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## Longer burning ban to be considered as spell without precipitation reaches 28 days

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

With 90-degree temperatures becoming more common as summer approaches, and with rain as scares as it has been in Howard County, a ban on open burning seems like a smart, common sense idea.



LOCKHART

Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart

declared a state of emergency in Howard County and issued a temporary county-wide burn ban Thursday morning, following Wednesday's grass fire in southern Howard County (Tubbs and Silver Heels Additions) that scorched an estimated 15,000 acres of land.

Wednesday's fire was the second major grass fire in the county within the last two weeks.

Late Thursday afternoon, several hot spots from that fire flared up again, but firefighters were able to contain them with-

in about three hours.

The last time the county imposed a burn ban was two years ago and it was met with some resistance from people who said that county government was infringing on their private property rights. But this time around the call was too close to home for several residents and one man, in an attempt to help extinguish the blaze (estimated to have burned an area five to six miles long and about half a mile wide) almost lost his life.

The Howard County

Commissioners' Court will meet at 10 a.m. Monday to further discuss the issue of a county-wide burn ban and decided whether to extend Lockhart's emergency ban.

As far as the forecast for rain, National Weather Service (NWS) Meteorologist Ray Fagen said there was no rain in the forecast for the early part of this week, and so far this spring, Howard County and other areas like it are gearing up for a long, hot, dry spring and summer — not good when you combine that with West Texas winds that

easily gust to 30 or 40 miles per hour at any time.

The NWS recorded no measurable rainfall at its headquarters at Midland International Airport (50 miles away) for the month of April, but there was .03 rain in Big Spring on April 12.

Officially, this past April is only the third year in recorded history that there was no rainfall in April in Midland. The other two years were 1947 and 1964.

"It has been 53 days since any measurable rainfall has

occurred," Fagen said. "The last measurable rainfall we've had happened on March 17."

"The record for days without rainfall is 102 days, which occurred from Oct. 20, 1950 through Jan. 30, 1951," Fagen added.

Year-to-date, the Permian Basin area has received 1.16 inches of rain, which is 1.65 inches below normal. The normal amount of accumulated rainfall for this time of year is 2.81 inches.

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## A community remembers those who served ...

Metal wings, fiber-glass nose cone, a gatling gun, some rivets, a slap of paint, and an engine that starts when you hit the ignition. "That's all a plane is, really. Or is it?"

For the Big Spring Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee, one jet in particular summarizes an entire era. It suggests possibilities unfulfilled. Speaks of tragedy, humility, high hopes and tailspin dreams.

Speaks of sacrifice. Raw courage. Blood spilled. Of brothers, fathers, cousins, sisters, whose lives ended too soon in this country's most bitter, and controversial, war.

After 10 years of planning and fundraising, and five months of volunteer work, the new addition to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Big Spring will be dedicated on Monday, May 25.

The new addition has traveled all over the world. It weighs 19,000 pounds and at one time soared across the skies of Southeast Asia.

It flew reconnaissance missions, it emptied its guns on targets, some unknown or poorly understood. It fought valiantly, it saved lives. It returned to the United States to help instruct a new generation

of pilots how to maneuver in hostile skies.

The new addition is a hunk of metal that calls up painful memories. The F-4E "Phantom II," Tail No. 368 reminds us of our unfinished business.

Over the past five months, No. 368 has been buffed, scraped, stripped, sanded, coated and shined. The names of four local pilots who never returned home are tattooed upon its sides.

Volunteers have carefully restored the plane to its original Vietnam service appearance. Time, materials, expertise, and donations rained in from around the country.

By May 25, the plane will make its final touchdown in a place of honor, to serve as a reminder of those who sacrificed on behalf of their country.

For the record, the F-4E "Phantom II" began its life as a Navy plane, later streamlined by the Air Force. It was loud, it was fast, it was strong. McDonnell Douglas introduced a prototype of its "multi-role fighter" on May 27, 1958 and different versions of the Phantom entered service in 1961.

By the late 1960s, it was known as the "elite of the

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## Commitment to awareness a highlight of memorial

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Ten years ago, local Vietnam veterans gathered to create the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the base of Scenic Mountain.

Since then, veterans and their supporters have planted trees, poured concrete, engraved obelisks, and transported and placed a helicopter and plane on display to remind the community of those who gave their lives for their country.

Over the years, the memorial has been a focal point for the community. Each year local Harley Davidson riders convoy to the memorial carrying flags to honor the dead.

Travelers have made pilgrimages to the shrine. One veteran walked more than 200,000 miles before arriving here in a

seven-year mission to raise money for his fellow former soldiers.

Vandalism problems that erupted last year were solved by increased lighting and heightened community support.

"We've come a long way, thanks to the people of Big Spring," said retired Marine Corps Cpl. Charlie Lewis, a founding memorial committee member.

Plans for the future include the addition of a M-60 tank, and 105-, 155- and 8-inch cannons on the north side of the memorial, said Lewis. A chapel with pictures of the 31 local people killed in action (KIA) in Vietnam and the three who are missing in action (MIA) will be a key feature of the finished memorial.

"In 10 years it will be twice as beautiful," said Lewis, referring to the maturing of the oak trees along with the physical additions.

The memorial is under utilized, according to Lewis, but traffic at the site continues to grow. "Every time I go by there's somebody out there," he said.

Highlights of the past 10 years for founding committee member Robyn Drinkard include the dedication of the memorial and the upcoming dedication of the F-4E Phantom jet.

"I wanted to be able to give something back to the Vietnam veterans," Drinkard said of her 10-year involvement with the group and her organization of the dedication ceremony this May.

"My cousin was an F-4 pilot and he didn't come home," she said. Her cousin's name, Tommy Guest, is one of four missing in action F-4 pilots names emblazoned on the Memorial's F-4E being reconditioned in Hangar 18.

## Memorial Day '98 to be a special celebration

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

This year's Memorial Day celebration at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial is shaping up to be something very special, said Robyn Drinkard, event coordinator.

"I don't want to give away all the surprises," said Drinkard, "but it's going to be very worthwhile to attend."

Events begin at 11 a.m. at the base of Scenic Mountain next to the South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

State Representative David Counts (D-Knox City) will attend, said Drinkard, and music and entertainment will be provided. The Coahoma Choir Kids will share patriotic music, she added.

The annual Harley-Davidson Flag Parade will take place around the memorial, she said. A Highland Council for the Deaf inter-

preter will be available. "We had an interpreter last year and it worked out very well," she said.

The committee is also searching for two buglers, Drinkard said. The memorial was dedicated seven years ago. On May 27, 1991, Lt. Col. Sonny Choate told a crowd of about 200 that veterans of all wars are symbols of freedom and reminders of each person's duty to their country.

"Welcome home," veteran Leo Welch said at the inaugural ceremony. "I know it's late, some 20 years late, but welcome home."

The center of the current memorial plaza was unveiled that day: A black granite monolith engraved with a map of Vietnam and replicas of the Prisoner of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) flags. Big Spring High School students placed yellow roses at the base of the monument in that first ceremony. Forty-one yellow roses honored Howard County residents killed in action and three red roses honored those still missing.

## The memorial's timeline:

**FEBRUARY, 1988** — The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee is formed.

**JUNE, 1989** — The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee hold a press conference to announce their plans to build a Vietnam War memorial.

**JULY, 1989** — Oak trees are planted to honor 21 local KIA's (Killed In Action) and two MIA's (Missing In Action) at the current location of the memorial at the base of Scenic Mountain. Additional oak trees are planted between 1989 and 1991 for a total of 31 oak trees honoring 31 Howard County veterans.

**NOVEMBER 12, 1990** — Laura Bell Tom, Mrs. M.A. Griffith, Mrs. Truitt Thomas and Charlie Lewis break ground for the new memorial.

**DECEMBER, 1990** — Concrete for the base of the memorial is poured.

**MAY 27, 1991** — Memorial Day — A four-sided granite monolith engraved with a map of Vietnam and replicas of the POW (Prisoner of War) and MIA flags is unveiled at the memorial's first dedication ceremony.

**JANUARY 19, 1993** — Vietnam veter-

an Thomas Carnes passes through Big Spring as part of an eternal walk in remembrance of prisoners of war, homeless veterans, and restoration of benefits for Vietnam veterans. Carnes had logged more than 200,000 miles in seven years by the time he reached Big Spring.

**FEBRUARY, 1995** — A Vietnam-era Huey helicopter is purchased, and delivered to Big Spring from Lexington, Okla. where it is destined to become part of the memorial.

**MAY 26, 1997** — Memorial Day — More than 1,000 people attend the dedication ceremony of the Vietnam Memorial Huey, UH-1 No. 0-61078. The event begins with a parade from the Harley Davidson Shop on West 3rd Street and includes a speech by Dr. Michael Huff, executive director of the Texas National Guard Armory Board.

**JUNE, 1997** — Vandals throw pieces of caliche at the Vietnam Memorial Huey helicopter, breaking two windows in its nose. A \$500 reward is offered for information about the perpetrators.

**JULY, 1997** — Nearly \$5,000 has been pledged for information leading to the

arrest and conviction of the Vietnam Memorial vandals.

**SEPTEMBER 14, 1997** — Flags from all branches of the U.S. military, along with the U.S., Texas and POW-MIA flags fly above the Vietnam Memorial for the first time in months. Several flags have been stolen and the granite obelisk attacked with a tire-iron-like weapon. Memorial committee members raise the Vietnam Memorial Flag.

**OCTOBER, 1997** — Vietnam Memorial Committee members travel to Falls to explore the possible acquisition of a Vietnam-era F-4E Phantom jet. Increased lighting is added to the memorial site to reduce vandalism. Damage to the Huey helicopter is repaired.

**NOVEMBER 8, 1997** — Harley Davidson riders sponsor the annual "Seafood Fest," which includes a parade to honor veterans and all the food you can eat at Mel's Fried Fish and Seafood. Local Harley Owners Group (HOG) cyclists raise thousands of dol-

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## WEATHER

Today:



Today, mostly sunny. Highs 90-95. Today night, fair. Lows near 60. Extended forecast, Monday, mostly sunny. Highs 90-95. Tuesday, fair. Lows from the upper 50s to mid 60s. Highs in the lower to mid 90s. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows from near 60 to the mid 60s. Highs from around 90 to the mid 90s.

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## 'Poker run' helps bikers raise money to fight MD

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Knuckleheads, panheads, and evolutions carried Harley Davidson motorcycle buffs from across West Texas to Water Valley this weekend in the 15th annual Harley Owners Group (HOG) "poker run."

Engine models and bikes of all types were welcomed as cyclists drove their "Hogs" toward games, food, music and overnight camping to benefit kids with muscular dystrophy. Leather-clad, pin-and-patch-

covered riders picked up cards at stops along the way and received a prize for the highest hand at the end. Organizers were betting on raising between \$1200 and \$1400 to buy T-shirts for the Ceta Canyon Muscular Dystrophy Camp for children.

Entrance fees were \$15, said co-organizer Barry Barnett.

This weekend's Water Valley event was a fundraiser for the Big Spring HOG's annual visit to the June 3 Ceta Canyon camp. "We do today's event so

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A rider leaves the Big Spring Harley Davidson shop Saturday morning on their way to Water Valley as part of the annual MDA Poker Run.

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

F-4E "Phantom II" tail No. 368 sits in Hangar 18 at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, now adorned in Vietnam camouflage colors following a complete restoration that began after the plane's arrival on Sunday, Dec. 7, 1997. The jet will be moved to a pedestal at the Vietnam Memorial for dedication on Memorial Day. An invitation-only unveiling of the jet was held last Saturday night.

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West's air forces." Phantom manufacturer McDonnell Douglas calls it a "small, sleek single-seater with guns."

"The Phantom was huge and had bent wings, a two-man crew and missile armament. It looked wrong, but flew right," its maker says.

Retired Air Force Maj. Guy Griffith of Big Spring, who flew No. 368 as a flight instructor at George Air Force Base in Victorville, Calif. in the late 1960s, calls the Phantom "a great airplane."

It carried a 20 mm Vulcan cannon, a

gating gun which was capable of firing 6,000 rounds per minute. As a fighter, it could deliver "all kinds of bombs, rockets, guided missiles and was completely nuclear capable," said Griffith.

Loaded to the rafters with ordnance, the Phantom could fly at more than twice the speed of sound, or about 1,450 miles per hour.

Stripped down, it was a great reconnaissance plane.

Another local pilot who flew RF-4s during the Vietnam War — retired Air Force Col. Jerry Grimes — explained the key to the F-4's worldwide popularity.

"It's so versatile," he said. "If you configured it right it was a tremen-

dous air-to-air fighter. If you reconfigured it again, it was the best tactical bomber, and if you reconfigured it yet again, it was the best reconnaissance plane."

Knowing all these capabilities, a question still remains: what's the big deal about a plane?

The answer lies in something most find hard to express. Remembrance of the forgotten. Reconciliation. Fencing. An end to the psychological and social torment of the 1960s and 1970s.

Strange as it may sound, one of the world's finest fighter jets has come to stand for a community's desire for peace.

— KATHY GILBERT

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lars to support the memorial each year.

December 6, 1997 — A McDonnell Douglas F-4E Phantom jet arrives at Hangar 18 in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. An entourage of 22 vehicles is required to transport the 19,000 pound jet from Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

December, 1997-May, 1998 — Volunteer crews work days, nights and weekends to strip down, sand

and repaint the F-4E Phantom in Southeast Asian camouflage. A pedestal is designed and built to hold the plan in a pattern of permanent flight.

May 25, 1998 — A dedication ceremony for the F-4E jet is scheduled during the annual Memorial Day celebration.

The addition of the F-4 to the memorial takes the Vietnam Memorial Committee as step closer to the completion of the project.

Still planned are the addition of cannons and a tank, as well as the construction of a chapel.

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we can do that event," said McCurtain.

Local HOG members feel driven to return to Ceta Canyon each year, said Barnett. "There were only three people the first time," he explained. "We pulled up and blew the whole afternoon schedule. The kids wanted to see the bikes and asked us all kinds of questions about them."

HOG now gets two hours every year, said Cheryl McCurtain, general manager of Big Spring's Harley-Davidson Shop. "Now they're calling us to

see if we're going to come."

For other Harley lovers, the fundraiser is simply a time to shift gears.

"It's a place to ride to," said Stan Mathes of Lubbock, owner of a red 1984 ElectraGlide with a 1340cc engine. "I try to get out every chance I get."

A motorcycle is a mental necessity, said the 22-year road warrior. "To me you're a biker when your motorcycle quits being an accessory and starts being a necessity."

Outfitted in spanking-new leather, a red bandana and a metal Harley Davidson logo earring, Mathes said that riding is almost an addiction. "If I don't have my bike and go ride I go crazy."

Cycling is also a chance to meet other bikers, said McCurtain.

The Water Valley ride is a chance to "ride with some of the neatest people I've met for a long time," she said.

At times Harley riders "were the only family I ever had," she added.

Her Harley Davidson silver-and-red earrings dangling, McCurtain described her progress from a tiny "hummer" (a dirt-bike size bike) to a BMW, and finally to riding demonstration Harleys from the shop.

"It's something I think almost anybody can do," she said, "you don't even have to be able to ride a bicycle."

**BURN**

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The last burn ban in Howard County was in June 1996, when county officials feared that the drought had left too much of the county susceptible to sparks from the fireworks people traditionally use around July 4.

Part of that ban was from the governor's office, because of the statewide drought conditions.

Then, commissioners voted 4-0 to issue a resolution requesting Gov. George W. Bush issue a ban on aerial fireworks in Howard County.

The Texas Pyrotechnic Association, which represents

about 85 percent of the fireworks industry in Texas, also voluntarily agreed to exclude dozens of aerial fireworks from retail sale statewide and to encourage the use of safe areas.

Prior to the Gov. Bush's disaster declaration, commissioners had voted not to issue a ban on all aerial fireworks because of the difficulty of finding a suitable safe area in the county where they could be used, which is required by law.

Because all 254 Texas counties had been declared a disaster area because of the drought, counties were not required to provide an area where aerial fireworks could be discharged.

The governor's order as well as the commissioners' ban on

outdoor burning was issued because of the drought and extreme fire hazard dry conditions presented. Authority for the governor's office to issue such a ban is granted by the Disaster Act of 1975.

Bush refused to issue a statewide ban, but did agree to issue a ban in counties that requested his assistance.

"I urge county leaders to look at the situation in their individual counties and take appropriate action," Bush said at that time. "As a strong advocate of local control, I will not issue a statewide ban but will authorize a ban for individual counties who believe a ban is necessary to protect public health and safety."

On Page 1, Gene Wilson works on the rivets in the tail area of the F-4E Phantom.

Hundreds of volunteer hours went into the restoration of the huge warbird, which will be mounted on a pedestal on Memorial Day.

Also on Page 1, the Memorial's obelisk marker, showing the map of Vietnam, is used as background for a series of stories by Herald staff writer Kathy Gilbert.

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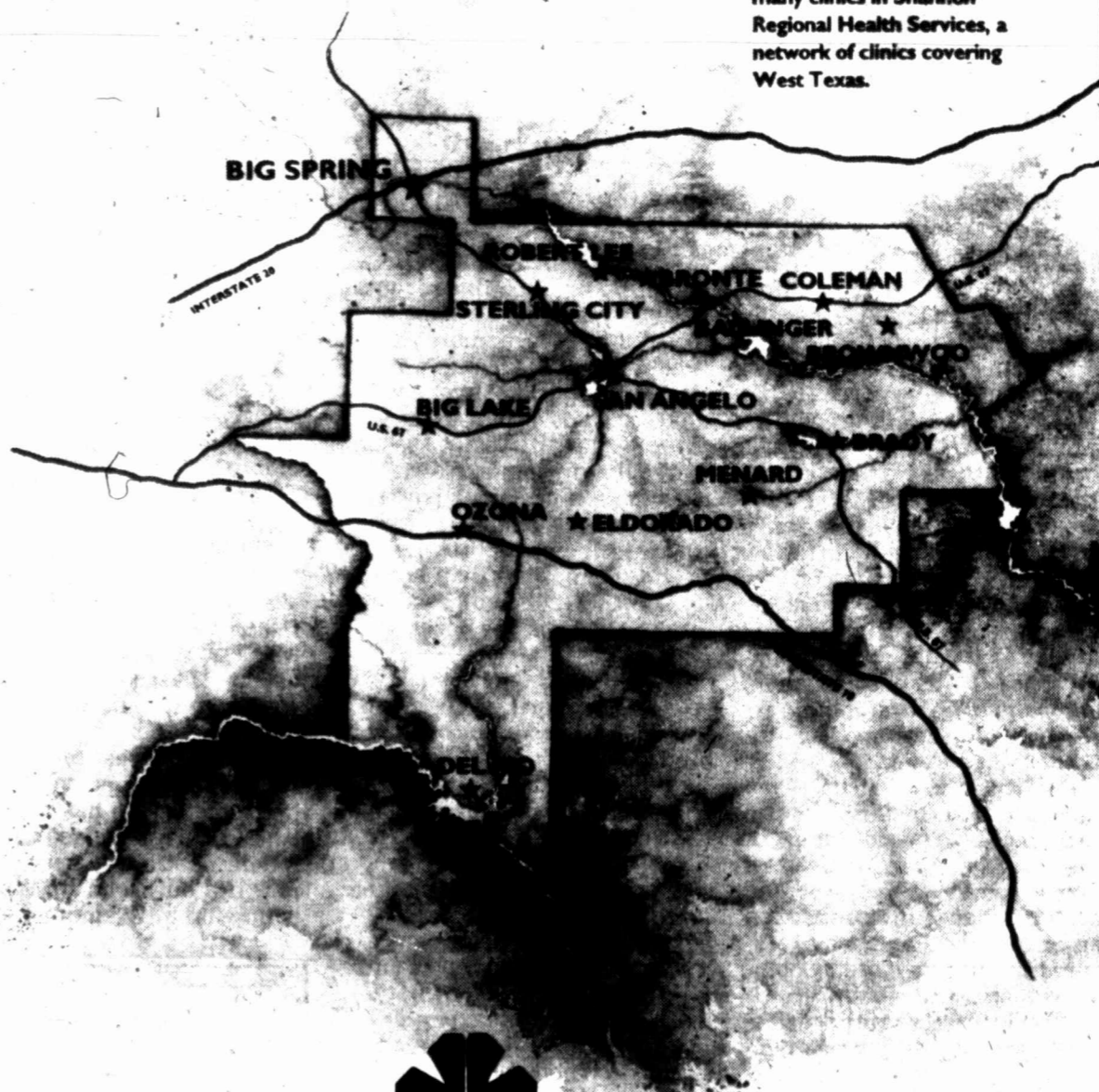
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# EDITORIAL

**"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."**  
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## OUR VIEWS

### Remember Mom with your thoughts on her special day

**D**id you call, write or hug your mother today? Mother's Day each year keeps the phone lines humming, and the greeting card companies in business.

But did you really tell your mother what she means to you? We heard from several readers this week, children and adults, men and women, who all had one thing on their minds — they wanted to express their feelings about the powerful, stabilizing force a mother has been in their lives.

Consider the words of K.K. Kellar, age 11, who wrote that her mother, Patti Kellar "is always prepared to give helpful advice no matter what the situation is, and she always backs me up and supports me 100 percent."

Have you thanked your mother for standing behind you through the ups and downs life brings all of us? Michael Gaylor wrote that his mother, Sharon, "always finds the strength for us kids" despite a constant battle with spinal arthritis. Her pain, he adds, is so great at times that she can hardly walk, but still she finds a way to meet the needs of her six children, and make their lives special.

Have you considered the odds your mother faced in her own life? Many of us worry as our mother ages: How will she handle the increasing challenges and physical limitations that are part of the aging process? How would she cope with the loss of her husband?

Reene Casey wrote of her mother, Ann Mackey, that "instead of all the tragedies and shenanigans wearing her down and making her bitter, she has flourished, and her sense of humor and love have kept her young and vital."

Billie Sue Barnes was worried about how her mother would handle becoming a widow less than a year ago. But she learned a valuable lesson from the woman who had seen her through so many difficult times before.

"Her biggest concern ... is not her grief," Barnes wrote. "It's how I'm handling the loss of my Daddy. She is always more concerned with her family instead of herself."

Have you told your mother today how much that unconditional, one-of-a-kind love has meant to your life? Take the opportunity to thank her, although your thanks may never seem like enough.

She's your mother, and she will understand.

## OTHER VIEWS

The reason for overhauling the Internal Revenue Service is not that the agency itself is responsible for the horrendous tax code it must enforce or that it is peopled with thugs who would as soon slam a sledgehammer on a taxpayer's kneecaps as give him an even break.

No, the reason is that the IRS has been granted too much authority and pushed too hard by a growing government hungry for loot and that its emphasis consequently has been more on revenue retrieval than respecting the citizens it is supposed to be serving.

The legislation that was passed 97-0 by the U.S. Senate the other day will not set everything right, but, as some of its proponents suggested, it could begin to change the culture of an institution that has measured its success more by dollar signs than by fairness.

If the bill makes it through a conference committee relatively intact and is then signed by President Clinton as seems certain, it will, among other things, set up a new oversight mechanism, put the burden of proof on the IRS in certain court cases and suspend penalties when a taxpayer was not notified within a year of a violation. The thrust of these and other provisions is to put consideration of the taxpayer on an equal footing with collection.

There will be a cost — some

\$18 billion in foregone revenues over 10 years — and some proposed offsets seem more gimmicky than real. That's not the end of the world. Anyone who takes seriously the values of a free, democratic society has to agree that trying to avoid abuses by this enormously powerful government agency — some of them downright oppressive — is more important than trying to siphon every cent possible under law from the pockets of taxpayers.

It's true, as many argue, that the worst culprit in American taxation is a code so convoluted and complicated that no single individual anywhere begins to comprehend more than a portion of it. But the Senate-passed legislation does require Congress to pay more attention to the complexity of tax measures it considers, and it also requires the IRS to report annually on what provisions in the code most bedevil taxpayers.

What's more, obviously, this legislation and tax reform are not mutually exclusive. Some Republicans even see the IRS overhaul as the first step down the path to a flat tax or maybe a national consumer tax replacing the present, graduated income tax. The Senate bill should be welcomed by the American people as an improvement consistent with our national ideals, even if it is not a panacea.

—SCRIPPS HOWARD

# Don't put off wishing Mom the best

**N**ow that you're up and about today, stop what you're doing and either go hug your mother or, if she lives someplace else, pick up the phone and call her.



John H. Walker

Today is Mother's Day and I wish mine were still here. Instead of being able to call her, I'll take her picture from my dresser and look at it for a long time.

This is the fifth Mother's Day that will have come and gone without my being able to see her ... to hug her and pull her close and tell her how much I love her, and how very glad I am that she's my Mom.

And at age 48, it still amazes me the things I think of at the

oddest times of the day or night that I wish I had shared with her. It was about a year ago, when things weren't going as well as I wished, that I actually caught myself reaching for the telephone to call and talk with her.

Other the years my Mom and I shared a lot of things. She and I were so much closer than my Dad and me, perhaps because she was the one who took me to Little League practice and to games and played catch with me and took me first to my Cub Scout meetings and then, as I grew older, to my Boy Scout meetings.

She was the one who was always there. Always.

The night before I took the ACT in high school, I was nervous and couldn't sleep. We got in the car and drove around until the nervousness wore off and we could return home, where I promptly fell asleep.

She worked hard so that I could have the things other kids had and I still know she did without something so that I could have that \$34 class ring

from Balfour or those senior pictures that I hated so much. And she was at my graduation while my father wasn't.

My Mom was a neat person, and perhaps the biggest complement she always got was the fact my friends wanted to congregate at my house.

It wasn't a fancy house and there weren't a lot of fancy snacks or things like that, but I've had more than one friend get in an argument with another over who would get to lick the spoon and bowl when she made us a chocolate cake.

No, it wasn't a fancy house but it was a warm, loving home.

She was the type person who immediately put you at ease and made you feel comfortable. But ... if you got "smart-alecky" or "sassy," she'd put you in your place in a hurry.

In the years since Mom died, it's become painfully apparent that she was the glue that held our family together. She kept me and my older sister close and when she was no longer there to do that, we drifted

apart despite the fact we were all each other had left.

Lately, my sister has gotten a "Walker family e-letter" going on the internet and she and I have at least been communicating that way. As Sarah and I have written back and forth, sharing our thoughts with a dozen or so cousins, it's evident just how important Mom was to both of us.

So let me admonish you once more, if you'll indulge me.

If your mom is close by, take her in your arms and hug her and let her know how much she means to you. If she is distant, call her and share your thoughts with her.

It may not seem like much, but I'll promise you that no matter what you do, no matter how sure you are that your mother is invincible, the day will come when you no longer have the chance to tell her, "I love you, Mom."

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



## Congress must share some blame for IRS

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — There's a congressional confession written into the overhaul of the Internal Revenue Service. The tax collectors couldn't have made this mess without Congress.

That's where a tax code was written so complicated that the IRS can't always figure it out, certainly not well enough to give puzzled taxpayers reliable answers. The tax laws invite paperwork burdens and intrusive rules.

That doesn't explain away the abuse, arrogance and raids on businesses by armed accountants, described at Senate hearings that dramatized the drive to overhaul an agency described as out of control.

"We have to drive a stake in the heart of the corrupt culture at the IRS," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

President Clinton urged Congress to "enact real reforms at the IRS," a cause he embraced after 1997 hearings that put the issue on everyone's agenda.

The House passed its reform bill overwhelmingly last fall. The Senate broadened the overhaul, prefacing its action with a second round of hearings on agency abuses.

Along with all this, there is an implicit admission that the problem isn't just the agency: It is the encyclopedia-length tax code the IRS has to enforce. And Congress created that.

Indeed, still is. There are new IRS duties built into an education bill Republicans

wrote this year. Even money to pay for IRS reform is to come out of a new wrinkle in the tax code, encouraging elderly Americans to shift their retirement accounts to get a better deal — after they pay taxes on the transfers.

That is expected to raise \$8 billion between 2005 and 2007, to help offset the cost of new taxpayer rights and restrictions on penalties the IRS has been collecting.

Collecting is still the job, and complexity still compounds it. The IRS handled 210 million tax returns in collecting \$1.5 trillion in 1997.

"Many of the problems faced by the IRS arise from the tax code itself," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y. So along with the overhaul of the agency, the bill would require that Congress' joint tax committee provide an analysis of complexity and administration questions involved in all future tax legislation. The bill also provides for IRS input in the shaping of tax bills, which sounds obvious but hasn't been happening.

"Complexity contributes to taxpayer frustration, obviously, and to tax evasion as well," Moynihan said.

Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., said the IRS is always "an easy target" because people don't like the agency that collects taxes. But he said Congress is responsible for a lot of the trouble.

"To truly resolve this problem, we will need to get to the ultimate source, which is the complexity and the difficulty of the tax code itself," he said.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., who took the lead in the reform

effort as the co-chairman of a commission on the IRS, said 72 per cent of Americans blame Congress more than the agency for their tax problems.

"And given our enthusiasm for constantly changing the tax code and inconsistent oversight, the American people have figured this one out right," he said.

Kerrey cited a Republican education bill that had just passed the Senate. It permits tax-free withdrawals from tax-exempt education accounts for room, board, uniforms, transportation and other expenses required by a school.

He said that will require that "the IRS become even more invasive in their efforts to make certain that parents can justify their expenses with detailed records."

That means things like receipts for bus fares and clothing, and kind of annoying paperwork that makes for headaches at tax time.

"We pass a law, they have to write the changes in the code," Kerrey said. The IRS has to get the word out to taxpayers and the judge whether they are complying.

"Every change we make in the tax law says to the IRS: We want you to invade even more and find out more of what the American people are doing before you allow this tax break to occur," Kerrey said.

And not infrequently, the IRS reform act will be the 64th law changing the tax code since the landmark tax reform act of 1986, with more coming this election year.

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# A la Edgewood ISD, poor school districts file lawsuit against state

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawsuit by a group of poor school districts attacking funding advantages for rich districts may work against them if they hope to negotiate with lawmakers to get financial changes, leading senators say.

"I'm a whole lot less inclined to sit down and talk with a lawsuit gun at my head," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, added, "It's certainly not conducive to doing business."

The school district group, called the Plaintiff Intervenor Committee, claimed in a Thursday court petition that rich districts are reaping some \$500 million from financial breaks that violate court-ordered standards for fairness in public education funding.

They asked the court to throw out those funding advantages.

"We wanted very much to resolve these issues in the Legislature, but we failed to receive the requested response from the legislative leaders," said Superintendent Lupe Gonzalez of Mission Consolidated ISD.

"We feel we are left with only one alternative," said Gonzalez, who chairs the Plaintiff Intervenor Committee. It includes school districts that intervened in earlier, years-long school funding litigation.

Buck Wood, the group's lawyer, accused lawmakers of "spending all their time catering to a few rich districts" and doing little for the rest. But he said he would like to talk further to legislators to try to resolve poor districts' concerns.

The senators pointed to programs, including improved facilities funding, that benefit

school districts with low property wealth. Bivins said money appropriated in the last legislative session will leverage more than \$4 billion in new school construction.

House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, said he's willing to listen but defended the current system.

"We have an obligation to not only increase funding and to assist the poor districts, but at the same time, we can't crash the programs of the wealthier districts," he said.

The low-wealth group asked a state judge to declare that specific funding provisions violate standards in the so-called Edgewood cases, named after San Antonio's Edgewood ISD.

Edgewood led the battle for school funding equity that resulted in the Texas Supreme Court throwing out three school funding laws beginning in 1989.

The court ordered lawmakers to even out funding available to school districts with varying property wealth.

In 1995, the court upheld the current system, which requires school districts with the most property wealth to share with the rest of the state.

Schools rely on a combination of state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

Funding for the 1997-98 school year totaled \$21.5 billion.

Edgewood ISD isn't involved in this lawsuit. District spokesman Edna Perez-Vega said the matter would be discussed with school board members and lawyers, but that Edgewood has benefited from facilities funding.

The petition contends funding advantages for the wealthy

amounts to nearly \$500 million. That covers 1993 through 1999.

Among complaints, the court challenge says the wealthiest districts should be sharing more funds but have been protected too long by a phase-in provision; that rich districts aren't bearing their fair share of certain revenue reductions; and that some school tax exemptions benefit wealthy concerns.

## Tyler middle school moves to separate males, females after sexual assaults

TYLER (AP) — Girls and boys will be separated at a Tyler middle school in the wake of several cases involving sexual assaults and fondling, a school official says.

The unusual move was announced by Stewart Middle School Principal Harold L. Wright. He said it is being made to ensure safety and prevent future sexual assaults on campus.

Four male students were sentenced in January in connection with the sexual assault of a girl in a physical education class. Eight teens, including three involved in the earlier incident, were charged with

fondling one or possibly two classmates in another case and a 13-year-old student was charged last week with aggravated sexual assault of a female student.

Wright said the separation will remain in effect at least through the rest of the school year, ending later this month.

Girls are required to stay on one side of a classroom and boys on the other.

When the bell rings signaling the end of a class period, girls are released immediately to go through the hallways to their next class and after they arrive, boys are released to go to their next class.

Wright acknowledges that the action is "drastic," but said the school is determined to see that "nothing else happens, not a sexual assault, nothing."

"Stewart is not a wild school; it is a good school and has a structured environment with great students and teachers and a lot of learning going on," Wright said.

But Wright says the image of the whole school and all of its students has been "tarnished" by media reports about sexual assaults on campus.

"There are some great kids over here doing some great things," Wright said.

## Smoke crossing border causes hazy Texas skies

DALLAS (AP) — Overcast skies from Texas to Montana are being blamed on forest fire smoke wafting across the border.

In Texas, hazy skies are attributed to forest fires, deforestation and land clearing in Mexico and Central America.

The haze is detectable over the eastern half of Texas, Louisiana and adjacent areas, said Bryan Lambeth, a meteorologist with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin.

The smoke consists of very small particles that can work their way deep into a person's lungs.

"Any time you have particulates in the air, people can be more sensitive to allergies," Lambeth said.

In Brownsville, a state monitoring station has shown elevated levels of airborne particles.

South Texas is in the thickest part of a smoke plume shown by satellite pictures leaving southern Mexico and Guatemala and drifting northward over the Gulf of Mexico.

Montana, now the home of the big dirty sky, has haze unseen since ash eruptions from Mount St. Helens in 1980.

The latest pollution is blamed on smoke from forest fires in Alberta, Canada, and from the burning of fields and logging debris in Montana. Because of the problem, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality announced a statewide burning ban on Wednesday.

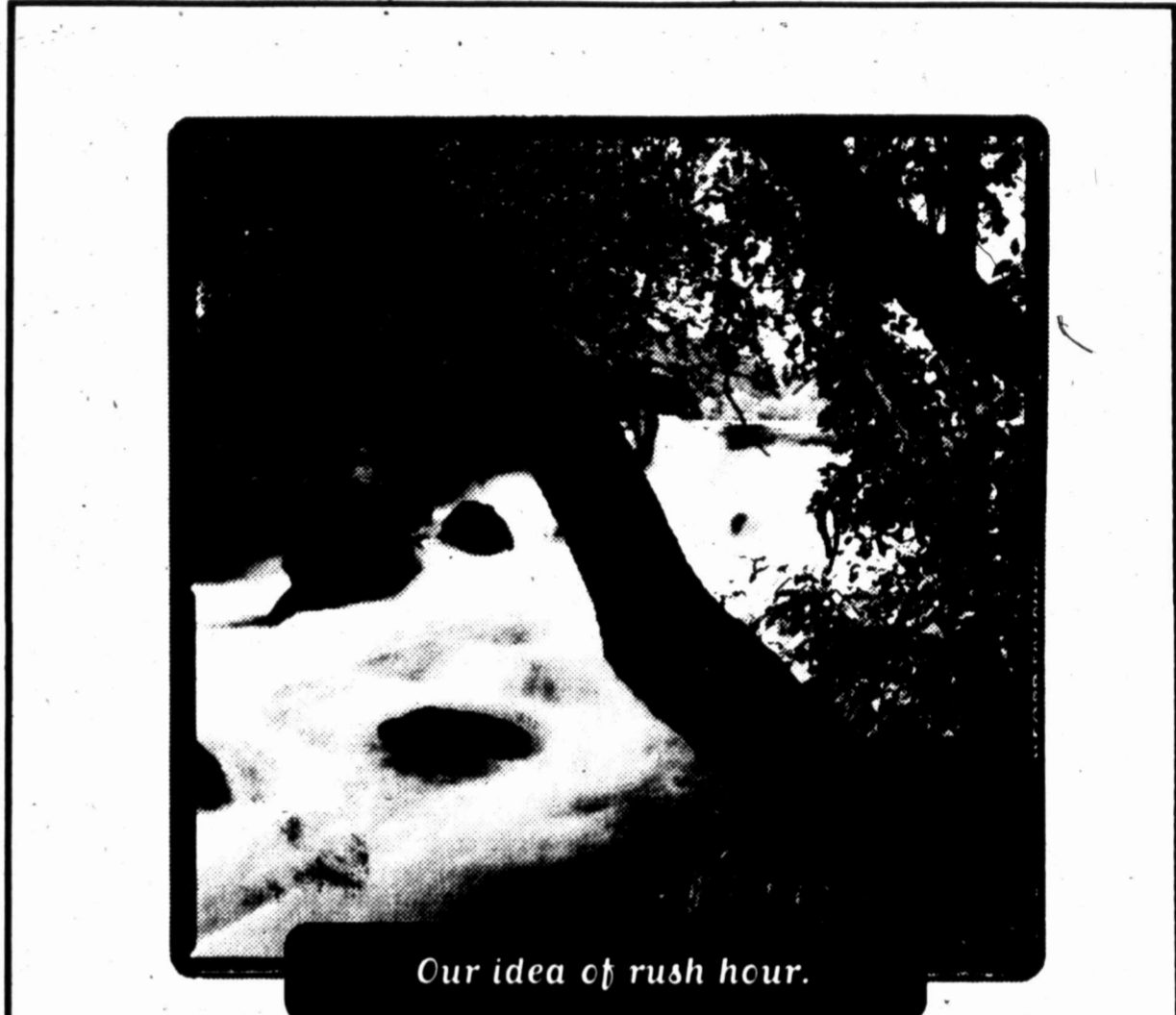
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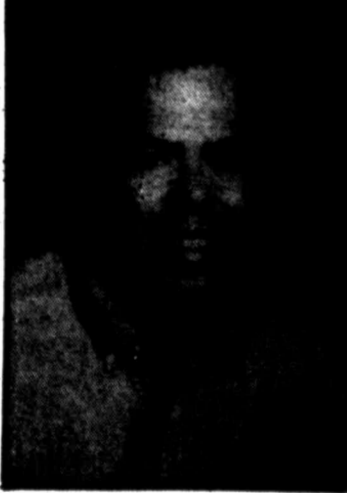
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# Tobacco companies reach \$6.5 billion settlement with Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Tobacco companies reached a reported \$6.5 billion settlement of a lawsuit by the Minnesota and an insurance company today just as jurors were scheduled to hear more closing arguments in the 3 1/2-month-old trial.

The judge announced a settlement this afternoon without divulging details.

He gave lawyers for both sides time to address the jury before court adjourned.

Earlier a source close to the talks put the settlement at least \$6.5 billion, with \$6.1 billion going to the state over 25 years. In addition, the other plaintiff, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, would receive \$450 million, according to the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The deal also includes some

injunctions Ramsey County District Judge Kenneth Fitzpatrick, the trial judge, was asked to sign:

- Cigarettes nationwide would be sold only behind the counter.
- The industry's Council for Tobacco Research would be abolished.
- Marketing to minors would be forbidden in Minnesota.

Other details were unclear, but the source said that Attorney General Hybert Humphrey III won on his insistence that certain tobacco industry documents be made public.

Minnesota, which becomes the fourth state to settle a tobacco lawsuit, would have received about \$4 billion under a proposed \$368.5 billion national settlement reached last summer that later fell apart.

Jim Tierney, a former Maine attorney general who is a consultant to the state tobacco lawsuits, said Humphrey "has made history."

"He crafted a remarkable agreement with worldwide implications," Tierney said. "He got a settlement because the industry, once this truth was out, was afraid to let that truth go before a jury."

Closing arguments were delayed without explanation this morning. The plaintiff's lead attorney, Michael Ciresi, had been scheduled to give his summation, but Fitzpatrick opened the day's court session by announcing an immediate recess until afternoon.

Three states settled earlier before testimony began in their cases: Mississippi for \$3.36 billion, Florida for \$1.1 billion and Texas for \$15.3 billion. Besides Minnesota, 37 other states have

lawsuits pending. In closing arguments Thursday, a defense attorney asked the jury not to make a scapegoat out of the tobacco industry for the smoking habits of children. Attorney Robert Weber urged jurors to think critically as they weigh the state's and Blue Cross' \$1.77 billion damage claim against the 10 defendants.

"It's easier to talk about children than to say you want a bunch of money," said Weber, who represents R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. "Don't let emotion get in the way of facts."

Summing up the industry's case, Weber said the plaintiffs failed to prove any wrongdoing by the defendants that caused the state or Blue Cross to incur additional health care costs.

Weber reminded the jurors that defense witnesses included

the marketing executives behind Reynolds' Joe Camel ad campaign and the "Marlboro Country" campaign of Philip Morris Inc., who both testified that they never aimed their marketing efforts at children.

There are many reasons why adolescents smoke but advertising was not one of them, Weber said.

"I think the unfortunate fact is that the state and Blue Cross are looking for a scapegoat about youth smoking," he said.

Weber said it would be foolish to market to underage smokers; who he said buy only 2 percent of the cigarettes sold in the United States.

"Would smart businessmen and smart businesswomen put (their businesses) at risk to market to that 2 percent when the 98 percent is out there?" he asked.

Weber also said defense witnesses had exposed as a "sham" the mathematical model the plaintiffs used to arrive at their \$1.77 billion damages claim. He accused the state and Blue Cross of playing "statistical shenanigans" with the jury.

Peter Bleakley, who represents Philip Morris, argued that the state failed to show that tobacco companies misled consumers about the hazards of smoking.

"The case is not about popularity," Bleakley said. "Believe me, the defendants are well aware of the fact that they're not very popular these days."

RJR Nabisco stock was up 62.5 cents at \$28.37 on the New York Stock Exchange shortly after news of the settlement got out, while Philip Morris was up 19 cents at \$38.87.

## Defense team rests for Marine aviators accused of crashing into cable car line

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — The defense rested Friday in the case of two Marine aviators after trying to show their clients had no control over the anti-radar jet before it crashed into a cable car line at an Italian ski resort, killing 20 people.

Military prosecutors contend the back seat crew, which operates radar jamming gear on a Prowler EA-6B jet, was as responsible for the plane's course and speed as the pilot and navigator, who sit in the back seat crew, which operates radar jamming gear on a Prowler EA-6B jet, was as responsible for the plane's course and speed as the pilot and navigator, who sit in the front compartment. There is no

## Country singer Eddie Rabbitt dead at age 53

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Eddie Rabbitt, a country-pop singer who topped the charts with bouncy hits like "I Love A Rainy Night," has died. He was 53.

A source close to Rabbitt's family, speaking on condition of anonymity, said today that Rabbitt died but had no details. Rabbitt had lung cancer and part of his left lung removed last May.

Rabbitt, a singer-songwriter-guitarist with a tenor voice, had 26 No. 1 country singles. Besides "I Love A Rainy Night" in 1980, they included "Drivin' My Life Away," "Every Which Way but Loose," "Step by Step," "Someone Could Lose a Heart Tonight" and "Two Dollars in the Jukebox."

He also had a No. 1 duet with Crystal Gayle, "You and I," in 1982. His "American Boy" tune was popular with U.S. troops during the Gulf War.

Rabbitt wrote most of his hit songs. In 1990, he said songwriters should never get complacent.

"I think if you start to feel secure, you don't do as well," he told AP. "A writer has to keep one foot in the street and one pocket empty and be hungry for it."

He was a straight-arrow in an industry with many renegades. He took pride in doing a clean show with no off-color humor.

physical or visual contact between the two compartments in the jet that has a 53-foot wingspan.

Twenty people were killed Feb. 3 when the jet sliced through the cables, sending the gondola car plummeting to the ground.

The judge, Lt. Col. Ronald Rodgers, must recommend whether to call a court-martial on manslaughter charges against the back-seat crewmen, Capt. Chandler Seagraves, 28, of Nineveh, Ind., and Capt. Rodgers, must recommend whether to call a court-martial on manslaughter charges against the back-seat crewmen, Capt. Chandler Seagraves, 28, of Nineveh, Ind., and Capt. William Raney II, 26, of Englewood, Colo.

After a brief recess, Rodgers recalled a witness for whom he had further questions. Closing arguments were to begin after the judge was finished with his questions.

Another hearing will be held next month for the jet's pilot, Capt. Richard Ashby, 30, of Mission Viejo, Calif., and the navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 30, of Westbury, N.Y.

Rodgers adjourned today's hearing until June 15 and said he would not make a ruling on whether a court-martial should be held until the hearing for Ashby and Schweitzer is completed.

Each crewman is charged with 20 counts each of involuntary manslaughter, negligent homicide, destroying private and government property, and dereliction of duty. Each faces life in prison if convicted.

Earlier today, Maj. James

Snellgrove, an air officer for a tank battalion who coordinates support of jets with tanks, was called by the defense to counter eyewitness accounts from Italians who said the jet was flying extremely low and fast.

"I've been doing this for a living for eight years and I can only give plus or minus 100 knots of speed and plus or minus 100 feet of altitude," Snellgrove said.

He also said the Italian residents are accustomed to seeing smaller aircraft than the Prowler, which is a bigger airplane and "could give the illusion of an aircraft being lower than it actually is because of the size of the aircraft," Snellgrove said.

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Prosecutors maintain that the rear-seat crew knew the jet was flying too low and too fast and "should have called a halt to the flight. But defense witnesses said the men had no way of controlling the plane."

"When you're in the back seat, you'll get all your cues from the front seat," said Maj. Gary Slyman, the executive officer of the jet's squadron. "They'll tell you what altitude you're at. I can't jump in the back seat and say, 'that's 1,500 feet' or 'that's 800 feet.'"

A prosecution witness has testified the jet was flying under 500 feet, despite a 1,000-foot altitude limit, for more than six miles before it hit the lift cable. Evidence showed the plane was going about 540 knots, instead of the recommended 420 knots.

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# Neighbors silent as religious community is hit by arson, vandalism

LEDGER, Mont. (AP) — A resentful silence hangs over the wheat fields of Montana's bountiful Golden Triangle region.

Arsonists and vandals are preying on an Amish-like religious sect known as Hutterites, but their neighbors haven't evinced much sympathy for the victims. They mutter darkly about the Hutterites, not their tormentors.

Wheat prices are low, the rumblings go. We don't need competition from people who are buying up our farms to expand, who don't pay their fair share of taxes, don't save to send their kids to college, don't even buy televisions and air conditioners, for goodness' sake.

"I think they use their religion as a front to hide their grand plan, which is to control a good share of agriculture," said one non-Hutterite farmer, who wouldn't give his name.

The Hutterites originated in Eastern Europe in 1528 and are named after an early leader, Jacob Hutter, who was burned at the stake in 1536. Hutterites immigrated to North America in the late 1800s to escape religious persecution.

There are approximately 41,000 in the United States, mainly on the Northern Plains. Montana has about 5,000 in 54 "colonies" of about 100 each.

Like the Amish, they live communally, dress simply and try to live apart from modern society. Unlike the Amish, they embrace technology that helps them farm better. Their farms tend to be large, efficient and prosperous — often more prosperous than those of their secular neighbors.

When the population at a colony is high enough, the group will buy land for another colony. Members draw lots assigning them to the new colony or the old, and the group splits.

That is what is happening here. Hutterites are building the new Camrose Colony here, on 8,500 acres near the Marias River.

On March 8, an arsonist set fire to a shed full of lumber to be used for housing and other buildings for the fledgling colony. The blaze caused more than \$100,000 in damage. The arson followed a rash of vandalism, including damage to vehicles and grain bins.

Undersheriff Dave Robins said investigators have a suspect, but there have been no arrests. The FBI is investigating it as a hate crime. But Robins isn't ready to label it religious bigotry.

"To me it looks more like jealousy," he said. "Not that they hate the people for what they

stand for, just that they're making a go of property and land that others aren't able to."

The Shelby Promoter, the local weekly newspaper, has not editorialized against the violence. "I think a lot of people up here are quite appalled about what happened," publisher Brian Kavanagh said. But he said he has a new editor who has been so busy learning the job that she hasn't written editorials about anything.

Christine Kaufmann, co-director of the Montana Human Rights Network, and Mark Nagasawa of the Montana Association of Churches said the absence of any community outrage is troubling.

"I expected people to jump up on this and go, 'I can't believe this is happening,'" said Nagasawa, whose efforts at organizing a community meeting got a lukewarm response. "People seemed to understand that they got their property burned and that's a terrible thing, but 'They are buying up our property' — and all those excuses come up."

"There's been a lot of resentment building up over the years," he added.

The resentment often is scarcely hidden.

"They don't do anything illegal, but they're tough for an ordinary family to compete

against," rancher Arlo Skari said. "They don't send their kids to college, they don't even send them to high school. Their wives don't go shopping. The women have very few rights."

Hutterites make their own clothes. They don't have televisions, satellite dishes, air conditioners, or boats. They don't go on vacations, other than to visit relatives and friends at other colonies.

"A lot of the niceties people seem to enjoy, they take away from the efficiency," said David Hofer, a member of a Hutterite community some 50 miles east of Camrose.

Most colonies are nearly self-sufficient, growing vegetables and raising wheat, beef and dairy cows, pigs and chickens.

One rumor circulating through the area is that the Hutterites pay little or no taxes, and thus compete unfairly. Cindy Larson, a Chester accountant who does taxes for several colonies, said that's untrue.

Hofer said colonies do not pay into Social Security or buy workers' compensation insurance. But neither do they collect benefits from either program.

Some in the community complain that Hutterites pay higher prices for land than non-Hutterites can afford. Hofer said the Hutterites often have no

choice: Given an equal offer from a Hutterite colony and another farmer, a property owner will sell to the other farmer.

"We really wanted to see a single family have our farm," said Jan Christofferson, a landowner who sold to the Camrose Colony. "The offers we got were laughable and hurtful, very insulting. (The Hutterites) were the only ones able to come up with a price."

Hofer said he hopes the fire was the work of "a sick individual, not a concentrated, orga-

nized effort." But he said the Hutterites will continue to buy farms and expand, as children grow and colonies divide.

"How can it be otherwise?" he asked.

Another Hutterite, Joe Waldner of Camrose Colony, said he is encouraged to know that some non-Hutterite farmers have privately expressed disdain for the arsonist.

"The guy that did this is going to find out there's more people against him than he thinks," Waldner said.

## Correction Notice

In our May 10<sup>th</sup> ad, we incorrectly stated that the Aiwa CT-X428M car deck was a CD deck with CD changer control. This is a cassette deck.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, MAY 10:

Others frequently try your patience this year. Learn to stay more calm and levelheaded. Career options provide more freedom and independence. Think before leaping; impulsiveness will hurt you professionally. Others might be erratic, but you need not feed into it. You get what you want because of your personality and endurance. If you are single, and want a special relationship, it easily can be yours. You are empowered by meeting new people. If attached, there is an unpredictable element that runs through your life. Keep your relationship goals in mind. SCORPIO challenges you.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) A friend tosses plans and your trust into the air. Processing change is a handful. A trusted partner helps you work through those unpredictable elements in your life. Don't try to manipulate others. You can only control yourself. Tonight: Togetherness counts.\*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) The unexpected occurs with an older relative. Go with the flow, and run with the spontaneous. A partner wants to surprise you, take control and make plans. Why not? Let fun in, and let go of structure. Others want to treat you to new adventures. Tonight: Say "yes."\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) You need a day off to relax because your nerves are frayed. Listen more carefully to your body; it speaks to you. News from a distance could let you down but works in the long run. Take time to luxuriate and relax in a favorite way. Tonight: Soak in a hot tub.\*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Creativity flourishes when you let it all hang out. Your sensuality and self-expression threaten a friend. Dance to a different tune, and be open to new ideas. One-to-one relating is touchy. Be careful before making money commitments. Tonight: Raise the roof!\*\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Take time for family. A partner does something outrageous. By now, you should realize there is no controlling him. Do what is necessary to feel complete. Invite loved ones over for a quiet dinner celebration. Your inner circle cares for you. Tonight: Continue the easy pace.\*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Establish limits, as you reach out for others. Visit with

friends and family. Share the special feelings of the day, and draw others toward you. Pack a picnic lunch, go to the country and relax with loved ones. Even you need to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Dance up a storm!\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't forget that special mother in your life. You want to spend more than you have. Instead of obsessing, pull back and think of an original way out of a bind. Letting go of self-imposed mental filters allows opportunities not yet dreamed of. Tonight: Keep the budget in check.\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You ask, and they respond, with the exception of a certain family member. Uproar marks your domestic life. Spend the day with those who appreciate you. Charisma brings you nearly everything right now. Go for what you want. Tonight: Make that request!\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You need every ounce of bounce you have. Others are challenging and unpredictable, so misunderstandings run rampant. Use this as an opportunity to get yourself centered.

Take time to honor the special mother in your life, even if you are irritated. Tonight: Be an ostrich!\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Be careful with your financial dealings, as you pull the money wild card. Emphasize celebration and friendship, and feel good about the people in your life. You might actually drift from one gathering to another. Popularity soars. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take the lead, and bring others together. You are the zodiac's cheerleader; you help others gather energy and do what might feel impossible. Tension is high; you feel a sense of responsibility. Curb a tendency to say or do something a bit too wild. Tonight: Share the good vibes.\*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Reach out for others, and touch base with loved ones. Someone shows a depth of feeling. Explore other perceptions of life. Expose yourself to a new spiritual or intellectual perspective. You grow from this understanding. Tonight: Play a favorite piece of music.\*\*\*\*

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS  
American League  
Saturday's results not included  
East Division  
New York 23 6 .793  
Boston 22 11 .667  
Baltimore 17 16 .515  
Toronto 15 19 .441  
Tampa Bay 13 19 .406  
Central Division  
Cleveland 20 13 .606  
Kansas City 14 20 .412  
Chicago 13 19 .406  
Minnesota 13 20 .394  
Detroit 9 21 .300  
West Division  
Texas 20 13 .606  
Anaheim 18 15 .545  
Seattle 17 17 .500  
Oakland 14 19 .424

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League  
Saturday's results not included  
East Division  
Atlanta 24 11 .686  
New York 18 14 .563  
Philadelphia 16 17 .485  
Montreal 12 21 .364  
Florida 12 23 .343  
Central Division  
Houston 20 13 .606  
Cincinnati 19 13 .594  
Chicago 18 15 .545  
Cleveland 17 17 .500  
St. Louis 17 17 .500  
Pittsburgh 15 19 .441  
West Division  
San Diego 23 11 .686  
San Francisco 18 16 .529  
Los Angeles 17 17 .500  
Colorado 16 19 .457  
Arizona 8 27 .229

LEAGUE LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
BATTING—Rodriguez, Texas, .418; HMorris, Kansas City, .395; Segui, Seattle, .385; Thome, Cleveland, .378; TWalker, Minnesota, .370; MVAughn, Boston, .353; GHIll, Seattle, .350.  
RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 33; Jeter, New York, 28; McLemore, Texas, 28; ARodriguez, Seattle, 27; Lofton, Cleveland, 27; JGonzalez, Texas, 27; Greive, Oakland, 26; Thome, Cleveland, 26; FTThomas, Chicago, 26.  
RBI—JGonzalez, Texas, 42; TMartinez, New York, 34; Justice, Cleveland, 34; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 32; Palmer, Kansas City, 30; KING, Kansas City, 30; GarciaParra, Boston, 27; Thome, Cleveland, 27; Segui, Seattle, 27.  
HITS—Rodriguez, Texas, 51; HMorris, Kansas City, 49; MVAughn, Boston, 48; McCracken, Tampa Bay, 47; JGonzalez, Texas, 46; Erstad, Anaheim, 45; Segui, Seattle, 45.  
DOUBLES—Thome, Cleveland, 16; Rodriguez, Texas, 15; Erstad, Anaheim, 13; Justice, Cleveland, 13; TWalker, Minnesota, 12; Segui, Seattle, 12; HMorris, Kansas City, 12.  
TRIPLES—GarciaParra, Boston, 4; Williams, New York, 4; Durston, Cleveland, 3; Anderson, Anaheim, 3; ARodriguez, Seattle, 3; Offerman, Kansas City, 3; Durston, Cleveland, 3.  
HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle, 14; ARodriguez, Seattle, 11; Palmer, Kansas City, 10; Canseco, Toronto, 10; OLeary, Boston, 9; MVAughn, Boston, 9; Stevens, Texas, 9.  
STOLEN BASES—Gooden, Texas, 14; BLHunter, Detroit, 11; Lofton, Cleveland, 11; Stewart, Toronto, 9; Jeter, New York, 9; Durham, Chicago, 9; Knoblauch, New York, 9.  
PITCHING (9 Decisions)—Helling, Texas, 60, 1,000, 3.08; Sabersnagen, Boston, 50, 1,000, 3.09; KHill, Anaheim, 51, 833, 3.17; Rogers, Oakland, 51, 833, 3.17; Cone, San Diego, 41, 800, 6.61; Key, Baltimore, 41, 800, 3.14; Sirota, Chicago, 52, 714, 2.73; Pettit, New York, 52, 714, 2.91; Sele, Texas, 52, 714, 3.18.  
PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Martinez, Boston, 66; Robinson, Seattle, 66; CFlynn, Anaheim, 47; Moyer, Seattle, 45; Clark, Cleveland, 40; JThompson, Detroit, 39; Sele, Texas, 38.  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
BATTING—DeBell, Houston, .388; Lewis, San Diego, .385; Bichette, Colorado, .368; Taubensee, Cincinnati, .367; Weiss, Atlanta, .367; Chiones, Atlanta, .352; Vina, Milwaukee, .353.  
RUNS—Chiones, Atlanta, 31; Baggio, Houston, 31; DeBell, Houston, 30; Galaraga, Atlanta, 29; LWalker, Colorado, 28; Floyd, Florida, 27; Castillo, Colorado, 27.  
RBI—McGwire, St. Louis, 40; Castillo, Colorado, 37; Chiones, Atlanta, 32; Galaraga, Atlanta, 30; Alau, Houston, 29; Burks, Colorado, 29; Lopez, Atlanta, 28; Piazza, Los Angeles, 28; DeBell, Houston, 28.  
HITS—Bichette, Colorado, 57; DeBell, Houston, 50; Vina, Milwaukee, 48; Chiones, Atlanta, 47; Gwynn, San Diego, 47; Sosa, Chicago, 45; Castillo, Colorado, 44; Galaraga, Atlanta, 44.  
DOUBLES—Bichette, Colorado, 15; DeBell, Houston, 13; Bonds, San Francisco, 13; DYoung, Cincinnati, 12; Taubensee, Cincinnati, 12; LWalker, Colorado, 12; Sane tied with 11.  
TRIPLES—DeShields, St. Louis, 5; Greer, Pittsburgh, 4; Gianville, Philadelphia, 4; Perez, Colorado, 3; Gonzalez, Florida, 3; Bonds, San Francisco, 3; Vina, Milwaukee, 3; Knopff, San Diego, 3.  
HOME RUNS—Castro, Colorado, 14; McGwire, St. Louis, 13; Galaraga, Atlanta, 12; Chiones, Atlanta, 11; Perez, Colorado, 11; Floyd, Florida, 9.  
STOLEN BASES—Baggio, Houston, 19; Wemack, Pittsburgh, 12; EYoung, Los Angeles, 12; Bonds, San Francisco, 11; Clayton, St. Louis, 9; Rettenfer, Florida, 8; Overas, San Diego, 8; DeShields, St. Louis, 8; Sosa, Chicago, 7.  
PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Lima, Houston, 51, 833, 3.04; Hampton, Houston, 51, 833, 2.68; Milwood, Atlanta, 41, 800, 3.41; Tompkins, Cincinnati, 41, 800, 2.86.



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley  
Jeanine Horton (left) and Shawnta Johnson, two players that played pivotal roles in the Howard College Lady Hawks' run to a third-place finish at the NJCAA national tournament, sign their letters of intent to play NCAA basketball next year. Horton, a 5-foot-8 sophomore from Riverside, Calif., will be returning home to play at UC-Irvine next year, while Johnson, a 5-foot-11 sophomore from Fresno, Calif., will be returning to Texas, playing for former Lady Hawks coach Royce Chadwick at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Rangers' Bosman teaches outs, not strikeouts, as way to win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rangers pitching coach Dick Bosman owns a rebuilt fire-red 1948 Chevrolet street rod. He walked into a staff meeting last year sporting a tattoo, albeit temporary, on his shoulder. His mustache often tries to curl up into handlebars.

In other words, he has a flair for flamboyance. Except when it comes to his pitching philosophy. Then, he's Mr. Pragmatic. Unlike some of his predecessors, neither Bosman nor manager Johnny Oates have a special affinity for the strikeout. Actually, they both detest the high pitch counts - and high walk totals - that normally plague strikeout pitchers. "I don't like strikeouts if they come at the expense of too many pitches and the loss of a game plan," Bosman said. "My philosophy has always been 'Get ahead, stay ahead, use your head.' Three pitches - per batter, on-or out." Rangers starters have listened. No longer do they try to overpower or deceive opponents. The strikeout and walk totals have dropped dramatically. Not coincidentally, the winning percentages have improved. See BOSMAN, page 12A

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Thursday, May 7  
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Utah 109, San Antonio 106, OT, Utah leads series 2-0  
Friday, May 8  
Chicago 103, Charlotte 89, Chicago leads series 2-1  
Los Angeles 119, Seattle 103, Los Angeles leads series 2-1  
Saturday, May 9  
Indiana at New York  
Utah at San Antonio  
Sunday, May 10, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)  
Seattle at Los Angeles, 2 p.m. (NBC)  
Chicago at Charlotte, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)  
Utah at San Antonio, 8 p.m. (TNT)  
Tuesday, May 12  
San Antonio at Utah, 7 p.m. (TNT), if necessary  
Los Angeles at Seattle, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)  
Wednesday, May 13  
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m. (TNT), if necessary  
Charlotte at Chicago, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)

NHL PLAYOFFS

SECOND ROUND (Best-of-7)  
Thursday, May 7  
Washington 4, Ottawa 2.  
Washington leads series 3-0  
Dallas 3, Edmonton 1, Dallas leads series 1-0  
Friday, May 8

SPORTS BRIEFS

**Lady Steers banquet is Monday night**  
The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday in Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church. The banquet will be catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Que. Tickets, priced at \$8.50 per person are available at Big Spring High School, Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and at Faye's Flowers. For more information, call 263-4921.

**CGA scholarship applications available**  
Applications for scholarships which will be awarded by the Chicano Golf Association this year are available at the Financial Aid Office at Howard College. The deadline for returning scholarship applications is Monday, May 18.

**BSHS golf boosters slate tournament**  
A two-man low ball golf tournament, sponsored by the Big Spring High School Golf Boosters Club, has been scheduled for May 16-17 at the Big Spring Country Club. Entry fees will be \$50 per player plus cart fees. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is scheduled for each day of the tournament. For more information, contact the club's pro shop at 267-5354.

**Golf toumey to benefit Roland Atkins set**  
A four-man scramble has been scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course to help Big Spring High School Assistant Principal Roland Atkins and his family defray the cancer treatment costs he has incurred. Teams for the tournament will be composed of ABCD handicap players. Each team must have a combined handicap of not more than 49 and only

one player with a 9 handicap or lower will be allowed. Entry fees are set at \$200 per team. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third-place teams. The deadline for entries is 6 p.m. Friday, May 22. For more information, contact Comanche Trail Golf Course superintendent Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

**Football camp set for May 26-28 at BSHS**  
The Big Spring High School Football Camp has been scheduled for May 26-28 at the BSHS Athletic Training Facility. The camp is designed for youngsters between the ages of 10 and 13, but younger children interested in attending should contact coach Dan Arista. Camp sessions will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. All campers should bring a towel and a pair of cleats or running shoes. The camp fee will be \$30 per participant and camp T-shirts are \$12 each. For more information, contact Arista by calling 267-6884 and leave a message. He may also be reached by calling the athletic complex at 264-3662.

**Summer youth sports league report**  
Brandon Mendoza struck out 14 batters, and allowed just three hits in six innings of work and added a pair of singles offensively in leading the Rangers to a 15-5 win over the Wolverines in Howard County Youth Baseball Association play. Roy Holland and Jacoby Jones also had a pair of hits each, while Taylor Fraser and two RBIs and Michael Ornelas scored three runs in the Rangers' win. Nick Bailey, Maris Hernandez and Eric Chavez provided the Wolverines' only hits. Hernandez and Andrew Vizciano shined defensively.

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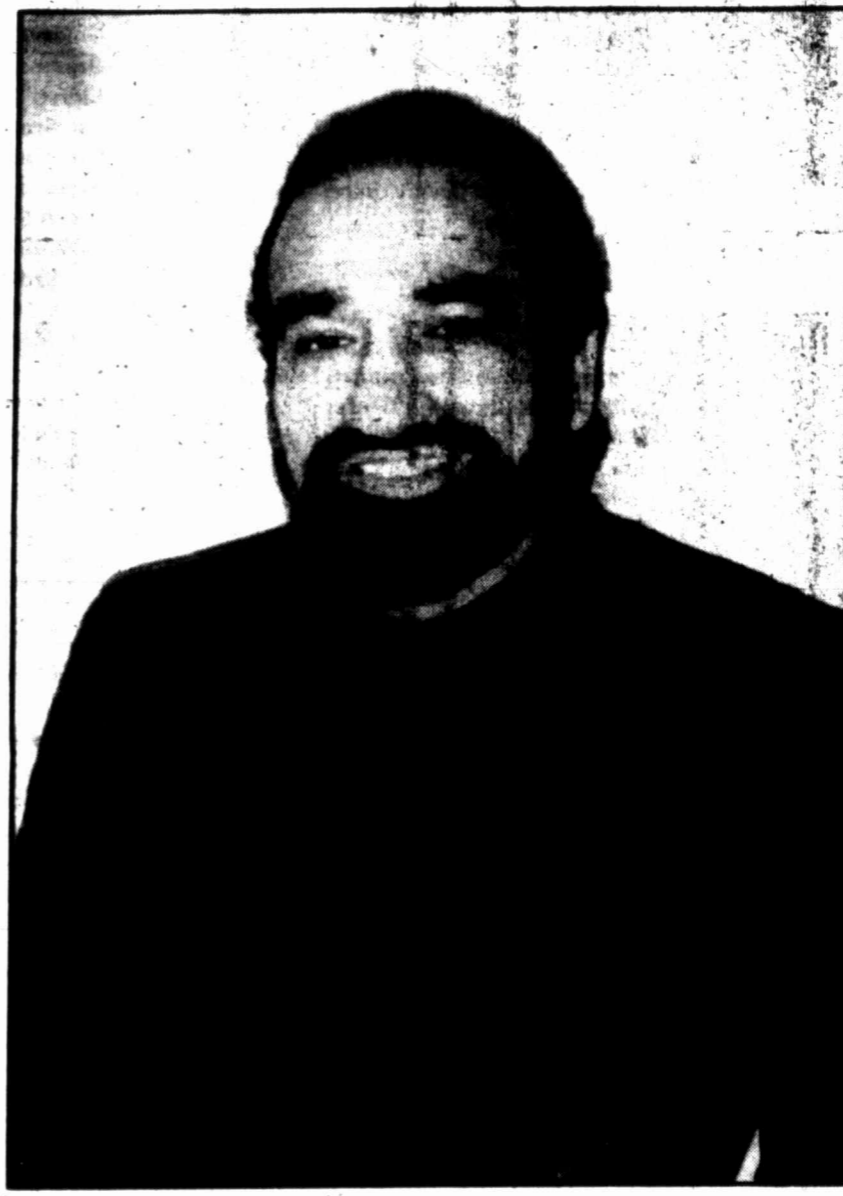
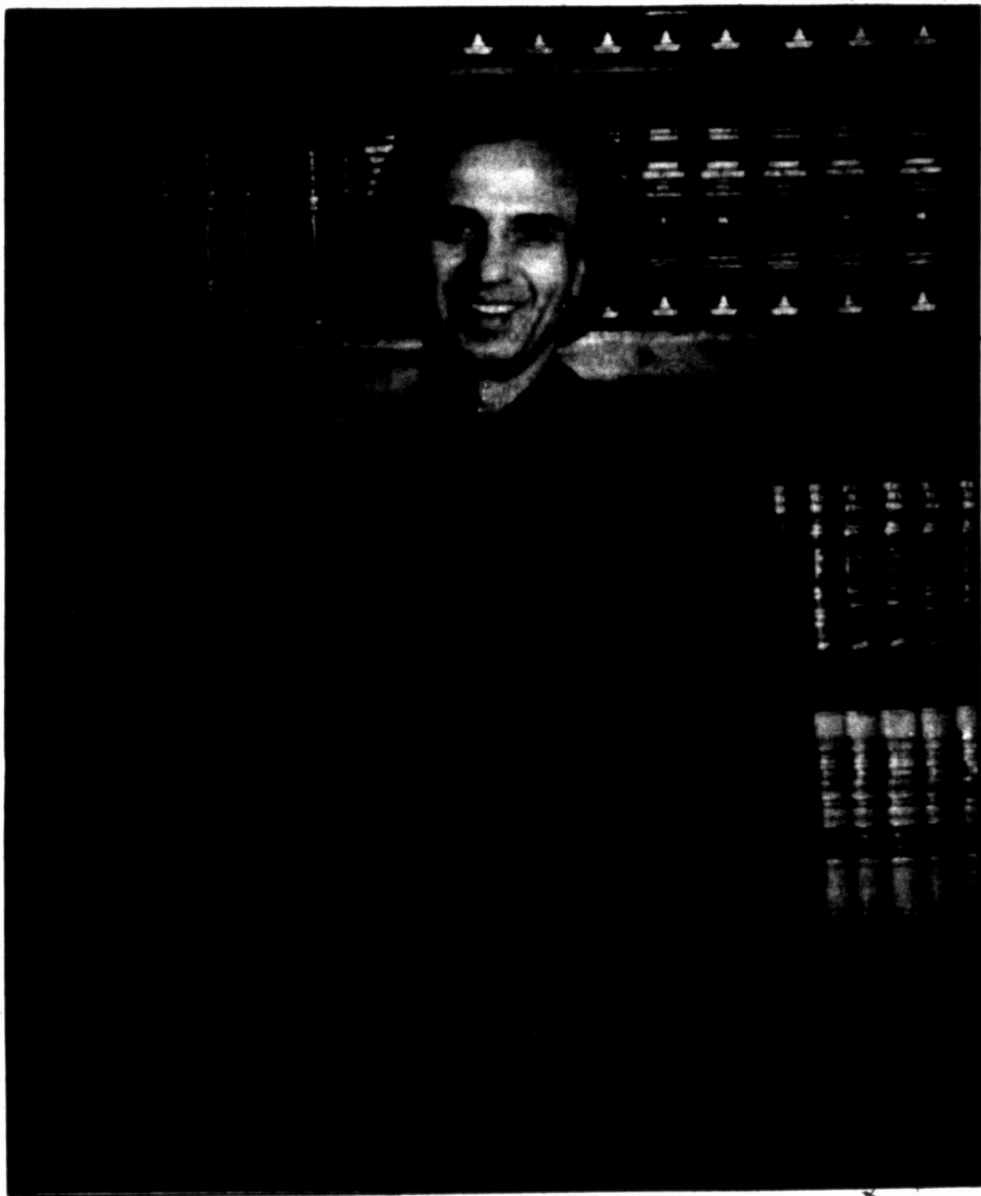
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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

## There's nobody like my Mother



Ann Mackey, center, is surrounded by, from left, grandson Thad Sneed, his wife Janet, Mackey's husband Roy, daughter Reene Casey and granddaughter Trenae Sneed. Her family says she's always been consistent, loving and supportive of her children, grandchildren and now great-grandchildren.

### Better believe it, Mom's rules will always apply

Ann Mackey's life as a mother of three sometimes sounds like a segment in Ripley's Believe It Or Not.

Her children remember plenty of good times — a working mother who took time to cook her family's favorite meals, and a caring mother who kept order and discipline in her home with consistency.

Mom, her kids said, was always in control. Sure, there was the time Mackey's 2-year-old son stuck a chinaberry (the size of a marble) up his nose.

"I was terrified," Mackey will admit now. "I knew the danger was that he could sniff it up and it would go into the lungs."

"We finally got that out," she says, smiling now at the memory.

Then there was the time a few years later when her 15-month-old daughter became ill with diarrhea and anemia, was hospitalized and literally tied down to a bed, IV needles stuck in both thighs.

Four years later, Mackey's son Ronnie, while fishing with the family, was struck by tick fever and was hospitalized. His sister Reene was battling a case of pink eye at the same time, and sister LaNita and father Roy both had mumps.

"I spent all my time going from the house to the hospital," Mackey recalled. "We didn't have any family here in Big Spring, no one to help out."

In 1987, now a grandmother, Mackey faced what could have been a family tragedy: A plane crash involving her daughter and granddaughter.

Reene and her daughter, Trenae, were on board a small airplane enroute to El Paso when the engine caught fire.

Black smoke billowing into the cabin, the pilot and Reene were overcome, and the plane went down in a field.

Twelve-year-old Trenae, the only conscious victim of the crash, was disoriented, confused and scared. It had been her first airplane flight.

When rescue personnel arrived, they rushed all three to the hospital and only Trenae was able to call the family in Big Spring.

"I thought I was going to die," Mackey says, recalling when she first received the news. "They couldn't tell us how bad any of them were hurt."

Roy drove to El Paso, his wife chattering her fears the entire trip. The Mackeys stayed a week in El Paso, and brought their family back home to recover completely.

In many ways, Mackey's life, and her mothering, has been exceptional, her children and grandchildren said.

"She's the only woman I know who can make adults get up from the table and go wash their hands before they eat," said grandson Thad Sneed.

"She's always been consistent," said Reene. "You know Mom's rules and you follow Mom's rules."

Some of the things she taught her children: "Always treat others the way you would want to be treated," and "Your cup is never half-empty, it is half-full."

A licensed vocational nurse for 22 years with the VA Medical Center, Mackey retired in 1989. Now, she is kept on her toes by taking care of her great-grandson.

"We get more benefit from it than he does," she said. "You get the chance to help mold and shape their lives."

—Debbie L. Jensen



Pearl Iles, seated, is a hero to her daughter, Billie Sue Barnes. Photo/Debbie L. Jensen

### Mama's concern is for her family

"Some situations have occurred in our family over the past 18 months that really drive home the fact that Mama is not only extraordinary as a Mom, but also extraordinary as a woman," wrote Billie Sue Barnes of her mother, Pearl Iles.

About 18 months ago, Iles's oldest daughter passed away after a lengthy illness. Naturally, Barnes said, everyone was worried about how Mama would handle the loss. "But she was more concerned about my sister's kids and how they were coping," Barnes wrote.

Less than a year later, Barnes' father had to be placed on oxygen, a major lifestyle change for both parents, but once again, Iles remained focused on coping.

Then she was involved in a car accident, not her fault, but the other driver was taken to the emergency room. Luckily, "Mama" was only bruised and scratched.

"Dear old Mom had the police

call us to come pick her up," Barnes recalled. "She refused to go to the hospital until we got there, picked her up and returned her home so Daddy could see she was okay."

Five weeks later, her husband died.

After 46 years of marriage, everyone was afraid that this time, Iles would collapse.

"I'm sure she's had a big adjustment to make," Barnes wrote. "Her biggest concern, though, is not her grief, but how I'm handling the loss of my Daddy."

"She is always concerned with her family instead of herself."

These days, Barnes said her mother's life is busy with activities and interests. It has been a very difficult year and a half for the whole family, but "Mama" keeps them all focused and on track.

"She reminds me of the little pink bunny," Barnes wrote. "She keeps going and going ..."

### Mom's own fan club: her kids

Sharon Gaylor has a large group of fans in her kids. Michael wrote that his mom, "does a lot of neat things for us." They have decorated cakes at their birthday parties, and she plans special events. "Just really neat things most kids only dream of," he wrote. His mother also signs up as room mother, skates in Christmas parades and decorates floats.

"But you see," he continued, "our mother is special. She is very ill, she has crippling spinal arthritis. So when she does stuff, she is usually in great pain."

She always finds the strength for her kids, he wrote. "We would just like her to know to us, she is the BEST!"

### There's no substitute for Mom

K.K. Kellar said "there are more reasons than I could ever write down why I think my Mom is the best. She is here for me all the time, every day of the year and every hour of the day. Anyone can be a Mother, but how many mothers can actually be considered as a Mom!"

K.K. said she considers her Mom, Patti Kellar, a teacher, counselor, nurse, cheerleader, seamstress, chauffeur and many other things. In addition, "she has instilled many great values in me to help me be the best possible person that I can be in life."

"I know you can't choose your parents," K.K. wrote, "but even if you could, I wouldn't change or trade my mom for anything or anyone else in the entire world!"

## Sultana's sinking was our country's worst maritime disaster

Americans have long been fascinated with the story of the Titanic. Today, the movie that recounts the tragedy is the highest grossing film in history.

But America's worst maritime disaster has never attracted much attention. There was nothing glamorous about it, and the victims were neither rich nor famous.

Yet more than 1,700 people lost their lives — a greater number than perished on the Titanic. It happened when the boilers on the sidewheel steamboat Sultana exploded seven miles north of Memphis on the Mississippi River, in the early hours of the morning of April 27, 1865.

The boat, which was legally registered to carry 376 people, was packed with more than 2,100 recently released Union prisoners of war. My great-grandfather, Pvt. Joseph B. Norris (Company C, 51st Ohio Infantry), was one of them.

Gene Eric Selecker's carefully researched book, "Disaster on the Mississippi," brings new insights to the tragedy.

With the Civil War coming to

an end, Vicksburg was selected as the site of a prisoner exchange camp. Union prisoners from Cahaba, Alabama, and from Andersonville, where my great-grandfather had been confined, were sent there.

Steamboat captains were eager to pick up prisoners, since the federal government paid \$5 to transport an enlisted man, and \$10 an officer.

J. Cass Mason, captain of the Sultana, which was enroute upstream from New Orleans, had been promised a load of released prisoners. While waiting at Vicksburg, he authorized repair of the ship's middle larboard boiler.

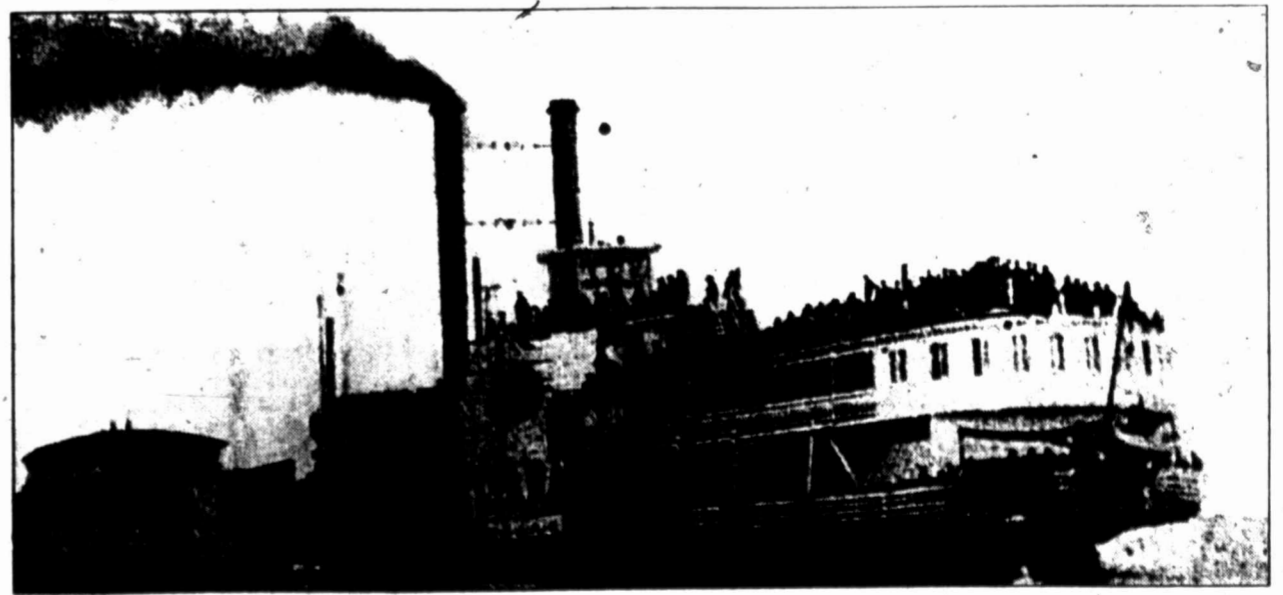
Greed, deception, and misunderstandings all contributed to the unfortunate overloading of the Sultana. Perhaps officers in charge were too anxious to be done with the whole prisoner exchange.

Pvt. Levi G. Morgan (Company B, 21st Ohio Infantry), later said, "We were driven on like so many hogs until every foot of standing room was occupied." This was done despite the fact other steamboats were available.

An April 24, the grossly overloaded Sultana left Vicksburg on her journey up the Mississippi, now swollen by melting snow and the heavy rains of March. To maintain the usual rate of speed, the steamboat was likely carrying more pressure than t h e repaired boiler could safely hold.

The soldiers accepted the discomforts of the overcrowded steamboat, talking and joking and anticipating homecomings. When a photograph was taken at Helena, Arkansas, the men had to be enjoined from crowding to one side of the Sultana, to keep it from tilting.

At 2:00 on the morning of April 27, the boilers exploded. The force of the blast was tremendous. Shards of red hot metal flew outward from the



The Sultana went down in the Mississippi River, overloaded and overcrowded with soldiers. Courtesy photo

center of the main deck, tearing through upper decks and through human beings on the upper decks.

According to Selecker, "The engine room partition wall, behind the boilers, was torn to kindling. A wave of boiling water, hot steam, choking ashes, and pieces of boiler and furnace rained down on the occupants of the stern cargo

room."

Below the boilers, the white hot coals of the disintegrated furnaces set the steamship on fire.

Through personal account of survivors, Selecker recounts the tragic events that followed. "Hundreds of soldiers began shoving and pushing and jumping into the cold, dark water. Weak and emaciated from their

long stays in prison, they began going under by the score. They clutched at anything that was floating — boards, logs, and other human beings. Even the best swimmer, weighed down by the death grip of others, would not last long in the crowded, panic filled waters of the Mississippi."

Pvt. William Boor (Company Please see SULTANA, page 2B.



Joan Warren Herald Columnist

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# ON THE MENU

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**  
**MONDAY**-Chicken breast, potatoes, squash, waldorf salad, milk/rolls, fruit.  
**TUESDAY**-Steak, potatoes, green beans, pea salad, milk/rolls, apple crisp.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Beef stew, broccoli, gelatin salad, cornbread, milk, pudding.  
**THURSDAY**-Pork chops, sweet potatoes, squash, spinach salad, milk/rolls, fruit.  
**FRIDAY**-Enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, salad,

milk/cornbread, pie.  
**GARDEN CITY SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY**-Beef, bean burrito, salad, corn, peaches, pockets, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Tuna casserole, green peas, salad, cake, crackers, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, pudding, hot rolls, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Taco salad, cheese, lettuce, tomato, spanish rice, jello-n-fruit, tortilla chips, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Sandwiches (tuna, peanut butter & pimento cheese), pickle spears, chips, fresh fruit, cookies, bread, milk.  
**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY-NO SCHOOL**  
**TUESDAY**-Pizza, fries, milk,

fresh fruit. Teachers only-salad, baked potato, call by 8:45  
**WEDNESDAY**-Sliced ham (corn dogs), peas, baked sweet potatoes, apples, jello w/fruit, rolls, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Cheese fries (homemade burritos), salad, crackers, milk, ice cream.  
**FRIDAY**-Taco's (beef fajitas), pinto beans, salad, cookies, milk.  
**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Cheeseburger (chicken fried steak w/gravy), curly french fries, ranch style beans, spiced apples, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken strips (pizza pocket), whipped potatoes, sliced peaches, sliced kiwi, hot roll, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Nacho grande (chef salad, crackers), potato rounds, refried beans w/cheese,

fresh whole pear, grape jello, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-BBQ rib sandwich (salmon pattie), pickle slices, broccoli w/cheese, vegetable sticks, cherry freeze bar, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Pepperoni pizza (managers choice), french fries, grapes, brownie, milk.  
**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Sloppy joes or choice of sandwich, potato rounds, vegetable sticks, fresh fruit wedge, milk, fruit drink.  
**TUESDAY**-Beef spaghetti or corn dog, green beans, tossed salad, fruit gelatin, french bread, milk, fruit drink.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Baked ham or baked fish, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, fruit cup, hot rolls, milk, fruit drink.  
**THURSDAY**-Choice of sand-

wiches, french fries, sandwich salad, apple wedges, cookie, milk, fruit drink.  
**FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL**  
**SANDS SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY**-Burritos, potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, cobbler, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Fish w/tartar sauce, potato salad, ranch style beans, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Fiestadas, salad, pork & beans, milk.  
**FORSAN SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Pizza, corn on the cob, salad, banana bread, fruit, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Corn dogs, pinto

beans, spinach, cornbread, fruit, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Hamburgers, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, cookies, fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Hot dogs and chips, relish and onions, pork and beans, ice cream, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Braised beef, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello and fruit, milk.  
**GRADY SCHOOLS**  
**MONDAY**-Ham, Macaroni & cheese, green beans, rolls, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Pizza, corn, fruit, dessert, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken fajitas, red beans, fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Baked potatoes, cheese, fruit, dessert, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Hamburgers, french fries, fruit, dessert, milk.

# WHO'S WHO

The United States Achievement Academy recently that Heather Burt has been named a United States National Award winner in history and government, nominated by Virginia Miller, a teacher at the school. She was also an award winner in leadership, nominated by Gwen Storie, a registrar at the school.



BURT

The Academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students. Heather will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. She is the daughter of Tommy and Sally and the granddaughter of Sara Caffey of Big Spring.

Jason McCain, Coahoma High School senior, has been chosen as the Most Outstanding U I L Competitor for 1997-98. Jason has participated in U I L Academics since his freshman year. Each year he has added first place District 8AA Literary Criticism. He has also led his Literary Criticism team



MCCAIN

to regional competition two years. Jason acted as the group leader with this team and set up schedules and goals for practices before each meet. He has participated as a competitor in accounting, mathematics, computer science, and calculator applications as well as Literary Criticism. This past week, Jason competed at the regional level in three of his five events.

Jason received honors in band this year as trombone section leader. He was 1st Chair ATSSB All-Region Band, 2nd Chair ATSSB Area Band, and 1st Chair ATSSB Allstate Band. He received Division II on Class I Solo at the UIL Solo & Ensemble competition.

Adding to these accomplishments, McCain also received a Celebration of Academic Excellence award sponsored by the Texas Education Agency given at a ceremony at Angelo State University on April 2.

Coahoma High School has qualified Daniel Clark, a junior, 1997-98 University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet held May 8-9 at The University of Texas at Austin.

The student qualified for the state meet by placing third in Informative Speaking at the UIL Academic Regional Meet in Abilene, held on April 25.

Justin Keith Wood was recognized recently during Parents' Weekend at Texas A&M University with the Buck Weirus Spirit Award. The award is presented by the Association of Former Students to those students whose leadership abilities contribute to the student life program. Wood was one of 15 juniors selected from 300 applicants. He received a Buck Weirus Spirit Award watch and certificate.

Lucas Phinney, son of Ronald and Shelly Phinney, Coahoma, participated in the April 29-May 3, National Leadership Conference of Business Professionals of America in San Antonio. Lucas received first place as Information Processing Specialist. He was the representative of the Coahoma Business Professionals of America Chapter of Coahoma High School. The Information Processing Specialist contest is the application of advanced skills using integration of multiple software applications as well as answering questions relating to business.



PHINNEY

Chapter competition began in late January with 17 students competing at the Area IV Region 2, Leadership and Competitive Events Conference at Midland High School.

The Coahoma students qualifying to advance to the State Leadership and Competitive Events Conference held in March at Houston were: Christy Hambrick, office assistant; Krista Stanislaus, office specialist; Lucas Phinney, information processing specialist; David White, banking concepts and applications; Leslie Phinney, keyboarding; Cheryl Coates, document formatting; Daniel Clark, desktop publishing; Lucas Phinney, Daniel Clark and Chad Winn, business math; Lucas Phinney, business knowledge skills; Lucas Phinney, economic awareness; Daniel Clark, data communications; and Lucas Phinney and Daniel Clark, network administrators.

# HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Gibby" Male longhair yellow cat, 1 year old, neutered, extremely loving. Special Note: All dogs and

cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.  
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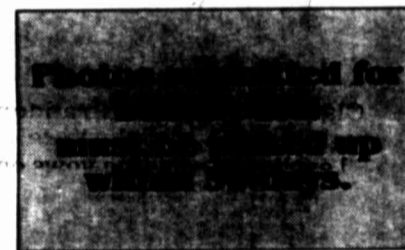
cream and white, 1-2 years old, spayed, shy but loving.  
 "Odette" Female tortoiseshell, 6 months old.  
 "Joan" Female dark Tabby with white feet and nose, 6 months old.  
 Assorted kittens, males and females, 6 weeks old.  
 These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$50 and cats are \$40.  
 This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats.

# IN THE MILITARY

Army SPC. Larry Wesley Platte was promoted to Military Police Specialist in February of this year.

Platte is stationed at Fort Stewart, GA. He went into the Army in August of 1996 under the delayed entry program.

Platte, the son of Larry and Jackie Platte, is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School.



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## Harvell

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great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Harvell lived in Big Spring for 38 years and have lived in Blackwell for 12 years. He is retired, and Elsie is a receptionist at Wacken Hut Corp. Previously, Tommy was employed by Cosden/Fina for 40 years, and Elsie was employed by Stripling-Mancill Insurance and First Federal Savings and Loan. They are affiliated with the Church of Christ. Tommy enjoys Western swing music and was one of the original "West Texas Cowboys," playing first with Hoyle Nix and continued on with Jody



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Justice of the Peace  
China Long  
Precinct 1, Place 1  
Bad Checks/Warrants Issued:  
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please contact China Long's office at 264-2226.  
Arrendondo, Dianna, 306 Seventh, Lamesa  
Clemmons, Tris Michelle, 1501 Tucson, Big Spring  
Crawford, Maxine W., P.O. Box 1244, Brady  
Crow, Kenneth Charles, 1310 Tucson, Big Spring or P.O. Box 14047, Odessa  
Helms, Robert, 1902 S. Main, Big Spring  
Miller, Joseph L., Rt 3, box 128a, Big Spring  
Nogger, Dennis Wayne, 103 Collins or 601 Johnson, Big Spring  
Palencia, Lucinda, 101 N.W. Eighth St., Big Spring  
Payne, Kimberly, 2513 Chanute or 1905 Wasson No. 4, Big Spring  
Pearce, Deborah, Box 182, Garden City  
Rangel, Teresa, 538 Westover No. 149, Big Spring  
Richmond, Carolyn Newsom, 103 E. 17th, Big Spring  
Rios, Timothy J., 3206 W. Eighth St., Big Spring  
Rios, Yolanda, 1107 E. Fourth, Big Spring  
Rodriguez, Mary A., 8415 N. I-20, Big Spring  
Salazar, Mrs. Anthony F., 3622 Connally, Big Spring  
Scurlock, Gregg S., 201 E. Dorard, Midland  
Seely, Joseph I., Rt 2, box 82a, Big Spring  
Tiblets, Ben, 2222 Fifth St. No. 1110, Lubbock  
White, Linda, 1400 Nolan, Big Spring

Howard County Clerk's Office:  
Marriage Licenses:  
Johnny Allen Brumley, 40, and Teresa Smith Thompson, 40  
Jose Alberto Saenz, 21, and Rosalinda Ortega, 15  
Randy Wayne Johnson, 33, and Jennifer Ann Griffin, 22  
Orlando Samuel Rayen, 22, and Jessica Latrie Sanford, 19  
Daniel Ford Kerr, 49, and Tonya Lynn Knox, 26  
County Court:  
Court Records:  
Order continuing defendant on probation & extend period of probation: Francisco Luera, III, Alfredo Morales Chavez  
Motion to dismiss revocation of probation: Albert Smith, Jr., Abner Hollis Shellman, Alfredo Morales Chavez and Walter P. Williams  
Order: Albert Smith, Jr., Abner Hollis Shellman, Alfredo Morales Chavez, and Walter P. Williams  
Order discharging defendant from probation: Sally Box, Dale Eugene Parsons  
Order of dismissal: Donald Wayne Dutton, JR, and Aron Linn Salazar  
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Richard James White  
Probated judgment criminal trespass: Jeffrey Hart \$250 fine and 180 days in jail  
Probated judgment DWLI: Catherine Jannette Krueger \$250 fine and 180 days in jail  
Probated judgment DWI: George Robert Gonzales (2nd offense) \$1,500 fine and 365 days in jail, John Anthony Jolaja, Jr. \$1,000 fine and 180 days in jail  
Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Ramon Puga Nunez \$300 fine, \$219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail  
Deeds:  
grantor: F. T. Mortgage Co. grantee: Department of Veterans Affairs  
property: all of lot 4, blk. 4, Suburban Heights Addition  
filed: April 27, 1998  
grantor: Jade Development, LLC grantee: Danny Harland, d/b/a Danny Harland Homes, Inc.  
property: lot 5, blk. 2, Jordan Park Estates No. 1  
filed: April 27, 1998  
grantor: Linda Pennan Faulkner grantee: Leslie Lloyd  
property: lots 7 and 8, blk. 5, College Heights Addition  
filed: April 28, 1998  
grantor: Prescription Services, Inc. grantee: The Leonard Group, LLC  
property: tract 1 - the north 50' of lot 4, blk. 89, Original Town of Big Spring; tract 2 - the south 1/2 of lot 1, blk. 89, Original Town of Big Spring  
filed: April 28, 1998  
grantor: Jimmy Bailey grantee: Bettie Jo Keeling  
property: lot 6, blk. 1, Settles Heights Addition  
filed: April 29, 1998  
grantor: E.O. McNeese grantee: Lawono McNeese  
property: tract 1 - 10 acre tract of land out of the south 1/2 of section 4, blk. 33, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co.; tract 2 - 10 acre tract of land out of and part of the south 1/2 of section 4, blk. 33, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: April 30, 1998  
grantor: Manuel Baeza, Jr. and Maria G. Baeza grantee: Maria Guadalupe Baeza  
property: All of lot 5, blk. 15, Jones Valley Addition  
filed: May 1, 1998  
grantor: Rayford Gillihan and Gary Gillihan grantee: Johnnie H. and Celia L. Williams

property: lot 11, blk. 9, College Park Estates  
filed: May 1, 1998  
grantor: Linda Cook Harbin, Jerry Cook and Don Cook  
grantee: HW Cook aka Horace Cook  
property: the middle 50' of the northeast 1/4 of blk. 28, College Heights Addition  
filed: April 29, 1998  
grantor: HW Cook  
grantee: Dorothy M. McKenzie  
property: the middle 50' of the northeast 1/4 of blk. 28, College Heights Addition  
filed: April 29, 1998  
grantor: Larry Richard Rich  
grantee: James and Evelyn Woodall  
property: lot 3, blk. 3, Saunders Addition  
filed: April 29, 1998  
grantor: Swartz & Brough, Inc.  
grantee: Carmelita DeLeon and Shiona DeLeon  
property: lot 10, blk. 66, Original Town of Big Spring  
filed: April 30, 1998  
Warranty deed with vendor's lien:  
grantor: Diane Linhart  
grantee: Esther Mezick  
property: all of lots 5 and 6, blk. 11, Subdivision B, Fairview Heights Addition  
filed: April 28, 1998  
grantor: Kenneth J. and Deborah M. Gerhardt  
grantee: Donald R. and Mavis E. Taylor  
property: a 13.0 acre tract of land out of the east part of a 38.328 acre tract in the northeast 1/4 of section 27, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.  
filed: April 29, 1998  
grantor: Robert J. and Frances L. Finnegan  
grantee: Tony Shafer  
property: The east 1/2 and south 1/2 of section 30, blk. 25, H&TC Ry. Co.  
filed: May 1, 1998  
grantor: Calvin K. and Juanita Hughes  
grantee: Rickey Lee and Leah J. Hughes  
property: 156.647 acres of land being a part of survey No. 12, T-2-N, blk. 32, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: April 29, 1998  
grantor: Thomas W. Ross  
grantee: Stephen W. Jeter  
property: the north 36 1/5' of lot 9, blk. 29, McDowell Heights Addition  
filed: April 29, 1998  
Deed without warranty:  
grantor: Hayes Stripling, Jr.  
grantee: Broadway Broadrick and Bessie Jo Broadrick  
property: 0.949 acre tract of land out of the northwest part of section 6, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.  
filed: April 30, 1998  
grantor: Robert Sanders, trustee of The Garland C. Sanders Trust  
grantee: Robert Sanders  
property: lots 3-6, Subdivision B, blk. 2, Fairview Heights Addition  
filed: April 27, 1998  
grantor: Robert Sanders, trustee of The Garland C. Sanders Trust  
grantee: Robert Sanders  
property: undivided 1/2 interest in and to lots 3-6, Subdivision B, blk. 2, Fairview Heights Addition  
filed: April 27, 1998  
118th District Court  
Filings:  
Sandra Inez Hayman vs. Clifford Hart Jr, family law  
Lawana S. Anderson vs. Jay B. Anderson, transfer-family  
William R. Merrick, III vs. Terri Irene Merrick, family law  
Craig Anthony Shipman vs. Pattie Kay Shipman, family law  
Debra Lynn Butts vs. Russell Wayne Butts, family law  
Howard County, et al. vs. Alfonso M. Baca, dismissed-tax  
Howard County, et al. vs. David Dominguez, dismissed-tax  
Wanda Gamble vs. Chester Ballard, judgment-IDM  
Jana Beth Covey vs. Ricky Lee Covey, granted-divorce  
Johnnie Rawls, Jr. vs. Angel Rawls, family law  
Angela Cruz vs. Juan Carlos Cordova and Olga, dismissed-IDM  
Eddie Glenn Williams vs. Lela Ann Williams, family law  
Elizabeth Elaine Sorley vs. Darren Keith Sorley, granted-divorce  
Dolga Sue Carlile vs. Robert L. Robertson, David W.R., judgment-other  
Cathy Trucking, L.L.C. vs. Jack Cathy, judgment-IDO  
American Limestone Company vs. Howard County Appraisal District, judgment-other  
John H. Day vs. Lisa Marquez, dismissed-IDM  
Donna Sue Willey Grant vs. Gerald George Grant, granted-divorce  
Leticia Ruiz vs. Robert Gregg Ruiz, granted-divorce  
Michele Hernandez vs. Max Hernandez, granted-divorce  
Cheryl Jean Stansel vs. Arvel Wayne Stansel, granted-divorce  
Norman Medford Hughes vs. Genettia Ann Hughes, granted-divorce  
Big Spring Education Employers vs. Sylvia Martinez, judgment-ANC  
Heath Wayne Stewart vs. Devon Deann Clark Stewart, granted-divorce  
Kenra Denise Bartee vs. Emmitt Howard Bartee, granted-divorce  
Avela Lora Jeffcoat Franklin vs. Jewell S. Franklin, Sr., granted-divorce  
Misty Ann Lambdin vs. Tracy Allen Lambdin, dismissed-divorce  
James R. Campbell vs. Dionne

Campbell, family law  
Laranda Sue Kirby vs. Marty Lynn Kirby, granted-divorce  
Teresa Ann Polk vs. Terry Lee Polk, dismissed-divorce  
Mary L. Gamble vs. Clay A. Gamble, granted-divorce  
Charlene Yvonne Aguilar vs. Pete Rosendo Aguilar, granted-divorce  
Tim Blackshear Co., dba Blacks vs. John Strickling, judgment-ANC  
Mary A. Henry vs. Wayne Everett Henry, granted-divorce  
Tricia Ann Chavez vs. Jaime G. Chavez, granted-divorce  
Richard Rains vs. Christy Lynn Rains, granted-divorce  
Lisa Carol Sanchez vs. Ricky Angel Sanchez, granted-divorce  
Charles Joseph Floyd vs. Shani Jean Floyd, dismissed-family  
Esther Granado vs. Thomas Granado, granted-divorce  
Rachel Houghton vs. Leigh Richard Houghton, granted-divorce  
Clara Garcia vs. Kevin James Menges, judgment-IDM  
Howard County, Et Al vs. Anna Marie Atkinson, Et Al, dismissed-tax  
Osvaldo J. Contreras vs. Louise Ramirez, judgment-family  
Anna Artega vs. Adrian Rodriguez, family law  
Kathryn Mae Johnson Higgins, vs. In Re, family law  
Angela Denise Clanton vs. Steven Bradley Clanton, family law  
Brenda Dugger vs. Phillip Stacey, dismissed-family

# Several factors can determine if you get a mortgage or not

By PAMELA REEVES  
Scripts Howard News Service

If you've ever applied for a mortgage and been turned down, you probably were angry but also puzzled. What made the lender reject my application? How did he decide? Was the information he had about me wrong?

The process the lender uses to decide who gets a mortgage — and who doesn't — is called underwriting, and it's a total mystery to most home buyers. Now, Fannie Mae, a national provider of mortgage money, is offering a free brochure designed to help clear out some of the cobwebs.

The brochure, "What are Credit Scoring and Automated Underwriting," is available on Fannie Mae's Web site — [www.homepath.com](http://www.homepath.com) (go to What's New on Homepath). Or you can order it toll-free after May 15 by calling 800-732-6643 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET.

The brochure is easy to read and explains the decision-making process clearly, up to a point. What you won't find here is how to get a copy of the credit profile the lender paints of you. That's because, in most cases, the lender won't share the information — he's not required to.

But the brochure does outline what the lender uses to come up with a credit score and what you can do to ensure that you

get a passing grade.

For example, you probably know that if you pay bills late — credit cards, car loans, department store bills — you get black marks on your credit record.

What is less well known is that you can be considered a bad risk even if you pay all your bills on time. After feeding millions of consumer profiles into computers for years, lenders now can see certain spending patterns that show impending financial doom even before borrowers know it themselves.

"Lenders are increasingly concerned about the credit risk of consumers who seem to overextend themselves by using most or all of their available credit — even if these consumers are still making payments on time," the brochure says.

It notes that there have been a spate of stories in the financial pages of newspapers and magazines recently about people who use all their credit cards up to the max. "For some consumers in this situation, the burden of these monthly payments becomes so great that they stop making payments altogether. Some file bankruptcy. This can happen to people who have never before missed a payment.

"So while you may think everything is fine — no matter how much you charge — as

long as you can pay your monthly bills on time, the fact is that you are actually a higher credit risk than those that manage their credit accounts more conservatively."

Being maxed to the limit on your credit cards doesn't necessarily mean you'll be turned down for a mortgage if you have other positive factors as offsets. But if you're getting ready to buy a house, pay down as much debt as you can beforehand.

The brochure also explains what to do if you've had credit problems but cleared them up, where to call to get copies of the credit records that national companies compile on you and every other consumer and how to correct any mistakes you find.

And what if you've already messed up and now wonder whether your credit score can be improved? "The answer is, over time, certainly," the brochure says. "But it may be difficult to immediately 'fix' your credit score."

Mortgage interest rates fell this last week (May 7), according to a survey by Freddie Mac. The national average for a 30-year fixed rate loan was 7.14 percent, down from 7.22 percent last week; a 15-year was 6.78 percent, down from 6.85 percent last week; and the one-year adjustable declined to 5.65 percent from 5.69 percent.

## Higher insurance rate cuts coming

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly a quarter of a million Texans will get deeper-than-announced cuts to their auto insurance premiums after negotiations between their insurers and the Department of Insurance.

TDI officials said they did not believe rate changes announced earlier this year by Southern Farm Bureau Group and the Amica Mutual Group accurately reflected lower costs the companies have faced. Because of that, the department entered negotiations with the companies and secured larger rate decreases. Insurance Commission Elton Bomer announced Monday.

"Companies knew we were determined that rates should follow the downward trend of car insurance claim payments, so nobody should be surprised that we've looked hard at this year's rate filings," Bomer said.

Each year, insurance companies regulated by the department file their rates. Those rates can range from 30 percent above to 30 percent below department set rates in each of the state's 52 auto insurance rating territories.

Amica, which has 23,888 policies in Texas, had announced an average statewide cut of 6.5 percent. It now will lower rates by an average of 12.5 percent. Actual changes for individual drivers will be based on their driving records and the territories in which they live.

Southern Farm Bureau had announced an average statewide cut of 4.25 percent for its 186,478 policyholders. The cut now will be 6.25 percent.

Texas Farm Bureau Underwriters, a part of the Southern Farm Bureau Group, also has proposed an average 0.95 percent cut for its 9,846 policyholders. It originally filed a 1.01 percent increase. That proposal remains pending.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Odessa Regional Hospital on June 22-24, 1998.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations  
Organization Liaison  
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
One Renaissance Boulevard  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.



**"I work for a living.**  
And, I don't mind paying my fair share of taxes. But it ticks me off when someone expects me to carry some of their weight.

Like the credit unions. They've got this bill in Washington that would let them grow way beyond serving average consumers, and keep their \$1 billion annual tax break.

It would let them get into lines of business they know nothing about. Like commercial lending. Remember when the S&L's did that in the 80's?

Listen, I like small credit unions. But, give me a break. No one gives me a free ride.

When I get -ff tonight, I'm going to contact my Senators. Ask them to VOTE NO on the Credit Union bill. Heck, I've got enough trouble with my own bills. I can't afford to pay theirs too."

The Capitol switchboard number is (202) 512-2200

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DEAR READERS: Today is Mother's Day, and I welcome this opportunity to offer congratulations and good wishes to my readers as we honor our mothers and celebrate this sentimental occasion.



Abigail Van Buren

Stories that stir with an upward touch. Oh, that each mother of boys were such!

DEAR ABBY: What is the significance of wearing a single carnation on Mother's Day? FLOWER CHILD

DEAR CHILD: A red carnation is worn to signify that one's mother is living. A white carnation signifies that one's mother is deceased.

UNFURNISHED HOUSES 1609 Harding. Clean 3 bdr., 1 bath. \$325/mo. \$150 dep. Refs. Sorry no Pets. 263-4922

TOO LATES FSBO: 3 bd., 2 bath, 2 cp. Brick across from school. C/S/D, C/H/A, well, aboveground pool, lg. shop in rear. \$90's. 384-4557.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas...

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Beautiful 3 1/2 home, 2 yrs. old. Great amenities, corner lot, sprinkler system...

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OWNER WILL FINANCE 1226 E. 15th. Big Spring, 2 bdr. 1 bath, \$22,000. Only \$2000 down, \$260/mo. for 11 years.

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HILLCREST IN COLORADO CITY LOW MONTHLY PAYMENTS for new 3 and 4-bedroom homes in planned neighborhood with park. Great for families.

DOWN 1. Immerses 2. Switch on 3. Guy 4. Lane of the Daily Planet 5. New England 6. Little piggy

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS AND CHANGE OF BIDS DATE Notice is hereby given that the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids in the Office of the Assistant City Manager, City Hall, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas...

PUBLIC NOTICE THE HOWARD COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT is now accepting proposals for the following: TRAVEL AGENCY SERVICES Specifications may be obtained from Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-263-5167

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PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AC-5 ASPHALT FOR SEAL COAT.

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