

BIG SPRING HERALD

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50 cents

Cost of mailing a letter set to increase again despite \$1 billion-plus profits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stamps are going up a penny, to 33 cents, for the millions of letters, birthday cards and other first-class mail Americans send every day. Packages will cost more, too, but vacation postcards will stay at 20 cents.

The question now is when the new rates will take effect.

The independent Postal Rate Commission grudgingly granted much of the post office's request for higher prices on Monday. But it said there is no need to make the changes until 1999 because the Postal Service has been making profits of better than \$1 billion a year since the last increase in 1995.

Setting the date is up to the Postal Service's governing board, which next meets in early June.

Monday's action did not involve rates for international mail, which are set by the postal governing board itself. In the past, the board has often subse-

quently changed international rates to reflect adjustments in the domestic rates.

While it agreed to the increase in the basic first-class rate, the commission recommended cutting the cost of each extra ounce from 23 cents to 22 cents. That means the price of sending a 1-ounce letter would rise to 33 cents, a 2-ounce missive would remain 55 cents and anything heavier would cost less than at present.

The commission rejected a request to raise the price of post cards by a penny, keeping them at 20 cents.

On other rates, the commission recommended an average 12.3 percent increase for parcel post, somewhat more than the 9.2 percent asked by the post office. The rate varies with package size and distance.

Overall, the commission cut the post office's \$2.4 billion in requested increases by about a third, saying that

reflects lower-than-expected inflation. The penny increase for first class mail will bring in about \$1 billion a year.

"To leave the first-class stamp price unchanged would have triggered unjustifiably large rate increases for all other types of mail, with potentially serious economic consequences for mailers and the Postal Service," said Ed Gleiman, the commission chairman.

But Gleiman said the commission was making its recommendation reluctantly, in part because of what it deemed unreliable predictions 10 months ago that the Postal Service would "hemorrhage in red ink" by early this year unless the full increase was granted.

Far from a sea of red ink, the Postal Service has rolled up a net operating surplus of more than \$1.3 billion in the first half of fiscal 1998 after achieving

surpluses of nearly \$1.8 billion in 1995, about \$1.5 billion in 1996 and about \$1.2 billion in 1997, the commission said.

The increases will provide the post office with money for plans to spend \$5.6 billion on equipment and service improvements this year.

James Kelly, CEO of United Parcel Service, called the recommended increase unnecessary. He said the extra income amounts to unfair competition by the Postal Service against rival companies such as his.

Robert E. McLean, executive director of the Mailers Council, endorsed the commission's call to delay the rate increases until 1999, citing the surpluses the post office has accumulated. "The increase could cost business mailers millions of dollars a month," he said.

The board of governors can overrule the commission's recommendation, but such action is rare.

Newspapers and their competitors for advertising dollars, the direct mail industry, are among the most interested in the postal rate decision.

The Newspaper Association of America praised the commission for denying a post office request to decrease certain advertising mail rates by up to 18 percent. The association said that proposal would have siphoned advertising revenue away from newspapers.

The National Newspaper Association, which represents community newspapers, also applauded the commission, saying it had softened a rate increase the post office had proposed for newspapers delivered by mail in home counties.

Advertising mail rates asked by the post office were reduced by about one-third by the commission. The commission also sharply cut a proposed increase in book rates.

Plea bargain

Evidence lacking in case that left 3-month old boy hurt, hospitalized

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Parents of a child who suffered severe injuries from "shaking baby syndrome" last August were given seven years probation in a plea bargain in Howard County's 118th District Court last week.

"It's not enough," said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. "I am not pleased."

Bernard and Kristi Myers, now of Westbrook, pleaded guilty to "recklessly by omission causing serious bodily injury," a second-degree felony. It was one of 27 charges filed against the two by the district attorney's office.

If convicted by judge or jury, the Myers would have received between two and 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

A plea bargain was agreed to by the state because rock-solid evidence was lacking, said Wilkerson. Parents Bernard and Kristi Myers, of Westbrook, testified against each other while more than six people had access to the child.

"We have an injured child and several people with access to him," said Wilkerson. "We cannot place the time of injury specifically enough to prove specific acts by specific people. We have to prove specific acts by specific people and we couldn't do that."

The boy, who was about three months old at the time of the assault, was taken to Scenic Mountain Emergency Room by his parents on August 23, 1997. Hospital staff alerted authorities that the baby might have been abused, court documents show.

He shows some permanent vision problems and there may be some permanent mental impairment, said Wilkerson.

Because no specific person could be tied by strong evidence to the act, "if we got a conviction, there is no doubt in my mind any verdict of guilt would be overturned at trial court levels," said Wilkerson.

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WEATHER

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Tonight, fair. Lows 55 to 60. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 95 to 100. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows upper 50s to mid 60s. Extended forecast, Thursday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs 90-95. Friday and Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Highs in the 90s.

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Fire had completely engulfed this frame house at 904 Bell when Big Spring Fire Department personnel arrived early this morning. No one was injured in the blaze despite the fears of neighbors that the resident, Ernest Clark, was trapped inside. Investigators are working to determine the cause of the blaze.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Burn ban

Commissioners enact indefinite countywide ban until rain hits area

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Outdoor burning has been banned indefinitely, said the Howard County Commissioner's Court Monday.

The four commissioners voted unanimously to extend the temporary outdoor burning ban issued by Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart last Thursday.

Lockhart acted in response to grassfires in Howard County that have scorched more than 18,000 acres and threatened property and lives during the past two weeks.

Six Big Spring residents who nearly lost their homes in last week's 15,000-acre blaze told the council the ban was necessary. "A ban is definitely needed if you're going to keep people from burning trash in this kind of weather," said Al Alton.

"It's appropriate," said Gary Tabor, whose house nearly burned up in last week's conflagration. "You can replace houses, but you can't replace the contents of houses."

The effects of fire include livestock, too, said Tabor and Alton. "We're losing pastureland for our livestock," said Tabor. "I've had 25-30 acres pretty well cleaned out," added Alton.

Three of his buildings were damaged in last week's fire, said Alton, and the blaze came within about 20 feet of his



"You can replace houses, but you can't replace the contents of houses."

Gary Tabor
Chaparral Road
resident

home.

"It weren't for Allan Wright and his 4,000 gallon truck I would have lost my house," he added.

Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan is still investigating last week's fire in the Silver Heels and Tubbs Additions, Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings told the court. "He's been so busy fighting other fires he probably hasn't had a chance to complete the investigation," he added.

Last week's fire, and a fire near Coahoma on April 30, are both suspected of being started by trash burns, said Jennings. However, no charges can be filed until an investigation has taken place.

No trash or brush burning will be allowed until it starts raining, the Commissioners announced. Unfortunately for home- and land-owners, the crossroads area is shriveling under one of the hottest, driest Aprils on record. No-rain has

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Hot check artist among 13 indicted

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury indicted a Big Spring woman for writing 41 bad checks to 19 different city merchants Wednesday.

Janet Darlene Lujan Allred was given a true bill for the charge of theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Allred wrote checks that later bounced in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$1,147.55 between July 11, 1996 and February 12, 1998, according to 118th District Court documents.

The grand jury also handed

down indictments in the following cases:

• Martin A. Mora for burglary of a habitation on May 6, 1997. Bond was set at \$7,500.

• Brenda Puga for theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 on May 31, 1996. Bond was set at \$2,500.

• Deborah Rueda for 10 instances of check forgery between May and December 1997. Bond was set at \$5,000.

• Stephen Larry Sandridge for theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 on January 1, 1998. Bond was set at \$5,000.

• Sandra Sue Smith for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on November 4, 1997. Bond was

set at \$2,500.

• David Summers for theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 on May 21, 1997. Bond was set at \$5,000.

• Shanell Jabenia Summers for two instances of check forgery in August 1997 and January 1998. Bond was set at \$2,500.

• Mary Lynn Turner, also known as Mary Bolander for three instances of check forgery in October 1997 and January 1998. Bond was set at \$2,500.

• Teresa Valle for theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 on December 29, 1997. Bond was set

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New mortgage products make remodeling an attractive option

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The National Association of Home Builders is projecting 1998 remodeling expenses to exceed last year's figure by \$5 billion to \$125 billion, which is considered good news for home improvement chains as well as homebuyers interested in remodeling an existing home.

"For individuals who just can't seem to find the perfect new home or, for that matter, an older home with all the right

amenities, remodeling becomes a viable alternative," Cindy Kilman, area manager for the Big Spring area of Norwest Mortgage Inc., said.

Norwest Mortgage is the nation's leading provider of home mortgages.

"Thanks to new mortgage products, a piece of this pie will go to homebuyers who now have the flexibility and freedom to turn, what they once may have considered an average home, into the home of their dreams," Kilman added.

According to Kilman, borrow-

ers looking at homes with remodeling plans in mind should consider two types of home improvement loans — FHA Section 203(k) home improvement loans and HomeStyle mortgages.

Through the Section 203(k) loan, Big Spring borrowers and others would receive one mortgage loan, at a long-term fixed interest rate, to finance both the acquisition and rehabilitation of the home.

For example, a borrow might apply for a \$100,000 30-year fixed-rate loan, which includes

the original mortgage of \$75,000 and the anticipated remodeling expenses of \$25,000. Loans can be used to rehabilitate a property, replace defective or deteriorated components and upgrade or make capital improvements.

The 203(k) program has no income or geographic restrictions but is limited by the maximum FHA loan limit for the area. Buyers are required to put 3 percent of the first \$25,000 down; 5 percent up to \$125,000; and 10 percent above \$125,000 and properties must be one- to four-family dwellings.

According to Kilman, most mortgage financing plans require home improvements be completed before a long-term mortgage is made, meaning a borrower must obtain three types of financing: financing to purchase a home; financing to make the necessary improvements; and financing for the final long-term mortgage.

"Not so with the Section 203(k) loan or HomeStyle loan," Kilman said. "These loans package everything into one, single loan making it more convenient and easier for the borrower."

Council meeting a formality

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Last week's special meeting of the Big Spring City Council was a mere formality, but necessary in order to swear Mayor Tim Blackshear to a third term and welcome Joann Smoot to the council at the District 5 representative.

Blackshear and Smoot won an overwhelming majority of the votes on May 2 to win their respective races.

The council official declared

the results from Saturday's election in which Blackshear received 957 votes to 249 for Pat DeAnda and 55 for Wendell McDonald.

Smoot received 268 votes, winning 58 percent of the vote cast in District 5 compared to 116 votes for Maria Douglas, 41 votes for Jeff Gunselman and 37 votes for Ron Booth.

According to city officials, the May 2 election was relatively smooth, but the low voter turnout in another local election, despite good weather, is still a concern.



Rescue personnel raise the collapsed section of roof to remove Tom Johnson, 81, who was pinned when part of a house he was demolishing collapsed Monday morning.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

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OBITUARIES

Andemio Jara Mendez

Andemio Jara (A.J.) Mendez, 88, Big Spring, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 1998, in San Antonio. Rosary will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Oscar Garcia officiating. A family rosary will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Teresa Rocha officiating. Funeral mass will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 15, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating.



MELENZ

Burial with military honors will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Mr. Mendez was born Oct. 28, 1909, in Big Spring. He was a disabled veteran, having served in the U.S. Army from 1940 until 1944. He was wounded in action in Germany and received the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and had returned to Big Spring in 1981, returning from San Antonio. He is survived by four sisters, Maria Marin of Big Spring, Caroline Estrada of Sterling City, Erlinda Lujan of Big Spring, and Matilda Reyes of San Marcos; one brother, Johnny Flores of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Mendez and Eulalia Jara Flores, and one brother, Alphonso Mendez.

Palbearers will be Alphonso (Poncho) Mendez, Edward (Wally) Mendez, Ralph Mendez, Jr., Joe Albert Deanda, Jr., Jimmy Marin and Ismael Lujan. The family will be at 602 NW Fifth.

Paid obituary

Jerry Don Grant

Service for Jerry Don Grant, 44, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Wright Colonial Funeral Home, Snyder. Mr. Grant died Sunday, May 10, 1998, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was born on Dec. 26, 1953, in Big Spring. He had a degree in nursing. Survivors include: one daughter, Megan Grant of Crawfordsville, Ind.; one son, Ethan Grant of Crawfordsville, Ind.; his parents, Don and Margo Grant of Snyder; one sister, Pat Wittie of Snyder; one brother, Gary Grant of Snyder; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Arrangements under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home, Snyder.

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Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Rolen B. Covington, Jr., 60, died Friday. Memorial services will be 4:45 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Andemio Jara (A.J.) Mendez, 88, died Saturday. Rosary will be 7:30 PM, Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 2:00 PM, Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Staley Burch Kernodle

Graveside service for Staley Burch Kernodle, 76, Burlington, N.C., was 2 p.m. Monday, May 11, 1998, in the cemetery of the United Church of Christ, Burlington, N.C. Mr. Kernodle died Saturday, May 9, in Pleasant Grove Nursing Home, Burlington, N.C. Survivors include: three brothers, Alan Kernodle of Big Spring; Graham and Donald Kernodle, both of Burlington, N.C.; two sisters, Eugenia Pattillo of Burlington, N.C., and Marjorie Hughes of Graham, N.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements under the direction of Green & McClure Funeral Home, Burlington, N.C.

BURN BAN

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been spotted on the horizon. Ray Fagen, a National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologist said. The Big Spring area has recorded only .03 inches of rain since March 17, Fagen said. Permian Basin residents have had only about 1.16 inches of rain fall upon them this year, said Fagen. Normal rainfall totals for this time of year is about 2.81 inches, he added. Others who spoke on behalf of the burn ban included Charlene Reagan, Cory and Amy Burchett and Skipper Driver. All said they were pleased with the ban.

INDICT

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at \$2,500. Jesus A. Pafacios for possession of less than one gram of cocaine on November 15, 1997. No bond was set. John Dee Roman for driving while intoxicated, third offense, on March 25, 1998. No bond was set. Michael Vanderbilt for unlawful restraint, a third-degree felony, on March 6, 1998. No bond was set. Rebecca Rivas for one instance of check forgery on August 25, 1997. No bond was set.

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A civil trial filed by Child Protective Services (CPS) is in progress, court documents show. "(The Myers) conviction may be used by CPS in the civil case to try to terminate their parental rights," said Wilkerson, "and that would be some consolation." Kristi Myers was indicted on August 23, 1997 for second-degree felony injury to a child and released on \$10,000 bond. Kristi, 21, lists her address as 503 Hooper in Westbrook in the most recent arrest report. She was arrested at the Mitchell County jail on Howard County warrants on charges of injury to a child on January 22, 1998. Information about Bernard Myers was unavailable at press time. The Myers pleaded guilty before Gene L. Dulaney, a retired Snyder-area judge for the 132nd District Court of Scurry County, who heard the case during 118th District Court Judge Robert Moore's absence on business.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be

submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79726; bring it by the office at 716 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7265.

TODAY
-Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.
-Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
-Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
-MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.
-Mental Health Center's Family Education and support 5:30 p.m., 319 Rannels. Call Shannon Nabors, 263-0027.

WEDNESDAY
-Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.
-Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.
-Mt. View Lodge open house, 2 to 4 p.m. for National Nursing Home Week.

THURSDAY
-Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
-Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
-Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.
-NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
-American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
-Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Bob Noyes, 267-5811.
-West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.
-Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY
-Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY
-Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
-Coahoma Lions Club community-wide garage sale. Register at Little Sooper Market or call Irene at 394-4424. We will have spaces to rent.
-Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING NEWCOMERS CLUB will meet at the Big Spring Country Club Thursday at 11:30 a.m. for a social and noon for lunch. Guest speaker is Johnnie Jou Avery. Call Karen Brewer at 268-9944 for information.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 w. 11th Place
263-1211

AROUND THE TOWN

THE HOWARD COUNTY HISTORICAL Commission and the Heritage Museum welcome author Bill Modisett to a book signing at the museum in Big Spring on Saturday, May 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. Modisett's book, *J. Eustis Haley: A True Texas Legend*, details the life of one of West Texas' most colorful and interesting citizens. Modisett will be signing his book and answering question on his research of Haley's life. The afternoon event is open free to the public to attend any time from 2 to 4 p.m. Representatives of the Howard County history organizations will also be available to answer local history questions. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR nominations for Big Spring are being sought by the Samaritan Counseling Center. Nominated families should represent positive role models in the community. For more information and an application, call the center at 563-4144.

ANYONE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER at any time in the past is invited to join the American Cancer Society Survivor Walk Friday, May 15. Signup starts at 6 p.m. and refreshments will follow the walk. Call chairwoman LaWanda Hamm, 263-7827 for more information.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB is planning their annual community-wide garage sale. If you would like to participate and have a garage sale on May 16 in Coahoma, register at the Little Sooper Market or call Irene at 394-4424. Something new this year for clubs or people who live out of town, we will have spaces to rent. Deadline to register is Tuesday, May 12.

LOOKING FOR BSHS CLASS OF 1978? Mark your calendar for July 24-25. Parents or friends of any classmate, please send updated addresses of any classmate to: 1978 Reunion; P.O. Box 3361; Big Spring; or call 264-2220 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging needs volunteer ombudsman in Big Spring nursing homes to visit and monitor nursing home residents. A new training session is being scheduled. Call the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-491-4636.

MOUNTAIN VIEW LODGE will have an open house for the community Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. in observance of National Nursing Home Week.



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Raymond Porter makes his bet as nursing center director Connie Fowler gives him instructions Monday at the VA Medical Center. In celebration of Nursing Home Care Week, the VA turned its patient lounge into a casino for patients, playing for such prizes as hats and coupons.

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The public is welcome to stop by and visit.
THE BSHS CLASS OF '68 is having a 30 year class reunion on Oct. 9-10. We need your help in locating the following classmates: Henrietta Carson, Claudene Cooker, Billie Mike Eggleston, Jill Lewis Croom, Sue Fannin, Wayne Murphy, Richard Nelson, David Mize, Linda Patterson, Wayne Sturm, Don Malone, Beth Hayworth Perry, Dana Baker Pennington, Evelyn Wheeler, Charles Keene, Carolyn Sison Salmon, Charlotte Helman, Diane Harkins, Johnny Perez, Jerry Dalton, Jimmy Belew, Burt Nix, Isabel Bustamante, Margaret Cooper, Christi Price, David Vasquez, Sally Townes, Tony Martinez and Joe Haro. Please call Jeanie Johnson Knocke at 263-1757 or Vivian Dickson Glickman at 267-6808 if you have any information about any of the names listed.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:
- CHAD CAMP, 31, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
- MARTIN GARCIA, 34, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
- DARYLL POLK, 25, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID reported in the 200 block of Airbase.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.
- ASSAULT reported in the 500 block of Bell, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the 100 block of Whiskey.
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING reported in the 200 block of N. Benton and the 900 block of E. Fourth.
- FORGERY reported in the 400 block of Rannels.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 2200 block of Scurry.
- THEFT reported in the 1500 block of Lancaster and the 200 block of W. Marcy.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:
- PATRICIA SUE SMITH, 36, was arrested for motion to revoke probation.
- ANICETO P. AGUINAGA, 50, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- LUIS ADOLFO PENA, 19, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

RECORDS

Monday's high 97
Monday's low 61
Average high 84
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Police beat demonstrators as new unrest erupts in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Police fired plastic-coated bullets at demonstrators and beat them with truncheons today as thousands of Indonesian students held anti-government protests. Some students were killed and many were wounded, doctors said.

An unconfirmed report from students said four people had been killed and about dozen injured outside Trisakti University in central Jakarta. Five thousand students burst through the fence of Trisakti University today, blocking traffic on main streets and defying a government order to stay on campus.

Police clubbed protesters and journalists, firing warning shots and then firing into the crowd. Several bystanders joined the students, who hurled rocks at police.

Months of protests intensified last week after the government announced a new round of austerity measures to help overcome Indonesia's worst economic crisis in three decades.

Indonesia has been the hardest hit by Asia's financial crisis, and President Suharto, the region's longest-serving ruler, has proven unable to reverse the slide.

In Bandung, 75 miles east of Jakarta, police fired into the air today and then

clubbed protesters during a standoff with 600 demonstrators.

"Stop the violence!" one student yelled in a rally at Bandung University of Technology as a soldier struck him repeatedly over the head.

At least five protesters were wounded. Other students chanted "Suharto should be toppled!" and sang the national anthem.

Police in Kupang, 1,150 miles east of the capital, fired tear gas canisters and plastic-coated bullets at a crowd of 300 students, injuring at least two. The students hurled stones at a local government building, yelling: "Democracy is dead!"

With the size and frequency of demonstrations gaining momentum, Amien Rais, leader of Indonesia's second-largest Muslim organization, urged the military to exercise restraint.

"I ask the Indonesian armed forces not to use violence in handling protests because the students are expressing the same (sentiments held by) the military," Rais was quoted as saying by the official Antara news agency.

Students rallied on at least six Jakarta campuses, demanding an end to Suharto's 32-year-rule. Meanwhile, several hundred demonstrators at three universities in Yogyakarta, 260

miles east of Jakarta, staged peaceful demonstrations.

Ordinary people are also frustrated with Indonesia's economic crisis — which turned sharply for the worse last week when fuel prices soared due to subsidy cuts — and are increasingly joining the student protests.

Workers from a trade union protest today in Jakarta.

Riots and looting left two people dead last week in the northern city of Medan. A bystander died after being caught in a student-police melee in Yogyakarta and an undercover military intelligence officer was stoned to death by angry students in Bogor.

India proves nuclear power with explosion

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India has long argued it had to keep up with Pakistan and, especially, China. All that was lacking was the resolve to act on its fears of being surrounded by the nuclear weapons of two countries with whom it has fought a total of four wars.

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Pakistan — which has fought three wars with India and supports rebel groups fighting for

independence in Kashmir, India — said it has been pushed into a nuclear arms race and is ready to conduct its first nuclear test explosion.

"We are prepared to match India. We have the capability," said Pakistani Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub.

After a day of silence, China said today the tests were "detrimental to the peace and stability of the South Asia region." The brief Chinese statement said nothing about whether China, the only declared nuclear power in Asia, would resume its own tests.

India says it is going nuclear because of its sense of being ignored and because of an argument heard often here: that the nuclear powers want to keep their military advantage and deny it to others.

"If anyone's watched the debate in India the last 3-4 years, they will have seen that

the demands for a test have been increasing," Singh said. "The sense of insecurity exists — we have nuclear weapons to one side, nuclear weapons to the other."

Singh has called on the government to develop its delivery system as part of a credible nuclear defense. He said it could take another 10 years for India to perfect an arsenal of ballistic missiles capable of reaching major targets in China.

China, India's huge neighbor to the northeast, is one of the world's five declared nuclear powers, along with Britain, France, Russia and the United States.

The Institute for Science and International Security, a Washington-based group of defense analysts, estimates Pakistan has enough stockpiled weapons-grade uranium for 25 nuclear bombs.

NATION BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary Alexis Herman will be investigated by an independent counsel for alleged influence-peddling and solicitation of \$250,000 in illegal campaign contributions, although a five-month Justice Department inquiry found nothing that clearly implicated her.

Monday afternoon, Attorney General Janet Reno asked a special court to select an independent counsel for the seventh time to investigate a high-level Clinton administration figure.

Reno wrote that further investigation was needed "although our investigation has developed no evidence clearly demonstrating Secretary Herman's involvement in these matters."

But Reno said she could not dismiss the unresolved allegations because "a great deal of (her accuser, Laurent) Yene's story has been corroborated." The attorney general said an independent counsel using grand jury subpoenas and immunity grants was needed to see whether Herman actually was involved. The independent counsel act bars the Justice Department from using such tools in preliminary inquiries.

WASHINGTON — Denying that it is applying pressure or putting a deadline on Israel, the Clinton administration is trying again to sell Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on U.S. terms for resuming Mideast peace talks.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in a speech today, was underscoring the priority the administration attaches to ending a 15-month impasse in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

A senior U.S. official said Albright would "not point fingers or blame" in her speech at the National Press Club. Still, it was likely to draw the public's attention to Netanyahu's differences with the administration on peace terms even though Albright was not planning to lay out the U.S. position.

Netanyahu's refusal to agree to the administration's proposal for a 13 percent withdrawal from the West Bank blocked plans for a three-way Mideast summit here Monday, with President Clinton and

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. But Clinton is persisting.

Additionally, the administration wants Israel to suspend construction of new homes for Jews in East Jerusalem, which Arafat claims for the capital of a Palestinian state, or on the West Bank.

After reviewing his options, Clinton directed Albright to forgo a trip to Germany with him and meet with Netanyahu here on Wednesday. "The objective of these discussions will be to seek to overcome the remaining differences," Clinton said in a statement.

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WASHINGTON — The GOP has cut into the Democrats' advantage with the voters

on education in the past year, but still trails badly on that issue as well as overhauling health care and protecting the environment, according to a survey conducted for the Republican National Committee.

Roughly six months before the fall election, the survey also found that Republicans fared better on issues such as working to strengthen values; revamping the tax and welfare system and cutting government spending.

The GOP poll also found that voters attached little importance to campaign finance reform, an issue that has triggered sustained fighting this year in the House and Senate.

The survey was conducted within the past two weeks by a combination of three polling organizations, and party chairman Jim Nicholson distributed a summary of the results to lawmakers. None of the pollsters involved would comment, nor would RNC officials.

The summary, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, contains mixed news for Republicans, some of whom have expressed concerns recently about holding onto their House majority in November.

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Will bulls and bears roam Montgomery Street? Will stocks soar on Hudson Street? Or will the Dow rise and fall on Christopher Columbus Drive?

Maybe, if the New York Stock Exchange is serious when it says it's considering a move across the Hudson River to more spacious digs in New Jersey.

Although New York City officials say the venerable stock exchange is just posturing, the theoretical move raises all kinds of questions, including: can Wall Street still be Wall Street somewhere else?

The New York Jets and New York Giants probably would answer yes. Both football teams kept their names when they left the Big Apple to play their home games in East Rutherford, N.J.

New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman's staff has made overtures to woo the exchange to Jersey City, where brokerage houses and the Dow Jones News Service operations.

Jersey City officials say its financial district has the space, the location and the right price to attract the NYSE, which has graced Wall Street in lower Manhattan since the early 19th century.

TEXAS NEWS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT STOCKTON — School administrators in Fort Stockton say they'll try to come up with a tougher student dress code to present to the school board.

Superintendent Dale Pitts favors uniforms, but school trustees fixed that idea unanimously Monday night, saying the idea didn't have broad enough support from parents.

Last week, school officials mailed a questionnaire to 1,100 parents of students in the first through seventh grades at Fort Stockton. Of the 194 who responded, 120 said requiring students to wear khaki pants and white dress shirts was OK.

That was a clear majority of those who responded, but the board said it was reluctant to require uniforms with opposition from more than a third of the parents.

Some parents and faculty members have argued for the uniforms, saying they would help neutralize a growing discipline problem.

Some parents argued that uniforms, at about \$40 an outfit, would be too expensive for some students and would needlessly limit the students' right to free expression.

"Our middle school kids seem to be at the age at which they are the most free-spirited," Pitts said in a recent interview. "Sometimes, total freedom of speech has to be given up to control the entire group."

ROSCOE — Three Snyder women were killed and another injured after their car went out of control and rolled over on the way to a nightclub early Sunday, investigators say.

The driver, Rolinda Michelle Tippens, said the front-seat passenger, Stella Camille Jackson, 24, grabbed the steering wheel and caused her to lose control. The car slid into a median and flipped over several times.

Jackson was killed along with two back-seat passengers, Angela Faye Biggers, 24, and Sandra Jackson, 21, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Tippens told investigators she doesn't remember anything after Jackson grabbed the wheel, said DPS Trooper Scott Stevenson of Sweetwater. The driver escaped by climbing out a broken window.

The four women were eastbound on U.S. 84, driving to a Sweetwater nightclub, when the car went out of control just after 1:30 a.m. seven miles west of Roscoe.

Stella Jackson was pronounced dead at the scene, while Sandra Jackson died at Rolling Plains Medical Center in Sweetwater and Biggers died at Hendrick Medical Center.

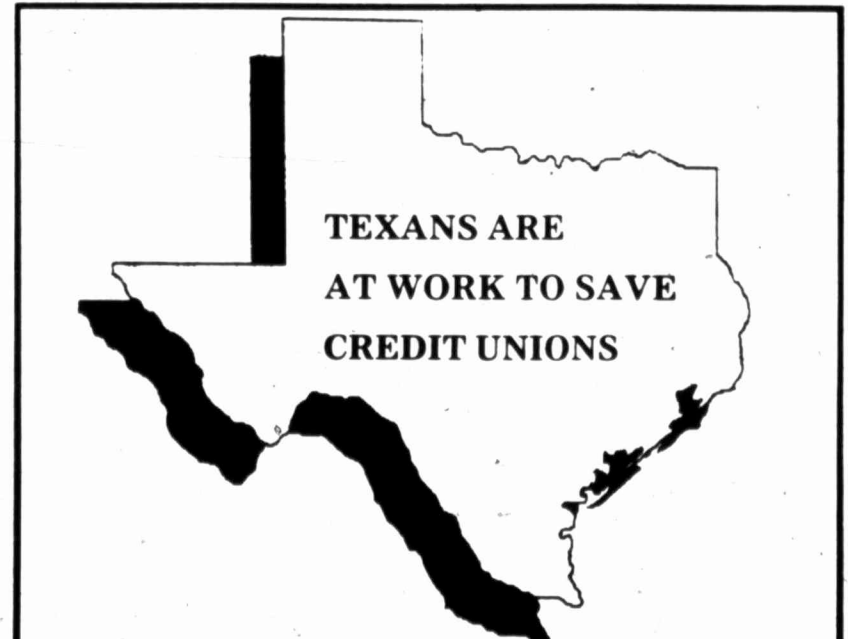
Investigators said Tippens and Stella Jackson were wearing shoulder straps, but the other two women were not wearing seat belts.

ARLINGTON, Va. — Republican Gov. George W. Bush of Texas had a narrow edge over Vice President Al Gore in a USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll looking ahead to the 2000 presidential election.

The paper reported today that 50 percent of those surveyed in a weekend poll favored Bush to 46 percent for Gore. However, Gore led 62-32 in an imaginary race with House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Pollsters also asked Republicans and Democrats who they favored for the nomination of their respective party.

Gore was favored by 51 percent, followed by 12 percent for Jesse Jackson. Bush led Elizabeth Dole, 30 to 14 percent.



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EDITORIAL

A president worthy enough to read about

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OUR VIEWS

Gregg Street alive as business growth mirrors community

Economic growth continues to occur along Gregg Street and, as we have watched over the years, what's good for Gregg Street seems to be good for the rest of the community.

Starting in the heart of downtown, one of the community's most prominent pair of eyesore lots have been cleaned at the corner of 3rd and Gregg.

But rather than just leave the lots barren, we understand that owner Big Spring Automotive plans on doing some light landscaping of the lot to at least pleasant to look at.

Long-term plans are for Big Spring Automotive to eventually expand on to that lot.

Heading south on Gregg, Carroll Auto Parts recently moved from its location at 607 Gregg to the former 7/Eleven store at the corner of Gregg and 8th.

While immediate plans for Carroll's former building are unknown, it's certainly nice to get the boards off the windows at such a visible location as the former convenience store.

On down Gregg, local barrister Ben Bancroft is remodeling what was first a service station and most recently a used car lot, for his offices.

Next door, Kay Bancroft has opened her business, Simpler Pleasures.

In that same vicinity, the former Keaton Color building, located across the street from the Security State Bank drive-through, is now home to Guillermo's Spanish Inn Restaurant.

On past 18th, demolition is slowly taking place on the former service station that sits next to the 7/Eleven as yet another eyesore is removed from the city's main thoroughfare.

Between 18th and FM 700, there remains two empty buildings — the former Exxon/Glass Magic due south of HEB and the former Baskin-Robbins in the next block.

Again, we haven't heard of any plans for the former service stations but a couple of months ago, we know there were plans to have the ice cream shop operating once again, although they now appear to have been put on hold as all work on the facility has stopped.

Down in Coronado Plaza, which, we understand, has new owners, the rumor on the street is that Checker Auto Parts will occupy the remaining empty space in what was once Winn-Dixie.

And as we said, what's good for Gregg Street seems to be good for the community as a whole.

Phillips Tire, for example, has turned the long-empty Dale Martin Firestone on East 3rd into a viable business, helping bringing life — and business traffic — back to that part of the community.

On FM 700, K-Bob's, as was first reported in this newspaper more than a month ago, will be coming to what was Golden Corral. In the same immediate area, we understand there are still plans to construct a second Sonic Drive-in.

Still heading east on FM 700, there's the new Schlotzky's, which hopefully will start a trend of new retail development in that part of town.

In addition to the retail growth, there are a number of new homes under construction in town, which adds to the view that economically, Big Spring has finally put the base's closure and the oil bust behind her.

And, as always, before you look elsewhere, try to find it here first.

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Here's a little game of name the president. I'm going to cite several quotations from a past American president, and let's see if you can identify him. I think you will be surprised.



Charley Reese

In one speech, this president said: "Many principles exist which I have tried to represent and propose to support. I believe in the American Constitution. I favor the American system of individual enterprise, and I am opposed to any general extension of government ownership and control. I believe in a reduction and reform of taxation and shall continue my efforts in that direction. I am in favor of protection. I am opposed to aggressive war. I shall avoid involving ourselves in the political con-

troversies of Europe, but I shall do what I can to encourage American citizens and resources to assist in restoring Europe with the sympathetic support of our government. I shall continue to strive for the economic, moral and spiritual welfare of my country."

Here's a hint. This president never owned an automobile.

In an inaugural address, he said, "I want the people of America to be able to work less for the government and more for themselves. I want them to have the rewards of their own industry. That is the chief meaning of freedom. Until we can re-establish a condition under which the earnings of the people can be kept by the people, we are bound to suffer a very distinct curtailment of our liberty."

Another hint: This president cut taxes four times, had a budget surplus every year in office and cut the national debt by one-third.

In a speech to a college, this president said:

"We do not need more material development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual

power, we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more government, we need more culture. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of things that are unseen. It is on that side of life that it is desirable to put the emphasis at the present time. If that side be strengthened the other side will take care of itself."

One more hint: He was the last president to write his own speeches, to personally greet visitors to the White House, who had only one secretary and who did not keep a telephone on his desk.

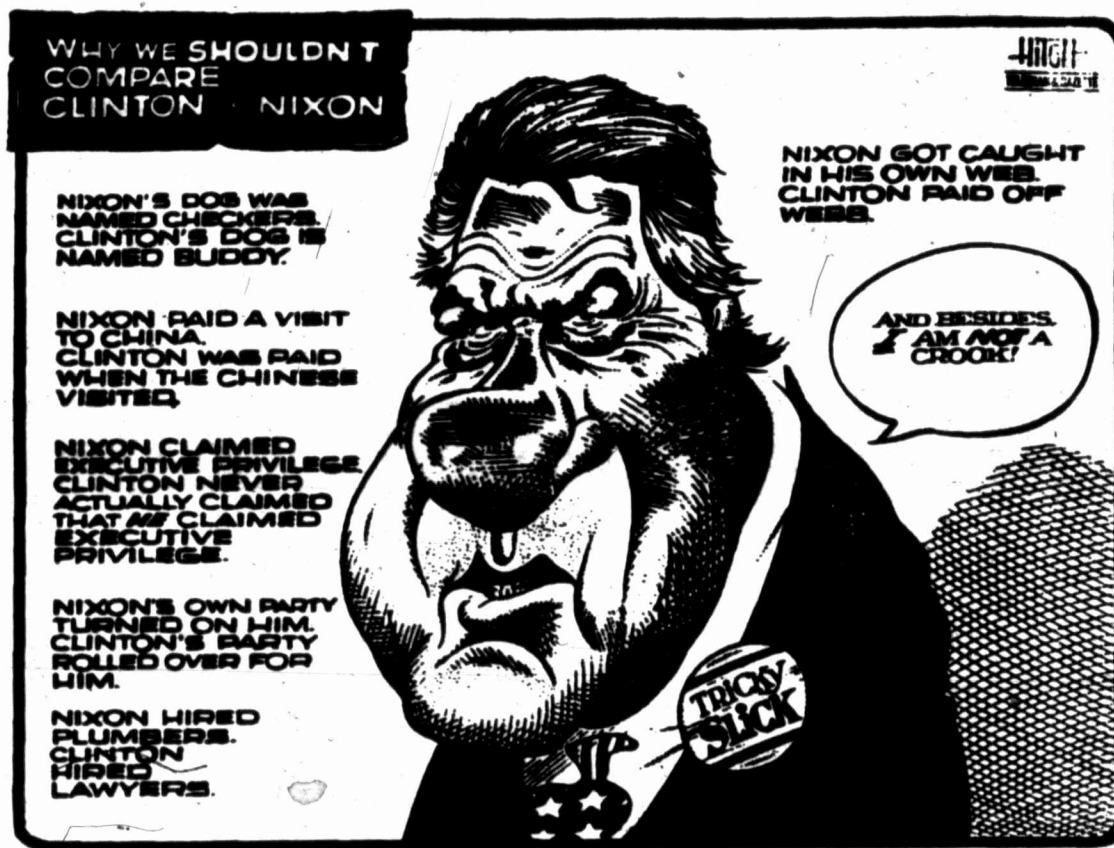
This man never criticized an opponent in any of his political races and wrote to one man he defeated, "My most serious regret at the election is that you cannot share the entire pleasure of the result with me. I value your friendship and good opinion more than any office, and I trust I have so conducted the campaign that our past close intimacy and good fellowship may be more secure than ever."

In another speech, this president said, "We are all members of one body. The welfare of the weakest and the welfare of the most powerful are inseparably bound together. Industry cannot flourish if labor languishes."

"Laws... must rest on the foundation of righteousness. The people cannot look to legislation generally for success. Industry, thrift, character are not conferred by act or resolve. Government cannot relieve from toil. It can provide no substitute for the rewards of service. It can, of course, care for the defective and recognize distinguished merit. The normal must care for themselves. Self-government means self-support."

Well, the president was Calvin Coolidge, a far more complex, intelligent, humorous and compassionate man than the distorted image of him created by leftists who hated him. In June, a new biography will be published. It's "Coolidge: An American Enigma," by Robert Sobel. It's well worth a read.

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WHY WE SHOULDN'T COMPARE CLINTON TO NIXON

NIXON'S DOG WAS NAMED CHECKER. CLINTON'S DOG IS NAMED BUDDY.

NIXON PAID A VISIT TO CHINA. CLINTON WAS PAID WHEN THE CHINESE VISITED.

NIXON CLAIMED EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE. CLINTON NEVER ACTUALLY CLAIMED THAT HE CLAIMED EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE.

NIXON'S OWN PARTY TRENDED ON HIM. CLINTON'S PARTY ROLLED OVER FOR HIM.

NIXON HIRED PLUMBERS. CLINTON HIRED LAWYERS.

NIXON GOT CAUGHT IN HIS OWN WEB. CLINTON PAID OFF WIFE.

AND BESIDES, I AM NOT A CROOK!

Country legend keeps song in the heart

It must be the only cause in the world that doesn't need or want publicity. The only one I've ever heard about, anyhow.



Rheta Grimsley Johnson

Winners of the Hank Williams Songwriting Contest will perform their original tribute songs at the Hank Williams Festival in his boyhood home of Georgiana, Ala., on June 6, but, shhhh! keep it under your cowboy hat. The judges are feeling overwhelmed.

"We thought we'd limit the contest to Alabama this first year, keep a real low profile, just to see if we could handle it," George Rohm of the Mobile Songwriters Association says. "But we're hearing from as far away as Canada. I got an entry from Missouri today. I don't even know how they knew about it."

Business has been so brisk that organizers are holding several preliminary judging rounds. Seems everybody wants to write a song about Hank.

It's like being asked to lap the Wal-Mart parking lot once in memory of Davey Allison. But the idea of all those Hank songs intrigued me. Here's a singer dead 45 years, and yet everyday people love him and his music still. I made a few calls.

Mary Wallace, president of the Hank Williams Fan Club, is

used to hearing from far-flung places about the legendary Hank. Her club boasts 1,000 members, and the annual Georgiana festival attracts visitors from as far away as Australia and Japan. But the response to the songwriting contest "has scared me to death," she says.

When you get Mary's telephone answering machine, you can hear Hank singing in the background. Gregarious Mary recently pushed the Alabama Legislature to rename part of the interstate near Georgiana "The Lost Highway."

"My boss says if I could sell radio advertising as well as I can sell Hank, I'd be a rich woman," Mary chortles. "But not everything is measured in money."

"I can't remember when I wasn't a Hank Williams fan. I was only 9 when he died, but I remember crying. Any time 'Hey, Good Lookin'' would play, I'd get real close to the radio. I thought he was singing to me."

That's why Hank was Hank, of course. Every listener thought Hank was singing to her.

All contest tunes will be judged equally on originality, lyrics, melody, arrangement and commercial potential. Finalists must perform their songs live, and winners will sing at the festival. Mary may be one of the few residents of her state who won't be writing a song.

"I can't carry a tune in a bucket, but that doesn't keep me from making a joyful noise, you understand."

George Rohm, on the other hand, wrote his tribute to Hank

years ago: "Old Hank has been a legend, since back in 1953/His traditional country music has meant a lot to folks like me..."

Official Alabama went far too long all but ignoring its poet laureate. There was the gravesite, but that was about it. Now, all of a sudden, Hank happenings are breaking out all over. The Georgiana boyhood museum and festival are thriving. Montgomery is planning its own museum. There's talk of a Hank Williams Trail that would stretch from his Butler County birthplace up to Nashville. And even the recalcitrant politicians saw the light, naming that bit of interstate.

Had Hank lived, he would be 75 this year. He could have shown up in Georgiana to sing one with his grandson, Hank Williams III. Hank Three, as Mary calls him, and Hank's late-acknowledged daughter, Jett Williams, will be performing this year.

If enthusiasm were a disease, I'd be a dead woman. After talking to George and Mary, I actually thought about writing a song.

"Of all the fools from Alabama, including you and me/You're the only genius, as far as I can see."

Or maybe I'll admit, like Mary, that songwriting is best left to those with a song in their head and heart. She suggests I hire myself down to Georgiana for the festival.

"The only people with an excuse not to be here are Conway Twitty and Tammy Wynette."

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Pudge gets 1,000th hit in Rangers' 8-2 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez was excited about reaching the 1,000-hit mark. Texas manager Johnny Oates preferred to talk about the star catcher's work with pitcher Bobby Witt.

"Sometimes we take Pudge for granted because he does so much offensively," Oates said. "I thought Pudge had as much responsibility as anybody for the game that Bobby pitched. He kept his pitches down and made sure he changed speeds."

Rodriguez singled in the second inning to reach 1,000 hits, and added a two-run homer in the third as the Rangers routed the Boston Red Sox 8-2 on Monday night for

their fourth straight victory.

"It's a good feeling," Rodriguez said. "Not too many people have done that. I didn't think about that too much. I was just seeing the ball well."

Rodriguez has played 914 games, making him the second-fastest Rangers player to 1,000 hits behind Buddy Bell.

Pitching on his 34th birthday, Witt overcame a two-run first and allowed only five hits after giving up seven runs and four hits over 1 1-3 innings in his previous start against the New York Yankees.

"I was trying to be too fine with my pitches and that's not the way I should pitch,"

said Witt, who started the night with an 8.33 ERA. "I need to be aggressive and that's what I tried to do tonight."

Witt and John Burkett had been struggling in the Rangers rotation. Burkett took a perfect game into the seventh inning Sunday against Cleveland in a 5-3 win, and Witt followed with his strong performance.

Rusty Greer and Kevin Elster also homered, and Juan Gonzalez drove in two runs with a groundout to push his major league-leading RBI total to 48.

Reggie Jefferson's RBI triple and John Valentin's sacrifice fly put Boston ahead in the first before Witt settled down.

Li reaches finals, Villarreal falls

By CHARLES BRYCE
Herald Correspondent

AUSTIN — No matter what happens in today's finals of the UIL Class 4A state tennis tournament, the match people will probably be talking about for years will be the semifinal showdown between Big Spring High School's Hsiao-Hsuan Li and Mission Sharryland's Matthew Toney.

Even though he ended up losing the match, the Mission Sharryland sophomore should receive a Toney Award for probably one of the gutsiest performances in the history of the state tournament.

In a match that lasted a little more than three hours and was the last one of the day on Monday, Li reached today's boys singles finals by outlasting Toney 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) in a battle of sheer guts and determination.

Toney was battling leg cramps and fatigue so bad in the third set that he could barely walk, much less put everything he had into his shots.

The match resembled the 1996 U.S. Open quarterfinal showdown between American Pete Sampras and Spain's Alex Corretja when Sampras vomited on the court while battling exhaustion and muscle cramps.

The only difference was that Toney didn't lose his lunch on the court.

The small number of fans, parents, media and coaches who were still around to watch the Li-Toney match, which ended at 8:15 p.m. under the lights, got to see an amazing display of marathon tennis.

Toward the end of the match, it looked like Toney would have to default due to injury, but he heroically hung in, never giving in to the four-time state qualifier from Big Spring.

Li, who met Southlake Carroll's Justin Hunter in today's 10 a.m. finale, is looking for his first state championship after getting eliminated in the semifinals during his freshman and sophomore seasons.

The Big Spring senior lost in the quarterfinals last year.

"I was up 3-2 (in the final set) and the only thing that came to my mind was the next round, you know, come on," Li said. "It's my first time I'm going to go (play in the finals) and I got real nervous."

That nervousness helped Toney win three straight games to even the deciding set 5-5 and



HERALD file photo
Big Spring senior Hsiao-Hsuan Li, shown here in a file photo, advanced to today's boys singles championship at the UIL Class 4A tennis tournament in Austin by surviving a marathon semifinal match against Mission Sharryland sophomore Matthew Toney, 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). Li faced Southlake Carroll's Justin Hunter in today's title match.

Lady Steers dominate first-team selections on 4-4A honors squad

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's Lady Steers literally dominated the balloting when District 4-4A softball coaches gathered to select their all-district team.

The Lady Steers, who went unbeaten in taking the district championship and fashioned an overall record of 29-5 in advancing to the Class 4A regional semifinals, garnered six first-team berths, while sophomore pitcher Jessica Sisneros, senior shortstop Melissa Martinez and coach Wes Overton were among the league's individual award winners.

Sisneros, who fashioned a 17-2 pitching record, was named the district's most valuable player, while Martinez joined Andrews junior pitching ace Leeza Lopez in being named the loop's outstanding defensive players.

Overton, who has led the Lady Steers to the regional semifinals in both of the two seasons Big Spring has competed in University Interscholastic League (UIL) play, was his peers' choice for coach of the year honors.

Andrews' Hollie Field, a senior shortstop, was selected as the district's outstanding offensive player, while junior teammate Yuka Kosuda was the newcomer of the year.

Lady Steers pitcher Angie Phillips, a junior who often played a pivotal role as designated hitter in the Big Spring lineup, joined three other pitchers on the first-team pitching staff.

In addition to Phillips, the pitching staff included Sweetwater's Jaime Warner, Pecos' Alexa Marquez and Fort Stockton's Jessica Carrillo.

Lady Steers catcher Jessica Cobos, another senior who will join Martinez in playing softball for Midland College next year, rounded out the first-team battery.

Senior Honey Belew, who's indicated she'll pass up the opportunity to join her classmates at Midland College to play on the first ever softball team fielded by Howard College, was one of two second basemen on the first-team, joining Andrews junior Amy Currie at the position.

Big Spring seniors Mandi Lance and Sunni Smith were among six outfielders earning

Bird's job with Indiana earns him coach of year

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Before the season started, Larry Bird said all he wanted was a player who would keep his mouth shut and play hard.

So far, that formula has worked, giving the Pacers a 3-1 lead over the New York Knicks in the Eastern Conference semifinals and earning Bird coach of the year honors.

Bird, one of the few superstar players to successfully make the jump to the coaching ranks, today will become only the second player in NBA history to earn rookie and coach of the year honors.

Two sources close to the NBA confirmed that Bird would be presented the IBM Coach of the Year award today at Market Square Arena.

Pacers spokesman David Benner would not confirm the reports, but he said the Pacers will hold a news conference today for a "major announce-

ment" regarding the team and the NBA. He and league spokesman Brian McIntyre declined to discuss the nature of the announcement.

"When Bird took over the Pacers last year, there were doubts the superstar player would have the patience to coach players with ordinary skills in a league whose flashy style differs greatly from the blue-collar game Bird was famous for.

"I'm not asking for that," Bird said after he was named to coach the Eastern Conference squad in this season's All-Star game. "All I want is hard work in practice and for about 25 minutes in a game. ... If a guy can't give that, he doesn't belong in the NBA."

In his first year, Bird took a Pacers team that missed the playoffs for the first time in eight years to its best winning percentage in franchise history.



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley
Here are the girls who received awards during Monday night's annual Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club Athletic Banquet at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. Front row, from left, are: Jessica Cobos, Leadership Award winner in volleyball and all-district in softball and volleyball; Jessica Canales, all-district in softball; Mandi Lance, all-district in softball; Amy Jackson, all-district in softball; Angela Sturm, winner of the Girls Academic Excellence Award; Kara Hughes, Most Valuable Player Award winner in basketball; Maggie Haddad, Defensive Award winner in basketball; and Krissi McWhorter, Most Valuable Player Award in volleyball. Back row: Jessica Sisneros, District 4-4A MVP in softball; Juanita Valdez, all-district in softball; Melanie Flenniken, Most Improved Award in volleyball; Sunni Smith, all-district in softball; Honey Belew, Team Captain Award in softball; Keesha Lott, Wanda Ferguson Female Athlete of the Year Award winner and Most Improved Award in basketball; Marlena Light, all-district in basketball; Traci Bellinghausen, Coaches' Award in basketball; and Nadia Cole, Coaches' Award in basketball.

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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) Extremes mark interactions. Work with surprises, greet life positively and remain sure of yourself. You get so much information, you don't know what to do. Screen calls. Your mind is on overload. Keep a note pad nearby to jot down your many thoughts. Tonight: Buy concert tickets.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You feel as if you are in a blender; you can't make distinctions between work and a partner's demands. Remember that this is only one day in your life. Sort through messages, and deal with one thing at a time. Use care with funds. Tonight: Chat with a trusted associate.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You flow with the uproar of the moment. Bosses demand a lot from you, but fortunately, you have a keen sense of humor. Limit decision-making for now, until you have all the facts. Surprises happen, and you get a different perspective on someone. Tonight: Out and about.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Work calls, but take care of yourself first. Establish limits, and do not push as hard. During animated financial talks, you disagree with someone, but his insight proves revealing. Make no decisions; you could be overwhelmed by all the information you receive. Tonight: Head home.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are a live wire that cannot and will not stop. Partners are caught up in unexpected activity. You are creative and can initiate new beginnings. Finances undergo extreme fluctuation. Deal with the financial wild card, keeping limits in mind. Tonight: Playtime is

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take the lead professionally when unexpected opportunity knocks on your door. Consider a home office, or adapt your work patterns so that you feel freer and more centered. Others seek you out. Popularity is high, so ask for what you want; you are likely to get it. Tonight: Order in.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Talk is cheap, though provocative. You are personality-plus. Listen carefully to a child or loved one who is overly excited. Work and daily demands are overwhelming. Muster up the energy, and surprise yourself about how much you can do. Tonight: With a dear friend.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your imagination goes way beyond the realm of reality when it comes to financial speculation. Whoa! Pull in the reins, and discipline yourself. Someone is playful, and can be distracting. A loved one praises your talents. Expect the unexpected. Tonight: Take a mid-week break.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are personable; others delight in your exciting ways and energized manner. Expect surprises around each corner, and you will be pleased. A family member seeks you out for your sound advice. You have little choice but to grant an audience. Tonight: Make calls.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Mystery abounds. Go behind the scenes for answers. Carefully examine long-term goals. Finances take an unexpected turn. Look within, to find the right solution. Curb phone calls, and stay on top of work despite constant distractions. Tonight: Do something for yourself.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Surprises surround you, and the unexpected reigns where others are concerned. Examine your financial needs before entertaining the notion of extraordinary spending. An opportunity can increase your financial security. Examine personal goals. Tonight: Party the night away.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Others put you in charge of a work-related matter that is overwhelming. You have the energy to do it despite obstacles. Focus on one matter at a time. Be logical, as you proceed. An insight hits you like a lightning bolt. A boss makes more demands. Tonight: In the limelight.***

Commitment is not marriage

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the advice you gave to "Upset in Tennessee," whose son was unhappy that his live-in was not considered a part of the family.

You are so right about this arrangement not being sanctioned by religions, and that the right to inherit property, the right to collect their Social Security benefits, share in lower cost on insurance and to make medical decisions are not allowed couples who are not legally married. The live-in may even be barred from the beloved's hospital room.

Abby, I have lived with a man for 40 years. We have paid our taxes; raised two fine children who are now responsible, loving, law-abiding adults; volunteered when our community needed us; attended church reg-

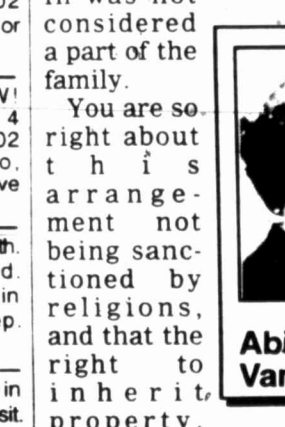
ularly; and yet we never married.

I have read your column for years and was often amazed by the advice you have given your readers. I seldom disagreed with it. But this time I was astounded by your answer because it stated in print what I have been fighting for so loudly over the past 40 years.

Oh, did I forget to mention that my live-in and I are gay? - SANTA CLARITA, CALIF., READER

DEAR SANTA CLARITA READER: I am in favor of committed relationships, regardless of the sexes of the individuals. I think what makes religious conservatives uncomfortable at the notion of same-sex committed partnerships is the term "marriage." Call it what you will, legally recognized domestic partnerships carrying equal legal entitlements should be available to everyone. Read on.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.



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