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Allreds named Pioneers at reunion

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

"If there's anything old, that's us," said Ruby Allred, all smiles after she and husband Cecil were honored with the Howard County Pioneer Award at the 72nd Old Settlers Reunion Saturday.

"We don't deserve it," said Mr. Allred, "but I sure do appreciate it." The Howard County award was sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

"This is a surprise," said Lloyd Hardy, who received the Polly

Mays Memorial Award for Glasscock County. "It's a real honor."

About 400 attended this year's reunion, which kicked off Saturday morning with visiting, bingo and prizes, and ended with an evening dance at the Stampede.

"I enjoyed every bit," said Ross Hill, 93, honored as the event's "Handsome Eldest Man in Attendance." Hill, who also received the award last year, said he almost stayed home from this year's reunion. He wasn't feeling well, he said, but

decided to attend anyway.

"I'm glad I did," he said.

R.X. and Ruth McNew, parents of nine, were honored for having the most children. Joann and Hillary Bauer, who traveled from Waymouth, Mass., received the Mack Underwood Travel Award for making the longest trip to the event.

Gladys Choate, 97, was honored as "Beautiful Eldest Lady" in attendance.

Finding a couple to honor as

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Joe Pickle, right, receives a framed photo of the Big Spring from Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion officials during the 72nd reunion Saturday at Garrett Coliseum.



Children, parents, educators and staff preparing for another school year.

Big Spring school district enters 'year of transition'

At age 6, Ryan Klaassen is already a backpack-wearing, school-bus-riding veteran of the Big Spring Independent School District.

But this year, it's none of that kindergarten kid stuff. Ryan is one of the school district's new first graders, who will make a daily commute to Washington Elementary.

"He's excited about it," said his mother, Bonnie. "He'll be taking the same bus and seeing a lot of the same friends. He's psyched to go."

Ryan and his fellow Big Spring students will start class

es Aug. 14. Beginning first grade can be tough, but Ryan won't be the only Big Spring student dealing with change this year. So will most of the expected 4,400 students of the district.

"This is our year of transition," said Superintendent W.A. "Bill" McQueary.

That's because it is the last year of use for two district campuses. College Heights Elementary, which opened in 1938, and Runnels Junior High School, which opened in 1916.

Next year, with the completion of Big Spring Junior High, the district will take on a differ-

ent configuration. This year's building use will remain much the same as last year, but students and teachers will be a lot cooler in most campuses.

Goliad Middle School, Bauer Elementary, Marcy Elementary, Washington Elementary and the Kindergarten Center have been fitted with new air conditioning units. Staff and students alike will probably breathe a little easier now that the district has dumped the old swamp coolers.

"That was a good move," McQueary said. "It's going to be more comfortable for the students."

That means next year, when College Heights and Runnels are closed permanently, all school buildings will be cooled with up-to-date air conditioning systems.

A question many students may be asking is "What do I wear?"

"The dress code will stay the same as last year," McQueary said. So as parents and students do their back-to-school shopping, remember that short and skirts must be no more than three inches above the knee.

Technology takes a larger role in instruction this year, with the addition of a 50-station com-

puter lab at Washington Elementary. Coordinator Esthela Aguirre said the lab will offer a complete curriculum including math, reading, writing and other programs.

"It's really a fantastic addition," she said.

But having computers around does not mean students won't need the same old pencils, pens, notebook paper and folders. Supply lists for area elementary and kindergarten classes are available at stores where school supplies are sold, and several stores even print out copies of the lists.

—DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Area schools will feature more techology this year

At Stanton schools, where classes begin Aug. 14, students will get more computer experience and Internet access this year, thanks to a grant.

The district received more than \$155,000 to update its technology programs. Business manager Rob Roberson said in the near future, that will include interactive video so that students can take additional classes they can't get at the school.

About 850 students expected in the district will see many of the same faces, with the exception of Joe Bible, who was recently hired as high school principal.

Sands schools will be seeing quite a few new faces as classes get underway Aug. 12. The district starts a prekindergarten program this year for 3 and 4-year-olds.

Another change at Sands is that sixth graders, who had been changing classes for almost every course, will remain with one teacher for most core subjects. The district will continue its semi-block scheduling, in which students don't take all classes every day, for the third year.

Garden City students, who return to class Aug. 11, will find new carpet throughout the elementary building, and a new principal in place there. Dean Munn will begin in that post this year, taking the place of Faith Scott, who moved to the high school principal slot.

High schoolers in Garden City don't have to worry about falling behind in technology. Their 20-station computer lab was updated with current models this summer.

"We're a small school," said

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WEATHER

Today:



Mon:



Tues:



Wed:



Today, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Tonight, fair. Lows around 70. Extended forecast, Monday through Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the 90s.

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Kentwood, Elbow elementaries receive highest rankings

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Klondike school district and individual campuses in Big Spring and Forsan received exemplary ratings by the Texas Education Agency, according to information released Friday.

TEA school rankings generally are based on student performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, dropout rates and attendance during the past school year.

Among Howard County schools, Big Spring Kentwood

Elementary and Forsan Elbow Elementary were among 680 statewide campuses that received exemplary ratings, the highest grade received by the TEA.

Other area campuses receiving top ratings were Klondike High School and Klondike Elementary.

An exemplary ranking requires a passing rate of at least 90 percent on the TAAS, a dropout rate of no more than 1 percent and 94 percent attendance.

The next tier is recognized. To

achieve this ranking, districts and campuses must have a 75 percent passing rate on the TAAS, a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less and 94 percent attendance.

Area districts receiving recognized status were: Forsan ISD; Grady ISD; and Borden County ISD.

Local and area campuses noted as recognized were:

- Big Spring — Moss Elementary.
- Coahoma — Coahoma High School and Junior High.
- Forsan — Forsan High

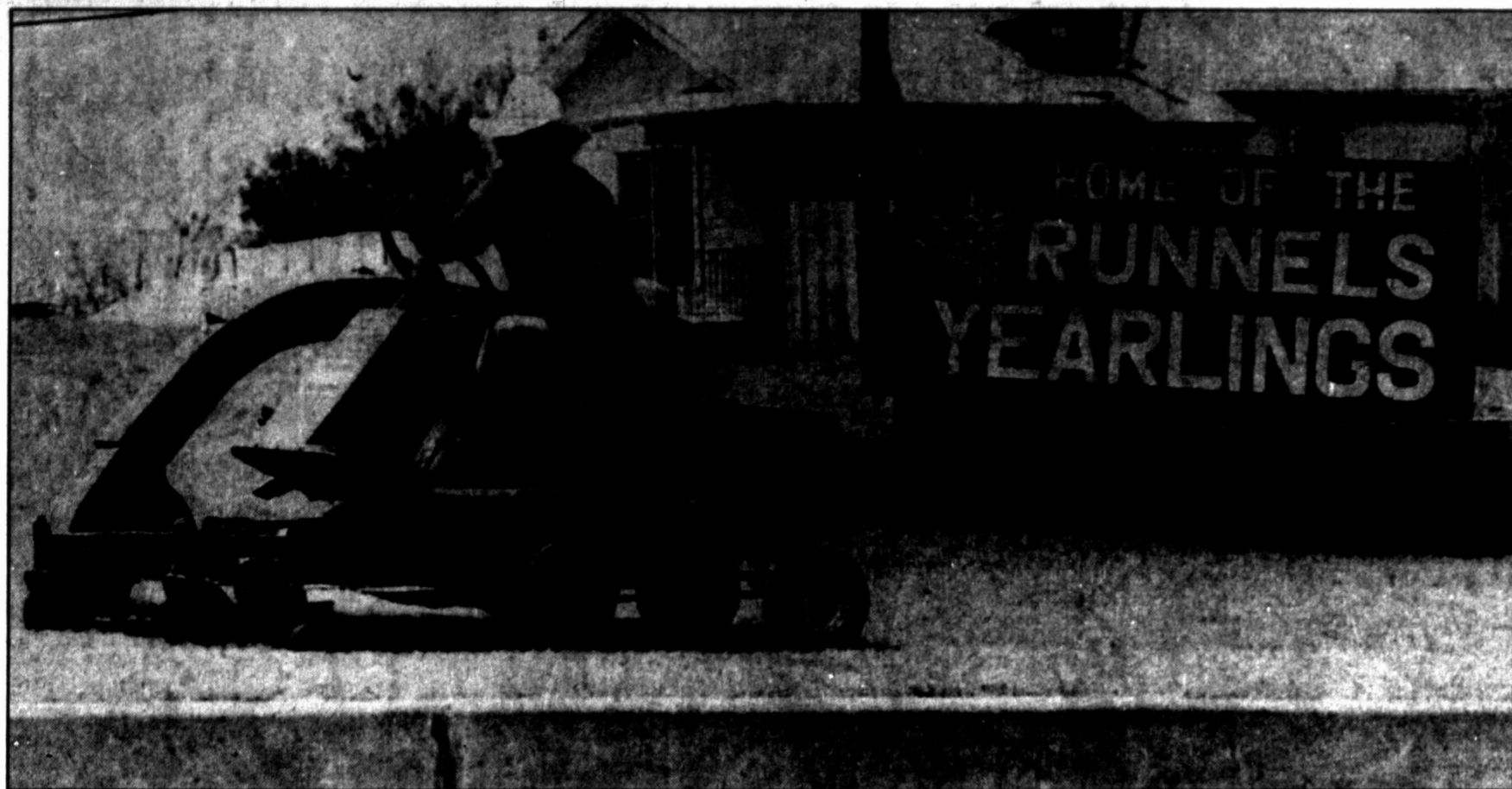
School.

- Garden City — Garden City High School.
- Grady — Grady School.
- Sands — Sands Elementary, Junior High and High School.

All other area districts and campuses received acceptable rankings.

For school districts and campuses to be considered acceptable, at least 35 percent of all their students and those in each student group (black, Hispanic, white and economically disad-

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Big Spring ISD employee David Marquez mows the grass in front of Runnels Junior High in preparation for the start of classes later this month. This is the last year classes will be held at Runnels, which was constructed in 1916.

AREA

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Charles Zachry, superintendent. "But we want our students to be able to compete at any college they may go to."

Grady second graders will find the focus on reading skills when classes begin Aug. 13: Superintendent Johnny Tubbs said those students will be kept with one teacher for a longer period of the day this year so they can focus on learning to

read. "This is part of the governor's reading initiative," he said. "We're really focusing on that goal this year."

Older students will find Internet access improved on the computers in the school library, part of the school's plan to increase computer skills among its students.

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On page 1A, a shopper inspects school supplies during a recent foray to the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Big Spring (top photo); and Paula Cole, technology coordinator for the Big Spring Independent School District, inspects new computers at the Washington Elementary Computer Lab (bottom photo). All stories in the back-to-school package were by Debbie L. Jensen, while all photos were by Jonathan Garrett.

Texas Dems fire back at Gramm for blocking court appointment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Firing a shot across the bow, all 17 Texas Democrats in the House are warning Sen. Phil Gramm that his decision to block the appointment of a Fort Worth lawyer to the federal bench could harm the delegation's cooperative spirit. "Your opposition on political grounds to this otherwise qualified jurist is unacceptable and has troubling implications for the ability of our delegation to work together on a broad range of issues during the remainder of this Congress," the 17 wrote Friday in a letter to Gramm.

The Texas Republican is blocking the appointment of Mike Schattman as a district judge, contending the White House nominee, who was a classmate of Bill Clinton's at Georgetown University, has a history of "intense political activism." Schattman, who was elected five times on the Democratic ticket as a county and state district judge, will not have his nomination considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee without approval of his home state senators.

Both Gramm and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison cleared Schattman with the committee last year after the White House tendered his name in late 1995. Schattman's confirmation hearing wasn't held during the last Congress.

Gramm's aides say he is fighting the nomination because of Schattman's political past, which dates to the 1970s and includes a stint as a delegate to the 1992 Democratic

National Convention. Mrs. Hutchison's office won't discuss her reasons for now opposing Schattman, who said he gave up politics when he was nominated.

The Democratic lawmakers urged Gramm "in the strongest possible terms" to reconsider his opposition. "Under your criteria, no one who has ever been active in a political party could serve as a federal judge," they wrote.

They questioned Gramm's opposition in light of a statement he made on the Senate floor in 1987 during the hubbub over President Reagan's nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court.

Then, Gramm said: "I believe then, as I believe now ... that presidential elections set a road map in terms of political philosophy and that we ought to expect the president to appoint someone who agrees with his philosophy."

Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, who circulated the letter, said Gramm supported the nominations of two judges on the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals who had close ties to the Republican Party. Senators don't have the same input in appellate court nominations that they have in district judgeships.

"I would hope that Sen. Gramm over a period of time would realize that this is a very narrow, partisan position that is unreasonable," he said.

Frost, who has discussed the nomination with President Clinton, said the White House has no intention of withdrawing Schattman's name.

Commissioners to begin annual budget process

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On Monday and Tuesday, the Howard County Commissioners' Court will sit down and begin the process of hammering out a budget for fiscal year 1997-98.

Commissioners have already heard from outside groups seeking funding for the upcoming year and those requests will be figured into the new budget if funds are available.

Last year, commissioners an \$8.2 million budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year. That budget also included a \$40 a month raise for county employees, excluding part-time employees, elected officials and department heads.

Commissioner Sonny Choate

was the lone vote against accepting the budget saying he wasn't comfortable with the particular type of raise given to county employees.

The county budget for 1996-97 was based on an appraised value of \$1,282,450,881 less \$182,643,104 in exemptions, making the certified taxable value of Howard County \$1,099,807,777 plus \$1,300,182 in intangibles, for a total taxable value of a little more than \$1.1 billion.

Added to the 1996-97 effective tax rate plus three percent, which was \$0.46471, the county expected \$5,116,959 in taxes to be levied in 1997, less a 5 percent estimated delinquency of \$255,848 for an estimated collection of \$4,861,111.

The revenue estimates by department for the current budget included \$4,325,741 for the general fund; and \$398,860 for the road and bridge fund.

Most taxing entities have waited until later in the summer to get heavy into budget matters because they have been waiting on certified appraisals from County Tax Assessor Collector Kathy Sayles' Office.

Certified total taxable values for 1997 and values for the previous two years for the eight entities for which the tax office collects includes Howard County, \$1,155,013,307 for 1997, \$1,009,807,777 for 1996 and \$1,042,653,376 for 1995; Howard College, \$1,155,013,307 for 1997, \$1,099,807,777 for 1996 and \$1,042,653,376 for 1995; city of

Big Spring, \$405,531,032 for 1997, \$406,957,397 for 1996 and \$349,707,671 for 1995; and the Big Spring Independent School District, \$670,337,896 for 1997, \$677,185,112 for 1996 and \$618,352,696 for 1995.

Other entities receiving certified total taxable values included city of Forsan, \$3,503,226 for 1997, \$3,144,145 for 1996 and \$3,486,514 for 1995; Forsan Independent School District, \$208,214,405 for 1997, \$194,154,169 for 1996 and \$192,661,431 for 1995; Coahoma Independent School District, \$151,749,145 for 1997, \$144,336,900 for 1996 and \$145,797,436 for 1995; and the city of Coahoma, \$14,345,298 for 1997, \$13,775,953 for 1996 and \$12,697,181 for 1995.

Proposal could prove a hardship for immigrant families

EDINBURG (AP) — On a recent evening, Felipe Esparza, 39, recalled working his way from a landscaping company in Colorado to a bakery in Edinburg, never failing to send a portion of his paycheck to his wife and three daughters in Zacatecas, Mexico.

Finally, in 1988, the distance became too much to bear and he "brought them across the river." It was the same way he had entered the United States six years before.

"I wanted to try for a better life for my children," he said.

Almost 10 years later, the family's odyssey toward legal residence is nearing an end.

"They said we are almost finished, that they will call us very soon," he said. He was referring to his wife and children's petition interview, the final hurdle before receiving alien residency cards.

The Esparza family's interviews will take place in Harlingen. But if some lawmak-

ers in Washington have their way, thousands of undocumented Mexican families in the Rio Grande Valley will have to travel 800 miles, to Ciudad Juarez, for the same process that now can be completed in Harlingen.

Under an immigration law scheduled to expire Sept. 30, illegal immigrants living in the United States may pay a \$1,000 fee to complete their applications for legal status without leaving the country.

"What's wrong with someone returning to their native country to apply to become a legal resident?" said Allen Kay, spokesman for Rep. Lamar Smith (R-San Antonio). "They broke the law and they are trying to jump ahead of millions of other people who are trying to get into this country legally."

Esparza, who was granted legal status under 1986 amnesty provisions, ponders what might have happened if he had left his family in Mexico to apply for residency.

"The truth is, I don't know which way would have been better," he said, shaking his head slowly. "But I didn't want to be away from them any longer."

Undocumented aliens who apply for legal residency under Section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act are most often the spouses or children of a legal resident; they become eligible for an interview after a wait of at least five years, Immigration and Naturalization Service officials said.

From October 1994, when Section 245(i) took effect, through February, the Harlingen INS district processed 15,749 applications, officials there said. The Harlingen district covers the seven southernmost counties in Texas.

If Congress decides not to extend the provision, future applicants must travel to an American consulate in their

native country. For Mexican nationals living in the Valley, that would mean a trip to Juarez, just across the border from El Paso.

Further, the law would require applicants to live in their home country for at least 90 days before their petition interview date. And, their interview could come days or even weeks after the scheduled date, immigrant rights advocates said.

"If (the immigration law) is not extended, particularly for families of legal permanent residents, it's going to be devastating," said Lisa Brodyaga, a Harlingen lawyer who represents immigrants.

Judith Golub, director of advocacy for the American Association of Immigration Lawyers in Washington, said 245(i) lends flexibility to an otherwise rigid system.

"People become illegal for a number of reasons, many of which aren't their fault."

Father won't be charged

DALLAS (AP) — The father of a 3-year-old boy who accidentally shot and killed his mother won't face criminal charges in the incident, a Dallas County grand jury has decided.

A grand jury on Friday refused to indict Yun Chai La for the misdemeanor charge of making a firearm accessible to a minor. The offense is punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

On June 15, 3-year-old James La was playing with his father's Mac-9 semiautomatic pistol when he fired the weapon and struck his mother in the head, police said.

The mother, Hyon La, 42, died four days later. Yun Chai La said he kept the gun for protection and the boy found it while the family was moving out of their apartment.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

Sunday deadlines
All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.
Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcements are available in the editorial department.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Don't let the media get under your skin. And, frankly, avoid reading your press clippings — even the good ones."

—Marjorie Vincent, Miss America 1991

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OUR VIEWS

National standards for schools bad idea

President Clinton recently took a good idea — raising education standards — and came up with a wholly unsatisfactory solution.

Accusing the nation's governors of "dragging their feet" on national school standards, Clinton used last week's National Governors' Association Conference as a platform to call upon states to voluntarily comply with the Education Department's voluntary program of national testing and performance measures for grade-schoolers in math and science.

So far, six states and schools operated by the Department of Defense have agreed to comply with the standards, and it is highly likely other states will join the crowd.

We just hope Texas doesn't follow suit.

At first blush, this doesn't seem like a bad idea. Everyone wants to see school children perform well in the classroom. And, after all, compliance is strictly "voluntary," right?

And the Brooklyn Bridge is still for sale, right?

Of course, we are in favor of raising the academic bar for our students, but national standards? Is this an idea that's really necessary?

Local control of school districts, at least in Texas, is seen as something close to a God-given right, and the thought of even a slight incursion by the federal government into the classrooms should send a chill down the collective backs of Texans.

Ask any school board member to describe his or her biggest nightmare, and they invariably talk about governmental intrusion into local school district's business.

Currently, there is a sense that the state of Texas, through the Texas Education Agency, already has too much say in how local districts are run, so why ask the federal government to step in?

"We want local control," said Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent of Big Spring schools. "We don't want control from the TEA, much less the feds."

We don't, either. Parents and taxpayers should demand better results in the classroom. But we should also demand that the rules be set by people we know.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

As with every company and government entity that Moore Development works with to bring to Big Spring or encourages to expand in Big Spring, many, many people and organizations help.

Such it is with the State Veterans Home proposal our community recently submitted to the Texas Veterans Land Board.

While we will not know until the first part of September if our efforts are successful, the Moore Board of Directors wanted to publicly express their gratitude to a great number of local entities and the individuals involved. These include the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Howard College, Big Spring Independent School District, Big Spring State Hospital, Big Spring VA Medical Center, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, all the local nursing home and retirement homes, the Veterans of Foreign War, the Disabled American Veterans, Rep. David Counts, Sen. Robert Duncan, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm and all those quiet, vital behind-the-scenes individuals who helped with the political aspect of this project.

To all the veterans of our community, we especially extend our sincere appreciation.

This project is for and about you. We thank you for your support in this project and your service to our country.

As the VA Medical Center so aptly states, the State Veterans Home is about "Serving Those Who Have Served."

Danette E. Toone
Executive Director
Moore Development For
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To the Editor:

I appreciate this opportunity to speak to the person who is evidently trying to clean out our garage by carrying off items which we do not desire to clean out. God's word calls it stealing.

First, I would like to say to that person that God loves you, and He has a better plan than that for your life!

The expense and inconvenience which all of this has been to us is insignificant, compared to the cost in your life, if you continue to go in that direction.

One of the Commandments of God is "Thou shalt not steal." When we disobey one of His commandments, it shows that we are sinners, and that our life is on the wrong path.

What to do? God tells us in His word, in Romans 3:23, "...all have sinned."

In 1 Corinthians 15:3 He says "Christ died for our sins." But He was buried, and HE rose again—and Romans 6:23 says "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Why would He provided such a wonderful gift for all of us, when all of us have sinned? Because He loves us. Please look up John 3:16 in the Bible, and think about what all of that wonderful verse means!

I am praying for you. If there is a desire in your heart to turn your life around by receiving the Lord Jesus as your Savior, I would be very glad to talk with you and try to answer your questions.

Or I would be happy to put you in touch with a pastor who would be glad to discuss all of this with you.

You can find my phone number in the telephone book.
Leona E. Hooper, Big Spring

REKRAIN This Union



Horrid Examples abound, but good stuff exists

Now and then I come down with a case of the guilts. I reflect that I've been having so much fun with Horrid Examples that I've failed to cite the good stuff. Some of today's citations are a few years old, but they remain models to admire.

Fine writing can turn up in a single paragraph or line. Bill Thompson, a movie critic for the Charleston (S.C.) Post and Courier, read Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" and then went to the movie of the same name. He found no resemblance. The producer's "free adaptation," he said, was "less about adultery than adulteration."



James Kilpatrick
Syndicated
Columnist

An unidentified writer for The Associated Press read Dick Morris' "Behind the Oval Office" in January. He was not impressed by this smudged memoir. Morris had taken credit for just about everything in the Clinton administration. He had devoted 300-odd pages to "dusting for his own fingerprints on administration poli-

cy." A neat metaphor, that one. James Wolcott, writing in The New Yorker, liked the performance of Kristin Scott Thomas in the movie "Four Weddings and a Funeral." "In the contest for the goofy heart of Hugh Grant, the audience was cued to root for Andie MacDowell, so maternal she always seemed ready to give milk, but Scott Thomas' watchful ardor and thwarted hopes were more affecting."

Readers have sent me some fine similes and nice turns of phrase. Ed Thompson, a staff writer for the weekly Dothan (Ala.) Progress, wrote a well-researched piece last year on the long court delays that go with cases of child sexual abuse. "The wheels of justice," he commented, "turn at the pace of a cane mill's mule."

During the presidential campaign of 1996, Laura Blumenfeld of The Washington Post interviewed Bob Dole. Those who know Dole know that he hates one-on-one interviews. He is by nature a reticent fellow, but in an effort to improve his image he agreed to a few on-the-record visits with reporters. Ms. Blumenfeld provided a line of perfect description: "He sits still, too still, like a man watching his blood being drawn into a syringe."

Writing in The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch in May, Julia Keller warmly praised British

TV commentators for their coverage of the parliamentary elections. "Their comments were as crisp and tidy as tightly rolled umbrellas."

Ben Brantley of The New York Times wrote last month of the financial problems of the Stratford (Toronto) Festival. A major factor is the decline in government support. Subsidies for the arts "are shrinking like cotton clothes in an overheated dryer."

Rheta Grimsley Johnson, who writes beautiful stuff for the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, looked misty-eyed in February at a tape of "The Bridges of Madison County." Why is it, she wondered, that covered bridges are romantic. Lighthouses and windmills are romantic, but silos and water tanks hold slight appeal. Trains have romance; Greyhound buses don't. The Empire State Building is a romantic rendezvous; nobody meets her lover at the Sears Tower.

"It seemed very important to the 'Bridges' story that the heroine came from Italy, not really Iowa at all.

"Women from Italy are lighthouses; women from Iowa are silos."

I don't expect that passage endeared the columnist to the good burghers of Davenport and Des Moines, but it was a great line.

T.H. Watkins contributed a

little gem of descriptive writing to Audubon magazine this summer. Dedication of the new Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve reminded him of his childhood, when he loved to make a hideaway in a field behind his grandfather's house. There the grass was "thick, head-high to a child, green as an Irish dream, and redolent of some grassy perfume."

"I would run into the field, my clothes quickly soaked with morning dew, until I found its center. Then I would stamp the grass flat and roll around on it long enough to create a four-walled chamber, a secret green place I was willing to share with a few ants and other buggly critters while lying on my back and watching continents of clouds pass across the ceiling of my 'room.'"

Jeff Wright, a reporter for the Eugene (Ore.) Register-Guard, covered a human interest story last November when flood waters overwhelmed the Coast Fork of the Willamette River. Judy McCay tried to carry her 14-year-old cat to a place of safety, but somehow Kissy wound up in a tree and had to be rescued.

An intrepid staff photographer was equal to the task. At last the cat was home: "She looked tired yet dignified, in that cat sort of way."

Every cat lover knows the look.

Tobacco agreement leaves much to be desired

By REP. HENRY A. WAXMAN
For Scripps Howard

Now that the initial fever surrounding the tobacco settlement has subsided, health experts have examined the actual text of the agreement in detail. Unfortunately, the closer the agreement is scrutinized, the more fundamentally flawed its provisions appear.

To be sure, the agreement is a good deal for the parties who negotiated it. If it is enacted into law, the tobacco companies' stock prices will soar and the class action lawyers will make billions.

The state attorneys general also will get a windfall. Although states pay only 10 percent of the medical costs of smoking-related illnesses, they will get over half of the settlement funds.

The deal is not so good for the rest of us. Tobacco victims,

private insurers, and the federal government get virtually no compensation. Moreover, the deal effectively bars FDA regulation of nicotine, gives the industry unprecedented immunity from civil liability, impedes the disclosure of incriminating industry documents, and completely ignores the burgeoning problem of tobacco exports.

The provision that purports to penalize the industry for failing to reduce youth smoking shows how the tobacco lawyers succeeded in filling the fine print with loopholes. No provision is potentially more important to the public health.

On this issue, however, the settlement is deeply flawed. Its so-called "look back" provisions, which are intended to achieve a 60 percent reduction in youth smoking in 10 years, appear to be deliberately designed for failure. Under the

settlement, companies are not held individually accountable for reducing youth smoking. If RJR reduces youth smoking rates, but the industry as a whole doesn't achieve the required reductions because Philip Morris keeps selling Marlboros to kids, RJR and Philip Morris get hit with the same penalty. This industry-wide approach is self-defeating. It removes any incentive for RJR — or any other individual company — to reduce its share of the youth market.

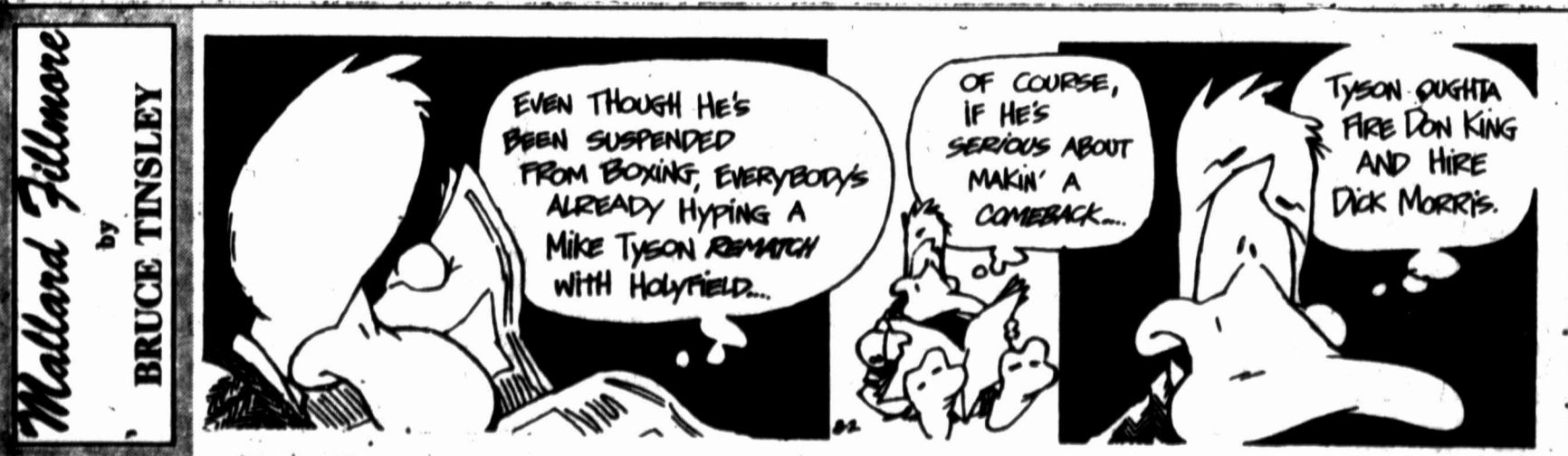
The settlement also fails to include meaningful penalties for noncompliance with the standards. The Advisory Committee on Tobacco Policy and Public Health, co-chaired by former Surgeon General Everett Koop and former FDA Director David Kessler, says that penalties should be severe enough to "directly reduce total revenues and affect total

shareholder value."

The settlement, however, has a maximum penalty of eight cents a pack — hardly a serious deterrent.

Another problem is that the performance standards have not been designed to withstand court challenges from the tobacco industry. The complex calculations required under the settlement insure that the industry will be able to delay the imposition of any penalties through years of litigation. To avoid delay and endless industry nit-picking, we must make the industry pay before going to court and bear the burden of proving that they complied with the standards.

Other changes are also needed. The performance standards should take effect sooner and require greater reductions than in the settlement. Smokeless tobacco manufacturers should be held to the same standards.



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Search on for retarded man involved in '92 shooting spree

DALLAS (AP) — Police and Dallas County Sheriff's officers are trying to find a young mentally retarded man who used a two-hour "furlough" to escape from an institution where he was placed for his involvement in a 1992 crime spree that ended in murder.

Eighteen-year-old Cary Houston escaped from the Mexia State School more than a week ago, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's edition.

On Dec. 10, 1992, Robert McAdams Smith, 21, an actor from New York, was shot to death during a daylight crime spree by Dallas teenagers. Another actor was shot in the face and lost an eye during the same incident.

Accomplices identified Houston, who was 14 at the time, as the gunman.

Two other families robbed at gunpoint that day also identified Houston as the person who pointed a gun at them.

Although the three other men involved in the robberies and shootings are serving long prison terms, Houston was judged to severely retarded to be prosecuted. Houston's attorney

and others say his IQ is at about 55.

Regulations prohibit school personnel from discussing residents individually.

Mexia superintendent Bill Lowry confirmed that a resident did not return from a furlough and is being sought by law enforcement agencies.

The missing resident is not considered dangerous by Lowry or his staff, Lowry said.

He said public safety is a factor taken into consideration when staffers decide what level of independence to give the school's residents.

Abuse of furloughs is rare, he added.

Law enforcement officials and relatives of the crime spree victims, however, believe Houston is a dangerous man.

Letting Houston out on furlough "has always made me nervous because of his violent history," said Toby Shook, chief felony prosecutor for the Dallas district attorney's office.

"He's done this before, a couple of times."

Shortly after arriving at Mexia, Houston walked away from the open-campus school and returned to his old Dallas

neighborhood to hang out.

He was found and returned. Shook said he understands that the furlough from which Houston did not return was July 19.

The resident who didn't return from furlough had been in a unit for adults with behavioral problems, including assaults, Lowry said.

Residents there are allowed privileges, including furloughs or on-campus family visits, based on improvements in their behavior, he said.

Those who are doing well can have unsupervised visits with family in their hometowns.

The resident who left, he said, had been allowed a two-hour visit in the Mexia area with his family.

Attempts to contact the family have been unsuccessful, Lowry said.

Police and sheriff's officers had to check with legal counsel before agreeing to try to bring Houston in, since he was committed to a state school, but never prosecuted.

"We had to do our homework first, said sheriff's Investigator Don Peritz. "It's an unusual situation."

Police believe bones found in back yard belong to at least two people

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police are searching for more human remains in a back yard in a middle-class neighborhood in southeast San Antonio after determining that bones found there earlier this summer belong to a least two people.

The bones were discovered at the home of Leonard Rizzo, 45, whose 44-year-old wife, Monika, has been missing since May.

Police previously have said DNA tests showed the remains were not those of Monika Rizzo.

Investigators believe the bones found in the back yard last month were those of two and possibly three people and a dog, Deputy Police Chief Albert Ortiz said at a news conference Friday.

The bones were in small pieces as though they had been chopped up, Ortiz said.

"The remains that we have found have been cut down or chopped down or sawed down to such small pieces that we would certainly feel that foul play is involved," Ortiz said.

Police obtained a search warrant Friday for another search of the Rizzo home and brought

in bright lights, cadaver-detecting dogs and archaeology students from the University of Texas at San Antonio to aid in the investigation.

"They've isolated a few areas that will be searched later on," said Sgt. Ernest Celaya, a police spokesman.

The yard is behind a single-story brick house on a cul-de-sac where the Rizzos had lived for eight years.

Early Saturday, the house and surrounding yards remained cordoned off with police tape.

The search activity around the house drew curious neighbors Friday, some standing, some seated in lawn chairs.

Leonard Rizzo has been questioned by police but not been charged with any crime, Celaya said.

"Mr. Rizzo is not under arrest ... so he is free to come and go as he pleases," Celaya said.

David Matlock, a private investigator hired by Rizzo's attorney, told the San Antonio Express-News that Rizzo is cooperating with police.

"He does not know what happened to his wife and he's very

upset about her disappearance," he said.

The Rizzos have lived at the house for eight years and received the home as a gift from Leonard Rizzo's father, according to deed records examined by the Express-News.

Police said Rizzo did not report his wife as missing until investigators went to the house June 5 to inquire about her and found him in a comatose state.

He was taken to a hospital for treatment, but no diagnosis was released.

Neighbors reported smelling a foul odor some weeks ago that seemed to be coming from a dead animal, Ortiz said.

The neighbors said the stench stopped after a recent rain and they stopped thinking about it.

San Antonio television station KSAT reported that the police have been searching another location in south Bexar County and have collected evidence in the case that indicated bodies may have been burned there.

Also, KSAT reported, police have been to at least three businesses and searched through files.

Cost of homestead exemption could be more than expected

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans who remember to vote this month have a chance to put some cash back into homeowners' pockets. But the cost of the rebate could be more than expected.

On a Saturday in the middle of the summer, a low point for voter attention, Texans are being asked to raise the minimum homestead property tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The election is Aug. 9. Early voting ends Aug. 5.

With the higher exemption, a home assessed at \$100,000 in value would be taxed on up to \$85,000 of its value instead of \$95,000 — a roughly \$140 annual savings for most homeowners, regardless of the value of their homes.

It seems like a no-brainer. But raising the exemption would lower the amount of property tax money flowing to the state's 1,044 school districts by about \$1 billion during the two-year state budget that begins Sept. 1.

Skeptics say the \$1 billion price tag is only the beginning.

"It's just going to keep going up," said Dick Lavine.

The center is not taking a position on the election. Lavine said it would be hard for voters to turn down a tax break, adding that lawmakers should have been more careful before offering it.

"It's good news and bad news. The good news is homeowners are going to get a tax

break and it is a progressive tax break because its \$140 no matter what the value of your home is," Lavine said.

"The bad news is the cost to the state will go up as the (tax) rates go up and the number of homesteads goes up."

If voters approve the measure, \$1 billion from the state's 1998-99 budget would replace all the money schools lose. Lawmakers have pledged to continuing making up that lost money in the future.

But Lavine and others say there's no guarantee the money will be available. That means school districts lose, spending on other services decreases or other state and local taxes go up.

"There's no way schools will lose," said Louis Podesta, a San Antonio businessman mounting a one-man, modicum of opposition to the ballot question.

Podesta said school districts, afraid the state won't keep its promise, are likely to turn to bond issues and other tax-raising measures to make up the money themselves. That means all taxpayers, including businesses and renters, will be hit up to pay for a tax break given only to homeowners, he said.

"We'll end up at the same place we were before and the consumer is going to get killed on this thing," Podesta said.

Gov. George W. Bush pushed the local tax cut effort. He's adamant the state will meet its

obligation without future spending cuts or tax increases.

"School districts cannot use these property tax cuts as an excuse to raise school taxes," said Bush spokesman Ray Sullivan. "Local property taxes will be cut and the state will fully reimburse school districts."

The governor has scheduled a statewide, get-out-the-vote tour.

"I'm worried about turnout," the governor said last month. "I'm confident that with a reasonable turnout it will pass. Very few people should be against it."

Some school districts aren't taking chances.

On top of the minimum homestead tax exemption, school districts may offer additional exemptions. In some areas, including Dallas, school districts are making moves to reduce or eliminate their added write-offs.


If that happens, the higher state exemption would amount to fewer or even no savings for homeowners in those districts.

The ballot question is a fall-back position lawmakers and Bush took after failing to approve a larger effort meant to lower and cap rising school property tax rates.

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UPac to upgrade dispatching

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Union Pacific says it will spend millions upgrading its computer-aided train dispatching operation and will make tracks safer for its workers and increase efficiency.

Plans for the project go back at least one year. However, the urgency increased after four people were killed and one was severely burned June 22 when two Union Pacific freight trains collided head-on on a single stretch of track in Devine, about 30 miles southwest of San Antonio.

A preliminary federal investigation blamed the Union Pacific dispatch system for the accident.

A company spokesman would not disclose the cost of upgrade,

but industry officials described it as a major project that will cost well into the millions of dollars.

"This is very significant," Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley told the San Antonio Express-News. "It will enhance safety particularly in dark territory."

Railroad tracks without automatic signals are called "dark territory."

In such territory, Union Pacific engineers rely on radio dispatchers in Omaha, Neb., to determine if it is safe for trains to proceed. A preliminary probe into the Devine accident found a dispatcher gave a southbound train permission to proceed on tracks being used by a northbound train.

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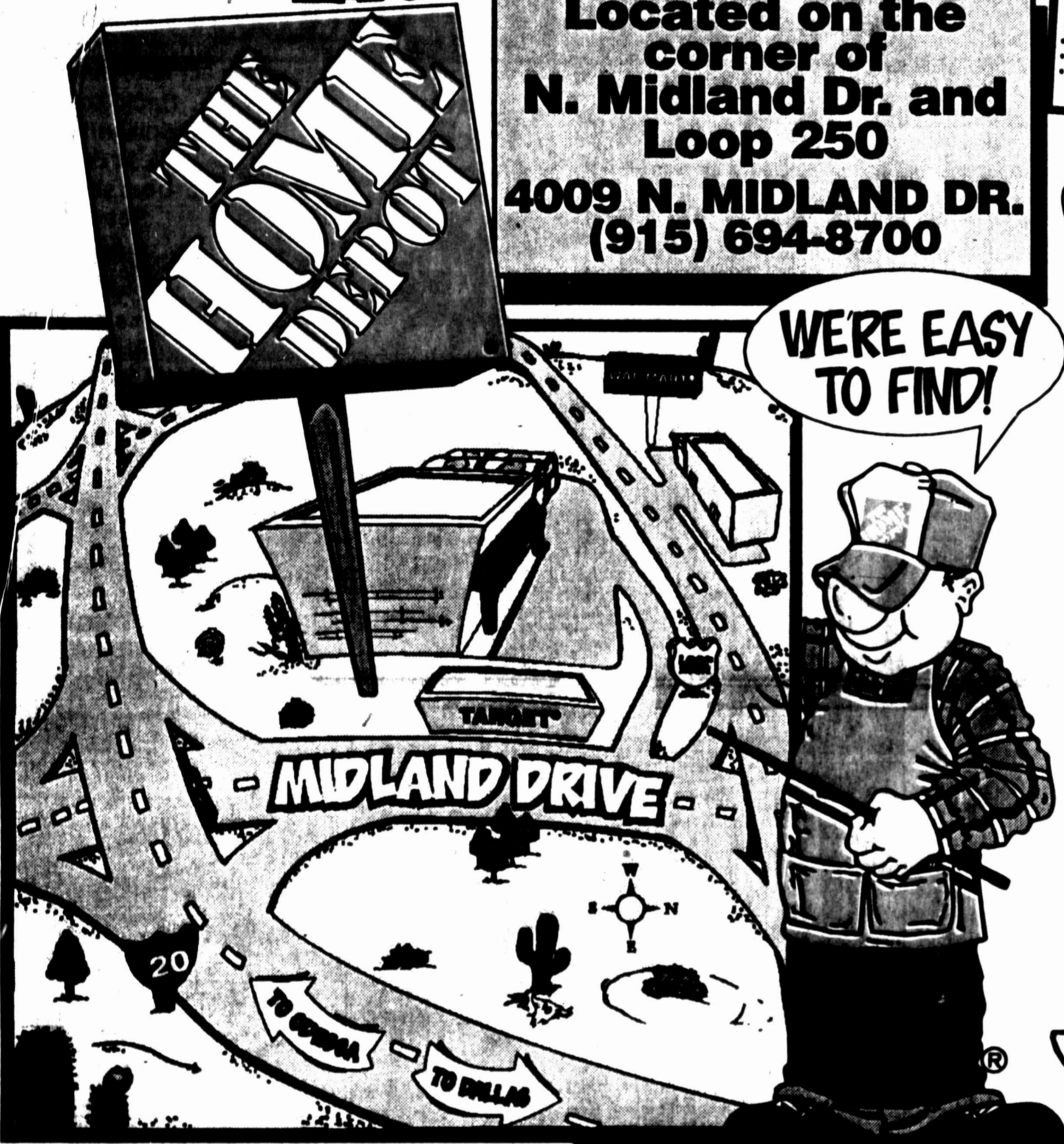
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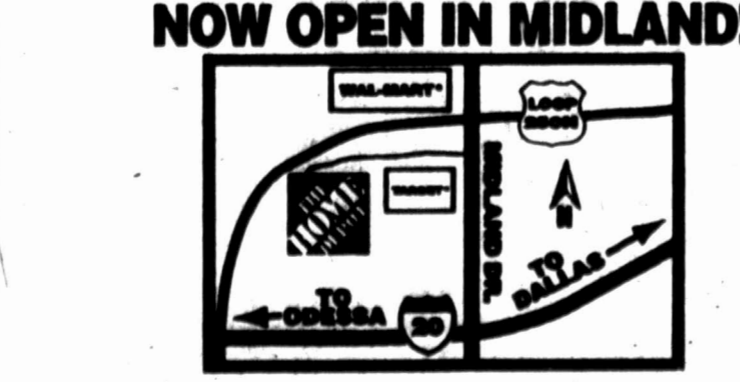
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Budget almost pain-free — with lots of goodies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cutting the deficit is supposed to involve pain and sacrifice. But unless you are a health care provider, smoker or airline passenger, chances are you will be helped more than hurt by this year's budget-balancing effort by President Clinton and Congress.

For now, at least. Clinton plans to sign the spending and tax measures Tuesday after lawmakers shipped the two bills to him last week by lopsided margins. As they did, what was striking — besides the unusual bipartisanship — was how each side could boast about what they were giving voters, not taking from them.

This meant lots of talk by Republicans about cutting taxes for families, property owners and investors and by Democrats about boosting spending for children's health care, educa-

tion and welfare — all amid an effort to balance the budget by 2002.

And this wasn't just politicians exhibiting their natural aversion to discussing pain. The truth is thanks to the hearty economy and resulting huge piles of revenue pouring into government coffers, there was precious little pain in these bills for the immediate future.

"Deficit reduction is not the top priority in this package," said Jim Glassman, senior economist for Chase Securities Inc. in New York. "It looks to me like a package of many agendas," such as tax cuts and extra spending.

"It pays to be lucky, and President Clinton and Congress got lucky this year," said Susan Tanaka, vice president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a bipartisan deficit watchdog group. "Because the economy was so

strong, both could accomplish their objectives — increased spending for the president, cutting taxes for Republicans and still balancing the budget."

In one measure of how easy Clinton and Congress got off this year, the package contains only \$185 billion in net savings, GOP documents show, and still claims to balance the budget by 2002, perhaps sooner if the economy stays strong.

In contrast, President Bush and lawmakers included \$482 billion in five-year savings in their 1990 deficit-cutting compromise. Clinton's 1993 package, enacted without a single GOP vote, saved \$433 billion over five years.

Also underlining the helpful economy are revenue figures.

In March, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said it expected the government to collect \$1.86 trillion in revenues in 2002. But House

Republican figures now project that figure at \$30 billion higher — even after the new tax cut is supposed to reduce levies in 2002 alone by \$22 billion.

Translation: The economy is so strong that policymakers can afford to cut taxes, spend money and still have money left over to eliminate deficits.

And that's exactly what they did. Along with their savings, the packages included \$37 billion in new spending over five years for children's health, welfare and other programs, Republican figures show, plus \$152 billion in tax cuts.

"There isn't great pain in this budget, but there is restraint," concedes Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., one of the architects of the package.

That's not to say everyone escapes the budget knife. The legislation culls \$115 billion from Medicare through 2002,

about an 8 percent reduction, mostly from hospitals, health maintenance organizations and other providers. It also raises taxes by \$56 billion on airline tickets and cigarettes.

"I think the treatment of the health-care community has been unfair consistently" in this budget agreement and others, said Rick Wade, a senior vice president for the American Hospital Association.

Even though the budget-cutting pain is focused narrowly for now, Domenici and others acknowledge that it will spread more widely in just a few years.

In part, that's because most deficit cuts in the package occur in the final two years — \$135 billion of the total \$185 billion. The savings don't pinch very much initially, but they will in 2001 and 2002, when there will probably be intense pressure on lawmakers to ease

planned reductions.

This is particularly true for annually approved, unspecified defense and domestic programs.

These programs, which together get \$550 billion a year, are slated to get \$36 billion less in 2001 than they would need to stay even with inflation. In 2002 they would get \$60 billion less than needed to keep up with inflation. Should policy makers resist demands for additional spending, these levels would noticeably squeeze a wide range of programs, from tank fuel to food inspections.

And looming beyond that is the retirement of the massive Baby Boom generation beginning in 2008. That will drive up costs of already big programs like Medicare and Social Security. And even if this year's package balances the budget by 2002, deficits will resurface and major additional savings will be needed.

Hong Kong residents wait, wonder

HONG KONG (AP) — Although Hong Kong had 13 years to prepare for Chinese rule, it's only now coming to grips with what that really means, and the first post-colonial month has yielded two important lessons.

Lesson No. 1 is that nothing much has changed on the surface.

Civil liberties seem intact, the press looks as free as ever, the stock market is setting, new record highs.

Hong Kong society has seized the "high degree of autonomy" that China promised the British colony in its 1984 agreement on the handover.

Lesson No. 2 came Tuesday in a court ruling that essentially conceded that China reserves the right to limit that autonomy when it chooses.

The ruling averted a constitutional crisis, but troubled jurists worry that the pledge of autonomy was coming undone. Many people in pragmatic,

businesslike Hong Kong say the critics are demanding too much.

Hong Kong's Court of Appeal had been asked to judge the legality of the provisional legislature that China installed when it took over July 1, ousting the elected assembly.

The three judges ruled unanimously, however, that they had no power to disqualify the body, since it was ratified by China's parliament.

Under the handover agreement, the territory is to keep its freedoms, legal system and capitalist system that it enjoyed under British rule.

Critics say the court ruling is an admission that no matter how much autonomy China has promised Hong Kong, China remains the final arbiter, and can change the rules whenever it pleases.

"Hong Kong has been promised autonomy. This autonomy has been taken away by this judgment," Hong Kong

constitutional scholar Yash Ghai said.

Selina Chow, a member of the provisional legislature, said the dissenters had to accept the Chinese parliament's supremacy.

Hong Kong has "autonomy, not independence," she said in a debate with Ghai on government radio.

"We can go on forever with legal arguments, but after all we have to be practical. We have to get on with life," she said.

Life indeed goes on, in ways that could never be imagined on mainland China.

"There are demonstrations as usual, lawsuits as usual, media scrutiny as usual," said Tung Chee-hwa, the China-appointed leader of the Hong Kong government.

The court proceedings themselves radiated business as usual, with wigged judges and lawyers discoursing in English legalese, almost as though Hong Kong was still a British colony.

Officials search for motive in bomb plot

NEW YORK (AP) — Gazi Ibrahim Abu Mezer doggedly tried to sneak into the United States in what his Palestinian family says was an innocent pursuit of the American dream.

But authorities say Abu Mezer and another Palestinian man were actually plotting to carry out a suicide bombing on a crowded New York City subway.

Investigators worked Saturday to piece together evidence that included a possible suicide note that ranted against Americans and Jews.

The Mideast terror group Hamas denied any involvement with Abu Mezer, 23, and Lafi Khalil, 22, both arrested Thursday on charges they were hours away from detonating nail-studded pipe bombs in a Brooklyn subway station.

Written by Abu Mezer in Arabic, the note spouted hatred for Jews and Americans, denounced persecution of Arabs and said goodbye to his family,

according to media reports. Also found were anti-Israel literature and a portrait of Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman, a cleric serving a life sentence for conspiring to wage a holy war, the reports said.

An investigator in New York, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said authorities were translating piles of Arabic material pulled from the apartment and reviewing records from nearby pay phones to determine a motive.

"We don't know if these guys were lone wolves or were connected and supported by a terrorist organization," the source said.

A statement sent to the AP's Amman, Jordan, bureau Saturday and signed by the terrorist group Hamas denied "any relationship between us and those who were detained" in the Brooklyn incident.

And Abu Mezer's family said in Hebron that in phone calls

home he had spoken of the United States and its people in glowing terms.

"It's impossible my brother would do something like that," Noor Abu Mezer said. "He's a nonviolent person."

A federal law enforcement source in Washington told the AP that both suspects have been linked to Hamas — Khalil by intelligence sources and Abu Mezer by his own application for asylum in the United States.

But James Kallstrom, head of the New York FBI office, said it "is totally wrong to say that these individuals are connected to and directed by Hamas."

Abu Mezer, who has a Jordanian passport, sought asylum after federal agents arrested him in January trying to enter the United States in Bellingham, Wash. Twice before he had been caught trying to cross the Canadian border and was sent back, but Canada refused to accept him a third time.

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LOCAL BOWLING

SUMMER PIN POPPERS RESULTS - Grannies over Unthinkables, 6-2; Go-Go Girls over Dixie Chicks, 6-2; A & B Farms over Wisher's, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Jack Glaze, 200 and Betty Daily, 509; hi sc. team game and series, Go-Go Girls, 484 and Grannies, 1381; hi hdp game and series, Pauline Folesday, 245 and 654; hi hdp team game and series, Grannies, 641 and 1843.

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FRIDAY COUPLES

RESULTS - Oops! over Pin Panthers, 6-0; No Fear over Team 8, 8-0; C. Body Shop over All In The Family, 6-2; Outsiders over T. Dodo's, 8-0; hi sc. team game and series, Oops!, 715 and 2054; hi sc. game and series (men) Tom Cruz, 258 and 663; hi sc. game and series (women) Jenny Rainwater, 184 and Vicky Renshaw, 516; hi hdp team game and series, All In The Family, 832 and Outsiders, 2394; hi hdp game and series (men) Tom Gutierrez, 281 and Tom Cruz, 663; hi hdp game and series (women) Candra Beeson, 234 and Wanda Beeler, 631.

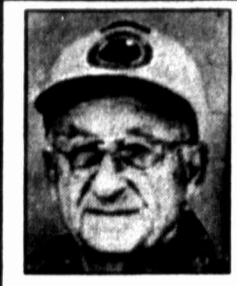
TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Assigned SS Mike Caruso, OF Brian Manning, and LHP Ken Vining to Winston-Salem of the Carolina League. CLEVELAND INDIANS - Purchased the contract of INF Jeff Manto from Buffalo of the American Association. Designated INF Julio Franco and RHP David Weathers for assignment. Activated RHP Paul Shuey from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Jason Jacome to Buffalo. MINNEAPOLIS TWINS - Agreed to terms with LHP Greg Swindell on a one-year contract extension. NEW YORK YANKEES - Activated CF Bernie Williams from the 15-day disabled list. Sent DH Ivan Cruz to Columbus of the International League. SEATTLE MARINERS - Optioned RHP Edwin Hurtado to Tacoma of the PCL. Designated LHP Mark Holzman for assignment. TEXAS RANGERS - Designated C Henry Mercedes for assignment. TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Re-called RHP Marty Janzon from Syracuse of the International League. Optioned LHP Huck Flenner to Syracuse. NATIONAL LEAGUE NL - Upheld the three game suspension of Colorado Rockies 1B Andres Galarraga for charging the mound and inciting a bench-clearing incident in a game on May 31. ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Signed RHP Antonio Senra. HOUSTON ASTROS - Announced the retirement of LHP Sid Fernandez. NEW YORK METS - Placed INF Manny Alexander on the disabled list, retroactive to July 25. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS - Optioned RHP Joe Roa to Phoenix of the PCL. Designated RHP John Johnstone for assignment. Waived C Rick Wilkins. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NBA - Announced the resignation of George Toliver, referee. HOUSTON ROCKETS - Extended the contract of Rudy Tomjanovich, coach, through 2001. SACRAMENTO KINGS - Signed G Terry Dehere. HOCKEY National Hockey League ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS - Signed RW Tomas Sandstrom to a two-year contract. Named Greg Smith head athletic trainer. DETROIT RED WINGS - Signed C Igor Larionov to a three-year contract. FLORIDA PANTHERS - Re-signed D Paul Lais to a four-year contract. Signed G Dwayne Dooly. LOS ANGELES KINGS - Signed C Chris Taylor to a one-year contract. PHOENIX COYOTES - Announced Gary Roberts, player development director, will also take on assistant coaching duties. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS - Re-signed F Ian Moran. TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS - Signed F Kevin Adams. Signed Vancouver Canucks D Mattias Ohlund to an offer sheet.

'Coyote' stump provides source of embarrassment even today

The following article was originally printed in the Herald on May 12, 1987. I have added a postscript because I get chided very often about my "stump."

It was a cold morning and I had spent four hours walking in knee-deep snow. I was hunting in the San Juan National Forest in southwest Colorado during the 1985 elk season, and we had had snow almost continuously since opening day.



Boyce Hale Outdoors

That morning I elected to take an unused logging road that circled a large area of dense spruce timber. While doing so, I found elk tracks which appeared to be a bull. For hours I traced and waded snow until I was almost exhausted. When the tracks led off the road, I decided not to follow them because they seemed to be leading into rough canyon - a place not fit for anyone on foot. I brushed the snow from a log and sat to rest. Then I ate my lunch, a sandwich, apple and a piece of candy. Again I walked for what seemed hours before I spotted a break in the trees. Then I realized I was near an area called the fire box - so named because forest rangers stored their fire fighting equipment there. As I trudged toward the fire box - not paying much attention to what was going on around me - I caught a glimpse of something. About 100 yards to my left stood a coyote. I quickly kneeled in the snow, raised my rifle, aimed and fired. The coyote didn't fall. Neither did it run. "What's going on here?" I said to myself. Still standing there was a picture perfect coyote. I raised my rifle to shoot again when it dawned to me that my eyes were playing a trick. Very slowly, I approached my coyote which turned out to be a STUMP!

Of all things - me shooting a stump. How could this happen? I asked white Lretraced my steps to the spot from where I had shot. Slowly I turned and looked. Sure as there was snow on the ground, standing there was the "coyote" as perfect as if there had been a real live one. Not satisfied, I made another trip to the stump, circled the area and returned. It still looked like a coyote. As I walked away, I wondered how I could explain that to my hunting friends. A day or two after my friend Freddie Watts read this article, he was in Dibrell's Gun Shop when I came in. He immediately asked, "Boyce, do you know Colorado raised the bag limit to two." "Two what," I replied. "With a straight face he said, "Two stumps." I gave him a dumb stare while everyone in the store had a good laugh. With this day, some folks I know keep asking if I have shot a stump lately.

Therefore we can only hope that Burgess learns well the lesson imposed by probably the biggest mistake of his young life. Would that all teenagers could.

COLUMN

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lyr weapon - have become extremely long. Make that almost impossibly long. Today he's free on bond, but has virtually no hope of playing high school football again as a result of a new state law passed by the Texas Legislature during its most recent session. That law requires that any high school student who engages in a crime punishable as a felony - aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - must be assigned to an alternative campus. Such an assignment bars all students from participation in extracurricular activities. It's not that Burgess doesn't deserve to be placed in an

alternative educational program, nor does anyone believe he shouldn't have to pay severe penalties if convicted in the shooting. But it is sad to see promise wasted.

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Advertisement for Circuit Electronics featuring mobile phones. Includes text: 'Cellular Phones Starting at \$19.95', 'All Phones include 1 yr. Warranty - Charger & Battery', 'FREE Activation', 'FREE Programming', 'FREE Nationwide Toll Free Calling From Home System.' Shows images of mobile phones.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports
HPJRA announces season winners
Three Big Spring youngsters finished in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association's final Top 10 in their respective events. Lauren Middleton led the way with Top 10 finishes in four events, including a first place in the Girls' 16-19 Goat Tying. That first-place finish, coupled with a third in ribbon roping and eighth places in both breakaway roping and barrel racing left her third in her age group's all-around standings. Stephanie Fryar, who took first place in the 13-15 Barrel Racing at this year's Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo, finished the season sixth in her event's Top 10. Rounding out the local trio was Bucky Crenshaw who finished seventh in the HPJRA 16-19 Chute Dogging standings.

BSHS season ticket sales scheduled
Season football tickets for Big Spring High School Steers games are scheduled to begin Aug. 4 and continue through Aug. 15 for those who held season tickets last year. The tickets are priced at \$20 per book for the five-game package. Ticket window hours are from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. Any tickets not purchased by current season ticket holders will be made available to the general public Aug. 18-29.

Hunting permit applications accepted
Applications for public hunting permits on O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas are being accepted by mail beginning July 15 and continuing through Aug. 15 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office. Applications will be accepted by mail only. The number of permits issued will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District by calling 267-6341 or writing to CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721. A public drawing for the permits has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 17 at the field office located near the north end of the dam. Applicants are welcome to attend the drawing if they so desire.

For the 1997 season, only archery hunting will be allowed during both the archery and gun season on the Talpa WMA. Both shotgun and archery hunting will be permitted on the Riverside WMA, but only during the gun season, Nov. 1 through Jan. 4.

CGA scholarship applications being taken
The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has announced that applications for the Charlie Gonzales Scholarship can be picked up in the Howard College Financial Aid Office through Aug. 8. CGA officials said the scholarship will be awarded and be available for the 1997 fall semester at Howard College. Office hours at the college's financial aid office are from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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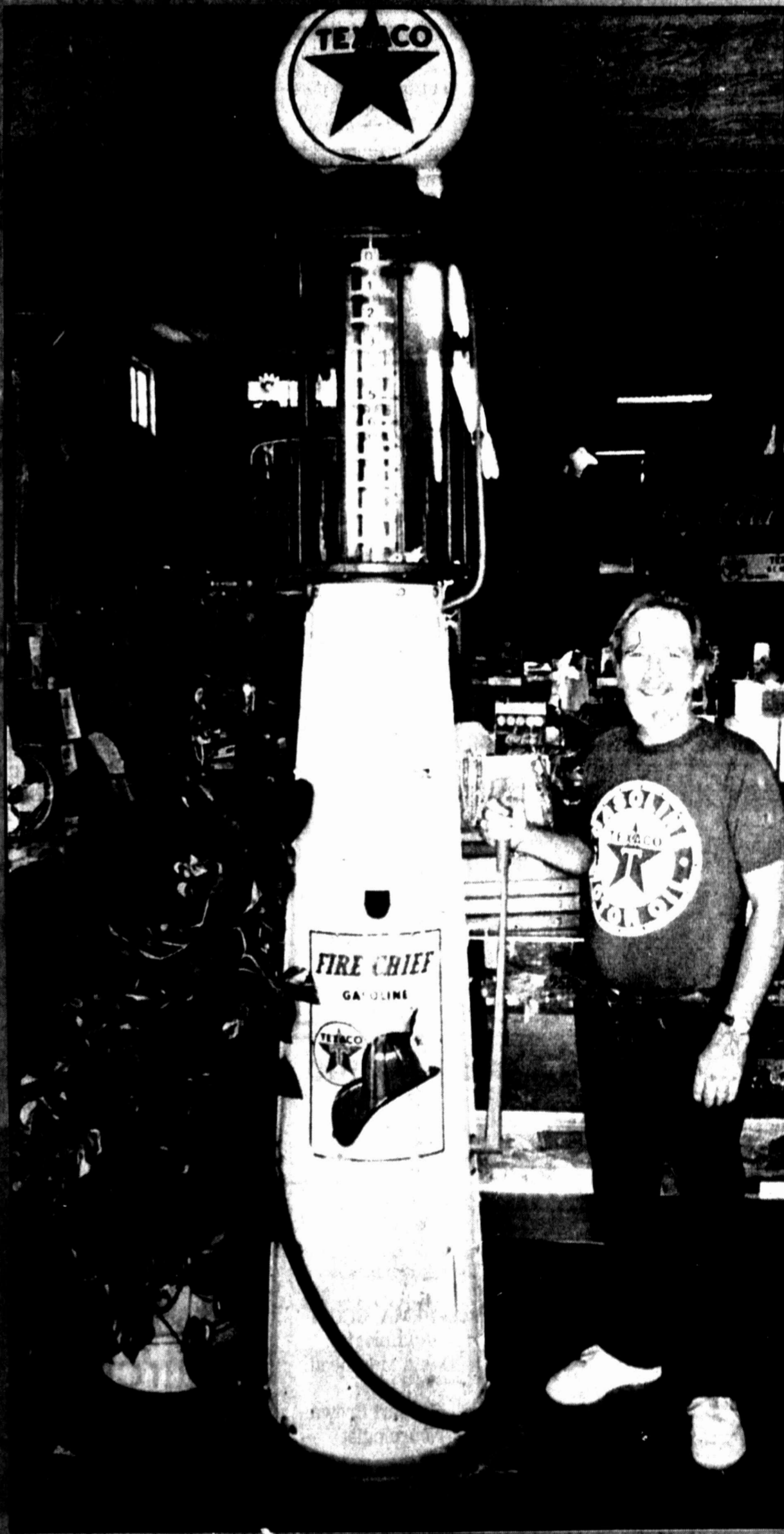
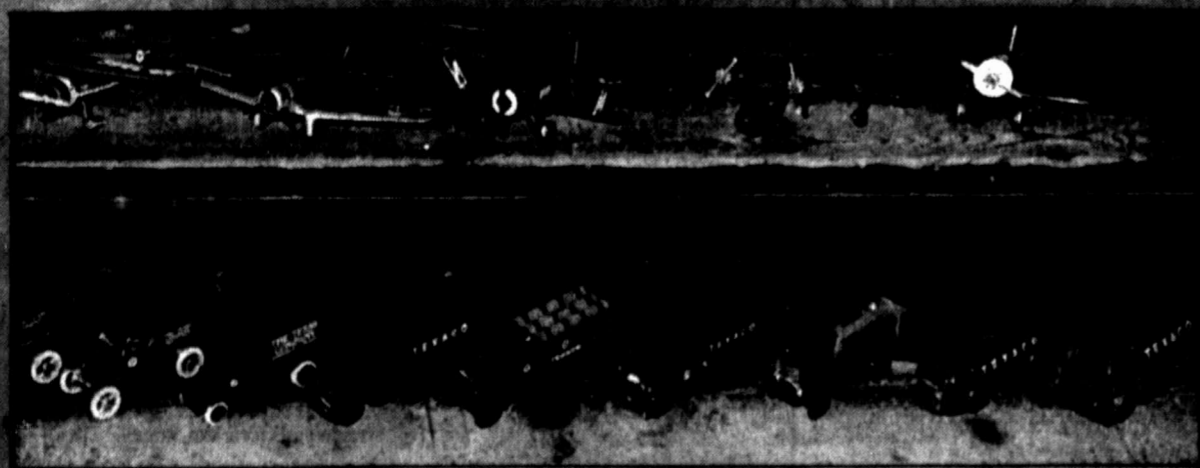
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Oil's end...

John Osborne has been collecting vintage oil cans for more than 25 years but his favorites are Texaco and Humble. He has a large collection, not only in West Texas but all over the state. In the top left corner, this is a small part of Osborne's private collection. In the bottom right corner, Osborne stands by the largest object in his collection, a vintage Texaco gas pump. The pump was produced and many were purchased in the 1930s. The pump is the banks and planes being produced in the 1930s. The pump is the banks and planes being produced in the 1930s.

Photos by Jonathan Garrett



WEDDINGS

BARRINGTON-RALEY

Dody Angela Barrington and Jeffrey Todd Raley exchanged wedding vows on June 7, 1997, in the home of Ed McCormick, uncle of the bride, in Bellevue with Rev. Cliff Lester, pastor of First Baptist Church in Throckmorton, officiating.

She is the daughter of Lynda Brom, Seymour, and Ken Barrington, Wichita Falls.

He is the son of Judy Adkins, Germantown, Tenn., and the late John Raley.

The couple stood before an arch with burgundy, emerald green and white carnations with candelabras on both sides.

Given in marriage by her father and grandfather, Sookie Barrington, the bride wore a floor-length sleeveless gown with pearls and sequins made of silk. The headpiece was of pearls and sequins and a tooling head band.

She carried a bouquet of burgundy, emerald green and white roses and carnations.

Matron of honor was Darla Batchler, sister of the bride, Bedford.

Bridesmaids were LuAmy Sloan, Merkel, Gena Kaye Barrington, sister-in-law of the bride, Haskell, and Heather Jo Harris, cousin of the bride, Seymour.

Sydney Batchler, Bedford, and McKenzie Barrington, Haskell, were the flower girls.

Brian Raley, brother of the groom, Memphis, Tenn., was the best man.

Kevin Wilson, Memphis, Tenn., Beau Oliver, San Antonio, and Trey Morris, Chattanooga, Tenn., served as groomsmen.

Devin Barrington, brother of the bride, Waco, and Warren Adkins, brother of the groom, Memphis, Tenn., were the ushers.



MRS. JEFFREY TODD RALEY

Devin Barrington was the bellringer.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the same place. John Blackburn was the guitarist.

The wedding cake was a three tiered white cake with white icing with a lighted fountain and surrounded by greenery with a gazebo cake topper of a bride and groom.

The groom's cake was a chocolate sheet cake decorated with two hearts featuring Dody and Jeff inside the hearts and decorated with burgundy and emerald green icing.

The bride is a graduate of Throckmorton High School and attended WTC in Snyder. She is employed by Norwest Bank.

The groom is a graduate of Briar Crest High School and received a BA in marketing and advertising from Memphis State University. He is employed as the manager of Dunlaps.

The couple took a wedding trip to Grand Cayman Island.

HALFMANN-SEIDENBERGER

Jennifer Lyonell Halfmann and John Paul Seidenberger, both of St. Lawrence, were united in marriage on Aug. 2, 1997, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Monsignor Larry Droll officiating.

She is the daughter of Delbert and Betty Jean Halfmann, St. Lawrence.

He is the son of Dennis and Ellen Seidenberger, St. Lawrence.

Organist was Diane Eggemeyer and Jenny Phillips played the flute.

Vocalists were Kevin Krenek and Jennifer Jones.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown embroidered with Battenberg lace, beaded with faux seed pearls and crystal sequins. The scalloped lace skirt swept into a cathedral train.

She carried a cascading bouquet of fresh white roses and orchids.

Maid of honor was Sherrie Halfmann, sister of the bride, Amarillo.

Bridesmaids were Julie Ayers, cousin of the bride, Wall, Jennifer Jones, College Station, Kimberly Hoelscher, St. Lawrence, Stephanie Johnson, Midland, Jamie Glass, Lubbock, Tracie Multer, Wall, and Polly Harris, Round Rock.

Laura Halfmann, niece of the bride, St. Lawrence, was the flower girl, and Grant Seidenberger, cousin of the groom, Stamford, was the ring-bearer.

Best man was Eric Seidenberger, brother of the groom, St. Lawrence.

Ryan Seidenberger, brother of the groom, St. Lawrence, Patrick George, Brian Demney, both of Houston, Randy



MRS. JOHN PAUL SEIDENBERGER

Braden, Midkiff, Ricky Halfmann, Scott Halfmann and Darrell Halfmann, all of St. Lawrence and all brothers of the bride, served as groomsmen.

Serving as ushers were Fritz Richards, Liberal, Kan., Erick Richards, Stamford, Darren Jost, St. Lawrence, and Brian Frerich, Garden City.

Candlelighters were Melissa Gunter, Dallas, and Stephanie Zimmerman, College Station, both cousins of the groom.

The wedding cake was a multi-layered Amaretto cake with raspberry. The groom's cake was chocolate with strawberries.

The bride is a graduate of Garden City High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by Texas Instruments of Midland.

The groom is a graduate of Garden City High School and Texas A&M University. He is employed by Cain Electrical Supply of Midland.

Following a wedding trip to Aruba, the couple will make their home in Midland.

WHO'S WHO

Laura Moore has been named assistant to the president for university relations at Hardin-Simmons University.

Moore, a 1996 graduate of HSU, joined the administrative staff in 1989 as director of alumni and university relations. She served as director of admissions and university relations from 1993 to 1996 when she was named director of the enrollment services department.

She earned a master's degree from the University of Manchester in England as a Rotary scholar.

Moore, a graduate of Big Spring High School, is the daughter of Jean Warren and the late Paul Warren, Big Spring.

Two Big Spring residents completed requirements for graduation from Odessa College during the 1996-97 school year.

Pamela Barraza received an associate in applied science degree in clinical laboratory science and Peter Andrew Buske earned an associate in applied science degree in physical therapist assistant.

D. Brian Cook has been named to the Who's Who Among American High School Students for the 1996-97 school year. This is Brian's fourth consecutive year to receive this honor. He is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Cook will attend Howard College this fall on a music scholarship and will major in criminal justice.

Justin Wood has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M University for the spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must maintain a 3.75 on a 4.0 grade point average.

Wood is the son of Ronnie and Diane Wood, Coahoma, and a 1995 graduate of Coahoma High School.

The Pet Connection announces that Melanie Gambrell, and her two Golden Retrievers Buckshot and Nadine, have recently returned from Plano after attending the U.S. Pet Pro Classic, Classic 97, 10th Anniversary Show was hosted at the Harvey Hotel, sponsored by ISCC, (International Society of Canine Cosmetologists).

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Recipe Corner

This monthly feature runs the second Wednesday of each month in the life section. Submit recipes to Recipe Corner, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Or drop them by the Herald office, or fax to 264-7205. Include your name and phone number.

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IN THE MILITARY

Marine Lance Cpl. Gerardo Armendarez, son of Albert and Maria Armendarez of Big Spring, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, serving with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group.

The 1995 graduate of Coahoma High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1995.

STORK CLUB

Hayden Hunter Tubb, boy, July 17, 1997, 8:17 p.m., three pounds 14 ounces and 19.5 inches long; parents are Todd and Kellie Tubb.

Grandparents are Sandra Hull, Belton, formerly of Big Spring, David Tubb and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Phillips, all of Big Spring.

Life section policies

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ANNIVERSARIES

Rudeseal

John L. Jr. and Wilma Rudeseal celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2, 1997, at the Ambassador Plaza Hotel in downtown Dallas hosted by Lee and Ellen Rudeseal, Mark and Lou Ann Rudeseal, Micah Rudeseal and Kim and Tha Patterson.

He was born in Prescott, Ark., and she was born as Wilma Jo Taylor in Sweetwater. They were married on Aug. 1, 1947, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

They have four children, Lee

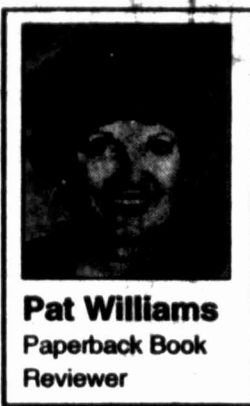
Rudeseal, Palm Desert, Calif., Mark Rudeseal, Arlington, Micah Rudeseal, Carrollton, and Tha Patterson, Flower Mound.

They also have four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudeseal lived in Big Spring until 1963, moving to Carrollton. Wilma retired from Sears and John retired as the general manager for Lubricants and TBA at Pina Oil & Chemical, where he worked for 38 years. They are affiliated with the First Baptist Church in Carrollton.

Author gives life to Hong Kong citizen fears

"Hong Kong, China," Ralph Arnote. Tom Doherty Associates, New York, N.Y. May, 1997. 369 pages. \$6.99



Pat Williams
Paperback Book
Reviewer

With Hong Kong returning to Chinese rule at the beginning of July, 1997, most observers anticipate changes occurring in the visible political domain, as well as important revisions in the manner in which business is executed.

Few people truly understand China, its customs, and the uniqueness of the Chinese people. Combining these facts and ideas, Ralph Arnote has written

an absorbing book based on the expected takeover of Hong Kong and the vast probabilities that could occur.

This fast-paced work of fiction is written about the lives of four distinctly different individuals who find themselves involved in the same pursuit: Brandon Poole, a Hong Kong billionaire industrialist, Lacy Locke, financial analyst from New York in Hong Kong to select businesses in which to invest, Claude Van Hooten, Dutch businessman and entrepreneur, and Moia Hsu, a native of Beijing whose family ties often conflict with her personal and business interests with Van Hooten.

The continuing dilemma for each is whether to focus his or her business interests in Hong Kong after the takeover. Incidental characters within the story are used to acquaint the reader with methods of

intimidation, fear, bribery, and blackmail that could be used by the Chinese bureaucrats and members of the army to undermine the self-assurance and secure feelings of Hong Kong residents.

Arnote liberally sprinkles his work with geographical descriptions.

While the story line was easy to follow, it might make the same situations more meaningful if the reader has a very basic territorial knowledge of Hong Kong and China.

It would also be helpful to have some fluency in reading names of cities and where they are in relationship to other locations.

However, even with only cursory information about the area, the story was educational and the reader will come away with a greater understanding of the difficulties and challenges that will undoubtedly occur as

the two societies merge in the next few years.

Arnote is able to let the reader feel the fear that Hong Kong residents must experience when faced with the possibility of losing the freedoms and prosperity they have enjoyed.

He also expresses through his characters the uncertainty faced when making the decision to remain in Hong Kong or leave and begin their lives anew.

"Hong Kong, China" was an exciting and thrilling book to read. As a writer, Arnote has a unique ability to set forth problems and furnish the right amount of information; however, he does not offer a solution to each situation, and the reader is able to ponder the problem as the story continues to unfold.

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

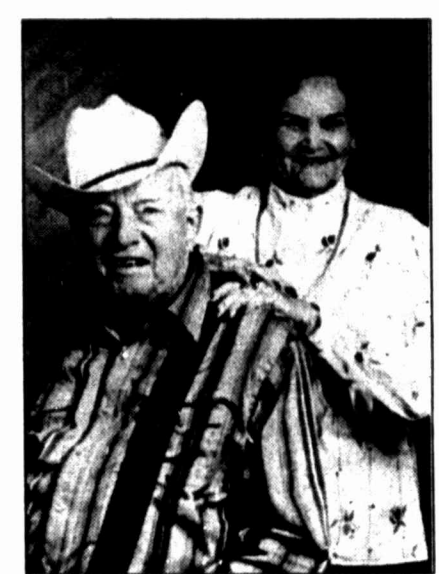
White

Pauline and Wilfred White will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9, 1997, with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. and dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center.

Hosts were Perry and Charlene White, daughter and son-in-law Darlene and Sparky Sheldon and sons Petty Jr., Jim Bob, Larry and Dalton, all of Big Spring, and Roy and Carolyn Cox, son Gene of Midland, and son and daughter-in-law Lee and Stacie Cox of Stephenville.

He was born in Howard County, and she was born as Pauline Matlock in Blaire, Okla.

They met at a dance in Coahoma and were married on Aug. 7, 1937, in Stanton. Mr. and Mrs. White have two children, Perry Lee White of Big Spring, and Carolyn Cox of Midland; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and



MR. AND MRS. WILFRED WHITE
one great-great-grandchild.

They have lived in and around Howard County during their marriage.

They are both retired — he is a retired dairyman and she is retired from the Big Spring State Hospital.

Tumbleweed Smith enjoying success of 'Mountain Voices'

Attendance at Tumbleweed Smith's one man shows in Fort Davis is up from last year. "Response to our new production, 'Mountain Voices,' is super," says Tumbleweed. "We're most grateful for the large audiences."

"Mountain Voices" has some new special effects and is presented in surround sound.

Tumbleweed's appearances will continue through the end of August in the Chamber of Commerce building in Fort Davis. "Texas Stories," his signature show, is on Friday nights. "Mountain Voices" is on state Saturday nights. Both begin at 8 p.m.

He uses tape recorded voices,

music and sounds in his performances. Both shows end with multi-projector slide shows.

People wanting to attend Tumbleweed's performances have plenty of time to see his show, then get to the McDonald Observatory for the weekend star parties.

Tumbleweed's selection of Texas Tapes is on sale at each performance.

He recently found some copies of an album he recorded in 1972.

He saw a copy of it in a record store in Dallas, on sale for \$30. He sells them at his performances for \$5.

This is Tumbleweed's third season at Fort Davis.

Women's Care Update

By Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology

WHERE THERE'S SMOKING...

According to research recently presented at the American College of Cardiology, newborns of mothers who smoke tobacco are exposed to enough nicotine that they, themselves, can be considered to be smokers. Pregnant women should realize that, when they inhale tobacco smoke, nicotine circulates throughout their bodies, including the fetus. Nicotine passes through the placenta, then is metabolized into cotinine. It is this substance which researchers measured in the urine of 139 newborns within the first three days after their births that confirmed the fact that nicotine passed from smoking mothers to their fetuses. As a result, newborns of mothers who smoke can be expected to have the symptoms of nicotine withdrawal.

Truly understanding the impact your tobacco habit has on your baby may motivate you to quit. When you are pregnant the foods you eat, the drugs you take (street drugs, by prescription, and/or the harmless appearing over-the-counter remedies), and even the second-hand smoke you inhale can reach your unborn baby. You can't live in a cocoon for nine months, but you can see that your baby is getting the best nutrition and prenatal care and is not being exposed without reason to known dangers. For more information, call our office at (915) 522-2222 for an appointment. We're located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, every Tuesday, here in Big Spring.

Enjoy a few minutes if you can

Eight minutes to buy a tube of toothpaste at the drugstore. Ten minutes standing in line to deposit a check at the bank. Seven minutes standing in the car wash waiting for your car to come out the other end.

To anyone else in the world, these are annoying, drudgery-filled tasks. To a mom they're unheralded mini-vacations.

As the working mother of a 2-year-old, I've spent a great deal of time thinking about when exactly we're supposed to unwind. My conclusion is that a woman's ability to survive parenthood is dependent upon her ability to recognize down time in all of its unlikely forms: It's sitting in the waiting room at the doctor's office with a pile of magazines, six people ahead of you and a baby sitter on duty for the next two hours.

It's the 40-minute bumper-to-bumper-traffic commute to and from the office where there's nothing to do but flip on the radio and belt out a duo with Aretha Franklin.

It's standing in line at the grocery checkout at 10 p.m. on a Friday evening when my husband and son are at home sleeping... and for once I'm not simultaneously paying bills, answering the phone and cooking dinner while playing hide-and-go-seek.

I'm just standing there. Staring at the contents of the grocery cart in front of me. Wondering why the person is purchasing eight jars of olives. What bliss.

No one ever told me that these small, uneventful moments would comprise my down time. The down time that people write about in women's magazines is single, childless

person down time. For instance:

"Buy a bouquet of fresh cut flowers, turn on your favorite opera, and recline on the sofa with a pair of cucumber slices over your eyes."

"Turn on the answering machine and spend the whole weekend snuggled on the couch with a pile of books."

"Commit yourself to a day of beauty. Book a manicure, pedicure, facial and massage, followed by a spa lunch and an afternoon of reflective meditation."

No one has ever discussed the therapeutic value of shredding carrots while knowing your son is in minute two of a 30-minute Barney tape.

Having enough time in the

shower to shave both legs has never been recognized as the mental-health retreat that it is.

It's only when a woman starts to appreciate these moments that she can gain some measure of sanity in her life.

"O.K.," I think to myself. "So I may not be off on a four-day spa weekend. But I am getting a full relaxing four minutes to sit in the driveway reading the mail before I face my family."

"All right. So I didn't spend the weekend immersing myself in a 400-page novel. But I did enjoy two pages of mail-order-catalog copy before I fell asleep."

Motherhood is all about optimism. Even when it comes in 60-second intervals.

Letters to the editor should be sent to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. Please limit letters to 300 words or less. All submissions must be signed and include an address and daytime telephone number for verification. Receipt of letters is not acknowledged, nor are letters returned.

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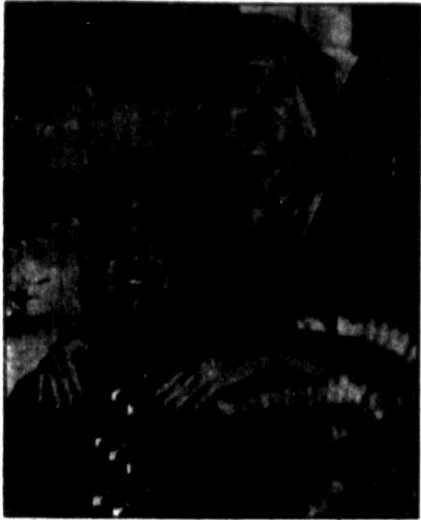
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GETTING ENGAGED



Devan Deann Clark, Lubbock, and Heath Wayne Stewart will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 16, 1997, at Central Baptist Church in Lubbock with Gordy Cox, Canyon, officiating. She is the daughter of Patricia and Rex Farrall, Grand Prairie, and Debbie and Marshall Clark, Monahans. He is the son of Pam and Jim Stewart, Big Spring.



Suzanne Maxwell and Gary Kirkland will unite in marriage on Sept. 27, 1997, at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor, and Skip Woodfin, pastor of Hill Country Baptist in Junction, officiating. She is the daughter of Ronnie and June Maxwell, Sweetwater. He is the son of Edward and June Loveless, Big Spring.

'Aglow' plans event Monday

Big Spring Outreach Aglow will meet Monday with speaker Nina Glover on "Hope in Hard Times."

This event takes place at the Dora Roberts Community Center at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served during fellowship time from 6:15-7 p.m.

Glover, from Lubbock, is a mother of three who will discuss difficulties in her life that occurred beginning in her teens, and how she overcame those problems through faith.

For more information about the meeting or the group, call Rhonda Harding at 965-3420 or Brenda North at 267-3398.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication.

Universal language of parents called vital to development

By LEE BOWMAN
Scripps Howard News Service

Hand a tiny baby to virtually anyone — from college students to cops, to a new mom or dad — and the simplified, melodic sing-song of baby talk starts spilling out.

But the reward is more than rapt attention and maybe a happy burble and smile.

Researchers say that baby talk, or "parentese," is universal. And they believe the exaggerated vowel sounds in this special form of speech play a vital role in helping infants analyze and produce the phonetic foundations of their parents' language.

Just as baby food must be simple and easy to digest, so

must the essential nuggets of language that parents and others speaking to babies use, the researchers said.

The international study published Friday (Aug. 1) in the Journal Science found that mothers are amazingly consistent in how they articulate the three vowel sounds common to all human languages — "ee," as in green; "ah," as in pot; and "oo," as in blue.

"Parentese has a melody to it. And inside this melody is a tutorial for the baby that contains exceptionally well-formed versions of the building blocks of language," said Patricia Kuhl, a neuroscientist and head of the speech and hearing science department at the University of Washington,

Seattle, who led the research.

Thus, English speaking moms tell tots to "look at the pretty be-e-e-e-ads" when showing them a necklace or "here's my bo-o-o-o-ot" while wagging a foot.

Scientists at Washington State, at the Early Intervention Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia, and at Stockholm University in Sweden gave 10 native-speaking women in each country a small set of target words containing the three common vowel sounds and asked them to include them in 20-minute conversations with their 2- to 5-month olds. Then they asked them to do the same thing with adults.

When recordings of those conversations were analyzed by

computers, the speech directed at infants was found always to have more extreme or stretched-out vowel sounds than the speech to an adult, even though the women were not coached to do so or even consciously aware of the difference, the researchers found.

Plotted on a grid called a vowel triangle, the speech patterns for all the women showed the vowel sounds were exaggerated by an average of 92 percent when they spoke to their babies compared to when they spoke to other adults.

"When women across three different cultures, speaking three different languages, show the same pattern when speaking to their infants, biology is telling us something about its

necessity and value to their babies," Kuhl said.

Researchers don't know exactly how infants pick up on the vowel sounds so early, but studies have shown they clearly do, producing their own high-pitched version of a vowel triangle starting at around 20 weeks of age.

But Kuhl said it's not just a matter of memorization. "Because their mouths and vocal tracts can't form the same sounds as adults, they have to transform adult sounds to frequencies they can use. So they must be analyzing this speech."

As important as parentese seems to be, no training is required, Kuhl notes.

ODDS & ENDS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Rude drivers usually go unpunished if an officer isn't around, but in this city, at least they get scolded.

If a citizen reports a bad driver, Charlotte Police Chief Dennis Nowicki uses the license plate to identify the offending motorist, who receives a shame-on-you note in the mail.

"Your vehicle was observed slowing unnecessarily and then speeding up to prevent being passed," one recent letter noted. The driver also made an obscene gesture, the letter said.

Police sent 340 letters last year. It's not a citation or even an official warning, but it gets drivers' attention, Nowicki said.

"Maybe after being observed by another citizen they may drive more cautiously. Maybe they will change their habits," Nowicki said Thursday.

SKYFOREST, Calif. (AP) — Even Santa Claus can't afford to lose money three years in a row.

Santa's Village, a San Bernardino Mountains tourist fixture for more than 40 years, is closing after this season.

"It's very sad, sad, sad," said partner Putnam Henck, who helped build the park. "We have a loyal following, but it's not enough to pay the bills."

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — Kellie Parini knew where the officer was taking her, so she took things into her own handcuffed hands. She commandeered a police cruiser and drove herself to jail.

Officer William Burt said that when he pulled Ms. Parini over for driving erratically Thursday, she said, "You know I'm drunk. Just take me to jail."

He handcuffed Ms. Parini's hands behind her back and put her in the back seat of his police car while checking on her passenger. Ms. Parini somehow made her way into the driver's seat and hijacked the patrol car, Burt said.

Burt tried to follow Ms. Parini in her car but lost sight of her. He found her pulled up in front of the police station.

Ms. Parini, 25, was charged with felony criminal endangerment for allegedly trying to run down the officer.

ON THE MENU

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Dr. Hajovsky announces the relocation of her medical practice to San Angelo effective August 11, 1997.

She will be located at

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A Big Spring office will be maintained on Wednesdays at

1003 E. FM 700, the Herrington Clinic
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Do you have an interesting item for the Herald Business section? Call Carlton Johnson, 263-7331, Ext. 232.

Big Spring Herald

Sunday, Aug. 3, 1997

Ag Department concerned about EPA decision

LUBBOCK (AP) — New EPA restrictions on a powerful aphid-killing pesticide may put a dent in cotton production, the state's top agriculture official said Wednesday.

"The Texas Department of Agriculture certainly understands and shares concern about pesticide safety, especially when our children are involved," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said. "However, EPA's decision in this matter virtually assures more pesticide use in Texas cotton fields, not less."

The Environmental Protection Agency decided earlier this month to bar cotton growers in Texas and five other states from using liquid carbofuran, sold under the brand name Furadan 4F. The EPA had given emergency exemptions since 1993 so cotton growers could use the toxic substance to fight pests.

Aphids tend to attack toward the end of cotton season, which wraps up between summertime and early winter, depending on the region. The tiny bugs cause cotton fiber to become sticky,

creating problems for mills.

Perry warned that growers may have to resort to aphid-control measures that will be costlier and more environmentally hazardous than Furadan.

Texas led the nation last year in cotton production with 4.35 million bales. But the EPA also denied requests from Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi and Oklahoma for a pesticide exemption on the new Food Quality Protection Act. Signed into law last year, the act was designed to prevent accumulations on agricultural

products of potent chemicals like Furadan, which also is used on Texas wheat and potatoes.

Since cotton byproducts are used for animal feed and seed oil, EPA spokesman Al Heier said the agency determined the dietary risk to children was too great.

"You can only have so much exposure," Heier said from his Washington office. "If we allowed this in addition to existing uses, it would just be too much acute exposure."

The EPA has severely limited

Furadan's use this decade. The chemical, particularly its granular versions, has been blamed for killing small animals and birds.

In 1993, farm workers in four Mississippi counties reported nausea, vomiting, abdominal pains and diarrhea after handling a type of Furadan. Two years ago, an Ohio farmer was fined almost \$2,600 for accidentally killing assorted birds with Furadan, which he was trying to use to kill rodents. The chemical was suspected in a spate of pet deaths in rural

Arkansas in 1996.

But cotton growers have come to rely on Furadan, a proven performer against aphids, said Shawn Wade, spokesman for Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers. While many growers attack the bugs first with less toxic chemicals, he said Furadan is their "ace in the hole."

"It's nice to know it's there if you get into that serious situation where control ceased to come around with some other products," Wade said.

MOVING ON



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Jumburrito, one of the businesses that opened in Big Spring in the summer of 1994, amid an explosion of new businesses which included the Wal-Mart Supercenter and Family Medical Center, recently closed its doors in Big Spring. The stores 13 employees were notified the day the store closed and will be given an opportunity to relocate to Jumburrito locations in Midland and Odessa. A spokesperson for owner Jose Cuevas said Jumburrito currently has three locations in Midland and one in Odessa. Jumburrito would not give a specific reason for leaving Big Spring, but the company's front office said another store will open in Odessa in December.

Ryan Vassar brings home 1997 4H State Horse title

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County 4H member Ryan Vassar, 13, of Big Spring recently participated in the 1997 State 4H Horse Show in Abilene and came home a state champion.

More than 1,025 horses and 2,550 entries from around the state gathered in Abilene for the six-day event in the Taylor County Exposition Coliseum, with Vassar emerging as the first-place winner in the 5 and over Geldings Class.

According to Ryan, the experience was nothing but fun.

"I was a little nervous at first because I showed against 77 other horses in my class," Ryan said. "It was exciting when the judge picked me for first place. I only showed against about 30 horses when I won Grand Champion at the

district show in Fort Stockton earlier this year."

Ryan is the son of Mark and Veronda Vassar of Big Spring, and has been very busy in 1997 with Quarter Horse, Paint Horse and 4H events.

At the Odessa Quarter Horse Show earlier this year, he had three grand Champions in the youth division showing his horse Obvious Silver Cash. At the District VI Horse Show, Ryan won the Grand Champion Gelding competition in a field that included 35 horses.

He also competed at the World Paint Show at Fort Worth.

The event, sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, featured participants from 12 extension districts representing all 254 Texas counties in Texas. All contestants participated at county and district horse shows

receiving honors and the opportunity to advance to the state competition.

The State Horse Show included numerous halter classes, English and western classes, speed events, performance classes and drill team performances.

Also competing at the State Horse Show were brother Vance Smith 13, and Clayton Smith, 10, of Ackerly.

Vance received a second place in Mule Showmanship, a third place finish in Mule Pleasure and a 10th place finish in Mulemanship. He also placed in the finals in Reining and showed a three-year old in the Stock Horse Futurity.

Clayton placed eighth in Mule Showmanship, sixth in Mule Western Pleasure, ninth in Mulemanship and showed in the Reining Division as well as in the Stock Horse Futurity.

"Sticky stuff" on cars can be managed, pecan trees not at fault

Have you ever noticed about this time each year the pecan trees start to put out that "sticky stuff" on your car. That "sticky stuff" is called honeydew.

Most of the time the culprit for this is the yellow pecan aphid. Among other summer pests in pecan trees the yellow pecan aphid is present in low numbers throughout the summer months. They build to higher numbers as summer progresses.

This time of year they normally will have built up to these higher numbers. The yellow

aphid feeds on the underside of the leaves. As these pests feed, they excrete honeydew or sugarwater. This falls on other leaves, on the ground or on your vehicle if you have it parked under the tree.

Leaf loss does not usually result from feeding of the yellow aphid but severe infestations withdraw enough nutrients and water from the tree that it limits its growth. It also impairs the ability of the leaves to conduct photosynthesis therefore affecting nut set and size of pecans.

To determine the need to spray for yellow aphids, survey 10 leaves from various locations on the tree. If aphids average 50 or more on the 10 leaves, you have an infestation that would be economically feasible to treat.

There are a variety of pesticides available for treatment of

this pest. Your local nurseryman or the County Extension Service will be glad to give recommendations for treatment, depending on the level of infestation.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for any educational event.

We request that you contact your County Extension Office to advise them of any auxiliary aid or service that you will require. Extension is the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners' Courts of Texas Cooperating.



David Kight
County Agent

Cattle's return to profitability being tempered with caution

THROCKMORTON (AP) — Watching the mercurial cattle market is enough to make outsiders queasy. For those riding that roller coaster-on-the-range, undulating prices are merely the everyday perils of doing business.

In few other trades could anyone take such a boom year in stride, especially with bitter memories of a 1996 bust still so fresh.

"It's not uncommon at all," said Bill Carey, president of Throckmorton Land & Cattle Co., about 1997's sudden turnaround for cattle producers. "Very often, if there's been a drought for three or four years, there will be three or four months of good rains and things turn around all in one year."

The bovine breakout from horrendous prices last fall coincided with the first long spate of widespread showers in years. Cattle, the foundation of Texas agriculture since the Spanish began raising beesves

here, is back.

But for how long?

"It isn't as though you can increase a cow herd in one year by much," said Carey, addressing concerns that improved weather and prices will tempt cattlemen to overproduce, reigniting a surplus and another slump. "It takes a couple of years. When they say that people are restocking, they're buying animals coming from somewhere else."

In other words, cattle are simply moving from owner to owner right now, he said. If ranchers aggressively restock, as some economists fear, it would take another 1 1/2 years for their numbers to blunt the robust prices.

"Just because the big pressure to sell and liquidate is behind us, it doesn't mean overnight that they'll turn on the spout and increase beef production," said Chuck Lambert, a Washington-based economist with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Parched pastures, expensive

feed and an oversupply wreaked havoc on Texas cattle, with the nadir coming last spring. A poor summer was followed by rainfall and price relief, leaving cattle producers who were feeling like ground chuck a year ago wearing porterhouse grins today.

Calves that sold for 87 cents per pound in February 1995 plummeted to 47 cents by May 1997, nearly a quarter off the break-even mark for many raisers.

The Texas Department of Agriculture figures stagnated around 60 cents until the end of the year, when they began their current escalation. The state estimated an average calf cost of 92 cents per pound for last June.

A mass slaughter of calf-bearing heifers put a dent in supply nationwide. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates stocks will drop 2 percent this year, good news for an industry rebounding from a glut.



Courtesy photo
Howard County 4H member Ryan Vassar, 13, of Big Spring is pictured here at the 1997 State 4H Horse Show held recently in Abilene with his State Championship entry. Ryan was selected as the winner in the 5 and over Geldings Class from among 77 other 4H participants in the competition. More than 1,025 horses and 2,550 entries from around the state competed in this year's State 4H Horse Show. The Texas 4H and Horse Program is designed to teach skills in leadership, horsemanship, sportsmanship, teamwork and responsibility and are programs of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Student loan contract with EDS causing delays and headaches

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Education Department says problems with a new contractor and high demand have caused delays in handling requests to refinance student loans, according to a letter released Monday.

The department's letter to a House oversight subcommittee said that it has taken on average more than five months to handle loan consolidations since Electronic Data Systems took over the contract in September 1996. The process from application to consolidation should take two to three months.

Refinancing enables borrowers to roll all their previous loans into one, simplifying personal finances and giving more flexibility in repaying the

loans. The consolidation is often necessary for borrowers to get a home loan, and would-be buyers complained to the Education and Workforce Committee.

"This turned out to be more of a challenge than the contractor anticipated," David Longanecker, assistant secretary of Education for postsecondary education, said in an interview. The computer firm, founded by Ross Perot, has two five-year contracts with the department worth \$540 million.

"This contractor does computer work extremely well," Longanecker said. "But it turns out to be more hands-on, holding hands, talking to people on the phone — quite different than they full anticipated."

He said the department also made a "strategic error" in assuming that borrowers would be the best source of information on their loan portfolio. Information changed by the time it could be verified through lender banks.

In a letter last week, the department also said the volume was higher than expected. The department had expected 8,000 applications per month. Instead, it received on average more than 13,000.

The letter, to Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., chairman of the House Education committee's subcommittee on oversight and investigations, also noted problems with the switch from one contractor to another.

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Couple confronts stark reality during weekend at nudist club

DEAR ABBY: I had to laugh at the letter from "Happily Surprised in Minnesota," concerning her visit to a nudist club, but she didn't explain the "non-reaction" of the members.



Abigail Buren Columnist

Areas of the body that have never seen sunshine must be heavily protected with sunscreen. I couldn't wear a bra for a week because of the sunburn.

DEAR LAUGHING: Your letter proves that after sunscreen, the second most essential item to take to a nudist colony is a sense of humor.

DEAR ABBY: I need some advice. I am a cat lover and own three declawed and lovable cats. I have a neighbor who periodically visits me and panics when the cats walk by her.

DEAR CATFUSED: The cats may be lovable to you, but not everyone is a cat lover. Also, many people are allergic to animal fur.

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