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Tickets available for chamber's Spring Community Luncheon

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its Spring Community Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday.

The luncheon, catered by Al's & Son Bar-B-Q, will be held at the Cora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Dr.

Tickets are \$7 each and are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m., Club House.

Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

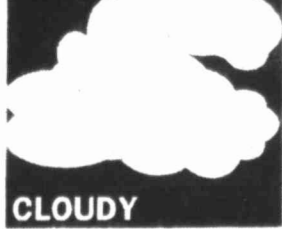
Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Relay for Life brings out challenges

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Never let it be said that Big Spring residents aren't ready to give their all at Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society fund-raiser.

Billy Sanderson has pledged to run 50 miles during



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the 19-hour event, covering 200 laps around the track at Blankenship Field. Richard Cypert, meanwhile, will ride his bicycle (wheels raised off the ground) for more than 200 miles.

And now, Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Loren Chandler says he will walk for six hours to raise \$1,800.

Relay for Life is a community campout Friday and Saturday. On most of the more than 50 teams signed up, members will take turns walking or running around the track to raise

money through pledges.

For some reason, this year's Relay has also brought out the "extreme challenge" in local residents as well.

"We think that's great," said Lisa Brooks, publicity chair for the ACS Relay committee. "Any way the team member can conceive of to raise money, we support that."

She quoted Cypert, who said in last week's Herald that he would probably be very sore and tired after his marathon

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Marciel Smith, a designer with Faye's Flowers, was busy Friday, working on a corsage for Mother's Day. A special tribute to Mom from our readers is in the life! section of today's issue, beginning on Page 1B.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

With eye on Memorial Day, vets keep working

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Members of the Vietnam Memorial Committee are literally working around the clock in an effort to complete work on the new chapel in time for the Memorial Day dedication on Monday, May 31.

"We were out here until 1 this morning," said committee chairman Charlie Lewis. "With the way the wind has been blowing, we're working whenever we can to get the primer on and the metal painted."

Lewis said the group got started about 10 on Friday night after the wind had died down enough to allow a sprayer to be used.

In addition, the group is running into difficulty raising the last monies needed to complete the chapel project and rehabilitate a sprinkler system that is now nearly 10 years old.

"We're using whatever sprinkler heads we can find," said committee member Jerry Groves. "They don't make the kind we need any more, so we're taking whatever we can find that will work."

The chapel is the last major piece of work the committee has planned for the Memorial, although the long-range project design includes the placement of three artillery field pieces along the north side of the Memorial boundary.

"We've located one field piece that we will be going to get this summer," Groves said, explaining that a 155mm cannon is available in Anniston, Ala. at the site of the former Fort McClellan, which has been decommissioned through action taken by the Base Closure Commission.

"We'll go and get it and get it in place, but we need to finish the project we've got under way right now," Groves said.

Groves said the committee is asking local and area churches to provide Bibles to be placed in the chapel on a rotating basis.

"We hope the area churches will want to participate in this project," he said. "We'd like for them to pick a favorite verse that the Bible might be opened to while it is being displayed."

He said the Bibles on display would be rotated.

Groves said persons wishing to offer financial help for the project may do so by sending their tax deductible contributions in care of Charlie Lewis, 1606 Gregg St., or Robyn Drinkard in care of the office of the Howard County Judge at the County Courthouse.

TO HELP

Send tax deductible contributions to Charlie Lewis, 1606 Gregg St., or Robyn Drinkard, in care of the Howard County Judge's Office.



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

Vietnam Memorial Committee Chairman Charlie Lewis gets ready to continue spraying inside the new chapel. Winds have made progress slow, but the group is determined to have everything ready for Memorial Day.

Decorated Vietnam veteran, evangelist to be key speaker at chapel dedication

HERALD Staff Report

A Vietnam veteran, evangelist Jay Breland, will be the keynote speaker at the dedication of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Chapel on Memorial Day.

The ceremonies, which will get under way at 11 a.m. at the Memorial, will feature Col. Junior Lee "Jay" Breland, USAR.

Col. Breland, who received the Vietnam Campaign Medal (1968) and Vietnam Service

Medal (1968) for his service in Southeast Asia, also received the Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster (1989) and Meritorious Service Medal with Second Oak Leaf Cluster (1998).

Breland, a native of Laurel, Miss., currently lives in Garland where he is president of Jay Breland Evangelistic Association, Inc. Additionally, he is currently assigned to the 90th Regional Support Group in San Antonio as Senior Chaplain.

He served in the United States Marines Corps on active duty from Feb. 1, 1966 until Jan. 16, 1968, attaining the rank of E-4 and receiving an Honorable Discharge.

In May 1978 he joined the Army Reserve and earned the rank of colonel on Aug. 15, 1993.

Col. Breland was licensed to the ministry in 1964 at Jacinto Baptist Church in Houston and ordained to the ministry in

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License Limited

Medical board takes action against doctor

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

The Texas Board of Medical Examiners (BME) has restricted the license of Big Spring physician Bruce E. Cox for a period of three years for "failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner."

Under the agreed order, Cox will no longer be able to prescribe Schedule II drugs to patients unless they are in a hospital setting as inpatients only.

Cox, 50, has been licensed to practice medicine in Texas for approximately 23 years. He appeared before the BME on Feb. 19 and accepted the board's findings on April 6. The order was entered on April 10.

Cox was out of town and unavailable for comment, according to the switchboard at Hall-Bennett Clinic.

According to public records, the BME reviewed the cases of nine patients in which Cox "failed to adequately document indications for prescribing anti-anxiety and pain medications."

The BME said Cox violated Section 9.08 (18) of the Medical Practice Act, T.R.C.S., article 4495b (Vernon Supp. 1999). That violation allowed the board to take disciplinary action based on what it said was Cox's "professional failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner consistent with public health and welfare."

Jill Wiggins, public information director for the BME, said Schedule II drugs are "potentially very abusable." She said opiates, codeine and phenobarbital were examples of Schedule II drugs.

Other drugs listed in the order included Nabum, Soma, Phenergan, Talwin, Propofol, Butalbital as well as their trademark or generic equivalents in any form, as well as any chemical or chemical combination substantially similar or equivalent to such drugs.

Cox also agreed to surrender any unused triplicate prescription forms to the Texas Department of Public Safety and to not attempt to order any more triplicate prescription forms under authorized in writing by the BME.

In addition, the BME addressed Cox's record-keeping and ordered that he "maintain a logbook of all prescriptions written for controlled sub-

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Bob 'Tumbleweed Smith' Lewis honored by state legislators

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring's own Bob Lewis, better known around the state as Tumbleweed Smith, was commended by the state legislature this past week for his "immensely valuable and entertaining work."

A resolution to that affect, authored by Dr. Bob Hunter, R-Abilene, was read by both the House and the Senate.

"I was really touched by it. It was one of the most exciting days of my life," said Lewis, who was not aware that the presentation was going to be made.

"The thing that got to me was that so many legislators came up and introduced themselves to us," said his wife, Susan. "They were so gracious."

House Speaker Pete Laney handed Lewis the gavel as he and his wife stood on the floor while the resolution was read. "The capitol is so historic. We

really felt the history there and were so proud to be a part of it," said Lewis. "As many things as we've been able to do and places we have gone, I was just overwhelmed by this. It's something I certainly never thought about happening."

The resolution opens "Whereas, for almost three decades Bob Lewis has traveled the length and breadth of the Lone Star State as Tumbleweed Smith, recording the stories and tall tales of which his fellow

Texans are so fond and sharing those yarns and accounts through a syndicated radio program, 'The Sound of Texas'; his work toward the preservation of Texas culture indeed merits special legislative recognition..."

It goes on to cite Lewis' background, how he began a career in advertising and radio in 1960 but did not care for the day-to-day demands and so nine years later formed Orange House Productions. He began record-

ing the narratives, jokes and stories Texans told him, syndicated his program to radio stations. Some 40 stations now carry the Tumbleweed Smith show and almost 25 newspapers carry his weekly column.

Lewis estimates he has driven a million to a million and a half miles in his three decades of interviewing people all across the state. He has recorded more than 7,500 stories during that

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS LOTTERY LOTTO: 7,11,26,28,33,43

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

missioner Emma Brown is expected to discuss a revision on the county employee vacation and sick leave policy. Howard County librarian Loraine Redman may discuss library hours, and Teresa Thomas, county treasurer, is expected to present the quarterly report and payroll.

Stanton City Council members will meet at 7 p.m. Monday to take action on an annexation petition from Jeffery Leary on 1.3 acres of property.

Council members are also expected to discuss and act upon purchasing a building for the Boll Weevil Eradication District office.

An election judge salary will be discussed and new council members will be sworn in. A citation from Zachary Weston will also be discussed and possible action is set.

Martin County commissioners will convene at 8 a.m. Monday to consider a renewal agreement with the West Texas Narcotics Task Force, a county depository and going out for bids for fuel for the road and bridge department.

Commissioners will also consider appointing Merv Miller as Veterans Service Officer and hearing remarks by Kenneth Snodgrass concerning operation of the court.

Howard County Appraisal District board will convene at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Agenda items include preliminary discussion of the year 2000 budget and approval of bills, the financial report, travel expense and previous minutes.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

-DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED was reported in the 400 block of E. Eighth.

-DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID was reported at E. Marcy and Goliad.

-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Runnels and the 400 block of E. Fourth.

-BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2000 block of Main, 1700 block of Young, and the 500 block of State.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 300 block of Settles, and the 400 block of S. Main.

-RICKY WHITE, 22, was arrested for theft under \$50.

-ROBERT FREITAG, 32, was arrested for a Class C Assault/family violence.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1200 block of E. Third, 1900 block of Wasson,

1700 block of Nolan, and at Second and Owens.

-DELIA CASTILLO, 17, was arrested on local warrants.

-ROBBI EDMONDSON, 37, was arrested on local warrants.

-ANTHONY MUNOZ, no age given, was arrested for public intoxication.

-ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported in the 300 block of NE Eighth, 14th and Benton, and the 1900 block of Gregg.

-JUVENILE PROBLEMS were reported in the 800 block of Marcy, 2000 block of Goliad, and 1300 block of Douglas.

-SHOTS FIRED were reported in the 200 block of N. Goliad.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore, Fourth and Main, and the 400 block of Main.

-THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Johnson, 300 block of Owens, 300 block of Gregg, 1800 block of Gregg, and the 500 block of State.

-THEFT FROM PERSON was reported in the 1600 block of Scurry.

-LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1100 block of Austin, and in the 1600 block of E. 16th.

-INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported at Second and Young.

-DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVER was reported at FM 700 and Westover.

-JOSE MUNOZ, 36, was arrested for public intoxication.

-CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie.

-ACCIDENT/MAJOR was reported in the 1400 block of E. 11th.

-RUBY SMITH, no age given, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

-QUINTON DICKSON, 23, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

-BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 2000 block of Main.

-RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE was reported at College and Culp.

-TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 200 block of E. 10th.

-RUNAWAY was reported in the 1300 block of Lincoln.

-POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA under two ounces was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

-ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie.



Smith (left), known throughout Texas as Tumbleweed Smith on his Sound of Texas radio program, was recently honored by state legislators. Pictured with him are, left to right, his wife, Rep. David Counts and Speaker of the House Pete Laney.

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which according to the resolution "constitutes the nation's largest privately owned oral history archive."

The resolution also notes some of his achievements, including the Governor's Tourism Award, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Cultural Achievement Award and the best program award from Western Public Radio (San Francisco).

Lewis began producing Sound of Texas in 1969 and will celebrate his 30th anniversary of the show on Aug. 1.

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1970 at Orchard Hills Baptist Church in Garland. He has served 35 years in the ministry and spent 29 of them as a full-time vocational evangelist. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1976 with a master of divinity.

He has been married to his wife, Kaye, for 29 years and has two children — Michael, a graduate of Texas A&M and Sereniah, a senior at Stephen F. Austin University.

John H. Walker, managing editor of the Big Spring Herald, will serve as master of ceremonies for the dedication.

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stances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse."

He is required to maintain the records in chronological order by date issued.

The order also decreed that Cox "shall maintain adequate medical records on all patient office visits, consultations, surgeries performed, drugs provided and treatment rendered."

According to the order, these records must include the patient's name and address,

vital signs and statistics, chief complaints, history and physical findings, diagnosis and basis for diagnosis, treatment plan for each patient visit or operative procedure, a notation of all medications prescribed or otherwise provided to the patient including the quantity, dosage and rationale for providing the medications and detailed records of all follow up visits.

Cox will also be required to attend at least 50 hours per year of Continuing Medical Education for each of the three years of the order.

RELAY

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ride. "But the pain I will experience is nothing compared to what the folks that have had cancer have experienced," he said.

"It's a symbolic way of showing your support for people who have fought cancer, or are fighting it," Brooks said.

Chandler said he came up with his "extreme" challenge at the suggestion of some employees at the hospital.

"This is my way of letting the employees and the community know I'm committed to the causes that are out there," he said.

"I want to make a difference." The hospital could just give some money to the cause, he said. "But I want to actually participate."

Chandler is sending letters to doctors and other community members asking that they support his challenge.

His goal is to raise \$5 for every minute he walks.

And Chandler, a runner for fitness, will start his six-hour trek at midnight on Friday. He said the time frame is just an added element of challenge.

"I guess I'll be sleeping the next day."

Bill would make dog, hog fights illegal in state

AUSTIN (AP) — Causing dogs and hogs to fight would be a misdemeanor and staging the fights for money would be a state jail felony under a bill considered Tuesday by a House committee.

Inspired by a Houston television report of the sometimes bloody confrontations, the bill has drawn sharp criticism, and even a phoned death threat, for its sponsor, Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston.

The House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee was scheduled to hear testimony on the bill. It wasn't immediately

clear if the panel was to take a vote.

While animal rights activists applaud Wilson's bill, some Texas farmers and hunters say it could also lead to a ban on using dogs to hunt feral — or wild — hogs, an East Texas tradition.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

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

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) will meet Monday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. They will also meet Monday, May 17, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door), for a covered dish dinner.

Andrea Earle of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce will be speaker. For more information call 398-5522.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

Coahoma Independent School District trustees have called a special meeting for 5:15 p.m. Monday and will conduct interviews with three superintendent finalists.

An interview with Monte Barnes of Roscoe is set for 5:30 p.m., followed by Albert Van Hoose of Floydada at 6:30 and Billy Kingston of Petersburg at 7:30 p.m.

Trustees are also expected to reorganize the board and elect president, vice-president and secretary.

A decision on the superintendent search may be expected by the May 17 regular board meeting.

Sheriff Bill Jennings will present a resolution for participation in the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force at the Howard County Commissioners Court meeting Monday, which convenes at 10 a.m.

Also, a bank will be selected as county depository, and com-



Debbie Henson takes a picture of Karle Holsenbeck holding Henson's daughter, Maranda, Friday night at Howard College graduation ceremonies. The college awarded associate and vocational degrees and certificates to 112 students.

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Dolores P. Yanez Celebrates 98 yrs old
Ms. Dolores P. Yanez was born on May 7, 1901 in San Carlos Coahuilla, Mexico. Born to Seferina Vasquez and Victor Puente. In 1913 at the age of 12 she came to live in Texas, in Carizo Springs. She married Inez Yanez Sr. in 1917 at the age of 16. She had 10 children, 5 sons: Inez Jr., Leon, Clarence, Horace & Prospero. 5 daughters: Lumina, Rebecca, Hortencia, Rachel & Aurora. Her husband Inez Sr. died in 1958. She has 1 son & 4 daughters living. She has lived thru 5 generations, has 40 grandchildren, 95 great grandchildren & 30 great great grandchildren. Ms. Yanez states she has many memories and continues to enjoy music. She used to play the instrument Mandolin & used to sing in festivals and dances. She continues to share with her family many songs she used to sing, family history and memories of family and friends such as Pancho Villa. Ms. Yanez states she is very thankful for her health & great care she's been given and enjoys family gatherings. She lives with her son and daughter in-law, Horace & Pilar Yanez. Her birthday was celebrated on May 7th with the Mananitas and a birthday party.

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Cornyn to turn over evidence against Morales

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn says he is planning to turn over to state prosecutors evidence that may show alleged fraud and document tampering by his predecessor, Dan Morales, and a Houston lawyer.

The acts alleged by Cornyn could violate state and federal laws, according to legal experts.

Cornyn, who is not charged with handling criminal prosecutions, told The Dallas Morning News that it is his duty to refer the evidence to the Travis County District Attorney's office, which handles most public corruption

cases in Texas.

"I haven't reached a conclusion yet on whether the evidence reaches the level of criminal fraud," Cornyn told the newspaper.

The evidence stems from Cornyn's investigation into Morales' efforts to have hundreds of millions of dollars of Texas' \$17.3 billion tobacco settlement paid to Houston lawyer Marc Murr, a longtime Morales friend and political supporter.

Those actions are also under scrutiny by the FBI.

In federal court documents filed Wednesday, Cornyn said he found evidence that two contracts in which Morales hired

Murr to work on the tobacco case were actually created and signed many months after the day they are dated.

Sources speaking on condition of anonymity have told The Associated Press that the FBI has been comparing computer hard-drive data to papers to determine whether Morales backdated four contracts and letters to make it appear that Murr was involved in the case longer than he really was.

Several lawyers told the newspaper that prosecutors were probably looking at the false statement act, which makes it a crime to produce a false or fictitious statement in

person or in writing.

"If the changing on the date is a material or important issue, then that would be a misrepresentation, which would be a crime under this statute," said Eric Buether, a Dallas lawyer who has handled similar cases involving the False Statements Act. The law is most often used to prosecute Medicaid and Medicare fraud cases.

Morales has said Murr provided "critical" legal assistance. Murr has said he contributed 2,000 hours to craft strategy and draft part of the settlement of the state's lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

Clinton supports Texas hate crimes legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — President Clinton threw his support Friday behind a Texas hate-crimes bill named after a black man dragged to his death — a strong contrast to the wait-and-see attitude Gov. George W. Bush has adopted.

Clinton, on a fund-raising trip to Texas, had a hastily scheduled meeting with Renee Mullins and Darrell Verrett, daughter and nephew of the slain James Byrd Jr.

The meeting, which supporters of the proposed legislation arranged, occurred during a planned visit to Austin's new airport.

The Byrd family members were in Austin after meeting Thursday with potential GOP presidential contender Bush to appeal for his support for the bill.

In a speech sandwiched between two short face-to-face talks with the Byrd relatives, Clinton invoked the memory of a former president and a former congresswoman from Texas.

"The work of Lyndon Johnson and Barbara Jordan is being carried on today here in Austin by the state legislators who are trying to pass hate crimes legislation in the name of James Byrd," Clinton said.

He told the crowd that the United States must pay attention to such domestic tragedies even as it works to address wrongs around the world.

"Our men and women in uniform today struggle against the killing, the rape, the looting, the uprooting of people solely on their ethnic and religious backgrounds in Kosovo, as they did in Bosnia," Clinton said.

Bush's staff has said he signed a bill in 1997 to strengthen Texas' existing law against hate crimes and that he would evaluate the current measure if it reaches his desk.

After meeting with Clinton, Mrs. Mullins said the president told her "he's going to do all he can in his power to aid this bill, and if it leads him to call Governor Bush he will — if he thinks it will help. And if not, he knows a mutual friend."

Backers of the hate crimes bill say it would strengthen the current law by defining a hate crime as one motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion or sexual preference. Critics say the current law is too vague.

House panel approves more comprehensive TAAS

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to require public high school students to take more state standardized tests and pass a more comprehensive exam to get a diploma was approved Saturday by a House committee.

Before getting a diploma under current law, students must pass Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exams in reading, writing and math in 10th grade.

As approved by the House Public Education Committee, the bill would impose a new

exit-level test in 11th grade covering English language arts, math, science and social studies. The same subjects would be tested in 10th grade as a way to prepare students for the graduation exam.

Under current law, students aren't tested in grade nine or above grade 10 once they pass the exit-level reading, writing and math test.

"The benefit of this bill is that it will allow the exit exam to better reflect what students should know as they approach

graduation," said Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Houston, the committee's chairman.

Besides adding the 11th-grade test, the bill would begin giving TAAS reading and math exams to ninth graders as well.

As passed by the Senate last month, the legislation also would have moved the current eighth-grade science test to fifth grade. On Saturday, the House committee approved an amendment to move the science test to tenth grade.

Committee member Rep. Scott

Hochberg, D-Houston, said he was concerned that testing fifth graders on such a complex subject might deter students from it altogether.

"Giving a multiple choice science test to a fifth grade might lead them to having to memorize the periodic table," he said.

The new tests would be given beginning in the 2002-2003 school year. The additional exams would be repealed in 2007 unless the Legislature took action to continue them.

No squawking: Cities cut deal to split up birding center money, facilities

McALLEN (AP) — No more squawking about which Rio Grande Valley city gets the World Birding Center.

Legislators have hammered out a deal that will make the World Birding Center a comprehensive regional system under a \$7 million agreement cut Friday in Austin.

The Mission site remains the headquarters, while Brownsville, Edinburg, Harlingen and Weslaco will compete for four remaining designations: two centers and two satellite sites.

Each center, including

Mission, will receive as much as \$2 million in state funding and each satellite as much as \$500,000.

"What we now have is a complete system that we can truly call Valleywide. By allowing everybody to stay in, it has increased the size of the project," said state Rep. Kino Flores, D-Palmview.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will select the centers and satellites based on the amount of matching money each community offers, according to the plan.

Although it gives up \$1 mil-

lion in construction funds, Flores said the Mission headquarters at Bentsen-Rio Grande State Park gains an art museum valued at \$5 million that will feature the work of Roger Tory Peterson. An unspecified amount of private funding is expected from a parks and wildlife agency foundation.

Including the \$2 million local contribution, Flores estimated Mission's financial package could reach \$14 million.

The agreement caps three days of negotiations that included House members from the Rio Grande Valley, Parks and

Wildlife executive director Andy Sansom, Brownsville city officials and the head of a Valleywide task force on the birding center.

The agreement, in the form of a rider to the state budget, must be substituted for a rider budget conferees adopted last week. That could happen Monday. Meanwhile, all parties were confident the change will occur.

The original rider by Flores required the parks agency to locate the headquarters at Mission in order to receive \$5 million in funding for the center.

Other Valley cities threatened to withdraw their financial support for the birding center project as a result, accusing Flores of subverting a bid selection process underway at the parks agency.

That twice delayed the selection of a headquarters site.

"This is a wonderful compromise that benefits the whole Valley and creates a Rio Grande Valley ecotourism base where we are all winners.

The entire Valley delegation is supportive of it," said state Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, one of Flores'

harshest critics.

Flores said forcing the issue with his original rider ultimately increased state funding, ensuring all interested cities can participate.

"Whatever they accused me of, this was a calculated move to ensure that I brought additional resources to the Valley," Flores said.

Otherwise, he said, funding might not have been included in this year's state budget, leaving the project on the "wish list" a list of hundreds of projects statewide that receive money, if it is available.

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OUR VIEWS

Plan to spend time with Mom this special day

When you ask people to write a letter that tells why their mother is special, it's like asking them to open their hearts. And some of our readers did, for a special Mother's Day feature in today's life! pages.

They said things like, "She is my best friend." They used words like, "courageous, loving, caring, responsible and strong."

Mom is known as a person who's "big-hearted and fun." "She gave me life," one reader wrote. "She pulled us through," another remembered.

All in all, they agreed, mother is indeed "a very special woman."

Perhaps she was there when you were ill, or had a child or lost a job. Perhaps she has shared your greatest joys and sorrows. Perhaps she lives too far away to get together often, but you share letters, phone calls and e-mail.

Perhaps your "mother" is not even the one who gave you life. But perhaps she was the one who taught you to walk and talk. Maybe she hid a tear as she sent you off to school for the first time.

Remember how proud she was on graduation day? Remember how strong she stayed when the rest of the family seemed close to falling apart?

Many families have stories, and at the center of many is the woman — Mom — who was the glue that held the family together.

Whatever you remember about your mother, remember her today, Mother's Day. After all she's done for you, there's no doubt she deserves it.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

As the rash of teen violence in schools spreads like wildfire, we are left to wonder what on earth is going on in these kid's heads today. Is it a need to release repressed anger in a vengeful way? Is it a gang related thing, or is it just kids with too much money and too much time on their hands? We are left to wonder what's next and what can be done to stop this behavior.

Eric Harris, 18 and Dylan Klebold, 17, intended to destroy a school and kill several people in the process.

Who are these boys? Are they subjects of harmful teasing by bullies who could not except them because of their prejudices? Were they (Eric and Dylan) prejudiced too? When you think of why some of their victims were chosen, we are lead to believe that this may be true.

I'm amazed at the way prejudices lead the world today. These kids were "good" kids.

According to court-ordered evaluation of the suspects compiled earlier this year, Harris was called "a bright young man who is likely to succeed in life" and found

Klebold had a great deal of potential. A potential for destruction. Good kids? Why then do we start picking on any and every kid who looks different? In a way this is an aggressive behavior by teens. Yes, gangs and gang related paraphernalia should not be allowed in schools but lets focus on the problems inside, not the clothes outside.

Again, we are left to wonder where in the world did these kids get the money for all the arsenal that they had obtained for this pre-concepted slaughter?

If the parents were keeping their kids busy with positive outlets, could they have had the time to do what they did?

Several factors lead us to make changes. We need tougher laws and stricter codes.

Yes, teens should be made to face the consequences. If they are willing to commit the crime, they should be willing to do the time. It would be an example to the other teens with malicious notions in their minds to think again. But let's be sure we don't make criminals out of all kids.

ANGIE DIAZ
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One more hug, one more taste of lemon pie

If you still have your Mother, please take the time to call her today and tell you that you love her.

If you're fortunate enough to have her close-by, go and give her a hug and a kiss when you tell her you love her.



JOHN H. WALKER

This is one of those days that I always find to be tough to get through. A few years ago, after Mom was gone, I had about half of the digits in her old phone number punched in before reality took hold of me.

As I watch Lyle and Renee play softball with Miranda, I remember my Mom and Dixie Youth Baseball.

Daddy was always too busy in the spring and summer of the year, so Mom was the partner with whom I played catch. She was the one who pitched to me and showed me how to swing a bat ... how to switch-hit ... how to lay down a bunt

and even how to slide into base.

And yet she was first, last and always the consummate Southern lady.

No, my Mother was not a Southern belle ... she was a Southern lady, and the difference between the two is as distinct as night and day.

To this day, I think of my Mom when I open a door for someone or when I get a chair for a female or when I greet an older person — which, as I near age 50 myself, is becoming harder to do as those younger than me insist on using what I consider to be hackneyed titles such as "Mr." and phrases such as "Yes, sir."

Growing up in her home, there was never any question about a man's opening of doors for women, or getting a chair for a woman or showing courtesy and respect to one's elders.

To this day, I try to do those things, knowing that if I didn't, somewhere from Heaven I would hear her voice with that wonderful Southern accent as it scolded ... "Johnny Walker, you weren't raised that way."

Mom loved the simple things in life. There was nothing so precious to her as a good book and a fresh cup of coffee, unless it was to walk through

the woods at home.

She knew her birds and her plants, and single-handedly she got me through my 10th grade biology class.

During my high school years, Mom and I would drive up and over the Mississippi River levee and down into the woods that flooded every spring and winter as the river rose.

She'd point out all of the varieties and tell me their scientific names so that I might label the leaves for my class collection.

And she'd listen to the birds and tell me what they were.

I guess it was from my Mom that I got my love for traveling, not necessarily to any place exotic, but rather to places I hadn't been or that simply looked interesting.

And I know it was from her that I got my love for books, and just like it was in her house on Fellowship Road in Smith County, Miss., I have one room that's virtually full of books with stacks all over the rest of my little house.

She had books everywhere ... in every nook and cranny with some stacked too deep on the shelves with books laid flat on top of them. She never found a book she didn't enjoy and for me, it was always easy to find

a gift for her.

I'll never ever forget what she wrote in one of the books we found in a stack on the living room floor the night after we buried her under a huge Magnolia my granddaddy Hester had planted as a child ... "books are my weakness. They allow me to go places and experience things I would never otherwise know."

Many of those books help fill my house today.

Perhaps your Mom played catch with you as a kid, or taught you to fish or got you excited about reading, but no matter the things you know she did for you, there are so many things she did that you'll never know.

Like my Mom, she didn't do them for glory or attention, but rather because you were her child and she loved you.

Tell her today that you love her ... Mom's are special, you know, and I would give anything in the world for just one more smile ... one more hug ... one more taste of lemon pie ... one more chance to tell her how much I love her.

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China-Cuba alliance poses problems for the U.S.

While the United States is committing a crime against Yugoslavia, where we have no legitimate strategic or national interests,



CHARLEY REESE

President Clinton's Chinese friends have been busy little bees 90 miles from our shores.

Chi Haotian, China's minister of national defense, got together with Raul Castro, big brother Fidel's minister of defense, and decided that working together was a very good idea. Right next door to the still-active Russian electronic spy base, the Chinese will help Fidel build a brand-new electronic spy facility of his own and train his people. The tat for this tit is the Chinese will have a permanent presence and will share the intelligence data collected by the Cubans.

The Tibetan killers will also modernize Cuba's satellite-tracking base at Jaruco, where some of the parabolic dishes are about 40 meters in diameter. They will also modernize the equipment of Castro's telecommunications monitoring, based at Paseo and 13th Street in Havana. As you might guess, all telephone calls in Cuba are three-party calls — the third party being Castro's secret police.

Out in Santiago in Oriente, the Chinese are helping the Cubans construct an antenna farm. Just what the facility will do — increase the range and power of Cuba's propaganda broadcasts or be involved in military intelligence — is unclear at this point.

Cuban sources also say the Chinese agreed to supply spare parts for Castro's Russian-built warplanes and to supply other military equipment for the American left's favorite Stalinist dictator. Who knows? Maybe they will give the gray beard a few missiles one day. After all, the Chinese intend to incorporate Taiwan into its mainland government, by force if necessary, and when that

day comes, China will want to have the means ready to make the United States timid.

You can expect to see Chinese investments in Cuba, and you will see Castro join forces with the Communist Chinese to drive Taiwanese interests and businesses out of Latin America and the Caribbean.

As they say, much is afoot to the south of us, so why the United States is bogging itself down into the no-win mire of the Balkans can probably be attributed to the fact that underneath his mask of sanity, Clinton has a screw loose. I suspect that before his term ends, the cowardly Democrats in the House and Senate who chose partisanship over duty will regret their missed opportunity to get this Captain Queeg off the bridge of the ship — at least those who have three-digit IQs will regret it.

Probably what will shock most Americans in the months ahead is the discovery that the United States has few to no friends in Latin America, and among the few, the fervor is faint to absent. That is our own fault.

Our nation has always treated Latin America as a poor backyard neighbor barely worthy of notice. We have sown, and we will reap, a harvest of indifference or hostility.

Castro is a criminal psychopath with a pathological hatred of North America. He has a Hitlerian case of megalomania. I think one of the most revealing things I ever read about Castro was in a book written by a high-ranking official who defected after a lifetime in a Marxist society.

He said that Castro, on one of his tours, stopped at a school and challenged a 10-year-old to a game of pingpong. The 10-year-old beat him, and instead of laughing and hugging the child as a normal man would, Castro flew into a rage and sulked.

Ideology and politics aside, it's a good idea to keep the nuts out of power all the time and everywhere. Unfortunately, neither the Cubans nor we Americans have had much success in that regard.

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NATO expresses 'deep regret' for attack on Chinese Embassy

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO expressed regret Saturday for a mistaken attack on the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, but pledged to pursue the bombing campaign until Yugoslavia accepts an international plan to end the Kosovo crisis.

World leaders outside of NATO condemned the embassy attack that Yugoslav media said killed four Chinese, and demonstrators in Beijing retaliated by throwing rocks and smashing cars at the U.S. Embassy.

Speaking in Oklahoma, President Clinton said he regretted the embassy bombing but that such mistakes are inevitable during a bombing campaign that has already involved more than 10,000 sorties.

Clinton blamed Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic for the mistaken attack, saying the bombings would have ended long ago if the Yugoslav leader ended his hostile campaign against ethnic Albanians.

"There are innocent people in Serbia who have perished and I hate it," Clinton said.

NATO jets blasted a railway

station Saturday afternoon near the central Serbian city of Kraljevo and fired two missiles at the main highway between Belgrade and Nis, Yugoslav media reported.

Witnesses said a NATO missile struck a bridge Saturday in downtown Nis, a central Serbian city where cluster bombs killed 15 and injured 60 only the day before. The bridge over the Nisava river was heavily damaged but did not collapse.

In Brussels, Belgium, the NATO Council of 19 alliance members expressed "its deep regret for the tragic mistake" at the Chinese Embassy. NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana stressed the alliance "never has, and never will, intentionally target civilians."

NATO's military spokesman, German Gen. Walter Jertz, refused to give any details of how the embassy bombing had happened. He said the intended target was the federal Directorate for Supply and Procurement, a military facility.

At first, NATO officials said that facility, which coordinates

Yugoslavia's import and weapons, was located near the Chinese Embassy. However, Jertz said later that military planners had believed the Chinese Embassy building was, in fact, the procurement agency.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon stressed the bombing was an error.

"There is no such thing as clean combat," Bacon said. "We have the best pilots in the world. ... There is no way to avoid collateral damage or unintended consequences."

Russia's Balkan envoy Viktor Chernomyrdin sharply criticized the NATO attack as he began a trip to seek a political solution to the war over Kosovo. Chernomyrdin told reporters upon his arrival in Germany from Moscow that the alliance's "barbaric bombardment" was doing nothing to advance the peace process.

NATO launched the attacks to force Milosevic to accept a Western-dictated peace plan for Kosovo, a majority Albanian province of Yugoslavia's main republic, Serbia.

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Scientist denies giving secrets to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of silence, a Taiwanese-born scientist suspected of espionage at a federal nuclear lab is vigorously denying he gave secrets to China, or any unauthorized persons.

A six-page statement released by his lawyer said that the scientist, Wen Ho Lee, "will not be a scapegoat for alleged security problems at our country's nuclear laboratories."

Lee, 59, was fired from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico on March 8 for alleged security violations. He has been under investigation by the FBI since 1996 as a prime suspect in the theft of nuclear weapons secrets in the 1980s. Lee has not been charged with a crime.

Government officials have said that when investigators searched Lee's computer at Los Alamos they found evidence

that more than 1,000 files containing so-called legacy codes — the codes that provide design and performance data on nuclear warheads — had been transferred from the secure to the insecure computer system. Lee was accused of transferring the top-secret codes to his personal computer, which could be accessed from the outside.

The Lee statement said that "contrary to press reports, Dr. Lee's computer files contained dozens of nonclassified codes, which included several hundred thousand lines of code." It said that Lee had changed file names "to reflect improvements he had made in (the) nonclassified codes."

No mention was made in the statement of any classified codes being found.

Lee's lawyer, Mark Holscher, who issued the statement, did not return a telephone call to

his Los Angeles office.

"Dr. Lee ... has not and will not ever provide classified information to anyone," the statement said. "Dr. Lee has never given classified computer files to any unauthorized person. In fact, Dr. Lee took substantial steps to protect his computer files."

While acknowledging that Lee had made two trips to China in the 1980s, the statement said both trips were cleared in advance.

The trips were to attend scientific conferences and were "with the full knowledge and approval of the Federal Bureau of Investigation," the statement said.

In fact, said the statement, Lee's wife attended one of the conferences at the request of the FBI so she could obtain background information on Chinese scientists.

Jones' lawyers seek nearly \$500,000

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Lawyers for Paula Jones say they want President Clinton to pay nearly \$500,000 to cover their costs following a judge's finding that Clinton had committed civil contempt in the sexual harassment case.

Clinton's lawyer called the request unreasonable. The president already paid \$850,000 to settle the case while its dismissal was on appeal.

The compensation proposal Friday came a month after U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright found Clinton in contempt for giving intentional, false testimony about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky during his January 1998 deposition in the Jones case.

The president "must be sanctioned not only to redress his contemptuous misconduct but also to deter other litigants who might ... harbor the impression that a party to a federal lawsuit may willfully disregard" court orders, Mrs. Jones' lawyers wrote in making their request.

Wright had ordered Clinton to pay Mrs. Jones' lawyers any "reasonable" expenses they incurred as a result of his false testimony. The Jones legal team met a Friday deadline in determining the amount.

Clinton lawyer Robert S. Bennett said in a letter to Wright that the president will "object to the amount of the claim by Ms. Jones' attorneys, which is unreasonable and inconsistent with the court's order and governing law."

The letter said, however, that Clinton will not request a hearing or file a notice of appeal and wants to bring the Jones matter "to speedy closure."

Mrs. Jones' lawyers submit-

ted itemized bills for \$437,825 incurred by the Dallas law firm that represented her and an additional \$53,333 incurred by the Rutherford Institute, a conservative group that paid some of her legal expenses.

The figure is significantly higher than the \$300,000 that Mrs. Jones' lawyers recently proposed to Clinton's legal team during settlement discussions. Bennett dismissed the \$300,000 figure as "outrageous."

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Mistrial declared in Julie Hiatt Steele case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — First Susan McDougal. Now Julie Hiatt Steele. Prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation of the president and first lady is stuck in a new gear: jury deadlock.

U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton's decision to declare a mistrial Friday in Ms. Steele's trial casts new doubt on the testimony of presidential accuser Kathleen Willey, Starr's main witness against her one-time friend Ms. Steele.

Instead of convictions that might put a successful end to his investigation, Starr faces critical decisions about whether to attack or retreat.

"It would be nice to get a decision" from a jury so that prosecutors can "move on to other areas" of the investigation, said Starr deputy Jay Apperson.

"I think it's time to celebrate," Ms. Steele said outside the federal courthouse. "It's time to start my life again."

Her comments may be premature. Starr could seek to retry her. He has a similar decision to make regarding Mrs. McDougal, whose trial ended in deadlock less than a month ago in Little Rock, Ark.

Ms. Steele undercut Mrs. Willey's story of an unwanted sexual advance by Clinton. Mrs. McDougal refused to give grand jury testimony about her former Whitewater partners, the Clintons.

Both were charged with obstruction of Starr's probe.

In a three-day trial, Ms. Steele's attorneys assailed Mrs. Willey's credibility, depicting her as a publicity-seeking woman who has repeatedly lied.

Ms. Steele planned to testify in her defense until Wednesday night, when her lawyers told her they felt the cross-examination of Mrs. Willey's credibility had been so effective that the wisest strategy would be to call no witnesses.

According to people familiar with Ms. Steele's situation, she resisted the idea of not testifying. They said the Steele team finally made the decision Thursday morning not to put on defense witnesses.

Among other reasons that Ms. Steele wanted to testify was to counter Mrs. Willey's suggestions that Ms. Steele was eager to go to the tabloid press with the story of the Clinton-Willey incident.

If convicted of all charges, Ms. Steele could have faced up to 35 years in prison and \$1 million in fines.

Mrs. Willey testified that she rebuffed a "very forceful" sexual advance by Clinton and told Ms. Steele about the incident hours after it occurred.

Ms. Steele said the first time she ever heard of a Clinton-Willey encounter was in March 1997, when Mrs. Willey called her and asked her to lie about it to a Newsweek reporter.

Prosecutors produced three witnesses who said Ms. Steele informed them she had known of the alleged Clinton advance before 1997. Each of the three witnesses testified Ms. Steele insisted to them later that she hadn't told them.

President sets temporary job program for tornado victims

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AP) — President Clinton today viewed the devastation wrought by killer tornadoes in Oklahoma and announced a \$12 million program to provide temporary jobs to displaced residents.

He also said he would seek an additional \$372 million from Congress for a federal disaster relief fund.

After a half-hour helicopter tour of thousands of acres of twisted and shredded rubble, Clinton met survivors in Del City, Okla., heard their stories, exchanged hugs and walked through the wrecked neighborhood.

"I have been going to these scenes for 20 years and this is

"I have been going to these scenes for 20 years and this is the most devastation I have ever seen."

—President Clinton

the most devastation I have ever seen," Clinton told residents, speaking of his experience as president and governor of Arkansas.

He spoke of his warm feeling for "the people rooting around in the rubble looking for marriage licenses, family pho-

tographs" and other symbols of family life.

Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating told Clinton that there has not been a single instance of looting even though no evening curfews have been imposed.

"We thank you for setting an example of what is best in our country," the president said, "When the governor said there has not been a single incident of looting, that says it all."

Storms in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Tennessee killed more than 50 people over the past week and destroyed an estimated 9,000 homes in the Oklahoma City area alone.

He said the Labor Department would spend more than \$12 mil-

lion to provide temporary jobs to 3,500 Oklahomans.

"Men and women who lost their jobs in businesses destroyed by the tornadoes will be paid to serve at relief centers, to distribute food and water, to help on construction crews," he said. "They'll be able to feed their families by rebuilding their communities."

The president, who raised \$700,000 for Democrats at fund-raising events in Houston and Austin, Texas, on Friday, already has declared disaster areas in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas.

He took the occasion of his visit to the Oklahoma City area to press Congress to approve \$10 million in his proposed fiscal

2000 budget to improve the National Weather Service's next generation of Doppler radar.

Warning times for tornadoes have been improving, Clinton said, but an improved Doppler system was still needed. "This system makes it possible to issue warnings in advance of coming tornadoes so that local residents can seek shelter," he said.

Clinton also said he would ask Congress for an additional \$372 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief fund.

"These resources are crucial for our disaster relief efforts and I urge Congress to act quickly on my request," he said.

Teen accused of killing family pleads no contest, guarantees life

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — An 18-year-old boy has pleaded no contest to shooting five people to death before his family's Thanksgiving dinner, guaranteeing himself a lifetime prison term with no chance at parole.

Seth Privacky will be sentenced May 27 for the Nov. 29 shootings of his father, mother, grandfather, brother and his brother's girlfriend. He entered his plea Friday.

Police said Privacky confessed to systematically shooting each victim point-blank in the head, then calling best friend Steven Wallace, also 18, to help him move bodies around

the house to make it look like a robbery.

The family was preparing for a delayed Thanksgiving dinner that Sunday.

Privacky has said he was angry because his father had threatened to kick him out of the house.

He had been prescribed anti-depressant medication at the time, but it was not known if he was taking it.

Wallace remains charged with being an accessory and disposing of the firearm Privacky used in the killings. He faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

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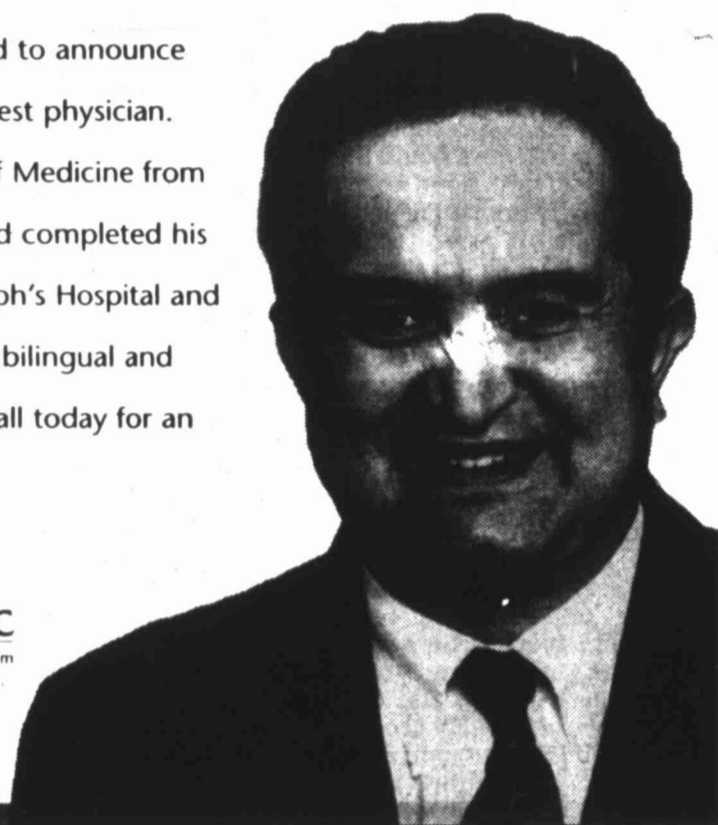
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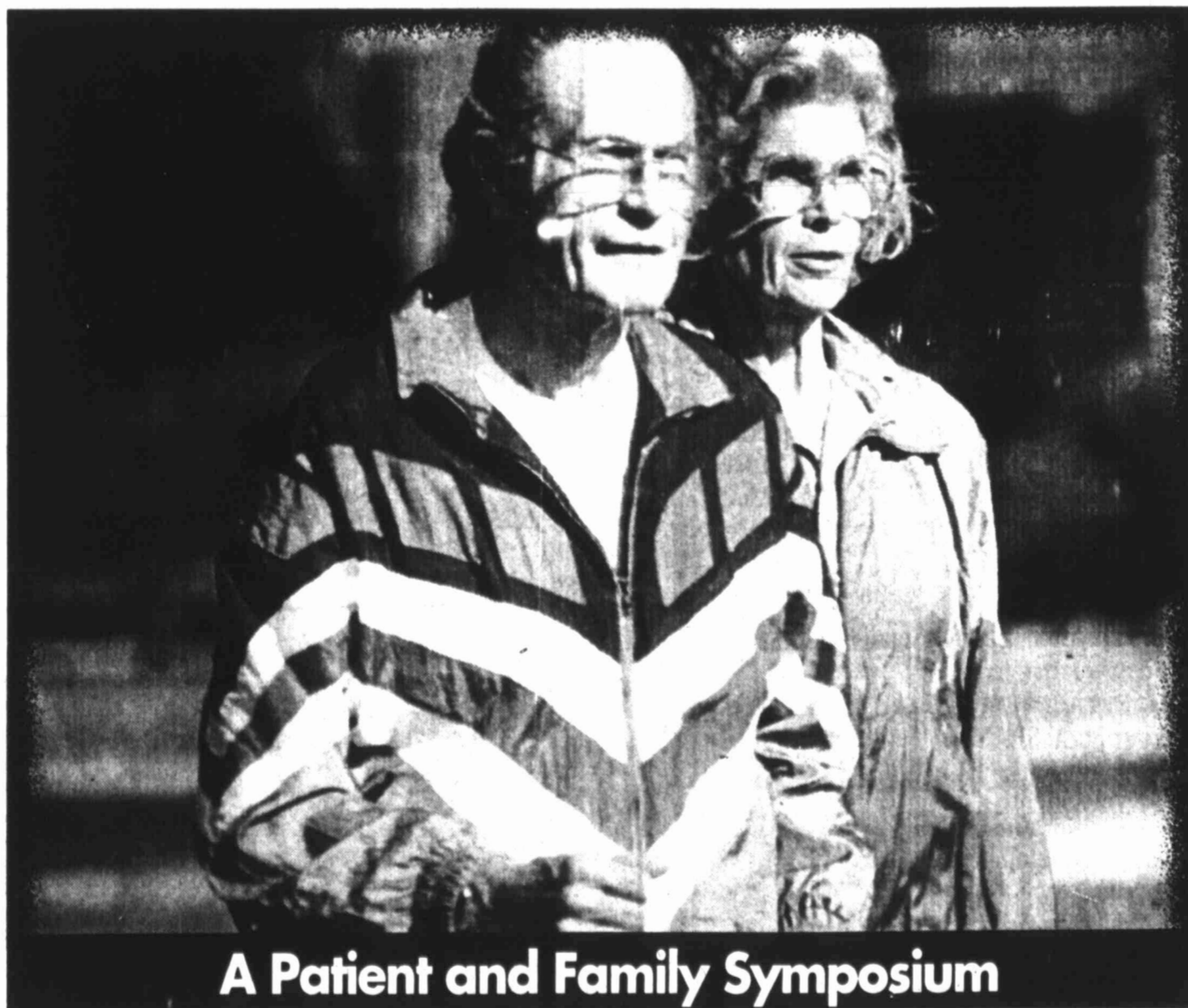
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A Patient and Family Symposium

The Neurology Research & Education Center of Covenant Health System, a National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence, is hosting its annual Parkinson's Disease Symposium "Parkinson's Is Not For Sissies" on Saturday, May 22, at the Holiday Inn Civic Center, Lubbock. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Jean Hubble of Ohio State University, who will speak on behavior and memory issues of Parkinson's Disease. Other topics to be discussed are care giving, nutrition, dermatology, surgeries and medications.

Those registered for the Symposium are invited to attend an evening of fun and fellowship at our annual *Shake, Rattle & Roll* party on Friday, May 21, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Civic Center. This is your chance to meet others in the Parkinson's community while enjoying games and music from the '30's, '40's and '50's. Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, please call 806-796-2647.

Parkinson's Disease Symposium May 22, 1999 Schedule

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8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Role, Responsibility & Limits of Caregiving
Inez Pirie, R.N.

9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
You Are What You Eat: Nutritional Issues of PD
Sabina Meier, R.D.

10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Break

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
PD Personality & Behavior
Jean Hubble, M.D.
Ohio State University

11:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Questions and Answer Panel
Dr. Hubble, Ms. Pirie & Ms. Meier

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.
Lunch (provided)

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.
Skin Changes
David Long, M.D.

2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Break

2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Surgical Treatments for PD
Bhupesh Dibenia, M.D.

3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Update of PD Medications
J. Thomas Hutton, M.D., Ph.D.

3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Questions and Answer Panel
Drs. Long, Dibenia & Hutton

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Wild West auction brings back Doc Holliday

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas (AP) — A 10-gauge shotgun that Doc Holliday used at the O.K. Corral is expected to bring a bid of \$50,000 when it goes on sale today at an auction of the tools of various Wild West figures.

The auction got under way Friday, with some items going for as little as a couple hundred dollars. But a 45-caliber single-action pistol that belonged to Al Seiber, chief of the Apache scouts, went for \$18,500.

The bulk of the auction items came from collector David Hall, an Illinois man whose prize possessions include the double-barrel sawed-off shotgun Doc Holliday used in the famous gunbattle at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Ariz.

The personal effects of other Old West icons such as Wyatt Earp, Sitting Bull, Tom Horn, Geronimo and Buck Garrett are also among the 1,500 collectibles

"I was 10 years old and started collecting Indian arrowheads and then coins and silver dollars, and I just kept going."

-Collector David Hall

on the auction block through Sunday.

Hall, a 72-year-old home builder, says he spent 62 years gathering frontier-era weapons, paintings, photographs, law enforcement badges and other trinkets.

"I was 10 years old and started collecting Indian arrowheads and then coins and silver dollars, and I just kept going," said

Hall, who called Pflugerville auctioneer Tom Keilman four months ago to arrange the sale. Hall said he bought his first collectible gun, a rifle belonging to Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa, 30 years ago from a doctor in Illinois.

Friday, a few minutes before cellular-phone-wielding men wearing cowboy hats began bidding on his life's work, Hall said he is comfortable with his decision to part with his collection.

"My kids say they don't have the slightest idea what this stuff is or what to do with it," Hall told the Austin American-Statesman.

Collectors consider Hall's Old West collection the best ever assembled, said Tom Burks, a Johnson City resident and former curator of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame in Waco. "The photography collection

he put together is one of the most significant Western collections of photographs there ever was," Burks said.

Of the hundreds of photographs in the collection, perhaps the most important is one taken of a horse named Comanche, which was the only member of Gen. George Custer's command to survive the Battle of Little Bighorn, Burks said.

Several museums are expected to take part in the bidding, Keilman said, adding that representatives from the Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth plan to make a run at a Smith & Wesson pistol owned by markswoman Annie Oakley.

Other interesting items being auctioned include a noose belonging to Arkansas "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker and handgun George Maledon and an autograph from Sitting Bull.

Fore! Florida golf course has air horn as hazard

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Stat Cochron is tired of stray golf balls raining down on his yard from the Kissimmee Oaks golf course across the street. He's collected buckets of balls. His mailbox has dents.

Cochron thinks he's found the solution in an aerosol can with a red horn on top — an air horn. On Thursday, he let out a blaring blast just as a duffer on the fifth hole fairway drew back his club to swing.

"What was that?" asked Stan Walker as his ball skidded onto an adjacent street.

Cochron used three air horns in his campaign that day, standing behind a row of shrubs and blasting away.

Cochron hopes his assault on golf etiquette will persuade course managers to move the green on the fifth hole.

"I'm afraid somebody is going to get killed," said Cochron, 45.

Course managers said they don't plan to change the layout. General Manager Lance Lewis said he is worried Cochron will end up in a fight.

"I think to a degree people will find this amusing," Lewis said. "But I know there are going to be some golfers who won't take kindly to what he's doing."

Cochron's home is more than a decade older than the golf course 20 miles south of Orlando. He said he had no idea there would be a problem when he bought his house two years ago.

A 60-foot-high net was erected a few years ago to block stray balls, but it was removed because residents complained it was ugly.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***Much goes on; keep it hush-hush, and you'll be more comfortable. You not only have your interests in mind but also another's. A partner agrees to help in a unique way — count on him. Let caring flow. Say "yes" to a personal request and treat another. Tonight: Be a good listener.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ****Gather with friends and make what you want happen. Your insight and caring help you hit the bull's-eye. Others are only too willing to help. Explore a new area with a special loved one. Spending the day together opens many doors. A relationship reaches a new level. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***Others call on you. Though you might have had plans for a lazy, relaxing day, you feel the need to act. An expenditure proves to be helpful to your professional world. Discuss what you see as a limitation. Summer is coming, don't forget to exercise! Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ****Your ability to see what others miss helps you with a child or loved one. You understand his actions and words. You are unusually alluring and desirable; others are drawn to you. Your smile and nurturing go a long way in helping others feel at ease. Tonight: Dinner with Mom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****One to one relating works. Be willing to open up and share your feelings. Sometimes your pride interferes. A must appearance appeals to you. Indulge a family member; let him know how deeply you care. Have an important conversation with your mother and other loved ones. Tonight: With your favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

****Talks are exciting. You might not be sure about where another is coming from, but you discover that it is a good place. Do something very special for a loved one. Make an important long-distance call. Plan to get together soon. Tonight: Let others choose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***Act, rather than just talking about it. Words mean nothing on their own; do what you say you'll do. A must appearance lets you beam in what you want. You don't have to spend a lot to express your caring. A meaningful experience happens naturally. Tonight: Initiate an important conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ****Your strong aura draws others. A child or loved one lets you know how special he finds you. Take action and get others moving. A loved one at a distance wishes he could be with you. Make plans for a get-together in the near future. Tonight: Your wish is another's command.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***You are coming from an anchored place. Excellent communication makes a difference. Express dissatisfaction or unhappiness if necessary; not everything you say needs to be positive. Others respond. Take time with an important family member or partner. Love builds. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ****Others convey their needs, and you are more than happy to accommodate. Your positive vibes chill out a difficult friend. Caring goes a long way; a friendship grows stronger. Bring others together for dinner. Your efforts are far more appreciated than you think. Tonight: Reach out to others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***You might be pressured by someone you put on a pedestal. You might not like the way another expresses his caring to you. Be nurturing. Others respond to your energy. Discussions on the homefront are important. Make plans to have others over. Tonight: Treat a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ****You are personality plus. Your caring brings another out of the doldrums. Keep communication flowing; be clear about your ideas. Make time for that important loved one — he responds to your efforts and energy. Talk about feelings, express thoughts. Tonight: You melt another's barriers.

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It's no joke — comedy college to open this fall

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't expect any cheap laughs when the nation's first comedy college opens its doors this fall: A year's tuition runs \$8,500.

There were still plenty of smiles Friday when school officials — a group that includes veteran funnyman Steve Allen — unveiled plans for the Humber Comedy Center.

"Class clowns of North America, you have a school!" announced a grinning Steven Rosenfield, director of the American Comedy Institute and Humber's artistic director.

The center, which aspires to become an Actor's Studio for comedians and comedic writers, opens this October with campuses in New York City and Toronto. Plans were unveiled at

Caroline's comedy club on Broadway.

The course work? Instruction in stand-up comedy, sitcom auditions, improvisation, comedic acting and comedy writing for sitcoms, sketches and screenplays during a 30-week program.

Classes will run from 21 to 25 hours per week; once the session is completed, the students will perform in Caroline's before an industry audience.

"It's a comprehensive program, even if I don't comprehend it myself," said Allen, who will serve as chairman of the school's board of directors.

The good news: no SAT scores, no minimum GPAs. The bad news: enrollment will be quite exclusive; the school's first class is expected to include just 18 students.

As part of the total Big Spring ISD Summer School Program, the district will offer Spanish Summer school for Spanish speaking children entering Kindergarten or grade 1 in 1999 - 2000.

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Hot scores, few familiar faces in Compaq Classic

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Steve Flesch, who used a second-place finish at New Orleans last year as a springboard to the PGA Tour...

"This is the first time I've sat on a lead in a PGA Tour event," Flesch said. "I definitely prefer to be leading..."

Doug Dunakey and Ted Tryba each shot 8-under 64s to get back into the hunt at 10-under...

FREEMAN

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Dan Jenkins, a friend, wrote the lead I wish I had written: "It was a bad day for athletes at the Masters..."

Green, Kelley Shannon, Jaime Aron, Cochran and many others, all dedicated professionals and good friends...

Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Randy Galloway and engage in our familiar exchange in which I tell him, "If you can't write this one, you ought to get out of the business..."

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Ryan Beall, a seventh grader at Goliad Middle School, strikes a pose, delivering a kick after having qualified for the National Junior Tae kwon do Championships set for July 12-17 in Las Vegas. Beall earned the trip to nationals by finishing second in forms and third in sparring at the Texas State Tae kwon do Championships.

Big Spring youngster qualifies for nationals in karate competition

HERALD Staff Report

Ryan Beall, a seventh grader at Goliad Middle School, turned in an impressive showing at the Texas State Tae kwon do Championships last weekend, winning silver and bronze medals.

One of more than 1,000 competitors taking part in the championships, Beall finished second in forms competition and was third in sparring.

He also received a gold medal in the scholarship awards competition for having "straight As" in schoolwork.

As a result of his finishes in sparring and forms, Beall also qualified for the National Junior Tae kwon do Championships set for July 12-17 in Las Vegas.

Beall, who began his karate training at the age of seven, received his first degree black belt from Grand Master Won Chik Park in 1997 and will be eligible to test for his second degree in October.

The son of Nolan and Charmain Beall, he trains under Master Greg Gafford at West Texas Tae kwon do.

BULLDOGETTES

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"Cassie really came through today," Royer said in heaping praise on his senior center fielder. "They weren't giving her anything to hit. They had us scouted ... knew she could hurt them."

"But she was patient, forced them to pitch to her the first time and when they finally threw her a strike, she drove it," he added. "The second time she does the same thing and winds up with an infield single. And the third time, she comes back from an 0-2 count for force in a run with a walk. She did a super job ... really super."

Coahoma's final run came in the fifth when Stovall, who'd reached base on a fielder's

choice play stole third, forcing a wild throw from Hawley catcher Tela Miller that made it a 5-1 Bulldogette lead.

From that point on, Bingham retired the Lady Bearcats in order twice, three of the final six batters striking out and the last of them lining out to Baker.

The Bulldogettes will face Eula, a 5-0 winner over Windthorst in the region's other semifinal playoff Friday, for the regional championship for a second straight year.

The site, date and time for that game have not yet been finalized.

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Greer leads Rangers to 4-3 win over Blue Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Rusty Greer homered and drove in three runs and Rafael Palmeiro doubled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning as the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 Saturday.

Greer's homer in the first made it 2-0, and his RBI single in the fourth tied it at 3.

With two outs and a runner on second in the seventh, David Wells (4-2) intentionally walked Juan Gonzalez. Palmeiro spoiled the strategy by lining a ground-rule double to right.

In the fifth, Wells had intentionally walked Gonzalez to load the bases to face Palmeiro, who grounded out to end a bases-loaded threat.

Mike Morgan (5-2) pitched six innings, giving up three runs and five hits. He struck out three and walked three.

Jeff Zimmerman gave up one hit in two scoreless innings to set up Texas closer John Wetteland, who pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

Wells, who has given up 22 runs in last four starts, allowed four runs and seven hits. He walked five and struck out seven.

With two outs and two on in the fourth, Wells thought he struck out Greer on a 2-2 pitch, but umpire Gary Cederstrom called the pitch a ball. Cederstrom walked to the mound after Wells cursed.

Greer fouled off the next pitch and then singled to center to tie the game.

After Greer homered in the first, the Blue Jays tied it at 2 in the third on Alex Gonzalez's RBI single and Shawn Green's RBI groundout. Morgan hit the

MLB ROUNDUP

next to batters to load the bases, but struck out Willie Greene swinging on a 3-2 pitch.

Mariners 14, Yankees 5

NEW YORK (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. matched Joe DiMaggio in the most appropriate place.

Griffey hit his 361st home run, tying DiMaggio for 45th

place on the career list, as the Seattle Mariners pounded the Yankees 14-5 Saturday.

John Mabry went 5-for-6 to equal Seattle's record for hits. New York lost for just the second time in its last 20 home games.

Orlando Hernandez (3-3), who had won nine consecutive starts at Yankee Stadium since losing to Atlanta's Tom Glavine last June 23, was hit hard for the third time in his last five starts, allowing seven runs and 10 hits

in 4 2-3 innings.

The Mariners had 19 hits, matching their season high. It was the most runs and hits off the Yankees since Texas got 19 hits in a 16-5 win last Aug. 15.

Red Sox 6, Angels 1

BOSTON (AP) — Juan Pena pitched six impressive innings in his major league debut, combining with Derek Lowe on a four-hitter Saturday as the

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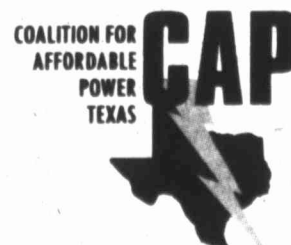
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Coahoma boosters name athletic award winners during sports banquet

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA A total of 34 awards were presented to Coahoma High School athletes Monday during the Coahoma Boosters' annual banquet. The top recipients of the night were Blake Nichols and Cassie Tindol. Nichols was the Outstanding Male Athlete and Tindol the Outstanding Female Athlete.

Other award winners were:
Football: Most Valuable Player, Blake Nichols; Outstanding Lineman, D.D. Wright; Outstanding Back, Vincent Garcia; Burger Award, Chase Bennett; and Fighting Heart Award, Lorin Wolf.

Girls' basketball: Most Valuable Player, Cassie Tindol; Fighting Heart Award, Kelli Buchanan; Ms. Hustle Award, Kortney Kemper; Queen of the Boards, Suzanna Wood; Sixth Man Award, Crystal Atkinson and Brandie Hart; Bruise of the Year, Jayci Roberts.

Boys' basketball: Most Valuable Players, Blake Nichols and Ryan Peckham; Most Improved, David White; Fighting Heart Award, Brandon Hancock; Sixth Man Award, Jeremy Green; Outstanding Defensive Player, Vincent Garcia; Newcomer of the Year, Cody Teeler.

Girls' golf: Most Valuable Players, Kelli Buchanan and Jayci Roberts.

Boys' golf: Most Valuable Player, Blake Nichols.

Cross country: Most Valuable Player, Rachel Williams.

Girls' track: Most Valuable Player, Rachel Williams.

Boys' track: Most Valuable Player, Ryan Peckham.

Girls' tennis: Most Valuable Player, Brittney Prater; Fighting Heart Award, Rhonda Barnett; Most Improved,

Goliad, Runnels swimmers shine in meet at Pecos

HERALD Staff Report

PECOS A group of Goliad Middle School and Runnels Junior High School swimmers turned in strong performances recently at the Pecos Junior High Swim Meet.

Goliad sixth grader Holly Mayfield topped a field of 54 competitors in the 100 freestyle, finishing first with a 1:10.31 clocking. She added a second-place finish in the 500 freestyle and was third in the 100 individual medley.

Classmate Katy Hunnicutt grabbed a second-place finish in the 50 backstroke, then finished ninth in a field of 61 in the 50 freestyle and as 11th in the 100 freestyle.

Jessica Hughey, another sixth grader, finished fourth in both the 50 breaststroke and 50 butterfly and was 11th in the 50 freestyle.

Hunnicutt, Mayfield, Hughey and Jessica Brown then teamed together to finish second in a field of 14 teams in the girls' 200 medley relay, finishing only behind a ninth-grade team from Lubbock.

Mayfield and Hunnicutt then teamed with Allison Lester and Kendra Weeks to finish fifth in the 200 freestyle relay. In addition, Brown and Lester finished 11th and 12th, respectively, in the 50 breaststroke.

Runnels eighth grader Will Liggett topped the team's boys entry with a second place finish in the 50 breaststroke and following that with a third in the 50 butterfly. He also finished eighth in the 50 freestyle.

Two Goliad boys also turned in strong finishes - sixth grader Scott Thomas finishing fourth in the 100 individual medley and 10th in the 50 backstroke, while seventh grader Louis Grossman was sixth in the 50 butterfly and 11th in the 50 freestyle.

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ROUNDUP

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Boston Red Sox beat the Anaheim Angels 6-1.

One day after Bret Saberhagen went on the disabled list, the 21-year-old Pena provided pitching promise.

Pena (1-0) allowed only three hits and one run, striking out eight while walking only one. He became the first Boston pitcher to win in his major league debut since Vaughn Eshelman beat the New York Yankees on May 2, 1995.

Pena led the International

League with 146 strikeouts last season and also pitched a no-hitter. This year, the former 27th round choice in 1995 was 3-1 at Triple-A Pawtucket before getting called up.

Lowe pitched the final three innings for his second save. He struck out three.

Anaheim lost its third straight game. The Angels have lost eight of their last 10 road games.

Tim Belcher (1-3) was tagged for six runs and 11 hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Tigers 7, Orioles 6

DETROIT (AP) — Willie Blair got his first victory despite allowing four home runs as the Detroit Tigers beat Baltimore 7-6 Saturday, snapping the Orioles' five-game winning streak.

The two teams combined for six homers, with Charles Johnson hitting two for the Orioles.

Johnson, Mike Bordick and Delino DeShields all homered in the third inning for Baltimore. Gregg Jefferies hit a leadoff home run for Detroit and Dean

Palmer also connected.

The Tigers took a 6-0 lead after two innings, then held off Baltimore's long drives. Detroit right fielder Bobby Higginson reached over the wall to rob Jeff Conine of a tying home run in the eighth.

Blair (1-4) struggled through five innings, allowing six runs and six hits. Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Scott Kamieniecki (0-1), making his season debut, gave up six runs on three hits and three walks in just 1 2-3 innings. Only 22 of his 53 pitches were strikes.

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Sunday, May 9, 1999

I Love you, Mom!

What makes Gina Salazar so special? She is not only a mother but the best friend anyone could have. She is a remarkable woman. She has always worked hard, making sure my sister and I always had what we needed growing up. As a mom she was reminding us to stand and sit up straight, not to bite our nails; treat others as you would want to be treated and always know that God is with you through the good times and the bad.

"Listen to what I say and you will be rewarded as you grow older in life." She was right. As a friend she is always there to listen to our latest gossip, and she is very honest too. She listens to your latest music fad, even if it is too loud.

The one thing that I learned from her these past three years was strength. My father was diagnosed with cancer three years ago; our mom was always at his side. She would drive him every other week to Midland for chemotherapy in the morning and go into work as soon as she got back. When the chemotherapy in Midland did not work, they started going to San Antonio. My mom was there for all his treatments. She showed us how much it is to love someone and to be strong for them, even though she felt like just giving up and breaking down. In February my dad lost his battle and until the end my Mom was at his bedside. She told us that she would not have had it any other way, that the vows she had taken 40 years ago were very true to her heart. Mom, thanks for being our MOM, but for also being the person you are, big hearted, fun, and strong. Happy Mother's Day! We Love You

— Debbye Valverde and Denise Salazar

My mother is the best because she gave me life. She is always there when I need her. If we dropped something she picks it up. She always has supper on the table every evening. She always has the house cleaned if she hurts really bad. Every day she tries her best to have me and my brothers at school. That's why my mom is the best.

— Scott A. Fowler Jr.

My mom teaches 6th grade social studies at Goliad Middle School. This is her first year to teach. She graduated last year from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in Odessa. There she graduated with a Bachelor's in History and had a 4.0 GPA. My family and I were very proud of her. She worked hard to get where she's at and is really enjoying what she does. All I know is that she has a lot of patience not only with her students but with us at home as well. When she became a mother she chose to stay home with me and my brother and hold off her dreams of attending college until we were both in school. She says that she ever regrets doing that. My mom is a very education role model. She has helped my brother and I with our education and she wants us to succeed in life. In my opinion she knows everything there is to know about life and she claims she has eyes behind her head. But my mom says that



At left, Patsy Sanchez, center, with her daughter Amanda and son Jared. Amanda wrote a letter telling about why she thinks her mom, a teacher, is special.

Below, Denise Salazar and Debbye Valverde with their mother, Gina Salazar. The girls wrote to say how much their mother has meant to them, especially her strength.



Sometimes, I wonder what I'd do without her and I never want that day to come when she's not by my side. I guess one could say that she is the foundation of our home. But she doesn't claim to be because she says that it's her, my dad, and us that make our home "home". Her and my dad have been together for 18 years and still going strong.

We have what's called "sharing time". During this time she sits by my bed and we talk about life and stuff. I know that sometimes she is really tired and wants to go to bed but yet she sits there and listens to me. My mom is a lot of people put together. One thing that she has made clear to me is that she is not perfect. She admits to have made some mistakes in her life. She does not want me to make the same mistakes that she did. When she enters a room she brings in with her happiness and her love. What can I say? She's the greatest!

— Amanda L. and Jared Sanchez

My mom is the best! My mom is the best because she is not only my mom, but she is my best friend. I can tell her anything and she will always listen. She is not only caring, but she is a very strong-willed grandma. She has nine living grandchildren and they all love her very

much. My mother is very courageous person. Just recently she has suffered two strokes within six weeks apart and a broken hip five weeks later. She has overcome a lot of hard obstacles.

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Lucile Bridges was born in 1903 at Alamogordo, N.M. of homesteading parents. At age 18 months, she suffered "infantile paralysis," leaving her with a small, shorter leg. The family moved often with their teamster father, who walked away from his family of five children when Lucile was 12. This resulted in "hardscrabble" living in which Lucile was often the surrogate mother caring for her younger siblings.

Today, she would be termed as coming from a dysfunctional family. If she was aware that she was disadvantaged, she never voiced it.

Many adjectives describe her — cheerful and full of fun, diligent and capable, uncomplaining, slow to anger, non-critical of her children and other people, beautiful but not vain, terse (a woman of few words) — but perhaps pride and grit describe her best. Pride in family, appearance, the little oilfield house and Daddy's job. Few people realize what a steady job meant in the 1920s and 30s.

The grit it took to ignore her disability as if it didn't exist. A few anecdotes perhaps describe her best.

I never knew she was crippled, the term used to describe a handicapped person at that time, until I started school. The kids would ask, "Why does your mother have a funny leg?" She made so light of my questions that I soon forgot her leg.

The story is told that when she was about 14, she was walking home from school. A boy followed her, taunting her, "Jake leg, you've got a Jake leg." Students carried books in a leather book strap, so she swung the strap and knocked him cold. She never told this herself; but in later years, the younger brothers



Lucile Bridges, with her soon-to-be husband, Frank Neill, at Moss Springs in 1924.

loved to tell it.

She buried a 4-month-old infant son in February 1933, never letting her grief subtract from her love for "us three children." She kept his memory alive, saying, "If Sammie had lived, he would be 6 today." "Sammie has been dead 10 years today." Sixty-six years later, I seldom fail to remember Oct. 13 and Feb. 8, the dates of Sammie's birth and death.

Her goal was for us to finish school. The oilcloth tablecloth was cleaned after supper, the oil lamp placed in the middle of the table, and out came the schoolbooks and lessons. And the lessons were finished without any excuses.

Her regrets were not often voiced — she wished she could have finished high school, but the rural school she attended had only 10 grades.

Her terseness is perhaps best illustrated with her concise summing up of a situation. When I declared my intention of getting married before I finished high school, she only said, "Young lady, you are going to finish high school." I did both. After she moved to Tyler, I wrote a nostalgic letter about the post office in Otis Chalk closing, and how much it had meant to our family. I sent a copy to her postmarked on the final day the post office operated. She answered with the few words, "Your letter about the post office nearly made me cry."

She loved to read, grow flowers and sew, even when cataracts interfered. She belonged to a Sunday school class and a Home Demonstration club. She raised and sold parakeets. Took care of an ailing spouse for eight years. The nearest thing to a complaint, "I think your Daddy would send to town for a haircut if he could."

Her name was in the Alamogordo paper when she was born, in the Tyler paper for the 50th wedding anniversary, and two years later, her obituary.

But her name is in the brick foyer of the Heritage Museum, I think she would like that. She was indeed special to her three children.

— Ozella Long

A child's look at life: Always honest, surprisingly accurate

My second granddaughter, London, who is now one year old, is not quite as verbal as her 4-year old sister, Madison. Her talents seem to lie in a mechanical direction. She has a great fondness for trying to put things into electrical outlets and for picking up stray items on the floor and putting them in her mouth.

London walked at 10 months and is very adept at climbing. She is something of a challenge for a babysitter.

Madison, on the other hand, talked at an early age and continues to do so today.

Sometimes, in her eagerness to express herself, she gets her words mixed up.

She and her parents were eating out. It was a festive occasion, and London was home with her other grandmother. Madison raised her water glass, in a manner she had observed on TV, and said, "Let's do a bread."

It was a moment before her parents realized she meant, "Let's do a toast."

Madison can be a bit dramatic at times. She knew her mother was apprehensive about the lack of seat belts on

the bus the preschoolers were to ride on their excursion through town.

Coming home from school, she burst through the door and announced, "It's all right, Mom. Nobody got killed!"



JEAN WARREN

Her observations can be accurate. Going through a novel I was reading, she finally found a picture. She told me, "Pictures are for people who do not read the words."

Sometimes her questions can be difficult to answer. One summer afternoon, when she was three, she was studying the sky carefully. She said, "Jesus lives in the sky." Her father explained that Jesus was in heaven. Madison continued to study the sky intently. Then she said, "But Jesus's the door?"

Kids' comments about reli-

gion are often interesting. One kindergartner in a church school said, "If Cain and Abel had had separate rooms, they might not have murdered each other. It works for me and my brother."

Recently, I heard of a small boy who was sitting with a friend while his musician parents played the piano and the organ for the church service. She allowed him to pick up the glass of grape juice when the tray was passed for Communion.

He confided to her, "I tried to get you the one with the most

in it."

When it comes to geography, kids' concepts are sometimes a little hazy. My sister, Shirley, was trying to increase the enthusiasm of a class of third graders in Albuquerque, N.M., for reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

She said, "I'm so glad that I live in America and can say the Pledge of Allegiance. Aren't you glad you live in America?"

One boy raised his hand. "Yes," he admitted, "But I'd rather live in Kansas."

Jean Warren writes a monthly column for the Herald.

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GETTING ENGAGED



Jeanette Gill, Amarillo, and Brian Lindsey, Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on June 12, 1999, at the County Line Restaurant, Lubbock. She is the daughter of Mike and Marilyn Gill of Amarillo. He is the son of Bob and Jeanie Lindsey, and the grandson of Velma Lindsey of Sand Springs.



Kendra DeLaine Carey and Bobby Don Willingham, both of Dallas, plan to be married May 29, 1999, at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. She is the daughter of Gary Don Carey and Donna Elaine Carey Atkins of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kilpatrick and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hale, all of Big Spring. He is the son of J.R. and Linda Willingham of Abilene.

ODDS-N-ENDS

CINCINNATI (AP) — Is Cincinnati ready to embrace its flying pigs? There's been no uproar over Sunday's inaugural Flying Pig Marathon, a name that would have drawn loud protests a decade ago. In 1988, when a riverfront park was being built to celebrate the city's bicentennial, a gateway sculpture featured 18 historical symbols — four of them winged pigs atop steamboat stacks, alluding to Cincinnati's status as a 19th-century Ohio River port and hog-butcher center. Some people complained that the pigs were an embarrassing reminder of the city's former nickname, Porkopolis.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.
TUESDAY-Enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, milk/cornbread, cake.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken, rice, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
THURSDAY-Hamburger steak, macaroni & cheese, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cake.
FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, applesauce.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chicken patty on bun (sloppy joe/pickle spears), conr, salad, milk.
TUESDAY-Homemade burritos (cornnuggets), tater tots, banana pudding, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Pizza, fries, milk, fresh fruit. Teachers only, salad, no baked potato.
THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, breaded okra, rolls, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, fries, tomato, lettuce, pickles, fresh fruit, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, french fries/cat-sup, hamburger salad, fruit cup, cookie, milk, fruit drink.
TUESDAY-Country steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, seasoned corn, fruit gelatin, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.
WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande or hot tamales, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, fruit cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.
THURSDAY-Choice of deli sandwiches, french fries/cat-sup, sandwich salad, fruit cup, peanut butter bar, milk, fruit drink.
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Charbroiled steak (chili dog), baked potato, corn, spiced apples, hot roll, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken strips (beef stroganoff), mashed potatoes, green beans, jello w/fruit, hot roll, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajitas (chef salad), spanish rice, ranch style beans, orange, milk.
THURSDAY-Chicken fried steak (BBQ on bun), mashed potatoes, fried okra, pear halves, hot roll, milk.
FRIDAY-Cheeseburger (managers choice), salad, french fries, border beans, brownie, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Chili cheese fries, ranch style beans, salad, cookies, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken sandwich, french fries, salad, chocolate cake, applesauce, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, pork and beans, chips, salad, cookie bars, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Taco salad, pinto beans, salad, fruit churros, milk.
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Fish fingers, macaroni & cheese, ranch style beans, batter bread, pudding, milk.
TUESDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, hot rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, salad, spanish rice, corn bread, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Steak fingers, whole new potatoes, June peas & carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-NO SCHOOL

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Sgt. Douglas L. Stovall, son of Trudie G. Stovall of Big Spring, recently reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Marine Corps in July 1995.

Air Force Airman Cynthia R. Welch has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

She is the daughter of Sonia G. and Curtis R. Welch of Big Spring. She is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School.

FR Steven C. Kincheloe, son of Joe C. Kincheloe and Ronda C. Kincheloe, both of Big Spring, recently completed Navy basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Pvt. Richard B. Robertson, son of Ricky and Rhonda Robertson, graduated Basic and AIT Training at Fort Sill, Okla., on March 26. He qualified expert in rifles and grenades. Richard is attending the National Guard Unit in Odessa.



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ROBERTSON

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WHO'S WHO

Roger Glenn Pope, Big Spring, earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Winter Quarter at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

Pope, a student in the Telecommunications Technology program, is the son of Wilbur and Doris Pope of Big Spring. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of students with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99 for the quarter.

Kristina Carroll, Big Spring, daughter of Ken and Darlene Carroll, recently won first place in the Midland Student Art Show. Entries in the show represent Midland and Greenwood ISD junior and

senior highs, Midland private and Christian schools, and student members of the Midland Association of Home Educators.

Kristina's entry was an old-world style acrylic painting titled "Tranquility." It depicts an English village highlighting a stone bridge. A home educated high school junior, Kristina began her art training under Big Spring artist Sheree Moates and has continued under Louise Murphy of Midland. Future See WHO'S, Page 4B



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Grandparents are Benjamin and Gloria Olguin of Sweetwater, and Adan and Rosa Flores of Colorado City.

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Grandparents are Jack and Barbara Fields of Kerrville, James Gregg of Wichita Falls and Thomas and Darla Ferguson of Big Spring.

Breezy Alexis Fleet, girl, April 27, 1999, 10:02 p.m., seven pounds 1 1/2 ounces and 20 1/2

inches long; parents are Robert and Brandy Fleet.

Grandparents are Debbie and Dusty Fikes of Big Spring, Elaine and Jim West of Houston, Roy Doss of Alamagordo, N.M., and Randy Fleet of Gilmer.

Chloe Grace Dunnam, girl, April 14, 1999, 12:42 p.m., five pounds six ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Clark and Lorie Dunnam.

Grandparents are Charles and Jolene Dunnam of Big Spring, Mark Sedden of San Angelo, and Debbie Goetz-Fiveash of San Angelo.

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'Rainbow' is pure entertainment

"Annie's Rainbow." Fern Michaels. Kensington Publishing Corporation, New York, New York. April 1999. 360 pages. \$6.99.

Anna Daisy Clark and her friend, Jane, are preparing to leave Boston and move to South Carolina. As they are telling their best friend, mentor, and former boss, Elmo, good-bye, the bank across the street from Elmo's drugstore is being robbed. Unbeknownst to Annie, the robber has thrown a bag containing \$200,000 in the back seat of her car as he makes his getaway.

Some hours later, she discovers the stolen cash, but her meager financial situation causes her to bend to temptation and "borrow" the money. It is a secret that Annie carries with her for years, but one that causes her more pain and sorrow than the good she has gotten from using the cash.

Seventeen years later, Annie has made a success of her business and is financially secure. The real robber has completed his jail sentence and returns to Boston to make a deal with the insurance investigator. Between the two of them, they determine that Annie, Jane or Elmo was the recipient of the cash, and are out to both get the money back and retaliate for the many years the robber spent in jail. It is with intimidation and stalking they manage to cause even more heartache for Annie and her friends.



PAT WILLIAMS

The very popular and accomplished author, Fern Michaels, adds to her list of successes with "Annie's Rainbow." Michaels writes contemporary romance novels, but especially in this latest paperback, she manages to have a more complex plot surround the basic love situation.

The plot seems extended as the basic problem is related at the very beginning of the story and continues on and on, with no variation in level of suspense. However, as the tale draws to a conclusion, the action almost explodes in different areas and it certainly keeps the reader's attention.

Annie's Rainbow is entertainment — nothing more, nothing less. If you like romance novels and want to try something with a different slant, this might be the perfect book for you.

RATING: (***) three out of three=Enjoyable

BSSH volunteers find success with 13th annual fundraiser

Thirteen was not only a lucky number for Big Spring State Hospital volunteers, but was the best yet for the Annual Denim and Diamonds fundraiser.

Against all odds, the gala was an overwhelming success. Hosted in the home of Stan and Sue Partee, over 300 guests enjoyed a beautiful evening of food, fun, and frolic. Don Newsom, with the assistance of volunteers, Linda Hawthorne, Mike Madry, Beverly McMahon, Cliffa Slate, Karen Brewer, Suzanne Markwell, and their spouses, provided enough food and drinks to keep everybody coming back the entire night.

The party started with Johnnie Lou Avery, Doris Huihregtse, and Roxie McDaniel at the front door, assisted by the Scott families, and Gary Don Carey. Guests mingled throughout the house, then moved to the patios, filled with geraniums, daisy trees, and the jazz sounds of Adolph Labbe and his band.

Illness, unforeseen circumstances, and the threat of bad weather all could have caused major problems, but the Partees and the faithful volunteers banded together to overcome the odds, and make it the greatest party ever. Thank you to all who made the thirteenth annual fundraiser happen, either by assisting with the reception or donating and attending.

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys played to the biggest crowd in years. It took the efforts of many people working together to make this a beauti-

ful and wonderful happening. A group of hospital employees led by Superintendent Ed Moughan worked especially hard: Gloria Feddersen, John Pitchitino and Lettie, Jok Simon, W. C. Ernst, and most of all Billie Russworm and Maria Brito. It is hard to outdo the best, and Friday night, we had it, in every way. What more can be said-thank you-volunteer, staff, donors and especially the Partees.



KATHY JOHNSON

The annual Awards Luncheon will be Thursday, May 13 at noon in the Allred Auditorium. Volunteer pins and bars, the Jack Y. Smith Award and other special recognition will be given to volunteers. At BSSH, community volunteers are invited to attend as guests of the hospital. Call 268-7533 or 268-7535 for reservations. Jo Anne Forrest, BSSH volunteer will give the keynote presentation. If you belong to a church or civic group that in any way assists the hospital, you are invited to attend this luncheon.

The local Eastern Star group recently donated stuffed animals to BSSH to be given to the patients. This turned out to be a great benefit to the patients,

and we would like to continue it. Patients on the Adolescent unit get to choose a stuffed animal when they come into the hospital, keep it during their stay, and then take it with them when they leave the hospital. It gives them something to hold onto and call their own while they are away from home, and the feeling of security it provides has proven to be good therapy.

If you have new or in good condition stuffed animals to donate, please bring them to the luncheon next Thursday. We will be glad to get them anytime, but right now, the supply is depleted.

Patience Fun Day will be June 8. This one of the events that will be sponsored by proceeds from the D and D gala. All patients are given a summer t-shirt, cap, sunglasses and refreshments. The times and place will be announced next week. This is only one of the many things that are done for the patients as a result of the hard work and dedication of our volunteers.

It seems like there is so much need in our community and I appreciate the generosity that is shown to our patients, and I in turn, hope we can help community groups in their time of need. The Volunteer Council will sponsor a BSSH team for the Relay for Life, the Cancer Society fundraiser next weekend May 14-15 at Blankenship Field. Let's all support this worthwhile cause.

Kathy Johnson is director of community relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

WHO'S

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plans include a major in journalism with an emphasis on art at Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, Va.

Entries from the show remain on display at the Museum of the Southwest, Midland, until May 16.

Western Texas College announced recently its top academic students at its annual Awards Day ceremony. Among those named were: Tony Roberts of Big Spring, and Todd Lancaster, a sophomore also of Big Spring.

Midland Lee High school stu-

dent Patrick Douglas Matthews, son of Rory and Chris Matthews, recently received an Eagle Scout Award.



MATTHEWS

Matthews is a member of Troop 51 sponsored by Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. His Eagle project was landscaping a garden area at the church.

Matthews has been a senior patrol leader, assistant senior

patrol leader and quartermaster and also received the Order of Arrow.

He started his scouting days in Big Spring.

Who's Who items are due by Wednesday at noon for Sunday's life! section.

MOTHER

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She has come a long way to get where she is today. Until her recent medical problems, I used to talk to my mom four to five times a week and she her a couple times a week. Now, I see and talk to her everyday. She has become my most dearest friend in the world — she and my dad.

I have been married for almost nine years, and I remember my first year of marriage, I wanted to cook Thanksgiving dinner. My mother spent the night with me so she could be there to help me cook. (I did not know how to cook very well.) She has been there for me countless times. She was there for me when I gave birth to my first little girl, and was there when she passed on. She was there for each of my other children when they were born.

I think that my mother is the best, I can count on her for anything and everything, even everything that she has gone through in life, she will be there. There is one thing that she has never lost and that is her sense of humor. I love her very much.

— Veronica Schroyer

My mom is the best because she loves me. Sometimes I think my mom is too strict, but I know that she just doesn't want me hurt.

I live in a single parent

home, and even though my brothers and sisters are all grown up I know it's hard for her to manage work, have time for family and take me to all my activities, but she tries so she can make me happy, all because she loves me.

— Camilla Painter, age 13

"Whom I Admire"

Loving, caring, responsible, and strong: If anyone is wondering who I am describing, it is easy to say, my mom. I do not know what I would do without her. She is my best friend and the light of my life! I love her so much!

My first reason is caring, for example, her children mean more to her than anything in the world. She takes care of us very well. Next, my mom is not afraid to have trust in people. When mom trusts, everyone knows that she cares for them.

Second, she is very strong hearted. For example, when she goes through hard times, she continues to take care of her business. Her husband, my dad, has battled cancer for two years. All this time, my mom some how stayed strong and spirited. She saw my dad go from healthy to deathly ill. He got sicker and sicker, and on January 10, 1999 she saw her husband pass on. She was married to him for 26 years. Even when my dad was so ill and could not talk or even move, she kept strong and never gave up hope on him.

My final reason is her being responsible. She is well respected at her job and she has received raises. Also, she

has been a great mother. She is there when we need a shoulder to cry on. With all three kids, she has managed to make it to all school events.

All and all, you can see that being a mom is very hard. I hope that when I become a mom, I can be as caring, strong and responsible as mine. She has taught me a lot, so maybe I can.

— Amber Bingham

My Mother is the best

I love my mother because she is a very special woman. She has always been there for our family.

When we were growing up, she would work at night and go to college in the mornings to get her RN degree.

I could remember when my dad had open heart surgery, she took time off of work so she could be with my dad.

When my brothers, sisters and I had problems, she was there for us, she would talk to us and try to lead us from wrong to right.

When my grandmother passed away, she pulled us through her death. My mother is the best because she was there when my daughter got diagnosed with cancer back in 1996, and took time off of work and she even gave up her second job, so she could be there for her granddaughter and to help me.

And I want to thank her for her being there for us in good and bad times. I love her very much and always.

— Dolores Saucedo

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OPEC sticks to oil cuts, meaning gas prices unlikely to decline soon

CHICAGO (AP) — With OPEC members sticking to their plans about cutting oil output, gas prices seem unlikely to decline any time soon.

An eagerly awaited report from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries this week or next is expected to show that OPEC members are abiding by their recent pledge to trim production.

Analysts said last week that that could help push crude above \$20 a barrel, nearly twice what it was last December. That means the glory days of prices

below \$1 a gallon for regular unleaded gasoline are likely over — at least for the near future.

"We probably won't see any huge increases like the spike we had for the six-week period from mid-March through April," AAA spokesman Jerry Cheske said. "The way things are now, prices might rise another nickel a gallon or may even have peaked, but they're not going to go down again soon."

Gasoline now averages about \$1.23 per gallon around the

country, up from just 99 cents in February.

OPEC and other key producers, including Mexico and Norway, agreed in March to cut their combined daily production by 2.7 percent, or 2.1 million barrels, beginning in April.

The oil ministry in Saudi Arabia, the world's largest producer, said that a report due in the next few days will show countries participating in the latest round of cuts reached nearly 80 percent of that goal in April, with 100 percent compliance likely to come later this

month. Most of the major producers already have said in separate reports that they've reached their targets.

"OPEC seems to have met or exceeded what was needed to turn on the market," said John Saucer, an energy analyst for Solomon Smith Barney in Houston.

The current round of cuts comes on top of 3.1 million in reductions pledged over the past year — moves that had little effect on prices at the pump amid weak demand in Asia and Europe, widespread cheating on

exports and increased output from Iraq.

But prices for crude have jumped since March in futures trading as anecdotal confirmation of the latest round of cuts began to come in, including a steep decline in imports to America and cancellation of some large orders to European and Asian buyers.

Crude oil for delivery in June finished at \$18.93 barrel Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, about 83 percent higher than a 12-year low of \$10.35 a barrel posted in

December.

Besides OPEC cutbacks, other factors have contributed to the oil price increases.

For one, Americans took to the roads for an early start to the peak driving season. And, several refineries experienced production problems in California, one of the largest consumer states.

Demand to the Far East, which fell sharply last year, also is on the rise. Recent estimates have demand in that

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Controlling pecan nut casebearers

I hope you have not forgotten that today is Mother's Day!

We have received many calls concerning when and what to treat for pecan nut casebearer insects in pecan trees. The casebearer larva feeds inside the pecan nuts. First generation larvae feed inside the nutlet from April to June and this state is the most damaging to the pecan crop. Larvae of the 2nd generation only damage one or two nuts due to the fact that the nuts are much larger by this stage.



DAVID KIGHT

The adult casebearer is a grey moth about 1/3 inch long. A ridge of dark scales runs along the forewing. Moths are active at night and most females will lay 5 to 140 eggs on pecan nutlets during her 5 to 8 day life. The egg mass is greenish to white in color changing to pink right before hatching. Casebearer eggs hatch in 4 to 5 days and larvae feed on nearby buds and nut clusters. Larvae usually feed inside the pecan nuts for 3 to 4 weeks dependent on the temperature.

Larvae reach a length of about 1/2 inch and pupate in the pecan nut with the adult moth emerging in 10 to 14 days. Although the pecan nut casebearer can complete several generations each year, the most harmful is

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Work at Settles helping get Poka Lambro PCS ready

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

With wiring work under way in the historic Settles Building, Poka Lambro Wireless PCS is closer to becoming operational in the Permian Basin.

Poka Lambro Wireless PCS, the Lubbock-based wireless division of Poka Lambro Telephone Co-op at Tahoka, will begin offering service in Midland and Odessa in June, and in Big Spring in July.

When Poka Lambro goes operational, the company will be offering Digital PCS wireless service.

According to a Poka Lambro release, Digital PCS is the next generation in wireless communications. The company introduced the service in Lubbock 14 months ago when it became the first company to bring "true digital service to West Texas."

Digital PCS is said to bring many improvements over traditional analog cellular systems.

According to the release, the most noticeable improvement is in the area of call clarity, with static virtually non-existent.

Poka Lambro says calls made on a Digital PCS system are totally secure.

"With cellular phones, any off-the-shelf scanner can monitor calls; but with Digital PCS, calls are totally secure," the release states.

The company also says Digital PCS service will be lower-cost and will include what it calls value-added options, such as call waiting, call forwarding and three-way calling.

Poka Lambro has contracted with the city of Big Spring to place four small antennas on top of the Settles Building, locating its equipment in the first retail space west of the



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Herbert Howard and Jesus Ramirez of Overland Contractors install coaxial cable for a communications system for Poka Lambro Wireless PCS at historic Settles Building. Antennas will be placed on the penthouse roof, connecting to the first floor office of the company.

main entrance to the building.

The \$600 monthly rental is being directed into an account to help provide maintenance to the building, including roof repairs, as part of the Friends

of the Settles effort.

Poka Lambro officials have said they plan to put a display in the space to show the equipment they sell and have indicated that at some time in the

future, they might consider placing a retail outlet in the building to sell and service their telecommunications products.

House passes bill toughening bankruptcy laws despite veto threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation that would make it harder for people to sweep away their debts in bankruptcy easily passed the House despite a White House veto threat.

The House, seeking to stem the rising tide of personal bankruptcies, gave the bipartisan bill a 313-108 veto-proof vote Wednesday. The legislation, sought by credit card companies, got solid Republican support but split the Democrats. The Senate hasn't yet voted on a parallel measure.

The Clinton administration especially criticized the measure's creation of a "means test" based on debtors' income to determine whether they must gradually repay their debts or erase them entirely while under bankruptcy court protection from creditors.

In a statement, the White House called the means test "inflexible and arbitrary," while reaffirming its support in principle for rewriting the bankruptcy laws.

In another setback for the administration Wednesday, the Senate defeated, 52-45, an amendment that would have removed provisions in a financial services overhaul bill that Democrats saw as an attack on the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act.

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm, R-Texas, wants to exempt small rural banks from the community-lending law and make it harder for the government to use satisfactory community-lending ratings as a requirement for banks being allowed to expand.

REWRITTEN BANKRUPTCY LAWS

Highlights of legislation to rewrite the bankruptcy laws passed Wednesday by the House:

- Establishes a "means test," based on debtors' income, to determine whether they must gradually repay their debts or may erase them entirely while under Bankruptcy Court protection from creditors. The provision uses the Internal Revenue Service's standards to determine how much money debtors need to live. It requires debtors with incomes above regional median levels, minus money needed for living expenses, to follow court-ordered repayment plans.
- Gives highest priority among debts to child support and alimony payments, putting them ahead of credit card debt and other obligations.
- Requires credit card companies to clearly disclose their late-payment fees and how long it would take customers to pay off

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The Senate also rejected, on a party-line 54-43 vote, a Democratic version of the finan-

cial services legislation, which would lift Depression-era barriers separating banks, securities

firms and insurance companies.

Before the House vote on the bankruptcy bill, Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., and Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the panel's senior Democrat, tried to soften the means test provision, which uses the Internal Revenue Service's living expense standards to help determine how much debtors can repay. But their effort was rebuffed in a 238-184 vote.

Big bank-owned credit card networks, notably Visa and MasterCard, and retail-business groups say their losses from debts forgiven in bankruptcy have forced them to raise interest rates for consumers who handle credit responsibly.

But consumer groups, unions,

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The Texas Oil and Gas Association, the state's biggest energy-producer group, and other industry groups had pushed for legislation that would give the Railroad Commission authority to force all operators in a field to join in unitized production if operators' and royalty owners representing 80 percent of reserves in a field agree.

Bass officials contend they shouldn't be forced to form units against their will because they don't want to have to pay for expensive recovery methods they don't support. They contend that forced unitization amounts to confiscation of their property.

Unlike other oil-producing states, Texas doesn't allow state regulators to force producers to

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IN THE NEWS

Linda Tabor has joined the staff of Coldwell Banker Sun Country Realtors as a new sales agent, according to Sun Country owner Janelle Britton.

In her new position, the former classroom and music teacher will join her husband, Gary, as they work as a sales team.

Tabor holds a music education degree from Texas Tech University, as well as a classroom certificate from the University of Texas-Permian Basin. She achieved her real estate license through coursework at Southwest College of Real Estate.

Robert Miller has been reappointed to two committees by Charles Aycock,

president-elect of the State Bar of Texas.

Miller, who practices law at 608 Scurry St., has been reappointed to a two-year term as a member of the Local Bar Services Committee and as a one-year term as a member of the State Bar College Board Committee.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its spring Community Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$7 each and the meal will be catered by A's and Son Barbecue. The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m.

The Texas Workforce Center, 310

Owens, is in the process of soliciting summer jobs for area youth.

There are two programs employers can participate in through the TWC in regards to hiring youth for the summer:

• JTPA Summer Youth Employment Program — Youths ages 14-21 are enrolled in this program for work-based learning. Participants are assigned to training worksites, where they gain basic work skills and experience. The program pays all wages and insurance for the program, which runs from June 7 to July 16.

• Summer Jobs Program — Employer provides summer jobs for youth of all ages. The employer hires, pays salary and determines date of employment.

The difference in the two programs is that the first is a training program, which pays wages and insurance. The second allows employers to list jobs with TWC making referrals.

For more information, contact Patrick Wilbert at 263-8373.

The deadline has been extended until Friday for nominations for the second annual Permian Basin Ethics in Business Award co-sponsored by the Samaritan Counseling Center and Midland Downtown Rotary Club.

The one-page nomination form may be obtained by calling Samaritan at 563-4144.

The purpose of the award is to honor the finest achievements in ethical business conduct by both individ-

uals and companies in the Permian Basin.

Last year, Mike Craddock of Delta Lightning Arrestors won in Big Spring, while Jim Henry of Henry Petroleum won in Midland and Don Williams of Western Tank won in Odessa.

The award is presented at Samaritan's annual Family of the Year Banquet.

(In the News is a weekly column that includes news pertaining to business in and around Big Spring and Howard County. Items to be considered for inclusion may be sent to John Walker, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, faxed to 264-7205 or e-mailed to jwalker@crcom.net.)

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