

SUNDAY

June 4, 2000

WEATHER

Today:



TODAY 90°-93° TONIGHT 63°-67°

Big Spring Rodeo advance tickets are on sale now

Advance tickets are on sale for the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion, which begins June 14 and runs through June 17.

Tickets can be bought at the following locations: Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Banking Center, Citizen's Credit Union, First Bank of West Texas (two locations), State National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, H-E-B Grocery and Ward's Boots.

Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets at the gate will be \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

March for Jesus planned Saturday from courthouse

The annual March for Jesus will be Saturday at 6 p.m. Those interested in participating or want more information need to call Jack Nixon at 264-9318. Those participating will assemble on the east side of the courthouse at 5:30 p.m.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

- Texas Tech Ex's meeting, noon, La Posada.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third.
- Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.
- Big Spring Chapter and Council, R.A.M., 7:30, at the Masonic Building, 22 1/2 Main St.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.
- Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
- VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Orders of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater.

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Texas Tech Ex-Students Association sets annual dinner Thursday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Big Spring's chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association has scheduled its annual Dinner and Freshman Send-off for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the La Posada Restaurant.

The 2000 dinner will not only be an opportunity for former Tech students to gather and get re-acquainted, but will be a chance for local high school graduates planning to attend Texas Tech this fall to meet university officials.

Among the Texas Tech representatives expected to be on hand for Thursday's dinner are Dr. Donald Haragan, the university's president; Tech athletic director Gerald Myers; assistant football coach Sonny Dykes; and Dr. Bill Dean, the executive vice president of Tech's ex-students association.

Roxie McDaniel, one of the event's organizers, said the dinner will also be an opportunity for area high school students that plan to attend Tech in the future, as well as their parents, to learn more about the university and hear presentations on

EXES DINNER

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday
Where: La Posada Restaurant
For: Texas Tech exes and freshmen
Tickets: \$10 per person
Reservations: Call 267-5846 or 267-7828 no later than Monday

its new Undergraduate to Medical School Initiative (UMSI) and Texas Tech's

Honors College.

"We think it's important that kids that are still in high school, but know that they want to go to Tech, get an opportunity to learn more about some of these programs," McDaniel explained. "People need to understand that the timetable for the UMSI program begins Oct. 1 for this year's high school seniors... that's when the office of admissions begins taking admissions applications."

That timetable, McDaniel added, requires students who have been accepted for fall 2001 to complete a UMSI applications

and return it to Lubbock no later than March 1. A selection committee will review those applications and notify those accepted by April 15.

Those accepted for the program will have until May 1, 2001, to accept or decline invitations to the UMSI program.

McDaniel said local exes chapter officials are also excited about having honors college representatives to discuss that program with prospective students.

The honors college, McDaniel

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The Big Spring Model Aircraft Association had several model airplanes on display Saturday at the mall. Charles Busby is pictured showing off his Snoopy and the Red Baron model. The club will hold its 16th annual fly-in and swap meet June 10-11 at the old Howard County Airport.

Hospital OK'd

Colorado City approves new hospital and clinic but nixes nursing home

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — An issue that has been the source of controversy for years was settled Saturday when Mitchell County voters overwhelmingly approved general obligation bonds for construction of a new hospital and a doctor's clinic but rejected funding a nursing home.

Kent Boyd, Mitchell County Hospital board president, said he was happy to see the vote go the way it did.

"The vote was as I expected," said Boyd. "The people felt we need a new hospital and it really didn't surprise me. It was our option."

The vote breakdown was 940 for, 495 against on Proposition 1, construction of a \$6.6 million, 30-bed hospital. Proposition 2, a \$750,000 doctor's clinic, was approved by a 809 to 594 vote. Proposition 3, a \$3.25 million nursing home, went down in defeat by a 921 to 436 count.

There were 794 early votes cast and 662 on Saturday for a total of 1,456. A reported 35-40 percent of eligible voters turned out.

Newly elected hospital board member Shirley Clifton said she was pleased with the outcome.

"I am really happy it passed,"

THE VOTE

Proposition 1: \$6.6 million for new hospital.	Yes: 940 No: 495
Proposition 2: \$750,000 for doctor's clinic.	Yes: 809 No: 594
Proposition 3: \$3.25 million for nursing home.	Yes: 436 No: 921

she said. "We need both facilities. I am, however, disappointed that the nursing home issue didn't pass but apparently the opponents got their message across."

Dale Geiger, who also recently was elected to a new two-year term on the board and was openly against the propositions, said he hopes everyone will now get on with business at hand.

"I really wasn't surprised," said Geiger. "I was really surprised however at the margin, because I thought it would be a lot closer."

In the recent hospital board election, Clifton and incumbent

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DAVA Auxiliary commander encourages participation in organization

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

National Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA) commander Paula Raymond made a stop in Big Spring last week to tour the Veterans Administration Hospital.

"I am here to attend the DAVA state convention in Midland and was asked to tour the Big Spring VA," she said. "I was really impressed with it."

According to Raymond, this is the first time a National DAVA commander has made a stop at the Big Spring VA.

DAVA plans were perfected in 1922 at the National Convention in San Francisco.

"We were founded on the idea of making life better for disabled vets and their families, and we still believe in that," she said. "We work with the VA hospitals in any way we can."

Some of the things DAVA volunteers do are to drive veterans in vans to where ever they need to go, put on parties at the VA hospitals and nursing homes for those who may not have families close by or not at all and help get favorable legislation passed for the good of the disabled veterans.

"We also do an Americanism program in the schools," added Raymond. "This is where we go in and teach kids what it means to be an American and educate them in the sacrifices veterans made for our freedom."

DAVA gives education loans to disabled veterans or children of the disabled veterans who meet certain criteria.

"We just recently granted 43 interest-free loans," Raymond said. "All the money loaned out is given through donations."

The DAVA is always looking

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Big Spring Veterans Administration volunteer service representative Clara Lewis, left, visits with National Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary commander Paula Raymond and DAVA state commander Beverly Barron. Raymond and Barron toured the Big Spring VA Hospital recently.

Jeremy Westerfield joins Herald staff as circulation manager

Delivery expanded to Mitchell County

HERALD Staff Report

Jeremy Westerfield has been named circulation manager of the Big Spring Herald, said newspaper publisher John H. Walker. Westerfield



WESTERFIELD

assumed his his post on May 25. "Jeremy has already proven himself as a valuable member of the Herald family," Walker said. "He grew up in the newspaper business and has all of the tools needed to provide good customer service and grow the newspaper."

Westerfield comes to the Herald from The Daily Journal in Franklin, Ind., where he served as customer service manager for the 17,000 circulation daily.

Prior to that, he was district manager and circulation manager for The Mooresville Times and The Southside Times in Indiana. He has also worked as

a district manager for The Herald Times in Bloomington, Ind. and held a variety of positions at The Northwest Arkansas Times in Fayetteville, where his father was circulation manager.

"I learned to roll newspapers at age 3 and carried routes all the way up to high school," Westerfield said.

He said customer service is his top priority.

"I want to put out the best product we can and exceed customers' expectations," he said. "I want customers to let me know personally if their expect-

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Change seen in Sunday comics

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Readers of the Herald's Sunday comics section will be in for a change next weekend (June 11). "We'll add two comics to our Sunday package, which will include other



WALKER

changes as well," said Herald publisher John H. Walker. "There will be seven new strips included in our new line up."

Those new strips are: Hi and Lois, Zits, Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids. The Lockhorns, Funky Winkerbean, Rose is Rose and Dilbert.

"Regrettably, the change will result in the loss of five strips that have become favorites of our readers," Walker added.

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OBITUARIES

Laura E. Erhardt

Laura E. Erhardt, 89, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, June 1, 2000, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, June 5, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.

She was born on Aug. 6, 1910, in Shawnee, Okla., and married Marvin Richey Erhardt on July 3, 1941, in Amarillo, Texas. He preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 1957.

She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1955 and had worked as a nurse and x-ray technician at Big Spring State Hospital for 15 years.

Mrs. Erhardt was a member of First Baptist Church and worked in the pre-school department and library for many years. She was a member of the senior choir and was part of the group that sang at the nursing home each week. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge and a member of Phi Sigma Alpha.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews and many friends.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Marvin Thomas Erhardt, in 1974.

The family suggests memorials to: American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Hwy., Suite 111, Midland, TX 79703.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Lucille Merrick

Lucille Merrick, 93, of Big Spring, died on Friday, June 2, 2000, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 5, 2000, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Walter McCall, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on Sep. 7, 1906 in Runnels County, Texas, and married Andrew J. Merrick in 1927 in Lamesa, Texas. He preceded her in death on February 3, 1944.

She worked at Hall-Bennett Clinic for 25 years in bookkeeping. Her husband, Andrew Merrick, was Sheriff of Howard County and after his death in 1944, she finished his term, serving 11 months.

Mrs. Merrick had been a member of First Baptist Church since the age of 13.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Helen Merrick of Possum Kingdom Lake; one daughter-in-law, Wanda Merrick of Abilene; one sister, Doccia Preston of Big Spring; five grandchildren.

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Laura E. Erhardt, 89, died Thursday. Services will be 10:00 AM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 4:00 PM Monday at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.
Mabel Richmond, 99, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 11:30 AM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.
Lucille Merrick, 93, died Friday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Beverly Hughes of San Antonio, Edward A. Merrick of Midland, Jennifer Rule of Edmond, Okla., James J. Merrick of Abilene and Debbie Pearson of Fort Davis; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Andrew J. Merrick Jr.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Mabel Richmond

Graveside service for Mabel Richmond, 99, of Big Spring, will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 5, at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplain Jimmy Braswell of Home Hospice officiating.

Mrs. Richmond died on Saturday, June 3, 2000, in a local nursing home.

She was born on May 4, 1901, in Hoisington, Kan., and married Harold Richmond in 1924. He preceded her in death.

She attended Southwestern University in Winfield, Kan., and taught school there for a number of years. Mrs. Richmond moved to Big Spring in 1955 and had lived at Canterbury for over 20 years.

Survivors include one brother, Orville Shapland of Capitan, N.M.; one niece, Pat Preheim of Capitan, N.M.; and one nephew, Bob Shapland of Brandenton, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Morris Shapland, in 1929.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Thelma Howard

Funeral services for Mrs. Thelma Howard of Stanton are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

She died June 2, 2000, at Martin County Hospital.

Raymond Fuller

Service for Judge Raymond Fuller, 79, will be at 2 p.m. Monday, June 5, 2000, in the Colorado City, First Baptist Church with Rev. Kay Reed officiating, assisted by Dr. Ted Spear and Mayor Jim Baum. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Fuller was born March 12, 1921, in Colorado City to P.G. and Mae Fuller and had been a lifelong resident of Mitchell County. He married Virginia Tayman on Jan. 8, 1961, in Stamford. He was an alumni of Texas A&M University and a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army where he received two purple hearts.

Mr. Fuller was the founder and president of J.R. Fuller Foods, Inc. in Colorado City. He was on the board of directors at the City National Bank for many years and chairman of that board since 1983. He was the former president of the Colorado City Country Club and the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce.

Survivors include his wife Virginia of Colorado City; two daughters, Judy Honeycutt of Austin and Terry Smith of Katy; aunts and uncles Mr. and Mrs. Holbert Fuller of Big Spring and Jo Fuller of Lake Colorado City.

The family will receive friends at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday.

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tations are not being met and I will take care of the problem." "We're excited to have Jeremy join the Herald," Walker said. "I first met him more than seven years ago and when I found out we had the opportunity to attract someone of his talents and abilities, we went to work to get him to West Texas."

Westerfield said he looks forward to being a member of the community.

"I love soccer and like to coach and I plan on becoming very involved in the community."

Westerfield attended the University of Arkansas at Little

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Rock on a soccer scholarship after being named all-state at Fayetteville High School. He has also attended Indiana University.

In a move related to Westerfield's arrival at the Herald, Walker said the newspaper would once again begin circulation in Colorado City and Mitchell County.

"We believe the readership potential in that market is great and feel it offers another opportunity to expose our advertisers to potential customers," he said.

Westerfield can be reached at 263-7331, ext. 240.

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The strips that will be discontinued in the Sunday package include B.C., Wizard of ID, Mallard Fillmore, Marvin and Cathy.

Walker said the Sunday comics change was necessary to offset increasing newsprint and printing costs, and that the new lineup of 19 comics will appear in all of parent company CNHI's 17 Texas newspapers.

The complete lineup of Sunday comics following the change includes: Blondie, Beetle Bailey, Hagar, Hi and Lois, Dennis the Menace, Family Circus, Sally Forth, Baby Blues, Zits, Mutt, Slylock Fox and Comics for Kids, The Lockhorns, Funky Winkerbean, Peanuts, Rose is Rose, For Better or For Worse, Dilbert, Garfield and Doonesbury.

DAVA

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for help and new members.

"We have a juniors membership program, which is for those who are daughters or granddaughters of disabled veterans," said Raymond. "We encourage anyone who is a spouse of a disabled veteran, daughter or granddaughter become a member of the DAVA."

By 1924, there were 20 active units. Now, there are more than 1,900.

"The most important thing the community can do is to stop and think about what the veterans did for us and our freedom," Raymond said. "The public tends to forget about that when there isn't a war going on. Just look at all the sacrifices they made."

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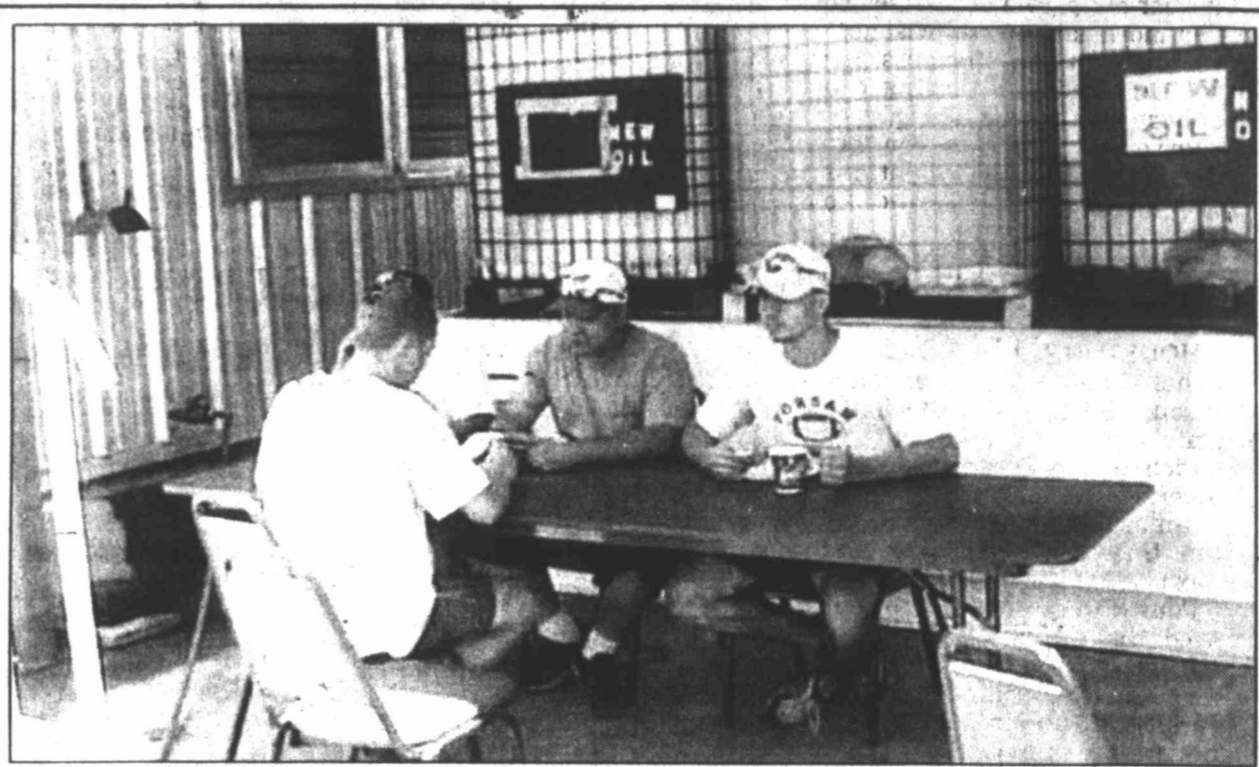
Larry DeBusk, both who strongly favored the building of a new hospital facility, and incumbent Geiger, were the three top vote-getters. They were elected to two-year terms over Charles Froneberger and Lupe Merritt, both who said they were against building a new hospital.

The future of health care in Mitchell County and the possibility of increased property taxes was the main topics of discussion at a forum held in the Colorado City High School Auditorium on May 22.

The health care facilities will be built on 22.5 acres the state

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN



These four Western Container employees were reaping the benefits of a barbecue the plant gave last week for operating accident-free for 500,000 hours. Enjoying the burgers with all the trimmings were, from left, Willis Morrison, Mike Morrison, Chris Villa and Furillo Subla.

has donated to the hospital district northeast of the Wallace and Ware prison units.

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explained, offers highly-motivated students special opportunities.

The program, originally founded in 1959, became a college this year to better serve the university's 800 honors students.

McDaniel noted that honors classes are generally smaller, typically limited to 25 students, and feature both general degree requirement subjects, as well as specially designed interdisciplinary courses.

"They (honors classes) are not designed to be more difficult, not do they feature piled on work of harder tests," McDaniel explained. "The idea is to provide students in the program with an opportunity to get many of the advantages that students at small liberal arts colleges receive, while they benefit from attending a major university."

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 per person and reservations should be made no later than Monday by contacting Roxie McDaniel at 267-5846 or Pat Porter at 267-7828.

Hope's condition

upgraded to stable

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Comedian Bob Hope was out of bed and moving about his hospital room Saturday afternoon and his condition was upgraded from critical to stable as he recovers from gastrointestinal bleeding, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"He is progressing as his doctor predicted," said Lea

Goodsell of Eisenhower Regional Medical Center. She said Hope is recovering quickly due to "his overall good health and strength."

The 97-year-old entertainer is expected to remain in a critical care unit overnight as a precaution, and his condition will be reevaluated Sunday morning. The hospital is preparing a private room. Hope is expected to return home later in the week.

Hope ate his favorite breakfast of oatmeal and fruit after an uneventful night, Goodsell said. His wife, Delores, remained by his bedside, reading and talking to her husband of 66 years.

Hope was able to move from his bed to a chair, Goodsell said, and is undergoing "the standard physical therapy for someone who has been confined to bed."

"We're starting to see the essence of Bob Hope emerge from all the treatments," she said.

The entertainer continued to receive faxes, e-mail and flowers from friends and fans, and Delores Hope has shared some of them with her husband, Goodsell said. Former President Ford and his wife, Betty, who have a home in Rancho Mirage, have phoned Hope and receive regular updates on his condition.

One fax from a retired Army lieutenant colonel said that he hoped his "heartfelt thanks may serve to lift your spirits and speed your route to recovery."

The venerable entertainer was taken to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs after waking up with abdominal pain Thursday. He was later admitted to Eisenhower

Regional with gastrointestinal bleeding. It is not a life-threatening condition, according to his doctor.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through noon Saturday:

• **ANDREA EPPERSON**, 24, of 908 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **MARY TORRES**, no age given, of 611 NE. 10th, was arrested on a charge of no drivers license.

• **JEROME MITCHELL**, 18, of 2612 Dow, was arrested on a charge of minor in possession.

• **CLASS C ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of Hardy.

• **CLASS C CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1002 block of Main, in the 1800 block of Gregg, in the 2300 block of Wasson Road, in the 400 block of Birdwell.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1100 block of Johnson.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. Friday:

• **JANIE AGUILAR**, 33, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended (BSPD).

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Pardons and Parole Board considering ways to parole more prisoners

HOUSTON (AP) — Releasing more prisoners on parole could lessen the burden on Texas' overcrowded prison system, say state officials and lawmakers. The Texas Pardons and Parole Board is looking to revamp its 10-year-old parole guidelines so that more non-violent prisoners who are not sex offenders can be released, according to Sunday's Houston Chronicle. Prisoners who have committed minor parole violations should not be returned to

prison, said state Sen. John Whitmire, a Houston Democrat who serves on the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. Of the 5,482 people sent back to prison last year for violating their parole, more than 1,000 were sent back for breaking a rule of their probation, Whitmire said. The state should take a second look at how it handles prisoners like Gary Sparks, Whitmire said. Sparks, a 52-year-old Wichita

Falls man convicted of a drug charge, violated his parole by traveling out of state for his job with an engineering company. Sending people like him back to prison only exacerbates the overcrowding problem, Whitmire said. Keeping parole violators like Sparks out of prison will conserve resources to keep more dangerous criminals behind bars, said Whitmire. "We are not talking about compromising public safety,"

Whitmire told the Chronicle. "We want to keep our sex offenders and our violent offenders locked up. The only way to do that is to be reasonable with our non-violent offenders." Prison board officials said that about 40 percent of those who violate their parole aren't returned to prison. The Texas prison system's population has grown by almost four times since 1988, from 38,952 to 150,017, and its 116

prisons and jails are so overcrowded that the state must rent cells from county jails to accommodate the overflow. Officials say more prisons will have to be built in the next five years. "We've got the toughest criminal justice policies in the nation," Whitmire said. "We've got the toughest penal code. We've got a huge penal system. What we are not doing is having a smart criminal justice system. A smart criminal

justice system is one where you maximize your resources to fight crime." The state also needs to make rules for releasing prisoners back on the street less strict, said State Rep. Pat Haggerty, R-El Paso, who is chairman of the House Corrections Committee. "It's really a matter of dollars and cents," Haggerty said. "If we had our druthers, everybody would be locked up forever and that would be that. But that's not feasible."

Some students complain 10 percent law unfair

HOUSTON (AP) — Some students who have excelled throughout high school say the state's top 10 percent law — which is supposed to increase diversity in state universities — is unfairly keeping them out of the University of Texas and Texas A&M University. Four white students who have sued the University of Texas will plead their case for monetary damages against the university in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans this week. Students who go to highly regarded public and private schools say the top 10 percent law punishes them for going to quality schools, where it is harder to be at the top of the class. The law, passed in 1997 to help minorities gain admission to public colleges, guarantees that students in the top 10 percent of their class will be admitted. Texas enacted the law after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 1996 that main-

taining separate admissions standards for whites and blacks at the University of Texas law school was unconstitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a further appeal by the state. Texas then banned affirmative action in all state college admissions. "The law hurts the people it's trying to help (minorities) if they go to a school like Bellaire," student Russell Crake told the Houston Chronicle. Crake, who is Hispanic, was denied admission to Texas, his father's alma mater, despite a grade point average of 3.94 and an SAT score of 1240. Crake graduated from Bellaire High School in Houston, a highly regarded public high school, where students need a 4.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale to be ranked in the top 10 percent. "If I had gone to an inner-city school, I'm sure I would have been in the top 10 percent," Crake told the newspaper. "Here at Bellaire, I'm in the top 30 percent with almost a 4.0 GPA."

But officials with the state's universities say that by admitting the top 10 percent of students from all high schools, diversity is increased and those from less stellar high schools have a better chance. Augustine Garza, deputy director of admissions at UT, said "This program has made a difference. We are getting more top 10 percenters representing a cross-section of the state. We are getting more diversity, and in that sense it has had a very desirable effect." Erica Brown, who plans to attend Texas Southern University, ranked in the top 10 percent of her class at Worthing High School, a poor Houston school made up largely of minorities. Brown, who will be the first person in her family to go to college, said: "I'm sure at Bellaire a lot of the families have been in college for generations. Most of my friends dropped out of school or got pregnant." Officials at UT and Texas

A&M acknowledge that many students who would have been accepted in earlier years are now rejected. "It's unbelievable when you look at some of the students who didn't get in this year," said Bruce Walker, director of admissions at UT. "I know last year they would have gotten in." At A&M, many students with SAT scores in the 1200s were placed on a waiting list, said Joe Estrada, interim enrollment director. Both schools have experienced record increases in applications. UT received a record 21,000 applications for fall 2000 and offered 11,300 admissions, Walker said. In the last three years, the school has experienced a 46 percent increase in applications. Texas A&M had a record 16,700 applications for this fall and offered 10,500 admissions — a 16 percent increase from the previous record of 14,400 applicants last year.

Man convicted of extortion, acquitted of kidnapping in disappearance of atheist

AUSTIN (AP) — Federal prosecutors never produced any bodies, but their case was good enough to get what amounts to a life sentence for the only man charged in the disappearance of missing atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair and her family. Gary Paul Karr, 52, was convicted Friday of four charges involving extorting money from the missing atheists in 1995. Jurors acquitted Karr of federal kidnapping conspiracy charges. He still faces life in prison under the so-called federal three-strikes law because of prior convictions. Sentencing was set for Aug. 4. O'Hair, her son Jon Garth Murray and granddaughter Robin Murray O'Hair disappeared from San Antonio along with \$500,000 in gold coins. Prosecutors presented a theory that the trio was kidnapped, robbed and killed and their bodies dismembered. No bodies were ever found. During the two-week trial, prison inmates testified that Karr told them he was involved in the slayings, and federal agents presented hundreds of telephone calls, car rentals, airplane trips and

other financial transactions they said implicated Karr and showed he extorted money from the family. However, two defense witnesses testified that they saw O'Hair alive during the time prosecutors say she was kidnapped or killed — during the summer or fall of 1995 in a San Antonio bar and in a restaurant in Romania in 1997. Karr's attorney, Tom Mills, questioned the consistency of the verdict and suggested Karr would appeal. "It seems like their theory was kidnapping and murder," Mills said. "It seems now we have no kidnapping and murder." The lack of bodies hampered the kidnapping case, jurors said. "There were a lot of missing pieces to the puzzle ... bodies for one, a smoking gun," juror Jeff Sloan said after the verdicts were read. The jury deliberated for four days before reaching a decision. Prosecutors were satisfied. "It was a tough case, a long trial" that involved more than 70 witnesses and hundreds of documents, said Gerald Carruth, assistant U.S. attorney.

Judge rules Houston pediatrician overbilled Medicaid

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge has determined that a Houston pediatrician involved in Medicaid policy development overbilled the government program by more than \$230,000. Dr. William Harold Mack, 65, called himself "the Medicaid doctor" and had clinics in central and southwest Houston, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Zingaro. One of Mack's clinics screened poor children, submitted billing statements for unperformed tests and billed Medicaid and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services for procedures at his own uncertified laboratory, U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Johnson said. She could order Mack to pay up to three times the estimated amount of the money defrauded, said Norma Lacy spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Mervyn Mosbacher. A hearing on damages is set for June 21. Cornell Williams, Mack's attorney, declined to comment except to say he has been assured that no criminal prosecution will result from the civil complaint.

As a Medicaid provider, Mack was required to provide blood tests outlined by the Texas Health Steps Program and designed to detect childhood illnesses treatable if found early, such as sickle cell anemia and lead poisoning. The United States sued Mack

in 1998, alleging fraud, conspiracy to defraud and unjust enrichment. Government attorneys are seeking reimbursement for services fraudulently billed from May 16, 1992-Aug. 4, 1995, but National Heritage Insurance Co., which administers the pro-

gram, detected problems in Mack's billing procedures back to 1978. Texas Attorney General John Cornyn's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit found Mack's income for Medicaid-paid services increased by \$500,000 in a one-year period, 1991-92.

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OUR VIEWS

Time to get your tickets for the rodeo

It's time to start thinking about the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion, scheduled to begin in just more than a week. It's the 67th edition of the event, which is held at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

One of the best reasons to think about the history-steeped competition is that advance tickets are already on sale — and they are two dollars cheaper now than they will be at the gate on performance nights. That's a savings of \$10, for instance, for a family of five.

Fans planning on attending the rodeo also need to be aware of what look to be some real positive changes to this year's rodeo. One is an earlier start time. The June 14-17 performances will be at 8 p.m. this year instead of 8:30. That should help accommodate those who prefer not to be out so late in the evening.

Another is the annual rodeo parade, moved back to its traditional time slot of opening day. This year's parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Other than those and a few other changes, such as luxury boxes available adjacent to the arena announcer's booth, the rodeo will feature some of the best riding and roping the sport offers. All of the familiar events will take place, as well as some other local crowd favorites — including Mutton Bustin' and Tijuana Poker.

Make plans now to attend the Big Spring Rodeo and Cowboy Reunion. Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and are available now at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Banking Center, Citizen's Credit Union, First Bank of West Texas, State National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, HEB Grocery and Ward's Boots.

We'll see you there.

OTHER VIEWS

You can generally count on the conservative U.S. Supreme Court to err on the side of decency, yet it has sided 5-4 with the likes of Playboy in the name of free speech.

We would be among the first to stand up for free speech, and will always defend that constitutional right, but the court's decision cuts at the heart of parents challenged with keeping their kids on the straight and narrow. The court struck down a federal law that shielded children from sex-oriented cable television channels.

A provision of the 1996 Communications Decency Act required cable operators to fully scramble or block for nonsubscribers such sex-oriented networks as Playboy Television and Spice or make those "indecent" channels unavailable between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Most cable operators opted for the time restriction

because technology for complete scrambling is too costly.

As a result, some subscribers could not receive sexually explicit programming for most of the day.

A three-judge federal court in 1998 ruled that there is a less restrictive way to protect children, requiring cable operators to block out any channel for free at a subscriber's request.

But even that provision is flawed because sometimes the imperfect technology that "blocks" channels briefly lets images and audio channels be seen and heard. Furthermore, what happens when your child visits a friend with an unblocked television set?

The First Amendment protects a pornographer's right to distribute "indecent" material, though not "obscene" material. But it's hard for a child to know the difference.

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Writing hasn't changed Janice fundamentally

She didn't start out a maverick. Janice Staten was a perky high-school cheerleader who married her high-school sweetheart Seward Daugharty, moved into a trailer on his family's land, had three babies, went to all three churches in town at one time or another to make sure she was saved in the "right" one, and didn't darken the door of college till she was 38 and wanted to improve herself.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Something happened. The sweet little blond woman who says grace before meals announced she was going to write. Then she sat down and wrote, for about 10 years. Finally, after 19 tries, she published a novel, then another and another. She wrote about rural life's reality, including the ugly underbelly things that polite people here would never mention aloud.

Janice Daugharty, deep down, was more than a good girl and grandmother and generous lady. She also was emotionally fearless. She did not fear New York Times critics, or public speaking, or snubs

from any quarter. Eventually she had seven novels and was just getting warmed up.

"I love stories," she says again and again with true passion. "I just love stories."

And while she grew to need writing the way a mule needs a dust bath, it didn't change her fundamentally from what she always had been.

Each year Janice Daugharty still helped Seward plant the corn, toasting the finished job from a folding aluminum chair at the end of a crop row. She didn't mind that her husband never read her novels; Seward simply doesn't read novels, she said.

Not since Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings bought an orange grove in a Florida hammock called Cross Creek have life and literature intersected with such natural appeal.

One of Daugharty's literary heroes, Eudora Welty, virtually stopped writing for 15 years to nurse her mother and brother. That's the kind of thing you just know Daugharty would do if she had to. Prioritize like a woman; write like a barrel-chested, 7-foot-tall man.

But for the cars parked beside the old house and an occasional Wal-Mart truck roaring past, you couldn't guess the year. It might be 1900. Or 1950.

Live oaks, like shrewd women, never lie about their age; they grow old gracefully,

wearing lines proudly, growing thicker, bending with the winds.

Janice Daugharty, 55, sits on the front porch of the old house near the Lanier and Echols county line and reads a book while watching for company. She looks fresh in a plain white shirt and blue-jeans, a little like the actress Glenn Close, except with softer features and less cuffed.

Already this morning she has fed and rubbed her adopted Santa Gertrudis calf, Violet, a silky baby whose real mother didn't want her.

The author also has fixed lunch and seen Seward off to work at his asphalt business and answered calls in her home office where a battered black chiffonobe holds a million books and the desk groans from the weight of a recently completed manuscript.

"I always have a book just out, another coming out, and another burning in my soul," she says.

Not bragging, not affected, just factual.

Between novels she writes short stories for literary journals, or essays for National Public Radio, or chatty, supportive e-mails to good writer friends like Mary Hood and Cynthia Shearer.

"Janice doesn't rely on the crutch of violence to sell her books," Shearer, another South Georgia native, says. "A good

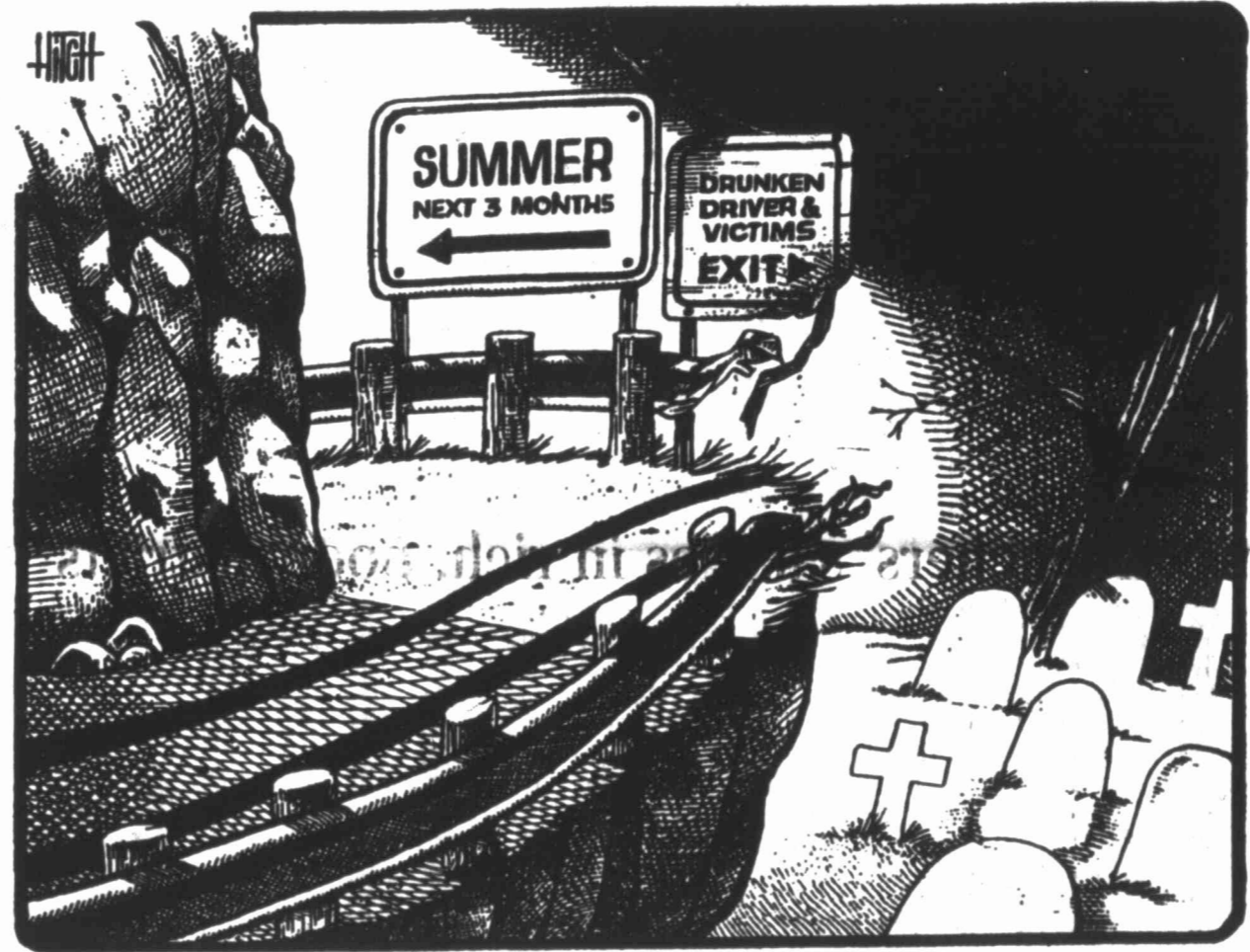
many Southern writers have thrown the baby out with the bathwater, because they think 'hard-boiled' realism means you have to censor out the hope. Janice honors the ethics small-town people are raised by, and this translates into an incredible generosity toward other writers."

Remarkably, with her very first published novel, "Dark of the Moon," she caught Hollywood's attention. First the story was bought by Hallmark Entertainment. One day, out of the blue, a publicist called and announced actor Dustin Hoffman would be phoning at 6 p.m.

Janice Daugharty walks in the late afternoon, but in deference to Dustin she waited. When the call hadn't come by 6:30, she went on her walk and about her business and forgot about movie stars.

Hoffman called at 6 p.m. — Pacific Time. He told Daugharty he'd seen the book in Los Angeles and picked it up to make fun of its name and the cover. He started reading and fell in love with it, especially the sex scenes.

Nothing came of all that. But it hasn't stopped the writer. She works daily at her old desk beside the window, looking out at ancient trees, using her neighbors' ambivalence as more story fodder. She'll write and write, till the cows come home.



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Democracy is not what Russia needs at the moment

Some Americans profess to be surprised or disturbed that Russia's new leader, Vladimir Putin, is not showing signs of being pro-democratic.



CHARLEY REESE

I'm not surprised. One, there is no tradition of democracy in Russia. Two, the KGB has never been known to attract libertarians to its ranks. Putin spent his adult career in the former Russian intelligence agency.

But that's not necessarily bad. Democracy is not what Russia needs at the moment. It needs serious economic reform. It needs monetary reform. It needs to re-impose the rule of law. It needs to clean up corruption. It needs to rebuild its military strength. Democracy is not likely to be helpful in accomplishing any of those tasks.

Survival always comes first. Even our own great democrat Thomas Jefferson said that there is no higher law than the law of necessity. Right now, the Russian people's survival as a great nation is threatened. At the moment, assuring the nation's survival is more important than freedom of the press or artistic freedom.

That might strike some as a shocking statement, but what Russia needs now are actions, not opinions and speeches. Liberty has to be earned, and it is really a reward, not an end in itself.

So the important questions in regard to Putin are: Is he going to clean up the mess, or is he just another puppet of the oligarchs who made themselves rich by looting the Soviet Union? Don't ask me. I don't know. It's too early to tell. If he intends to move against the oligarchs, then he must first consolidate his power, and that will take some time. In the environment in which he operates, Putin will have to keep his intention secret until he is strong enough to move decisively.

I have a hunch that he will

try to clean up the mess. His sad face doesn't seem to reflect any lust for money. I believe he is a Russian patriot. It is important for us to understand that a Russian patriot is not necessarily a democrat and is definitely not someone who will bend Russian policy to please the United States.

We bear some responsibility for Russia's present plight. We unleashed our own greedy money-grubbers who ran to Russia as if it were a new gold field to be exploited. We gave the Russians a lot of bad advice.

Before you can have a free-enterprise economy, you need a government that respects and defends private-property rights. That is the true cornerstone of a free-market economy. Without property rights, no free market is possible — which, by the way, is a lesson that Americans seem to have forgotten.

No country can go from a command economy to a free-market economy overnight without creating a huge crisis. I'm afraid that's what Americans urged on the Russians in their euphoria

over the fall of communism.

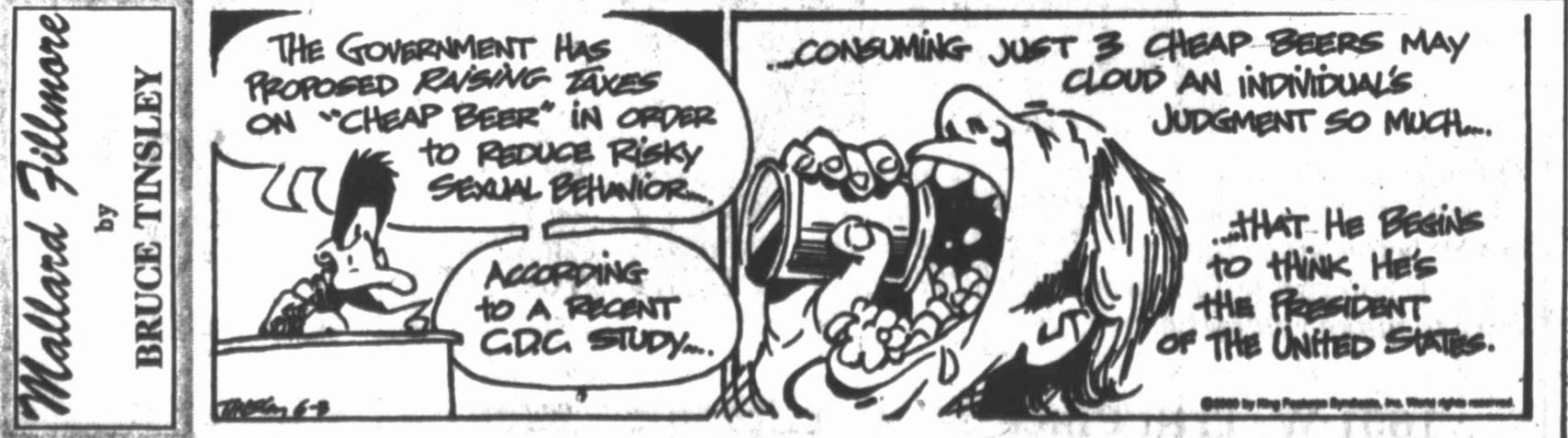
Well, the great fraud always possible is for one communist boss to sell state assets to another communist crony, at which point they both declare themselves democrats. That's what happened in Russia and also in some of the Eastern European countries. It was encouraged by Western businesses eager to do business with the same communists they had been doing business with.

There is no discernible moral difference between communist apparatchiks and Western capitalist bosses.

Furthermore, American foreign policy under Clinton has amounted to a thumb in the Russian eye.

The expansion of NATO, the shouldering Russia out of the Middle East peace process (they were originally co-sponsors), the attempt to cut Russia off from the Caspian Sea oil fields and the attack on Yugoslavia all undercut those Russians most eager to be a partner of the West.

I suspect that the United States will have zero influence on Putin.



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Tobacco companies seek dismissal of federal lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tobacco companies asked a judge Friday to throw out the government's massive lawsuit seeking to recover billions of dollars spent to treat ill smokers. "This just absolutely, independently cannot fly," the companies' lawyer said.

The government's claims "are entirely lacking in any foundation in law," the lawyer Herbert Wachtell told U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler.

If the lawsuit "is not the largest lawsuit of all time, it certainly ranks high," he said. The government is trying to recover \$20 billion a year spent by Medicare and other federal health plans to treat smoking-related illnesses.

Justice Department lawyer Frank Marine urged Kessler to let the lawsuit go forward.

"We have an overwhelming case to go to the next step. It's not whether we have proof at this point, it's whether we are

entitled to put the proof before your honor" at trial, Marine said.

The government believes the tobacco companies "are continuing to deceive and continuing to spread the big lie that smoking cigarettes does not have adverse health effects," he said.

Marine contended the government is legally entitled to seek payments dating back to 1964, when the Justice Department alleges the cigarette makers began conspiring to mislead the public about the dangers of smoking. However, he added: "We may ask for less than we are legally entitled to."

Kessler questioned both sides during the 3-hour argument but did not indicate when she might rule on the cigarette-makers' bid to fend off the lawsuit.

When the lawsuit was filed last September, Attorney General Janet Reno accused the tobacco industry of putting profit above public health by

concealing data that showed nicotine is addictive and smoking causes disease.

Company officials pledged last fall to fight the lawsuit rather than settle, as they did in 1998 by agreeing to pay the states \$246 billion over 25 years to cover the cost of treating sick smokers in the Medicaid program, which serves the poor and disabled.

Wachtell said federal law does not allow the government to recover Medicare payments as it seeks to from the tobacco companies. That it never tried to do so before "speaks most eloquently that no such right exists," he added.

Kessler asked him whether the law's "plain wording ... could be read to cover this situation and cover the government's claim?"

"The answer is no," Wachtell responded. He added the government also could not use a federal civil racketeering law to

force the companies to give up any ill-gotten gains.

One tobacco company, Liggett Group, argued separately that it could not be sued under the racketeering provision because it broke with the other companies four years ago, settled with five states and agreed to help the states pursue the other companies.

"Liggett took a historic step to break ranks with the tobacco industry" and can no longer be considered part of any conspiracy, lawyer Fred Reinke said.

Justice Department lawyer Mark Stern said a "simple and sweeping" federal law allows the government to recover Medicare costs from those who harm patients covered by it.

Kessler asked him whether the government maintained until a few years ago that it could not recover funds under that law. Stern said the government never took an official position based on a full analysis.

FDA approves heart clot-busting drug that is easier to administer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new clot-busting drug approved by federal regulators can reduce the time it takes to treat heart attack victims from 90 minutes to five seconds, using a single swift injection to dissolve clots that choke off the heart's blood supply.

Tenecteplase, made by Genentech Inc., won Food and Drug Administration approval on Friday and will be made widely available as soon as possible to treat the nation's biggest killer, company officials said.

Genentech also makes TPA under the brand name Activase, currently the standard medicine for treating heart clots. Both of the drugs dissolve blockages in a similar fashion, preventing further permanent damage, said Dr. Christopher Granger of Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C.

A major drawback of TPA, though, is that it must be given as a continuous 90-minute infusion. Tenecteplase, to be sold under the name TNKase, can be administered through one quick, single injection.

"Early administration of these drugs is very important to saving lives," said Granger, who oversaw clinical research into the drug. "Anything that simplifies approach may help

in achieving the earliest treatment possible."

Company spokeswoman Betsy Rosenberg refused to say how much the new drug would cost, saying that pricing would be announced next week. TPA costs about \$2,200 per dosage.

Tenecteplase was tested on 17,000 patients in a clinical trial, resulting in a mortality rate of 6.2 percent. The mortality rate for TPA is also 6.2 percent. As with all such treatments for heart clots, the most significant side effect in the tenecteplase study was brain hemorrhaging and stroke, researchers said.

However, patients who took tenecteplase were less likely to suffer non-intracranial bleeding, and to need blood transfusions, Granger said.

Another advantage of tenecteplase over TPA is that the new drug is more specific for treatment of clot in the coronary artery, he added.

The new drug "would certainly be much easier to administer and the speed with which it can be administered can accelerate the triage of heart patients in an emergency room," said Dr. Hal Barron, director of cardiovascular clinical research for Genentech.

Heart attacks strike more than 1.1 million people each year in the United States.

Report shows surge in alcohol arrests on college campuses

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alcohol-related arrests on college campuses surged 24.3 percent in 1998, the largest jump in seven years, according to a survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Law enforcement officials and crime experts attributed the increase to more heavy drinking among college students coupled with better reporting and tougher enforcement.

"Alcohol abuse is the No. 1 problem on every college campus in this country, and I don't care how big they are or how small they are," said police Capt. Dale Burke of the University of Wisconsin.

The university's 39,700-student Madison campus reported the most liquor law violations — 792 — of any of the 481 four-year institutions surveyed.

The report, showed an 11 percent increase in college campus arrests for drug violations and an 11.3 percent increase in arrests for forcible sex offenses, as well as smaller increases in arrests for weapons violations,

assault, arson and hate crimes.

Doug Tuttle, a policy scientist and past public safety director at the University of Delaware, warned against reading too much into the statistics. He noted that while the numbers are required to be published in some form under federal law, the Department of Education will not begin uniform reporting until this fall.

Liquor law arrests, for example, are supposed to include citations. But in the past, some universities reported only instances in which a person was taken into custody, Tuttle said. Now that more schools understand the definition, the number of reported arrests may rise, he said.

Tuttle also pointed to increased enforcement as a possible explanation for the jump.

"I think more institutions are seeing the courts as a way of dealing with these problems," he said.

But other experts noted that while enforcement is up, so are reports of hard-core drinking by college students.

A survey released this year by the Harvard School of Public Health found 22.7 percent of the college student population reported frequent binge drinking in 1999, up from 19.8 percent in 1993 and 20.9 percent in 1997. The survey included 14,000 students at 119 colleges.

A frequent binge drinker was defined as a man who drank at least five drinks in a row, or a woman who drank four, at least three or more times in the two weeks before the survey.

Henry Wechsler, a social psychologist and Harvard researcher who led the study, said that until the past decade, alcohol abuse was the "little secret" of colleges.

"Colleges do have traditions where drinking is part of their culture, and that needs to be changed," Wechsler said.

Capt. Tony Kleibecker of the Michigan State University Police and Burke of the University of Wisconsin said many alcohol arrests come after football games or special events such as concerts.

Michigan State, with 42,600

students, ranked second in the survey in 1998 alcohol arrests with 655, and first in weapons violations with 49. Thirty of the weapons arrests were misdemeanors involving small knives or clubs, Kleibecker said.

According to the survey, the University of California at Berkeley was second in weapons violations with 34 on a campus of 30,300 students, followed by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with 26 on its 16,500-student campus, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with 23 on its 12,530-student campus.

Berkeley also led the survey's list in drug arrests with 280, followed by Rutgers University at New Brunswick with 138 on a campus of 34,420; North Carolina at Greensboro with 132; and the University of Arizona with 123 a campus of 33,740.

The survey found 20 murders and one manslaughter case reported in 1998, compared with 18 murders and two manslaughter cases in 1997.

Gap widening between teachers' salaries in rich, poor districts

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a world of high-stakes standardized tests and shrinking budgets, teaching high school art usually means long days of trying to inspire kids with the glories of Renoir and Monet for precious little compensation.

Not for Thom Ritenbaugh. Next school year Ritenbaugh will take home \$90,000 for teaching high school art classes. That's more than many of the young accountants and lawyers in his upscale suburban Philadelphia neighborhood.

The big paycheck highlights a trend that education experts say is a potent threat to inner-city schools: Wealthy districts are quickly raising salaries to retain experienced teachers and scoop up new ones.

In many states, including New York, California and Texas, the gap between the highest- and lowest-paid teachers is widening. Similar trends exist in school systems in Colorado, Michigan, Oregon and Massachusetts, education experts say.

"The problem is that school districts are having trouble keeping their most experienced, highly qualified teachers in the profession," said Richard Ingersoll, an education professor who researches teacher pay at the University of Georgia.

"So those who can afford it are making sure that they are in the best position to retain good teachers. They are putting down the big bucks and not paying attention to any past notions of what a teacher should be paid."

Down the highway from the spacious lawns and two-story houses of Council Rock School District in Newtown, where Ritenbaugh works, some experienced teachers in urban Philadelphia are making

around \$35,000 — about the national average.

Although Ritenbaugh receives the highest pay in his district because he has a doctorate and 20 years of experience, the median salary for teachers in Council Rock is \$85,000.

"I love what I do, and I value that the district sees my career as important enough to make a substantial investment," Ritenbaugh said.

Some experienced teachers in the New York City school system make \$32,500, while new teachers in the White Plains district in affluent Westchester County, N.Y., received a \$1,500 raise last year to make \$37,583.

In Los Angeles, teachers with five years' experience make \$29,500, while some teachers in Beverly Hills with similar experience recently received increases that brought their salaries to \$73,400.

Ingersoll said his research shows some veteran teachers are heading for the money.

Still, few in education begrudge districts the right to dole out big paychecks for highly qualified teachers.

Al Fondy, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Teachers, said the solution is to find a way to pay teachers more across the board.

"There is nothing wrong with what Council Rock is doing," Fondy said. "They are simply trying to take advantage of their resources to provide the best education possible for their students."

David Yates, the principal at Council Rock High School, said he believes other districts could pay better but choose to spend elsewhere.

"Other people think technology, textbooks and facilities are the way to improve education," Yates said. "Council Rock has put money into teachers. We believe you can build the Taj Mahal for education and with mediocre teachers, schooling will fail. Conversely, you could

open a school on the third floor of a barn with great teachers and kids will learn."

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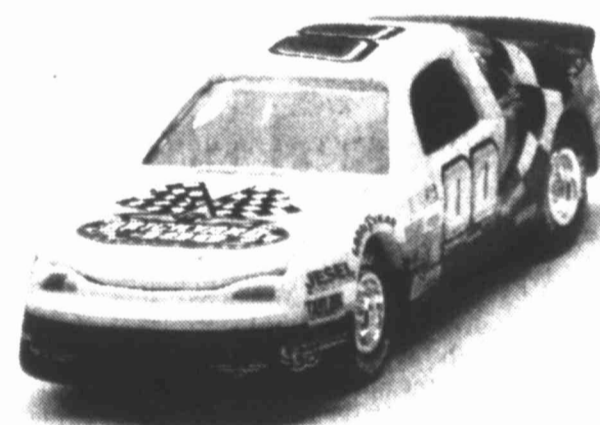
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IN BRIEF

Big Spring's host team wins 7-on-7 tournament

A team made up of players who will be members of the 2000 Big Spring Steers football team won four straight games Saturday to win a 7-on-7 football tournament at Blankenship Field.

The Big Spring squad took a 38-20 win over Monahans to open the tournament and followed that with a 28-7 win over Midland, a 42-6 romp over Stanton and capped the day with a 39-19 win over Seminole.

In sub-varsity action, a split team of Big Spring varsity and JV players took a 38-25 win over Forsan's varsity, while the Big Spring freshmen beat Seminole's freshmen 35-7, lost to San Angelo Central's JV 39-34 and then finished with a 32-26 win over Seminole's JV.

Camp of Champs will begin Monday at BSHS

The Camp of Champs weightlifting camp at Big Spring High School will begin Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

The camp is designed for youngsters in grades 5-8.

For more information, call Ricky Long at 263-0519 or the Big Spring High School athletic department at 264-3662.

UGSA sets co-ed ragball tournament for Saturday

The United Girls Softball Association (UGSA) of Big Spring has scheduled its 2000 Co-ed Ragball Tournament for Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Teams must have between 12 and 15 members and entry fees are \$10 per person.

For more information, call Joe Ellen Canales at 267-4947 or Clay Slape at 268-9869.

Chicano Golf Association sets scholarship tourney

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has scheduled its annual scholarship tournament for Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Fees will be \$60 per player with mulligans priced at \$10 per day.

For more information, call 264-2366 or 264-6390.

UGSA Div. IV Dream Team wins three of four outings

The Dream Team, a Division IV squad, piled up an impressive record in its last four games in United Girls Softball Association (UGSA) action.

After pounding the Div. V Misfits 10-0, the Dream Team cruised to a 10-0 win over the Div. III Krush. They followed that with an 11-1 loss to the Div. V Purple Jade, but rebounded with a 2-1 win over the Div. V Black Diamonds.

Offensively the Dream Team was paced by Jessica Canales, Nicole Chesworth, Marissa McCartney, Jackie Brown, Kendra Perry and Desiree Richardson.

ON THE AIR

Television

AUTO RACING
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Winston Cup MBNA Platinum 400, TNN, Ch. 35.
3 p.m. — CART FedEx Series Miller Lite 225, ABC, Ch. 2.
11 p.m. — World of Outlaws Wix Filters Southern Showdown, TNN, Ch. 35.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
2 p.m. — Chicago White Sox at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.
7 p.m. — Arizona Diamondbacks at Texas Rangers, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA PLAYOFFS
7 p.m. — Portland Trail Blazers at L.A. Lakers, NBC, Ch. 9.

GOLF
1 p.m. — Senior PGA BellSouth Senior Classic, final round, ABC, Ch. 2.
2 p.m. — PGA Kemper Open, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.
3 p.m. — LPGA Kathy Ireland Greens.com Classic, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

TRACK AND FIELD
Noon — NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, CBS, Ch. 7.

Rangers' Mateo out for season after suffering broken right leg

ARLINGTON (AP) — As Ruben Mateo lunged to try to beat out a ground ball, Texas first base coach Bucky Dent heard a sound that meant trouble.

"He leaped for the bag kind of funny and I heard it pop," Dent said.

Mateo, the Rangers' center fielder and one of the top rookies in the American League, fractured the bone in his upper right leg in the seventh inning of a 5-4 loss to Arizona Friday night.

Hours later, doctors surgically inserted a rod in the injured leg, and Mateo was lost for the rest of the season.

"In athletics, we've been on the field enough that there are sounds, sounds

and other sounds. Then there's the nasty sound of a bone popping," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

Mateo was expected to remain in Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth during the weekend, then be on crutches for at least two months.

Texas general manager Doug Melvin said the goal is to have Mateo ready for spring training next season.

Mateo, who started 52 of the Rangers' 53 games in center, was hitting .291 with seven home runs and 19 RBIs. He leads AL rookies in average, multihit games (18), hits (60), runs (32) and total bases (92).

Dr. John Conway, the team's doctor, said the femur in the upper part of the leg that Mateo broke heals slowly. The recovery process takes at least three to five months before rehabilitation can even begin.

When Mateo lunged at first base, his right foot landed awkwardly on a corner of the bag and he went tumbling to the ground.

The season-ending injury for Mateo came when it appeared that the Rangers were finally close to getting the starting outfield that opened the season back on the field.

Left fielder Rusty Greer, who spent

nearly six weeks on the disabled list with a hamstring and ankle injury, rejoined the Rangers last weekend.

Right fielder Gabe Kapler, who went on the disabled list May 4 with a partially torn quadriceps muscle, is expected to rejoin the team next week.

Team officials said Kapler could be reactivated from the disabled list Tuesday if all goes well between now and then.

Oates said Scarborough Green and Jason McDonald will share time in center in place of Mateo. When Kapler returns to the lineup, Chad Curtis will also be available to play center.

'Dogs' headed to state again

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

DENVER CITY — For a record-setting fourth straight time, Coahoma's Bulldogs are headed to the University Interscholastic League (UIL) baseball championships after claiming the Region I, Class 2A title Saturday night with a 4-2 win over No. 4-ranked Holliday's Eagles.

It was anything but easy.

Although Bulldogs pitching ace Delvin White managed 15 strikeouts against the Eagles, he surrendered a two-run homer to Holliday second baseman Brian Maenza in the top of the sixth inning, erasing a 2-0 Coahoma lead.

What's worse, it looked for all the world that the Region I, Class 2A championship would be decided in extra innings when the Bulldogs had two runners thrown out in the bottom of the seventh.

In fact, the entire came down to what 3-2 pitch from Eagles ace Jason Vardeman to Bulldogs catcher Aaron Ovalle with two out and a runner on base in the bottom of the seventh.

Ovalle sent Vardeman's offering, a hanging curve, out of the park in right field, setting off a riotous celebration for the Bulldogs and their fans.

"He threw a high curve ball and I just jumped on it," Ovalle beamed as he and teammates were mobbed by Coahoma fans following the game-winning blast.

Bulldogs head coach Scott Lewis admitted being almost speechless following the heart-stopping win.

"I ... I just don't have the words to really describe this bunch," Lewis said while accepting congratulations from well-wishers. "It was awfully tough on these kids the last couple of days. But we hung in there, and that's what champions are made of."

The degree of difficulty



Coahoma's Delvin White, shown here delivering a pitch to a Sonora batter in the area playoff round, struck out 15 batters Saturday as the Bulldogs claimed their fourth straight Region I, Class 2A baseball championship with a 4-2 win over Holliday's Eagles.

involved in simply getting the regional title game played would have impressed an East German figure skating judge.

Originally scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday at McMurry University's Walt Driggers Field in Abilene, the game was postponed to 8 p.m. and relocated to Mineral Wells after rains left the Abilene field unplayable.

By the time both teams reached Mineral Wells, however, it had started raining in Mineral Wells and the two teams again found themselves with an unplayable field.

After more than an hour of calling other high schools,

Coahoma and Holliday coaches announced that the game would be played in Glen Rose just as soon as the two teams and the game's umpires could make the 71-mile trip from Mineral Wells to Glen Rose.

The game got under way a few minutes after 10 p.m. and White promptly chalked up his first two strikeouts of the game, leaving a Holliday runner stranded at second.

Just as that third out was recorded, it began to rain.

Bulldogs senior Mario Garcia led off the bottom of the inning and drew three straight balls from Vardeman before umpires halted the game.

Following a 30-minute rain delay, umpires determined the Glen Rose field would not be playable even if the rains ceased, the game was postponed until Saturday.

As a result, the Bulldogs loaded back onto their "yellow dog" school bus and returned home, completing the 561-mile round trip at 5 a.m. Saturday.

Seventh-ranked Coahoma, which improved to 26-5 with the win, becomes the first school to ever send a team to the Class 2A state baseball tournament four years in succession.

Holliday closes its season with a 20-3-1 record.

Lowery hangs on to his lead at the Kemper

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — Steve Lowery survived an eventful back nine Saturday, saving par twice in three holes from ugly spots in the rough, to cling to a one-stroke lead in the Kemper Insurance Open.

Lowery, seeking his first PGA Tour victory in six years, was just the tip of a hodgepodge of a leaderboard that shifted with nearly every hole over the last two hours of the day. Franklin Langham and Paul Stankowski were a stroke back, with Tom Scherrer and Justin Leonard two off the lead.

"Anything's possible," Stankowski said. "Someone could shoot 63 in a heartbeat here tomorrow and come from behind."

The weather was cooler and comfortable after Friday's unbearably humid day. Low scores were routine — except from the four golfers who led the field after the second round. Lowery shot a 1-under 70 for an 11-under 202 total. Leonard, his playing partner in the last grouping, managed a par 71 in front of a poor-behaving gallery.

Spectators routinely walked off before Lowery punted, and he was distracted by noisy sunbathers at the 7th. Leonard had to back off a putt at the 18th and pointed at someone in the gallery. He then approached the gallery and spoke to the distracting spectator before walking off the green.

"There's going to be some people making noise and some people who maybe forget there's a tournament going on," Leonard said.

In the next-to-last group, Chris DiMarco fell back with a 76 to a 209 total, and Donnie Hammond shot a 74 for a 207 total. They had a different kind of disruption — a deer ran across the green while they were at the 11th.

Lowery, whose only four victory came in the 1994 Sprint International, made eight pars and one birdie on the front nine. At the 10th, where the pin was placed precariously close to the creek, Lowery aimed for the hole and landed on the steep far bank. He somehow chipped to 6 feet and saved par.

Two holes later, Lowery pulled his tee shot into the rough at the course's toughest hole. He laid up to the left of the green, chipped close to the pin and saved par.

Lowery again found the rough at the 13th and bogeyed the par 5, but got the stroke back at the 15th with a 15-foot birdie putt.

With no big rounds from the leaders, there was room for others to charge. Stankowski shot a 68 for a 203 total.

Missed chances doom Stars in 2-1 loss to Devils

DALLAS (AP) — Up a goal and owning a two-man advantage, the Dallas Stars were in position to take control of Game 3 of the Stanley Cup finals and maybe even the series.

But the Stars failed to get off a shot during 49 seconds of 5-on-3 action late in the first period, then failed to score the rest of the night and wound up losing 2-1 to the New Jersey Devils on Saturday night.

Dallas, which had two more stretches with extra skaters in the final 4:15 and failed to capitalize, trails 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

In losing at home for just the second time in the last 13 playoff games, the defending champion Stars gave back the home-ice advantage they'd gained by winning Game 2 in New Jersey.

It would've been understandable if Dallas' power play unit was rusty after only getting one opportunity the first two games, but it cashed in its first chance at 13:08 of the first period.

Sylvain Cote found the puck on his stick courtesy of a poor clearing pass by Devils captain Scott Stevens, then fired it into a virtually wide open net to start building momentum for

Dallas.

Just 1:05 later, the Stars were on the power play again, but struggled to get the puck in front of the net against the Devils' penalty-killing unit that had been successful on 49 of its previous 52 attempts coming into the game.

Then came a hard cross-check by Claude Lemieux into the back of Mike Modano that made it 5-on-3.

The last time Dallas had a two-man edge was the second period of Game 6 of the Western Conference finals. Stars coach Ken Hitchcock used his time

to stress the importance of the opportunity, and Brett Hull responded with a game-tying goal.

Although Dallas lost the game, it was a key moment.

This time, there was no timeout. And no goal. Not even a shot on goal.

The Stars had one blast that went wide of the net, but the Devils got the rebound and cleared it out of the zone.

Lemieux's penalty continued once the first one ended, but Dallas still couldn't put pressure on New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur.

Miller comes through in clutch, sending Pacers into NBA finals

NEW YORK (AP) — Reggie Miller clinched it in the clutch and celebrated with class.

Miller, putting on a vintage display of shooting at his favorite arena outside of Indiana, shot the Pacers into the NBA Finals for the first time as they defeated the New York Knicks 93-80 Friday night in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals.

When it was over, when Miller could have showboated and rubbed it in the faces of the team and the city he loves to hate so passionately, he didn't.

Miller simply ran on to the court, hugged teammates Dale Davis and Jalen Rose and walked off as the New York fans, including front-row nemesis Spike Lee and the thousands who always compare him to a vacuum, stood and applauded in a sportsmanlike show of respect.

"We talked a whole lot about the noise and what we were going to do if we won,

but New York was very gracious last year in upsetting us," Miller said. "You never want to rub it in no one's face. No one likes losing. We know the feeling."

Boy, did they ever know that feeling.

Four times in the past the Pacers were one victory from the finals; four times they couldn't come through. They were the small-market stooges who always wilted under pressure. Not any more.

"Reggie and I have been talking about this for years and years and years," Pacers guard Mark Jackson said. "And now, to have the opportunity to go ahead and represent the Eastern Conference in the finals is absolutely phenomenal."

Nobody was more awesome than Miller, who returned to the scene of some of his greatest playoff performances and played the villain again.

Scoring 34 points and making five 3-pointers — four in a span of 6 minutes late in the game, Miller added another page to his resume of Knick-killing

moments at Madison Square Garden.

In an outburst that took the fight out of the no longer resilient Knicks, Miller started his shooting spree with a 3-pointer late in the third quarter to send the game into the fourth tied at 62.

His next 3 gave the Pacers the lead for good, his next made it a seven-point game and his last restored a seven-point lead with 6:08 left. He added eight more points on free throws.

"I might hate, dislike, whatever word you want to use for New York, but I needed that fire last year. I never talked trash, I gave them all the respect, and I think that killed my game because I wasn't aggressive for the whole series," Miller said.

It was that deep-seated hatred, nurtured over seven years, that gave Miller the extra edge this year.

So many years of coming so close, so many years of never winning the big one — something had to inspire Miller to

lead his team where it has never been.

"There's no way you can play against a team if you like them, and through years past I always hated New York," he said. "Last year, I didn't hate them because I thought it was going to be easy."

This year, though, he professed his hatred the day before Game 1 and was the only player from either team to talk up the rivalry.

This was the fifth time in seven years that the Pacers had an opportunity to get to the finals with just one victory, all five chances coming on the road. And after losing all those games — twice to the Knicks in 1994, once each to Orlando in 1995 and Chicago in 1998 — the Pacers finally won one.

"It's been one of the greatest experiences of my life," coach Larry Bird said. "Basketball has been my whole life, and to take a group that's never been there to the finals is pretty fantastic."

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BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled RHP Dan Smith from Pawtucket of the International League. Options RHP Rod Beck and INF Andy Sheets to Pawtucket. Transferred 3B John Valentin from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed OF Manny Ramirez on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 30. Purchased the contract of RHP Jamie Breivington from Buffalo of the International League. Transferred LHP Ricardo Rincon from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.

DETROIT TIGERS—Activated 2B Damon Easley from the 15-day disabled list. Options RHP Brandon Villafuerte to Toledo of the International League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with 3B Joe Randa on a one-year contract extension.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Activated LHP Jamie Moyer from the 15-day disabled list. Options 3B Carlos Guillen to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League.

CHICAGO CUBS—Recalled OF Gary Matthews Jr. from Iowa of the Pacific Coast League. Options INF Julio Zuleta to Iowa.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Recalled RHP Joe Strong from Calgary of the Pacific Coast League.

NEW YORK METS—Acquired OF-IFC Lenny Harris from the Arizona Diamondbacks for LHP Paul Byrd. Designated OF Jon Nunez for assignment. Recalled OF Ryan McGuire and C Vance Wilson from Norfolk of the International League. Options RHP Jim Manno to Norfolk.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed LHP Scott Aldred on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of LHP Mark Holzem from Scranton-Wilkes-Barre of the International League. Options RHP Paul Byrd to Scranton-Wilkes-Barre. Recalled RHP Cliff Politte from Scranton-Wilkes-Barre. Named Gene Diaz director of community relations and Leigh Tobin manager, media relations and publications, effective July 1, and Regina Castellani manager, Phillies Charities, Inc.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Sent LHP Matt Whisenant outright to Las Vegas of the PCL.

NATIONAL Basketball Association

NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Rod Thorn president.

NEW YORK LIBERTY—Waived C Venus Lacy. Activated F Deshaun Francis.

FOOTBALL

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released CB Dion Sanders.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived DL Tony McCoy.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released LB Bryce Paup.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released G Kevin Donnelly. Signed FB Deion Dyer to a three-year contract.

MINNESOTA WIKINGS—Released QB Randall Cunningham. Signed P Eddie Howard and WR Jeremy Earl.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Announced the retirement of FB Charles W. White.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed RB Thomas Hanner to a three-year contract. Released TE Eric Stoc.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Re-signed CB Tye Allen. WR Tony Home. DT Nate Hoggood. CB Chuck and RB Justin Watson to Montreal. Signed RB Justin Watson to Montreal. Re-signed RB-HR Kenny Byrum to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL Hockey League

ANHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Agreed to a three-year contract with forward J. J. D'Amico. Signed forward J. J. D'Amico to a three-year contract.

COLUMBIA HUSKIES—Signed to terms with F Jeff Heitner on a multi-year contract.

DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed LW Ryan Barnes to a three-year contract. Announced a two-year agreement with Toledo of the East Coast Hockey League.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Signed OF Kyle Roster and LW Ryan Barnes to multi-year contracts. Traded a 2000 seventh round draft pick to the Tampa Bay Lightning for LW Eric Beaudoin. Agreed to terms with C Len Barne.

MINNESOTA WILD—Signed F Richard Park.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Traded G Kevin Hodson to the Montreal Canadiens for a 2000 seventh round draft pick.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Announced they will not renew the contracts of Peter Johnson and Jack Gardner, amateur scouts.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Acquired D Stephen Peat from the Anaheim Mighty Ducks for a 2000 fourth round draft pick.

COLLEGE

CAL STATE-FULLERTON—Named Julie Knight women's gymnastics coach.

COLBY-SAWYER—Announced the addition of NCAA Division III men's and women's swimming and diving over the next two academic years. Named William Maher men's and women's swimming and diving coach and aquatic director.

NORTHEASTERN—Named Don Brown football coach.

SAN JOSE STATE—Named Tamie Grimes women's interim soccer coach.

TEXAS LUTHERAN—Named Melissa McCaughey softball coach.

WEST CHESTER—Announced the resignation of Tina Cresson, women's volleyball coach.

ALL LEADERS

BATTS—E Martinez, Seattle, 376; Estrada, Anaheim, 372; Rodriguez, Texas, 371; M J Sweney, Kansas City, 341; Glauz, Anaheim, 337; Lawton, Minnesota, 347; C Delgado, Toronto, 337.

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Colorado (Lirio 1-1) at Milwaukee (Haynes 6-3), 1:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Brower 0-0) at St. Louis (Aniel 5-2), 1:10 p.m.

Detroit (Moehler 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Lieber 5-4), 1:20 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Siroka 3-5) at Houston (Deal 3-0), 2:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Estes 4-2) at Oakland (Oliveras 3-6), 3:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Perez 4-2) at Anaheim (Washburn 1-1), 3:05 p.m.

Toronto (Escobar 4-6) at Florida (Nunez 0-5), 3:05 p.m.

Minnesota at Philadelphia (n), 3:30, 7:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Toronto at Florida (n), 6:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Detroit (n), 6:05 p.m.

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.

Baltimore at N.Y. Mets (n), 6:10 p.m.

T.Bay at Philadelphia, 6:35 p.m.

Arizona (Daal 2-6) at Texas (Loaiza 3-3), 7:05 p.m.

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Tan 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (n), 12:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 4-2) at Atlanta (Mullolland 5-4), 12:10 p.m.

Minnesota (Redman 4-0) at San Diego at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

San Fran at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.

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Chicago White Sox (Siroka 3-5) at Houston (Deal 3-0), 2:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Estes 4-2) at Oakland (Oliveras 3-6), 3:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Perez 4-2) at Anaheim (Washburn 1-1), 3:05 p.m.

Toronto (Escobar 4-6) at Florida (Nunez 0-5), 3:05 p.m.

Minnesota at Philadelphia (n), 3:30, 7:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Toronto at Florida (n), 6:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Detroit (n), 6:05 p.m.

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.

Baltimore at N.Y. Mets (n), 6:10 p.m.

T.Bay at Philadelphia, 6:35 p.m.

Arizona (Daal 2-6) at Texas (Loaiza 3-3), 7:05 p.m.

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Tan 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (n), 12:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 4-2) at Atlanta (Mullolland 5-4), 12:10 p.m.

Minnesota (Redman 4-0) at San Diego at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

San Fran at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.

WINS SERIES #2

Portland 103, L.A. Lakers 93, series tied 3-3

Monday, June 4

Portland at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.

FINALS (Best-of-7)

Wednesday, June 7

Indiana at L.A. Lakers-Portland winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 9

Indiana at L.A. Lakers-Portland winner, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 11

L.A. Lakers-Portland winner at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14

L.A. Lakers-Portland winner at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 16

L.A. Lakers-Portland winner at Indiana, 8 p.m., if necessary

Monday, June 19

Indiana at L.A. Lakers-Portland winner, 8 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, June 21

Indiana at L.A. Lakers-Portland winner, 8 p.m., if necessary

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7)

Tuesday, May 30

New Jersey 7, Dallas 3

Thursday, June 1

Dallas 2, N. Jersey 1, series tied 1-1

Saturday, June 3

New Jersey at Dallas (n)

Monday, June 5

New Jersey at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 10

New Jersey at Dallas, 7 p.m., if necessary

Monday, June 12

Dallas at New Jersey, 7 p.m., if necessary

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544.78, 2. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$44,929

544.929, 3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$40,070

545.070, 4. Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., \$36,635

545.225, 5. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$36,333

545.333, 6. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$34,178

545.478, 7. James Boudreau, Cuero, Texas, \$34,106

545.540, 8. Darren Clarke, Weatherford, Texas, \$33,017

545.635, 9. Lary Sandwick, Kaycee, Wyo., \$26,156

545.729, 10. Ryan Mispelon, McCook, Neb., \$23,953

545.823, 11. Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$23,953

545.917, 12. Justin Nulisch, Huntsville, Texas, \$23,953

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False alarm, but Holt finally gets a win as Astros down Chi-Sox 6-1

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The fire alarm was false. Chris Holt's performance was real.

Holt won for the first time in five interleague starts and the Astros beat the Chicago White Sox 6-1 Saturday in a game that included a false fire alarm and a ball hit off Enron Field's ceiling.

Holt (3-6) allowed eight hits in eight innings, allowing Carlo Lee's seventh-inning homer.

"Definitely, I've got that confidence out there now," Holt said. "I feel a whole lot like I did in spring training. I'm confident about everything I'm throwing."

Richard Hidalgo hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning, his 17th, as Houston stopped a losing streak at four games.

There have been 98 home runs hit in 27 games at Enron Field, 20 short of the entire 1999 total at the Astrodome.

"He (Holt) is going back to the way he did in spring training," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "He's throwing a lot of sinking fast balls and changing speeds and getting a lot of ground balls."

"Coming out of spring training, he was our best pitcher. He was lights out. I think maybe his first few starts he tried too hard. Since then, he's

pretty well calmed down. He's given you an idea of what he's capable of."

White Sox manager Jerry Manuel remembers Holt.

"Chris was on my Arizona fall league team and I knew he had good pitching instincts," Manuel said. "He showed that today."

Fans were startled by a first-inning fire alarm. When a siren went off with the Astros batting, fans were told to leave the stadium. Seconds later, as fans were rising from their seats, the command was withdrawn.

Play was delayed about a minute.

Astros spokesman Rob Matwick said a smoke detector went off inadvertently.

In the second inning, Houston's Mitch Meluskey fouled a pitch off one of Enron's girders above the third-base line, the first ball to hit Enron's ceiling.

The ball careened back into fair territory and was caught by pitcher Kip Wells, but was ruled a dead ball by plate umpire Travis Katzenmeier.

"I didn't know what the ruling was. I thought it was an out," Meluskey said. "I couldn't believe it but I guess that work in the weight room has paid off."

Wells (3-5), a Houston native, gave up four runs and eight

hits in five innings. "I guess I lost a little zip in the sixth inning after a tough fifth," Wells said. "I made a handful of mistakes with pitch location and they took advantage of it. The pitch to Hidalgo was hittable and he really drove it."

Meluskey put Houston ahead in the fifth inning with an RBI double that hit in front of the Grassy Knoll in deep center and rolled up to the fence, 436 feet away. Meluskey then scored on Craig Biggio's single.

"Kip pitched okay, he pitched out of a couple of jams," Manuel said. "Sometimes he lights your eyes up but we've got to get him throwing into the sixth and seventh innings."

Pinch-hitter Matt Mieske hit a fly ball to right field in the eighth that Magglio Ordonez missed, with two runs scoring on the error.

Braves 11, Yankees 7
As much for the Cy Young duel.

New York's Roger Clemens and Atlanta's Greg Maddux faced each other for the first time Saturday but hardly looked like two pitchers with nine Cy Youngs between them.

Instead, Javy Lopez came through with a two-out, two-run double in the seventh inning and the Braves slugged their way to an 11-7 victory

over the Yankees. The Braves ended a streak of eight straight losses to the Yankees in Atlanta, going back to New York's Game 3 victory in the 1996 World Series. The teams also met in the Series last October, the Yankees winning in a sweep.

Brian Jordan hit a three-run homer for the Braves and had four RBIs.

Lopez drove in three runs after entering the game as a pinch-hitter in the fifth. He tied the score at 6-6 with a run-scoring double against Clemens, then came through again two innings later by lining another double to the gap in left-center against Jason Grimsley (1-1).

The Yankees committed four errors — their most since a five-error day at Minnesota on Aug. 20, 1998 — and the Braves capitalized to score four unearned runs.

Lopez's game-winning hit came after Grimsley got the first two outs in the seventh. New York first baseman Tino Martinez made a throwing error on a grounder by Bobby Bonilla, Rafael Furcal was hit by a pitch and both runners moved into scoring position on a wild pitch.

Derek Jeter tied his career-high with four hits and scored three times, but he also made a crucial error in the third on a

potential double-play grounder. Jordan followed with his 11th homer of the season.

The top three batters in the New York lineup — Chuck Knoblauch, Jeter and Paul O'Neill — combined for nine hits and six runs.

The Yankees outthit the Braves 13-11, but Atlanta relievers Mike Remlinger, Rudy Seanez and John Rocker didn't allow a hit over the last 3 1-3 innings.

Tigers 5, Cubs 3

It didn't take Damion Easley long to get back in the groove.

Easley, activated from the disabled list Friday, drove in three runs Saturday as the Detroit Tigers beat the Chicago Cubs 5-3 in interleague play. Juan Gonzalez drove in another run with a fourth-inning single.

It was Detroit's first victory at Wrigley Field since Oct. 10, 1945, when the Tigers beat the Cubs 9-3 in Game 7 of the World Series.

Sammy Sosa hit a three-run homer off Matt Anderson in the eighth inning, his 17th this year, but it wasn't enough.

Jeff Weaver (2-5) gave up one run and five hits in 7 1-3 innings. Todd Jones pitched a perfect ninth for his 15th save in 16 chances.

Kerry Wood (2-3), making his sixth start after missing all of

last season because of reconstructive elbow surgery, looked like his old masterful self for all but one inning. He struck out a season-high nine and walked just one.

He gave up three runs on five hits, and 69 of his 109 pitches were strikes.

Dodgers 8, Angels 3

Gary Sheffield homered twice, drove in four runs and scored three Saturday as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Anaheim Angels 8-3.

Sheffield went 3-for-4, including a three-run homer off Brian Cooper (2-1) in the first inning and a solo shot in the third.

Chan Ho Park (6-4) gave up three runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Cooper, a rookie right-hander, allowed six runs — four earned — and eight hits in seven innings.

Los Angeles took a 5-0 lead by the third inning and led by at least three runs the rest of the way.

Mo Vaughn drove in Anaheim's first run with a third-inning single. Down 6-1, the Angels closed in the sixth on Adam Kennedy's RBI double and Darin Erstad's run-scoring single.

Chad Kreuter added a two-run single off Eric Weaver in the eighth.

Blazers win to send Western Conference finals into crucial Game 7

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — All year, the Los Angeles Lakers and Portland Trail Blazers had the best two records in the NBA.

No one should be surprised that their showdown in the Western Conference finals is going down to a deciding Game 7.

"This is what we anticipated this series was going to come to: a seven-game series," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "It's tough to beat a good team like Portland three in a row on their homecourt."

The Blazers finally won one at home when they needed it most Friday night, a 103-93 victory that tied the series 3-3.

"There is no momentum," Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said. "With this series, it's one

game at a time and you have to bring it each time. The team that does that gets it."

Steve Smith scored 26 points and Bonzi Wells had a career playoff-high 20, 14 in the fourth quarter, as the Trail Blazers took the lead halfway through the first quarter and never gave it up.

Kobe Bryant scored 33 points for Los Angeles and played the entire game despite a sprained right foot, but it wasn't enough.

The Trail Blazers, the team Jackson said was "at death's door" after the Lakers won twice in Portland a week ago, can become the seventh team to come back from a 3-1 deficit to win a series, and the first to do it in the West finals.

The Lakers, who worked all

season to earn the homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs, will need it in today's winner-take-all contest.

"We have to lay it all down," Shaquille O'Neal said. "The fans have to be ready, the city has to be ready and the players have to be ready."

Jackson said he knew it would be difficult to beat Portland three consecutive times in the Rose Garden, and his players understand how tough this series is.

"They're not happy with their performance, that's for sure," Jackson said, "but they understand this is a war. We lost a battle tonight, but the war's not over."

O'Neal, averaging 29.2 points in the playoffs, had 17 points and 11 rebounds but was only

7-for-17 from the field and 3-for-10 at the line.

"I thought they played extremely well on Shaquille," Jackson said. "A lot of his touches were crowded. It was tough for us to get spacing on the floor to get it in to him. But they were giving us other things. We had the types of shots we wanted."

The intensity has increased as the Blazers tightened the series.

"We've noticed as the games went on they started to turn away from playing the game and started to do other activities away from the game," Pippen said, "taking cheap

shots at guys to try to start altercations. I'm just telling my guys to stay focused, play hard and try to walk away from it."

Arvydas Sabonis had his best game of the series, holding his own inside against O'Neal.

Sabonis had 10 points and 11 rebounds in 45 minutes, his best production of the playoffs.

"We told Sabas, 'You're just as big as Shaq. Just take that initial blow and we'll come help you,'" Wells said. "Sabas did it. He didn't flop. He stood in there."

In the third quarter, O'Neal missed his first six shots and was called for a flagrant foul for flattening Pippen on a drive to the basket.

After lying on the floor for several minutes, Pippen got to his feet and made one of two free throws to put Portland ahead 60-49 with 5:21 to play in the quarter.

"He hit me pretty hard,"

Pippen said. "It was obvious what he was trying to do. He had no intention of going to the ball."

Pippen scored a series-low nine points and was just 1-for-6 from the field, but the deep, talented Blazers had more than enough offense elsewhere with five players in double figures. Rasheed Wallace scored 18 and Damon Stoudamire 14.

Glen Rice and Brian Shaw scored 12 apiece for Los Angeles.

The Blazers clinched the victory by going 15-for-16 at the foul line in the fourth quarter.

"The defining moment was late in the game when we kept making pushes and they kept getting to the line and knocking down free throws," Bryant said.

Player shares four-way tie for lead with Kite

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gary Player kept his hopes alive of becoming the first golfer to win in six decades, sharing the lead with Tom Kite and two others going into the final round of the BellSouth Senior Classic.

On a day when soft greens allowed everyone to attack the pin, Kite turned in the best round with a 9-under-par 63 that included an eagle and seven birdies and featured outstanding iron play.

He and Player, who shot 69, shared the one-stroke lead of 11-under 133 with Hale Irwin (65) and Vicente Fernandez (68).

The 64-year-old Player, who shot his age for the first time in a tournament on Friday for a share of the first-round lead, kept himself in position to make history.

No one has won a sanctioned PGA Tour event in six different decades. Only Player and Sam Snead have victories in five decades.

Leonard Thompson (70), Tom Jenkins (67) and John Morgan (69) were at 134.

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Employee of the Month
May 2000



Bob Rumpff, a member of the Big Spring Herald family since June 1992, is the newspaper's Employee of the Month for May 2000.

Bob joined the newspaper as a classified sales rep, moved to the retail sales department and returned to the classified department in October 1999, where he also greets customers who call on the telephone.

"Bob's attitude is one that we want and expect from every Herald employee," explained Herald publisher John H. Walker.

"His first concern is how he can best serve our customer's needs and in everything Bob does, his attitude is 'How may I be of service?', whether it is a caller, a classified customer or a co-worker.

"It is because of individuals such as Bob that the Herald is a successful member of this community."

Bob and his wife, Diane, are active members of East Side Baptist Church. Bob is an avid fan of Southern Gospel music and is a weather spotter for the National Weather Service.

He and Diane are the parents of a son, Terry, and two daughters, Chris and Cheri. They are the proud grandparents of three granddaughters — Shelby, Katelynn and Abbey.

Positively Big Spring — for 97 years

BIG SPRING HERALD

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆Actress Jean Harlow named her dog Oscar so she could say she had one.

◆The average adult uses 160 calories each 20 minutes of downhill skiing, 180 calories each 20 minutes of cross-country skiing.

Got an Item?

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

Hot time in the city: New Orleans

Over the years, we made several trips to New Orleans and St. Francisville and surrounding area. In New Orleans, we always stayed in the French Quarter.

I walked everywhere, and while picking up my cleaning at Ah Chin's laundry, I heard the famous words, "No tickee, no laundee!" The argument in English and Chinese that followed was very funny; but I left before anybody won.

I must have looked as if I lived there because school teachers from Iowa asked me for directions. Shopping at the A&P grocery was different; the baskets were half as large, and the aisles the narrowest I have ever seen.

One Sunday, we went into an Italian bakery and gelato shop (a form of ice cream). Three very old gentlemen were watching the Saints on a black and white television, yelling at each other in Italian. They didn't notice us, but we found the most wonderful cannoli, pastry rolled with various fillings, great! They shipped their pastries all over the United States and Canada. When we left, the gentlemen were waving their arms in victory, and we still didn't understand a word!

We were staying in a very old guest house. There was a terrible storm during the night and it sounded as if people were groaning. The next day we found there was a slave trade building behind us, and it was rumored that groans could be heard during storms.

We tried three or four guest houses in the quarter and heartily recommend them. When you unlock the gate and go inside, it's like another world — gardens with lush greenery, fragrant blooming tropicals spilling over the balconies — a treat for the eyes.

Most had thick, dark coffee and French pastries available for breakfast. Beautiful interior patios with lots of plants where you could enjoy a leisurely breakfast, or just read. One even has a staircase that made you feel like Scarlett O'Hara every time you came down.

I always enjoyed New Orleans because there are so many interesting museums and places to see. There are beautiful old houses and one church shop that has been selling things for people needing money since the Civil War. Lots of small shops displaying everything from "voodoo" to pecan pralines.

You can take the streetcar (not the one named Desire) through the Garden District, get off at the end of the line and eat at one of the more famous restaurants in New Orleans. It is a diner, all counter and stools, but with waiters, cloth napkins and fine food. It is so popular, you may have to stand behind a stool for a while.

We went to the King Tut Exhibit, standing in line for three hours just to get in, and almost that long for good Greek food you ate in a tent, complete with all that heat and humidity, we aren't used to here in West Texas.

The exhibit was held in their art museum which had many lovely art treasures and benches so you could sit down and enjoy them. Which I did, with such interest that one guard came over and stayed with me until I moved on.

That time we went to the Cafe du Monde near the river at three in the morning for beignets and cafe au lait. It was great fun — cool and quiet, unusual in such a busy city.

We blew our budget on dinner at Corinne Dunbars' in the Garden District, arriving by taxi. The restaurant was in a mansion and you were treated

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MARY RANDLE

BRIAN'S WORLD



In a lot of ways, Brian Watt's pet menagerie is like that of many other animal lovers. He tries to give each member the special treatment it wants and needs to thrive. He provides just the right food, exercise and, if a pet needs it, even companionship.

The difference is, in Brian's world, the "pets" slither, sting and bite. At any moment, one of them could sink its fangs into the hand that feeds it. And Watt, a high school senior who hopes to make a career of herpetology — the study of snakes — likes it that way.

"Watching their habits, the things they do, it's amazing," Watt said, taking his ball python out of its cage. He also keeps, in the family home south of Big Spring, two corn snakes, a boa constrictor, an emperor scorpion and a blue-tongued skink. But it's the tarantulas that some would find really creepy.

Watt has a collection of rare tarantulas, from Trinidad chevrons, to an Indian ornamental starburst baboon and a Goliath bird-eating type. And his mother has a pet bird named Pete.

"If I have a snake out, or I'm feeding them, Pete sits on my shoulder the whole time, just watching," Watt said.

In fact, Watt said he doesn't understand people who are terrified of snakes, spiders and scorpions. "I can see that sometimes you are just scared of things, don't like them. But when you get used to them, your fear goes away."

Still, Watt admits to a certain amount of fear himself. "I'm scared to a point. I'm nervous. I respect them."

And he learns as much as possible about each creature he takes in, studying books, magazines and talking to others who share his hobby. That's how he learned that, under a blacklight, his deep purple-colored scorpion glows a bright turquoise. It's also how he found out that his snakes need to stay at temperatures above 65 degrees.

For a while, that meant keeping them near the floor heater in the living room, until his mother, Tammy, vetoed that idea.

And much of what he has learned has come in handy, such as when he discovered that before snakes are ready to shed their skin, they are jittery, attacking everything that moves. It's because their eyes are cloudy and they can't see well. So Watt knows to avoid them at that time.

He has conquered illnesses and parasites (mites infested two of his snakes and his skink at one time, but Sevin Dust took care of the problem.)

Some of his spiders Watt rarely sees because they burrow deep into the dirt. But he doesn't care — they fascinate him anyway.

"This one," he said, pointing at a pair of brown, hairy legs just barely visible under a rock, "has back legs the size of a pencil and they are strong!"

It's his Goliath bird-eating tarantula, the one of which Watt is particularly proud. He even puts up with her fits of bad temper, when she hisses at him and kicks. And he feeds her what she wants

to eat — even if that means live mice.

When she's really angry, she shoots thin, pointed hairs from her abdomen like porcupine quills. Watt said one encounter with those was enough to avoid making her mad again.

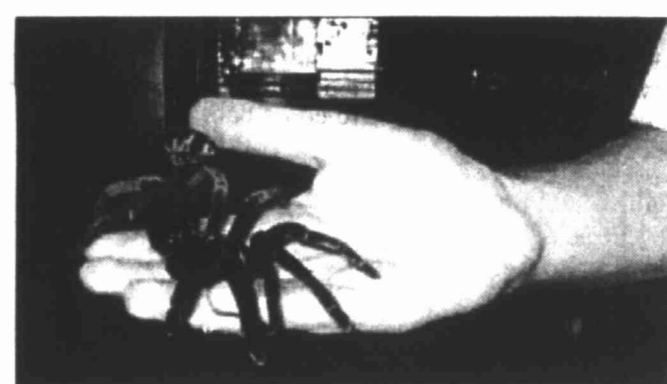
There have been other close calls, like the time his boa constrictor, Red, escaped from a friend who was holding it. He hid inside a cabinet in the living room, wedged so tight Watt had to take the wood apart to remove him.

And there is the everyday hazard of bites.

"They don't offer to bite me too often," said Watt. "But every now and then, one of them will just remind me to watch out." He pointed to a scratch between his forefinger and thumb, all that is left of a recent bite from one of his snakes.

"You have to watch their moods," Watt said. And while his collection is already large, it may grow.

"There's always something I wish I had," Watt said. But how can he enjoy these creepy creatures? "I can't explain it," he said, "but there's just something about them I like."



In the photos: Top left, Brian Watt's red tailed boa constrictor slithers up his back. He enjoys getting Red out for exercise, and even takes the snake outside for sun. Top right, his jungle carpet python seems to enjoy climbing on sticks, as it climbs on trees in the wild. It's native to Australia. Above, top, Watt holds his emperor scorpion, which he named Xena. She has deep purple coloring, huge claws, and several babies sharing her cage. Above, one of Watt's tarantulas shed this skin as it grew, and he was able to preserve it intact. At left, Watt is face to face with the largest member of his pet menagerie, Red, who is sticking out his tongue to sniff the air.

Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen



AL SCOTT

For a vet, war memories are closer than you think

School kids in some of our classrooms may be learning some "Ancient History" about World War II.

Well, I was one of those World War II kids, and it is definitely not ancient history to me. It's like it was only day-before-yesterday in my memory. But it was 48 years ago today.

I can look across an aircraft runway and see our mess hall and our movie theater bursting into flames, as a Japanese dive-bomber, with crimson red suns on its wings kicking out the bombs.

Actually the enemy aircraft were things of beauty. Smooth, maneuverable, very graceful in flight.

My tiny, insignificant role

that day, June 4, 1942, was only 18 minutes in duration. The Battle of Midway, historians wrote later, was the so-called "turning point" of our Pacific War.

I was a member of a 37-millimeter Anti-Aircraft gun crew. It had tractor-like seats for a couple of fella' Marines, whose job it was to elevate and to level the gun muzzle. My job was to shove foot-long, coffee-cup diameter bullets into

Just as the first light of day appeared in the red blazing sky, the enemy aircraft appeared as if coming directly out of the sun.

the weapon's feed mechanism. We were barracked in one of those corrugated iron huts, which had been set up on our island sand pile in May of that year.

It was early morning, "dark thirty," when our field telephone rang in the building.

"Bogey" aircraft were coming in and approaching our island.

We all scrambled out of our metal bunk beds, hit the deck, tossing on utility clothes, and rushed out in the dark to our sand-bagged gun emplacements. Corporal Earl Baldwin (of

Brooklyn, N. Y.) was our Gun Captain.

There was a Hitchcockian period of suspense, as Cpl. "Baldy" repeated the distances as the Jap aircraft approached.

Just as the first light of day appeared in the red blazing sky, the enemy aircraft appeared as if coming directly out of the sun.

Then came the fire bombing of our mess and theater. A Maverick Zero rounded overhead, then flew directly skyward in front of our anti-aircraft weapon.

"Get that (expletive)!" Corporal Baldy yelled. And I watched as we led the airplane (as in duck shooting), saw our tracer bullets go just into the plane's nose. It dived with a trail of smoke, and crashed several hundred yards from our gun emplacement.

After it was all over with, a few of us went over to the downed aircraft with tin snip pliers. I cut out a small piece of the Red Rising Sun from its fuselage. I still have this small piece of history.

Anyone want to see it? Contact me or Debbie Jensen at the Herald office and I'll be glad to show it to you. Ancient history, kids?... No way! It was day-before-yesterday to me.

JUN 4 2000

WEDDINGS

Schuelke-Scott

Tarah Ashlee Schuelke of Stanton and Jeffrey Neal Scott of Brownwood were united in marriage on May 26, 2000, at the Circle Six Baptist Encampment Tabernacle with the Rev. Mark Scott, father of the groom, officiating.

She is the daughter of Kenneth and Patty Schuelke of Stanton and the granddaughter of J.E. and Joann Peugh of Stanton and Fred and Pauline Schuelke of Ackerly.

He is the son of Mark and Kathy Scott of Los Angeles and Richard and Dawn Spikes of Center.

Vocalists were Ryan Walker, Reggie and Christi Franklin, and Terry Simmons and Denise Leake was the pianist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a diamond white formal silk gown fashioned with off-the-shoulder design, puffed sleeve with a basque waist and full skirt with Alencon lace. Sequins and pearls covered the bodice and skirt, and the bride wore a semi-cathedral train. She carried a bouquet of soft pink roses and casa lilies and stephanotis with pearl centers.

Jessica Holway served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Cyndie Norwood, Alison Cooper, Summer Mathis, Tandi Peugh, cousin of the bride, and junior bridesmaids were Kandace and Julia Schuelke, sisters of the bride.

Kaitlyn, Maegan and Kristen Blocker, cousins of the bride, were the flower girls and ringbearer was Bryce Allen Blocker, cousin of the bride.

Joel Scott, brother of the groom, served as best man and groomsmen were Clint Blair Schuelke, brother of the bride, James Criner, Jesse Tunnell,



MRS. JEFFREY NEAL SCOTT

Michael Norwood and David Brown.

Brady Peugh, Cody Peugh, cousins of the bride, and Daniel Pate, cousin of the groom, were ushers.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Circle Six Tabernacle.

The bride's cake was a five-tiered white cake adorned with pink rose buds and a Precious Moments Bride and Groom. The groom's cake was a three-layer cake covered with chocolate roses.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Grady and a third-year student at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Hobbs, N.M., a 2000 graduate of Howard Payne University and is currently employed as a youth minister at Rocky Creek Baptist Church and at Citizens National Bank in Brownwood.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in Brownwood.

WHO'S WHO

Myra Crownover, daughter of Big Spring resident Myra Robinson, was unanimously chosen to replace her late husband, Ronny Crownover, on the November ballot for the District 64 seat in the state legislature.

Crownover's husband died March 26 from a rare form of leukemia, shortly after he was nominated for re-election in the March 14 county primary. A veterinarian, he had served his freshman term in the state legislature in the last session while battling the disease.

His wife, a former Big Spring resident, was nominated in a special Republican primary election May 6 and has no Democratic opponent for the November election.

Tammy Hatcher, 2000 graduate of Coahoma High School, received two scholarships in the recent awards ceremony. She was awarded the Coahoma Area Merchants Scholarship and the Band Boosters Scholarship.

Area residents were among May graduates of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center school of nursing. Heather Ann Duncan, daughter of Buddy and Ann Duncan of Big Spring, received an BSN degree. Maria M. Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trevino of Big Spring, received a BSN degree.

Area residents were among May graduates of the school of allied health at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Sandra Denene Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Moore of Big Spring, received a BSCLS degree.

Stefanie Kennedy has been accepted into the University of Houston pharmacy school that will begin in the fall. She is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School where she was active in cheerleading, National Honor Society and

softball among other activities. She attended Howard and Midland Colleges before transferring to the University of Houston.



KENNEDY

She is the daughter of Melody Conner and Ray Kennedy of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Gwen Burchell, the late R.D. Burchell and Jean Emerson, all of Big Spring, and Paul Kennedy of Heflin, Ala.

Rebecca Jane Stone of Big Spring received a master of education in school administration from Sul Ross University in Alpine May 13.

Brittney Parks of Brady, granddaughter of James and Bo Fryar of Coahoma, was identified in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. To qualify, students must score 97 percent or better on standardized tests, such as the ACT or SAT which are normally used for college admission. Due to her high TAAS scores, Brittney was chosen to participate in the program and her ACT score was 19, topping the average among TIP participants of 17.3. She also scored a 24 on the science reasoning section of the ACT, earning her state recognition. She will be among those honored at a ceremony in San Antonio June 7. Her parents are Dee and Fay Parks of Brady, and she is also the granddaughter of George and Beverly Parks of Fort Stockton.

Coahoma resident Bethany Hlene Graves graduated from Schreiner College in Kerrville during campus ceremonies May 7. She was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in history.

She was enrolled in the college honors program and is listed among Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She served as president of the stu-

dent senate and the pre-law society. She played soccer and was on the NAIA Academic All-American Team.

Fannie Price, local poet, earned the Editor's Choice Award from the International Library of Poetry for her work which was published in the book, "Awaking to Sunshine."

Amanda Glasgow of Big Spring was one of 48 Texas School for the Deaf seniors who received high school diplomas May 25. Amanda, who was enrolled in the honors program, recently wrote an article about her experiences which was featured in the school's quarterly magazine, "Lone Star." She plans to attend college and become a veterinarian.

Nicole Dyan Schwartz was among 520 student who received degrees from West Texas A & M University during its spring commencement May 13. She earned a bachelor of business degree in management. While at the University, she performed with the WT dance ensemble and the Lone Star Ballet of Amarillo for two seasons, was secretary of Chi Omega sorority, member of Young Republicans and Greeks for Christ. She has taken a position with the American Insurance Group in Dallas where she will begin work after three weeks of training in New York City.

A 1995 graduate of Garden City High School, Schwartz is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence and the granddaughter of Emma Doe of Big Spring and Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City.

Kamie Schwartz, a junior management major at West Texas University, was recently commended at the University Honors Banquet. Schwartz, who is president of Chi Omega sorority and SI instructor for political science, was given the Charles B. and Mary Townsend scholarship. She is a 1998 graduate of Garden City High School, the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St.

Lawrence and the granddaughter of Emma Doe of Big Spring and Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City.

Brooke Nix, daughter of Jody Nix of Big Spring, Donna Carpenter Britton and Louis Britton of Winstboro, has graduated with top honors from Winstboro High School. She is the granddaughter of R.D. and Ruth Carpenter, formerly of Big Spring, now of Winstboro, and the late Hoyle and Lenora Nix of Big Spring.

Brooke is the Valedictorian and also received the Principal's Award for Excellence, the highest award a student can get.

Some of her other awards and medals are: top 10 Graduate, Distinguished Achievement Program Graduate, honored by the Martha Laird and Elizabeth Denton English Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution for citizenship, leadership and patriotism. She also received certificate for having the highest overall average in the following classes: English IV advanced placement, Spanish IV advanced placement, Spanish V advanced placement and Calculus I.

She received ribbons and medals for competing in the Northeast Texas organization of language educators Spanish speaking symposium. She received a certificate and plaque for the "A" honor roll all four years, and her grade-point average was 5.23. She was class president and voted most likely to succeed.

She did all of this while completing 32 hours of college credit. She also received eight scholarships from various organizations.

Brooke will enter college as a sophomore at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches this fall.



NIX

Smith-Driver

Jennifer Carlynn Smith and Dane Marvin Driver exchanged wedding vows on June 3, 2000, at First Baptist Church of Stephenville with Dr. Kenneth C. Patrick, Chaplain of Baptist Memorial in San Angelo, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jenny Smith of Zephyr and John Carl Smith of Mullin.

He is the son of Skipper and Wanda Driver of Big Spring and the grandson of Tally Driver, the late E.P. Driver, Edith Boatler and the late Slick Boatler.

Jody Nix and Susan Yeater, both of Big Spring, served as instrumentalists/vocalists.

Given away by her father and her brother, Jamie Smith, the bride wore a Duchess satin organza gown with an A-line skirt, a detachable train, wide shoulder straps with lace appliques, re-embroidered lace and bugle beads.

Kadice Rae Holamon of San Angelo was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Emily Schaffer of North Platte, Neb., Robyn Armstrong of Vernon, and Schelli Creacy of Lipan.

Jason Smith, brother of the bride, served as ringbearer and flower girl was Jessica Smith of Zephyr, niece of bride.

Lex Christi of Stephenville served as best man and groomsmen were Matthew Smith of Stephenville, Josh Wooten of San Angelo and Josh Crow of Covington, N.M.

Michael Hatfield and Cam



MRS. DANE MARVIN DRIVER

Clinton, both of Big Spring, Ben Clements of Odessa and Jonathan Smith of Mullin, brother of the bride, served as ushers.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at Rough Creek Lodge.

The wedding cake was a three-tiered cake with fresh flowers in spring colors.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Zephyr High School and 2000 graduate of Tarleton State University.

The groom is a Forsan High School graduate and Tarleton State University graduate. He is self-employed.

After a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple will live in Lipan.

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Louis and Betty Burchan, Abilene.

Doyle Hildebrand, Snyder. He is a trapper for the Texas Boll Weevil Association.

Jeffery and Aimee Fitzgerald, Midland. He is employee for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Clark and Gena Ray, Dallas. He is self-employed.

Stephanie Barham, Phoenix, Ariz. She is an emergency room Registered Nurse for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

John and Jenny Bryans, Austin. He owns and operates Big Spring Collision Center.

Michael and Amber Nelson, daughter, Halle, Laurel, Md. He is retired from the Bureau of Prison and she is a camp administrator of the Federal Correctional Institution

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured, Cammie - Soft gray and white female, 10 weeks old.

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

- Jumper - Brown male Tabby, 8 weeks old.
- Blackjack - Black male, 10 weeks old.
- Blackberry, Black male, 10 weeks old.
- Maria - Black female, 10 weeks old.
- Pitch - Black female, 10 weeks old.
- Felix - Black and white male, 10 weeks old.
- Tom - Black male, 12 weeks old.
- Lighting - Black and white male, 8 weeks old.
- Smudge - Black and white male, 8 weeks old.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$60. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

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GET ENGAGED



Penelope Ap Joseph Michael, of Chicago, will marry on August 12 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Paxton, Ill.

She is the daughter of Phyllis Pitt and He is the son of Diane Murphy and Barbara McLean of Midland.



Tamara Topou Porras, both of exchange wedding June 24, 2000, at Servant Lutheran the Rev. James G. Houston officiating.

She is the daughter and Emily Borton Lake, Mich., and of Lafayette, La.

He is the son of Big Spring and Pedro Porras a grandson of Dolores Big Spring.



Adelina (Nina) Big Spring and R. Jr. of Lamesa will exchange wedding vows on at St. Margaret Ma Lamesa with the Pena officiating.

She is the daughter of Feliciano and Irma Big Spring.

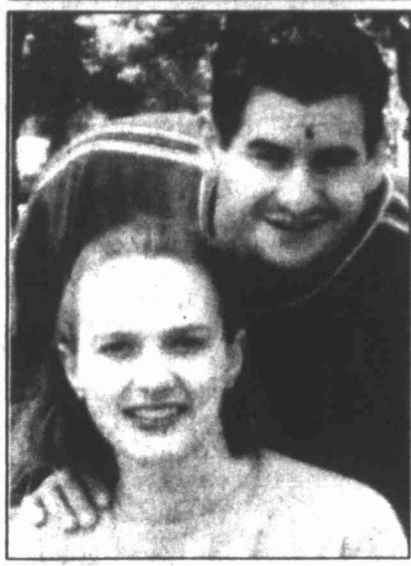
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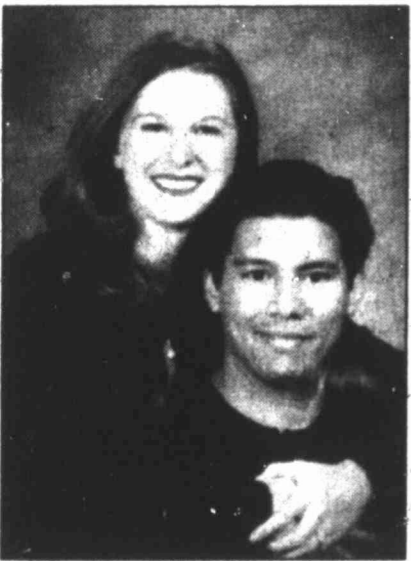
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GETTING ENGAGED



Penelope April Pitch and Joseph Michael Murphy, both of Chicago, will be united in marriage on Aug. 5, 2000, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Paxton, Ill.

She is the daughter of Russell and Phyllis Pitch of Paxton, Ill. He is the son of Murray and Diane Murphy of Big Spring and Barbara and Bruce McLean of Midland.



Tamara Topous and Robert Porras, both of Houston, will exchange wedding vows on June 24, 2000, at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church with the Rev. James Giannantoni of Houston officiating.

She is the daughter of Tom and Emily Borton of Houghton Lake, Mich., and Jim Topous of Lafayette, La.

He is the son of Alicia Porras of Big Spring and the late Pedro Porras Sr., and the grandson of Dolores Porras of Big Spring.



Adelina (Nina) Menjarez of Big Spring and Rudy Sauseda Jr. of Lamesa will exchange wedding vows on July 1, 2000, at St. Margret Mary Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Martin Pena officiating.

She is the daughter of Feliciano and Irma Moralez of Big Spring.

He is the son of Rudy Sr. and Sylvia Sauseda of Lamesa.

ANNIVERSARIES

Adams



LESTER AND JOYCE ADAMS, THEN AND NOW

Lester and Joyce Adams celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2000, with a reception at East Fourth Baptist Church hosted by their children, Cindy and Jim Grizzard, Shirley Harrison, Don and Melissa Adams and



Joel and Kathy Adams. The couple also have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They were married on May 31, 1950, in Big Spring. Lester is a retired gin manager, and Joyce is a homemaker.

Choate



CARROLL AND JOYCE CHOATE, THEN AND NOW

Carroll and Joyce Choate celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 3, 2000, at the Big Spring Country Club with a reception and dance hosted by their children.

Carroll Choate was born in Big Spring and Joyce Kilpatrick was born in Ralls. They met at Big Spring High School at a Sweetheart dance. They were married on June 4, 1950, at Winston and Eris Kilpatrick's home.

They have four children, Dusty Choate and Laurie Churchwell, both of Big Spring, Julie Johnson and Putt Choate of Dallas; 13 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

The couple lived in Martin County during the 1950s drought, in Sand Springs, and currently live on their ranch near Moss Creek Lake.



Owing and operating Choate Well Service for 43 years where Joyce manages the office, his previous occupations include farming, ranching and working at Cosden Oil Refinery for 23 years.

The Choates are long time, active members of the First United Methodist Church. They belong to the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation Board, several dance clubs and have been Chairman of Trustees of the First United Methodist Church for 14 years.

The couple's comment about their 50 years of marriage is: "We have worked hard, played hard and loved every minute of our 50 years together. The years have passed so quickly. It seems like only yesterday that we first met."

RANDLE

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as an honored guest. The house was filled with beautiful antique glass, crystal, china and lovely food. It was worth riding the streetcar, back to the French Quarter.

A young, skinny, I do mean skinny, girl was on the streetcar, coughing and smelling of Ben Gay and cough drops. We all got off in the Quarter, she walked away, coughing.

Later, when Adrian went out

to do his sociological research, he saw the young coughing girl. She was a stripper in one of the clubs. I still wonder where she kept her Ben Gay?

Our sympathy to the family of Myrtle Griffith. I admired her very much; she and her columns will be missed by all of us.

Mary Randle writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.

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Denton



CLYDE AND LOYCE DENTON, THEN AND NOW

Clyde and Loyce Denton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 3, 2000, at KC Steakhouse, hosted by their children and their spouses.

Clyde was born in Trent and Loyce Bryant was born in Haskell County.

Clyde and Loyce met on April 15, 1940, at the home of Clyde's cousin, Cleatus Langley. They were married on June 8, 1940, at the home of a preacher in Big Spring.

They have four children:



Lynn Denton of Austin, Carla Stewart of Aspermont, Kim Denton and Kelly Fuqua, both of Big Spring. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The couple have lived in Friona, Center, Colo., Amarillo, Hereford, Texline, and Big Spring during their 60 years of marriage.

Clyde is a retired farmer, and Loyce is a homemaker and previously sold real estate.

They are members of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman April M. Yanez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Yanez is the daughter of Mary L. and J.R. Landin of Big Spring.

She is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Tobias D. Molina has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Midland.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a

new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advance individual training in their career job specialty.

Molina reported to Fort Jackson, S.C., for basic training on May 30.

He is the son of Anez Salazar and Teddy Molina, both of Big Spring.



YANEZ

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
MONDAY-Fish, french fries, spinach, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, fruit.

TUESDAY-Chicken, potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit salad, milk/rolls, strawberry shortcake.

WEDNESDAY-Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, brussel sprouts, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, cookies.

THURSDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM
MONDAY-Burrito, refried beans w/cheese, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets, broccoli w/cheese, pineapple tidbits, jello, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Pizza, carrot sticks, potato rounds, apple sauce, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, english peas, pears, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Corndog, french fries, pork & beans, orange wedge, milk.

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FTC will seek to block Kroger purchase of Winn-Dixie stores in Texas, Oklahoma

DALLAS (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission voted Friday to seek an injunction to stop Kroger Co. from buying 74 Winn-Dixie supermarkets in Texas and Oklahoma.

The commission said it was concerned the deal would give Kroger too large a market share in Fort Worth and several smaller cities in Texas.

After its 5-0 vote, the FTC said it would direct its lawyers to file a complaint in federal court in Dallas to block the sale.

Cincinnati-based Kroger, the nation's

largest grocery chain, announced in November it had agreed to buy 69 Winn-Dixie stores in Texas and five in Oklahoma. The companies did not disclose the sales price. Kroger said it would convert the stores to its own name.

"We are disappointed with the FTC's decision, and we intend to explore our legal alternatives," said Gary Rhodes, a Kroger spokesman. A Winn-Dixie spokesman made a similar comment.

Rhodes said Kroger had been in discussions with the FTC since

November, but declined to detail those talks.

About half of the Winn-Dixie stores in the sale are in the Fort Worth area, where Winn-Dixie is the No. 2 supermarket chain and Kroger is No. 3. FTC officials said the combination would leave Kroger with 33 percent of supermarket sales in Fort Worth, leapfrogging ahead of Albertson's.

Kroger would be even more dominant in Granbury, Weatherford, Brownwood, Henderson, Denton and Marshall, becoming the lead grocer in

four cities and No. 2 in the other two, the FTC said.

"Consumers would lose the benefit of more than 20 years of head-to-head competition between Kroger and Winn-Dixie," said Richard Parker, chief of the FTC's Bureau of Competition.

Kroger, with more than 2,300 stores under various names, had sales last year of more than \$45 billion, officials said.

Winn-Dixie, whose headquarters are in Jacksonville, Fla., operates about 1,200 stores and had sales last year of

about \$14 billion, including \$745 million from the subsidiary that operates its Texas and Oklahoma stores.

Winn-Dixie, however, has struggled with declining profits.

Last month, the company said it would close about 10 percent of its stores and lay off 11,000 workers in a move that it said would save \$245 million a year.

In trading Friday, Kroger shares lost 5.6 percent, dropping by \$1.125 to \$19.063, and Winn-Dixie shares fell 1.1 percent, dropping 18.7 cents to \$15.813.

Drip irrigation can be good option for home gardener

Drip irrigation can be a good option when it comes to home gardening. Drip irrigation can also be utilized for fruit trees and row crop production.

Drip irrigation sometimes is referred to as micro-irrigation. It places the water where the plant needs it, with the smallest evaporation. Experimentation and research has shown that up to 50 percent less water has to be applied to meet the needs of plants.

The basic components of drip irrigation are: a water source, filtering system, delivery lines and emitters.

There is above ground drip irrigation as well as sub-drip irrigation, which of course is below ground. There are two types of emitters as well. One is high pressure, and the other is low pressure. High pressure emitters typically apply one gallon per hour at 15 per square inch. Low pressure emitters apply one gallon per hour at 2 to 5 per square inch.

Drip irrigation has another advantage vs. sprinkler irrigation for Howard County. No mineral burn on leaves will be present due to the fact that no water will be in contact with the leaf.

Mineral or water burn in the Big Spring area is a problem for many homeowners.

A drip irrigation system should never be operated for longer than eight to 12 hours a day. The system should not be turned on and forgotten. It is not healthy for plants to be in wet conditions for too long. The best absorptive roots for most plants are in the top six to 12 inches of soil. This is due to the fact that roots need oxygen for development.

The cost of drip irrigation is



DAVID KIGHT

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Mike Couch, left, and Vaughn Martin look over some plans for remodeling the new Places and Pleasures building at 222 S. Main. Places and Pleasures is scheduled to move into the building on July 5.

Places and Pleasures moving

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

If you want to make travel plans with Places and Pleasures Travel Agency next month, you'll have to visit their new location at 222 S. Main.

"We will close June 30 to move in our new building and hopefully open our doors at our new location on July 5," said owner/manager Barbara Couch. "We are moving into the old Blum's building.

"We will be putting up a new sign, painting and hanging wall paper to prepare it for our use," she said. "The building

we are moving into doesn't really need that much work."

Places and Pleasures has been at its current location for more than 20 years. Couch has owned the business for five.

Coronado Plaza owner Cerros Morado Corporations plans to clear the northeast corner for a McDonald's restaurant. The Austin-based corporation has said it plans to tear down Places and Pleasures Travel Agency, the Dairy Queen and former Gold Rush buildings to make room for the fast-food business. Gold Rush moved to Gregg Street last year and the Dairy Queen closed last month.

According to Cerros Morado Corporations president Ben Levinson, they have not been renewing the contracts when the businesses' leases have expired.

Levinson said Cerros Morado has hired United Commercial Realty of Dallas to negotiate a lease or sale of the former Wal-Mart building.

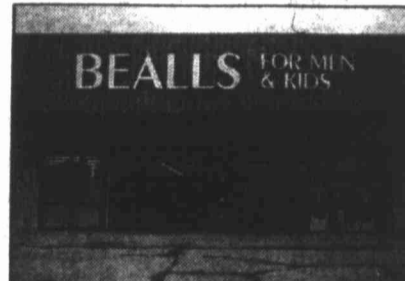
The contact with McDonald's has not been finalized, but looks firm, he said.

Couch added Places and Pleasures will continue to provide all of the same travel arrangement services to its customers.

Chapter 11

Stage Stores Inc. files for federal bankruptcy

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor



HERALD photo/Carl Graham
Stage Stores Inc. owns 600 stores, including the Bealls For Her and Bealls For Men & Kids, at the Big Spring Mall.

Stage Stores Inc., which owns the Big Spring Bealls For Her and Bealls For Men & Kids stores, has filed for federal bankruptcy protection.

There are no immediate plans to close the two Bealls stores in the Big Spring Mall. Stage operates more than 600 stores in 33 states, primarily under the Stage, Bealls and Palais Royal names.

"Customer service will always be our number one priority," said Bealls For Her manager Brenda White. She referred all other comments to Stage's Houston office.

"Because we have taken this most serious step, we believe Stage Stores will survive and be able to prosper once again," said Jack Wiesner, president and interim CEO. "Once we reorganize, we will be a stronger company, more focused on our core business. This should result in our becoming a more competitive and profitable company."

The company is in final discussions for a three-year, \$450 million debtor-in-possession credit facility with Citicorp

USA Inc. as agent, subject to documentation and bankruptcy court approval. The move will refinance some debt and provide working capital to Stage.

According to the company, the reorganization will require the closing of underperforming stores. No information has been released as to what stores those may be, however. Stage said that when possible, it will offer other job opportunities to employees whose stores are closing.

In conjunction with the Chapter 11 filing, the company's stock (NYSE:SGE) will be subject to delisting from the New

Scenic Mountain Medical Center acquiring Family Medical Center

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer



RICH

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is pursuing the purchase of Family Medical Center, located at 2301 Gregg St.

"We are actively pursuing the purchase of Family Medical Center which is currently owned by Shannon Regional Care Center of San Angelo," said Amber Rich,

director of regional clinic operations for SMMC.

"The reason for this is we are looking for a more regional approach to our operations here to take back our market share. This will help limit our competitors in the region which will help us be stronger in Big Spring," she said.

Rich said the acquisition is still pending and that it should be finalized in the next few weeks.

Along with finalizing the purchase, Rich said SMMC administrator Loren Chandler is actively recruiting physicians, especially those in the OB/GYN field of practice.

Shorthorn Lassies meeting set June 10

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The annual meeting of the Texas Shorthorn Lassies will be held at noon, June 10, at the Needville Youth Fair Facilities at Needville.

The "bring your own lunch" meeting will be held with the Texas Junior Shorthorn Association Leadership activities, according to Janet Wallace, president of the Shorthorn Lassies.

The group will be planning promotion events for 2000 and hearing reports from their Queen, Melody Shields, and Princesses Amanda Thompson

and Ashley Marrs. The auxiliary will announce the winner of its \$300 scholarship. New directors and officers will be elected.

Current officers and directors include Janet Wallace, Whitney, president; Mary Bass, Olton, vice-president; Becky Rator, Van Alstyne, secretary/treasurer; and Lisa Shields, Stinnett, publicity officer. Directors are Tracy Blagrove, Knott; Marsha Brown, Clifton; Susan Strader, Montgomery; Lori Maples, Copperas Cove; and Debbie Taylor, Wolfforth.

Annual dues for the Texas Shorthorn Lassies are \$17.50

and may be sent to Becky Rator, treasurer, 1800 Lovers Leap, Van Alstyne, TX, 74595.

Blagrove and her husband Steve raise Red Thunder Shorthorns on their farm at Knott. Though not as active in the organization as she has been in the past, Tracy still believes the Shorthorn to be a superior breed.

"With two young children I can't be as active in the organization as I was at one time," said Blagrove. "In fact, with the drought we are experiencing, we are down to only three head, but as the kids get older we will probably become more active once again."



Highland Council for the Deaf recently opened an office along FM 700, across from the Big Spring Mall. Highland Council representatives, pictured with members of the Big Spring Ambassadors for a ribbon cutting, included, from left, Nancy Edge, Tontika Tan, Marchie Settles, Vasant Limaye, Cheng Tan, Brittany Tan, Teresa Minchew, Marie Dunnam, Pethal Leelapiada, Jeff Anderson and Daniel Campbell.

IN THE NEWS

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours, scheduled Thursday at SHERWIN WILLIAMS, has been canceled.

The business sustained substantial damage from a recent storm and is unable to host the event.

The next Business After Hours will be held June 22 at TEAL CARPETS, 2810 E. FM 700.

JACK COWAN, former sports editor at the Big Spring Herald, has been named managing editor of the San Angelo Standard-Times.

Cowan came to the Standard-Times as a sports writer in 1970 and graduated from Angelo State University in 1972.

He worked as sports editor at the Herald and later as a sports writer at the Austin American-Statesman. He returned to the

Standard-Times in 1975 as an assistant sports editor before becoming a general interest columnist in 1981. He has been editorial page editor since 1991.

DAVID W. PRUITT, president and CEO of Cap Rock Electric, has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by Texas Electric Cooperatives Inc.

Pruitt is a 29-year veteran of the industry.

Big Spring Sunday, June 4, 2000

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Anderson, Michelle, 7105 East County Rd., Midland
Balderaz, Bernard, 3304 West 88 Apt. 44, Big Spring
Barrasa, Alicia, 1501 Wood, Big Spring
Batchelor, Dana, 2300 South 8 No. 24, Lamesa
Beck, Linda, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
Brown, Robbie D., 515 N. 10, Lamesa
Bryan, Randy, P.O. Box 783 or 317 W. Cr. 112, Snyder
Bullard, James 202 Fourth, Palestine
Callcutt, Gloria, 1104 N. Bell or 1011 N. Scurry, Big Spring
Cansino, Andrea, 1906 Runnels, Big Spring
Cansino, Virginia Louisa, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring
Cantu, Pete J., 2605 Ent, Big Spring
Castillo, Ame, 6304 Walter Road, Big Spring
Castro, Hector Sanchez, 1314 Park, Big Spring
Cavazos, Anthony, 2435 N. Central Express Way, Richardson
Cooper, Melody Ann, P.O. Box 391, Coahoma
Coots, Sharon, 1313 Park Street, Big Spring
Cox, Donna Lynn, 1607 State, Big Spring
Crow, Cindy, 1310 Tucson, Big Spring
Diaz, Nancy Ann, 1005 East 16th St.
Dillon, Julie Ann, 1429 East Sixth #12, Big Spring
Eddington, Rodger, 507 West Fifth St., Big Spring
Elliott, Amy, 408 Sleepy Top, Glenn Heights
Evans, W. Carol, 809 East 33rd, Plainview
Flores, Isaac Jr., 841 Carver St., Abilene
Flores, Tony Jr., 2000 Runnels Big Spring
Ford, Paul, 501-a West Kowals, Hobbs, N.M.
Freeman, Cindy A., 1441 Tanglewood, Odessa
Garcia, Ricky, 500 25th St., Snyder
Garcia, Joe Nick Jr., 1509 Orlye or 538 Westover, Big Spring
Garby, Danny, 1811 Hudson Ave., Midland
Garza, Angel A., 501 E. 15th St., Big Spring
Garza, Salvador R. Jr., P.O. Box 1045, Stanton
Gee, Michael J., 1001 Birdwell, #236, Big Spring
George, Rosa M., 509 West Second, Stanton
Gonzalez, Cheryl Lee, P.O. Box 1282, Elkhart, Kan.
Gonzales, Peggy, 208 Manuel St., Colorado City
Grant, Ronnie Lem, 405 Culp, Big Spring
Grayson, Shanna D., 1000 Graham, Odessa
Greco, Benjamin, 2609 Wason #38, Big Spring
Guevara, Yvette, 405 E. 11th St., Big Spring
Harris, Ruby, 907 Ave S. Apt. 582, Lubbock
Harrison, Tiffany S., 1935 Dumber Rd., Woodlawn, Tenn.
Hatway, Bobby G. Jr., 3012 Austin Ave., Snyder
Helms, Johnny Michael Jr., 538 Westover #156, Big Spring
Henderson, Tammy Jean, P.O. Box 59, Coahoma
Henry, Nakia, 618 State St., Big Spring
Hillard, Robert, 2605 Brunson, Midland
Hoffman, Donald Robert, 4108 Parkway, Big Spring
Hoje, Jon, 835 E. 11 St., Colorado City
Howery, Jeanie R., 4700 Polo Parkway #149, Midland
Humphrey, Jason, Howard College SW/D/Student, Big Spring
Irvin, Suzanne Marie, 2206 S. Monticello, Big Spring
Jaidro, Victor, 114 Sleepy Mountain, Kerville
Jackson, Thomas Jeremy, 908 E. 14th, Big Spring
James, Nelda, 2717 Central, Big Spring
Kennedy, Charles Dean, 4824 E. 20th St., Joplin, Mo. (717) 777-1111
Kent, Cynthia Lee, Nypport News, Va.
Lopez, Jaime, 1815 Benton, Big Spring
Lopez, Michael, 520 N. Ave. A, Kermit
Lopez, Monica, 329 Pine Street, Colorado City

Loveless, Nancy M., 3611 Dixon, Big Spring
Mann, James A., 1810, Young St., Big Spring
Martin, Vicki, 500 West Second, #7, Idaho
Martinez, A. Molly, 603 E. 13th, Big Spring
Martinez, Victoria Josephine, 1509 Lancaster, Big Spring
Miller, Roger Shane, P.O. Box 9454, Midland
Mims, Carol L., 4025 Glenway, Big Spring
Moland, Todd, 3301 Indiana St., Great Lakes
Moore, Gary, 817 West 26th St., Odessa
Morris, Patricia Ann, 803 Lorrie, Big Spring or Rt. 3, Box 43, Colorado City
Morris, Quinton D., P.O. Box 183, Lorraine
Moyers, Russell D., 166 W. Colorado, Amarillo
Murray, Phillip L., 1313 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
Nail, Jessica, P.O. Box 1934, Big Spring
O'Bannon, Eddie, Rt. 1, Box 50, Ackerly
Olivas, Julian Hernandez, P.O. Box 304, Coahoma
Orozco, Juana, P.O. Box 186, Idaho
Ovalle, Nidia Gonzales, 9201 East Highway 80 No. 34, Midland
Padron, Abraham, 27 N. A or Hcr 3, Box 76, Brownfield
Palmer, Reeda Castillo, 2735 E. Eight #135, Odessa
Pena, Sammy Jr., 208 N. Nolan, Big Spring
Pond, Henry C. Jr., 840 Western, Amarillo
Puentes, Robert, P.O. Box 841, Big Spring
Ramey, Brandon Leon, 1425 E. Sixth #26, Big Spring
Rangel, William, 1103 Mesa, Big Spring
Reedford, Milton Robert, 1604 Virginia Apt. B, Big Spring
Redman, Michael David, P.O. Box 1254 or 19th St., Snyder
Reynolds, Guadalupe, 945 Clifford, Odessa
Reynolds, Elton R., P.O. Box 1142, Colorado City
Riggins, Bella M., P.O. Box 1292, Snyder
Rivas, Delia Ann, 407 S. Oak, Stanton
Rivera, Krista N., 2020 Maple Woods Lane, Colorado City
Robbins, Brad, 3101 41st St., Snyder
Roberts, Doris F., 3303 Auburn, Big Spring
Robertson, Caleb E., 1715 Hailey Apt. 101, Sweetwater
Rodriguez, Dalma, 707 N. Ninth, Lamesa
Rodriguez, Gloria, 3313 Culbert, Midland
Rodriguez, Jesse, 5318 Opal Lane, Big Spring
Rodriguez, Daniel V., 3304 W. Hwy 80, Apt. 39, Big Spring or P.O. Box 855, Stanton
Rodriguez, Joel, 8601 E. Third, Big Spring
Rosales, Chris, P.O. Box 216, Odonnell
Rudd, Matt A., 17059 Hwy. 46 W. Lot 35, Spring Branch
Ruiz, Jennifer, P.O. Box 484, Colorado City
Runnels, Brad Mark, 6414 E. County Rd. 75, Midland
Salinas, Elizabeth, 1383 N. 1st St., Lamesa
Sanchez, Debbie Ann, 538, Westover #260, Big Spring
Sanders, Randolph K. II, 460 Grenway Road, Kingford Heights, Ind.
Selvera, Joey, 2006 Ave. L, Snyder
Sena, Jeannine, 6 Eagle Place, Rosewell, N.M.
Shaw, Reginald Scott, 600 W. 15th, Big Spring
Shubert, Billy G., 538 Westover #119, Big Spring
Sirmion, Tonya, 3306 S. Co. Rd. #1206, Midland
Simpson, Patricia, 3527 102nd Street, Lubbock
Smith, Rosemary, 711 E. 15th, Big Spring
Solis, Sallie, 538 Westover #215, Big Spring
Sowell, John A., 500 N. Salem Rd., Big Spring
Thompson, Robert Gene, 108 E. Robinson Rd., Big Spring
Thornton, Jeanette, 120 Airbase Rd. #155, Big Spring
Timmerman, Angela M., 5280 Professional Dr. Apt. 347, Wichita Falls
Torres, Christine, 2101 Lakeview #109, Lewisville
Trevino, Cynthia, Rt. 5, Box 116, Kilgore
Turner, Molly E., 1505 Avion, Big Spring
Tyron, Evangeline, 406 East Cedar, Midland
Underman, Val, 4200 Highland Dr., Big Spring
Uribe, G. Gina, P.O. Box 123, Big Spring
Vasquez, Judy, 1907 North 7, Lamesa
Valk, Eugene, 1007 Wood, Big Spring
Velasquez, Vita L., 2023 W. Sixth St., Odessa
Viasana, Elizabeth R., 283 nw. Third, Big Spring
Vidales, Shawn Lee, 1205 N. Lincoln, Odessa
Villa, Manuela L., 1218 W. Third St., Stanton, pr 1222 W. Third St. Big Spring
Villalranco, Felisa, 301 East Peck, Midland
Villarreal, Paul, 206 Southwest Ave. N. Seminole
Wagner, Cynthia, 1406 Anson Ave. Abilene

Waldie, Elene, 4503 Versailles Dr. Midland
Waldo, Dwight, 3405 East Highway 350, Big Spring or 729 Castal Ln #1, San Angelo
Walker, Dan A., P.O. Box 672, Fossil
Washburn, Shawn, 139 Normal Ave. Apt D11, Kutztown, Pa.
Welch, JB, 3311 Scr 1206, Midland
Wilburn, Fred, 3307 Drexel, Big Spring
Williams, Jason, Lima Co., 3/5 Wpns, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Williams, Joe, 2409 S. Ong, Amarillo
Woodfin, Aing E., 2609 Wason #38, Big Spring
Ybanez, Lucia C., P.O. Box 1393, Lamesa

Howard County Clerk's Office:
Marriage Licenses:
Brandon Lynn Wright, 19, and Tabatha Ann McIntosh, 21
Vernell McKinney, 40, and Carletta Michelle Lewis, 31
Jorge Antonio Perez-Armendary, 49, and Angella Vasquez Alva, 41
Charles J. Hand, 43, and Jeanie Michelle Denton, 26
Ulises Villegas, 26, and Rosi Yselda Herrera, 23
Tracy Dane Hudgins, 29, and April Lee Jetton, 22

Court Records:
Prohibited Judgment, DWI, second offense: Jeffrey Michael Pierce, \$2,500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 365 days in jail; David Marganito Moreno, \$1,000 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Prohibited Judgment, DWI: Danny Frank Wilson, \$3,000 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 365 days in jail; Brian Zachry Pierce, \$2,000 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Santos Herrera Gutierrez, \$2,000 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Earl Perry Hanks, \$1,000 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Prohibited Judgment, DWI: Justen Vogel, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Jaime Lara Arenivas, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Jermaine Maurice Evans, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Tara Lynn Coates, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; Essequiel Calderon, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Prohibited Judgment, DWI: Marc Cruz, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Prohibited Judgment, Make Alcoholic Beverages Available to Minor: Fred Weatherly, \$249.25 court cost, \$500 fine, 180 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence Failure to Identify: Ruby Ann Freeman, \$500 fine \$210.25 court cost; Ysa Rubio \$250 fine \$260.25 court cost, 14 days in jail.
Prohibited Judgment, Resisting Arrest: Anna Marie Moran, \$300 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail.
Prohibited Judgment, Possession of Marijuana, under 2 ounces: Earnest Mack Hunter, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days in jail; \$300 fine, 180 days in jail; \$260.25 court cost.
Judgment and Sentence DWI: Cecilia Mendez, \$300 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 60 days in jail.

Deaths:
Warranty Deed:
grantee: Travis D. Gilbreath and Ruth S. Gilbreath
grantee: Cendani Mobility Services Corporation
property: A 1.84 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the northwest quarter of sec. 6, blk. 32 filed May 17, 2000.
grantee: Allen Dean Avant
grantee: Guadalupe Ybarra and Lucy Ybarra
property: Lot 3, blk. 7, Wright's Airport Addition filed May 17, 2000.
grantee: Cendani Mobility Services Corporation
grantee: Everett R. Bender and Evelyn Bender
property: All of lot 6, blk. 2, West Cliff Addition filed May 18, 2000.
grantee: Robbie J. Phernetton and wife, Anglia Phernetton
grantee: Rodney Harris

property: Lot 20, blk. 5, Stanton Park Addition filed: May 18, 2000
grantee: James H. Nelson and wife, Joy F. Nelson
grantee: Mark A. Mills and wife, Glenda S. Mills
property: Being at a point which is S. 74 degrees 39' 00" W. 1610.25 feet and S. 15 degrees 40' 00" E. 1529.3 feet from the Northeast corner of sec. 34.
May 22, 2000
grantee: Harold H. Raney Sr. and wife Ida Lou Raney
grantee: David J. Henry
property: Lots 2.3 and 4, blk. 1, South Haven Addition filed: May 22, 2000
grantee: Harold Gaido Talbot
grantee: Burt Dennis and wife, Evelyn Dennis
property: All of Lot 10, blk. 20, Washington Place filed: May 23, 2000
grantee: Marvin L. Standafer Jr.
grantee: Jack R. Stovall and spouse Dorothy L. Stovall
property: Lot 8, blk. 4, replat of lots 2 to 9, inc. blk. 4 and replat of all of blk. 5 of the amended plat of Muir Heights filed: May 23, 2000
grantee: James Darren Talfoya and Lori Lynn Talfoya
grantee: Harold Neagle and wife, Ann Neagle
property: Lot 13, blk. 4, Muir Heights Addition filed: May 23, 2000
grantee: Debra Lockhart
grantee: Benny Allen Lockhart
property: All of surface rights only of the North one-half and the Southeast on quarter except the South 90 acres of said quarter of sec. 38, blk. 32, Township 3
filed: May 24, 2000
grantee: David Earl Grant
grantee: Craig Kilpatrick and wife, Teresa Kilpatrick
property: Lots 1 and 2, blk. 1, Bates Addition filed: May 24, 2000
grantee: John L. Dorton and wife, Lee Ann Dorton
grantee: Denise Bracey
property: Lot 10, blk. 7, Stanton Park Addition filed: May 25, 2000
grantee: James C. Baker and Carolyn A. Baker
grantee: Gerald R. Ziebart and Linda Kay Ziebart
property: Lot 2, blk. 9, Highland South Addition filed: May 25, 2000
grantee: Loretta Yarbrough, Gaylord Turner, Jo Nell McWhorter, Gilbert Turner, Billy Bob Yockers, Kenneth Yockers and Malinda Armstrong
grantee: Elva Rodriguez
property: A tract of Land out of a 2 acre tract conveyed by J.T. Masters et ux to S.E. Masters and J.A. Masters out of sec. 44, blk. 32
filed: May 26, 2000
grantee: Helen Johnson
grantee: Lillian Jane Jenkins
property: Lots 11 and 12 in blk. 7 of the Wright's Airport Addition to the town of Big Spring filed: May 26, 2000
grantee: Sue Carter, joined herein pro forma by her husband, Mike Carter
grantee: Linda Berry
property: The surface estate only in and to the West 51 33 acres of the North half of sec. 26, blk. 30
filed: May 26, 2000
grantee: Mike Moates and wife, Sheree Moates
grantee: Big Spring ATS, Inc.
property: All of lots 7, 8 and 9 and the South 38 feet of Lot 10, all in blk. 44, Original Town of Big Spring filed: May 26, 2000
grantee: Harold D. Bentley and wife, Alic Bentley
grantee: Gary B. Donelson

property: Lot 31, blk. 5, College Park Estates filed: May 30, 2000
grantee: Debra Lynn Norsworthy
grantee: Frank Russell and wife, Gladys Russell
property: Lot 42, blk. 3, College Park Estates filed: May 30, 2000
Warranty Deed with vendor's Rec:
grantee: Robert E. Haney Jr., Paul R. Haney and Edith Haney, trustees of the Wild Horse Farm Trust and Cynthia L. Stafford, interim Trustee of the Wild Horse Farm Trust
grantee: Eston Hollis and Fay Hollis
property: A 278.356 acre tract, more or less, out of the W. half sec. 4, blk. 32
filed: May 17, 2000
grantee: Wade A. Egnor and Karla B. Egnor
grantee: UNICOM Systems Unlimited Inc.
property: A 42.281 acre tract of land out of a 158.60 acre tract out of the South half of sec. 43, blk. 33
filed: May 17, 2000
grantee: Paul R. Arms and wife, Leonor J. Arms
grantee: Roy Olivas Gomez Jr. and wife Raye Ann Gomez
property: Lot 6, blk. 19, College Park Estates filed: May 17, 2000
grantee: Billy Ray Owen and spouse, Carole Jean Owen
grantee: Hugh W. Covert and spouse, Leta B. Covert
property: The E. eight feet of lot 11, and all of lot 12, save an except the E. eight feet of lot 12, all in blk. 6, Highland South Addition No. 3
filed: May 18, 2000
grantee: Jan Burns Medlin and Sue Burns Bennett
grantee: Gary L. Bishop and Cynthia L. Herrera
property: The W. 30 feet of Lot 4, all of Lot 5, and the E. 30 feet of Lot 6, all in blk. 8, Edwards Heights Addition filed: May 23, 2000
grantee: Michael L. Seal
grantee: Jose M. Avina and wife, Lore A. Avina
property: Lot 11, blk. 11, Washington Place Addition filed: May 23, 2000
grantee: Mary Napper
grantee: Angelita Cruz
property: All of Lot 3, blk. 3 Central Park Addition filed: May 24, 2000
grantee: Wayne Stroup also known as David W. Stroup and Danny Merle Stroup also known as Danny Stroup
grantee: Glenn Randall Hyden
property: a tract or parcel of land out of and part of the northwest quarter of sec. 32, blk. 32, Township 1
filed: May 26, 2000
grantee: Frank Russell and spouse, Gladys Russell
grantee: Dave L. Daniels
property: Lot 22, blk. 22, in Monticello Addition filed: May 30, 2000

118th District Court
Divorce
Robert Parks Shaffer vs. Leslie Ann Hargrove Shaffer
Ricky Ray Mitchem vs. Wanda Lee Mitchem
Carol Schipler vs. Paul Schipler
Cornie Rye Murley vs. Jackie Dan Murley
Accounts, Notes and Contracts
Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Rebecca Flynn
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Louis Desario
Hwycom, Inc. vs. Traffic Control Systems
Carol Moore vs. Leslie Kupat
Higinbotham-Bartlett Co., Inc. vs. David Higgins, d/b/a Colman Roofing
Injuries and Damages with a motor vehicle
Elbert Wilson vs. FFE Transportation Services, Inc., Timothy Francis Lawler
Family
Madera's Gray vs. Gary Gray
Other
Sharp Image Energy Inc. vs. Guy Hodnett

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line costs 5 to 8 cents per foot. The connectors and the filtering systems is minimal as well. Drip irrigation will pay for itself through savings of water consumption. Remember, water is one of our most precious resources in West Texas.
(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent - Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)

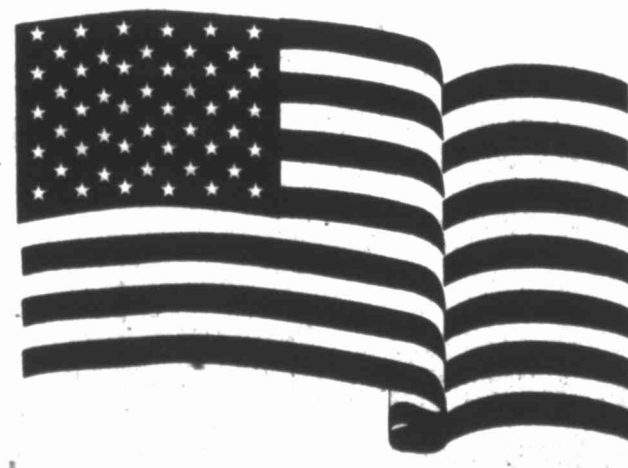
STAGE

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York Stock Exchange.
Stage has hired Ron Wuensch of Houston to help the company through the Chapter 11 process. "Ron has put together a talented advisory group with extensive legal and financial experience in reorganizations," Wiesner said. "Their expertise will allow for the reorganization process to be as smooth and seamless as possible, with very little effect on our customers and daily operations."
Stage is currently seeking a new CEO. In the meantime, Wiesner will continue to guide the company, along with an executive committee. A board member of Stage Stores, Wiesner was CEO of C.R. Anthony Co., which Stage Stores acquired in 1997.

Smoking banned

WASHINGTON (AP) - Effective today, smoking will be banned on all scheduled airline flights between the United States and other countries, the Transportation Department announced Friday.
The regulation bans smoking in the cabin or cockpit of flights by U.S. or foreign airlines.
The Federal Aviation Administration estimated that 97.7 percent of flights between the United States and other countries are already smoke-free - including all U.S.-carrier flights - due to voluntary decisions by the airlines.

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The City of Big Spring will be testing for the position of Certified Police Officer at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, July 13, 2000 at the Police Training Center on 307 E. 4th. Applications will be accepted through 1:00 P.M. on Monday, July 10, 2000 for further information contact City Hall personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Invitation to Bid
The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on June 20, 2000 for one (1) New Water Truck to be used for maintenance of County Parks by the County Auditor, at P.O. Box 1949, Big Spring, Texas 79721 or delivered to the Auditor's Office, Room 202, County Courthouse, Mark Sealed Envelope "Water Truck Bid".

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission is accepting applications from service providers to provide services and/or training for youth, and short-term prevocational services or training for youth and adults qualified through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Request for Proposal packages may be obtained by calling Donna Harrison at 563-1061 or writing to: PBRPC, P.O. Box 1061, Midland, Texas 79711-0660, 2757 June 4 & 11, 2000

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CITY OF BIG SPRING INVITATION FOR BIDS
The City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received sealed bids for improvements at the City of Big Spring Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Office of the Purchasing Manager, City of Big Spring, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. 19, Big Spring, Texas 79720-3850, until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 13, 2000, and then from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened to the bidder.

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The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting proposals for the following: Electronic Message Center Specifications may be obtained from: Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Sealed proposals will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on June 27, 2000, in the Administrative Annex, room A2, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Proposals are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified proposers concerning the proposals submitted. The final determination of proposal award will be made at a future board meeting. All technical and bidding questions should be directed to: Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to accept any and all bids. 2750 June 4 & 11, 2000

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 4, 2000: You are capable of substantially changing direction this year. Your abilities to make money and to transform your life pay off this year, if you want. You begin a new lucky cycle. You are verbal, thoughtful and instinctive. If you are single, a relations hip develops that could easily become long-term. You feel as if another really does understand you. If attached, your relationship benefits by your stellar good luck. Share the many benefits with your significant other. CANCELER helps you make money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Bring others together; even though this could create more work for you. Lighten up about plans. Stay direct with a loved one who likes to wield his power. You don't need a power struggle. Hold your ground, but acknowledge other viewpoints. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You enjoy the offbeat, whether in plans or when visiting with others. Another might not agree with your taste, but you won't care. Indulge yourself. Experiment with new styles. Visit with a dear friend. Move with the moment. Tonight: Use your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You feel joined at the hip with a dear friend or loved one. Listen to another's opinion, even though you might not agree. Swapping ideas, whether totally intellectual or just about which movie to see, proves to be invigorating. Tonight: Togetherne's works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your more playful side emerges. Friends are frisky and full of fun. Allow others to dominate and follow along. Enjoy the moment. Get together with as many people as possible. Discussions are animated. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Get into a favorite hobby or pastime with friends. You get a lot done quickly. Efficiency peaks. Take time to meander and relax. Don't put unnecessary pressure on yourself. Do only what you want and what makes you happy. Tonight: Early to bed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Get together with those you love, and do what you love. If you're a parent, a child proves to be unusually verbal and giving. Share your feelings and desires. Make a relationship more mutual. Humor allows you to say almost anything. Tonight: Have a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Friends seek you out

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Foster grandparents' menu is causing a family stew

DEAR ABBY: We have been invited to my foster parents' home for a celebration that includes a meal of venison. My wife and young children do not like that kind of food. The host asked for help with the veggies and desserts. We obliged, and told him that we would also bring pizza for the kids, who are 2, 6 and 9 years old. (They know from past experience that the kids won't eat venison.)

are PEOPLE with individual tastes, and food should not be forced upon them. If your foster parents can't grasp the concept, feed the kids before you go to their house. And keep family dinners at their place to a minimum until your children are old enough to appreciate their "eccentric" taste in food.

My foster parents objected to this -- they feel that everyone should eat what's put in front of them. Most of their meals are what one would call "eccentric."

Good advice for everyone -- teens to seniors -- is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

It will be mealtime when we arrive, and we don't want to starve the kids. Are we out of line, or should they be more accommodating to the palates of their guests? -- PARENT IN LOWELL, MASS.

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DEAR PARENT: You are not out of line; you are realistic. Your foster parents are the ones with the problem -- their rigidity. That old philosophy that children should eat what's put in front of them regardless of whether it's palatable went out of fashion decades ago. It is now understood that children

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