work one day, I received permission from my boss to leave town and rushed home. We loaded our gear in our Travel-all and headed for the Sportsman's Paradise Lodge, located just below the confluence of the Russian and Kenai Rivers — almost 70 miles from Anchorage.

Upon arrival, we selected a good campsite, pitched our tent and moved our gear into the tent.

All of us were so excited that we could hardly wait to get in on the action.

To get to the prime fishing, we had to pay 25 cents to ride a ferry to the other side of the Kenai.

The boat was powered by the swift water with cables installed to move the boat. Exactly how this worked I do not completely understand, but I know that a cable is stretched across the river and the cable is anchored at either end. Then a line with a travel-



Boyce Hale
Outdoors

ing pulley on one end is installed on the main cable. And somehow, this line is fastened to the boat. By positioning the cables and the boat, the swift water would take us across.

Once we were on the other side, we rigged our fishing lines and began looking for a possible place where the fish were schooled. The bait had to be a buck-tailed fly with a single hook. The weight, generally a lead pencil type, was attached 18 inches above the hook. The weight was necessary because of the swift water, and most of the time, it would keep the fly submerged.

We had selected this place because historically, this was a resting place after their long battle up stream from the ocean.

To be successful, one had to cast until the school of salmon could be located. Once located, generally the line with the weight and fly was cast as far as you could throw in across the river. Then you began a fast retrieve with a swift jerk about every six to eight feet.

If there was a school in that portion of the river, the fly would snag a fish. The school would remain in the same place so you would cast over and over in this place.

As I began serious fishing, a fellow near me caught and reeled in a very large salmon.

After landing the fish, you could see it was hooked near the dorsal fin.

Instead of returning it to the water, he put the fish on his stringer.

Out of nowhere, a man identified himself as a game warden, and promptly gave the fellow a citation.

You see, Alaska game wardens, at that time, were not uniformed. So you never knew who was fishing along with you.

I continued casting and snagging, but I made sure the fish

were hooked in the mouth or on the head in front of the gills. The fishing was good, and I soon had my three. For a while I watched other fishermen catch theirs before I walked toward the boat dock where I found my sons waiting.

"How many?" I asked. "We got three apiece," Bobby related.

Harold then said, "Let's go find Mom and Donna."

So we moved up the river bank about 400 yards and there Jean and Donna were fishing among a dozen more fishermen. As we approached Donna spotted us and yelled, "Dad guess what?"

"What," I answered.

"Mom and I have caught two apiece," she excitedly related. About 20 minutes later the girls had filled their quota and we took the boat back across the river.

Time had slipped by, and at about 9:30 p.m. Jean began to prepare supper while the boys and I cleaned the 15 salmon. After our meal, we slept until 1 a.m. and then we arose and crossed the river.

Before long, we had reeled 15 more salmon in, and it was back across the river where we broke camp and cleaned 15 more salmon. Just before leaving for Anchorage, Jean passed out rolls and hot coffee.

On our way to Anchorage, the children slept while Jean talked about how thankful we were to be able to fish in Alaska — some 4,000 miles from Big Spring.

I went to work the next morning and Jean took the fish to Tidewater Packing to be processed.

We wound up with a couple hundred cans of salmon, and when we returned home in April of 1970, we brought 85 cans with us.

To this day, there lingers a deep desire to return to Alaska for one more fishing trip.

MOSELEY

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and Isaac Wilborn.
That team will begin playoff action July 3 in Odessa.

Yours truly and quite a few of his bosses have received a number of compliments from members of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo committee concerning the coverage the Herald had during

last week's rodeo. Those compliments were greatly appreciated in all corners here in the 700 block of Scurry, but much of the credit goes to the committee's organization. Not only did Richard Atkins and Susan Lewis provide us with everything we requested, but the committee went a long way in improving the rodeo by

putting more added money into the rodeo's purse. This year's total payout from the rodeo will be a little more than \$21,000. That's why more than 250 competitors entered, including a number of current and former world champions. Those kinds of numbers are always going to make for a better rodeo — better for the fans, press and participants.

TOBACCO

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NASCAR issued a statement saying it was premature to speculate on what effect the tentative agreement would have on motorsports.

"NASCAR racing has been in existence for nearly 50 years, long before tobacco companies became actively involved in the sport. With the monumental growth we have experienced in recent years, and the anticipated continued growth of motorsports, we will continue to aggressively promote the sport," the statement said.

At Portland International Raceway, site of this weekend's Budweiser-G.I. Joe's 200 Indy-car race, reaction was muted. Ronald Richards, vice president of communications for Championship Auto Racing Teams, said CART had no immediate comment.

"We can't comment on it until we've had a chance to look at the specifics," he said.

Four CART teams are sponsored by tobacco companies, most notably the Marlboro-sponsored Team Penske, which includes highly successful drivers Paul Tracy and Al Unser Jr.

In the Marlboro tent and motor coach, team members intently watched the CNN telecast of the settlement announcement. But they referred all questions to the parent company, Philip Morris.

Tobacco products also figure prominently into many rodeo events. Steve Fleming,

spokesman for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, said this week that it would be difficult to determine a ban's impact on the sport because the issue had not been resolved.

He noted, however, that United States Tobacco Co. smokeless tobacco brands Copenhagen and Skoal were valued sponsors.

"Copenhagen-Skoal is one of our longest and most faithful sponsors," he said. "They've been extremely generous."

Some, however, maintain that tobacco — smokeless or otherwise — has no place in sports.

Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III, who has been outspoken in his criticism of the tobacco companies, pointed out that families — and that means children — attend sporting events.

"We have to look at the effects of cigarette marketing overall," he said. "We really have to ask ourselves, 'Is this really appropriate? Is this the right thing to do?'"

Meanwhile, other countries already have moved to snuff out tobacco's presence in sports.

In Canada, recently passed legislation will curtail tobacco company promotion of sports and other events. The new rule goes into effect in 1999, allowing promoters two years to find non-tobacco sponsors.

In addition to many motorsports events, Canada's ban could lead to the demise of the du Maurier Classic, one of the LPGA tour's four major championships. Du Maurier also sponsors a Senior PGA Tour event.

In Britain, draft legislation prohibiting tobacco company sponsorship could have an impact on sports ranging from auto racing to darts. The new Labor government pledged the ban, which was hailed by health officials and attacked by cigarette makers and some sports officials.

Bad news, Tyson: The champ is ready for rematch

HOUSTON (AP) — It's 6 a.m. and already steamy at the Main Boxing Gym in a seedy part of downtown Houston, where the sign outside advertises "House of Pain."

Inside, the heavyweight champion of the world is holding hands with his sparring partner and massage therapist as they begin a group prayer before training.

"All you guys are welcome to join in," assistant trainer Tommy Brooks tells a crowd of about 30 people in the gym. One by one, they do, eventually forming a circle as a man offers a "Boxer's Prayer."

Large doors are opened on either side of the gym to get more air into the fabricated metal building that lacks air conditioning. The early morning sun streaming through one door adds to the suffocating heat.

Gospel music begins to blare from a nearby boom box as Evander Holyfield stretches with sparring partner Gary Bell and a few others. The light-hearted banter stops briefly as Holyfield closes his eyes, seemingly deep in thought, and begins singing.

"I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord," he sings, sweat dripping from his face. "I will praise him. Hallelujah, Hallelujah."

The time left before Holyfield steps into the ring for his rematch with Mike Tyson now

is being counted in days instead of weeks.

But you couldn't tell it inside the gym, where trainer Donald Turner enjoys coffee and a donut and trades laughs with a small group of camp regulars.

For nearly five months they've been here every weekday at a training camp lengthened after Tyson cut his eye sparring and postponed the fight from May 3 to June 28.

"If they think they're pulling something by postponing the fight, it's not going to work," Turner said. "He's even better now than he was for the first date they had."

On this day, Holyfield stretches, hits the pads and jumps rope.

He was supposed to spar four rounds with Bell but the plan was dropped.

"He went to the chiropractor yesterday and says he feels a little sore," Bell said.

It was Bell who pushed Holyfield for the first fight on Nov. 9, and Holyfield responded by stopping Tyson in the 11th round.

Bell, undefeated in 14 fights, plays the part of Tyson in the ring, rushing at Holyfield and winging punches like the ex-champ. He even has a part in his hair like Tyson.

"Before the first fight I was getting to him real easy but he's much stronger this time," Bell said. "Last camp I was pushing him around the ring,

shoving him. Now, I can't do that. And I never catch him with the same punch twice. He's smart, he adjusts to it."

Holyfield still gets in some sparring on this day. But instead of the 237-pound Bell, he playfully trades punches with some kids whose parents brought them to the gym.

Laverne and Denton Thomas brought 2-year-old Denton Jr. and his baby sister, still sleeping in the early morning hour. They put big red gloves on Denton, but he still needs a hug from his dad before reluctantly getting into the ring.

Holyfield drops to his knees and sticks out his jaw for the youngster to swing at.

"We'd rather see Evander as a role model than Mr. Tyson," his father said. "That's one reason I brought him here. And he'll remember this the rest of his life."

Unlike Tyson, who works out behind closed doors in Las Vegas surrounded by bodyguards, all are welcome at Holyfield's camp.

Houston computer programmer Richard Waters has taken advantage of that, day after day, week after week, getting up at 4:30 a.m. to faithfully stand in a corner of the gym.

"I wouldn't miss it; it's like gladiators preparing for the arena," he said. "My boss lets me arrange my schedule so I can be here. My girlfriend thinks I'm crazy."

Later, in the trendy River Oaks area of Houston, a rush of cool air hits like a jolt as Holyfield walks past a black Mercedes sports coupe through the garage and into his house.

Inside, a cook makes some turkey sandwiches, and Holyfield, still sweating from his workout, runs up the stairs to take a shower. A few minutes later he's on his way out the door with the sandwiches, heading for the airport and a weekend at home in Atlanta with his new wife, Janice, and his six kids.

It's his last weekend at home before heading to Las Vegas for the biggest fight in boxing history. He'll make \$35 million, the richest purse ever.

Yet Holyfield is as relaxed as someone heading out for a friendly game of golf.

"I'm the man and he can't handle me," Holyfield said. "This individual can't get over the fact that I did it before. He may fight a better fight but I will have enough if he does. I don't forget what I went through and what I did to do it."

Holyfield is prepared for the inevitable questions of why a 34-year-old man who has made more than \$100 million — most of which he still has — wants to return to the ring and risk getting pummeled. He would seem to have no more mountains to climb after beating the feared Tyson.

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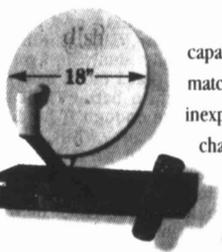
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There is almost no greater source of local history than the final resting place, the cemetery. At Mt. Olive Memorial Park, the markers show us a piece of our past.

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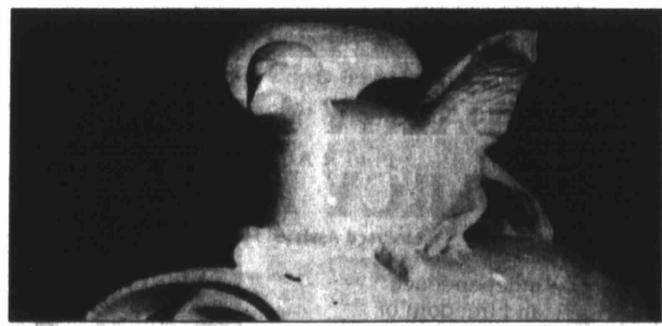
It is these tombstones that remind us of those who came before, those who paved the way for all we have accomplished. It is between these fences that we remember our ancestors, pay tribute to those we cared about and mourn their loss.

GONE FROM OUR HOME BUT NOT OUR HEARTS.

But there is also life here. There are trees, tall grasses and a few wild animals who call this place their home. The living residents of the cemetery remind us that, although we all will go to a final resting place, life never ends.



Clockwise from top right: A weathered wooden grave marker is void of any other markings; one of the residents of the cemetery sits in the shade of a tree on a hot day; many of the markers sport intricate details that are personalized for those honored.



WEDDINGS

FALKNER-KEMPER

Jaime Lee Falkner and Shane Kemper exchanged wedding vows on June 21, 1997, in the backyard of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Jimmy Morehead, with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

She is the daughter of Riley and Jan Falkner.

He is the son of Brenda Kemper and the late Bruce Kemper.

The couple stood before a gazebo decorated with pink garland roses, pink bows and lighted icicle curtains.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white satin gown accented with an open work sweetheart neckline, fingertip sleeves with open applique lace, sequins, bugle beads and seed pearls. It also featured a cathedral train from a satin bow.

She carried a bouquet of pink and white roses.

Matron of honor was Rachel Hureford, Odessa, and maid of honor was Tonya Vess, Big Spring.

Kristie Damon, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Klint Kemper, groom's brother, served as best man, and Heith Gammons, groom's cousin, was the groomsman.

Ushers were Brandon Falkner, bride's brother, and Chad Kemper, groom's cousin.

Serving as trainbearers were Kelsey Moore, Tristin Jenkins, both cousins of the bride, and Paige Jackson, groom's cousin.

A reception followed the ceremony.



MRS. SHANE KEMPER

The wedding cake was three-tiered with butter rum icing and raspberry filling.

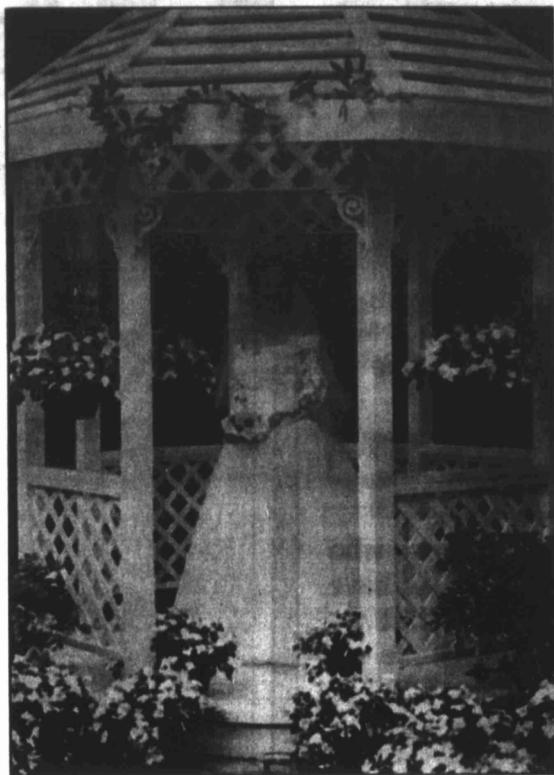
The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake surrounded by chocolate-dipped strawberries.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School. She is attending Radiology School at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Borden High School and a graduate of Midland College with a nursing degree. He is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

BAKER-MEIER



MRS. JORG MEIER

Karla Kay Baker, Spring, and Jorg Meier, Geesthacht, Germany, were united in marriage on June 7, 1997, at Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Robert Ferguson, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Colonel Carl and Dana Baker, Spring, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Roy W. Rosene, Big Spring, and the late Roy W. Rosene.

He is the son of Rolf and Ilka Meier, Lavenburg, Germany.

The couple stood before five standing candelabras holding white tapers decorated with white gladiolus, stock and chrysanthemums interspersed with emerald fern.

Pianist was Paula Chatman, and Shelly Baker Yoder and Christopher Baker were vocalists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a designer gown by Eve Midlady with a lace bodice, tulle skirt and cathedral train. She wore her mother's veil of silk illusion, roses and seed pearls.

She carried a cascading bouquet of roses and gardenias.

Matron of honor was Shelly Baker, sister of the bride, Pasadena, Calif.

Teresa Brandow, Dallas, and

Krista Adler, Houston, were the bridesmaids.

Nils Rosien, Hohnstorf, Germany, was the best man.

David Baker and Christopher Baker of Spring, brothers of the bride, were groomsmen.

Christopher Caudle and Daniel Zink served as ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Mallot Family Life Center.

Garlands of flowers, trees, plants and miniature lights decorated the center.

The four-tiered wedding cake embellished with illusion and white roses was displayed in a white gazebo decorated with white spring flowers and greenery.

The bride is a graduate of Klein Oak High School, attended Texas A&M University and graduated from the University of Houston. She is employed by Spring Cypress Presbyterian School as a kindergarten teacher.

The groom is employed by Castrol Oil Co. in Hamburg, Germany, as a computer network analyst.

Following a wedding trip to the west coast, the couple will make their home in Geesthacht, Germany.

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NEWCOMERS

Newcomers welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Brian Keith and Mary Grant, and daughter Bridtney, Midland. He is employed by J&S Oil Field Electronics.

Al Carlucci, Corpus Christi. He works for Phillips Fabricators.

Beverly Sundry, New Castle, Pa. She is a hairstylist.

Garland and Pansy Schnake, son Adam and daughter Laura, Glen Rose.

Maurc Serrano, Jr., Corpus Christi. He works for Wal-mart. Ron Vick, Lexington, Neb. He is employed by Patterson Drilling.

Mark and Sheila Vanwey, and daughters Ashleigh and Christian, Midland. He is employed by Norwest Bank.

Michael and Heather Yarbrough and daughter Hanna, Austin. He is employed by the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

Every mother should read 'Durable Goods'

"Durable Goods." Elizabeth Berg. May, 1997. Avon Books, New York, N.Y. 195 pages. \$6.99.

The early adolescence of a girl can be a time of wrenching emotions, a time of uncertainty, and a time of discovery.

Elizabeth Berg paints a compassionate, heart-rending picture of Katie as she travels a piece of the road to maturity. Lying on the floor under her bed, Katie holds discussions with her mother, now deceased from cancer. When Katie ventures out from her bedroom, she must interact with a father whose own heart and spirit are broken, and who cannot find a supportive manner with which to deal with his daughters. He frequently uses force rather than words to communicate, and despite the fears Katie has of her father's wrath, there is a deep and abiding love for him.

Katie's sister, Diane, is 15, and while she must deal with some of the same problems within their home, she has some freedoms and privileges that are earned with age. A sisterly bond is strengthened as they each mature, but also as they share their anguish and hurt. Occasionally Diane asks Katie to share time with her and her boyfriend, allowing Katie to learn about men, women, and relationships in other settings.

At this age, most girls need to have a close girlfriend, and Katie depends on Cherylanne, the girl across the street. Cherylanne is a year older than Katie, and frequently draws Katie into trying the "womanly trappings" such as makeup, hair styles and clothes. Their interactions illustrate one way young girls learn to communicate and negotiate.

Berg has crafted her writing to encourage the reader to empathize with the most intimate thoughts of Katie's life, sharing the seeming hopelessness of situations, reveling in the small victories, and touching the heart of Katie's love for those who share her life. This is a book every mother should read to reinforce the value of mother-child relationships, but it is also a book for women of every age. Reading "Durable Goods" is an emotional experience, convincing the reader of the tenderness of a heart and the resiliency of youth.

Rating: (****) Four out of four = Not to be missed!!

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HEARN-SCHAEFER

Cameron Leigh Hearn and Michael Todd Schaefer, both of San Antonio, exchanged wedding vows on May 10, 1997, at the University United Methodist Church, San Antonio, with Dr. Steve Wende, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Bruce Oliver, Jr., Birmingham, Ala., and Neal Hearn, Birmingham, Ala.

He is the son of Mary Schaefer, Big Spring, and Larry Schaefer, Palestine.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a full length gown of ivory Italian satin with a chapel length train.

She carried a bouquet of roses and spring flowers.

Matron of honor was Kathy Taylor, bride's sister, Bowling Green, Ky.

Kristina Schaefer, sister of the groom, Big Spring, and Lauren Yarrow, cousin of the bride, Central, S.C., were the bridesmaids.

Katie Yarrow, Central, S.C., and Payton Taylor, niece of the bride, Bowling Green, Ky., were the flower girls.

Best man was Scott Ferris, Austin.

Weyland Schaefer and Allen Schaefer, both of Seguin, served as groomsmen.

Evan Schaefer, Seguin, and Branden Allmon, Austin, were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Omni Hotel, San Antonio.

The bride's cake was a basket-weave design by Sweet



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL TODD SCHAEFER

Designs of San Antonio. It was layered with Italian custard and raspberry.

The groom's cake was Dutch chocolate with a bull riding belt buckle in the center; also designed by Sweet Designs.

The bride is a graduate of Alabama School of Fine Arts and attended Ithaca College, New York, N.Y. She is employed as a singer at Six Flags Fiesta Texas, San Antonio.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard College. He is employed by Amarch Corp. in San Antonio.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will make their home in San Antonio.

Sunday deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available at the Herald office.

Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

IN THE MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Duane Brooks recently completed a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf. He is aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton as part of the Middle East Force.

The 1982 graduate of Irion County High School in Merton joined the Navy in January 1987.

He is the son of Frank V. Brooks, Big Spring.

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Julianna Nicholle Rodriguez, girl, June 17, 1997, 8:15 p.m., seven pounds seven ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Freddy and Kerry Rodriguez of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Freddie and Maria Rodriguez, Big Spring, Deanie Burdette, of Big Spring, and Charlie and Vicky Burdette, Odessa.

Zackery Layne Norman, boy, June 7, 1997, 8:33 a.m., nine pounds and 20 inches long; parents are Eric and Candy Norman of Big Spring.

Grandparents are Jimmie and Charlotte Norman, Dubb Grigg and Kay Grigg, all of Big Spring.

Kenneth Paul Hagins, boy, June 17, 1997, 5:37 a.m., nine pounds and 21 inches long; parents are Amy Castillo and Kenneth Hagins.

Grandparents are Lupe and Paula Castillo and Fannie Hagins.

Paige Delynn Brasuel, girl, June 11, 1997, 8:58 p.m., seven pounds 13.4 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Elaina Duke and Eddie Brasuel, Snyder.

Grandparents are Peggy Goswick, R.B. Duke and Mike and Mary Brasuel, Hermleigh.

Julian Ross Larez, boy, June 7, 1997, 10:56 p.m., eight pounds two ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; mother is Elizabeth Hope Larez.

Grandmother is Maria Elena Larez.

Erin Hope Hunter, girl, June 7, 1997, 12:21 a.m., seven pounds two ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Jon and Rachel Hunter, Big Spring.

Grandparents are Susie Harris, Big Spring, Rick and Ronda Gipson, Odessa, Travis and Millie Hunter, Lubbock, and Michelle and Gerald Harrison, Universal City.

Trevor Jordan VanZandt, boy, June 6, 1997, 8:47 a.m., eight pounds 1/2 ounce and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Doug and Christi VanZandt.

Grandparents are Charles and Cheryl Powell, Midland, and Rita VanZandt, Big Spring.

Brayden Eugene Thompson, June 3, 1997, 5:19 p.m., seven pounds seven ounces and 20 inches long; mother is Jeanie Thompson, Coahoma.

Grandparents are Beverly and Randy Thompson, Coahoma.

Karina Ytalia Alvarado, May 29, 1997, 10:04 a.m., eight pounds nine and 1/4 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Carlos and Maria Alvarado, Coahoma.

Grandparents are Antonio and Ventura Cervantes, Coahoma, and Irene Bretado, Ensenada, B.C.

Valentin Joseph Hajovsky, boy, June 2, 1997, 3:10 p.m., seven pounds six and 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Bradley and Deborah Hajovsky.

Grandparents are Bobbie Best and Perry Best, both of

Daisetta, Martha Boothe, Big Spring, and Robert Hajovsky, Dayton.

Mackenzie Paige Smith, girl, June 7, 1997, 9:57 p.m., eight pounds nine and 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Lance and Tabatha Smith.

Grandparents are Alec and Nancy Smith and Lonnie and Carla Smith, all of Big Spring.

Alexandra Ranea Luna, girl, June 7, 1997, 11:40, six pounds 13-1/2 ounces and 19-1/2 inches long; parents are Gilbert Luna and Blanca Luna.

Grandparents are Maria E. Escobar, Big Spring, Felicitia Luna and Estaban Olivas, both of Odessa.

Presli Alexis Hinkle, girl, June 9, 1997, 1:17 p.m., 7 pounds four ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Kasi Moser and Tom Hinkle.

Grandparents are Jan Graham and Ronny Moser, both of Big Spring.

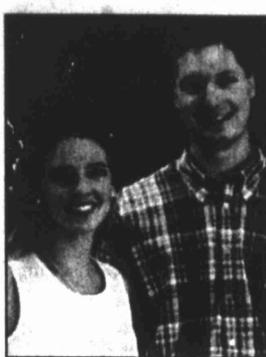
Ashley Nicole House, girl, June 16, 1997, 9:03, seven pounds 13 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Alan and Sally House.

Grandparents are Mary Helen Rodriguez, Big Spring, and DeLoris House, Grace City, N.D.

Brody Chase Mills, boy, June 16, 1997, 4:35 p.m., eight pounds 12 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Nicolas and Jodie Mills.

Grandparents are Sandra Melton and Travis Melton, Midland, and Loyce and Richard Mills.

GETTING ENGAGED



Mary Kathryn Terrazas and Kyle Duston, both of Austin, will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 17, 1997, at The Lodge, Cloudcroft, N.M., with Dr. Richard H. Whitwam, district superintendent of the United Methodist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Simon and Kathy Terrazas, Big Spring.

He is the son of Bruce and Susan Duston, El Paso.



Kelli Michelle Hyche, Crane, and Michael Cody Tredaway, Big Spring, will unite in marriage on Sept. 20, 1997, at the First Baptist Church of Crane with Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Big Spring, officiating.

She is the daughter of Charley and Vanetta Hyche, Crane.

He is the son of Mike and Sherida Tredaway, Big Spring.

HUMANE SOCIETY



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ON THE MENU

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WEDNESDAY - Beef tips; rice; carrots; fruit salad; milk/rolls; cobbler.

THURSDAY - Fish; black eyed peas; steamed broccoli; vegetable salad; milk/rolls; fruit.

FRIDAY - Pork chops; sweet

potatoes; mixed vegetables; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls, cake.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

MONDAY - Corn cobb; potato rounds; green beans; milk; fruit.

TUESDAY - Chicken, fried steak; mashed potato; English peas; sliced peaches; rolls; milk.

WEDNESDAY - Chicken sandwich; vegetable stick; salad; lettuce; tomato; pickles; apple; milk.

THURSDAY - Burrito; tossed salad; pinto beans; fresh fruit; cup; milk.

FRIDAY - Hamburger; French fries; salad-lettuce; tomato; pickles; frozen fruit bar; milk.

WHO'S WHO

Among those listed on the Dean's List from Angelo State University in San Angelo for the spring semester was:

Sheila Kay Ward, Early Childhood major.

Malissa Kelly McKay received a Bachelor of Arts in History, with minors in Women's studies and political science, from Salem College, Winston-Salem, N.C., May 24.



McKAY

McKay has been accepted to the Graduate School of International Public Administration to begin her master's program in September 1997 at Rutgers State University. This program includes one year of classroom study and two years serving in the Peace Corps.

On May 25, Malissa graduated from a four-year Institute Program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The graduation was held at the Winston-Salem, N.C., Stake Center.

She is the daughter of G. Arthur and Ruth Ann McKay, Big Spring.

Arthur and Dorothy Graves of Big Spring have been accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science for the 1997 fall semester.



ARTHUR GRAVES

They are the son and daughter of Arthur and Della Graves. The academy, created by the Texas Legislature in 1987, is an early college admissions program at the University of North Texas that gives gifted students a chance to complete their first two years of college while earning a high school diploma.

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ished their sophomore year at Big Spring High School. As TAMS students, they will live in a UNT residence hall and take regular UNT classes taught by full-time faculty. They should be ready for their junior year of college when they graduate from the academy in 1999.

Local residents were among Texas Tech University undergraduate students, who qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average. Students who earned a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Big Spring students making the dean's list included: Adrian De La Rosa, Heather Ann Duncan, Shawnte Fae Bryant Henry, Stacey June Hollar, Matthew Christopher Reinert, Christopher Blake Smith, Jesse Sambrano White and Ashley Anne Youngblood. Making the President's list was Lenae Michelle Moore of Big Spring. Brandi Rachelle Gressett, Coahoma made the Dean's list.

More than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 1997 spring commencement exercises.

Graduating students included the following Big Spring residents: Sarah Ruth Cranford, Bachelor of Arts; Jay Alan Gannaway, Bachelor of Science; Angela Tonette Green,

Bachelor of Science; Jeffery Brian Reagan, Bachelor of Business; and Kristi Dian Rodgers, Bachelor of Science. Jeffery Alan Rawson, Coahoma, earned a Bachelor of Science.

Eric Lynn Herm of Ackerly received a Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcast journalism during May commencement at Abilene Christian University.

Herm was a Texas Intercollegiate Press Association champion and a Rocky Mountain Collegiate Media Association champion. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddy L. Herm.

Denise D. Hinton of Big Spring received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree during May commencement at Abilene Christian University.

Hinton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Young.

Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets has named its Commandant's Honor Roll students for the 1997 spring semester, recognizing cadets who have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point ratio on a 4.0 scale.

Among those recognized were Big Spring residents, Steven Ray Meek and William Colin Woodall.

Joshua Patrick Bowerman, Big Spring, was one of approximately 220 Hardin-Simmons University students to receive a degree at May commencement exercises. He received a Bachelor of Arts.

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Pictured (left to right) - Mandy Bingham, Kim Roman, Maria Barber and Lea Dimidjian. (Not shown) Stephanie Howard and Kim Brown (in-training)

Women's Care Update
By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology
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The current generation of over-the-counter home pregnancy tests work by detecting the presence of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG), a hormone made by the layer of cells called the chorion that surrounds the developing embryo. As effective as such tests are, they are qualitative, rather than quantitative. That is, they detect the presence of hCG in the urine, but not the amount. Under certain conditions, the obstetrician may want to know the amount of hCG being produced, as well as whether it is doubling every 2 days as an indication of normal fetal development. If it is suspected that a woman has miscarried; has an ectopic pregnancy, trophoblastic disease, certain cancers; or if a woman is certain she is pregnant, but continues to get a negative result on a urine test, she may be asked to take a quantitative blood test.
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Family Dollar preparing for Big Spring opening

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will have the opportunity to welcome another national retail chain to Big Spring Mall in less than two weeks as Family Dollar plans to open its doors next to Anthony's at 9 a.m. on July 2, at which time the store will also have its grand opening.

Big Spring Mall is currently home to several stores including Sear's, Bealls, On Cue, Athletic Supply, Radio Shack, the Casual Shoppe and several

others. Family Dollar will offer area residents an 8,500 square foot store in which to shop.

The store will be located on the far west side of the mall next to Anthony's and will be occupying the remainder of the former J.C. Penney store.

"Family Dollar will only have an exterior entrance, which could be an advantage," Mall Manager Tammy Watt said. "The store could opt to close earlier than the mall does or stay open later."

"We are really excited about the addition of Family Dollar to

the Big Spring Mall family," Watt added. "Family Dollar will be a real asset and will fill a need that Big Spring Mall currently does not offer."

Family Dollar's Big Spring store will be the company's 272nd store in Texas and the 2,733rd store nationwide for the North Carolina-based discount store chain.

Prior to the opening of the store, local officials and Family Dollar executives will take part in a brief ribbon cutting ceremony at the main entrance to the store.

Family Dollar plans to have special prices on several items as part of its grand opening sale.

"Family Dollar looks forward to locating in Big Spring and being part of a fine community," Phil Thompson, senior vice president of store operations, said. "Family Dollar is a rapidly expanding company and offers excellent employment opportunities in this area and throughout the 38 states in which Family Dollar stores are located."

The store will carry a complete line of merchandise for

the family and home, including clothes and shoes, domestics, health and beauty aids, housewares, small electronics, school supplies, candy and snack foods, toys, paints and auto supplies.

A lot of demolition work was necessary in the area next to Anthony's to prepare for Family Dollar and some cleaning was also necessary to the inside of the area, according to Watt.

Getting Family Dollar to Big Spring was a deal that had been in the works for about seven

months, according to Watt.

"Family Dollar is a strong tenant wherever they are," Watt said.

The Big Spring store is one of approximately 235 stores Family Dollar expects to open during the current fiscal year.

With the addition of Family Dollar, the mall's occupancy is about 80 percent, according to Watt.

"Only four small areas totaling about 8,000 square feet remain vacant," Watt said. "Progress is slow (as far as filling spaces), but we're getting there."

Chamber a community affair

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It's not that the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce needs a lot of change, according to Executive Vice President Terri Newton, it's enhancing what's already in place.

"I've lived in Big Spring all of my life, but I think there are some questions in the minds of some people as to what it is that the chamber does," Newton said.

"Where the Big Spring community is concerned, I'm approaching things from the standpoint that not everyone knows what the chamber does or what services we offer," Newton added. "I want to get the chamber's name out there with the public."

As for out of town visitors and tourists, the chamber wants to project the attitude, "What is it that makes me want to go back?"

"Things such as the rodeo are an event the chamber has to be involved in," Newton said. "All it takes is one person to say welcome or we're glad you're here. Big Spring is a beautiful town with a lot to offer and all we have to do is put it in a package."

The first few weeks on the job have been exciting for Newton because she has a personal

stake in the welfare of Big Spring.

"Not only do I have a professional interest in Big Spring, I have a personal interest as well because my family is here," Newton said. "Quality of life is important."

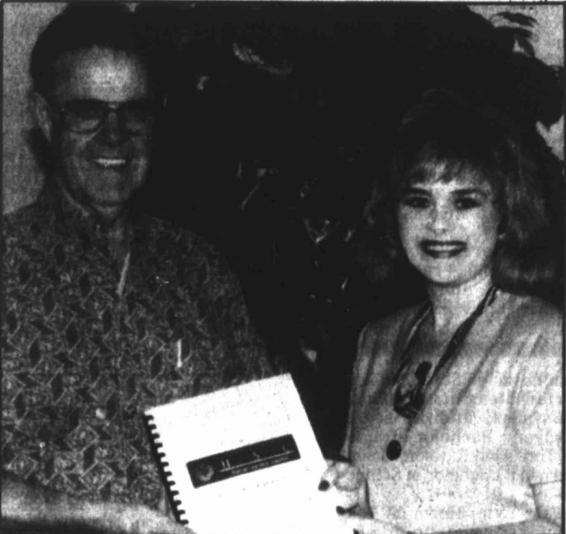
Newton said she is trying to get the word out to chamber members that being a member is an investment that gives them a voice concerning the economic welfare of Big Spring.

"One thing I'd like to clear up is the fact that the chamber is a support for local businesses, but it's the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) that's involved in tourism and various other activities," Newton said.

The CVB operates under the umbrella of the chamber, according to Newton.

"We have the money to support events, but we don't necessarily put them on," Newton added. "If we take on the responsibility of putting on an event, we run the risk of losing membership dollars — that is we want to spread out our membership funds by supporting various events and not putting them on ourselves."

According to Newton, if she had to put into words the mission statement of the chamber, they would read, "The chamber



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Big Spring/Howard County United Way Director Carroll Jennings presents a copy of the Howard County Directory of Services to Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Terri Newton. The directory lists various services available in Big Spring and a contact person.

is a coop of all businesses in the community coming together for support, not only financially, but emotionally as well, to make Big Spring a proud place to be. This includes welcoming people from outside of

the Big Spring area as well."

"We (the chamber) really want to stress that we want involvement from the community," Newton said. "The more people we have involved with the chamber, the better."

Local hams preparing for ARRL 'Field Day'

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On June 28-29 Big Spring Amateur Radio operators will work around the clock to set up field radio communication stations, get on the air and contact thousands of other radio operators in the U.S. and Canada as part of participation in the American Radio Relay League's (ARRL) Field Day.

Set up for Field Day begins at 5 p.m. on June 27 and operations will begin at 1 p.m. June 28 and continue through 1 p.m. June 29.

Only those who are licensed radio operators in Big Spring will be able to participate, according to Big Spring Amateur Radio Club (BSARC) member Jim LeMarr.

The event will be at the Pavilion of Big Spring State Park.

According to Ron Briley, BSARC president, Field Day is the annual "shakedown run" for the ARRL National Field Organization.

"Field Day is a way for hams to get outdoors and have fun under some difficult conditions," Briley said. "But it's also a chance to fine-tune emergency communication skills. We use generators and

battery power, and we set up antennas in the field. The idea is to put together a self-sufficient, working station quickly and begin making contacts."

The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communications nets during floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes and other major disasters.

Members of formal emergency organizations such as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Services (RACES) regularly participate.

ARRL estimates that more than 35,000 hams participate in Field Day every year.

Big Spring Field Day participants will practice communication skills under primitive conditions, with generator and battery-powered equipment and portable antennas.

Special awards will be given for "alternative" power sources such as solar, wind and methane.

According to the BSARC, Field Day is a competition as well as a "trial run" for emergency communication skills used during actual disaster situations.

FIESTA DODGE IN BIG SPRING



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Fiesta Dodge, formerly Big Spring Chrysler, recently celebrated being in Big Spring with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Pictured with chamber members and the Ambassadors are (cutting the ribbon) daughter Kim King, owner Lynn Alexander, wife Rovena Alexander, General Manager Chuck Potts, his wife Verilinda Potts and Brad Morris. Alexander also has four other dealerships in West Texas.

Rules for EQIP program in place

HERALD Staff Report

A bipartisan group of Congressmen, including Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, Chet Edwards, D-Waco and Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, recently announced publication of the final rules for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in Texas.

Stenholm, who serves as the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, said, "The final rules for EQIP were printed in the Federal Register for public review on May 22. This means that we have the latest information on EQIP. Agency personnel from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), local soil and water conservation districts and others will begin implementing the program at the county level."

EQIP is part of the 1996 Farm Bill and takes the place of previous USDA programs, including both the Agriculture Conservation Program (ACP)

and the Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP). Applications for assistance will be accepted from agricultural producers throughout the year.

There are basically two parts to the program. One part addresses statewide concerns related to natural resource conservation and the other part directs assistance to state priority areas.

Combest, vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee said, "One section of EQIP will address statewide concerns such as livestock production, cropland, wellhead protection areas and forest land. Producers will compete for funding as related to the statewide concerns."

"The most significant resource or environmental need will receive the highest priority," Combest added. "Applications offering the most environmental benefit at the least cost will rank highest in the process."

The other section of the program will address resource concerns in specific geographic priority areas. In Texas, 12 areas have been identified to

receive initial fund allocation.

Those priority areas are: Southern High Plains-A; Southern High Plains-B; Southern High Plains-C; Central Texas; Blackland; Northeast Texas; Edwards; Middle Concho; Pecos River; Upper Rio Grande River; Gulf Coast; and Rio Grande.

Edwards, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, said, "Texas is expected to receive about \$13 million for EQIP, but obligation of that money depends on producers making application, receiving approval and developing contracts."

"Many agencies, groups and individuals are working together to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to apply for the program," Edwards added. "The cooperative approach to program delivery is an important part of the process."

The NRCS, FSA, Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, local soil and water conservation districts, Farm Bureau and other commodity organizations and groups will assist in providing

information, outreach and education to all potential participants.

Each EQIP application will be ranked according to total cost and the environmental benefits derived from the installation of the practices. Producers within a priority area will compete for funding against other applicants within the area. Producers, outside the priority areas, will compete statewide for EQIP.

Bonilla, the only Texan on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, explained, "This program is a good way to provide producers with incentives for conservation."

"Moreover, this program provides producers with valuable help to develop and implement the best conservation program for them," Bonilla added. "I know that many producers in my congressional district are eager to participate."

To receive funding from EQIP, producers are required to enter into long-term contracts. Contracts must be at least five years long and cannot be longer than 10 years.

Some now and some later a good idea with forage

Isn't it funny how times change? Last year we were in the middle of one of the worst droughts ever recorded. Other than a heavy snowstorm in April and a hailstorm in May, there were very few cases of rain falling across the country last year until early August.

Nothing greened up until

late August and there was very little forage available for livestock on rangelands.

One thing we can all possibly learn from this is to make sure when a forage surplus is upon us from a favorable moisture year we save ample forage for years such as 1996.

By monitoring the forage supply and comparing it to the grazing requirements of the livestock an individual can access what the outcome may be in the future months.

Let's start off as if we were back in the early summer of 1996. A few tips to maintain a core breeding herd without the entire livestock entity having to suffer would be to: 1) reduce

the size of the herd to ensure that the pasture is undamaged, 2) opt to purchase all forage to be fed, 3) lease additional grazing, or finally, 4) sell out completely.

How can you tell how much forage you have, or need, and if your pastures are on the verge of degradation? Many resource managers, ranchers and rangeland advocates can tell current rangeland conditions simply by looking at a pasture or may have lived through enough dry and wet years to understand their particular situation.

They can then access what they will need to do for the next few months. When deciding how much forage you will

need for livestock the rest of the year you first need to know how much is being consumed.

In a cow/calf situation, the ration of one cow (approximately 1,000 lbs) and her calf is considered an animal unit (A.U.). Each day one A.U. will consume 26 pounds of forage. One a stocker cattle operation most calves will range from 400 to 800 lbs.

The Animal Unit Equivalent (A.U.E.) will simply be a ration to the 1,000 lb cow. For example, a 500 lb steer will equal to a half of an animal unit or 0.5 A.U. This animal then would consume only 13 lbs of forage per day (1 A.U. = 26 lbs of forage/day, so 0.5 A.U. = 13 lbs of

forage/day).

There should always be some forage left ungrazed. This will depend upon the amount of desirable grazing plants, your goals for improvement and the amount of risk you are willing to take.

Forage production later into the season will depend upon healthy plants which are desirable to the grazing animals. Plants can only maintain their health through productive soils than can survive droughts, heavy rainfalls and grazing.

To maintain healthy the individual must allow some forage to be left in the pasture to be broke down into the soil for organic matter and as a cover

for soil production. This will enhance the amount of precipitation that the land can hold and infiltrate into the soil for root growth.

To maintain these systematic functions you must implement a situation similar to the "take half and leave half" method into your grazing plans. This means simply to determine the total amount of forage available in the pastures and divide it by half.

This 50 percent that is left will help to maintain good plant and soil conditions for forage production in the following years.

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Angel Acosta, Dillard Curtis Johnston,
Amanda Perryman, Earnest Henry
Orders: Devon Arguello, Roy Billings,
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Judgment & sentence DWI: Paul Rostum
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days in jail, Paul Rostum Ramirez \$500
fine, \$262 court cost and 90 days in jail.
Motion to dismiss revocation of proba-
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Tracy Coker \$250 fine and 180 days in jail,
George B. Garcia \$250 fine and 180 days
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days in jail, Gerald Garcia \$250 fine and
180 days in jail

Probated Judgment - deferred adjudi-
cation: Marsha Fox
Probated Judgment DWLS: Roy Billings
\$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated Judgment criminal
trespass/habitation: Ernesto Rodriguez
\$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated Judgment possession of mari-
juana under two ounces: Julian P. Ramirez
\$200 fine and 180 days in jail, Alex D.
Minter \$250 fine and 180 days in jail,
Jesse Salgado \$250 fine and 180 days in
jail, Christopher Myrick \$250 fine and 180
days in jail, Sidney Parker \$250 fine and
180 days in jail, Patricia Grossman \$250
fine and 180 days in jail

Probated Judgment DWI: Gordon John
Williams \$500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated Judgment fall to identify:
Yolanda Mier \$250 fine and 365 days in
jail
Probated Judgment burglary of a vehicle:
Richard Lee Tow \$250 fine and 180 days in
jail
Motion and order of dismissal without
costs: Richard Allan Jones, Daniel Lee
McKinney, Alvin Gutierrez

Judgment & sentence sale of alcoholic
beverages to a minor: Grace L. Labarre
\$200 fine and \$192 court cost, Raymond
Morales Garcia \$100 fine and \$192 court
cost
Judgment & sentence possession of
marijuana under two ounces: Danny Jowers
\$200 court cost and 120 days in jail
Probated Judgment fall to display dri-
ver's license subsequent offense: Jim
Jason Coker \$250 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated Judgment evade arrest or
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fine and 180 days in jail

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grantor: Alex and Sharon Rodriguez
grantee: Jake and Sarah W. Hancock
property: Lot 9, blk. 7, Coronado Hills
Addition
filed: June 9, 1997

grantor: Robert F. Rutherford
grantee: Deborah K. Gregory
property: Lot 9, blk. 7, Washington Place
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filed: June 10, 1997

grantor: Strickland and Knight Equipment
grantee: Polly Specker
property: Lot 7, blk. 1, Stanford Park
Addition
filed: June 11, 1997

Company
grantee: Delbert A. and Barbara
Donelson
property: A 0.43 acre tract of land out of
section 8, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR, Co.; tract
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grantor: George W. Gless
grantee: Leslie Lloyd
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grantor: Lon and Iris N. Baucum
grantee: Rodney G. Martin
property: The south 40' of lot 9, blk. 40,
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grantee: Rodney G. Martin
property: Lot 16, blk. 13, College Park
Estate
filed: June 11, 1997

grantor: Rodney G. Martin a/k/a Rodney
J. Martin
grantee: Phillip Thomas and Robbie Ann
Gibson
property: Lot 16, blk. 13, College Park
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filed: June 11, 1997

grantor: Alex Rodriguez
grantee: Polly Specker
property: Lot 7, blk. 1, Stanford Park
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filed: June 11, 1997

grantor: Charles Lado and Betty J. Smith
grantee: The Trinity Company
property: Lot 32, blk. 5, Coronado Hills
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filed: June 12, 1997

Houston and Texas Central Ry. Co.
filed: June 13, 1997

grantor: George C. and Bonnie J. Franklin
grantee: G.C. Broughton, Jr.
property: The northwest 1/4 and east
1/2 of section 35, blk. 35, T-1-S, T&P Ry.
Co.
filed: June 13, 1997

grantor: Vicki C. Morrow
grantee: Donna Land
property: All of lot 12, blk. 24, Cole &
Strayhorn Addition
filed: June 13, 1997

grantor: Jerry L. and Muriel Myrick
grantee: Robert F. Jackman
property: Lot 11, blk. 2, Settles Addition
filed: June 10, 1997

grantor: Otelia Fortune
grantee: Armando T. Sr. and Paula D.
Franco
property: Lot 4, blk. 1, Whipperwill Hill
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grantor: Texas Commerce Bank - San
Angelo Assoc.
grantee: Texas Commerce Community
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property: East 1/2 of the southeast 1/4
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16, except the north 1/2 of the northeast
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grantor: Darloy Buchanan
grantee: Consuelo Morales
property: All of lot 21, blk. 24, Original
Town of Coahoma
filed: June 13, 1997

grantor: Jerry Floyd and Janie Lynn
Harmon
grantee: Brandon and Linda Luce
property: Those certain tracts of land
located in section 6, blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P Ry.
Co.
filed: June 12, 1997

grantor: Leslie Lloyd
grantee: Jesse and Hilda Cantu
property: Lot 3, blk. 2, Bowser Addition
filed: June 13, 1997

grantor: J.W. Smallwood
grantee: Mike Rush
property: Lot 42, blk. 13, Douglas
Addition No. 2
filed: June 13, 1997

grantor: Elaine Barraza
beneficiary: Harlingen National Bank
property: All of lot 4, blk. 1, La Loma
Addition
filed: June 11, 1997

grantor: Richey Lynn and Jennifer L.
Faulkner
beneficiary: Home Loan Corp.
property: Lot 18, blk. 2, Sherrod Heights
Subdivision in section 27, blk. 32, T-1-N,
Howard County
filed: June 11, 1997

grantor: Kaleb Allen and Charity Sue Hill
beneficiary: Harlingen National Bank
property: Lot 29, blk. 8, Douglass
Addition
filed: June 11, 1997

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Mildred Grace Trice vs. Derry Lloyd Trice
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Valerie Lyn Musgrove vs. Chad Allen
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Joseph Michael Short vs. Linda Kay Short
Bryan David Blount vs. Marte Eve Blount
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Don Yates vs. Vernell Yates

Family:
Paula Ann Jones vs. Ronnie Harold
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Pam Denton vs. Willard Denton
Misty Dawn Barnes vs. Michael J. Barnes

Injuries and damages with a motor vehi-
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Unemployment no reason to change everything

By L.M. SIXEL
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Even though there's all kinds of talk about spending less time at work and more quality time with our families, we still pretty much define ourselves by our jobs. The kind of work we do, who we do it for and how far along we've gotten in our careers greatly affect the way we feel about ourselves.

But when you're out of work, you're in limbo. You're no longer that hotshot manager at the bank or the ace auto mechanic at the shop down the street.

Sure, you may be a parent or a great gardener, but it's the job — not the family or the hobbies — that says so much.

When you lose your job, the self-confidence that comes with knowing you're a professional success evaporates overnight. And, as many times as you practice, it never really gets

comfortable to say to someone new that you're ummm looking for a job.

Lots of people think they have no identity if they don't have a job, said Beth West, a Houstonian who was "right-sized" out of her public relations job in 1993.

"I very consciously tried to stay away from that trap," said West, who now works as a Rice University researcher.

Focusing on her identity apart from her professional life made it easier for West to keep up her self-esteem during her job hunt. And it's critical to feel good about yourself so you can land another job.

That is hard to do because job seekers face a lot of rejection, said David Small, who runs the University of Houston's Career Services. He tries to remind his students that if they're not getting the jobs they're going for, they may not have the skills the boss is looking for.

But many job seekers, especially inexperienced ones, won-

der what's wrong with them. Small recalled one student who thought he wasn't landing a job because of his ethnic surname, so he changed it. But that didn't work.

So forget about changing your identity and concentrate on some confidence boosters that will make job hunting a little easier and a lot more pleasant.

Don't change your lifestyle significantly. Some people stop their lives when they lose their jobs, but that's not good, said Bill Sala, area director of operations for Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma for Drake Beam Morin, an outplacement firm in Houston.

Maintain your routine as much as possible. It's necessary, of course, to keep a close watch on your finances, so if your family always went to the movies on Sunday evenings, switch to the bargain matinee, Sala said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE BID 97-304 Advertisement for Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following: DEPOSITORY BANK Specifications may be obtained from Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5175. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:30 p.m. on July 22, 1997 at which time they will be opened in the Administrative Annex and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting. Technical questions should be directed to Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, Howard College, 915-264-5175. Bidding questions directed to Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Systems, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5175. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 1430 June 22, 1997

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Glasscock County ISD is accepting bids for cafeteria groceries and cafeteria related items for the 1997-98 school year. Bids are also being accepted for used and leased vehicles. The district is also accepting proposals for student accident insurance and a general liability policy for personnel and for the school district. For more information call the Superintendent's Office at 915-354-2230 or write Glasscock CO ISD at PO Box 9, Garden City, TX 79739. The physical address is the school administration building located at 308 W. Chambers in Garden City, Texas. Bids must be received by July 18, 1997 at 1:00 PM. Bids will be opened at that time. The Glasscock CO ISD reserves the right to accept, reject, or postpone any or all bids. All applicable laws have precedence. 1434 June 22 & July 4, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BIDDING NOTICE BUILDING CONTRACTORS LOCATION: ABILENE DISTRICT, HOWARD COUNTY PROJECT NO. BC-94-12 DESCRIPTION: INSTALLATION OF CERAMIC TILE AT SAFETY REST AREA (ONE BITE), 95 MILES WEST OF ABILENE ON IH 20, EASTBOUND SIDE. BID DATE: JULY 18, 1997-2:30 PM AT ABILENE DISTRICT OFFICE, 4250 N. CLACK, ABILENE, TEXAS. ESTIMATED COST: \$61,000.00 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE FURNISHED WITH CHARGE TO THE PRIME BIDDER/CONTRACTOR. REQUEST BY FAX to your company letterhead to: TxDOT GBD, Facilities Management, FAX 512-416-3048. Plans and specifications are available from: Abilene TxDOT, Carl Preston, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, TX. Phone: 815-678-8850, FAX 815-678-8957. Austin TxDOT, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Room 408B. Phone: 512-416-3048, FAX 512-416-3088. PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: \$1,000.00 (see bidding documents for specific requirements) PRE-BID CONFERENCE: June 27, 1997 10:00 AM at the Abilene District Office 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, TX. D448 (08-77-00000431) 1428 June 15 and 22, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BIG SPRING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office of the Director of Community Development, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor until 2:00 p.m. July 2, 1997 for removal and dewatering of water treatment plant sludge. Specifically, the project consists of removing alum sludge from the water treatment plant's sedimentation basin, dewatering the sludge and conveying the dewatered sludge into City owned trucks for disposal. Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award on July 8, 1997 at a regular Council meeting. Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable to the City of Big Spring, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the amount provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract. Bids without the required check or proposal bond will not be considered. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a license from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than \$25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions. Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the City of Big Spring, Texas and at the office of Parrish, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 7019 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412. Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parrish, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 7019 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412. (806) 747-0181 for a price of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return of each set of documents, in good condition and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, the entire deposit will be refunded. Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rate of wages which have been established by the Secretary of Labor. Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this project will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are contained in the specifications. SIGNED: TIM BLACKSHEAR, MAYOR SIGNED: TIM PARRISH, CITY CLERK 1467 June 16 & 22, 1997

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22: You are committed to relating to others better. You will become more concerned about the quality of your communications and defining what you want. You could meet someone whom you put on a pedestal, but he might not offer you what you think. Be clear about desires and aims. If you are single, interact and explore.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your determination to be responsible pays off. It leaves you plenty of time to play, love and enjoy. A partner seems more in the mood to invite friends over. A family member disagrees with you and contradicts you. Tonight: Have a good time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have calls to make. Visit to someone who is at a distance. You still enjoy a day outing. Your energy is high, and you get the job done. Tonight: Head out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Close relating opens doors and permits a positive change. Something you have dearly wanted has become a reality. Don't do anything halfway. Tonight: Go to the movies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Say yes to life, and start living it up more fully. You are popular and feel more self-confident than you have in a long while. Relationships flourish, but pinch yourself if you have a question about reality. Tonight: You might let off a pesky family member.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Pace yourself, and have fewer expectations. You are still determined to complete a task. There is every likelihood you will, as long as you stay even. Tonight: You and a partner bump heads.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your dreamy side emerges with a loved one. You need to be in sync when talking about desires. Consider your options in a money matter. You are

challenged when discussing a financial goal. Can you afford it? Tonight: Slow down from the weekend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be smart about the way you use your high energy. You could make war or peace. Be direct about objectives; avoid harboring delusions. You know if a family member is pulling the wool over your eyes. Tonight: A little fun works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Communicate what is in your heart and mind. It doesn't work to say only part of what you think. You are intuitive about what is happening with another, but you both need to discuss it. Tonight: You are happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You tend to go overboard with expenditures. You need to establish financial limits. What you hope or think will happen, might not. Make time for socializing later in the day. Friends clamor for your company. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are fit as a fiddle, and up for nearly anything. Your patience is evident with someone who can be challenging. Acknowledge your power; don't let another threaten you. You know your limitations very well! Tonight: Indulge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Much that goes on in the daylight hours is behind the scenes. Your good cheer makes a big difference when engaged in a difficult task. You might want to relax; later, you will suddenly pop into high gear. Tonight: Let go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Go for what you want; you will be unusually successful. Friendship, love and a goal mix wonderfully. Give the nod to an offer, but prepare for a loved one to feel threatened. Tonight: Go to bed early.

DEAR ABBY: I have two children of my own, but some days I feel as though I have 10 or 12. There are many children in the neighborhood where I live. The following is some information for my neighbors. I call it the Common Rules of Parental Etiquette:

1. I am not the neighborhood baby sitter. Sending your children to my house for several hours does not absolve you of the responsibility of checking on your children on a regular basis.

2. Please do not allow your children to pick the flowers I took the time and money to plant. If your children come home with flowers plucked from someone else's garden, explain to them the dishonesty of their act, even though it seems like a sweet thing for them to have done. And, by the way, since I'm the only one with certain varieties of flowers in my garden, pleading ignorance as to where they came from won't work. Also, breaking down my bushes and plants with balls and bats is not acceptable.

3. Foisting your children off on me for several hours and then, later the same day, refusing to allow my child into your home to play because "my child already has a friend over" doesn't work for me. It also sets the wrong example for your child. The message it gives is: "You can use anyone you want and not give anything in return."

4. Memorial Day, Labor Day and Fourth of July mean picnics and parties for family and friends. If I'm having a party and your child wasn't invited, please keep him home! Last year, I spent the Fourth with three stray children who were eating food and drinking beverages my friends brought for OUR picnic.

5. If your child asks to eat at my home or go somewhere with me, please have the courtesy to check with me to be sure an invitation was extended.

ed. Yes, I heard your child yell across the street and ask if it was OK to eat at my house. And yes, I heard you say it was OK. However, I didn't hear you ask me if I had invited her. Well, guess what? I didn't. My child didn't either. So your child was sent home.

6. In my home, no one, child or adult, gets anything without a "please" and "thank you." That is, of course, common courtesy, but it doesn't seem to be an important lesson in some homes.

7. Your children are welcome to play in my yard if everyone gets along, if there is no bad language or name-calling, and if you take a turn having them play in YOUR yard. I have no grass in my yard now due to baseball games, and my flowerbeds are destroyed. And every child playing at my home has an excuse why they can't play at their own house.

8. Oh, yes - don't forget those slightly older children. Parents, how about keeping an eye on them to make sure they aren't bullying the younger kids? Guess what, they are! They push them down, hit them, call them names and, by the way, their language is disgusting. So don't get angry and call me when your child is sent home. You'll get an earful you might not like.

Please don't get me wrong, Abby. I like children. I want my children to have friends over and enjoy themselves. And we have some wonderful neighbors for whom we'd do almost anything. I am, however, appalled at the lack of respect on the part of so many parents and children in our neighborhood.

Sorry this is so long, but I needed to address this issue since others have relayed the same kind of stories to me.

Oh, and by the way - dog owners, just because I have a dog doesn't mean it's OK if yours soils my yard. But that's another letter... NOT EVERYONE'S MOM IN HARRISBURG, PA.

DEAR NOT EVERYONE'S MOM: I have printed your letter in its entirety. It should be bronzed and placed on front doors in more neighborhoods that I can count, because the problems you have addressed have been voiced by countless parents. You are right on the money.

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