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Intoxication assault charges filed in April 23 four-car crash

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Charges of intoxicated assault were filed Friday on a Colorado City man who wrecked four vehicles and sent two people to the hospital in a Gregg Street accident last month.

"I'm going through a lot of suffering right now. I hope he realizes what he did," said accident victim Mary Paredes, 70. "I hope he gets what's coming to him."

Paredes' left shoulder was shattered and most of the bones in her face broken when

Randell Lee Anderson, 43, collided head-on with her 1993 Oldsmobile Achieva at more than 65 miles per hour. Anderson was heading south in the 800 block of Gregg Street when he careened across the median at about 3:40 p.m. April 23.

Despite eyewitness statements that beer cans fell out of the truck after the accident, the police department had declined to press charges against Anderson, 43, until blood test results were received, Chief Lonnie Smith said in a press release issued Friday.

The police department waited for confirmation of Anderson's blood alcohol level because they wanted to file the strongest possible charges, Smith explained recently.

No warrants had been issued for Anderson's arrest, according to Howard County Sheriff's Office records as of 2 p.m. Saturday.

At least one of the crash victims said a month's wait for an arrest was worth it. "The reason they didn't arrest him immediately is that if they arrested him for DWI (driving while intoxicated) he would

have paid for that and walked out," said Paredes.

By waiting for definitive test results, police officers were able to charge Anderson with intoxicated-assault, she added.

"They had to wait to get all the evidence so he can go to prison," said Paredes, a member of the Big Spring Citizens' Police Academy.

The case will be reviewed by Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, said Smith. Police declined to release the test results.

If a civil suit is necessary to cover her medical bills, she

will file one, said Paredes. Meanwhile, she stands ready to prosecute Anderson on criminal charges. "I told the police if they want to fight it, I'm ready to go and stand in front of people and show them what he did to me."

Anderson careened across the median while heading south on Gregg in a 1986 Ford pickup. Eyewitnesses report he hit a car at the corner of Fourth and Gregg before causing the crash four blocks later.

Police are still searching for the owner of the vehicle and for a passenger whom eyewitnesses

say ran from the pickup just before the accident.

Christina Padilla was treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and released the day of the crash.

But she is still undergoing daily therapy for a fractured leg.

Anderson was treated at the hospital and released the same day, reports said.

"Even if he serves time or gets charged, it doesn't matter," said Padilla, who described a month of pain, fear and nightmares, "our lives are still messed up."

City budget: Challenges, choices

Priorities are hammered out in meetings between leaders

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring budget for the 1998-99 fiscal year will largely depend on the outcome of meetings City Manager Gary Fuqua is having throughout the next month with city department heads.

One thing that's on everyone's mind, including Fuqua, Mayor Tim Blackshear and city employees, is the current employee benefits package.

In his campaign for a third term, Blackshear said one of the priorities during this summer's budget workshops would be finding a way to offer city employees a competitive wage. A more competitive wage is needed so city employees can make a decent living and in order to offset the wave of employees, trained by the city of Big Spring, departing for "greener pastures," according to Blackshear.

"We're spending a lot to train our employees," Blackshear said. "In the past we've always looked at pay increases for our employees after we have run out of money, but this

year during budget sessions I would like this to be the first thing we look at."

"We are trying to find ways to pay our employees a livable wage," Fuqua said. "We're going to be working at the director (department head) level for the next month and hope to have a rough draft of the budget for the council to begin working with next month."

Another priority for the city as budget workshops begin is a never-ending concern, according to Fuqua — the city's infrastructure.

"One of the normal things we have to deal with in every budget is infrastructure," Fuqua said. "During the last few years, we have spent between \$300,000 and \$500,000 a year on water lines and filters."

Another item Fuqua said officials are considering as budget discussions begin is the water tower on the city's north side, which needs to be totally rebuilt.

"That's about a \$1 million process because it contained lead-based paint," Fuqua said.

The city is also working on developing a five-year plan for the city's water lines and infrastructure, according to Fuqua.

The one component of the city master plan that's being looked at currently is developing gateways at the city's entryways, according to Fuqua.



City workers Jurge Parra and Raul Martinez work on replacing a sidewalk and curb after water line replacement last week. The city spends between \$300,000-500,000 a year on water lines and filters.

Image and attitude have long been discussed among the priorities of the city's long range plan, especially where the city's efforts to attract visitors and traffic along

Goal: Budget will be similar to last year, with no tax increase included

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city's goal for 1998-99 will be to stay the course, and try to maintain a similar budget in the upcoming year as last year, Mayor Tim Blackshear said.

The current fiscal budget, approved by the Big Spring City Council last August, is \$24 million.

City officials would like to have a repeat of last year, with no tax increase for the fifth consecutive year.

Last summer, several council members did express a desire to raise the tax rate by one cent from 61 cents per \$100 valuation to 62 cents, but the proposal never materialized.

The city's tax base for 1997 declined slightly compared to 1996's total value, from \$406,951,876 to \$405,531,032.

Despite council members expressing their desire to increase the tax rate last year, City Manager Gary Fuqua suggested the rate should remain constant, at 61 cents per \$100 valuation for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

A one-cent tax increase would have generated about \$30,000 in additional revenue, according to Fuqua, but he wanted to hold the tax rate.

Mayor Tim Blackshear polled individual council members after Fuqua's recommendation. Then he, along with council members Oscar Garcia, Stephanie Horton and Greg Biddison supported the idea of raising the tax rate.

Former council member Jimmy Campbell was undecided, Tommy Tune was in favor of using the effective tax rate and Chuck Cawthon told council members that he was in favor of following Fuqua's recommendation.

One of the definite items included in last year's budget was a \$50 per month across the board raise for city employees.

In 1996, the council approved a four-cent tax decrease from 65 cents per \$100 valuation to 61 cents per \$100 valuation — the fourth consecutive tax reduction for Big Spring residents due largely to the \$57 million increase in the city's assessed value during 1995 and 1996.

"The new budget sets the pace for the whole year and after it's finally approved, we will get started on planning how our projects for the fiscal year will go," Fuqua said.

As for the 1998-99 budget, Blackshear said one of his concerns is that the city keep enough money in the budget for preventive upgrading and maintenance at the city's water and sewer plants.

"These are some of the things we can do now (spend a little money) in order to avoid costly



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Firefighter-paramedic pay expected to be issue of concern

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Six Big Spring firefighter-paramedics left the department in March, citing better pay in other area positions, according to fire department records.

The sudden departure has city officials wondering what should be done to stop the flow of firefighters to other departments. The Big Spring firefighters union may press for pay raises during May's city budget workshop.

On the table is whether Big Spring is losing more money in training expenses than it is saving in lower salaries.

Most members of the Ambulance Advisory Board, a community-based oversight committee, argue that the city needs to raise firefighters' salaries.

"We are spending an enormous amount of money training these individuals," Ambulance Advisory Board member Mike Dawson said recently. "Basically we're losing them to other departments because of the pay structure."

"We can't compete with cities like Dallas and San Antonio," he added. "But if we can get a little closer we believe we could solve the problem."



In a salary survey comparison conducted by the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association, Big Spring was found to have the lowest salaries in the area. Big Spring pays its firefighters less than Abilene, Amarillo, San Angelo, Lubbock, Odessa, Midland, and Snyder. Former Big Spring firefighter-paramedic Eric Stewart, who left Big Spring to work in Midland

Training classes like this one in January help firefighters upgrade their skills and along with that, their pay, but some say the increases are not enough. From left, EMS Director Brian Jensen works with Bob Stapp, Glenn Graves, Faron Miller and Kevin Murphy. Miller left the department for another job two months later.

In March, confirmed that salary was the reason he left the department.

"I didn't leave Big Spring because of any problems," Stewart said. "I enjoyed the people and enjoyed working there. But it seemed like a better career move for us."

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WEATHER

Today: Today, mostly sunny. Highs around 104. Tonight, fair. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Extended forecast, Monday and Tuesday, fair. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Highs upper 90s to near 106. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Lows 65-70, high mid 90s to 102.

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Monday bingo fundraiser will support VFD

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club is sponsoring a bingo fundraiser Monday to benefit the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

The fundraiser will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lions Club building, 1607 E. 3rd St. All proceeds will go toward the purchase or repair of equipment for the volunteer department.

Bingo games will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs, soft drinks and

dunking booth will also be part of the fundraiser, starting at 4 p.m.

VFD Chief Tommy Sullivan said some of the items the department is in need of include: more protective gear for some of the department's new firefighters, and more of the Class A foam used in fighting major grass fires around the county in recent weeks.

Fundraisers such as the one planned Monday will go a long way toward solving some of the equipment needs of the VFD, Sullivan said.

"We're incorporating the Volunteer Fire Department, which allows us to have two major fundraisers a year," Sullivan said.

"When you run equipment for as long and as hard as we did when we fought the two big grass fires we had recently, the wear and tear on the equipment has to take a toll," Sullivan added.

Sullivan said it pays to be prepared because of the unpredictable nature of weather in West Texas.

On May 6, the county's sec-

ond major grass fire within two weeks burned an estimated 15,000 acres in Big Spring's Silver Heels and Tubbs Addition.

That fire prompted Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart to declare a state of emergency as well as issue a temporary outdoor burning ban throughout the county.

With the county being as dry as it has for the last two months, Howard County Commissioners extended the

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OBITUARIES

Nell Ringener

Service for Nell Ringener, 68, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died May 30, 1998 at a local hospital.

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ban for an indefinite period until the county receives enough rain to cancel the state of emergency declared by Lockhart.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he takes his hat off to the Volunteer Fire Department because they and the other units responded quickly and possibly save several lives, as well as thousands of acres of land in Howard County.

BRIEFS

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH will have its summer festival June 5-6 from 6 p.m. - midnight. There will be food booths, games, music, tamales, fajitas, gorditas and trips. It will take place at the church property on Aylford Street.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will have a shot clinic on Saturday, June 13 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Parents please bring your child's shot record or note from school.

AARP 55 ALIVE SENIOR Driving Course will be June 9-10 at Big Spring Mall. Cost is \$8, and enrollees must attend both days for credit, which includes a 10 percent discount on your insurance premium. For reservations or more information, call 267-3853.

ATTENTION CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS AND Churches!

It is time to update information for our upcoming Community Guide. We want your listing to be accurate and up-to-date, and for that we need your help.

Clubs and organizations, please submit any changes in meeting times, places and contact person. Churches, please submit name, address and phone number of your church. Fax the information to 264-7205 or drop it off at the Herald, 710 Scurry.

A BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED by Stake Plains Masonic Lodge #598 in Big Spring will be Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the lodge building, 219 Main Street.

Anyone is welcome and encouraged to donate blood at this time. Call Marvin Wise for an appointment at 263-2767, and walk-ins are accepted.

Collection will be conducted by United Blood Services of San Angelo.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you

can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging needs volunteer ombudsmen 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.

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third. All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

REUNIONS

BSHS CLASS OF '88 is going to be having its 10 year reunion in October. The following is a list of missing classmates:

Lisa Alvarez, Manuel Alvear, Thomas Ashley, Juan Baldwin, Kenneth Banks, Beki Bertrand, Bryan Boyd, Michelle Brooks, Cary Brooks, Nora Chapel, Garry Chevez, Kris Connell, Alice Cruz, Josephine Cruz, Juan Delgado, Unis Drew, Kim Duffey, Carey Duffy, Thomas Figueroa, Olivia Flores, Julie Fortner, Yvette Garcia, Albert Garza, Angie Gonzales, Stephen Gonzales, Aricia Grant, Terry Hart, Mary Ann Herrera, Tracy Hicks, Sammy Hilario, Laura Hinohosa, Lori Holmes, Diana Howard, Sean Jackson, Rebecca Johnke, Stanley Johnson, Paula Jolley, Michelle LaGrand, Patrick Landers, Debbie Lee, Cindy Locke, Donovan Lucero, Christina Marquez, Gina Martinez, Stephanie Marx, Kelley Mauldin, Katherine McDowell, Oscar Melendez, Ronnie Mendoza, Shawn Meredith, Ida Montez, Kelly Myles, Elsie Nieto, Lucinda Oliver, John Osborne, Joann Paredez, Kelly Parks, Dean Payne, Joel Price, Debra Renteria, Frank Reyna, Diana Rodriguez, Mary Rodriguez, Robert Rodriguez, Brenda Rodriguez, Trevor Romo, Elizabeth Saenz, Denise Salazar, Michael Sanchez, Lisa Seeley, Susan Self, Ragean Shirey, Heath Shotts, Jason Smidt, Allan Smith, Joseph Sosa, Margaret Uribe, Randy Vanderbilt, Anna Vega, Delma Vela, Linda Vela, Robert Villa, Mary Lou Villa, Charles White, Danny Williams, and Jerry Ybarra.

If anyone has any information on the missing classmates, please contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe; 4300 E. 53rd Apt. 721; Odessa, Texas; 79762; or call (915)366-4714; or Leslie Patterson Stevens; 2717 Carol Drive; Big Spring, Texas; 79720; or call 267-6620.

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.

EX STUDENTS AND FRIENDS of the Cauble School (1904-1953) are meeting in the Elbow School cafeteria on Saturday, June 13, at 10 a.m. for fellowship and a covered dish meal at noon. Members of

your families are welcome also. We feel you might be more comfortable with folding chairs so if you have these, please bring them. Please share this information with others who may not receive information because of incorrect addresses.

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 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of abuse, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

TUESDAY
•Most Excellent Way, an addiction recovery support group, 7 p.m., 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

•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.

•Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Enter by the southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice at 268-5077.

•Coahoma senior citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

•Book club meeting, 7 p.m., Howard County Library. The book, "People of the Fire" by Michael Gear will be discussed.

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.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has ser-

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vices 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.

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

•Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, Big Spring Chapter meeting, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.

•Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. For more information call Billy T. Smith at 267-6479.

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.

•Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

•Stakes Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598, Big Spring, blood drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Lodge, 219 Main Street. The blood drive will be conducted by the United Blood Services of San Angelo. Donors wanting to make appointments may contact Marvin Wise at 263-2767.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

•NATHAN JOHNSON, 19, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

•ERIC SHAD, 18, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

•ROBERT RODRIGUEZ, 31, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

•ANTHONY MUNOZ was arrested for public intoxication.

•BURGLARY OF HABITATION reported in the 1100 block of East 13th.

•BURGLARY OF BUILDING reported near the intersection of Fifth and San Antonio.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 400 block of Edwards, the 400 block of East Fifth and the 800 block of East Third.

•BURGLARY OF VEHICLE reported in the vicinity of Coachman Circle.

•ASSAULT reported in the 500 block of Aylesford.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE reported in the 800

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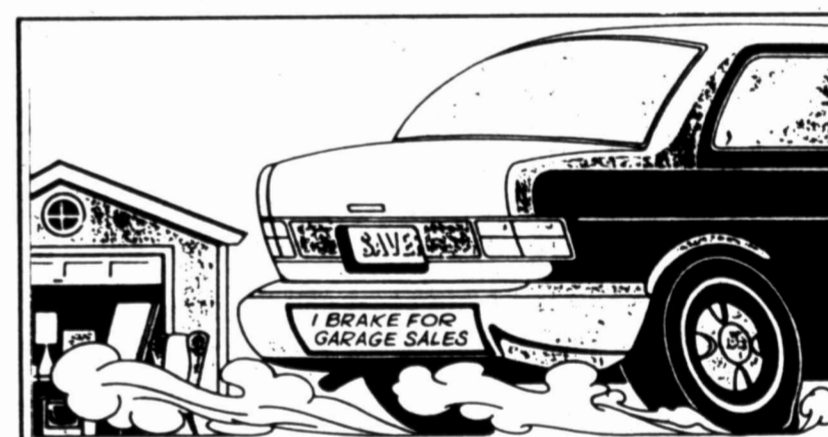
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Above, Kristen Wagner, Latrisha Rollins and Brittany Bryant get ready to start off the 1998 March for Jesus which began at the courthouse Saturday morning. Below, marchers of all ages walked south on Scurry and Gregg Street to Tenth, returning north on Main to gather at the courthouse again for worship and singing. This annual event takes place all over the world on the same day. It has been a tradition in Big Spring since 1993, involving people from various local churches.



block of East Third and the 1400 block of East Sixth. •THEFT reported near the intersection of 11th and Settles, the 2300 block of Wasson and the 400 block of Birdwell.

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ELECTION NOTICE
Filing for the election of Board of Directors of the Glasscock County Underground Water Conservation District are now open for Precincts III & IV. Those wishing to file need to do so in the Water District Office in Garden City. Filing will close on the 24th day of June, 1998. Office hours are Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Puestos por eleccion para consejo de directores para el Distrito de Conservacion de agua subterranea en el condado de Glasscock ya estan abiertos en el precinto III & precinto IV. Y se cerraran el 24 de junio de 1998. Esos deseado puesto necesitan registrarse en la oficina de distrito de Conservacion de agua. Oficina horas lunes- viernes 9:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. 1998 May 31 & June 1 & 2, 1998

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Mayor gives city stamp of approval, cites areas of concern

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring has a lot of things it would like to accomplish in the short-term and long-term future, but in the interim the city has received a stamp of approval from the man who just entered his third term as mayor of Big Spring.

Last fall, Mayor Tim Blackshear thought Big Spring was being run very conservatively, yet still efficiently — a belief he maintains today.

According to Blackshear, the reduction of several upper management positions, with increases in mid-level management responsibilities has allowed the city to meet its budget obligations and give city

employees critical raises. "I feel like we've laid a strong groundwork during the past few years for enticing new industry to our community and feel that will be important for our city's future," Blackshear said.

The city is only as successful as the effort its citizens put forth, meaning volunteerism has had a large part in the improvements made in Big Spring.

"Positive impacts of several volunteer groups working to improve the community such as RSVP, Proud Citizens, Downtown Beautification and the Kids' Zone Committee, have demonstrated a renewed enthusiasm on the part of our citizens to make Big Spring the

It is my hope that our efforts to improve the quality of living in Big Spring will help in recruiting new citizens to our community.

Mayor Tim Blackshear

best it can be," Blackshear said. "I feel that it is critical for our community to work together to offer the best quality of life that we can possibly can."

"Quality of life issues give Big Spring citizens a sense of loyalty and pride in our community, as well as presenting a positive impression for visitors, whether they are tourists or potential recruits for our industries, which is certainly beneficial for our future," Blackshear

added. Infrastructure and capital improvement project concerns are not unique to Big Spring, but issues particular to the city are of the greatest concern to Blackshear.

"The growing urgency of the need for attention to deteriorating buildings in our community is one that demands our time and effort," Blackshear said. "These structures not only pose health and safety problems, but

present the image of a dying community for the world to judge us by, and we all know how wrong that image is. Big Spring is on the up-swing and growing every day."

Another issue that continues to be a great concern to Blackshear is juvenile crime — something he says needs more of an effort at educating the youth of Big Spring on the detriments of juvenile crime and attempts to provide them with wholesome alternative activities to occupy their days.

"I feel that the level of juvenile crime often reflects the negative image that youth have of themselves, their homes and their community and I think we could do more to make them proud of who they are and of

their hometown," Blackshear said.

As mayor, Blackshear says he shares the issues of concern with all six city districts, because he is elected by all residents. One issue that stands out most with him, however, is the "quickly depleting workforce."

"It is my hope that our efforts to improve the quality of living in Big Spring will help in recruiting new citizens to our community," Blackshear said. "With an ample supply of labor, we will be able to continue our efforts to attract industry to our community. This newly attracted industry will help us to bolster the economy through a growing tax base, rather than an increase in tax rates."

Leaders tout past successes, plan focus shift

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Anything the City of Big Spring accomplishes is based on planning, especially where the budget is concerned.

The budget for fiscal year 1998-99 won't be much different than in past years, but the focus may change a little.

The most recent unemployment information for Big Spring shows an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for the month of April, two-tenths of a percent higher than in March. In the past few months, Big Spring has reported unemployment rates of 4.3 percent in March; 4.2 percent in February; and 4.7 percent in January.

The economy is in pretty good shape, according to city leaders, but the idea is to continue the successes the community has had in getting industries such as Signal Homes and the Texas Veterans Home (to be built sometime this year near the Big Spring State Hospital) to Big Spring.

Ask City Manager Gary Fuqua his impression of the city during the past year, and he will probably tell you "exciting as well as challenging."

The first thing Fuqua points to is that for the fifth consecutive year, the city was able to meet its obligations without raising taxes. The current rate



The Wilderness Camp inmate work program, shown here at one of many work areas in Comanche Trail Park, is credited with accomplishing improvement projects throughout the city in the last several years. City officials hope to make better use of the Colorado City prison workers by getting longer extensions for the program from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

is 61 cents per \$100 valuation.

"In addition to our normal obligations of providing municipal services to our citizens, we were able to accomplish several major feats," Fuqua said.

The more significant accomplishments in the city in the last 18 months include:

•Continuation of the seven-year sealcoating project for city streets.

•Completion of an \$800,000 street improvement (repaving) project using bond funds.

•Completion on the construction of the Beals Creek Project.

•Completion of a cooperative improvement of the downtown

area, including working with a committee of volunteers to complete the installation of irrigated landscaping and historic lighting around the courthouse square, as well as a complete reconstruction of Main Street between First and Sixth streets.

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Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 87 to Big Spring is concerned.

The long range plan suggests annexing land about 500 feet either side of the entry ways to the city so people see something nice when they come into Big Spring. This is where the idea of gateways was born.

One suggestion made to the city council, as far as garnishing the entry ways to the city, is to look at what you see when you enter Midland International Airport from the south or west.

Some suggestions for improving Big Spring's image as peo-

ple enter include flagpoles, lighting and trees.

Fuqua said the city is also looking at reworking its street paving plan because some streets are in "desperate need" of paving.

One way Fuqua thinks the city can develop more of its plans is to talk the Texas Department of Criminal Justice into giving longer extensions for the inmate work camp.

"Right now we can only get extensions of six months at a time," Fuqua said. "It would help us if we could get one-year or two-year extensions."

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repairs later," Blackshear said.

As for addressing the city's problem with the retention of trained employees, Blackshear said a lot of the issue involves money, but a lot of it does not.

"A lot of people come in and

realize that they only want to be here a short while," Blackshear said. "They train and then they more on. Maybe we need to look at hiring people who want to live in a small town like Big Spring."

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OUR VIEWS

State Park group meets goal: Whole community should share in pride

Once again, we find ourselves congratulating the Big Spring Community for its support of a local landmark. The Big Spring State Park, having met its goal in matching funds, will receive a \$2,500 grant from the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

This money will help People for the Park realize their goal of renovating the playground at the park. People for the Park has done a wonderful job of spearheading this effort, but they haven't done it alone. They have partnered with several other groups, including the Big Spring Woman's Club and the Conventions and Visitors Bureau.

As with everything a community does successfully, this project took many hands. The effort of many people was required to get this project going, and see it through to success.

It was announced early this year that People for the Park had received a grant to help fund the project. The problem, or challenge that this created, was the grant required matching funds from another source.

That source was the community — and that source came through for our valuable local landmark. This is just another way we can show the state that our park is important to us.

On June 9, People for the Park will receive the matching fund grant for their project. Then work will begin. By the time school is about to begin in August, we should have a renovated playground that meets current federal guidelines, with shaded shelters and benches to allow parents to watch their children in comfort.

A "back to school" celebration for the new playground is expected to be announced later. Don't miss a chance to join the fun this upgraded facility will bring.

After all, many of you shared in the effort it took to bring this plan to fruition.

OTHER VIEWS

The fall of Suharto is the expression of profound geopolitical changes taking place in Southeast Asia, forewarned by the Asian financial crisis of the past year. The end of several decades of one-person domination of the Indonesian archipelago opens an entirely new stage in the country's independent life. It was a coup led by the figure of a leader through whom the political life of the country, its economic structure and its place in the world were profoundly changed.

In his recent televised speech, President Habibie correctly pointed to the necessity of something quickly about the disastrous and still worsening economic crisis. That requires immediate international support, a minimum of political stability, and most importantly, trust of foreign investors, and the Indonesian people. There is only one way to begin that trust: the Indonesian government must overcome its hesitancy and take the lead in the process of democratization.

The Volkskrant, Amsterdam
Declaring that the days of "corruption, collusion and nepotism" are over, Indonesia's President B.J. Habibie on Monday outlined plans for sweeping political reform including the release of prisoners of conscience, a review of the subversion laws under which these prisoners were jailed, the lifting of restrictions on political parties, and general elections which will be called, he says, as soon as possible. How then can the new government's commitment to reform be tested?

One indication will be its approach to East Timor. This is not because Indonesia's invasion and annexation of East Timor are still condemned by the United Nations and remain an embarrassment for Jakarta. Nor is it because the East Timorese still resist their forced incorporation into Indonesia. ... East Timor is significant, however, because the situation there has become emblematic of the much wider distortion of Indonesia's politics that results from the country's intrusive armed forces.

If President Habibie is serious about breaking with the past he could release East Timorese prisoners, call a cease fire in the province, order a scaling back of Indonesia's military presence, and open a dialogue on genuine autonomy. And he could do this in the next few days.

The Sydney (Australia) Morning Herald

This art 'secret' has a yarn all its own

CARROLLTON, Ga. — Pierre Pican flung holy water skyward, as if blessing a bird or a cloud.

The white-haired bishop of Bayeux and Lisieux, France, found himself in a small Georgia town, throwing holy water at a painting nearly as long as a football field. It was not something that happens every day.

"This artistic initiative of creativity links the past of the West to modern-day America," Pican prayed. Only he prayed in French.

A happy crowd stood looking up at the artistic prize the State University of West Georgia snagged some years ago and is finally getting around to celebrating. A reproduction of the famous Bayeux Tapestry, faithful in size and color, it is painted in acrylic on cotton and hangs in the school's Humanities Building. The work loops around itself, a beautiful, almost overwhelming thing, its story explained at eye level in captions that read like a medieval soap opera: "Here Duke Harold dragged them out of the sand ... And Conan took to flight."

Half a million people a year see the real Bayeux Tapestry, a band of linen 231 feet long with 58 embroidered scenes of William of Normandy's Conquest of England. The original was created around 1082, probably in a Saxon workshop, to decorate the growing cathedral of Bayeux. One wonderful legend has it made by Matilda, wife of William. But all that needlework surely would have killed one woman.

Napoleon later saw the art as a handy propaganda tool for his planned invasion of England. He hauled it to Paris in 1803. That Paris exhibition made the Bayeux Tapestry famous.

Georgia's replica "tapestry" is 12 years old and was commissioned by Dr. Edd Wheeler, a federal administrative law judge from Tucker. He had planned to take the horizontal piece on tour, but all the logistical problems with an artistic roadshow quickly became apparent.

Wheeler, however, liked the way the people at the college here handled his prize, and he soon donated the work to the school.

Georgia's Bayeux Tapestry is not famous. Not yet. There are people in this very town that haven't bothered to drop by to see the only Bayeux Tapestry reproduction in the Western Hemisphere, for free. It is quite possibly the world's best copy of one of the most important works of art to survive the Middle Ages.

That's one reason for the recent hoopla. Three days of seminar and celebration should stir interest, draw additional visitors and educate an American public that generally would rather ride a Tilt-A-Whirl than be exposed to art or history.

Atlanta artist Margaret ReVelle worked 12-hour days for 11 months painting the battles, dying soldiers and ghost ships. Maybe Matilda wasn't up to the task, but Margaret was.

She sometimes got a little depressed as the endless roll of cotton fed between dowels in her home. It was a lot like living your life; the Big Picture was rarely clear. She worked on only three or four yards at a time, never seeing the complete work until its debut at an Emory gallery.

But Margaret ReVelle didn't look depressed at all the other

night, as French dignitaries gazed approvingly at her copy, and strangers praised its vibrant and true colors. Margaret proudly stood beside Sylvette Lemagnen, conservator of the Museum of Bayeux and the original tapestry, looking up, like a child at a pinata party awaiting her swing.

"Ever since its origin, the human race has allowed itself to be conquered and penetrated by a preoccupation to bequeath to posterity the traces and essential elements of its life so that future generations might be able to acquire them, understand them and pass them on ...," the bishop prayed.

The lofty words washed over the rainy night gathering, and Margaret smiled.

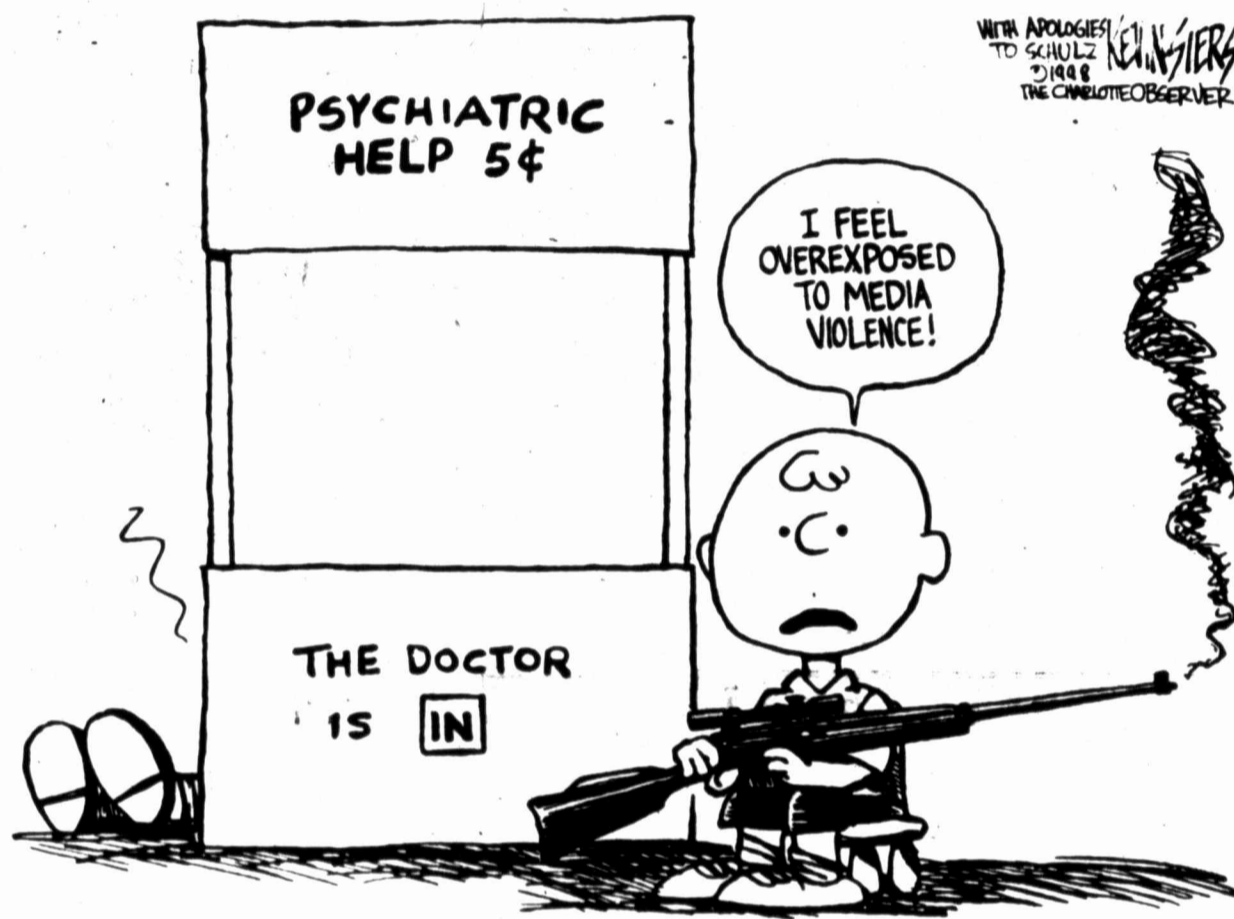
The French visitors were given gifts, including a big book on Southern gardens. English professor Bill Doxey read a poem, saying the events in the tapestry eventually led to the origination of the English language. There was mention of Carrollton and Bayeux becoming sister cities.

And Margaret gave Sylvette two portions of her tapestry to take home to France. Pilgrims to Bayeux might want to swing by Georgia for a gander at a contemporary copy.

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Baby boomers, watch out for tomorrow's workers

By DALE McFEATHERS
Scripps Howard News Service

If ever a generation should be trying to ingratiate itself with the nation's youth, it is the one now in power.

Because of longer lifespans and a declining birthrate, the day is not far off when there will be one young worker for every retiree. In other words, the kids running around the playgrounds today will be supporting the retirements of the Baby Boomers and Generation Xers tomorrow.

You would think that the future retirees of America would do everything possible to flatter, charm and — to use

their phrase — suck up to the future workers of America. You would think that wrongly.

The Clinton administration and its co-conspirators in Congress, by design or accident, have set out to enrage the very people they're counting on to support them in old age. Consider these developments under the guise of "what's best for the children."

A national campaign is underway to make it tougher for teenagers to get drivers licenses, effectively postponing the age for full driving privileges from the traditional 16 until after 18. To compound frustration with humiliation, a provisional driver, from 16 to 18,

would have to be accompanied by an adult, not someone over 18, someone over 21.

Congress will soon make it illegal to sell cigarettes to anyone under 18. Most states already do, and some are considering legal penalties — suspending that drivers license — for anyone under 18 caught smoking.

The federal government also has forced the drinking age from 18 to 21, meaning a 20-year-old infantry sergeant can't legally have a cold beer after a hard day on maneuvers.

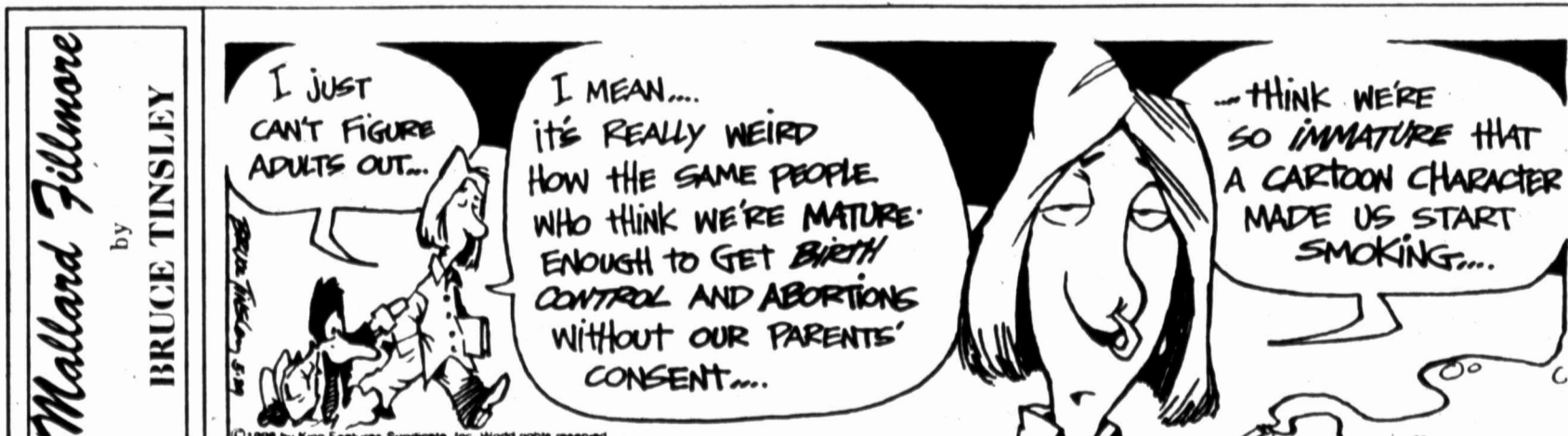
All of this is for the kids' own good, of course, as is the relentless preaching of sexual abstinence — by a generation that

can't stop talking about the miracle of Viagra.

President Clinton has proposed adding another two years to the time kids spend in school, meaning that they would leave school at 19 or 20 instead of 17 or 18.

The generation now in power, in the White House and Congress, seems unworried about its retirement, perhaps because of another unpleasant surprise awaiting the kids of today: Because the Boomers and Xers never got around to fixing it, Social Security will be bust when they retire.

It's an intergenerational joke: "Being of sound mind and body, we spent it all."



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Stewart, 22, worked for Big Spring for three years. He confirmed that he received a sizable salary increase when he went to work for the Midland Fire Department. He now commutes to Midland from Big Spring.

"I'm sure the pay scale and benefits are part of what's attracting (Big Spring firefighters) to our department," said Eddie Klatt, assistant chief of operations for the Midland Fire Department.

The Midland Fire Department regularly surveys area pay scales and benefits. "We know we can't compete with the Metroplex, but we look at communities in West Texas," Klatt said. "If you look at that, I think you'll find your answer."

Since June 1995, eight Big Spring firefighters have been hired by the Midland Fire Department. In all, 21 firefighters, 12 of whom were also paramedics, have left the Big Spring Fire Department/Ambulance Service.

"The guys don't feel much reason to stay here when in two years as a hoseman, they can make as much as a deputy chief here," Deputy Fire Chief Brian Jensen said recently. "The pipeline in Midland has opened. A firefighter can drive that short distance and make a much higher salary."

"We hired six new people last month. It will take a year to get them in line with where we need them to be," he explained. "A significant amount of time is invested in training. If we lose people before we get these people out (fully trained and on the job), we will have an even bigger problem."

Big Spring has had a high turnover rate for 15 years, said Paul Brown, president of the union. "Most of its due to salary."

"In the past you would have thought a lot of these people (leaving) weren't from here. Now we're losing local people to other areas."

"We're going through the



The Big Spring Fire/EMS Department, which took over the ambulance service in 1995, is facing several challenges at budget time. Among them, trained paramedics are leaving the department to work for higher pay elsewhere.

same thing the police department went through when it got its package changed," he added, "the police chief fought for it in the 1980s."

Brown vowed to go above Fire Chief Frank Anderson's head if necessary. "We'll go around him, go over his head. It's important. We need to deal with it now."

The Big Spring Fire Department has lost 12 firefighter-paramedics that were trained at city expense, since taking on the ambulance service in 1995. Big Spring firefighters and firefighter-paramedics number 67 in all, department records show.

Losing trained personnel at the rate of seven per year suggests to some that it would be cheaper to raise salaries than lose employees to other departments.

"What basically happened in Big Spring is that the City Council decided to start the (ambulance) program, and at

that time they set a salary they thought was reasonable," Ambulance Advisory Board member Katie Lara said recently.

"But as it turns out, it's so low we're not competitive with the nearby pay area."

Lara, the Chief of Nursing Service for the Veterans Administration Medical Center, recommended a one-time pay adjustment for the fire department to bring salaries up to par.

"We're certainly losing money when we lose these people," Lara said. "We're sending out the cream-of-the-crop of our new people."

Deputy Fire Chief Brian Jensen was unable to estimate the total cost of training. "I tracked it out when we first started, but it is too involved to get an accurate count at this point," he said.

In a report to the Ambulance Advisory Board in May 1997 Jensen reported that the cost of

training nine people at that time was approximately \$70,000. These figures suggest that retraining at the current rate of seven firefighter/paramedics each year could cost the department an annual amount of \$54,444.

Budget decisions, made by the City Council each year in May through July, look at city employee pay increases as a block, said Lara.

This year the Ambulance Advisory Board voted to ask the City Council to consider the Fire Department budget separately, and grant firefighter-paramedics a sizable pay raise.

"I think we need to make a one-time salary adjustment, a refinement so to speak, in a new program," Lara said. "Because if we don't, the cost will be devastating in the long-run. I don't think this trend will stop."

The City Council is consider-

ing a 3 percent across the board pay raise, said Paul Brown, president of the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association (BSPFFA). "Three percent doesn't even put us close to parity with the rank and file," he said. "We got this last year, and then the city raised its insurance and took it away."

Firefighters are dismayed their salaries don't compare with Big Spring police officers.

New police personnel are paid about \$50 more a month than new fire personnel, a salary survey comparison conducted by the BSPFFA shows. However, local police officers have a step program based on years of service and training per rank.

As a result, a new police officer who stays at the same rank for several years can earn as much as \$2,295 per month. A firefighter at the same rank

several years later is still earning the same base salary of \$1714 per month, according to the survey.

At each increase in rank, police officers receive a higher base salary than firefighters, the survey shows.

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•Completion of a three-year refurbishing of the Water Treatment plant filter system.

•Hiring a full-time city attorney to handle the city's legal concerns in-house.

•Reduction of several upper management positions and reassignment of duties to mid-level management, allowing the city to save thousands of dollars in salaries and benefits, while providing city crews with a hands-on management system that lends itself to improved quality of work and employee moral.

A great deal of work accomplished in the past couple of years can be attributed to the Colorado City inmates who make up the city's Wilderness Camp inmate work program, Fuqua said. It has been in Big Spring since September 1994.

"The inmate work program has served as a very effective and cost-efficient method for initiating city-wide cleanup of our city," Fuqua said. "In the past two years, major progress has been made in our efforts to improve the image of our hometown."

"The city also works closely with Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. to help attract new businesses to our area," Fuqua said. "We believe that McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is a valuable asset to our community ... and feel very encouraged that the Federal Aviation Administration's concerns with the airpark (finances) have now been resolved."

"The solutions developed with the FAA by city officials have improved the working relationship with FAA representatives, opening new doors of communication that will certainly prove valuable for Big Spring's



The Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is seen as a valuable asset to the community. Maintenance to the runways, with a grant for \$700,000 from the FAA, should begin next month.

future," Fuqua added. "The improved relationship has caused the FAA to release a \$700,000 grant for maintenance to the airpark runways."

That work is expected to begin sometime in June.

"In the future, it would be my

hope that Big Spring could continue its slow, steady growth, allowing the community to expand its tax base, while still allowing the city to address areas of vital concern ... and increasing quality of living for its citizens."

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Tigua casino controversy heats up

Bush aide denies comparison to drug dealers, Mauro calls for apology

AUSTIN (AP) — An attorney for the Tigua Indian tribe demanded an apology Friday from Gov. George W. Bush and spokeswoman Karen Hughes, saying Ms. Hughes compared the tribe's casino operations to drug dealing.

Ms. Hughes said she's made no such comparison.

Bush's chief spokeswoman on Thursday criticized the Republican governor's re-election challenger Garry Mauro for urging Bush to accept a deal with the tribe that would give the state 3 percent of revenues from the tribe's Speaking Rock Casino in El Paso.

"The laws of Texas make it clear that casino gambling is illegal," Ms. Hughes was quoted as saying in the Austin

American-Statesman.

"Neither Garry Mauro nor any elected official has the right to independently decide to sign away the laws of Texas."

"I hope (Mauro) wouldn't apply the same logic to our drug laws," she was quoted as saying. "Unfortunately, drug dealers make money selling drugs. We don't want the state to get a share of it because we don't want drug dealers selling drugs."

On Friday, Ms. Hughes said, "I never compared Tiguas to drug dealers. I said I hoped Garry Mauro's logic would not apply to our drug laws."

Tom Diamond, the tribe's attorney, said he believed the comparison was made and called it "low down and mean spirited."

"It's a ridiculous comparison," Diamond said.

Diamond and tribal members, who have sued the governor, say that under federal law, they can do anything on their tribal land that the state is allowed to do. That includes gambling, Diamond said.

"The governor refuses to face the fact that Texas has casinos all over the state. Every lottery terminal is a casino game," he said.

Bush has said the lottery is not casino gambling.

Mauro also said Bush owes tribal members an apology.

"It is outrageous to compare law-abiding citizens to drug dealers," he said.

Linda Edwards, another Bush spokeswoman, said the governor has great respect for

the Tiguas and the legal activities they have undertaken to improve their economic status. But she said the governor must uphold the laws of the state.

Ms. Hughes said Mauro should apologize for proposing that Texas not enforce its laws against casino gambling in return for a share of the take.

Mauro spokesman Joe Cutbirth said Mauro is supporting the Tiguas' right to determine how to determine their economic future, not casino gambling.

"This isn't about gambling," Cutbirth said Friday. "This is about the right of the Tiguas as a sovereign nation to determine their economic future. George Bush wants to shut them down."

Fire danger across state called serious

AUSTIN (AP) — As smoke from south of the border finally clears, Texas faces the prospect of more of its own fires.

Range fires earlier this month blackened about 5,000 acres west of San Antonio and 50,000 acres near Marfa in Southwest Texas.

Now the state is said to be a giant tinder box with abundant vegetation ready to be ignited by the smallest spark.

"The potential is there for a lot of fires, and serious fires ... because of how dry spring has been and how dry we expect summer to be," said Austin Fire Department spokeswoman Cathy Brandewie.

"We want people to start thinking about how easily fires can spread under these dry conditions," she said.

How dry is it?

The National Weather Service in Lubbock reported Friday that this May is likely to be the second-driest on

record, with only a trace more precipitation than 1927.

But while most of West Texas can expect near-normal rainfall through August, Central Texas is approaching near-drought conditions.

Authorities have formed the Wildland Fire Prevention Team — a cooperative of local, state and federal authorities.

Part of the team's mission is teaching people how easily fires can begin. Even a discarded bottle can focus the sun's rays into a dangerous pinpoint of flame.

A more immediate threat comes from cigarettes and cigars discarded while still smoldering.

In rural areas, residents are urged to clear a 30- to 50-foot barrier between homes and surrounding forest and brush. Firefighters recommend keeping the grass short in this space and clearing away all brush and dead branches.

Friday's first winnings in 'Texas Million' split four ways

AUSTIN (AP) — The first Texas Million prize was worth \$1 million. And four Texans won it.

The numbers drawn Friday night for the new weekly Texas Lottery game were, in order, 5, 28, 16 and 27. The winning tickets were sold in Farmers Branch, Paris, San Antonio and Victoria.

"We spent about two years working on this game," said Pam Udall, the lottery's on-line product manager. "Our players say they like the game because they have multiple ways to win on one ticket, that they can play for a \$1 million cash prize and that the odds were only 1 in 3.9 million."

The dynamics of the game may take some getting used to,

however.

The \$2 game ticket, which is similar to those used for Lotto Texas, Cash 5 and Pick 3, is divided into three categories.

The top section is for the \$1 million prize. The second section is for a top prize of \$25,000, and a third is for a \$10,000 prize.

Players, by choice or Quick Pick, get four numbers from 0 to 99 that could win \$1 million.

They also receive six additional sets of four numbers that are automatically generated. Two sets of those numbers are in the \$25,000 category, while the other four sets are in the \$10,000 category.

Match all four numbers in the top section and win \$1 million. Match all four numbers in

the second section and win \$25,000. Match all four in the third section and win \$10,000.

Players matching three numbers in any one of the seven sets win \$300. Matching two numbers in any one of the sets wins \$10.

There is a maximum \$10 million payout for the top prize in each drawing, so if more than 10 people win \$1 million in any given drawing, the winners will split \$10 million.

Lottery sales have been slower since the state cut overall prizes from 57 cents per \$1 to 53 cents, beginning on Sept. 1, 1997. The state now expects lottery revenue to fall short by \$328 million in the current budget.

Noting the potential shortfall,

some lawmakers have said the 1999 Legislature should return prizes to where they were or allow the Texas Lottery Commission to determine how best to maximize profits.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

DALLAS (AP) — While history was developing around him, Cecil Stoughton was worrying about getting his flash to work.

Lyndon Baines Johnson, made president by an assassin's bullet, was ready to take his oath of office aboard Air Force One.

Stoughton, the White House photographer from 1961 until 1965, was poised to record the event.

His first shot was a blank. His second, a somber, unforgettable image of the transfer of power after John F. Kennedy was gunned down in November 1963.

On Friday, what would have been Kennedy's 81st birthday, Stoughton and other photographers who recorded that fateful day gathered at the site of the assassination to compare notes.

"Like everybody, I was just stupefied," Stoughton said of his feelings in the hours after Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy at Dealey Plaza. "Numb, for all intents and purposes, but I had a job to do. I was responsible for recording this transfer of power."

Just a few cars behind Kennedy in the motorcade, the Air Force captain wasn't quite certain what had caused Kennedy's car to race away.

"We had to ask someone on the side of the street what had happened," Stoughton said.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Smugglers of toucans, macaws, spider monkeys and other exotic animals sometimes destroy precious wildlife habitat while committing their crimes.

A three-year investigation of trafficking in such exotics has

ended the smuggling operation, the U.S. Customs Service announced Friday.

Before the bust, a lynx was bound and gagged and dragged across the Rio Grande. Baby parrots were stuffed inside a cardboard box and hidden beneath a car's floorboard carpet.

"The motive, of course, is money," said Leonard Lindheim, special agent in charge of Customs in San Antonio.

He said 37 arrests have been made so far in Texas, Colorado, Tennessee and Missouri, with more expected.

Smugglers capture or buy the animals in Mexico and Central and South America, bringing the animals across the Texas-Mexico border mainly between Brownsville and Laredo, said Lindheim.

Some rare birds are more valuable — pound for pound — than marijuana, Lindheim said.

The investigation, known as Operation Jungle Trade, was based in Brownsville. It began in 1985 after border inspectors identified a wildlife smuggler who agreed to cooperate with federal authorities.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Shutting his eyes didn't help Robert Dittman after he had jumped out of an airplane at 10,000 feet.

"It felt great; it was the coolest feeling," he said. "I shut my eyes for a second, but then again, I can't see."

Blind since birth, Dittman had a 35-second free fall at 125 mph Friday before jump master Rick Meyers of Skydive San Antonio, Inc. opened the main

parachute.

Meyers guided and shared a square parachute with Dittman during the five-minute fall.

The sophomore at the University of Texas at San Antonio, majoring in radio, TV and film, decided to skydive just three days ago.

"I became bored on Tuesday and I decided to do something exciting, like skydiving," said Dittman, 20.

"I just want to prove to people there are no limits, whether they are disabled or not," he said.

Victoria Archur, his best friend, read the liability forms to him before boarding a private plane at an airstrip near Elmendorf Air Force Base in southern Bexar County.

DALLAS (AP) — After losing \$9 million in the first quarter, Kaiser Permanente says it's selling its North Texas HMO to Sierra Health Services Inc.

Terms were not disclosed on the deal, which still faces approval by regulators and directors of both companies, according to The Dallas Morning News' editions today.

For the past two years, Kaiser has tried but failed to build a foundation from Dallas-Fort Worth to expand throughout Texas and the Southwest.

But membership fell from 128,992 last year to 124,135 and financial losses have grown.

Sierra, based in Las Vegas, runs Nevada's largest health plan, a military health services company, and indemnity and workers' compensation insurers. It has a total of 609,000 members, including 190,000 in HMOs.

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Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, P — Pakistan on Sunday announced two nuclear devices, officials said.

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Pakistan detonates two more nukes after agreeing to sign treaty

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan on Saturday detonated two more nuclear devices, officials said.

The latest blasts, conducted in the remote desert hills of southwestern Baluchistan province and believed to be about 18 kilotons in strength, follow five nuclear tests that Pakistan conducted on Thursday.

On Friday, tensions seemed to be easing between Pakistan and its chief rival, India, which set off five tests of its own two weeks ago.

Pakistan proposed they both sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and India suggested

a mutual pledge not to strike first.

Neither proposal seemed likely to bear fruit quickly, but the overtures showed both countries were anxious to assure the world that they were not sliding toward nuclear war.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Pakistani Foreign Minister Gohar Ayub said Pakistan would sign the test ban treaty if India also does. He also vowed to retaliate "with vengeance and devastating effect" against any attack by India.

"We are a nuclear power," he said. "We have an advanced missiles program."

Pakistan exploded what it said were five nuclear devices Thursday in response to India's nuclear tests earlier this month. Pakistanis danced in the street and embraced; Western nations condemned the move and threatened sanctions.

In New Delhi, India's Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said both nations need peace to prosper.

"We will formally give a pledge of no-first-use of nuclear weapons against Pakistan," he said, adding that India will abide by its policy against transferring nuclear or missile technology to other countries.

Pakistan has indicated it would consider a no-first-strike agreement, but did not respond Friday to Vajpayee's offer.

"I want to remove doubts that we want to destroy Pakistan," Vajpayee told Parliament, ending a three-day debate on nuclear issues.

The rival nations have fought three wars in the last 50 years, two of them over the disputed border territory of Kashmir.

The U.N. Security Council on Friday deplored Pakistan's nuclear tests and urged Pakistan and India to refrain from further testing and sign nuclear arms control treaties — unconditionally and immediately.

The Clinton administration hopes to follow up the council declaration with a meeting of the foreign ministers of the five permanent members — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — to discuss further steps to curb the nuclear arms race in South Asia.

In Washington, White House spokesman Mike McCurry detailed the conditions that Islamabad and New Delhi must meet before lifting of sanctions would be considered.

McCurry said the conditions include unqualified approval of the test ban treaty, entering

talks over ending production of fissile materials, refraining from equipping their conventional arsenal with nuclear weapons and making concrete efforts to reduce tensions over such volatile issues as Kashmir.

India and Pakistan have rejected global treaties on nuclear nonproliferation because they do not require existing nuclear powers to disarm.

The test ban treaty, passed by the U.N. General Assembly on Sept. 10, 1996, has been approved by 149 nations. The accord bans all nuclear explosions.

BRIEFS

PHOENIX (AP) — Larger than life. Fearlessly blunt. Mr. Conservative.

Colleagues, friends and even rivals from every corner of the American political landscape honored Barry Goldwater, whose no-nonsense appeal made him "an American original."

The five-term Republican senator, whose unsuccessful bid for the White House in 1964 began the philosophical reshaping of the Republican Party, died of natural causes Friday. He was 89.

Admirers celebrated his lengthy political career, and Goldwater's notorious sharp-tongued comments invariably prompted heartfelt chuckles and knowing smiles.

"You didn't have to guess where he was on any issue," former Republican Sen. Bob Dole said. "He used to carry this cane around. You knew you were in trouble if Barry started reaching out for you with that cane. You'd find someplace to go in a hurry!"

Instantly recognizable with his white hair and black horn-rimmed glasses, Goldwater espoused a fiercely individualistic — even libertarian — brand of conservatism.

President Clinton interrupted his Rose Garden speech on crime to call Goldwater "an American original" and ordered flags flown at half-staff at federal buildings on Wednesday, the day of Goldwater's funeral in Tempe.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government and the people who run the nation's organ transplant network are locked in a fierce fight over which patients should get scarce livers and who should decide transplant policy.

Two months after the government ordered that lifesaving organs be given to the sickest patients first, the network is lobbying Congress to overturn the order. It also is warning communities that their transplant centers could close and more people will die if the order goes through.

Federal officials, meanwhile, are taking their case directly to surgeons.

The two sides have not met yet, but they plan to sit down together in June. The regulation is on hold at least until October.

The disagreement will not be resolved easily. Beyond the controversy over organ allocation, it involves questions about how much control the government should have over the private company running the transplant network.

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time in two months, Microsoft Corp., the giant software company being sued by the Justice Department and 20 states for alleged antitrust violations, made a large contribution to the Republican Party.

Microsoft gave \$100,000 to the Republican National Committee in April, a month

after the company donated \$99,000 worth of computer equipment to the National Republican Senatorial Committee, according to documents filed with the Federal Election Commission.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In 1987, when conservative judge Robert Bork was a nominee for the Supreme Court, an alternative weekly paper published a list of the videos he had rented.

Conservatives and liberals alike were outraged, and ever since then Washington has been sensitive to the disclosure of that sort of private information.

On Friday, customers applauded when Bill Kramer stood in the trendy bookstore-eatery he founded 22 years ago and announced he intends to fight Kenneth Starr's subpoena for Monica Lewinsky's book purchases.

Victory is by no means certain. A sympathetic First Amendment lawyer says he doubts the bookstore has legal grounds for resistance.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The deaths of Phil Hartman and his wife cannot erase the fact they were a loving and devoted couple, their families said, dismissing "unbridled speculation" that the marriage was in trouble.

Mrs. Hartman, 40, apparently shot her husband Thursday morning in the family's Encino home, then shot herself as officers arrived to investigate.

The Los Angeles Times reported today that Mrs. Hartman left the home after the shooting, leaving behind one or both of the children.

Unidentified police sources told the newspaper that Mrs. Hartman spent several hours at a male friend's house early Thursday before returning home and killing herself.

Indonesians look to an uncertain future

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Drive down the streets of Indonesia's capital and you see plywood — plenty of it, covering storefronts and thousands of windows shattered during days of rioting.

The violence killed at least 500 people and stopped only when President Suharto resigned, ending 32 years of autocratic rule.

More than a week later, Indonesia's 202 million people are still worried. People are replacing windows with plywood instead of new glass, just in case the mobs return.

It's far from clear whether a long list of reforms announced by Suharto's successor, B.J. Habibie, will prove to be a long-term solution or just a temporary repair job for a society that flirted with anarchy. But Suharto's once faithful deputy and longtime friend has surprised those who thought he would follow the ways of his old boss.

He dropped Suharto's cronies from the Cabinet and dumped Suharto's daughter as a government minister. Members of Suharto's family have begun to lose privileges that made them fortunes under the old president's patronage.

Habibie is staking his calls for calm on a vow to untie the straitjacket that Suharto placed around Indonesia's political system.

He has promised parliamentary elections in 1999 that would then lead to the selection of a president. The number of political parties, restricted by Suharto to three tame and government-approved organizations, is supposed to increase.

There is talk of ending draconian laws that muzzled the news media. In any event, newspapers are already printing critical stories that their editors would never have dreamed of running just a few

weeks ago. And there are plans to reopen publications long closed by the authorities.

Four political prisoners jailed for insulting Suharto have been let out on Habibie's orders. Many of the 200 still in prison are expected to go free soon.

In a gesture of sympathy that the aloof Suharto would never have made, Habibie walked through the ashes of burned out shopping malls and talked

to victims who had lost everything during the anti-Suharto riots. Later he promised to find some way to help repair the damage, even though the government is all but broke because of the Asian economic crisis.

Many ordinary Indonesians were shocked by the violence. As soldiers and tanks leave the streets and return to their barracks, most people seem willing

to give Habibie the benefit of the doubt — for now.

Amien Rais, the most high-profile opposition figure to emerge during the demonstrations against Suharto, seems to be in constant contact with Habibie.

Once new lawmakers are elected they can then join an assembly of government appointees and select a president.

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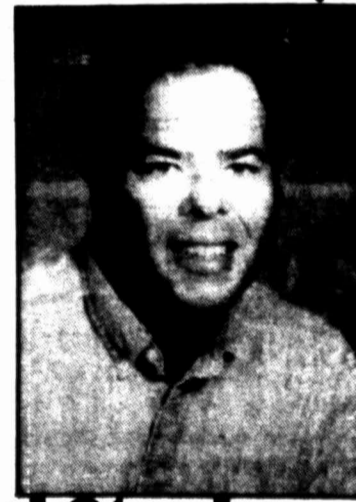
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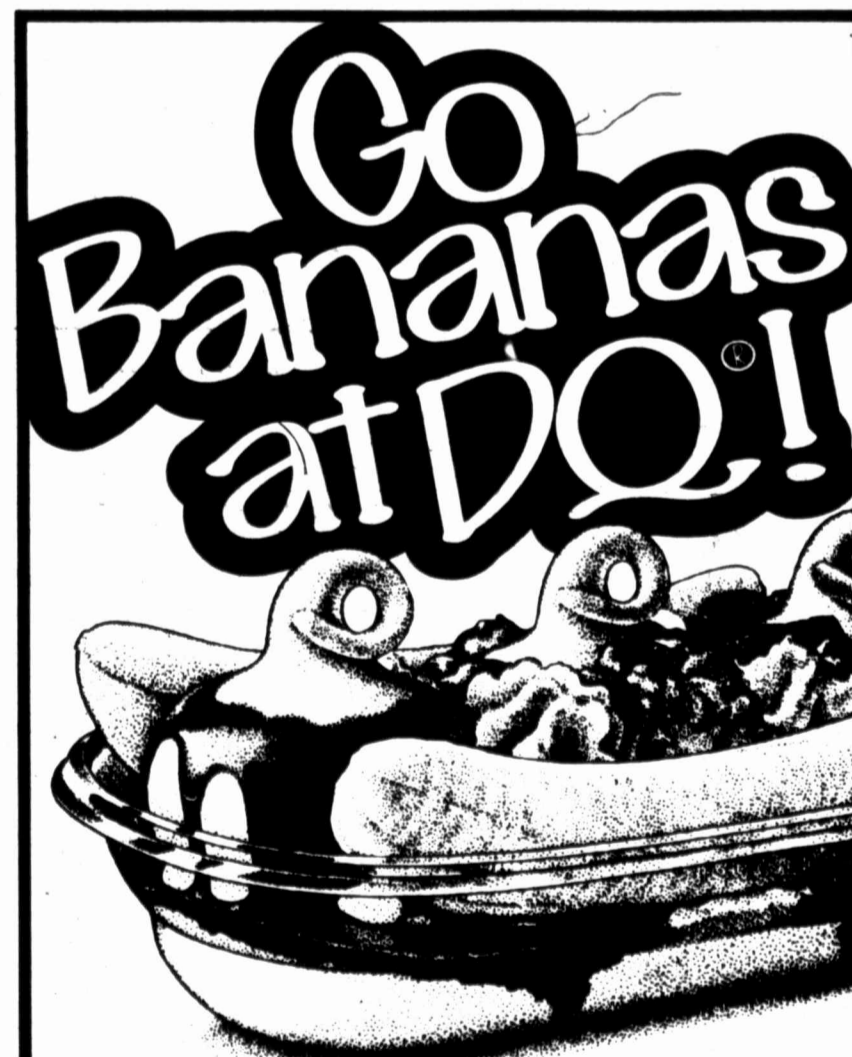
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Houseguests are expected to pay their fair share

DEAR ABBY: When we have out-of-town guests, what are our responsibilities?

We provide luxurious private accommodations and meals, which is to be expected. But are we supposed to pay for ALL their entertainment — such as the ballet, symphony, concert and golf fees?

We invited a couple to stay with us, but where do we draw the line? They will be houseguests for three weeks because they will be coming from a great distance, and this was planned nearly a year ago.

If they offer to pay for anything, should we accept their offer? — NO NAME OR CITY, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: The symphony, concert, ballet and golfing? Your guests appear to be accustomed to the best. The financial arrangements for these activities should be discussed with your invited guests before they arrive and before the reservations are made. If you are purchasing tickets in advance, you can easily ask for their seating preferences — and which credit card number you should give the box office. Also, if the visitors play golf, with or without you, they should pay their own way.

Since they are staying for an extended period, your guests should reciprocate your hospitality by taking you to dinner at least once a week. You should not have to pay for everything, nor should they expect it.

DEAR ABBY: I read your column regularly and find you to be the voice of reason. On many occasions I thought about writing to you for advice — and now I am. An invitation to an upcoming bridal shower is what put me over the edge.

Is it appropriate for the bride's mother to throw her daughter a bridal shower? And, more important to me, to

include in the invitation a three-page history of the bride and groom, along with the bride's panty and bra sizes? — HORRIFIED IN THE HAMP-TONS

DEAR HORRIFIED: According to the etiquette books, bridal showers may be given for the bride by her friends or relatives — but never by members of either her immediate family or her fiancé's.

I see nothing wrong with including information about the bridal couple for guests who might not have met one of them. However, to include the bride's bra and panty sizes is disclosing far more information than necessary.

I've heard of blushing brides — but it should be a flush of happiness, not embarrassment.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to add an act of kindness to your collection.

About two years ago, we moved to Alta Laguna Mobile Home Park in Alta Loma, Calif. We had our newspaper subscription transferred.

After three or four mornings, I commented to my wife that the new delivery person was doing an excellent job of getting the paper on the top of our steps right by the door.

Later I discovered that a widow in the park arises at 5:30 every morning and walks around the park picking up newspapers and putting them at the door of all 50 homes.

Abby, the widow is Vernon Stotts (cq), and she just celebrated her 93rd birthday. What a wonderful person.

I hope when I reach her age I am as spry and alert as she is. — ROBERT J. WATSON JR., U.S. NAVY (RET.)

DEAR ROBERT: So do I. Thanks for writing!

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ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31:

You'll have few complaints about all that is happening. You might, however, need to become more efficient and organized. Don't take a rigid view; be open to different ideas. Opportunities keep popping into your life. If you are single, let romance take a higher priority. Love could come through travel, or with someone unique. If attached, the two of you need to plan that special trip. Working together as a team brings you closer together. Clear up any misunderstandings before they become bigger. LEO adds luster to your life.

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) Misunderstandings loom about. You want to pretend you don't know what has happened, but being the Ram that you are, you should seek solutions. Be even with a difficult child or loved one. Believe it or not, he needs your understanding. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Tempers flare at home and outside. What should you do? You still might be happier avoiding the masses. Confusion surrounds decisions. Your intuition about a family member comes through for you. Laughter spices up your thoughts. Tonight: Be grateful for what is.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Get on the phone, and untangle some crossed wires. Note that you are overreacting. Take a walk, find a friend and discuss what is happening. Another perspective grounds you. Let a special person know how you feel. Romance is high. Tonight: Chat up a storm.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Hold on to your wallet; you

are sorely tempted to over-spend. A misunderstanding is likely, so double-check agreements and figures. Someone could inadvertently make an error. A partner indulges you. You can make daydreams real. Share a special wish. Tonight: Your treat.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are at your best, even when others throw you a curve ball. Think through a situation before reacting. Confirm the details of a gathering, before running over there. Romance abounds; you receive special news. Love might cloud your vision. Tonight: Could be dreamy.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Knowing when to play ostrich is important. Opt for that alternative — perhaps invite a special partner along — as chaos marks plans and communications. You need some time to luxuriate and be good to yourself. Ask for that rub or massage. Tonight: Early to bed.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can no longer hide your feelings. Someone touches you on a deep level. Listen carefully to a partner regarding a money matter. He could be way off with his figures and ideas. Establish your own monetary dominance. Bonding adds euphoria. Tonight: Happy, happy you.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be realistic about your limits, as well as a partner's. You are liking to take on a project that is way out of your league. Stress realism, to reduce disappointment. Confusion surrounds plans and a special friendship. Handle details, and run errands. Tonight: Visit a parent.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A friend creates an uproar and confuses talks; you'll toss your hands in the air. Your sense of humor makes a big dif-

ference; you are unlikely to worry about this matter for long. Loving, yet mixed, messages add to your heartthrobs and stomach flutters. Tonight: Go for it.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Remain anchored, as the rest of the world flips its wig. It is wise to pull back and think through a response. Confirm plans, and be direct with a child or loved one. You see no limits now. Still, take care of yourself financially. Tonight: Ask for that hug.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You create a haze around yourself. Others cannot get a clear reading. You feel romantic and caring. Friends seek you out, but you are happiest at home. If you don't listen carefully to someone, a misunderstanding could occur. Tonight: Enjoy the social atmosphere.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You will be happiest if you don't take anything for granted. Others seem mired in confusion; you might not be sure about what they are telling you. Get involved in a favorite pastime or hobby. A loved one has a big secret to share. Be all ears. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.***

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Bulldo

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

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Bulldogettes receive snub from 2-2A coaches in all-district vote?

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Sometimes it doesn't pay to be head and heels better than your competition — like when it comes time to select all-district teams.

At least that's what Rob Dickenson and his state champion Coahoma Bulldogettes must think following the results of the coaches' balloting in the District 2-2A selection process.

While the Bulldogettes grabbed several first-team, all-district spots, Dickenson, center fielder Cassie Tindol and first baseman Shana Earnest could lay decent claims to having been snubbed in the voting.

Tindol, a junior, and Earnest, a senior, both of whom wound up earning all-state tournament accolades from the media following last weekend's state championship



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win over Blooming Grove, left off the first-team, were left off the 2-2A first team.

And Dickenson, who automatically became the state's Class 2A softball coach of the year when the Bulldogettes knocked off the state's No. 1-ranked team in the finale game, was snubbed by his peers when they selected Anson's Bobby Ott as the district's coach of the year. In addition, the Lady

Tigers earned one more first-team 'pick than the Bulldogettes.

"I guess that's to be expected as bad as we were beating people," Dickenson said somewhat philosophically. "We were run ruling people in three or five innings and sometimes playing our starters for just an

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DISTRICT 2-2A ALL-DISTRICT SOFTBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM				SECOND TEAM			
Player	Pos.	Class	School	Player	Pos.	Class	School
Sara Aiford	SS	Sr.	Anson	Jennifer Williams	3B	So.	Anson
Doketra Daibert	2B	Sr.	Anson	Jana Cox	1B	Sr.	Haskell
Amber Bingham	2B	Fr.	Coahoma	Roselinda Gonzales	SS	Jr.	Haskell
Misty Baker	SS	Jr.	Coahoma	Kenn Kay Buchanan	2B	Fr.	Coahoma
Marlene Goff	SS	Fr.	Hawley	Shana Earnest	1B	Sr.	Coahoma
Jackie Hardin	OF	So.	Anson	Leslie Garcia	SS	So.	Loraine
Priscilla Jacques	OF	Fr.	Anson	Cassie Tindol	OF	Jr.	Coahoma
April Vittareal	OF	Fr.	Haskell	Tiffany Loving	OF	Fr.	Haskell
Brandie Hart	OF	Fr.	Coahoma	Melissa Braxwell	OF	Sr.	Hermleigh
Jessica McLaren	P	So.	Anson	Krissy Thompson	OF	Fr.	Hawley
Allison West	C	Sr.	Coahoma	Amanda Kendall	OF	So.	Loraine
				Kendra Dacus	P	So.	Hermleigh
				Amy Garcia	C	Jr.	Loraine

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Tara Sterling, Coahoma
NEWCOMERS OF YEAR: Kristi Ratliff of Anson, freshman, and Lindsey Fort of Hawley, freshman.
COACH OF THE YEAR: Bobby Ott, Anson

Mace wants immediate powerhouse

While Howard College administrators have indicated that they plan on implementing the new Lady Hawks fast pitch softball program over a three-year period, someone has apparently forgotten to tell that to Andy Mace.

Mace, who left Eastern Oklahoma's Lady Mountaineers program he's



JOHN A. MOSELEY

come to the NJCAA Fast Pitch World Series for the past two seasons to become the Lady Hawks' first coach, says his team will compete at the highest level when it first walks on the field next fall.

He made those intentions clear last week while signing Howard's first two players to scholarships, Big Spring Lady Steers second baseman Honey Belew and former Coahoma Bulldogettes pitching star Audra Bingham.

"We're going to compete at a national level from the very start," Mace said in explaining that he plans for a vast majority of next season's Lady Hawks roster to be made up of West Texas players.

"We'll have some young ladies from outside West Texas," he added, "but we want the majority of our players to come from schools that the rest of our student body is drawn from. We can do that and play at the national level in fast pitch softball where that might not be the case in some of the other sports Howard College competes in."

Mace made it clear that he'd have liked an opportunity to sign Big Spring's Jessica Cobos and Melissa Martinez to scholarships, but Midland College lured them away before he'd been selected for the Lady Hawks job.

He has also made no secret that he'd like to land Coahoma's Tara Sterling and Shana Earnest, both of whom made huge contributions to the Bulldogettes' march to the Class 2A state championship this spring.

Sterling hasn't indicated what her plans for college are, but Earnest reportedly has decided a year of pain endured while playing basketball and softball following reconstructive surgery on her right knee as a junior is enough. She'll apparently end her playing career.

The new Lady Hawks coach said he is also interested in signing Andrews shortstop Hollie Fields, in addition to a number of other Class 5A players he's seen at West Texas schools.

He is also expected to have perhaps as many as four of the freshman starters from Eastern Oklahoma's team from this spring opt to follow him to Howard, including Maria Lopes, the California pitching product who went 26-2 for the Lady Mountaineers.

Mace said he expects to have finalized the Lady Hawks' fall schedule around July 1, while the spring schedule won't be

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'Dogs face New Deal on Monday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

And then there were four... There are just four teams remaining in the Region I, Class 2A baseball playoffs, and Coahoma's Bulldogs will take on New Deal's Lions at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Howard College's Jack Barber Field in a bid to reach the regional finals later in the week.

The Bulldogs, who improved their record to 16-3 with an 8-4 win over Tahoka in an area playoff last week, want nothing more than a chance to return to the UIL state tournament next week in Austin.

To do that, however, they must first knock off the 14-7 Lions and then dispatch the winner of Tuesday evening's other Region I semifinal pitting Abernathy and Shallwater.

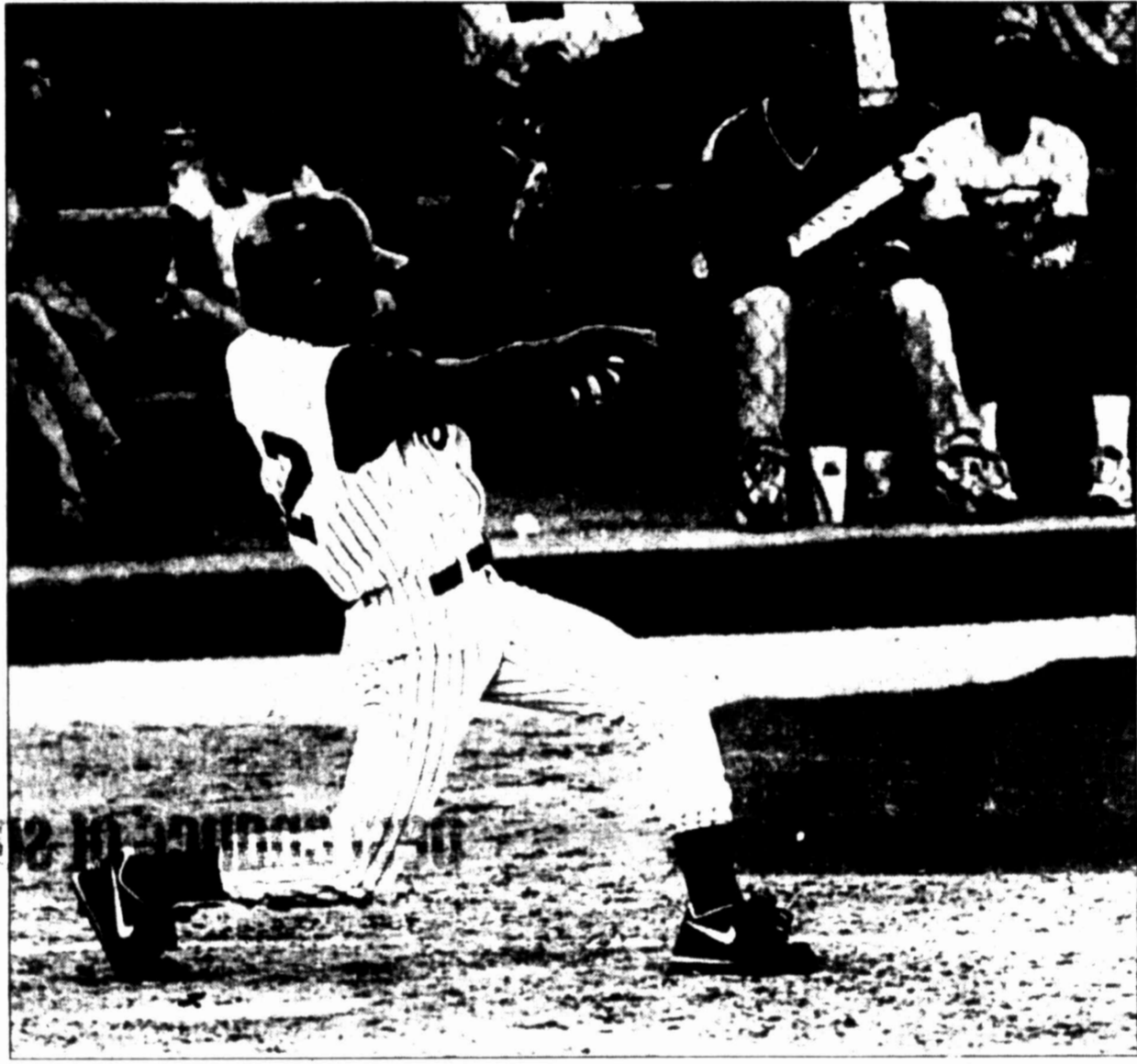
And what about New Deal?

"Well, first off, they (Lions) are a pretty good baseball team," Bulldogs coach Trey Morgan said Saturday after putting his team through its workout paces. "They hit the ball pretty well and play really good defense... don't make a bunch of mistakes that would beat them."

"From what we've been able to learn about them, they don't have a dominating pitcher, but they have overall good pitching," he continued. "But the big thing about them is that they play hard... will really get after you."

While Morgan said he hasn't had an opportunity to scout the Lions, it was clear from a quick glance at the crowd during the Bulldogs' win over Tahoka in Snyder on Thursday that not only the Lions coaching staff, but a large number of their players were able to get a look at Coahoma.

But New Deal coach Desmond Ayala and his players didn't get a chance to scout Bulldogs righthander T.J. Green, because Coahoma lefty Delvin White turned in a masterful 2-hit, 16-strikeout, distance-going



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Coahoma right fielder Mario Garcia follows through on his swing as he rips a single in the fourth inning of the Bulldogs' 8-4 win Thursday over Tahoka in area playoff action at Snyder. The 'Dogs, now 16-3, will face New Deal in a regional semifinal game at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Howard College's Jack Barber Field.

performance in improving his record to 8-2 on the year Thursday.

"We feel that Delvin being able to go the distance was a big plus," Morgan admitted, noting that Green (7-0) will be the Bulldogs' projected starter. "New Deal didn't get a chance to see T.J. pitch and we hope that's to our advantage."

What is also to the Bulldogs' advantage is an offensive lineup that not only has averaged 10 hits per game in the playoffs,

but has come up with many of those hits when there were runners in scoring position.

"I'm really pleased with the way we've been hitting," Morgan said. "But more than that, it's nice that we seem to be coming up with the big hits when there are runners on second and third."

Coahoma has also shown a propensity for running the base paths which has also proved to be a key factor in manufacturing runs.

"We've made a mistake or two on the base paths here and there, but overall, we've done a good job of running the bases," Morgan acknowledged. "Of course, the key there is that we've got pretty good team speed. Just about every kid we've got has at least one stolen base and several of them — Jerry Mann, Lance Montealeone and Cody Teeler — have a lot more."

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Steers' Darling, Mouton earn all-district spots

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring Steers seniors Wes Mouton and James Darling earned berths on an all-District 4-4A baseball team that to no one's surprise was dominated by league champion Andrews' Mustangs.

Mouton, a mainstay in the Steers' lineup for four years, was one of two second basemen named to the all-district squad, while Darling, perhaps the biggest surprise of the season for coach Bobby Doe, was one of six pitchers earning all-district honors.

Both played key roles in the Steers' return to the Class 4A playoffs, finishing with a 15-15 overall record, following a one-year hiatus from postseason play.

Andrews' Chris Trevino, who not only led the Mustangs to a perfect 10-0 slate in district play, but also chalked up a no-hit win over Big Spring in the two teams' first meeting, was selected by the district's coaches as the team's most valuable player.

Nine of Trevino's teammates earned spots on the all-district team — pitching staff mate P.J.

Lewis, catcher Elton Emiliano, first baseman Brandon Long, second baseman Gerald Bueno, third baseman August Lewis, shortstop Shaud Williams, designated hitter Mike Hudson and outfielders Jeremy Pitkin and Adrian DeLaCruz.

Every one of the Andrews players was a unanimous selection.

In addition to Trevino, Lewis and Darling, the all-district pitching staff included Pecos' Jason Abilia, Fort Stockton's Steven Cordero and San Angelo Lake View's Oscar Solis.

The remainder of the all-district infield included Fort Stockton first baseman Guy Velez and shortstop Gabriel Leyva, Pecos third baseman Richard Gutierrez and Sweetwater shortstop Jeff Gomez.

Those joining Pitkin and DeLaCruz in the outfield were Sweetwater's Jason Gomez and Justin Gee, Fort Stockton's Jeremy Hickman and Jonathan Rojas, Lake View's Colby Sykes and Pecos' Oscar Luna.

Four Big Spring players earned honorable mention status on the team — catcher Clayton Pate and the Steers

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HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring pitcher James Darling comes with a sidearm delivery during his 5-hit win over Pecos that locked up a playoff berth for the Steers.



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Big Spring second baseman Wes Mouton (21) turns to attempt the double play after forcing out a Midland Greenwood runner at second.

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SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL SOFTBALL

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Lists local softball teams like AFLAC, EAP Farms, and others.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE BALTIMORE Orioles—Signed LHP Matt Rife. DETROIT Tigers—Placed LHP Roberto Duran on the 15-day disabled list.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ATLANTA Falcons—Signed RB Ken Odoms to a two-year contract. CLEVELAND Browns—Named Les Miller AFC pro scout.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

Buffalo 2, Washington 0. Detroit 2, Dallas 0. Monday, May 25: Washington 3, Buffalo 2. OT.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

Utah 112, L.A. Lakers 77. Sunday, May 17: Chicago 85, Indiana 79. Monday, May 18: Utah 99, J. A. Lakers 95.

STEERS

Continued from page 9A starting outfield of left fielder Eric Hansen, center fielder Marcus Hyatt and right fielder Brock Gee.

DISTRICT 4-4A ALL-DISTRICT BASEBALL TEAM

Table listing players, positions, and schools for the District 4-4A All-District Baseball Team.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER — Chris Trevino, Andrews. COACH OF THE YEAR — Joe Ray Halsey, Andrews.

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American League

Table showing American League standings for East Division and Central Division.

National League

Table showing National League standings for East Division and Central Division.

Friday's Games

Detroit 8, Chicago White Sox 7. Cleveland 7, Toronto 3. Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 2.

Saturday's Games

Boston at N.Y. Yankees. Cleveland at Toronto. Seattle at Tampa Bay (n).

National League

Table showing National League standings for East Division and Central Division.

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, Atlanta 3. 11 innings. N.Y. Mets 11, Philadelphia 0.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta at Chicago Cubs. Houston at Colorado. Arizona at San Francisco.

Friday, May 22

Utah 109, L.A. Lakers 98. Sunday, May 23: Washington 107, Chicago 105.

Monday, May 25

Washington at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN). Sunday, May 31: Dallas at Detroit, 1 p.m. (FOX).

Friday, June 5

Dallas at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., if necessary (ESPN). Saturday, June 6: Buffalo at Washington, 6:30 p.m., if necessary (ESPN).

Sunday, June 7

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JUCO BASEBALL

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SPORTS BRIEFS

HC slates boys' hoops camp for June 8-11

Howard College has scheduled a boys' basketball camp for June 8-11 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp, which will be directed by Hawks Head Coach Tommy Collins, will be staffed with selected high school and college coaches, as well as Hawks players.

Camp sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday.

The camp fee will be \$95 per participant, which covers tuition, equipment, a noon meal and a camp T-shirt.

Players should bring shorts, a pair of basketball shoes, athletic socks, spending money and have a medical examination form completed by their doctor.

For more information, call 264-5040.

Black Gold Tennis Circuit event slated

The Big Spring stop on the 1998 Black Gold Tennis Circuit has been scheduled for the weekend of June 5-7 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Singles and doubles competition will be held for both boys and girls in four age divisions — 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under — as well as in men's and women's divisions. There will also be one mixed doubles division for all comers.

Entry fees are set at \$8 for one event, \$15 for two events and \$20 for three. All entries and fees must be received seven days prior to the tournament.

Entries should be mailed to Ralph Davis at 1606 Wood, Big Spring, Texas 79720. For more information, contact Davis by calling 264-9229.

Coahoma Super Hoops Camp is June 8-12

The Coahoma Super Hoops Basketball Camp has been scheduled for June 8-12 at Coahoma High School.

Open to players between the ages of 9 and 14, the camp's sessions will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

Registration fees are set at \$50 per camper. For more information, contact Kim Nichols at 394-4755 or 394-4535.

Ragball tournament slated for June 12-13

The fourth annual Big Spring USGA Co-ed Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for June 12-13 at the Roy Anderson Softball Complex.

Team fees are set at \$10 per player with each team having no more than 15 players and no less than 12. Teams should have an equal number of male and female members 12 years or older.

For more information, contact Jo Ellen Canales at 263-3623.

BSHS tennis clinic set to begin Monday

The 1998 Big Spring High School Summer Tennis Clinic has been scheduled for Monday through Thursday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park.

The four-day program will include intensive training from 9 a.m. until noon for all boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18.

The clinic fee is \$96 per participant. They should bring tennis rackets, a water jug, sunscreen, a hat, a towel and tennis shoes.

For more information, contact Jim Blacketer at 264-6834.

BSHS Camp of Champs begins Monday

The 1998 Big Spring Summer Camp of Champs, a weight conditioning program sponsored by Big Spring High School, has been scheduled for June 1 through July 2.

Fees are \$35 per participant. The camp is open to any student entering the sixth grade or above.

For more information, contact Dwight Butler at 264-3662 or Ricky Long at 263-0519.

Rodeo golf tourney to benefit crisis fund

A golf tournament, held in conjunction with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo has been scheduled for Thursday, June 18, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Proceeds from the tournament, which give players a chance to golf with PRCA cowboys, benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

Each team will be composed of A, B, C and D players, as well as a PRCA performer. Fees for the tournament will be \$35 per player, which includes green fees, use of a golf cart and lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the teams finishing in the top three places.

For more information, contact Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

Slow-pitch softball tourney scheduled

The Big Spring Industrial League will host a double elimination men's slow-pitch softball tournament June 12-14 at Cotton Mize Field.

Trophies and a dozen balls will be awarded to the top three teams. Members of the first- and second-place teams will also receive individual trophies. All-tournament T-shirts will be given.

Entry fees are set at \$110 per team and the deadline for entries will be 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11. For more information, contact Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

Crossroads hoops play begins Monday

A slate of five games, three varsity and two junior varsity, will open Crossroads Summer Basketball League play Monday at the Coahoma Elementary School Gymnasium.

Big Spring and Coahoma junior varsity teams will open the action at 5:30 p.m., followed by Colorado City and Sands in JV action at 6:30.

The varsity games pit Big Spring and Coahoma at 7:30 p.m., Garden City and Grady at 8:30 and Ira and Odessa at 9:30.

League officials noted that it's not too late to sign up for a team, since there are still roster spots open in both the varsity and JV divisions. For more information, contact the Howard College Athletic Department offices at 264-5040.

Quarterback Club to meet Tuesday

The Big Spring Steers Quarterback Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Bob Brock Ford dealership to new elect officers for the coming year.

Call for entries!

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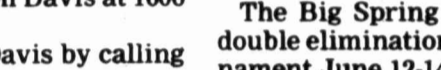
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Bulls and Pacers: Once more with feeling

CHICAGO (AP) — This is the day Michael Jordan has avoided for six years. This is the kind of game Larry Bird always thrived on.

Bird gave to his Indiana Pacers on Saturday as they prepared to play the biggest game of their careers. Tipoff is 7:40 p.m. EST Sunday.

happen in a Game 7, although they haven't been involved in that many of them," Bird said.

They feel they can win the basketball game because they're back in Chicago and the defending champions.

HONORS

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inning or two in virtually every district game. "But when the rest of them were playing one another, they had good competitive games," he added, refusing to charge his peers with expressing jealousy in their voting.

BULLDOGS

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ace and infielder Tara Sterling was the district most valuable player recipient, however, and she was joined by four teammates who earned first-team spots.

freshman.

Rounding out the first-team selections were Hawley shortstop Marlene Goff and Haskell outfielder April Villarreal, both freshmen.

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Mann, a track sprinter who reached the UIL Class 2A state track meet in the 100 meters this spring, not only uses that speed in policing center field, but makes the most of it as the Bulldogs' lead off hitter.

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MOSELEY

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set until the first week in November. "We're not going to be playing that many junior colleges in the fall," he explained.

losing junior pitching ace Jessica Sisneros, whose parents are moving the family back to California, before the Lady Steers' entered their play-off run to the Class 4A regional semifinals.

Phillips was expected to join Jessica Canales in forming a senior pitching tandem for the Lady Steers next season.

The Lady Steers coach isn't asking anyone to feel sorry for him, however. "Sure, we wish Jessica Sisneros was going to be back next year and we certainly hadn't expected Angie to be leaving," Overton acknowledged.

"In the spring, I'm planning on us going out the Yuma, Ariz., for their big tournament out there, as well as the Cowtown Classic in Fort Worth," he continued.

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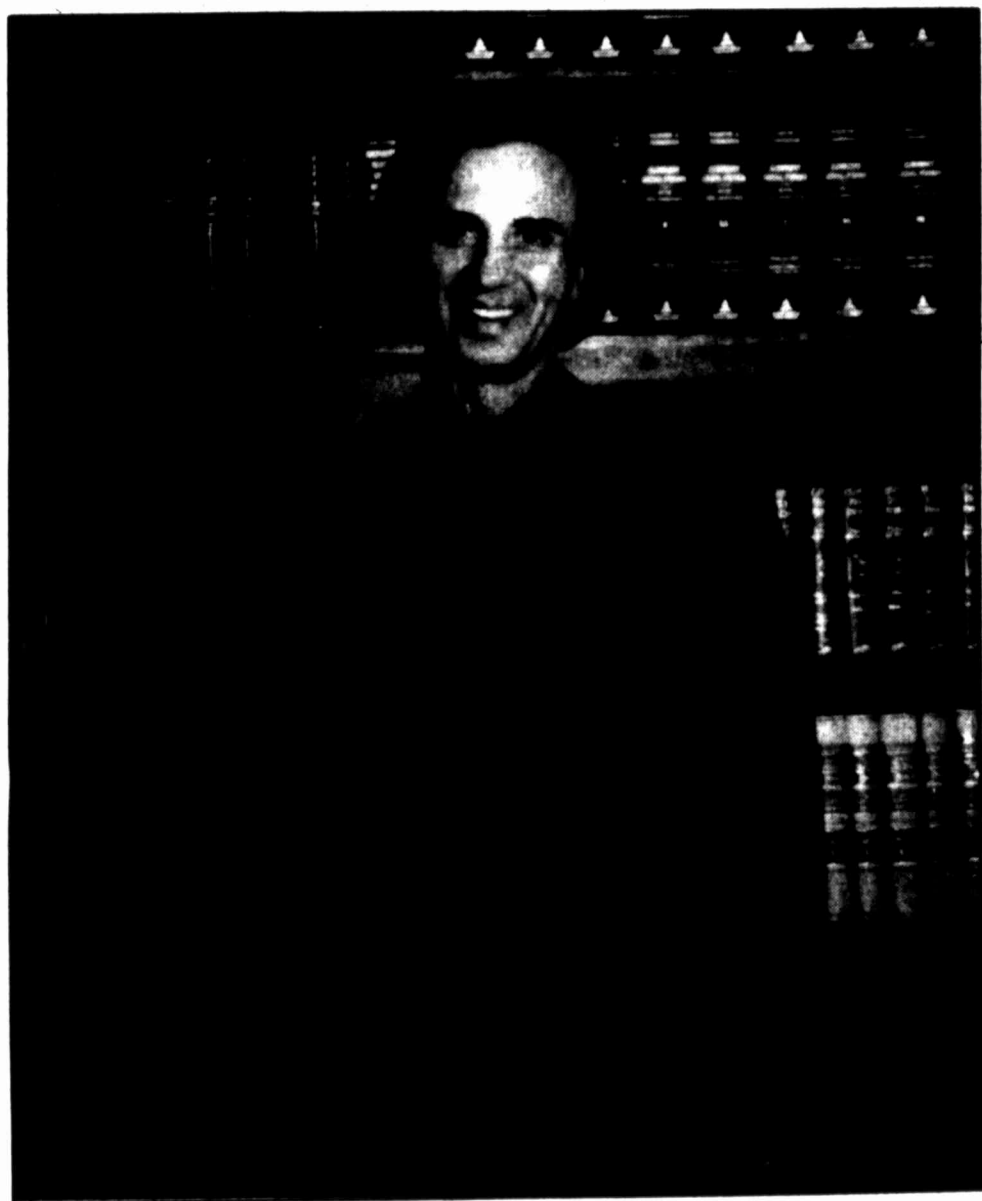
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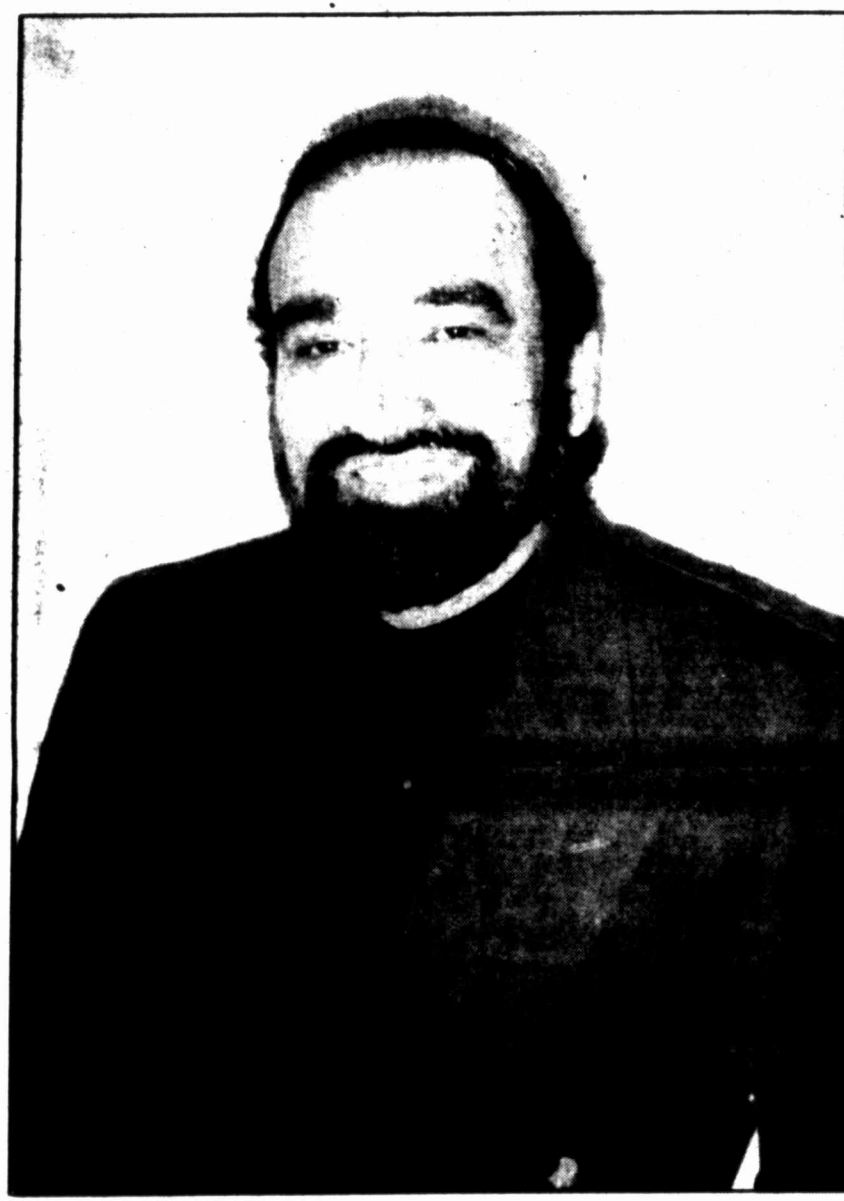
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◆The origin of the term "taken aback" is nautical. A ship is "taken aback" when the sails are suddenly carried by the wind back against the mast.

◆The Maya Indians used their number system to create a calendar that was more accurate than that of the Egyptians, Greeks or Romans.

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



INSide the ER

It's one place you hope you never have to go. But if you must seek treatment at the emergency room, you'll be glad it was there — and you'll want the very best care in the shortest possible time.

So will everyone else who walks through the doors that day.

"You don't get to know your patients very well," said Judy Roever, registered nurse at Scenic Mountain Medical Center's ER. "It's acute care. A lot of times you never know what happened to the patient after they left here."

The fast-paced nature of emergency medicine, added to the stress of a serious illness or injury, often makes a difficult situation more tense. Many times, family members are frustrated, pacing the waiting room, hoping for word on their loved one.

Inside the ER, health care workers may be frantically caring for several patients who arrived at once, or giving constant, intensive care to one critical patient.

"It can get pretty hectic around here," said licensed vocational nurse Louise Whitaker, a veteran of the intensive care unit and clinic nursing before joining the ER staff.

"It's a short-term thing," Whitaker said. "You take care of them, and they're out of here."

Roever, charge nurse, is heading up a new program for the hospital ER, aimed at making it more patient and family-friendly.

As part of the Ambassadors program, staff are wearing buttons naming them "Ambassadors" to patients and their families. They pledge to update family members more often on the condition of their loved one, and call patients back the next day to find out how they are doing, or answer questions.

The Ambassadors program goals also include staffing the waiting room with volunteers to assist families, and adding new vending machines in the waiting area.

A small room with a phone for privacy will be available for families, and grief support and other social service pamphlets will be on hand if the need arises.

The goal, officials said, is increased comfort. "We know that no emergency room experience will be enjoyable, but we're doing everything possible to make it more comfortable for our patients and their loved ones," said Dr. Edward Barker, emergency room chief.

The program includes the registrars, who sign in patients and get the proper forms filled out. Often the first ones to see a walk-in patient, the registrars are also the people family members will query about the patient's condition.

Roever said family members are welcome to ask, and staff will make every effort to get their questions answered — as soon as possible.

When a walk-in patient arrives at the ER, they will be placed in a "triage" room. The patient must wait there for a nurse to check out their illness or injury and determine where to place them in the "lineup" of people waiting for treatment.

A frequent complaint, Roever said, is how long a patient has to wait in the triage room.

"What they often don't realize is that we may be being bombarded with ambulances at the same time they are waiting," she said. Ambulances arrive at another set of doors, opening right into the treatment room.

Once the patient has been seen by a nurse, he or she may be brought into the treatment room, or asked to take a seat in the waiting room. Every patient who comes through the doors of the ER has the right to an evaluation of their medical needs.

The most serious patients will be treated first — causing more of a wait for those with less-serious problems. Patients with life-

threatening illnesses or injuries will end up being admitted to the hospital, or transferred to another.

Patients needing medication are most often given a prescription to have filled at a local pharmacy. They are also given "after care" instructions and urged to follow up with their family doctor.

Roever said a frequent issue is phone calls asking for medical advice.

Emergency room workers are usually required to restrict their advice over the phone to this: If it seems like an emergency to you, come in to the emergency room for an evaluation.

"Most of the time, that's what we have to tell them, so it helps if they know that ahead of time," she said.

Another frequent problem is that the local ER is often used as an after-hours doctor's office. Because there is no "urgent care" clinic with late and weekend hours in the community, concerned parents will often end up bringing a child with the flu, sniffles or a stomach virus into the ER needlessly.

"We do deal with that, but we realize there is really no alternative here," Roever said. "But it can be difficult, and sometimes they have a long wait."

In the summer, the community's emergency needs often increase. Water-related injuries, snake bites and heat-related illnesses increase at this time each year, the nurses said.

The local ER also sees its share of falls from horses, oil-field accidents and domestic violence victims.

In the hailstorm of May 1996, the ER treated between 30-40 patients in only a few hours.

Average patient numbers for the facility are 1,000 every month. There is room for six people being treated at once, and usually one family member is allowed to be in the treatment area with the patient.

Roever said it can be difficult to remember that the patient, and his family, are usually under a great deal of stress.

"If I know the injury is not serious, and it seems so simple to me, I have to remember

that it may not look that way to them," she said.

Both Roever and Whitaker said they love what they do, despite the unpredictable nature of the ER.

"I always wanted to help people," said Roever, a paramedic who started her medical career on an ambulance crew. "I think, if you can make a difference in just one person's life every day, you've done your part."



Photography by Linda Choate
Story by Debbie L. Jensen

In the photos: Top left, licensed vocational nurse Louise Whitaker looks closely at a patient. Top, from left, Whitaker, RN Susan Woods and ER charge nurse Judy Roever work on a mock patient, Joe Brewer, in the emergency room. Above, left, Dr. Charlotte Fowler is shown in the minor surgery room at the ER. Above, right, registrars Laura LeFevre and Angela Smith get paperwork filled out from an emergency room walk-in. At left, Brewer gets help breathing from Woods.



This 'Class' gets an A-plus: Don't miss sensitive, personal tale

"The Evening Class." Maeve Binchy. Dell Publishing, New York. April, 1998. 537 pages. \$7.50

As a young woman of Dublin, Nora O'Donoghue fell in love with a Sicilian man. While they both vowed their love to each other, marriage was not an option.

Mario was promised to his Italian childhood friend, and he would never disgrace his family name by not fulfilling that promise. Nora had loved with such a vengeance that she followed Mario to Italy, living

across the palazzo from his family and eking out an existence with needlework done in her lonely room.

For years Mario and Nora shared only stolen hours with each other. When Mario dies suddenly in an accident, Nora is bereft, not able to grieve publicly and having no one with whom she can share her sorrow.

Soon after, Mario's widow visits Nora with the obvious message that she should return home to Dublin, as there is nothing left for her in Italy.

Back in Dublin, Aiden Dunne has been a language teacher for years at the private Mountain View School. Even though there has been no formal work, he knows his dream of becoming school principal is



PAT WILLIAMS

about to come true. Stunned, a younger, less experienced teacher is chosen for that post.

It's as if Aiden's whole life has been lived in vain. To compensate for the loss of this post, the school gives him the task of forming an evening class for those wishing to learn Italian.

No one expected it to be very successful, but Aiden goes about forming the group with purpose.

When it seems there is no available instructor, he learns of a middle-aged signora recent-

ly returned from Italy. And so begins the evening class. The seats are filled the first night and every night thereafter.

Students from every background imaginable are learning a language and a love for a country from Nora, this unique Irish woman who speaks Italian from her heart. While teaching the language, she does an amazing job of weaving this unique and diversified set of individuals into a surprisingly cohesive group.

Maeve Binchy follows the per-

sonal life of each student in the class. She writes with compassion and humor, giving her characters these same tender emotions.

The author's sensitivity is apparent, but her gift is being able to translate these sentiments into such expressive words.

"Evening Class" is a story of hope, endurance, and love. Don't miss this very special written work of art.

RATING (****) four out of four= Not to be missed!

WEDDINGS

Reagan-Frazier

Erica Renee Reagan and Blaine Lee Frazier, both of Abilene, were united in marriage on May 30, 1998, in Abilene with Rev. James Zug, of First Christian Church, officiating.



MRS. BLAINE LEE FRAZIER

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie L. Reagan of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kimbrough of Abilene. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Reagan and Mrs. Frank L. Neill, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Frazier. Vocalist was Yvette Edwards, and Vivian Zug was the organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a Demotinos gown of silk with a dropped waist, long sleeves with seeded pearls and a formal train.

She carried a round bouquet of assorted white flowers.

Matron of honor was Heather Reagan, sister of the bride.

Karen Fong, Holly Bryan, Amy Egger and Jeanine Davis, sister of the groom, were the bridesmaids.

Flower girls were Katlin Reed and Kylie Davis, and Hunter Neill was the ringbearer.

Brad Frazier, groom's brother, served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Jamie Fornwalt, Ramon Moreno, Mike Morris and David Cedillo.

Jeff Neill and Greg Gressett were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the courtyard of the church.

The wedding cake was a three tiered butter cream cake with confectioners sugar spring flowers.

The groom's cake was a two tiered basket weave German chocolate cake with chocolate covered strawberries and chocolate curls.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Cooper High School and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. She is employed by Medical Consultant Associates.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Cooper High School and a 1994 graduate of Howard Payne University. He is employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The couple will make their home in Abilene.

Shirey-Hays

Brenda Suzanne Shirey and Jeffrey Thomas Hays, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows on May 30, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring with Rev. Gary Groves, of First Christian Church, officiating.



MRS. JEFFREY THOMAS HAYS

She is the daughter of Julie Rainwater Shirey, Big Spring, and Delbert Neal Shirey of Lake Worth, and the granddaughter of Marjorie Rainwater of Big Spring.

He is the son of Tom and Bevely Hays of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Instrumentalists were Merry Lee Wilson, organist and harp-sichord; Kathryn Zetterstrom, pianist; Matt Fleharty, trumpeter; bagpipes, Rev. Flynn Long; and Joe Dawes, recorder.

Vocalists were Pete Zetterstrom and Joyce Bradley, Jennifer Shirey, Michelle Couch, Suzanne Richardson, Julie Wolf, Jaime Sotelo, Jim Cowan, Charley Ragan and Jim Cearley.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown designed by Golden Gate. A bodice of white Italian satin was accented with beaded alien-con lace that formed the basque waistline.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, purple larkspur, white agapanthus and Monte Cassino Asters.

Maid of honor was Jennifer Shirey, sister of the bride, Lubbock.

Michelle Couch of Arlington, Tonya Crenwelge of Upper Marlboro, Md., Lori Skinner of Grand Prairie, Kristi Tindell of Odessa, and Julie Wolf of Big Spring, were the bridesmaids.

Todd Dark Fox of Thousand Oaks, Calif., was the best man.

Serving as groom attendants were Tony Fox of Council

Bluff, Iowa, Stacey Hensley of Lubbock, David Morgan of Lubbock, John Tierney of Middlesex, N.J. and Julie Wyatt of Lubbock.

Ushers were Andy Couch, Bret Crenwelge, Mike Skinner, Alan Tindell and Troyce Wolf.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Big Spring Country Club.

The bride's cake was four separate floating tiers, each decorated with buttercream white roses and cascades of roses, topped with assorted white and purple flowers.

The groom's cake was decorated with the University of Nebraska.

The bride is a 1985 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1989 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed by Lubbock ISD.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and a 1996 graduate of the University of Nebraska. He is employed by the Lubbock ISD.

Following a wedding trip to Santa Fe, N.M.; the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Kenal" Male Sheperd Collie mix, white/black spots, neutered, 6 years old.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

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"Huggy Bear" Female Sheperd Chow mix, spayed.

"Tarbaby" Female black lab mix, 1-2 years old.

White Lab mix assorted puppies, males and females, 5 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. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

GETTING ENGAGED



Candra Gail Beeson and John Anthony Conger will be united in marriage on Aug. 1, 1998, at the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with Bro. Jess Colegrove officiating.

She is the daughter of James and Cheryl Beeson, Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Rip and Jantia Lewis, Big Spring.

He is the son of Benny and Brenda Davis, Sand Springs, and the grandson of Robert and Aubrey McClure, Big Spring.



Jenny Phillips, Lubbock, and Clay Carr, Sudan, will exchange wedding vows on July 25, 1998, in Big Spring with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of John and Carol Phillips, Garden City.

He is the son of Kenn and Joyce Carr, Sudan.

Gray-Garrard

Amy Lynne Gray and Calvin Ray Garrard exchanged wedding vows on May 8, 1998, at St. Paul Lutheran Church with pastor Carroll Kohl officiating.

She is the daughter of Ron and Lana Gray of Big Spring, and Linda and John Olson of Austin.

He is the son of Lenard and Jo Garrard of Electra, and Frances and Robert Reagen of Big Spring.

She was given in marriage by her father and family.

Teresa Garrard was the maid of honor.

Kasha Burton and Amanda Gray were the bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Jordan Garrard, and ringbearer was JD Garrard.

Lenard Garrard, Jr. served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Rodney Garrard and Tommy White.

Derek Gray and Jimmy Garrard were the ushers, and Jeannette Kempy was the train bearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The wedding cake was a two



MR. AND MRS. GARRARD

tiered cake with pink and ecrusse buds and black miniature felt cowboy hats.

The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate icing.

She is a 1991 graduate of Mary Carrol High School and is employed by Dr. John R. Key, DDS.

The groom is employed by Cmo Construction.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas Six Flags, the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Shirey-Yarish

Emily E. Shirey and Jim Yarish, both of Rockwall, were united in marriage on Feb. 14, 1998, at The Victorian House, Kaufman.

She is the daughter of Patsy Shirey, of Odessa.

He is the son of Catherine Yarish of Bedford.

Vocalist was Seth Thurman.

Given in marriage by her mother, the bride wore a formal gown with pearl beads and lattice lace woven from the neck down to the train. She carried a bouquet of white roses, lilies, babies breath and greenery.

Matron of honor was Ragan Harris, sister of the bride, El Paso.

Bridesmaids were Leighana Vaughn, cousin of the bride, and JoAnn Courtney.

Flower girl was Breanna Harris, niece of the bride, El Paso, and Jason Shirey, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Serving as best man was Ed Yarish, brother of the groom, Yucaipa, Calif.

Lynn Shirey, brother of bride, Webster, and Eric Harris, brother-in-law of the bride, El Paso, served as groomsmen.

David Beam, cousin of the bride, Roscoe, and Shane Darnell were the ushers.

Following the ceremony, a reception and dance was held in The Victorian House.

The bride's cake was a three tiered garden cake with white cream Victorian lace icing decorated with hearts and topped with fresh red and pink roses with lilies and fresh greenery.

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake with chocolate icing topped with chocolate dipped strawberries and chocolate shavings.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and a graduate of Midwestern State



MRS. JIM YARISH

University. She is employed by Dr. Ron Weaks, DDS, as a registered Dental Hygienist.

The groom is a graduate of Trinity High School, Bedford, and of T.C.J.C. Fort Worth. He is employed by Firetrol, Dallas, as a designer.

After a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, Calif., the couple have made their home in Rockwall.

IN THE MILITARY

Matthew McCraney, son of Mark and Becky McCraney of Midland, and David and Karen Jones of Coppell, recently accepted his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



MCCRANEY

He is the grandson of the late Christine and Weldon Wood of Big Spring, Jack Woodley of Brady, and Rubye Long McLane of Klondike.

Matthew will play football for the Falcons and will report for basic training June 30. Fall classes begin in August. He will be a cadet in the class of 2002.

Dyess Air Force Base Big Country Appreciation Day will be Aug. 22. Gates open at 9 a.m. and admission and parking is free. There will be more than 100 air and ground demonstrations and displays are planned.

For more information, call the 7th Bomb Wing public affairs office at (915)696-2863.

NEWCOMERS

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

Calvin and Patricia Belvin and son Tony Ingram, Colorado City. He does janitorial service.

Abe and Kristi Langston, son Dusty and daughters Lori and Michelle, Lubbock. He is the associate minister and youth minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Laura Long, Arlington. She is employed by the Carriage Inn.

Raymond and Sarah Bates, son Brandon and daughter Ralyn, Eunice, N.M. He is a self employed carpet layer.

Ted and Sharon Taylor, Eunice, N.M. He is a self employed carpet layer.

Val Kuschner and mother Dorothy Parsons and her grandson, Robert McJary, Anaheim, Calif. They are both retired.

Tommy B. and Kay Childers, Midland. He works for Uni-Chem.

Freddie and Lorenza Carreon, sons Ray and Freddie Jr., and daughters Angela and Sandra, Snyder. He works for PoolCo.

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WHO'S WHO

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Kim Lott of Big Spring, was one of 140 graduates who participated in commencement exercises at Lubbock Christian University on May 9.

Lott graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work and is the daughter of EJ and Leona Smith.

On Thursday, May 21, Grover Springer of Lenorah was awarded a Department of Commerce, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Individual Award for 50 years of cooperation with the National Weather Service.

Springer has taken precipitation and temperature measurements for the past 50 years at Lenorah. At times of heavy rains, Mr. Springer also phones the rainfall to the National Weather Service Office at Midland/Odessa.

Springer's records are published in the monthly issues of Climatological Data and Hourly Precipitation Data Bulletins for Texas. Both publications are distributed throughout the state and used across the United States.

The following students graduated with honors May 9 from The University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

Commencement ceremonies were held for almost 200 students, including Patsy A. Sanchez of Big Spring and Tonya L. Hull of Stanton.

Sul Ross State University conferred 186 degrees and certificates during commencement ceremonies May 16 in Alpine.

Those from Big Spring who received degrees in the spring semester of 1998 included: Michael Shane Forrest, Master of Arts, Political Science-Public Administration; George A. Oteiza, Master of Arts, Political Science; Public Administration; and Richard Sterling Stovall, Master of Education, Counseling.

Meredith Dawn Baker, a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a specialization in Early Childhood Education from Texas Tech University on May 9.

She is the daughter of Donnie and Linda Baker of Big Spring.

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Tramaine Anderson, Big Spring, has been named a United States National Award Winner in leadership.

Anderson, who attends Big Spring High School, was nominated for this national award by Rue Ann Cox, a counselor at the school. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

She is the daughter of Pat Thomas, Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Willie and Helen Anderson of Andrews.

She was also a winner of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Michael Cody Hatfield, son of Bruce Hatfield and Charlotte Hatfield Hall graduated May 9, from Texas Tech University with a degree in Business Administration in Petroleum Land Management.

He is a 1993 graduate of Forsan High School.

He will be residing in the Metroplex area where he is employed by Prime-America, a subsidiary of Travelers Insurance.

Michael is also the grandson of Mike and Betty Brown of Vincent, and Mrs. L.H. Hatfield of Snyder.

Correction

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church summer festival will be June 5-6 from 6 p.m.-midnight at the church property on Aylford Street. The date in Friday's Church News was incorrect.

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William P. Barden, Jr., a 1993 Big Spring High School graduate, has graduated from South Plains College with a degree in Law Enforcement.

He is the son of Debra Hanson of Big Spring, and the grandson of June Carothers, also of Big Spring.

Ryan Douglas Falkner received his BA degree in Humanities from Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., on April 24, 1998.

He is the son of Avery and Sherry Falkner, California, and the grandson of the late Avery Falkner and Eadie Falkner, Big Spring.



FALKNER

The Big Spring Federal Prison has named its employees of the year, including: Bill Beckworth, food service administrator; David Haro, senior officer; Kelly Jagow, senior officer; and Carla Quinn, captain's secretary.

Amanda Ann Alvarez, formerly of Big Spring, graduated from J.M. Hanks High School in El Paso on May 21.

She played softball for the Lady Knights for the past three seasons.

Amanda received awards from Hanks High School for the most home-runs and RBIs this season, also receiving the MVP award.

She was also chosen as the best offensive player for the Ysleta 1997-98 All District Team. She is the daughter of Albert and Michelle Alvarez, now living in El Paso.



ALVAREZ

During the recent annual commencement exercise at Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, special recognition was conferred upon the class of 1998. Essie L. Person of Big Spring, who taught 37 years in the BSISD, marched in the academic procession, and received a "golden diploma" from college president Sebetha Jenkins. Person was accompanied to the campus by her son, Glenn L. Person, Jr., of Dallas, a 1972 graduate Jarvis Christian College.



PERSON

Austin College senior Hillary A. Twining of Big Spring, daughter of Nancy Lee Twining, received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology during commencement ceremonies in Sherman.

Are you, or do you know, a single father who is trying to raise the kids, hold down a job and just keep it all together? The Big Spring life! section wants to share his story. Call Debbie L. Jensen, 263-7331, ext. 236, or drop a note to: life! c/o Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721.

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Benjamin James Crockett, boy, May 13, 1998, 11:46 a.m., six pounds two ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Randy and Courtney Crockett.

Grandparents are Don and Norma Crockett, Marble Falls, Ronnie Epley, Big Spring, and Jim and Brenda Epley, Midland.

Avery Lynn Slaton, girl, April 28, 1998, 7:27 p.m., six pounds seven ounces and 18 3/4 inches long; parents are Shane and Jamie Slaton.

Grandparents are Ray and Vicki Slaton, Big Spring, and Lori Marsh, Oswego, N.Y.

Marisol Lupe Savell, girl, May 23, 1998, 11:42 a.m., seven pounds three ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Lisa Ann Chavarrria and Deland Wayne Savell.

Grandparents are Ruperto Ramos, Sr., the late Lupe Ramos, Thomas Wayne Savell, all of Big Spring, and Laverne Lockhart, Luther.

Tryistan Lyn Coker, boy, May 23, 1998, 11:42 a.m., seven pounds three ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Shawn and Lana Coker.

Grandparents are William Pawlak, San Antonio, Preston and Janet Daylong, Big Spring, and Richard and Joyce Burchett.

Morella Lynn Villazana, girl, May 19, 1998, 12:07, six pounds 10 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Raul and Donna Villazana, Snyder.

Grandparents are Raul and Estella Villazana of Snyder, and Carl and Belen Reyna of Brownwood.

Manuel Ray Trevino, boy, May 20, 1998, 2:58, six pounds 11 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Rafael Trevino, Jr. and Jesenia Davila.

Grandparents are Milton Lozano, Jr. and Yolanda Trevino, and Jaime Davila and Mary Davila.

Audrey Nicole Franco, girl, May 19, 1998, 1:58 p.m., 8 1/4 pounds and 21 inches long; parents are David and Francis Franco.

Grandparents are Armando and Paula Franco, Yolanda Lozano and the late Milton Lozano, Jr., and Rafael and Trevino of Dallas.

Quorcindra DeJelle Lewis, girl, May 13, 1998, 8:17 a.m., six pounds and 19 inches long; mother is Kirsten Lewis.

Grandparents are Carletta and Vernell McKinney, Big Spring.

Sarinity LeAnn Klug, May 19, 1998, 11:59, seven pounds nine ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Bobby and Kimberly Klug.

Grandparents are Tommy and Dolly Smith, Sayre, Okla., Tommy Carrol and Phyllis Klug and Buddy and Verman Enfield, all of Big Spring.

ON THE MENU

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THURSDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

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FRIDAY-Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, pineapple tidbits, roll, milk.

How smart is your puppy?
New video will help you test dog's brainpower

By SARAH CASEY NEWMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

It just wasn't ... scratch ... fair. How could they expect him to do well on a test when this thing around his neck kept ... scratch ... distracting him?

Why ... scratch ... did they want to test him in the first place? Wasn't it enough that he was cute and cuddly and in need of a good home?

Actually, no. It wasn't enough that the 3-month-old shepherd/lab was cute and cuddly — and also healthy and friendly. Those traits alone might be enough to land him a good home — but they might not keep him there.

That's where the tests come in: They help match the right dog with the right owner.

Books on testing the intelligence and personality of our canine friends have been around for years. But one veterinarian has taken the idea a step further. Dr. Laura Pasten doesn't just tell how to test a puppy's "personality IQ," she shows how in a video: "How Smart Is Your Puppy?"

"As a vet," she said by phone from her home in Carmel, Calif., "I am constantly faced with two questions from people: what kind of puppy to get and how to handle behavioral problems." Not only can knowing a puppy's personality IQ help deal with those problems, she said, it can help avoid them in the first place.

That's one reason dog shoppers should know about the general traits of the breed they're considering. And testing can turn up important supplementary information, Pasten said.

In mixed breeds, where general information is not available, testing becomes an even more vital tool, she said.

Most of the 15 tests on the tape take less than a minute, and all are easy to do — as Skelly and her friend proved at the society's new facility.

Skelly began by picking up the puppy — we'll call him Scratch. Holding him like a baby, she explained that restraining him on his back for about 30 seconds — gently, of course — helps measure his dominant/submissive tendencies and is a clue to how calm his personality is and how readily he'll accept leadership.

Scratch offered little resistance. "He seems very content and happy," Skelly said, "which is a sign that he might be a good pet for an inexperienced handler or family."

For the next test, Skelly started banging on a metal bowl with a spoon. The first bang got Scratch's attention, but he soon went back to dealing with his new collar. "That's good," Skelly said.

"It means he probably is not a fearful dog. He's not going to be afraid of thunder or other loud noises."

When Scratch took a break from his explorations to sit and have another go at his collar, Skelly backed off about three feet, clapped her hands and called him. "Here, puppy. Here, puppy," she coaxed.

Scratch came — "a good sign that he'll be easy to train," Skelly said.

Scratch confirmed that later when he quickly figured out that if he sat down and looked expectantly up at Skelly when she said "Sit," he'd get one of the treats she used in the short-term memory test.

In this exercise, which Pasten describes as both a test of intelligence and an indication of how food-motivated a puppy is, Skelly let Scratch watch as she hid a treat behind a bowl. Next she pulled out another treat and put it in front. Then she started playing with Scratch, trying to distract him.

Scratch went along — but he kept a close watch on the second treat. And when the 30 seconds of distraction were up, Scratch was quick to retrieve the prize. As soon as he finished devouring it, he was off in search of the hidden goodie. This one took him about 45 seconds to find.

Smart puppy? You bet. Pasten's video, "How Smart Is Your Puppy," is available for \$19.95, plus \$4.95 shipping and handling, from: Direct Books Service Inc., P.O. Box 2778, Wenatchee, Wash. 98801; phone, 800-776-2665.

As for Scratch, he and his "two equally sweet brothers" were quickly adopted by some lucky people.

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Old telephone scam making a comeback on internet

DALLAS (AP) — "Please beware. This sounds like an urban legend — IT IS NOT!!!" screams an e-mail warning about an old and obscure telephone scam.

The warning, which requests the reader to pass on the information to friends and co-workers, has tripped its way across the country like a chain letter.

The e-mail has made its way into government and business computer systems such as those created for Texas state employees and military workers at the Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base in New Orleans. The scam also has been featured in one of Arkansas' Attorney General "Consumer Alert" fact sheets, while the National Consumers League has urged educational material about the swindle. The trick also has turned up

on e-mail and Web site lists of urban myths, even though it isn't one.

Here's how it works: a con artist calls a company and identifies himself as a telephone technician working to repair the line. The swindler will typically ask the customer to hit "9" then "0" followed by the pound sign, supposedly to allow a test to be run. Actually, it connects the con artist with an outside operator, allowing a long distance call to be billed to the business.

Although technology hasn't found a way to seal this loophole, the Internet warnings have both helped prevent the scam as well as spreading word of it to millions of people who have never heard about it.

"This is one of the oldest types of fraud," said Ruth Newell, a spokeswoman for

AT&T. "What the scam artist is counting on is breaking into a telephone switch."

The fraud only works on business phones because multiple lines are necessary to make the connection.

"It's not going to work at home because you don't have the dial nine capacity," Ms. Newell said.

It also isn't a particularly successful dupe because it only works on older PBX telephone systems, said GTE spokesman Clovis McCalister.

"But the rumors have been around long enough that it keeps getting circulated," McCalister said.

Often, the e-mail warnings say the calls are originating from jails or prisons. But McCalister said GTE has found that part of the warning to be bogus.

"Prisons require prisoners to place calls collect," he said. "It really couldn't happen."

The Texas Public Utilities Commission has received only one complaint from a business duped with the "9-0-pound" scam, but they too have received e-mail warnings from concerned businesses and other state commissions.

Still, everyone is ready for the swindle.

"Businesses are alerting their staffs to be aware of this," said Texas PUC spokeswoman Katy Bohuslav.

Ms. Newell said there is not a resurgence in people being fleeced, just in people hearing about the scam through the widely circulating warning.

"The thing that stimulated the interest this time is because people are talking about it on the Internet. That's breathed

new light onto a very old scam," she said.

Bill Palen, a spokesman for San Antonio-based SWB, said situations such as the Internet warnings are difficult. The warnings themselves are educational and that's good. But the more the scam is made public, the more likely there will be copycats.

Even so, the telephone companies say this swindle is minor compared to many telephone scams.

More prevalent scams include "shoulder surfing," where a thief lurks at a bank of pay phones and steals callers long distance calling card codes, or "clip-on" fraud, in which a crook patches into a telephone line and makes calls billed to that line.

The industry estimates that phone fraud totals about \$4 bil-

lion year. The figures aren't broken down per scheme, so there's no way of knowing how much is bilked through the "9-0-pound" routine.

As for consumer complaints to the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, most are against telephone companies themselves for "slamming" and "cramming."

Slamming is when a customer has their long distance service switched without permission or as a result of a deceptive sales pitch. Cramming is when charges are added to a customer's phone bill for services never ordered.

The "9-0-pound" scam is nothing compared to those, said Ms. Bohuslav.

"For those," she said, "we get complaint after complaint."



City of Big Spring employees Bobby Davis (in utility bucket) and Joe Arnold make adjustments to a new traffic signal at 15th and Goliad. The new signal is expected to start operating in about three weeks, when more wiring and some testing is complete.

Allstate dropping its auto insurance rates

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Allstate Insurance has agreed to further reductions to auto insurance rates for its best customers.

Allstate, in an agreement with the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), on Thursday announced an average statewide cut of 2.4 percent for customers covered by Allstate Insurance and Allstate Indemnity companies. Both companies serve Allstate's preferred customers.

The average new decrease for territory 60, which includes Howard and Midland Counties is 2.5 percent with the total

1998 decrease averaging 3.1 percent.

The average cut takes effect July 6 for new business and Aug. 3 for renewal. It comes on top of an average 2.6 percent cut that took effect April 6.

TDI spokesman Jim Davis said the agency continues to review rates announced by regulated companies.

Insurers generally filed reduced rates for the current year after Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer reduced the statewide benchmark rate. Insurers can set their rates anywhere from 30 percent above to 30 percent below the benchmark rate in each of the state's 52 rating territories.



A change at the head of Mitchem and Sons Inc. recently took place when Ricky Mitchem was elected president. His father, David, had run the company since it was formed in 1976 and had served as president since it was incorporated in 1989. From left, David Mitchem and his wife, Peggy; employees Lee Hancock and George Martinez, Ricky Mitchem and Payton Seberry, another of the firm's employees. In front is Reagan Mitchem, Ricky's son. David Mitchem said the business has continued to grow to the point that he is currently looking for two full-time drivers.

Watching TV equals more spending

By GENE MARLOWE
Media General News Service

Trying to save money by staying home and watching television instead of going out?

Forget it. Television only whets the appetite for more spending for most of us.

An analysis of TV watchers' spending habits shows that for each hour a week spent watching television, an additional \$208 a year is spent.

"Sitting in front of the television five extra hours a week (two sitcoms a weeknight) raises your yearly spending by about \$1,000," says Harvard economist Juliet Schor.

It's not just the ads that are getting you to buy more, it's the lifestyles depicted there that inflate our sense of what's normal.

Many people have never been in their neighbors' living rooms, but they've seen

Frasier's. And the TV character's spacious apartment in Seattle with the million-dollar view helps set our own standards.

Schor sees the affluence portrayed on television as one of the reasons for what she calls "competitive consumption" that's wrecking many households' finances.

Being middle class is no longer good enough for most Americans, she writes in "The Overspent American."

Our standards are being set by the affluent upper classes, and we want to be like them — or at least among the upper-middle class, the top 20 percent of households with incomes in excess of \$75,000.

Only 15 percent of the population says it would be satisfied merely to lead "a comfortable life."

The rest of us are emulating the top 20 percent, trying to

live and spend like them. But it's difficult, says Schor, "because they keep getting richer — considerably richer than the four-fifths of the country that watches them."

And, the rich, in turn, are aping the super rich.

The result, Schor says, is that savings are shrinking and the total amount of non-mortgage debt held by the average household "has increased relentlessly for decades, and it now equals just about what that household makes in any given year."

People have always used spending to establish their social class. Socially, we tend to be what we wear, drive and eat. But consumption has taken on a heightened competitiveness in recent years.

TV plays a role and, apparently, so does education. College graduates spend more because they earn more, but also because their college-edu-

cated friends constitute a culture of big-spending strivers.

Schor speculates that college attendance is motivated in part by the same status-seeking that compels spending. Her research shows that the biggest spenders are those with graduate degrees.

With nearly everyone trying to buy an upscale identity, the competition has entered a new phase since the 1970s.

During an interview, Schor said that her friends now buy "one-of-a-kind things."

Everybody has their own little artist and is getting a lot of one-of-a-kind clothes or home furnishings.

"Only, you go to craft shops around the country and you discover that it's all basically the same stuff. It's ironic — individually tailored mass production."

Stable economy means fewer retail workers for businesses

By JANET MOORE
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — It seems like a cruel lesson of economics: The economy's booming, shoppers are cramming the stores, but retailers can't sell enough of their products.

Why? With unemployment at historic lows, there aren't enough people to ring up sales, help customers and stock the shelves. And with alternatives available, many job prospects may decide retail work isn't worth the hassles — long hours, relatively low pay, and night, weekend and holiday shifts.

Iiona Mettala, assistant sales manager at Successories, a specialty shop at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., says "we've all faced the challenge of finding part-timers and full-timers."

The labor shortage suffered by retailers across the country

is even more pervasive at the Mall of America, the nation's largest shopping mall, because its tenant retailers need 11,000 to 13,000 workers to keep their operations going.

The Simon DeBartolo Group, the megamall's manager and part-owner, is one of several big mall developers nationally that are trying to provide their tenants with solutions for their employee shortage.

"Now people have money to spend, so it's a paradox, because this is the time when retailers look to expand and add sales staff," said Karen Corsaro, president of Simon Brand Ventures, a unit of Simon DeBartolo Group.

One search for a solution involves Simon Brand Ventures and Olsten Corp., the staffing services company.

In the program, now being tested at six malls, Olsten sets up storefront employment centers in Simon malls. Olsten, with its experience in staffing,

will operate the centers for retailers who are willing to pay a fee based on the services provided.

"Retailers can now focus on their core business of selling and turn over the labor headaches to (Olsten)," said Richard A. Piske III, president of Olsten Staffing Services, a unit of Olsten Corp. "This is an important step, since — after merchandise — labor represents the single highest cost of running a store."

And, most likely, the single biggest headache in running a store, too.

"Good idea, excellent idea," said Iiona Mettala, assistant sales manager at Successories, a specialty shop at the Mall of America. "We've all faced the challenge of finding part-timers and full-timers."

It's not a free service — retailers will pay fees ranging from about 15 to 30 percent of an employee's salary or hourly rate. When told about the fees,

many retail managers at the megamall frowned.

Others said it was difficult to convince their companies — which often are based in other states — to raise employee salaries or offer other perks to lure new workers. But many said an employment center could ease the common practice of "employee stealing" — the aggressive recruitment of workers from other megamall stores.

Simon DeBartolo is working out the kinks in the program with Olsten at malls in Clearwater, Fla.; Indianapolis; Paramus, N.J.; Mentor, Ohio; and Hurst and Irving, Texas.

The service is not only for temporary workers, but regular full-timers, as well. Olsten provides free job postings for mall stores and non-mall employers as well, candidate screening and interviewing, background checks and investigations, reliability and integrity testing, and point-of-sale training.

"If you do recruiting in the

mall there are some real advantages of doing it on a collective basis," said Dr. David P. Brennan, an associate professor of marketing and director of the Small Business Institute at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.

"Each store probably has certain (specialized) needs. I don't think one size fits all," he said. But an employment center could teach prospective employees basic sales skills, he added.

Mary Malsam, director of human resources for the Mall of America, said she is encouraged by the Olsten-Simon alliance.

"I think it makes good sense to bring Olsten in, but it is a profit-making venture for Olsten — they're not doing it for free," she said. "In the end it could be a win-win situation for everyone."

Another national program, which emphasizes training of retail employees, has been tried at the King of Prussia mall in

suburban Philadelphia. It is sponsored by mall developer Kravco Corp., the state of Pennsylvania, the American Express Foundation and the National Retail Federation (NRF).

In that program, a center in the mall recruits, assesses, trains and places people in retail jobs, according to Katherine Mance, vice president of research, education and community affairs for the NRF.

"Job training is typically not something retailers have done, because government never put money into programs that encourage careers in retailing," Mance said. "We want to professionalize retail jobs and encourage careers."

The center opened a year ago, and initially concentrated on placing former welfare recipients in retail jobs. Now the center "caters to everyone — people who have been downsized, students, seniors, anyone who wants to work."

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property: tract of land out of section 44, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: May 14, 1998
grantor: Evelyn Van Steenburgh
grantee: Sheri L. Fowler
property: 1.0 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 33, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: May 14, 1998
grantor: Fermin Gonzales
grantee: Eduardo Gonzales and Lori Gonzales
property: lot 3, blk. 14, Saunders Addition
filed: May 14, 1998
grantor: Secretary of the VA
grantee: Frances Franco
property: west portion of lot 1, blk. 17, Cedar Crest Addition
filed: May 14, 1998
grantor: Chase Bank of Texas & M.G. (Peter) Crain & Herschel F. Ezell III
grantee: A.E. Kelly
property: all of lot 8, blk. 6, Central Park Addition
filed: May 15, 1998
grantor: Swartz & Brough, Inc.
grantee: Heriberto Sarinana and Patricia A.
property: lot 2, blk. 6, Avion Village Addition
filed: May 15, 1998
grantor: Gene Robertson and Barbara Robertson
grantee: Thorn Thayer and Christine Thayer
property: All of my right and interest in and to: lots 15-16, blk. 25, Original Town of Coahoma
filed: May 15, 1998
grantor: Lillian Carruthers
grantee: Swartz & Brough, Inc.
property: All of lot 8, blk. 1, Highland Park Addition
filed: May 15, 1998
grantor: Charles Roger Carr and Renee B. Carr
grantee: Association Relocation Management Co., Inc.
property: the last 10' of lot 8, all of lot 9, and the west 25' of lot 10, blk. 13, Amended Edwards Hts. Addition
filed: May 15, 1998
grantor: Jack Davis
grantee: Rebecca R. Crane
property: lot 10, blk. 3, Hall Addition
filed: May 15, 1998
grantor: Swartz & Brough, Inc.
grantee: Gary L. Miller and Dan F. Hembree
property: lot 8, blk. 1, Highland Park Addition
filed: May 15, 1998
grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo
grantee: E.W. and Billie Patterson
property: all of lot 3, blk. 26, College Park Estates
filed: May 18, 1998
grantor: Ann Basham
grantee: Betty Williams, Gwen Dukes, Karen Christie and Linda Rhoton
property: the west 1/2 of lot 2, blk. 2, Reynolds Addition, Coahoma
filed: May 18, 1998
grantor: John Patrick Chance
grantee: Stephen Gonzales
property: lot 4, blk. 8, Douglass Subdivision
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grantor: Elbert M. and Monohn Long
grantee: Payne Homes, Inc.
property: tract 1 - a 5.0 acre tract out of the northeast 1/4 of section 13, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.; tract 2 - a 30' wide road easement for a 5.0 acre tract of land in the northeast 1/4 of section 13, blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 19, 1998
grantor: Mrs. Alice Ballentine
grantee: Ethel Greene Wakefield
property: all of lot 7, blk. 5, Indiana Addition
filed: May 19, 1998
grantor: Ezell William Brewer
grantee: Rebecca Garcia
property: lot 12, blk. 1, Colonial Hills Addition
filed: May 19, 1998
grantor: Gary and Sharon Thurman
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: tract 1 - south 75' of lot 2, blk. 2, Morningside Addition; tract 2 - a tract of land out of and part of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 20, 1998
grantor: Gilbert and Vivian Grantham
grantee: Tommy F. Williams
property: a 0.87 acre tract of land out of a 2.87 acre tract out of the northeast 1/4 of section 29, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 20, 1998
grantor: Mosquito Real Estate Co.
grantee: Swartz & Brough Inc.
property: all of lot 8, blk. 3, Stardust Addition
filed: May 21, 1998
grantor: Linda Jo Akin
grantee: Mark K. Shannon L. Tissue
property: lot 3, blk. 18, Kentwood Unit No. 2 Addition
filed: May 21, 1998
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grantee: Verl Shaw
property: the southwest 1/4 of section 13, blk. 34, T-2-N, T&P Ry. Co.
filed: May 22, 1998
grantor: Frederick E. Sharon Jernigan
grantee: Sherrill and Betty Farmer
property: the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4, blk. 6, Edwards Heights Addition
filed: May 22, 1998
grantor: Charles Engle, Judith Duncan, Susan Bean and Cindy Arnold
grantee: Billie J. Lewis
property: lots 3-4, blk. 6, Amended Central Park
filed: May 22, 1998
grantor: Betty Lou Knight Farmer
grantee: Michael and Brenda Willadsen
property: all of lot 15, blk. 1, Highland South Addition
filed: May 22, 1998
grantor: John W. and Clara Cline
grantee: Greg Cline and John H. Cline
property: a 2.0 acre tract of land out of section 33, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 22, 1998
grantor: John W. and Clara Cline
grantee: Greg Cline
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grantee: Greg Cline
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filed: May 22, 1998
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grantor: Prudential Residential Services, limited partnership
grantee: Donald F. and Carol L. Peterson
property: a 0.5 acre tract of the west 1/2 of section 43, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.
filed: May 14, 1998
grantor: Thomas C. Dunnam and Gwen Dunnam
grantee: Troy D. Jr. and Melody J. Conner
property: a 5.0 acre tract of land

Management humor good in getting point across

By DIANA KUNDE
The Dallas Morning News
DALLAS — It's 8:15 in the morning, and Gavin Jerome is already sweating.
The former stand-up comedian is doing his gig in front of about 100 corporate men and women who've had to battle the construction around Central Expressway in Dallas to get to

a seminar about applying humor at work. And, OK, they're taking a little time to warm up.
Not to worry. By the end of the session sponsored by the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce and Principal Financial Group, about a dozen of them will be in front of the group themselves, microphones in hand. They'll be delivering jokes and anecdotes they've

crafted in small groups.
"Humor is the quickest way to make a connection," Jerome said later. "In today's business world, the critical factor is creating a friendly environment, whether in sales or in relationships with colleagues. Humor can ease communications."
Consultants are peddling a lot of ideas these days to managers and other professionals hungry for a way to stand out in the

crowd, improve productivity or enhance teamwork.
Increasingly, humor is being considered part of the toolbox.
In fact, humor is serious business, said Joel Goodman, director of The Humor Project in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., which consults, runs conferences and disseminates materials - all dedicated to the notion that humor can ease stress, spur creativity and even help heal

AT&T residential customers to see new 6.8 percent fee in July

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T's residential customers next month will find a new fee in their long-distance bills to help pay for low-cost telephone service and cheap Internet hookups.
The fee, beginning in July, is to be based on a percentage of residential customers' monthly bills for long-distance calls. Thus, a customer with no long-distance calls in a billing period would not pay the extra fee.
AT&T Corp. has 80 million residential customers.
Residential customers will be assessed 5 percent of total monthly charges for interstate long-distance and international calls, and 1.8 percent of monthly charges for intrastate long-distance. AT&T spokesman Jim McGann said.
The charge to residential customers is designed to recover AT&T's share of government-imposed payments to support affordable phone service for low-income people and those living in high-cost areas as well as for discounted Internet hookups for schools, libraries and rural health care providers.
AT&T's share to pay for those programs is estimated at \$1.6

billion for 1998, McGann said.
Since January, the company has been charging business customers 4.9 percent of their monthly long-distance bills to support these government programs.
"We've been signaling for some time now that we would apply a similar charge to residential customers," McGann said. "We can't eat these costs."
Notices about the new fee, called the Universal Service Connectivity Charge, will be showing up in June bills, and advertisements about the fee are expected to appear in major daily newspapers soon, McGann said.
If AT&T's costs to support the programs change, the fee would be adjusted accordingly, he said.
Historically, some of the subsidies that help make local phone service affordable to rural and low-income customers have been included in long-distance rates, but companies generally have not disclosed what those charges are.
Some Republicans, including Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain of Arizona, want long-distance

customers' bills itemized to reflect the portion of each charge that goes to subsidies. They say customers have a right to know.
The Clinton administration initially opposed revealing the charges on phone bills, but more recently officials have said the support a line-item specifically for the cheap Internet hookups for schools, libraries and rural health care providers.
Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union's Washington office, predicted other phone companies would follow in AT&T's footsteps.
The new fee comes on top of a flat-rate charge AT&T and other long-distance companies now bill residential customers.
To cover long-distance companies' access to local phone networks, AT&T in April began charging residential customers on discounted calling plans an extra fee — 95 cents per month. AT&T will apply the charge to all residential customers in July. Long-distance companies pay local phone networks to begin and end long-distance calls.

hundreds of other consultants and trainers are now conducting humor workshops.
Jerome, for instance, has been doing his Comedy College seminars for corporations and professional groups for five years. The four-part Dallas session, which cost \$100 per person for Chamber of Commerce firms, was one of the more popular seminars the organization has sponsored, officials said

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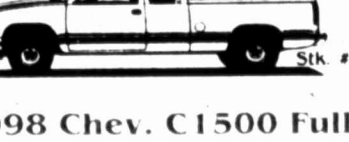

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tion to:
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E.O.E.**

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Comparable
- Boat race
- Very hot under the collar
- Sketcher's tools
- Having a crossbar
- River near Monterey
- Health haven
- Nose
- Bullpen success
- Unctuous
- Carreras, Domingo, and Pavarotti
- mot
- One of the archangels
- Abandon
- Burning
- Pokes fun
- Unnatural aura
- Eastern bigwig
- Clinton Attorney General
- Schisms
- French impressionist painter
- Creative skill
- Greene of history
- Makes over "Bonanza"
- Long feathered scarf
- Vacuum-cleaner attachment
- Indication
- of Green Gables
- Shucks
- Holy smoke!
- Turns around
- Using a soap-box
- Like winds and rivers
- Income
- One of the Five Nations
- African flies

DOWN

- Dances not
- Arouse

3 Gospel singer Jackson

- Nest-egg \$\$
- Seats for lots
- Spy
- Makes over
- Antique shop employee
- Historic period
- Guy's date
- Buyer-beware phrase
- Rationally defensible
- Makeshift conveyance
- Concurs
- In the past
- Go-heads
- Less likely
- Red, ruby-like gemstone
- Madagascar primates
- Warning signal
- Taboo acts
- Backslides
- Actress Shelley
- Mesabi Range output

42 Actor Harry Dean

- Mini drinks
- Ancestries
- Innocent young actress
- Bridge misplays
- Associate

54 Nostrils

- Let up
- Silent greeting
- Involuntary muscle spasm
- "Locomotion" singer Little
- Annual Asian holiday

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ABLE AWAIT TUTU
MOONOVER PARADOR
BEE DAIS OTARU
HONG OJAI
UNDERTHEVOLCANO
LAIR DIED GUT
TDS RAIDS ART
REC SILT RISE
AROUNDTHECORNER
NASATAPS
SNIFF ACRE ACE
THROUGHTHENIGHT
ARAL PATES REIN
RAND STUDS EDNA

By Joseph Breward
Scranton, PA 5/30/98

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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Needed immediately
Physician Billing and
Collections Specialist for a
busy office. Responsibilities
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statements, collections,
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Prefer someone with
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Detail oriented individual to
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experience. Fax resume to
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EOE

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Visits
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Monday - Friday EOE

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is seeking a high quality
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of Office Manager.
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Manager, this position of
Office Manager. Reporting
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position is responsible for all
administrative functions and
general accounting is
preferred. Strong computer
and supervisory skills are
required. Please send
resume with salary
requirements to: Manager,
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79331-0421. No Phone
Calls please. EOE

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3611 N. Hwy. 87
Big Spring, TX
915-263-4186

**THE CITY OF BIG
SPRING** will be testing for
the position of Certified
Police Officer at 8:30 a.m.
on Tuesday, June 30, 1998
at the Dora Roberts
Community Center located
at Comanche Trail Park.
Applications will be
accepted through Friday,
June 26, 1998 no later than
5:00 p.m. For detailed
qualifications and further
information contact City Hall
Personnel, 310 Nolan, Big
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We offer an excellent benefit
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experience in all areas listed
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• Excellent customer
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• Sales experience and
• Cash handling experience,
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Apply in person at 1702
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RN NEEDED: Exp.
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resume to: 1001 S. Bell,
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OPPORTUNITIES**
Entry level or experienced
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looking for hard working,
aggressive, motivated,
people with the desire for a
real career, and offering the
opportunity to earn a good
living and advance with
proven performance in an
established, stable, Big
Spring company. The jobs
are full time, and the
company provides
comprehensive benefits,
including a group health
plan, Profit Sharing/401(k)
Plan, paid vacation and
holidays, etc. Requirements
include being 18 or older,
completion of high school or
GED, good driving record,
capability to perform
physically demanding labor,
ability to meet people and
communicate effectively,
and a willingness to work
the job is done. Applicants
with Class A-CDL and route
sales or commercial driving
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company is willing to train
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skills. Pay commensurate
with experience. If this
sounds like a career
opportunity you would like to
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SERVICES**
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experience in the following
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staff supervision. Working
with the elderly or disabled
preferred. Send salary
requirement and resume to
(806)291-0294. Closing date
6/1/98 EOE.

SUMMER WORK
For College Students/1998
High School Graduates. Up
to 9.15. Flexible PT/FT
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conditions exist. Apply in
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earn money.
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Energetic employee
who gets along well
with customers &
co-workers?
Experienced in all
types of
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charges/payments
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learner. Currently
employed in Snyder
& moving to Big
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Full & Part time position
open in Coahoma, Big
Spring & Stanton. Able to
work all shifts. Apply at 1101
Lamesa Hwy. EOE., Drug
test required.**

Physician wanted for after
hours & holiday coverage.
Board certified in IM, FP or
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497-0384.

Willing to WORK? Will
train. Waitress needed,
must be 18 & able to work
split shifts. Good references.
Apply at Red Mesa Grill,
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Lawn Service. Ask for
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Mowing, hauling, tree
trimming, help moving, light
carpentry, painting, odd jobs.
Call 267-2298.

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Take advantage of this Buyer's Market

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GE Refrigerator. Gold side-by-side. 23.6cuft. No frost. Asking \$375. Call 267-5745.

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3 Chihuahua puppies for sale. 7 1/2 weeks old. \$200/each. Call 263-8231.

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Shear K-9 Grooming - Boarding Next day appointments Free Dip With Groom thru 531 756-3650

EQUIPMENT

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GARAGE SALES

City Wide Garage Sale: 8-7 Garden City June 6. Pick up maps at Helfmann.

Estate Sale: 2112 W. 3rd. Sat. 8-7 Sun. 1-7. Farm & ranch equip., household items, tools, misc. ABSOLUTELY NO FRIDAY SALES.

Garage Sale: 1209 Dixie. Sat. & Sun. 8-7

GARAGE SALES

Q Moving Sale: 302 Croze Rd. Sat. 8-4 & Sun. 10-4. Crossley ref., stove, orient. center, bed & misc.

FOUND / LOST PETS

REWARD!! Missing Male Golden Retriever & female Blue Heeler. Both tattooed & microchipped. Call 270-0043 or 394-4251 or 267-7387.

FURNITURE

New sectional sofa, queen size sleeper & recliner/blue. \$600. Plano, \$375. Call 263-4338

Triple dresser & night stand \$50 & consol TV, working

Triple dresser w/mirror & night stand \$75, & consol TV working \$150. Call 267-2923 after 2pm or leave message.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale: One tool box. White, for wide bed pickup. \$75.00. If interested call 267-8443. Box still in crate.

Spinnet-Console-Piano for Sale. Take on small payments. See Locally. 1-800-343-6494.

WANT TO BUY! Good quality Coronet. Preferably silver. Call 263-4645.

MISCELLANEOUS

WEDDINGS

Cakes, Abras, arches, silk flowers, etc. Call now for appt. The Grishams 267-8191

ACREAGE FOR SALE

Small or large acreage for sale will consider financing or Texas Veterans financing. Call 263-8785

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NICE FULL SERVICE garage facility in Colorado city for sale. \$15,000 + tax. 264-6410.

HOUSES FOR SALE

3 bdr. 1 bath, liv./room, dining room, 2 car garage. Water/well, 1/2 acre. Low 20's. 267-9758 or 267-6285

3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, ref. air. Quiet neighborhood, new paint, storage bldg. \$47,500. Call 267-6870.

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LOTS & ACREAGE

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706 MAIN-267-3913

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NO 12-426

IN THE ESTATE OF LENORE ALVINE JOHNSON DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LENORE ALVINE JOHNSON, Deceased, were issued on May 21, 1998, under Docket No. 12-426, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to MILTON CARROLL JOHNSON.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Howard County, Texas, and the post office address is:

111 Spencer Road Big Spring, TX 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Independent Executor at the above address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 27th day of May, 1998.

G. BEN BANCROFT A Professional Corporation P.O. Box 1390 Big Spring, TX 79721 Telephone No. (915) 264-1800 BY: G. Ben Bancroft State Bar No. 01668000 ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE 1904 May 31, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT MARLO TEXAS 79702

MIDLAND TEXAS 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject into the FUSSELLMAN Formation, RYAN, T.P. Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 12 miles NORTHEAST of Big Spring, TEXAS in the LUTHER SE (SILURIAN-DEVONIAN) Field, in HOWARD County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 9860 to 9875 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended; and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication to the Environmental Service Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Telephone 512/463-6792. 1903 May 31, 1998

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