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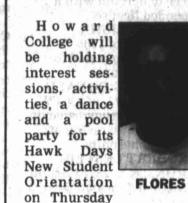
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Herald Staff Report



and Friday.

kicks off on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with check-in at the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, followed by the welcoming held outside the coliseum at speech at 6:45 p.m. "We will have a special

guest from the organization Making College Count." said Javier Flores, Howard College dean of student services. "This person will

New student orientation your college life."

Students are then encouraged to participate in The Games People Play, icebreaker games, that will be 8:20 p.m.

A dance is set at 9 p.m. in in the East Room to inform the Student Union Building and only those students, vices offered by the guidwith a valid Howard College ance and counseling center, student I.D. may attend. On Friday, a interest ses-

speak about how to enhance sion will be held in the East student assistance center. Room at 10 a.m. and will range on topics from activities and clubs to money management and services available at Howard College.

> At 1:30 p.m., a second interest session 'is set also new students about the serdean of students office, office of the registrar and

A campus tour and city tours will be held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will originate from the Student Union Building.

"We will conclude that night with a swim party and ice cream social at the city pool," Flores said.

Vans will leave for the city swimming pool at 6:30 p.m. from the east side of the Student Union Building.

PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT TOMORROW 70°-72° 94°-96°

Head Start registration is under way

Registration for Project Head Start is under way at Lakeview Head Start 1107 NW Center. Seventh.

Registration is held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The federally-funded program offers early childhood education to low-income families.

The program will be accepting children who are three-years-old by Sept. 1 through those who are five-years-old after Sept. 1.

Parents should bring a copy of their income such as a check stub

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, shot record and know the Social Security numbers of the all members in the household.

If the family has medical insurance, the parent should bring the medical card. Classes are set to begin

Sept. 10.

Fair director greets job with enthusiasm

Editor's note: Herald **Correspondent Nancy** Koger will be reporting on the Howard County Fair all this week.

By NANCY KOGER

Herald Correspondent

reative may not officially be Nancy Howard's middle aname, but creativity is certainly a vital part of her make-up.

This veteran of 16 Howard

County Fairs has been a directo,r 1994 since has shouldered the responsibility of fillthe exhibitor's booths this

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KOGER year, in addition to being in charge of the

Creative Arts section of the fair. Both organization and

creativity are needed to fill the 70 booths inside the fair

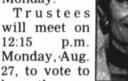


College Hearing on tax rate finds no opposition from public

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Drawing no attendance from the public, Howard College board of trustees

held a meeting to discuss the proposed tax rate on Monday.



keep the cur-**SPARKS** rent rate of .254854 cents per \$100 valuation at the Howard College board room located in the Student Union Building.

The junior college district is approximately 45 cents below the maximum tax rate of 70 cents per \$100 valuation allowed by the state. If approved at the next meeting, this will be the second year in a row Howard County residents will not see a raise in the tax rate from the junior college district but the district expects to see approximately \$270,000 more in tax revenue because of an increase in the tax base. According to Dr. Cheri Sparks, Howard College president, tax revenue makes up about 20 percent of the recently passed Howard College budget and all the money raised from Howard County residents stay within the county. Howard College budget has been increasingly less dependent on tax funds over the past several years, dropping from 50 percent of the budget in 1986 to its current rate. Included in the passed Howard College budget are across-the-board raises for faculty and staff of \$1,414 along with appropriate steps in the form of per



WHAT'S UP ... TODAY

Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Kay Smith will be giving a watercolor demonstration.

Big Spring chapter 67. Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge at 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in Howard College Cactus room. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic **Mountain Medical** Center cafeteria. People. 50 and older are invited to participate. Big Spring **Downtown Lions Club**

meets at noon at Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen.

Big Spring Duplicate Bridge Club, meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

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barn with exhibitors and to please the exhibitors with their placement, based on whey they make reservations. Nancy sees that assignment as a challenge, to which she responds with typical enthusiasm.

Nancy is responsible for originating the special Kid's Contest and for producing a new theme for it each year. She says her daughter came up with the "Ugly Bug" contest a few years ago, a contest which generated more than 400 entries.

She gleaned this year's notion of a shoe box parade form the state convention for fairs and festivals and

All events at the Howard

12-3 p.m. Agriculture

9 p.m., Jody Nix & The

4 p.m., Fair opens

County Fairbarns

products entries

Texas Cowboys

Texas Cowboys

Wednesday

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Howard County Fair Director Nancy Howard, center, and volunteers Don Nell Herm (left) and Teresa Gaskins accept art entries Monday. The fair gets under way Wednesday and runs through the weekend.

the theme of "The Mighty Jungle" seemed to be a natural one. "I enjoy seeing the children get involved and be

excited about bringing in their creations," Nancy says. "That excites me." Her enthusiasm for the fair is contagious. Years

1 p.m., Weigh & classify

4 p.m., Carnival begins

7 p.m., Weight cards due

daughter Michelle as a helper in the Creative Arts division. Michelle, now a wife and mother herself, continues to work at the fair.

"I just grew up with the idea that there's supposed to be a county fair," Nancy

7 p.m., Craig Chambers

7:30 p.m. Showmanship

9 p.m. Craig Chambers

for lambs

lambs

Pull

Saturday

ago, she recruited her says, "so we all help with it.'

> Being a fair director is a year-round duty which includes cleaning up after this year's fete is over, attending the state conven-

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1 p.m., Steer show 4 p.m., Goats arrive 7 p.m., Battle of the 9 p.m., Mike Hilger 9:45 p.m., Quilt drawing

8 a.m., Lamb show 10 a.m., Fair opens 10:30 a.m., Kountry Kids 1 p.m., Antique Tractor

Cheerleaders

Sunday 9 a.m., Goat cards due 11 a.m., Showmanship goats 1 p.m., Goat show

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Two opportunities set for blood donors here

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Big Spring residents will have two opportunities to donate much-needed blood this month.

United Blood Services of San Angelo will be holding blood drives at the area's two hospitals Thursday and Aug. 29.

The Big Spring Veteran's Administration Medical Center will hold its regularly-scheduled drive from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, while Scenic Mountain Medical Center will hold its drive a week later from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 29.

To supply the region's 12 hospitals, UBS must collect more than 300 units of blood each week, said community

relations representative Sherry Morton.

"We are always having a blood shortage," Morton said. "Please help us help the hospitals and the patients they provide blood

Blood products have a shelf life between five and 42 days.

SMMC is offering incentives for donors in its drive, Morton said.

"All blood donors at the drive will receive a free meal from the Yellow Rose Cafe," she said. "Scenic Mountain is great for providing extra incentives to blood donors."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The Amet family makes their way to Coahoma Elementary School, which began classes for the new year on Thursday. From left to right, Trey, 8, Christian, 7, Steve, Elizabeth, 5, Christy and Haleigh brave scattered showers and overcast skies to make the first day of school a family affair.

steers 4 p.m., Fair opens 4 p.m., Carnival begins 7 p.m., Gospel Night 4 p.m., Carnival begins Friday 7 p.m., Jody Nix & The 1-7 p.m., Receive lambs 4 p.m. Fair opens

Thursday

OBITUARIES

Austin Floyd

Funeral service for Austin Floyd, 97, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, at Cason-Monk-Metcalf Sunset Chapel.

Mr. Floyd died Aug. 20, in Austin.

Visitation will be Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cason-Funeral Monk-Metcalf **Directors in Nacogdoces**.

Lawrence L. Coleman

A memorial service for Lawrence L. Coleman, 80, of Burleson, formerly of Big Spring, was held Tuesday. Aug. 14, 2001, at the First **United Methodist Church of** Burleson. Burial was at **Dallas-Fort Worth National** Cemetery.

Mr. Coleman died Friday, Aug. 10, at a Burleson hospital

He was born June 6, 1921, in Howard county. He and his wife moved to Burleson in 1954 to raise their daughter and granddaughter. He was retired from the Lone Star Gas Company of Fort Worth with 35 years of service. He was a school board trustee, a member of the equalization board in Burleson and was on the building committee at FUMC Burleson. He received a Purple Heart while serving in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European theater. He was an officer of the MOPH unit 1867, a member of NRA, DAV and FUMC Burleson.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Sue Coleman; one daughter, Tana Beth Bradshaw; and one granddaughter, all of Burleson

Arrangements are under the direction of Crosier-Pearson-Mayfield of **Burleson Funeral Home**.

ciating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Miss Enriquez died Saturday, Aug. 18, at a local hospital from injuries sustained in an accident. She was born on March

25, 1991, in Midland. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of **Immaculate Heart of Mary** Catholic Church. She was a student Goliad at Elementary and would have been in the fifth grade.

Survivors include her mother, Teresa Gonzales of Big Spring; her father, Juan Enriquez of Midland; her step-father, Manuel DeLeon of Big Spring; one brother, Juan Albert (J.J.) Enriquez of Big Spring; one sister, Andrea Nicole DeLeon of Big Spring; her grandparents, Juanita Gonzales of **Big Spring, Chester Eckert** of Big Spring, George Bustamante of Abilene, Jose Angel Martinez and Maria Martinez both of Midland; and her greatgrandmother, Amanda Deanda of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

DIRECTOR

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tion to keep abreast of trends and innovations, meeting during the year to ensure progress and getting the facilities in shape for the next fair. However, Nancy does have another life. She and husband Danny are grandparents to 18-month-old Cameron, who Nancy admits is "the world's cutest granddaughter." Their son Jody will

graduate from Texas Tech in December. Another facet of Nancy's creativity is evidenced in her work as a professional home decorator, which she pursues part of each week, On Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays she commutes from her home "in the sub-urbs of Knort and A skerly"

at the bottom in faculty salaries compared to other colleges across the state.

"We were at the bottom of the state, not just in the larger cities as Dallas, but at lowest in all the community colleges" said Sparks. Sparks added the college had a large gap in the difference in salaries from the

next higher rank. "We started out three years ago at 49th," Sparks said. "Last year we were 44th."

"We were starting to lose really good faculty and staff to other colleges," said Terry Hansen, Howard College executive vice president. "We are only as good as the people we have working here.

A 16.6 percent increase in contact hours, the total number of hours students are in the classrooms with instructors, has netted the college an increase in state funding of more than \$1 million. The majority of that windfall will go toward the raises and new positions throughout the campus. This state money must be

used for essential elements of cost to the college, mostly dealing with educational areas of the college.

State money can not be use for the upkeep, utilities and maintenance of the buildings.

Howard College ranks 30th in generating contact hours, one of the criteria the state uses to determine the amount of money it distributes to the college.

The college is trying to raise its salary ranking to match its contact hours ranking, Sparks said.

Colleges around the state are also raising salaries, Sparks said, which may keep Howard College from reaching their intended goal.

"We want to pay competitive salaries so we can attract and retain quality faculty and staff," Sparks said. "We have a responsibility to the community to attract and retain quality faculty and staff to provide quality of instruction for the students."

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

JERRY MORENO

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local warrants and on a

charge of driving with a

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AARON, 26, of 2511 Carlton

MELINDA JANE RIOS,

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ed for local warrants and

on a charge of failure to

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of Westeven Road and the

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suspended license.

WEDNESDAY

 Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920

LOCAL

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

 Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers. THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meet-

 Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

CORRECTION

A story which ran in Monday's Herald incorrectly reported that Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said the current Moss Creek Lake entry fee of \$5 was due to a Parks Department decision made last October.

The rate was instead unofficially charged by the caretakers of the lake, Parks Director Becky Crane said.

"It is true that we have had some problems with (the caretakers) charging rates that have not been ordained by ordinance." Crane said.

Crane said the Parks Board requested the city council consider the newlyproposed rates, but did not approve the rate change imposed by the caretakers in October.

'That is the procedure and it has been followed in every case," Bogard said. When the rates do change, it will be by decision of the council."

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on FM 818 near the Interstate 20 overpass and on Interstate 20 near the 183 mile marker.

BIG SPRING HERALD

Tuesday, August 21, 2001

 A WELFARE CON-**CERN** was reported in near the 171 mile marker on Interstate 20; a woman was reportedly driving east in the west-bound lane of the road. Deputies helped her get turned around.

 A STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of North Avenue H in the Forsan area.

 ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 200 block of South Salem Road; a woman reported that pigs were in her barn running around and destroying property.

• THEFT was reported in near the intersection of Avenue D and Sixth Street; renters reportedly moved out of the residence and took the landlord's stove and refrigerator with them.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS: 5:25 a.m. - 1900 block of

North Highway 87, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 11:18 a.m. - 400 block of

Circle, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:23 a.m. - 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:36 a.m. - 4000 block of Parkway, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:50 a.m. - 1400 block of Sycamore, medical call one

BIG SPRING HE Tuesday, Aug



WASHINGTON Police looking fo children are now vast radio audi tips, thanks to a j which stations regular program a missing child a same way they storms.

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Houston. The program began in Texas, w sponsored, publi

VitaP

HOUSTON (AP Texas prisons ch A. "Andy" Colli become a prisone this fall after bein ed of taking bribes ing through a mu dollar contract t meat substitute inmates.

Collins and the of a Canadian com makes the meat VitaPro were fou Monday of federa stemming from a back scheme to the product in Te ons and market where.

Collins and Yar president of VitaP Inc. in Montreal, sentenced Nov. 19. up to 70 years in pl fines of up to \$2 1 given maximum for their convict bribery, fraud, mo dering and conspir

The six-man, si jury deliberated j than an hour afte week trial in fede in Houston. Collin distraught, hugge

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Maria De Los Angeles Enriquez

A vigil service for Maria De Los Angeles Enriquez, 10, of Big Spring will be held 7 p.m.,

today, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be held 3p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2001, at the Sacred Heart

Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Reagan, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, offi-



FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Maria Enriquez, 10, died Saturday. Vigil services are 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith **Chapel.** Funeral services are 3:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive cemetery.

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to work at Beth Ann's. From time to time, she decorates the show window at the **Blissard Crop Insurance** building at Fifth and Scurry. She just enjoys making things pretty.

"It's hard work and time consuming, but I love it," Nancy says about the county fair. "When it all comes together and everybody starts through - when the little children come in and their eyes light up - it's all worth it."

DONORS

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health. Donors should bring proof of identification and know the names of any medication they have taken in the past 30 days.

Morton said that donors should try to make an appointment for either one of the drives.

"If you would like to make an appointment to give blood, please call (915) 653-1307," she said. "Please try to make an appointment. It will help get you in and out in a timely manner."

Big Spring residents can also call 264-4824 to make an appointment for the VA Medical Center drive, or 268-4778 to make an appointment for the SMMC drive.

COLLEGE

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centage increases. Howard College has been attempting to increase faculty salaries for the past three years after a survey performed by the Texas Community College Teachers Association showed the college ranked



street date, the Mariah Carey CD Glitter advertised in today's On Cue insert will not be available until Tuesday, 9/11. We apologize for any inconvenience.

increase tax revue is expect to go to off set the cost of utilities as well as maintaining the aging buildings on the Howard College campuses, Sparks said.

"We are really try to be good stewards of the tax money," said Hansen. "The tax dollars are just slightly more than 1990." Trustees have passed bud-

gets of \$21.8 million in unrestrictive and restrictive monies for Howard College and \$4.37 million for SWCID.

Both Howard College and SWCID will enter the 2001-2002 academic year with a balance budget but the budgets may be amended because of some expenditures through the year.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY •Caregivers Night Out. meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6 -7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 -a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

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 BURGLARY OF A **HABITATION** was reported at the following: The 2300 block of Morrison. Around 10:20 p.m. Monday, somebody reportedly forced the side door of the home and entered. Nothing of value

was reported missing, - The 2600 block of Crestline. Between 2 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Sunday, somebody reportedly broke a rear window at the home, doing about \$50 worth of damage, entered and stole about \$50 in cash. .

 THEFT of items worth between \$50 and \$500 was reported in the 600 block of Manor Lane.

 MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1700 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard and the 4500 block of South Highway 87.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

 AGGRAVATED SEXU-**AL ASSAULT** was reported in the 8400 block of the **Interstate 20 North Service** Road.

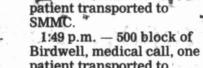
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call, one patient transported to SMMC. 6:03 p.m. - 200 block of

East 16th, trauma call, service refused. 9:18 p.m. - 1600 block of

Lark, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:30 p.m. - 400 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:45 p.m. - 1600 block of Lancaster, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:48 a.m. - 100 block of Northeast 10th, public service.

RECORDS

Monday's high 96 Monday's low 74 Record high 103 in 1924 Record low 60 1920 Average high 95 Average low 69 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 2.03 Year to date 7.24 SunriseWednesday 7:15 a.m. Sunset Wednesday 8:22 p.m.



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BIRMINGHAM. - Rape charges former Ku Klux R accused in a deadly bombing have been because the accuse mer stepdaughter, appeared.

Shelby County Judge Al Crow missed the charges against Bobby Cherry, 72, who been indicted on charges in a 1963 that killed four bl at Birmingham's Street Baptist Chur Cherry of Mabar had been charged v sodomy and sexu His accuser, Glo LaDow, hasn't b

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GENERAL NEWS

BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, August 21, 2001

Program seeks to track down abducted children using bulletins

WASHINGTON (AP) -Police looking for abducted children are now able to tap vast radio audiences for tips, thanks to a program in which stations interrupt regular programming to air a missing child alert in the same way they warn of storms.

Because of this program, which makes use of the same bulletin system broadcasters rely on during weather emergencies, police took only two hours to locate 5-year-old Maria Cuellar, who had gotten into a car with a stranger in Houston.

which The program, began in Texas, will soon be sponsored, publicized and

Center for Missing and Exploited Children. At a time when the nation is focused on the plight of Chandra Levy, the program is gaining attention for its help in the return of 17 youngsters since 1997.

"This is a program that. makes use of those first horrible, but critical hours," said Joann Donnellan, a spokeswoman for the center. "It is a way for communities to help when it is still likely that the child has not been harmed and is still in the area."

The alert program is called AMBER, after Amber Hagerman, a 9-year-old girl who was abducted and

expanded by the National found murdered near Dallas in 1996. It is a voluntary partnership between police and broadcasters to put out an emergency bulletin when a child is missing.

In weather emergencies, the bulletin is activated by the National Weather Service, which depends on broadcasters to send out a lengthy "beep" accompanied by a message across the screen.

In the case of an abducted child, the system works the same way, with police making the decision to activate

"The real strength is that the police immediately gain thousands and thousands of eyeballs across the city,"

said Steve Mace, spokesman for the program in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. "The strength of radio is that people receive the alert while they are driving around."

In Maria Cuellar's case. moments after a man in a stolen ambulance kidnapped her, broadcasters across the city gave a description of the girl, the ambulance and a few details about the suspect.

The bulletin produced several calls - one from a man in a nearby neighborhood who said he had seen a man fitting the suspect's description.

Police quickly searched the neighborhood, spotted

the man inside a small apartment. Maria was tied up in a bedroom, unharmed.

The program slowly spread over the years after success stories in Texas captured the attention of police in other areas. It is now administered statewide in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Ohio, Florida and more than 20 communities in other states across the nation.

Last year, 876,213 people were reported missing about 750,000 of them were children. Most of the youngsters were found not long after their disappearance was reported to police.

But police say stories of those who are not found

the ambulance and found strike at the heart of communities, much in the same way that the search for Levy has captured Washington's attention. Levy has been missing since May 1.

In Oklahoma, the plan is credited with the safe return of a baby girl taken by two teen-agers who stole the car she was in, unaware that she was stowed in back. A fisherman heard the alert, saw the stolen car and called the police.

In Saginaw, Texas, a man who abducted 9-year-old Fleisha Moore in 1999 forced her out of his truck when he heard an AMBER alert on the radio describing his vehicle. She was found shaken, but unhurt.

VitaPro defendants are found guilty

HOUSTON (AP) - Former and declined comment after incarcerated. Texas prisons chief James A. "Andy" Collins could become a prisoner himself this fall after being convicted of taking bribes for pushing through a multimilliondollar contract to feed a meat substitute to state inmates.

Collins and the president of a Canadian company that makes the meat substitute VitaPro were found guilty Monday of federal charges stemming from a 1995 kickback scheme to distribute the product in Texas prisons and market it elsewhere.

Collins and Yank Barry, president of VitaPro Foods Inc. in Montreal, will be sentenced Nov. 19. Both face up to 70 years in prison and fines of up to \$2 million if given maximum sentences for their convictions on bribery, fraud, money laundering and conspiracy.

The six-man, six-woman jury deliberated just more than an hour after a twoweek trial in federal court in Houston. Collins, visibly distraught, hugged Barry

hearing the verdict.

executive director of the Department Texas of Criminal Justice in December 1995 before the VitaPro scandal broke early the next year. His attorney, Bill White, said he was "acutely disappointed."

Barry said he was "surprised and disappointed" at the outcome. His attorney, Michael Ramsey, said he was "more shocked than I have ever been by a verdict.'

Both attorneys said they will appeal.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gary Cobe said he was pleased with the jury's decision. U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes ruled that Collins and Barry would remain free on bond until sentenced, denying Cobe's request that they be taken into custody right away.

Collins is now a credit manager for a concrete company in Austin. Cobe said Barry, who lives in the Bahamas, is a flight risk and should be immediately

Jurors, who made no Collins was forced out as · statements, determined that Collins took \$20,000 in bribes to push through the five-year, \$33.7 million VitaPro contract. Collins ordered his staff to finalize the contract two days before announcing his forced resignation in September 1995.

"He traded and swapped his position of influence for money," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Frels told jurors before deliberations began.

Both Collins and Barry testified that no bribes were involved in what they thought was a legitimate, long-term business deal to save money on food costs for Texas prisons while working together to market the soy-based product to prison systems in other states. Both were indicted in 1999.

Ramsey told jurors the VitaPro deal started as a one-year, five-figure contract after a team of Texas prison officials - that didn't include Collins - examined the company's facili-

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ties in Canada. That entire group recommended joining forces with Barry. "It was a good product

that made good economic sense," Ramsey said. "It did not come in this state as a bribe.'

Collins was forced out when Texas officials learned that while he was still head of the prison system, he agreed to run a private juvenile prison in Louisiana after retirement.

That prison's developer, convicted swindler and tax cheat Patrick Graham, had earned commissions from Barry's company for selling VitaPro to Louisiana prisons. He told authorities the Texas deal was a bribe scheme when he was arrested in January 1996 for taking \$150,000 from a woman on a false promise to break her boyfriend out of a Texas prison.

Attorneys for Collins and Barry attacked Graham, reminding jurors his testimony earned him immunity from prosecution for numerous fraudulent development and business deals.

Near-hurricane strikes Mexico, little damage

CHETUMAL. (AP) — Tropical Storm Chantal was sweeping across Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula today after frightening tourists, forcing evacuations and downing trees - but so far causing no known deaths.

hurricane strength before touching land near here Monday night, and narrowly missed the popular Caribbean tourist resorts ranging from Cancun to Tulum along the coast to the north.

Chantal was moving west-northwest across the peninsula at near 8 mph. Forecasters said it would likely have a second wind after weakening on its passage across the Yucatan and emerging once again in the warmer waters of the Gulf of Mexico late today or Wednesday.

The Mexican navy reported the storm touched land on the Xcalak penin-

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Mexico sula just east of here late Monday, churning up 13foot waves.

> It then roared across this city of 100,000 near the Belize border. It downed power lines and scattered tree limbs in the streets,

 but caused far less damage The storm barely missed than feared in the unpretentious capital of Quintana Roo state.

State radio and television repeatedly urged people to stay indoors, keep a twoday supply of clean water and flashlight batteries and to avoid getting drunk.

The leading edge of the storm carried little rain, but the U.S. National Hurricane Center said heavy rains, winds and a storm-swollen sea could follow.

Chetumal was almost a ghost town after dark as waterfront restaurants and most other businesses in town - shuttered or boarded up windows against the 65 mph winds.

Rape charges against ex-Klansman

dropped because accuser missing

Owens has said taking

Cherry to trial on rape

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) Monday afternoon without LaDow, 41, claimed that - Rape charges against a former Ku Klux Klansman accused in a deadly church bombing have been dropped because the accuser, his former stepdaughter, has disappeared.

Shelby County Circuit Judge Al Crowson dismissed the charges Monday against Bobby Frank Cherry, 72, who has also been indicted on munder charges in a 1963 bombing that killed four black girls at Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Cherry of Mabank, Texas had been charged with rape, sodomy and sexual abuse. His accuser, Gloria Dean LaDow, hasn't been seen since last year.

LaDow's attorney, Larry Hardaway, said he saw her in October when she came by his office and said she was getting a job.

District Attorney Robert E. Owens said he searched for LaDow until late



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BIG SPRING HERALD Tuesday, August 21, 2001

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an estab-lishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exer-cise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." -FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Opportunity to give blood arrives again

nited Blood Services is holding two blood drives in Howard County within a week's time, in hopes that residents can help fill a critical need. The first drive is set from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday at the VA Medical Center. The second will be held from 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at Scenic Mountain

Medical Center. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. Proof of identification is needed and donors are asked to know the names of any medication they have taken in the past 30 days.

Walk-ins are welcome, but you'll be served faster if you make an appointment first. If you can donate blood at the VA Medical Center, call Iva Jo Hanslik at 264-4824. If the 29th works better for you, call the Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer desk at 268-4778. As an extra incentive, those who donate blood at SMMC will receive a free near from the venoe Rose of The important using is to give, especially no

after the summer months. Summer has traditionally been a tough time for area hospitals because with people on vacation and involved in recreational activities, less blood is donated. However, because people tend to be more active, the need for blood remains steady. Now that school is back in session, schedules can become more coordinated. That includes scheduling an opportunity to give blood. We hope you will consider doing so at VA Medical Center on Thursday or Scenic Mountain Medical Center on the 29th. There is no greater gift than one which could mean the difference between life or death for someone's loved one.

There are too many contradictions in laws been charged with child here is a joke going around the Internet abuse for taking drugs while pregnant. Yet the about a high school same government says that any woman can hire an boy in the District abortionist to kill her baby, and no state legislature has

the right to stop her or

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tionist. Ayn Rand was fond of saving that there are no contradictions in nature. I agree. When you see contradictions in laws, then you know you have bad laws and bad judicial rulings. In a sane society, courts decide legal questions, and legislatures decide moral and philosophical issues. Abortion and prayer are both moral and philosophical issues. The Constitution merely prohibits the federal government from establishing an official religion such as the Church of England. which is the official religion of the British government and receives tax money to support it. The fact that a citizen chooses to pray in a public facility does not constitute establishing an official religion. It is absurd to say that high school football players may curse and tell dirty jokes on a school facility

but cannot pray for their own safety. The fact that an ex-GI might choose to use his educational benefits in a Catholic university does not constitute the establishment of religion.

Unfortunately, legisla-tures and the courts both allow themselves to be whipsawed by special-interest groups. Feminists wanted abortion on demand, and the Supreme Court gave it to them. Atheists wanted to ban public expression of religious sentiments, and so the federal courts have largely banned them. Another factor, naturally, is that the dumbing down of America has also included politicians and judges.

Our country was founded by people whose main interest was in liberty. Liberty is most easily defined as the freedom to make your own decisions about nearly all the matters that affect your life. The measurement of a free society is how many areas a private citizen is left to make his own decisions in as opposed to being coerced into accepting the government's decisions.

None of the Founding Fathers ever intended to create anything but a gov-

ernment with clearly limited powers. To limit the powers, both at the federal level and at the state level, they resorted to constitutions, which are, in effect, charters for government that spell out the government's specific powers. The very idea that a citizen must surrender all of his rights to a government would have been anathema to them. The idea that rights come from government was likewise a contradiction of the philosophy of the American Revolution. It is also illogical. Anything you can do only with permission is not a right. **True Americans believe**

our rights are a gift of God. We establish governments to protect those rights. We give to government only limited powers to do that job.

We reserve the right to withdraw those powers should the government become abusive of our rights.

Try peddling those ideas in Washington, and you'll be branded a radical, militant bad guy. Excuse me, I meant bad person.

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Texas is clearly the heart

'My house is in Texas;

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said one recent day. "This

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he told those questioning

White House and at home

On some days Bush calls

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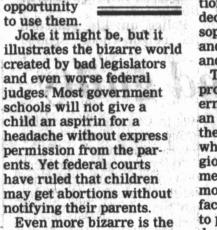
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BIG SPRING

Distancing the president from Washington

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON **Guest Columnist**

For two centuries, the White House in Washington has been the great destination and golden prize of American politics.

But having scrambled to the top, many presidents can't seem to wait to tell people they have stumbled into a gilded prison, a sealed bubble, a distorted mirror, a corrupting place of gossip, rumor, backbiting, and, of all things, hardball politics.

"Like other presidents before and after me, I felt the need to get out of the White House and out of Washington in order to keep some sense of perspective," said one modern chief executive. That may sound exactly

like George W. Bush as he ambles around his 1,600acre Texas ranch during his monthlong Texas vaca-

But the words are actually those of Richard Nixon. who had more to say that also sounded just a little like Bush.

"I discovered how isolated from the reality of American life a president can feel in the White House," Nixon said. Here's the current presi-

dent on the same subject: "To me, to be out on the

land helps a president keep perspective. You know, I haven't been a president all that long, but I can assure Albuquerque classroom just you, perspective is imporwhere his home was.

'Washington D.C.," they replied in a shout. "I'm from one state east

of here," Bush prompted and asked again where he was from.

"Washington D.C.," they shouted anew, perhaps not an unreasonable response when dealing with a man who has the White House and the executive branch of the government in Washington at his disposal.

When pressed, Bush explains that what he

objects to most is the furious nature of Washington politics.

"In Washington, it's a lot more partisan; people there just like to dig in and fight," he said one morning.

Actually, that's not as harsh a criticism of Washington and the presidency as that once delivered by another Texan president, Lyndon B. Johnson.

Being president in a Washington crisis, Johnson once said, "is like a jackass standing alone in the middle of a field in a driving hailstorm. There's nothing he can do but stand there and take it."

Bill Clinton was one of the relatively few presidents to openly revel in the job, despite the bumpy ride he often had.

Many of the others often spoke as if they couldn't stand the place or the job.

"There is the big white jail," Harry S. Truman once said, looking up from one of his frequent walks outside the cast iron fence.

George Washington, that great establisher of presidential precedent, may have been the first to paint the job in the colors of gloom.

Washington said that as he traveled to his inauguration he felt like "a culprit. who is going to the place of his execution.' Thomas Jefferson called

the presidency "a splendid misery." "Dignified slav-ery," Andrew Jackson snorted.

"A bed of thorns," said John Tyler. "A self-inflicted penance," said Grover Cleveland.

"My God!" cried James Garfield. "What is there in this place that a man should ever want to get into it?"

"Being president is like riding a tiger," Truman once said. "A man has to keep riding or be swallowed.

But a little later on he had a further thought on being president, one with which Bush might come to agree

"Just between you and me and the gatepost, I like it," Truman said.

Lawrence L. Knutson has covered the White House, Congress, presidential vacations and Washington's history for more than 30 years.



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Investigators search for suspect wanted on family killing spree

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Investigators searched through the night for a Ukrainian immigrant who allegedly went on a family killing spree, stabbing his pregnant wife to death and slaying four more relatives before fleeing with his toddler son.

Nikolay Soltys, 27, was described by friends and authorities as a quiet man who grasped for a new life in America but could not shake the demons that followed him from overseas.

Authorities said he was seen leaving his suburban Sacramento home Monday morning after stabbing his 27-year-old wife, who stumbled to a neighbor's doorway and collapsed. She was about three months pregnant. He then allegedly drove to a duplex 20 miles away where he killed an aunt, uncle and two young cousins, police said. They had no motive for the killings.

"We've had investigators out all night tracking down leads," Sgt. James Lewis of the Sacramento County Sheriff's office said today.

Officers were stationed at bus terminals and airports in the Sacramento area today in hope of finding Soltys and the 3-year-old son. Detectives also were investigating reports that Soltys headed to Oregon, where he may have relatives, Lewis said.

Late Monday, sheriff's deputies found Soltys' 1995 Nissan Altima in a parking lot behind a Sacramento home improvement store.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 22:

Your perspective of your home life radically changes because of another's attitude. What seemed like a contest of wills now works itself through. Put more of your time and attention into day-to-day matters. The quality of your life needs to reflect more of you. Think about what you do for work, as well. Once you become more in tune with yourself, you'll greet success. You gain new friends and see unusual new options. If single, you'll meet someone very special through a friend. This person will become a friend and lover. If you are attached, combine your energies and you can create whatever you want. Develop the friendship between the two of you. **SCORPIO** loves to tease you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April

you on a pedestal. Be the real you, and help this person see you clearly. Tonight: Let someone indulge you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your personality shines in the company of a family member. Expressing your own personal style when with others sometimes might be difficult. The tone of a discussion with a loved one changes, once you express your caring and nurturing side. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Though you hate

being materialistic, the bottom line is that you need money to make your life work. Use your skills to make money, but don't live for it, either. Review a decision that involves a neighbor or sibling. Chaos hides something you might not want to see. Tonight: Treat someone to a favorite restaurant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Put another's ideas into play as you tackle 19) A reversal transforms budget. It also might be inth good news, if not time to put on your rose UPOS Horganizew issues surrounding your colored glasses. Tonight: Another is not a mind reader. Ask. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) have understood becomes a lot clearer. Pluto, the planet of transformation, goes direct. This allows you to yield more power and understanding in your personal life. Zero in on what you want. Stop the hemming and hawing. Tonight: Do some thinking. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Gain comes through others, groups and meetings. Though you like to be independent, you cannot walk away from your need for others. Accept another's admiration and loving. You'll be a lot happier. Worry less about spending right now. Tonight: Aim for your desires. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** What you are hearing might not make sense to you, but on the other hand, what you are saying might be gibberish to another. **Demonstrate** your feelings through actions and someone will hear. Push through and complete a boring task that others won't do. Tonight: Work as late as needed.

GENERAL NEWS

Judge: Tire defect, case will go to jury today

MCALLEN (AP)

Attorneys in the nation's first defective tire lawsuit against Bridgestone-/Firestone Inc. to reach trial are preparing to hand the \$1 billion product liability case over to a South Texas jury.

Closing arguments were expected today in the civil case filed by a doctor who was injured along with his family when his Ford Explorer flipped over on a Mexican highway after tire tread separated.

Dr. Joel Rodriguez' lawyers on Monday attacked the final defense witness as a retired company loyalist whose job in court is to dodge blame for faulty tires.

The nine-member jury seven women and two men - will decide whether a faulty Wilderness AT tire or a Ford Explorer design defect caused the March 2000 rollover that left Rodriguez' wife, Marisa, paralyzed for life.

"I don't care if we work until 12 midnight — this case will be in your hands by tomorrow," U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela told jurors Monday afternoon.

Corpus Christi Attorney Mikal Watts, in cross-examination of consultant James Gardner, cited recent cases in which the witness under

contract with Bridgestone-/Firestone blamed driver error in Explorer rollovers involving tread separations. Now, Watts said, Gardner is arguing that Ford Motor Co. is solely at fault for rollovers involving tread separations. That's a departure, Watts said, from a Mississippi deposition in which Gardner testified Explorers "do not have a propensity to roll over."

"That testimony took place Dec. 15, 1998 - before you started fighting with one another," Watts said, referring to the Ford-Firestone break.

Rodriguez, a doctor from the South Texas town of Pharr, filed suit against the tire manufacturer after his 39-year-old wife was left brain-damaged and paralyzed following the crash. Rodriguez's lawyers are tryto prove ing that Bridgestone/Firestone knew tread separation was a problem on its tires before it recalled 6.5 million tires last summer

Rodriguez has settled with Ford for \$6 million, but so far has rejected all settlement offers by Bridgestone/Firestone.

Gardner said that he "had always been under the impression that there were problems with the

Explorer," but it took a said, adding many Texans Bridgestone/Firestone-commissioned study produced after that deposition to convince him.

He said he wanted to show jurors that an object, perhaps a baseball, caused the tire to fail and that the product had no defects when it left Bridgestone-/Firestone's Decatur, Ill., plant in 1997.

Holding pieces of the rear right tire that apparently failed in a rollover, Gardner said the inner tire's smoothed surface was a result of friction caused by prolonged rubbing against the loose outer tread.

After an estimated 1,000 to 4,000 driving miles, he said, the tread finally separated on the day of the accident.

Defense attorneys say there was no tire defect, that tread separations are common and that Explorers roll over because of design flaws that prompt panicked drivers to oversteer and compel the vehicle to tip.

But plaintiffs' attorneys say Rodriguez wouldn't have had to react if the tire hadn't failed in the first place. They say Bridgestone/Firestone knew how to fix its defective tires.

"I guess what you're trying to say is, 'If our tire runs over a baseball, we're not responsible," Watts

drive over rough country roads

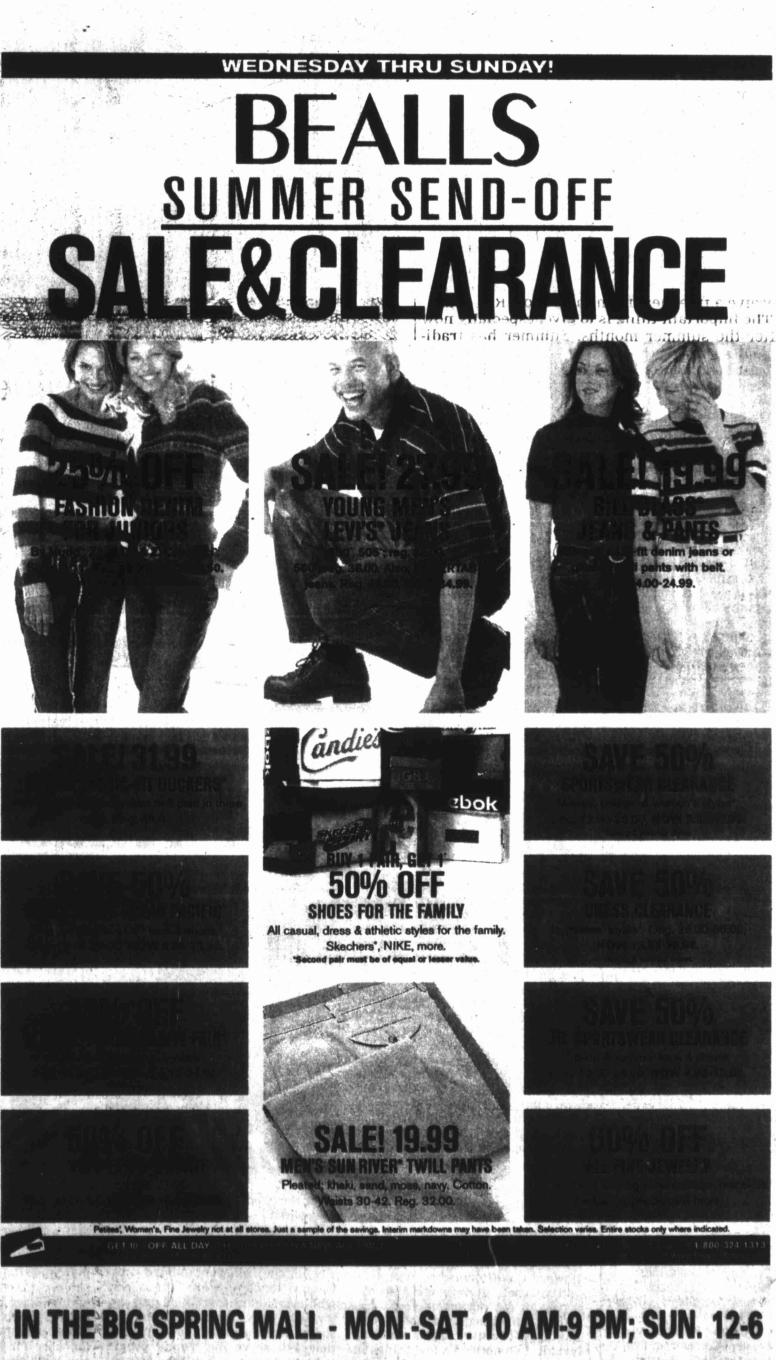
Questions to Dan Saurer, Bridgestone's vice president for product development. centered on a task force sent in 1996 to evaluate **Bridgestone/Firestone's** Decatur, Ill., plant, where all the tires targeted in last summer's recall were manufactured.

In deposition excerpts, Saurer said the plant was underperforming and targeted for cost cutting. Saurer also said there was no air conditioning on the production floor, but would not say heat and humidity at the plant were factors in tire failures.

Watts said Firestone marketed the Wilderness AT as an off-road tire, yet contends that running over an object could cause it to fail. Gardner replied the tires can still fail in such cases.

Rodriguez's lawyers plan to call more witnesses Tuesday to rebut Bridgestone/Firestone testimony.

More than 200 deaths and 800 injuries in the United States have been blamed on Explorers rolling over after a tire tread separation involving a Firestone tire. Bridgestone/Firestone has settled more than 150 cases.



immediately, then very soon. Others express confusion. Look at hard facts and details. You're able to enhance your long-term well-being if you seize the opportunity. You run in where others fear to go! **Tonight: Suppress the urge** to dance about your accomplishments.

TAURUS (April 20-May

20) ***** Finances will get straightened out, now that someone becomes more willing to "talk turkey." You cannot get out of dealing with a vague associate. Learn how to verify what this person says. These communication skills will help you deal with others. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June

20) **** You sigh in relief because what you thought was an unresolvable problem settles down. Given space, another accepts your thinking. Deal with lawyers, writers and different publishers. Swap ideas, and you'll make money. Tonight: Consider a different exercise routine. CANCER (June 21-July

22)

***** You have a sixth sense for others' mood changes. You easily could know others' moods before they do. You can use this knowledge to your advan-tage. Establish greater clarity at work about what is expected. Tonight: How bout an old -fashioned date?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****'It is time to be flexi-ble with a child or loved one. This person will respond, but only if given the space. Someone puts

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Make it your business to explore options rather than saying yes or no. If you aren't satisfied, dig into that creative well of yours for different approaches. A relationship might be taking a turn that makes you a little nervous. Be open. Tonight: Check out some information on the QT.

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Weekend arrests add to Nebraska's troubles IN BRIEF

Stringers sought for football games

The Herald is accepting applications for football stringers to assist with high school coverage.

Both writers and photographers are needed. Experience is not required for writers, but knowledge of and interest in football is a requirement.

Photographers need to have their own equipment and a basic knowledge of the sport.

Stringers are still needed to cover the Forsan Coahoma, Garden City, Grady and Sands teams on Friday nights.

To apply, call the Herald during normal business hours at 263-7331 and leave a message that includes both a daytime and evening phone number.

Soccer registration

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association starts is sign-up for All-Stars today from 1-5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. The cost \$25 per child. is **Registration** continues through Saturday at the Mall.

Forsan pep-rally set

The Forsan booster are hosting a communitywide pep-rally for Aug. 30 at Forsan High School. There is no charge for the Thursday event which starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call the school at 457-2223.

Hawk Flight Boosters to meet Friday

The Hawk Flight Booster Club will have its gathering of the year on at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug.

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - The offfield troubles for No. 3 Nebraska are building as two more players, including I-back Dahrran Diedrick, face disciplinary action after weekend arrests for an argument at a bar.

Since June, four players have been arrested and a fifth, linebacker Randy Stella, was kicked off the team for violating team rules.

Diedrick and backup linebacker Tony Tata spent Saturday night in jail after being charged with disturbing the peace. Coach Frank Solich said Monday that no decision had been made on their playing status.

"I'm just trying to get as many month for undisclosed disciplinary facts on it as I can," Solich said. "In reasons. Brown was convicted of a number of cases we have waited until things have played out in the court system. I don't know if that will be the case here."

Diedrick is scheduled to appear in Lancaster County Court on Sept. 12. Tata is to appear two days later.

Nebraska opens the season Saturday at home against TCU.

The arrests add to a preseason that saw the Huskers lose Stella, their top returning defender, and suspend kicker Josh Brown for Saturday's game.

Stella, who had 58 tackles last season, was booted off the team this reasons. Brown was convicted of assault for fighting with a man on a date with his ex-girlfriend.

Thunder Collins, a reserve I-back, was arrested and charged in June with assaulting his live-in girlfriend, Nebraska basketball player Shannon Howell. Assault charges against Collins were dropped this month when he agreed to enter a pretrial diversion program.

Solich ordered Brown and Collins to undergo anger management counseling.

"Even though they're all classified as misdemeanors, they're all disturbing to you," Solich said.

"You'd like to go through a season without any incidents."

Tata was arrested outside a downtown bar where he was seen argu-ing with the owner at 12:30 a.m. **CDT Sunday**.

Diedrick was arrested less than 20 minutes later after being kicked out of the same bar. Police said he also was yelling at the owner. After he refused to leave, Diedrick was arrested for failure to disperse and disturbing the peace.

Both Diedrick and Tata were suspended from the 2000 Fiesta Bowl after violating team rules in preparation for that game.

Bulldogs ready to challenge for title

By JEFF MORRIS Sports Editor

COAHOMA - After the first Monday of high school classes, the Coahoma Bulldogs, like all other area prep players, had their head gear on, mixing it up on the football field.

But unlike other area teams, some of the Bulldogs had two sets of head gear their varsity helmets and the special yellow and green helmet covers the defensive players wear to distinguish themselves during practice.

"I think one of the ladies in our community made them for our boys a few years ago, but they sure help give our offensive a better look," a Coahoma assistant coach explained as he headed across the field.

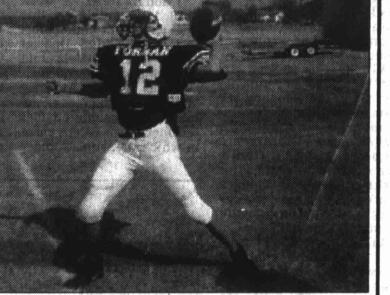
After practice, Robert Wood said his Bulldogs strength this season will come from the 14 returning starters he has. Wood, who. starts his third year as the final district standings. head coach after leading Coahoma to its first post- Forsan scrimmage notes of season playoff game since



Coahoma coach Robert Wood starts his third year as the head Bulldog. Buffaloes twice on the goal

line as time expired. The Buffaloes travel to Coahoma Oct. 12 for a 7:30 District 3-2A showdown that will likely figure into the final standings and playoff picture. But another set of Buffaloes in Stanton should have a lot to say about who takes the title. Mark Cotton's Stanton Buffaloes are also a District 3-2A rival that beat both teams last year, finishing second to Colorado City in

During Saturday's scrim-



HERALD photo/Jeff Morris Matt Reyna showed his senior leadership at guarterback for Forsan Saturday against the May Tigers. He completed all four of his passes for 1.04 yards and one TD.



Hingis, Kuerten top seeds

NEW YORK (AP) - U.S. **Open** seedings released Monday include 32 men and 32 women, double last year's total, with Gustavo Kuerten and Martina Hingis seeded No. 1.

As in the past, seedings were based on tour rankings for the year's final Grand Slam event, which begins next Monday.

Wimbledon and the French Open decided in June to adopt a seeding for-mula favoring players who are better on their event's playing surface. But the U.S. Tennis Association will hold off on such a change for the U.S. Open until at least next year, spokesman Joe Favorito said.

"At this time there's no definitive system that makes sense for all four Grand Slams," Favorito said.

Anna Kournikova, seede 19th withdrew. Mon because of a foot injury has sidelined her most of the year. Unseeded Mary Pierce, a two-time quarterfinalist, pulled out because of a lower back injury. The expansion to 32 seeded players in each draw for all major events was announced in June. It makes early-round upsets less likely and gives top players a better chance to advance, which pleases sponsors and TV networks. Kuerten is seeded No. 1 at the U.S. Open for the first time. The Brazilian, bothered by soreness in his right side, quit seven games into Sunday's final against Patrick Rafter at a tournament in Indianapolis but said he expects to ready for the Open. Two-time champion Andre Agassi is seeded second, followed by 2000 champion Marat Safin. Pete Sampras is 10th.

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PREP SLATE

PRESEASON FOOTBALL BIG SPRING - Thursday at Lamesa at 7:30 p.m. FORSAN - Friday vs. Fort Davis at Wink, 6 p.m. STANTON — Thursday vs. Post at home, 5 p.m. SANDS - Friday vs.Ira at home, 6 p.m. COAHOMA - Friday vs. Crane at home, 5 p.m. **GARDEN CITY** — Friday vs. Bronte at home, 6 p.m. **GRADY** — Friday at Ropesville, 7 p.m.

Tennis — Saturday, Big Spring vs. Burkbennett (8:30 a.m.) and Vernon (1:30 p.m.) at Vernon.

Volleyball --- Today, Big Spring vs. Lamesa at home, 5:30 p.m.

ON THE AIR

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1 p.m. - Little League World Series, Northwest vs. Midatlantic, Bainbridge Island, Wash., vs. Bronx, NY, ESPN, Ch. 30. 6 p.m. - Little League World Series, Southeast vs. Midwest, Appopka, Fla., vs. Davenport, Iowa, ESPN2, Ch. 125.

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7 p.m. - Playoffs, Eastern Conference first round, game 3, Miami Sol at New York Liberty, ESPN, Ch. 30. 9 p.m. - Playoffs, Western Conference, first round, game 3, Houston **Comets at Los Angles** Sparks, ESPN, Ch. 30.

1972 last year, has seven offensive starters returning, including quarterback Chase Ward, who plays both ways and was an All-District 3-2A punter last year with a 38-yard average.

"Experience is our strength," Wood said after Monday's practice which featured plenty of windsprints and conditioning work after the teaching and hitting were done. "We should be better defensively because of our experience and playing time last year. And, we've got key players back on offense, so with returning players and a few good kids moving up, we should have a chance to contend for the (district) title."

The Bulldogs beat district and cross-county rival Forsan 27-23 last season at Forsan, stopping the

mage against the May tigers at Coleman, Forsan scored three times while shutting the Tigers down defensively. Wes Longoria set the tone, scoring twice for Forsan. After catching a Matt Reyna pass for a 16yard touchdown, he scored on a 3-yard run, rushing four times for 48 yards. Billy Acosta scored the other Forsan TD on a 3vard run. Acosta carried seven times for 35 yards. Forsan coach Steve Park, who takes over the head coaching duties for the second time after a two-year' stint on the sidelines as an assistant, said he was pleased with both of the quarterbacks who are competing for the starting position.

"Matt threw the ball well for the first 20 plays," Park reported. "He was 4-of-4 for 104 yards and a TD, so I Josh Heimstetler played both running back and quarterback for Forsan Saturday. He is competing for the starting quarterback position. Saturday, he completed one pass for 23 yards to Wes Longorio.

was pleased with h's decision making and I'd say our offensive line did well. They gave him plenty of time.

Park said his other quar-

HERALD photo/Jeff Morris

terback, Josh Helmstetler, had a good scrimmage.

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The eyes of Texas are upon us

Howdy West Texas, I'm the new sports sheriff in town and I'm here to help you have as much local sports coverage as one man can. We will continue to include as much state and national sports news as possible, keeping an eye on the national scene to bring you stories like Sunday's gem — the New York Little Leaguer who pitched a perfect game, striking out the first 15 batters he faced before completing the first Little League no-hitter in 44 years, striking out 16 of the 18 batters he faced. Could be a fluke, but who knows, maybe 12-year-old Danny Almonte of the Bronx will be the next Major Leaguer who had a Little League highlight to start his career.

Finally, football season is almost here - which means the eyes of Texas will be watching to see who's for real and who's not, which teams are contenders and which are pretenders. After about a week in Big Spring, I've already been all over Howard County, meeting with football coaches, players and parents, trying to get organized for a full slate of fall football and other sports like cross-country, tennis and volleyball. I've noticed a few things in my travels this first week. It seems there are at least a couple of things



all of the prep programs in our coverage area have in common.

No. 1, they all seem to have serious school spirit - a sense of pride and tradition.

No. 2, they all seem to have experienced coaching staffs - teachers who care about their kids and are trying to stress the fundamentals of sports while setting the standards that will serve our young people today and tomorrow as they mature and make their way through life.

Like little Danny Almonte, our high school football. youth will learn valuable life lessons from participating in sports and other after-school activities like band and cheerleading. Over the years, I've been fortunate to see lots of youth learn and grow. One of the primary reasons I like what I do is because there is something so special about working with young people and their coaches. Watching them learn and mature, seeing their faces when they get their first hit, or hit their first home run, score their first TD or get their first QB sack, these are the precious moments to parents, the rewarding moments for coaches and the exciting moments for me.

I would always rather watch a Little League game than go to a Major League ball park because MLB has gotten so jaded over the years that I almost don't care until the World Series. It is always more exciting to me to see young people playing for the learning and love of the game than to watch over-paid players in corporate-named stadiums making rich owners richer at the expense of the fans who paid to come, paid to park, paid through the nose for a hotdog, a beverage and some peanuts.

Saturday I was in my element -

Having grown up in Alabama, nothing is more sacred to me than prep players on the gridiron. In Alabama — like Texas — football is a way of life and college football is King! Saturday's are strictly set aside for NCAA action while Friday nights are reserved for prep players, parents and coaches to mix it up between the hash marks. All my life I've heard about Texas football tradition, so now I'm here to see it first hand.

I started my morning with a trip to Coahoma for the Bulldogs' first preseason scrimmage - a date with the 3A Rangers of Greenwood in Midland. Robert Wood's 'Dogs looked like they were past the puppy stage Saturday when they spanked the Rangers twice on break-away plays while Greenwood managed only one varsity score against the 2A team. Woods got the Bulldogs back on track last year with Coahoma's first post-season trip since 1972 and it looks like they are ready to keep moving forward and challenge district rivals Stanton and Forsan for first place. Meanwhile, Dwight Butler's

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No further damage to Boselli's knee found

Pro Bowl lineman back for the Sept. 9

opener, coach Tom Coughlin said, "Oh

Receiver Keenan McCardell is out

for at least three weeks after a hernia

yeah. I hope so. We'll see.'

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) Doctors and trainers found no further damage to Tony Boselli's knee, and the Jacksonville Jaguars expect their Pro Bowl left tackle to be ready for the season opener.

Boselli twisted his surgically repaired right knee in practice Sunday, and had to be taken off the field on a cart. But a thorough examination showed only a bone bruise. Asked if he expected the five-time-

operation. Right guard Zach Wiegert still hasn't fully recovered from his knee surgery last year.

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Six-man notes

noon scrimmage.

Sands coach Clint Lowry

reported that his six-man

squad had its hands full

Saturday at Whit Harrel

during the three-team jam-

boree. After losing 2 scores

to one against the host

team, Lowry's Mustangs

managed a 2-1 win over

Turkey Valley in the after-

"Whit Harrel has a top-

est to do and be their best?

Regardless of the class or level,

weather it is 2A, 4A or six-man ball, all

our prep programs have good student-

athletes who are learning and grow-

ing, hustling while hurting and striv-

ing to be their best. I will try to stress

the student-side of the label, giving

recognition to the players who are

doing well in the classroom, because

that really is the most important thing

Texas is the no-pass, no-play rule. I

have certainly seen my share of poor

students who had tons of athletic abil-

ity, but couldn't even cut it at the

junior college level academically. That

is always a sad situation to see. I sin-

cerely hope the players are listening to

their teachers and coaches and I think

all parents should always take an

active role in knowing what their kids

Likewise, I have seen some of the

best and brightest — like Grant Hill

when he was a high-school sophomore playing basketball at South Lakes

are doing and not doing.

One of the things I like most about

and should always come first.

quality ball club," Lowry

said. "Both of these teams

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) - Chris Brazzell, who was battling to be the Dallas Cowboys' No. 3 receiver, could

Cowboys' quest to find a dependable third option to play behind and alongside receivers Joey Galloway and Raghib Ismail.

"All the guys I wanted to evaluate have gotten hurt," coach Dave Campo said.

against New Orleans.

miss up to three weeks with a neck

strain. Brazzell was injured in the sec-

ond quarter of Saturday's game

It's yet another obstacle in the

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FOOTBALL

had a good scrimmage. He said he was one of the offensive bright spots for the Buffaloes.

"He was only 1-of-3 for 23 yards passing, but he made some good runs for us, so we've got two guys competing for a starting position at quarterback. Defensively, I was real pleased because we kept them out of the end zone. I thought Robert Gomez had a good game for us and Josh Gibson looked good on the defensive line.'

Park pointed out that wide receiver Matt Ellis had two catches for 48 yards and that Billy Reid, who suf-

SIDELINES

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Steers started with perhaps the toughest opponent Big Spring could see all year in John Parchman's Midland-Lee Rebels Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. His Steers held their own against the three-time defending state champions, Parchman said as he left the field - noting that Big Spring is always an excellent preseason scrimmage for his Rebels, a way to start the hitting season against a strong opponent who will challenge you to stay focused and go full speed.

"I think the kids are running to the ball well for both teams. We've got some boys hustling hard in the heat and that's what we wanted to see because we're both trying to do the same thing - look at a lot of kids and see who's improved," Parchman said during Saturday's controlled scrim-

Isn't that really what it's all about, seeing some kids hustling their hard-

fered a right knee/shin kids did well. We played injury in practice Thursday, did not play Saturday. He

real well against them, sop now we've got to get ready said Zach Johnson continfor Irra at home this Friday ues to miss valuable pracat 5 p.m.' tice time due to a sore back. Against Whit Harrel,

Dusty Floyd scored on a 50yard pass from Chance Nichols. Floyd scored his second TD of the day against Turkey Valley on a 40-yard pass after Gilbert Ibarra crossed the goal line on a 3-yard run.

Lowry said Heath Webb played well at middle linebacker while Catalin Barraza controlled the middle at nose tackle, freeing up the defensive ends, who got good penetration. "I'd say we had a lot of

are solid, so I thought our bright spots and really

played well overall against two tough teams. We'll be looking at the film to do some teaching and correct the little things that can kill you, but we got some good reps in over the weekend and some good, quality hitting."

While most other teams are largely injury free. Lowry said Jerry Flores suffered a serious right ankle sprain that didn't get better Sunday. He said that Flores played well Saturday until he got hurt, but that he was headed to the doctor Monday for further evaluation and could miss several weeks if there is a fracture.

High in the Washington, D.C. area before he went to Duke, won a national title and became one of the top pro

cover events like the 50th Anniversary of Little League Baseball at The White House and Triple Crown horse races like the Preakness in Baltimore and **Belmont Stakes in NYC**

Lucky me, I get to tell the stories. So, give me a call if you want to help because I need all the help I can find for like the players and coaches, I too am striving for success, trying to do my best to serve our schools, our youth and our community in a positive, professional way.

If you are interested in taking an active role in assisting the Herald Sports Department, give me a call and leave me a message with both a day and evening phone number.

Whip 'em Wildcats, Beat 'em Bearkats, Mess 'em up Mustangs, Stampede 'em Buffaloes - both Red and Black - and **Roll Tide Roll!**

players in the NBA.

Over the years, I've been fortunate to

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TOP 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press preseason college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and 2000 records: Record . Florida (20) 2. Miami (83) 3. Oklahoma (10) 10-3 11-1 13-0 4. Nebraska (4) 10-2 5. Texas (5) 9-3 6. Florida St. 11-2 7. Oregon 10-2 8-4 11-1 9-3 8. Tenness 9. Virginia Tech 10. Georgia Tech 11. Oregon St. 12. Michigan 11-1 9-3 11-3 13. Kansas St. 14. LSU 84 15. Washington 11-1 16. Northwestern 17. UCLA 8-4 6-6 18. Notre Dame 19. Clemson 20. Mississippi St. 9-3 8-4 21. South Caroli 22. V 94 8-4 23. Ohio St. 24. Colorado St. 10-2 25. Alabama 38 Others receiving votes: Purdue 127, Others receiving votes: Purdue 127, Colorado 105, Georgia 84, Southern Cal 74, East Carolina 65, Pittsburgh 62, Louisville 53, Michigan St. 32, Texas A&M 28, Arkansas 22, Illinois 21, Warshall 12, Mississippi 12, UNLV 12, Southern Miss. 10, Penn St. 9, Auburn 8, Stanford 8, TCU 7, Fresno St. 6, Iowa St. 6, Kansas 5, N.C. State 3, W St. 5, Kanses 5, N.C. State 3, W. Michigan 2, West Virginia 2, Arizona St. 1, Indiana 1, Syracuse 1, Toledo 1.

1. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$134,757 2. Trevor Brazile, Pueblo, Colo., \$126,416 3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$110,387 Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, 5. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$102,956 6. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., \$102,431 • 7. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$101,564 8. B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash. \$87,322 9. Brad Goodrich, Hermiston, Ore., \$71,804 10. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$68,936 11. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$68,418 12. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$64,383 13. Herbert Theriot. Poplarville, Miss., \$62,702 14. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$61.965 15. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$58,253 16. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$53,493 17. Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$51,215 18. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$50,555 19. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, \$50,324 20. Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$47,485 BAREBACK RIDING 1. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$99,914 2. Lan LaJeunesse, Morgan, Utah, \$72,533 2,533 3. Bobby Mote, Redmond, Ore., \$58,790 4. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., 5. Jason Jeter, Fort Worth, Texas, \$56,250 6. William Pittman 4I, Florence, Miss., \$54,099 7. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$53,149 8. Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$52,176 9. Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., \$51,098 10. Darren Clarke, Denton, Texas. \$47,474 11. Scott Montague, Wall, S.D., \$47,135 12. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, \$45,657 13. Joe Ketter, Roy, Wash., \$45,639 14. Scott Drennan, Teague, Tex \$40,677 Texas. 15. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., \$40,472 16. Cody Jessee, John Day, Ore.. \$35,191 17. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas, \$34,577 18. Chad Klein, Clinton, La., \$33,596 19. Kyle Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$32,412 \$32,412
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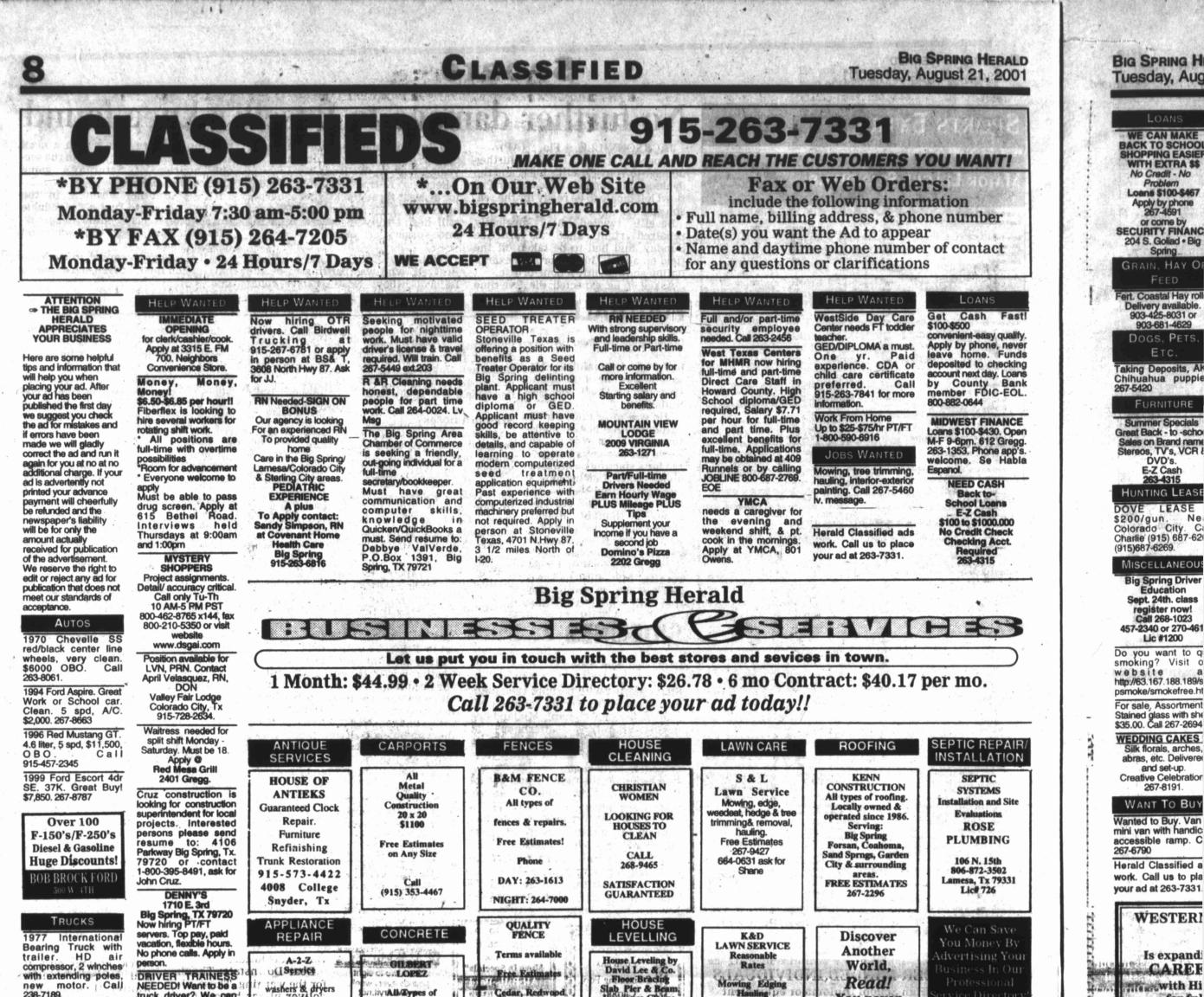
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until 3 a.m. I am sick and tired of going to bed alone. We now have no sex life, and very little gets cleaned or cooked around the house. My wife used to have a lot of interesting hobbies, but she hasn't touched a crochet needle or a good book in ages. Talking to her about it does no good. She says she needs the computer game as an 'escape.

My wife has started a telephone friendship with a 25year-old man who also plays this stupid computer game. They talk every day, sometimes for hours at a time, and sound like lovers. This doesn't seem normal to me.

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Dear Ann Landers: My elderly parents live near me. They are both in their 80s and in reasonably good health, physically and mentally. Recently, my siblings have begun talking to my parents as if they were children. They are overly condescending in a way that is insulting. My siblings also think I should be "watching" Mom and Dad. I would like to tell them that our parents, regardless of their age, are still adults:

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through their refrigerator and throw out old food. Do not expect me to put my folks on an allowance and tell them what they can spend their money on. Do not insist on knowing about their personal finances. Do not demand to be informed about their personal medical needs. This is all private and privileged information. If Mom or Dad want to share it, they are perfectly capable of deciding that on their own.

Unless our parents become seriously ill or mentally incapacitated. I see no reason to interfere in their personal decisions or take over their lives. I know the names and phone numbers of their lawyer. financial adviser and banker. Their attorney has drawn up papers determining what happens should the folks become incapable of making their own decisions. When this happens, you will be notified.

Until then, please remember that our parents are intelligent adults, and they deserve to be treated with respect and consideration. One Sibling in Ontario,

Canada Dear Sib: The warm winds you feel blowing are kisses of gratitude from seniors all over the world. Your letter will gladden the hearts of many. Thanks for a stirring Declaration of Independence.

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell the fast-food delivery folks in downstate Illinois to be sure to wear a bulletproof vest. Why am I issuing such a dire warning? Well, because a few weeks ago, a man in Wilsonville. Ill., shot a delivery man in the chest and shoulder outside a motel when he brought a cold pizza that was stuck to the box.

So, folks, if you work in a pizza parlor, make certain the pizza is hot on delivery (but not stuck to the box), or you might get shot. --**Downstate Reader**

Dear Downstate: Thanks for the warning. Those who deliver pizzas have a hard

enough time and should not

queen, but there is one problem. He keeps calling me by his ex-wife's name. It has never happened during a romantic moment, but I'm afraid it might, and I would be devastated. Every time he calls me by his ex-wife's name, it's like a knife in my heart. I don't know if I can handle it one more time. How do I deal with this? - Killing the Magic in Michigan

Dear Michigan: This happens more often than you think. Whenever Jack calls you by his ex-wife's name, make light of it. Say, "I'm Mildred. Remember me?" A soft touch is needed here. not a sledgehammer.

Dear Ann Landers: Forty years ago, my father abandoned our family. When Dad left, he withdrew all the money in my savings account, which included generous cash gifts from my grandparents - money that had been put aside for my college education. While my life was not easy, I managed to work my way through college, marry and have a family. -

Twenty years ago, Dad contacted me. I asked him to return the money he had stolen, but he said he had spent it. When Dad told me he was sorry for abandoning me, I reluctantly agreed to see him and told him about his grandchildren. He visited my daughter and told her some terrible things about my mother, who had been dead for years. When I found out, I informed Dad he was no longer welcome in our lives.

Dad died last year at the age of 90. He had inherited a great deal of money from his side of the family and divided it between my three children. They knew all about Dad's thievery, but did not offer to share any of their newfound wealth with me. I have done a great deal for my children, including paying for expensive dental work, college educations and lavish weddings. I wanted them to have the

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things I never had. Now I am in my late 60s and cannot retire because I must pay my bills.

Am I wrong to feel cheated? I am so disappointed in my children's stinginess, I could cry. How can I get over this? - A Let-Down Mother in Washington

Dear Let-Down Mom: I hesitate to comment on this sad situation without hearing the other side of the story. While it is true that people can be greedy, it is unusual for every child in a family to be so stingy with his or her own mother. Why are your children so cold to you? There are a great many missing pieces in this puzzle. Your father treated you shabbily, but seems to be that your children did not offer to share their inheritance with you. Why are they so selfish and uncaring? Only you can answer that question.

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