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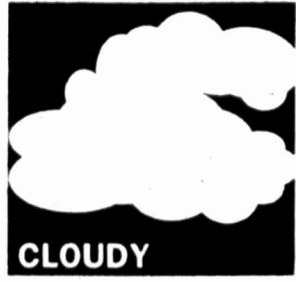
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**WEATHER**

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**CLOUDY**  
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**INSIDE**

**SENIORS**

As technology changes, senior citizens are keeping up through classes at the Spring City senior center. See today's Life cover, Page 1B.

**SLUGGER DIES**

Boston Red Sox Hall of Famer Ted Williams had died at age 83. See Page 6A.

**YOUNG GUNS**

Check out this week's issue of American Profile, inserted into today's issue.



**WHAT'S UP**

**MONDAY**

Senior Circle meets 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit chair aerobics. People 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Big Spring Commandery 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring Assembly 211, Social Order of Beauceant, meets at 7:30 at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

Intermediate Line Dance classes will be held at 9 a.m. in the Sparkle City Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

The Evening Lion's Club meets at noon in the Whipkey Room at the Sparkle City Senior Center.

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## Coahoma celebrates in style

*Parade, reunion highlight activities*

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

The town of Coahoma is so patriotic that its Fourth of July lasted all the way to July 6 this year.

Saturday, July 6, marked the annual Coahoma Freedom Parade and biennial Coahoma High School Exes Reunion.

After the floats, horses, antique tractors, motorcycles and go-karts rumbled down Broadway in celebration of American independence, former Coahoma students from as early as 1937 and as far away as San Diego, Calif., gathered in the high school gymnasium for a speech by State Speaker of the House Pete Laney (D-Hale Center).

Laney, who's 85th District will encompass Howard County after the November elections, said he was honored to speak at the event and drew a comparison between Coahoma and his hometown.

"Hale Center's kind of like Coahoma, except our interstate runs north and south instead of east and west," he said. "It may be a small town, but for those of us that live there, it's the center of the universe."

Laney told the gathered Coahoma graduates that coming home is always a good feeling, but this year it's extra special.

"Coming home feels a little different this year," he said. "Events in the world have made this Freedom Day a little different from the others. Americans have been called upon to defend



Coahoma residents saved their Independence Day patriotism for the weekend. At top, Traci Kendrick, left; and "Betsy Ross" Tessa Kendrick, 11; "Fireman" Taylor Anderson, 3; "Statue of Liberty" Payton Anderson, 7; and "Uncle Sam" Treagan Kendrick, 8, ride down Broadway in the annual Freedom Parade. At right, Rep. Pete Laney (D-Hale Center), center, chats before his speech at the Coahoma High School Exes Reunion with Coahoma Mayor Bill Read, left, and area farmer and rancher David Barr.

HERALD photos/Roger Cline

our freedom again."

A positive thing about adversity is that it reminds citizens of the importance of taking a stand against those that would destroy America.

"From time to time we

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"From time to time we take for granted the freedom that our forefathers secured for us. But there's a lot more people flying the flag this year and singing when the National Anthem is played."

House Speaker  
Pete Laney



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Tammy Burrow Schrecengost signs a copy of her newly published pictorial book *Images of America: Big Spring and Howard County*. The book contains pictures expanding the from the early 1890s to the 1970s. The public can purchase copies of Schrecengost's book at a wine and cheese reception Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. The book is \$19.99 plus tax. See story, Page 3A.

## Hank Bond named publisher of the Herald

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**

Managing Editor  
Hank Bond, publisher of the Sweetwater Reporter, has been named publisher of the Big Spring Herald, filling the vacancy created by the sudden death of Ken Dulaney on June 9.

Bond's appointment was announced by Jim Wilson, vice president and Texoma Division manager for Community Newspaper Holdings



**BOND**

Inc. "I am very pleased to have a proven CNHI family member move into this important position," Wilson said, noting that Bond has been overseeing the Herald's operations since Mr. Dulaney's death. "Hank Bond has run papers in Kentucky, Nevada and Texas with great success. He has proven himself to our company and truly cares about his newspaper."

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Jim Wilson, Texoma Division manager for CNHI

He has proven himself invaluable during the last few weeks, running two papers without complaint." Wilson added that Bond, 50, who has

arrives. Hank's daughter, Carol, who has 20 years of experience in the industry, including the last nine as the publisher of the Grayson County News-Gazette in Leitchfield, Ky. has been named as his successor in Sweetwater. She began her career as a freelance writer/photographer at age 11, graduated cum laude from Morehead State University in 1992 and joined Park Newspapers as a general composition manager, moving to a pub-

lisher's spot in March 1993.

The official dates of transition have not been established, however both publishers should be in their positions full-time by Sept. 1.

Hank Bond brings more than 37 years of experience in the news media to the Herald. Prior to being named publisher in Sweetwater, he served as editor of Donrey Media-Vie Newspapers, a joint operating agreement

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## Big Spring Banking Center board promotes Ron Brooks as institution's new president

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor

Ron Brooks, executive vice president of the Big Spring Banking Center for the past year, has been promoted to president.

Jimmy Taylor, chairman of the banking center's development board, made the announcement Friday.

"The development board is very pleased with the work that Ron is doing and the direction he is taking the bank," said Taylor.

"Ron is a Howard County native and understands the needs of this area. That is an important aspect of why Big Spring Banking Center is so successful. We know that the bank will continue to grow and thrive under his leadership."

Brooks has worked for Big Spring Banking Center since it opened in 1996. As president, he will oversee the Big Spring branch and handle all aspects of operations and consumer lending.

"I am honored to accept this position to serve Big Spring and surrounding areas," said Brooks. "I feel

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**BROOKS**



# New book to be featured at wine and cheese reception Tuesday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A picture is worth a 1,000 words, the old saying goes. And pictures tell a multitude of stories, according to one local author.

"The photographer is looking at his subject but what is behind the person is another photograph," said Tammy Burrow Schrecengost, author and a Heritage Museum employee. "The background scenery tells the story."

Photographs also recover old memories.

"We get a lot of requests for photographs," she said. "I remember ... I hear that a lot. I like those stories. That's what I build upon and then go to other sources."

Schrecengost is sharing

stories of Big Spring and Howard County through a recently published pictorial book, *Images of America: Big Spring and Howard County*, published by Arcadia Publishing of Chicago. The photographs were selected from the Heritage Museum archives.

The public can purchase copies of Schrecengost's book at a wine and cheese reception Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. The book is \$19.99 plus tax.

Broken into 10 chapters, the pictorial contains captured images expanding a period from the early 1890's dusty, dirt-street, cowboy days of the county to the building boom of the 1930s and 40s to 1970s photos of

## INFORMATION

**What:** Wine and cheese reception.

**When:** 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

**Where:** Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.

**For:** Introduction of a new book: *Images of America: Big Spring and Howard County*.

Webb Air Force Base.

Several of the photographs come from the Pylle Bradshaw and Tot Sullivan collection, sisters who opened a studio in Big Spring in 1992 and recorded 53 years of the area's history.

The sisters' portrait is featured in the second chapter of the book entitled Local

Folks. Also found in this section is a photo of the Horace Garrett family holding newborn daughter Melinda Sue as well as a photo of the Shaw triplets.

It took Schrecengost five months to put the book together.

The native of Big Spring is a six-year employee of the museum. Her current responsibility is to research and take care of the museum's written items and photographs.

"That is what caused me to start doing the book," Schrecengost said. "We have over 7,000 photographs donated. There are a lot of duplicates, but even with

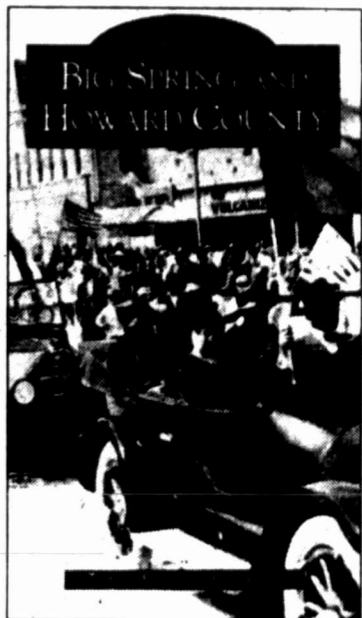
those we had so many photographs."

The new author said many photographs in the book have not been on display to the community.

"I would like everybody to see it," she said.

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A pictorial book by local author Tammy Burrow Schrecengost, a Heritage Museum employee, contains a number of the museum's historical photos.



## BOND

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between the Las Vegas Review-Journal and the Las Vegas Sun, printing 14 editions with a circulation of nearly 400,000.

A native of Huntington, W. Va., Bond graduated high school in Russell, Ky. He started his media career in radio news in 1967, just prior to his junior year in high school at WBTH-AM in Williamson, W. Va. He continued his radio career in several West Virginia and Kentucky markets before being

appointed program/sports director for WKFY/WKFW-FM radio station in Frankfort, Ky. From there he became sports information director at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

Bond began his newspaper publishing career in 1983 when he became publisher of the Georgetown News & Times in Georgetown, Ky. From 1986 to 1992 he and his wife, Marilyn, co-owned and operated four weekly newspapers located in Carlisle, Ky., Mt. Olivet, Ky., Vanceburg, Ky., and Flatwoods, Ky. From 1983-1992 Bond's publications were selected over 600 times for newspaper industry

awards for editorial and advertising excellence. The Carlisle Mercury was selected as the state's best small weekly newspaper three times in a four-year period by the Kentucky Press Association and the Kentucky Weekly Newspaper Association.

After the family's papers were acquired he became general manager of Park Newspapers (a group of weekly papers in Greenup, Grayson, Olive Hill and Carlisle) operating in Greenup, Ky., in 1992. Four years later he became general manager of The Herald-News and THN Printing in Hardinsburg, Ky.

Bond moved to Nevada in 1999 as publisher of The Pahrump Valley Times, and in July of 2000 joined the staff of The Las Vegas Review-Journal as business section copy editor.

"This has been a very emotional time for the Big Spring Herald family, the Big Spring community and of course Ken Dulaney's family," Bond said. "Vera and her children have sustained a tremendous loss.

"Ken was dedicated to his family, the town and the newspaper and it will be difficult to sit in a chair he

once occupied. He was my friend and professional associate.

"Professionally this is an excellent opportunity. I look forward to working with the staff in Big Spring, becoming part of the community and building on the rich tradition of the newspaper," he added. "We will be relocating to Big Spring over the next several weeks and look to enjoy the many opportunities available in Howard County."

Hank and his wife of 32 years, Marilyn, have four children. Two of their three daughters are CNHI employees, Carol, serving as publisher of a newspaper in Kentucky, and Beth, a district circulation manager at the Glasgow (Ky.) Daily Times.

Amy, the youngest daughter, is a junior majoring in mass communications and journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno. Michael, 16, is planning to enter his junior year at Big Spring High School in the fall.

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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John A. Moseley  
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OUR VIEWS

Webb reunion promises to be a great event

It's been 25 years since the last plane took off from Webb Air Force Base, signifying the end of a great era of aviation in Big Spring. Through the years, however, the thousands of individuals who trained, served or worked there have never forgotten their experiences.

Nor has Big Spring forgotten them. This October, all personnel of the former base — including civil service, civilian workers, officers and enlisted members of the Air Force — are invited to participate in a two-day "welcome back" reunion. The general public is invited too, of course.

Scheduled Oct. 11-12, the reunion promises to be a grand occasion with an air show, fly-in, tours, dinners, dancing and much more.

There will be tours of the airpark, the downtown district, the wind turbine farm, Big Spring State Park and the Vietnam Memorial — even the Commemorative Air Force in Midland. A vintage auto show, static displays, fly overs and a golf tournament are some of the other activities planned.

The event is naturally centered around the Hangar 25 Air Museum, located in former Hangar T-44.

It should be a wonderful get-together, a great time to reminisce, to greet old friends and meet new ones. If you, or someone you know, was affiliated with Webb AFB or just has an affection for aviation history, let them know about this upcoming reunion. They can learn more by calling the air museum at 264-1999, or visiting the Web site at [www.webbafb reunion.com](http://www.webbafb reunion.com). Let's all help get the word out.

YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
After moving back to Texas after being away for 25 years, I wrote to the Herald, my congressman, the president, the governor and anyone else that might help me with the high cost of my medications.

I am on Medicare and there are no provisions for prescriptions under the supplemental insurance paid in addition to the cost of Medicare that is deducted from my check. The supplement is about \$70 monthly. The cost of my medication monthly amounts to about \$400. That amount plus insurance, Medicare cost and medications comes to \$525 — over 50 percent of my Social Security check.

When I was planning my retirement I had no idea I would be faced with this expense. If you are planning retirement here in Texas, please add that cost into the bottom line.

There is good news! Everyone that I wrote to sent me sympathy letters, but no ideas or actual help except Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, who took the time to advise me that he was inquiring on my behalf how this might be abated. I received his letter today with a solution!

Please remember his name when it comes to election time. Because I am not destitute, I'm not eligible for most programs. He sent me an application from Health and Human Services that was forwarded to him by Ron Clark of that agency. It is a medicine program that is sponsored by pharmaceutical companies for just my problem.

Thank the people of Texas for electing a representative who actually cares about the problems of his constituents.

RUTH M. GREER  
BIG SPRING

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We don't need to apologize for the past

*Editor's note: Charley Reese is on medical leave. Until he returns, King Features will be distributing previously published material.*

In one of John Wayne's old movies, he would often say to a young lieutenant, "Never apologize, Mr. Cahill. It's a sign of weakness."

Well, I don't agree that apologizing for a wrong you actually committed is a sign of weakness, but this current fad of apologizing for things that happened in the past is definitely a sign of a weak mind.

An English wit once observed that not even God can rewrite history, though historians do it all the time. What happened in the past happened, and since we were not there, we bear no responsibility for it. Not only should we never apologize

for things that happened in the past, we can't apologize for it without making a fool out of ourselves. In other words, it's goofy to apologize for something you had nothing to do with. And it's even goofier to apologize to people who were not even victimized by whatever it is you're apologizing for.

The idea (which has floated around in the corners of Congress) of paying reparations for slavery is plain stupid. There are no slaves and no ex-slaves. There are no slave owners and no ex-slave owners. Furthermore, American slaves were enslaved by Africans. They were emancipated by white Americans and white Europeans.

Speaking only for myself, if I were black, I would be a heck of a lot rather be born a descendant of a slave in America than a descendant of a king in Sierra Leone or the Congo.

Not all blacks are descendants of slaves. There have always been free blacks in America. In fact, the 1830 census listed nearly 4,000 free blacks who owned slaves. In 1860, there were about 160,000 free blacks

living in the South. As for the claim that the present condition of some blacks is a result of their ancestors being slaves, I say that's a load of horse apples.

To quote Cassius, "The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in the stars but in ourselves that we are underlings."

Amen, brother Cassius (one of the plotters against Julius Caesar). Neither stars nor ancestors are responsible for our lives. We are. To try to lay the blame for our failures on our ancestors is the ultimate cop-out.

I have to say, though, that if there is a psychic disease of epidemic proportions in America among people of all races, religions and ethnic backgrounds today, it is avoiding responsibility. The U.S. government ought to change the national motto to "It Ain't My Fault." That, of course, is a sure-fire way to guarantee failure, because anybody who wastes energy blaming others for his or her own shortcomings is a loser, pure and simple. As a matter of fact, that's

a common characteristic of petty criminals. Whatever they did, it's never their fault. Whenever you hear people repeating that theme, you might as well write them off. They are and always will be worthless to themselves, to their families and to their countries.

It's important to study the past because it's easier in hindsight to see what worked and what didn't work. But it's a big mistake to get hung up in the past. The past was not our time, not our world, not our responsibility. The present is our time, our world and our responsibility. Better to make sure we don't foul up than to waste time pointing fingers at people long dead.

All we owe the people of the past is to look at them in the context of their own time, not in the context of our time. They, like us, fell out of the womb into an already-existing society with already-existing beliefs and institutions. Like us, they had no choice but to play the cards God dealt them. It's our play now, and the pot is the future.

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Congress braces for campaign spending clashes

By ALAN FRAM  
Guest Columnist

A campaign season of House-Senate spending clashes over counterterrorism, schools and other programs is approaching, but it is unclear if the one event sure to grab headlines will occur: a veto by President Bush.

Bush seems to be itching for his first veto. The confrontation would help polish his credentials as a fiscal conservative after presiding over the return of budget deficits and signing an expensive farm bill.

But he can't kill legislation until lawmakers send it to him. That would require the Republican-led House to approve a bill he opposes. A vote like that could sour some of the GOP's core conservative voters just before an election that could cost the party its control of the House.

"The only way the president can veto something is if we pass something that's labeled veto bait," Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said in an interview. "We don't intend to bring something that's fiscally irresponsible to the House floor."

With Democrats controlling the Senate, both parties

will have plenty of chances to underscore their budget differences in the run-up to the November election. The anti-terror package Bush requested in March and many of the 13 bills covering agencies' spending for the coming fiscal year are possible battlefields.

As work proceeds on those measures, Bush will be under pressure to spend more than he wants. There are new, growing needs such as the costs of battling Western brushfires, and lawmakers of both parties will demand election-season largesse they can take home to their districts.

Even so, many conservatives say a veto is the best way to control spending and signal to Republican voters their party stands for fiscal prudence. Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said last week he will ask House leaders to stage votes on spending measures Bush dislikes.

"If the spending's too high, let's make it clear what the president will do with a veto," Lott said.

To back up that strategy, Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., produced a letter signed by 150 lawmakers, almost all of them Republicans, promising to

sustain a Bush veto of the counterterrorism package. The White House wants to hold the bill to the roughly \$29 billion approved by the House, not the Senate's \$31.5 billion.

But even if Hastert scheduled such a vote in hopes of letting the president cast a veto, Democratic strategists could try to make Republicans provide at least half the votes for such a bill. That could blunt a Bush accusation that Democrats led the charge for extravagant spending.

Lawmakers hope to make quick work of the anti-terrorism measure when they return on Monday from their Independence Day recess. Just before Congress left, the House gave final approval to a debt-limit increase, a major irritant that had slowed work on the counter-terror bill.

House and Senate bargainers were focusing then on a figure just above \$30 billion and discussing potential savings with White House officials that could lower its net price tag. With the measure bearing money for the military, border security and other popular programs, Democrats seem unruffled by a veto threat.

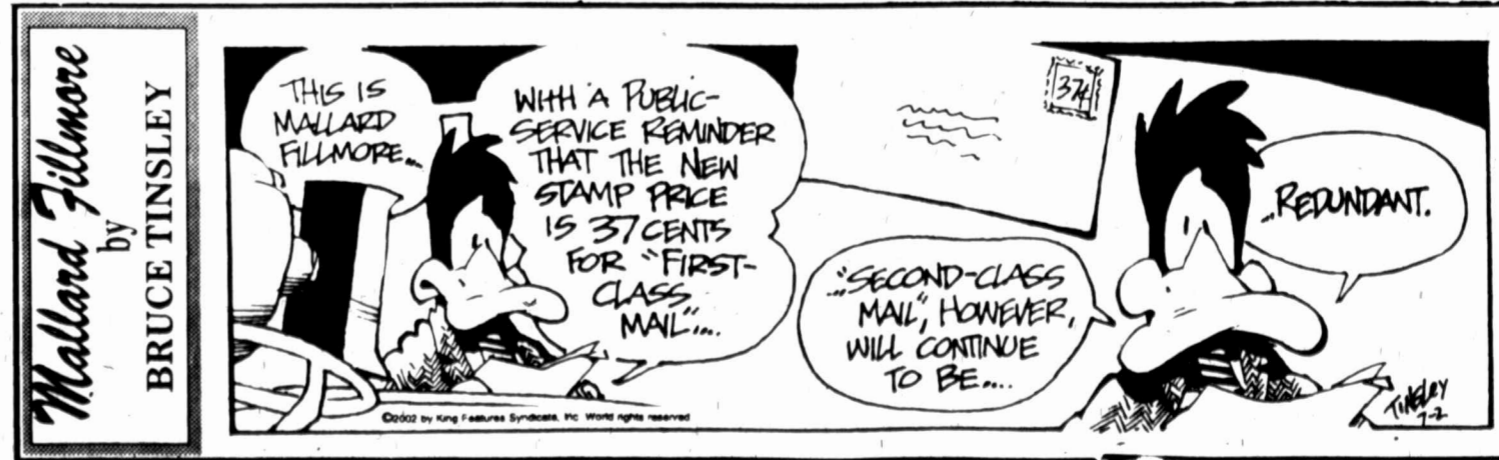
"The president has to be his own judge ... about vetoing a bill that has everything he asked for and more on defense, money that can be justified on homeland security," Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said in an interview.

As for the 13 spending bills for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, the House plans a total of \$759 billion, while the Senate prefers \$770 billion. The measures cover agency spending but omit automatic benefits such as Social Security, which comprise the rest of the \$2.1 trillion annual budget.

While the \$11 billion gap is just 1.4 percent of the total at stake, such differences can take months to resolve.

Leaders had hoped to adjourn Congress for the year a month before voters go to the polls Nov. 5. However, progress on spending has been so glacial that a lame-duck session after Election Day seems plausible.

This column was distributed by The Associated Press.



# Personal circumstances keep Belew from taking Howard College post

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Virginia Belew has decided not to take the position as Howard College associate vice president for workforce development as originally announced two weeks ago.



BELEW

Belew, area manager for the Howard, Dawson, Glasscock and Borden counties of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission and the local Texas Network of Big Spring, has opted to remain at her current position, citing personal reasons.

"Personal circumstances have come up and I feel like my attention needs to focus on those issues at this time," Belew said. "After thinking very hard I made the very difficult decision that it would be best for myself and for Howard College for me to remain where I am."

"At this time I will continue my public service with the (Permian Basin Regional) planning commission."

Belew is a 22-year veteran of the commission. Personal responsibilities would limit the amount of time she could devote to the new job, Belew said.

"In a new job you have to make yourself fully available," she said. "It's a big responsibility and I have to make a decision that is best for the employer."

The announcement came last week in a press release from the college.

"We were very excited about working with Virginia in that position," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "We already had an existing positive working relationship with her."

"We understand she made a personal decision," Sparks continued. "It was a very difficult decision for Virginia and I respect her for setting her priorities."

Belew said she was pleased to be offered the opportunity to work at the

college. "I very much appreciate the opportunity I was presented with and I have great admiration for Howard College," she said. "I will continue to work with them coordinating efforts to improve our workforce and provide services to both the business section and job-seeking populations."

An even stronger relationship with the college and workforce center may be the outcome of this process, Sparks said.

"Virginia and I talked about the fact she has a better understanding of the college's needs and we have a better understanding of what opportunities are available through this process," she said. "We can

be better team members now and we can see a stronger relationship through the two. We are going to make the best of this."

Sparks said the administration will continue looking at options for the filling the workforce training opening.

The position has been vacant since Joel Michaelis left in June to take a position with the national "If I Have A Hammer" program.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

You are invited to attend a discussion about the operation and management of Moore Development for the Big Spring, Inc.

Meeting will be held July 8, 7 p.m., at Fiberflex, 615 Bethel in the Conference Room.

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<http://www.geocities.com/concernedcitizenscouncil/ccc.html>

## COAHOMA

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take for granted the freedom that our forefathers secured for us," he said. "But there's a lot more people flying the flag this year and singing when the National Anthem is played."

Reunions are important because they let people understand what is possible.

"To dispel the fact that you can't go home," he said. "This is where the basis for most of these peoples' lives was founded. And making people realize that you can come from a place like Coahoma or Hale Center and go on and do other things, or you can stay home and do great things. Education opens up all kinds of possibilities."

Coahoma Exes Association President Phillip Reid presented an award to his uncle, Clay Reid, for being the oldest Coahoma graduate present. The elder Reid, who earlier in the day served as grand

marshal for the parade, graduated from the school in 1937.

The association president also presented an award to Jack Hunter of San Diego for being the Coahoman who traveled the furthest to attend the reunion -- 1,147 miles. Hunter said World War II interrupted his graduation.

"It would have been in 1943, but the war came along and took care of that," he said.

"There's over 2,000 (graduates)," Phillip Reid said. "We mailed out this last year over 1,800 mailings. We have on a disk the names of all the graduates and exes. You have to try to keep up with them just by word of mouth, by talking to people that know them."

Following Laney's Speech, the graduates enjoyed a barbecue luncheon.

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## WHAT'S UP

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### WEDNESDAY

The Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Everyone is invited to a community roundtable with Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs at 8 a.m. in the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

The Risk Management Academy at Howard College will have a back injury prevention and slip, trip, fall prevention class from 8 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call the Howard College continuing education department at 264-5130.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria for Sit and Be Fit

chair aerobics. People 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

The Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

Line dancing will be held at 1 p.m. in the Sparkle City Senior Citizens Center. For information, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Sparkle City Senior Center art classes are held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for those 55 and over.

## BROOKS

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Brooks graduated from Coahoma High School and Texas Tech University, where he received a degree in animal business. He has been active in the Howard County Fair Association, Howard County Junior Livestock Association and currently represents Howard County as the business director for Plains Cotton Growers.

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# Clouds threaten: All's not well as All-Star game nears

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Whether the leaky roof at Miller Park is open or closed, the forecast for this Bud Bowl is the same: cloudy, real cloudy.

Because as baseball gathers in commissioner Bud Selig's backyard for Tuesday night's All-Star game, all is not well.

Will fans be buzzing about seeing Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa in the same NL outfield after patching up their spring-training feud?

Forget it. Instead, listen to Sosa and Bonds — and the whole sport, for that matter — caught up in the swirl over steroids. Didn't help that TV ads promoting the game portrayed them as puffed-up, crazed cartoon figures.

Will A-Rod and Jason Giambi attract a lot of attention at Monday's home-run derby?

Nope. That day's big event comes nearby in suburban Chicago, where the executive board of the players' union meets and may set a strike deadline.

"This should be a time the fans could come out and see the best in the world," said AL manager Joe Torre of

the New York Yankees. "Certainly threatening the fans with what could be happening down the road is bad enough."

Will St. Louis pitcher Matt Morris enjoy the fun and festivities?

Hardly. Not with the tragedy of teammate Darryl Kile and the death of long-time Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck so fresh. There will be tributes to both on game night.

The death of Ted Williams on the eve of All-Star weekend is certain to cast a somber tone on the celebration. A few years, his emotional return to Fenway Park was one of the greatest moments in the game's recent history.

The commissioner did catch a break by avoiding a potentially embarrassing boycott. Boston pitcher John Burkett didn't make the AL team and couldn't follow through on his threat to skip it.

But clearly, this All-Star game will be overshadowed by off-the-field issues.

There's more, too.

With contraction a possibility, will Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Vidro be

the last Montreal players ever in an All-Star game? And no telling whether Mike Piazza will feel compelled to repeat his "I'm not gay" remarks.

"I'm looking forward to the All-Star game. People are very excited in Milwaukee, as they are every place. And hopefully, it will be everything that we think it is," Selig said.

"We have some problems we have to deal with. But the All-Star game is still one of our premier events with a lot surrounding it," he said.

At least, he hopes so.

The former owner of the Milwaukee Brewers, Selig continues to live in the city. Last year, he proudly threw out the ceremonial first ball when Miller Park opened.

Earlier this season, All-Star Shawn Green of the Los Angeles Dodgers hit four home runs in a game at Milwaukee.

Yet some fans coming to Miller Park this week will surely remember something else — three workers were killed in July 1999 when a crane collapsed during the stadium's construction.

Usually, the All-Star game is a pure showcase.

At Safeco Field in Seattle last year, Mariners star Ichiro Suzuki was the early focus of excitement. Then Cal Ripken provided the highlight with a home run in his final All-Star appearance.

During the Williams homecoming in 1999, Pedro Martinez added to the thrill by striking out MVPs Barry Larkin, Larry Walker, Jeff Bagwell and Sosa, along with home-run champ Mark McGwire.

In 1998, Roger Clemens, Derek Jeter and a lot of players got their first look at Coors Field. Their curiosity was satisfied as the AL won 13-8 in the highest-scoring All-Star game in history.

This year? Plenty of first-timers, 25 to be exact. Minnesota center fielder Torii Hunter is on that list, and he'll start.

"I hope I don't pass out there in front of all those people when they call my name out to be one of those All-Stars," Hunter said.

Six players from the World Series champion Arizona Diamondbacks, including ace Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling. A half-dozen players from

the Yankees, with Alfonso Soriano, Jorge Posada and Giambi in the starting lineup. They'll try to help the AL win for the sixth straight time and match its best streak ever.

The NL leads overall at 40-31-1.

One of those NL victories came in 1975, the last time the All-Star game was played in Milwaukee. Bill Madlock hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning off Goose Gossage in a 6-3 win at old County Stadium.

While Carl Yastrzemski

hit his only All-Star home run on that day, the game was notable for one other reason: it marked Hank Aaron's 24th and final All-Star appearance.

Having begun his Hall of Fame career with the Milwaukee Braves, he represented the Brewers when he lined out as a pinch-hitter.

"I was just a shell of what I was," Hammerin' Hank recalled. "But I still considered it an honor to have played my last game in Milwaukee."

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## TOUR

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"I wanted to look down and see a team jersey and say 'The yellow one is out there, and you have to earn that,'" he added.

Armstrong warmed up in the practice area with his wife Kristin and their three children by his side. It was the first time his family has been with him at the Tour start.

"It was special — and it's perhaps why I was so motivated today," Armstrong said. "It's becoming harder and harder for me to leave and go to the races, and leave behind the children."

Noticeably absent from this Tour was Jan Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner and runner-up the last two years.

The German was sidelined by a knee injury in May and more recently tested positive for amphetamines.

Armstrong's top challengers this year include Spaniard Joseba Beloki of Once, the third-place finisher the last two years.

Beloki completed the prologue in ninth place, 13 seconds behind Armstrong.

## TENNIS

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It came down to two key statistics. Serena had more winners, 20-14, and Venus had more double faults, 6-2.

The last came on break point in the eighth game of the second set, on a serve that fluttered over the net at 67 mph and landed 6 inches wide. Quite out of character for four-time major champion Venus, who regularly tops 100 mph but had a sore right shoulder. She stretched it during the last changeover and after the match.

"I noticed it. Definitely," said Serena, who won the family's first major title at the 1999 U.S. Open. "If I'm a competitor, I'm going to have to notice it. Unfortunately, it's like a war out there. If there's a weakness, someone's going to have to be attacked."

On Sunday, No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt will face No. 28 David Nalbandian for the men's title. Nalbandian is the first player to reach the final in his Wimbledon debut in the Open era. He advanced by finishing off a rain- and darkness-delayed 7-6 (2), 6-4, 1-6, 2-6, 6-2 semifinal victory over Xavier Malisse.

Two hours after the sisters' final, they returned to Centre Court and reached the doubles final by beating Anna Kournikova and Chanda Rubin 6-7 (3), 6-0, 6-3.

The singles final was the first between siblings at Wimbledon since the very first edition in 1884, when Maud and Lillian Watson wore hats and long dresses.

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**WILLIAMS**

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Bobby Doerr, who played with Williams for 10 seasons.

"He wanted to be the greatest hitter of all time, and he worked hard at that, but he was also a great teammate. He patted everyone on the back," Doerr said from Junction City, Ore.

"Williams was a perfectionist who worked tirelessly at his craft and had no tolerance for those less dedicated. He was single-minded and stubborn, a player who reduced the game to its simplest elements: batter vs. pitcher, one trying to outsmart the other. In those instances, he usually won.

"When Ted was a young man, he often said it was his goal that people would say of him: 'There goes the greatest hitter who ever lived.' Ted fulfilled that dream," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said.

Tall and thin, gaunt almost, Williams hardly possessed the traditional profile of a slugger. Yet he was probably the best hitter of his time — and one with a chip on his shoulder.

Often involved in feuds both public and private during his career, Williams mellowed later in life.

The best example came in his reaction to an emotional ovation from the crowd at the 1999 All-Star game at Fenway Park, Williams' longtime playground.

After a roster of Hall of Famers was introduced, Williams rode a golf cart to the pitcher's mound, where he threw out the first ball. Suddenly, he was surrounded by a panorama of stars, past and present, who reacted like a bunch of youngsters crowding their idol for an autograph.

For a long time, they just hovered around him, many with tears in their eyes.

Then, San Diego's Tony Gwynn gently helped a misty-eyed Williams to his feet and steadied him as Williams threw to Carlton Flsk, another Boston star.

The crowd roared.

"Wasn't it great?" Williams said. "I can only describe it as great. It didn't surprise me all that much because I know how these fans are here in Boston. They love this game as much as any players and Boston's lucky to have the faithful Red Sox fans. They're the best."

On Friday night, Gwynn recalled his friend.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Ted is the greatest hitter baseball has ever known, especially considering his service to our country. Given back those five seasons in his prime, Ted's number would be untouchable," he said.

It wasn't always that way for Williams. Revered as a slugger, he also was remembered for snubbing Fenway fans, refusing to tip his hat when he hit the ultimate walk-off home run in his final at-bat at age 42.

"Gods do not answer letters," John Updike once wrote in a profile of Williams, who sealed that image in 1941 with an 11th-hour show of courage.

Going into the final day of the season, Williams was batting .3996. Rounded off, that would be .400, and Red Sox manager Joe Cronin suggested he sit out the day's doubleheader to clinch that golden number.

Williams refused. Instead, he played both games, went 6-for-8 and lifted his season average to .406. No one has approached .400 since.

"He killed the ball, just killed it," said Pete Suder,

who played shortstop for the Philadelphia Athletics that day. "He hit one into the loudspeaker horns. He hit another one over the fence."

That year, Williams also led the league with 37 homers, 145 bases on balls and a .735 slugging percentage. Despite all those gaudy statistics, the American League MVP award went to Joe DiMaggio, who had a record 56-game hitting streak.

The next year, Williams won the Triple Crown, lead-

ing the league with 36 home runs, 137 RBIs and a .356 average. But the MVP award went to Yankees second baseman Joe Gordon (.322, 18, 103).

The same thing happened in 1947, when Williams won his second Triple Crown by hitting .343 with 32 homers and 114 RBIs, but lost the MVP vote again to DiMaggio (.315, 20, 97).

By then, Williams' relationship with the writers, particularly in Boston, had deteriorated badly. One

writer left him off the MVP ballot entirely in 1947, costing him the award.

Williams and DiMaggio were fierce competitors. Once in the fog of a cocktail party, they were nearly traded for each other so that the lefty-swinging Williams could benefit from the cozy right-field stands at Yankee Stadium and the right-handed DiMaggio could target the Green Monster at Fenway Park. The next morning, clearer heads prevailed and the deal was

called off.

"He was the best pure hitter I ever saw. He was feared," DiMaggio said in 1991.

When DiMaggio died, in March 1999, Williams said there was no one he "admired, respected and envied more than Joe DiMaggio."

Williams led the league in hitting six times, the last in 1958, when, at age 40, he became the oldest batting champ in major league history.

He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1966, his first year of eligibility.

Although considered a born hitter by many, Williams worked countless hours to improve throughout his career. He often said hitting a baseball was "the hardest thing to do in sports."

"A round ball, a round bat, curves, sliders, knuckleballs, upside down and a ball coming in at 90 to 100 miles an hour, it's a pretty lethal thing," he said.

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**RANGERS**

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took part in a hitting contest of former Red Sox players for charity.

"I never heard an ovation so loud," Billings said.

Since Williams was tough on his players, they were looking for something to give him a hard time about. Instead, Williams hit line drive after line drive, even though he hadn't hit in years.

"That day we got a glimpse of what he used to be like," Grieve said.

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Although this is only her second year of teaching, Kennemur worked with computers for 24 years at Webb Air Force Base. Her experience and knowledge doesn't end there.

"I took classes at Howard College in Microsoft Word and have taken classes in Midland in Excel, Windows '98 and MS Office," she said.

As she makes her way around the room Kennemur takes the time to work with students individually, in terms they can understand.

Her efforts are appreciated. "Dorothy has a lot of patience and a lot of knowledge. She's a wonderful teacher and I highly recommend taking her class," said MaryAnn Fincher a former student who was observing.

**What — Computer classes for seniors over 55.**

**Where — Spring City Senior Center in the Industrial Park.**

**When — Next session begins July 29.**

**Who — Call Dorothy Kennemur for more information.**

**She can be reached at the Center, 267-1628 or at home, 398-5522.**

"I took one before and she let me sit in on this one. I invariably will learn something new everytime," she said.

The experience and knowledge the seniors gain from the class is helpful, but Kennemur admits that learning in a class doesn't compare to doing it.

"It really helps if they have a computer of their own so that they can go home and try what they've learned and learn more," she said.

The classes are held at the Center every Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 11:30

a.m. and are free to people over the age of 55. Donations are accepted at the Senior's Center, however.

Each session lasts three weeks. The next one begins July 29.

There are six computers available and an Internet class is planned for the future.

With advances being made everyday new computers are in need.

"We are in bad need of good computers, printers and monitors and we would welcome any donation of computers that a business might have just lying around," said Kennemur.

A letter to Bill Gates has been sent by Kennemur, but there has been no reply so far. "You never know. He has made donations to other non-profit organizations," Kennemur said with a chuckle.

To make a donation call the Spring City Senior Center located in the Industrial Park.

*Story and photos by Andrea Medlin.*



Student, Beth Moren concentrates on the task at hand during the computer class at the Spring City Senior Center.

Top right, instructor, Dorothy Kennemur, helps one of the students, Rachel Shaffer, while Janie Marin looks on.

Rebecca Smith, Layne Froman and Joan Meyer work on an assignment.

### Christian assistance ministry distributes food and clothing to people in need

The unpretentious building at 107 Runnels is an important place to many residents of Big Spring. It is the home of Isaiah 58, The Christian assistance ministry that distributes food and clothing to people in need.

I visited there recently. Receptionist Dorothy Webster introduced me to Paul Smith, vice president in charge of operations. As we toured the facility, he explained the purpose of Isaiah 58 is to provide emergency food and clothing to the homeless, to seniors lacking food because of high medical costs, and to those people who are temporarily unemployed.

Clients must fill out an application for food, but the guidelines are fairly generous. In practical terms, a person is scarcely ever turned away. Smith said that 90 percent of persons served have an income of less than \$1,000 per month. In the kitchen, two volunteers were busily filling



JEAN WARREN

boxes with various foods. Smith wryly explained that although Isaiah 58 is a Christian organization, "Prayer stops at the kitchen door."

This is because most of the foodstuffs are USDA donated commodities, a federal government program.

However, prayer is permitted in other parts of the facility. Smith and the volunteers meet to pray before the door is open. There is a large poster in front where clients can list prayer needs.

A Bible Study is conducted Wednesday mornings at 10:30.

Although Isaiah 58 is manned by unpaid volunteers, finances are an ever present concern.

The food is purchased for 14 cents per pound from the West Texas Food Bank. Operating expenses include utilities, insurance, and monthly rent of \$280.

The ministry was begun in 1998 by the First Christian Church.

Other churches that have joined in support include St. Mary's Episcopal, Cornerstone Church, First Methodist, St. Paul Lutheran, Bakers Chapel, and Airport Baptist.

Beginning this year, the United Way will also provide financial assistance. Persons can apply for

food once each month.

In May, 207 families, comprising 795 individuals, were served.

Much clothing, including winter coats for both children and adults, is distributed each year.

Smith, a retired college professor of accounting and economics, also works with the literacy program at Howard County Library.

He is joined by his wife, Pat, a retired nurse, who serves as secretary-treasurer of Isaiah 58.

The couple have also started reading classes Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the Runnels location.

Joining the Smiths for May and June was Amber Bryan, an intern from Lubbock Christian University.

Her husband, Michael, served as pastor of the Sand Springs Church of Christ until he recently accepted a call from the church in Blanco.

The busy mother of two, who has studied at both Howard College and LCU, will receive a BS degree in social work in May of next year.

She chose this field in order to better serve the community and her church.

Rev. Gary Groves was the first president of Isaiah 58, followed by Dub Martin.



Connie Fowler, left, and June Roberts put food in boxes in the kitchens at Isaiah 58. The two women are volunteers for the organization located at 107 Runnels.

Bob Simpson served in this capacity until his death earlier this year.

Also working with the organization are Rev. Jimmy Watson, vice-president of finance and Rayleen Watson, who handles pub-

licity. Isaiah 58 is open Monday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Tuesday at 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The organization is presently operating with 12 volunteers.

Smith lists needs as funds, more volunteers, and prayers. Above all, prayers.

Jean Warren writes a regular column for the Herald.



# 65 years later, the mystery of Amelia Earhart continues

HONOLULU (AP) — Elgen Long believes Amelia Earhart remains in her plane on the Pacific Ocean floor after running out of gas.

Ric Gillespie thinks she landed on an island and died a castaway.

Tod Swindell theorizes she survived a crash landing in the Marshall Islands, was captured by the Japanese and secretly repatriated, living out her life as a New Jersey housewife.

Sixty-five years after her disappearance at age 39, the missing pilot remains one of America's great mysteries and the subject of continuing searches of the Pacific and research and debate.

The tomboy who became an icon with her short tousled hair, leather jacket and silk scarf already had set numerous flying records when she began her final flight May 20, 1937, from Oakland, Calif.

She made it as far as New Guinea. And on July 2, she took off from there for tiny Howland Island on a 2,556-mile flight that would be one of her longest and most dangerous.

Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, never made it to the tiny atoll southwest of Hawaii.

She radioed she was running low on fuel.

The Navy searched for Earhart's plane. Not a trace was found.

The official position of the U.S. government has been that

Earhart and Noonan went down with their plane.

Elgen Long, a consultant for Nauticos, a company based in Hanover, Md., supports the government conclusion and earlier this year led a \$1.7 million, 27-day search of waters within 100 miles of Howland.

The expedition ended early with equipment problems. Nauticos plans to resume the effort when repairs are made and more money is raised, Long said.

"We have high expectations the airplane is in the area we are searching," Long said. "It's important to find it to correct the history of the event."

The Nauticos effort was preceded by Dana Timmer's group in 1999.

Head of Howland Landing Ltd. of Reno Nev., he spent \$1 million to hunt for plane in 1999. Timmer still wants to try again, but waits for more money.

He has acquired rights to the Lockheed Electra from Earhart's estate, and he wants to restore it and display it at a museum.

Ric Gillespie, on the other hand, believes the plane landed at Gardner Island, now called Nikumaroro in the Phoenix Islands.

Gillespie, a former aviation accident investigator, heads up The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery

(TIGHAR), a nonprofit that has made six trips to Gardner Island over the past 14 years.

On the trip last September, the group found evidence of a castaway.

Artifacts recovered there are

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still being analyzed, Gillespie said.

Other researchers believe the Marshall Islands are where Earhart and Noonan landed, and from there are some of the most intriguing theories.

Earhart's mother, Amy Otis Earhart, in a 1949 newspaper interview, said she was convinced her daughter was on a government mission and was picked up by a Japanese fishing boat and taken to the Marshalls, which the Japanese controlled.

In his 1966 book "In Search of Amelia Earhart," the late Fred Goerner says former Pacific Fleet commander Chester Nimitz told

him Earhart and Noonan were picked up by the Japanese.

Most who believe that theory think Noonan was executed and that Earhart was executed or died of dysentery.

However, Joe Gervais' research convinced him Earhart survived, was repatriated and returned secretly to the United States where she lived in New Jersey under the name of Irene Craigmile Bolam.

Gervais, a retired fighter pilot, was introduced to Bolam in 1965 at a gathering of the Early Birds of Aviation, a group of aviation pioneers.

He noticed her resemblance to Earhart and that she was wearing two aviation pins Earhart had worn.

When a book based on Gervais' research came out in 1970 — "Amelia Earhart Lives" by Joe Klaas — Bolam sued.

Five years later, the defendants offered to settle for the requested \$2 million if Bolam provided fingerprints in front of the judge. Bolam dropped the suit.

Gervais said in a 1996 interview with Tod Swindell, a screenwriter.

Before Bolam died on July 7, 1982, she willed her body to Rutgers University for research.

A spokeswoman for the medical school there said the body was later cremated. Bolam's death

certificate listed her parents as "unknown."

Swindell, a professional screenwriter, has expanded on Gervais' research, trying to find out if Bolam was really Earhart.

Recently he showed a conference of Earhart aficionados overlays of photos of the pilot's face and hands, matching perfectly with those of Bolam.

"It's an exact congruence," said Swindell who had the help of two forensic pathologists.

Even some skeptics found the evidence intriguing.

"We were inclined to think Irene probably was not Amelia Earhart," said John Bolam, a retired aerospace engineer from Merritt Island, Fla., and a half-brother of Guy Bolam, Irene's husband. However, he said, "The forensic studies are very convincing."

While Irene Bolam denied being Earhart, she was not an ordinary housewife as she claimed, John Bolam said. "She was influential, knew many well-placed people and was well-traveled."

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On the Net:  
Official Amelia Earhart site:  
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TIGHAR:  
<http://www.tighar.org/>  
U.S. Navy Earhart page:  
<http://www.history.navy.mil/faq/sfaq3-1.htm>

## NEWCOMERS

Eric and Bonnie Pratt of Las Cruces, N.M.

He is a retired professor from New Mexico University. She is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center in administration.

Tim Larson of Midland. He is employed by Cornell Corrections as a security guard.

Jim and Paula Wilkinson of Diamond City, Ark. He is a tech 2 for Ahntech. Sonny Rayos of Midland.

He is employed by Wal-Mart as assistant manager.

Rick and Becky Ramirez of Amarillo. He is a trainee manager for Al's & Son Bar-B-Q. She is employed by StarTek.

Shawn and Tonja Carriger, sons, Justin, Nathan and Noah and daughter, Sam, of Pryor, Okla. he is a welder for North Texas Construction.

Linda Torres of Dallas. She is employed by StarTek.

## MENUS

### SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

MONDAY-Ravioli, potato rounds, ranch style beans, applesauce, hot roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Pig in blanket, broccoli & cheese, baked beans, jello w/fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Deli sandwich, French fries, pickle slices, black beans, lemon pie, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken pattie, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Burrito, corn on cob, fruit juice, ice cream, milk.

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/roll, fruit.

TUESDAY-Lasagna, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, cake.

WEDNESDAY-BBQ on bun, potato salad, beans, spinach salad, milk/cornbread, cobbler.

THURSDAY-Meatloaf, noodles, green beans, carrot & raisin salad, milk/roll, fruit.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/roll, cookies.

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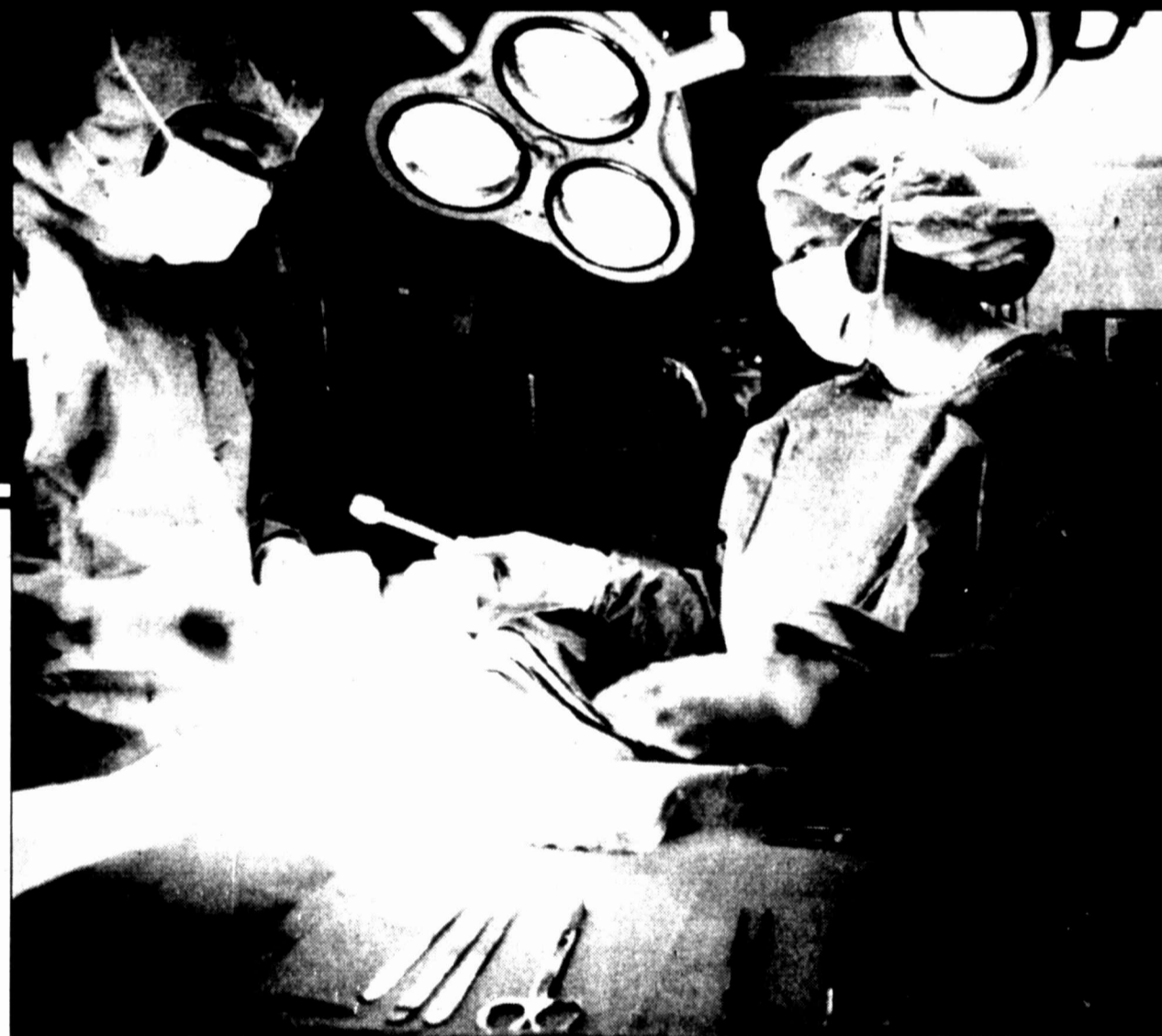
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### Enron directors ignored repeated warnings about problems, Senate report says

WASHINGTON (AP) Enron's board closed its eyes to evidence the company was heading for financial disaster, and claims by former directors that they were kept in the dark are untrue, a Senate report concludes. "Much that was wrong with Enron was known to the board," the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations said in a scathing 60-page critique. Directors of the Houston-based energy-trading company failed to heed "more than a dozen red flags that should have caused the Enron board to ask hard questions, examine Enron policies and con-

sider changing course," the report says. Lawyers for the company and the former directors disputed the findings. Senate investigators said the board failed to protect company shareholders and contributed to the collapse of Enron, which in December became the biggest company bankruptcy in U.S. history. The report estimated that at its peak, the company "apparently had between \$15 billion and \$20 billion involved in hundreds" of complex transactions that entailed "convoluted financing and

accounting structures." The subcommittee chairman, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said the report shows how important it is for swift Senate passage of legislation to strengthen accounting oversight and toughen laws that punish corporate misconduct. But Washington attorney Robert Bennett, who is representing Enron, said the report is setting the responsibility of boards of directors far beyond what is commonly understood to be the case. "I only wish the Congress would apply the same standards to their own conduct," Bennett said. He said the report was "grossly

unfair" and that it "leaps to unfounded conclusions." W. Neil Eggleston, a Washington attorney representing Enron's former directors, says the board was "misled by Enron management and outside auditors about now-suspect transactions." The Senate report focused on a three-year period leading up to the bankruptcy, an event that marked the first in a wave of huge corporate scandals rocking the U.S. economy. The latest is WorldCom, which inflated its financial results by improperly accounting for nearly \$4 billion in expenses. Enron directors were aware of

high-risk accounting practices, inappropriate conflict-of-interest transactions and extensive undisclosed off-the-books activity, the report says. The report also says Enron's executives compromised the independence of some board members with consulting payments. Enron paid board member John Urquhart \$493,914 for consulting in 2000. Starting in 1996, John Wakeham got a monthly retainer of \$6,000 for consulting. The money was in addition to the regular compensation for board members at Enron, which amounted to \$350,000 per year.

### FM 700 revitalization group gears up with big ideas

Party in the Park, Harvest Trail festival are in the works for newly-formed organization

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer  
One of Big Spring's busiest shopping districts is along FM 700. The route, which stretches from East Interstate 20 near the ALON USA refinery to West Highway 80 near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, includes complexes such as Wal-Mart and the Big Spring Mall, as well as several shopping centers and restaurants. The second-formed revitalization association in Big Spring centers around FM 700, and KBYG News Director Brian Michaelz is its president. Michaelz said the district is the second largest of the four revitalization associations after the Gregg Street Revitalization Association, which is still in the formative stages. "At the present time Gregg Street will be the largest because it includes Gregg Street and Interstate 20," he said. "Our district is second to that, and of course we've got major players like Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Mall, we've got the different shopping centers that are all along FM 700. Those businesses of course are just like any other business in town. They're here to make money. That's why they set up shop in Big Spring." Michaelz said the FM 700 group has a couple of big events coming up. "We kind of put our focus the first month on helping the Funtastic Fourth people get going," he said. "After the Funtastic Fourth Festival is all said and done, we're going to start a couple of our own promotions." So far, the group has

planned a back-to-school event and an October activity, Michaelz said. "One that we're calling 'The Party in the Park,' which is actually going to be involved with KBYG," he said. "It's going to be a back-to-school party in the park. That's what it is. It's going to be taking place at the city pool, and that's going to be Aug. 10." The October event will be a "A lot of the stores and people here are nice enough where if you're looking for something, a particular piece of clothing or something, they'll order it for you. You're still going to save money on gas by shopping here in Big Spring." Brian Michaelz play on the thoroughfare aspect of FM 700. "Our next event will be what we're going to call the 'Harvest Trail,'" he said. "That name is still under vote. That's basically going to be a lot of different specials around our district, a lot of different events going on. Basically it's going to include a trail along our district, all along our district, and we're going to have lights and flags and invite people to come out to the different businesses." Each of the merchants along the "Trail" will have different activities, specials and events, Michaelz said.



Courtesy photo  
FM 700 Revitalization Association President Brian Michaelz served as a judge Thursday for the Funtastic Fourth Festival Battle of the Bands, hosted by the Downtown Revitalization Association. A primary goal of the four newly formed revitalization associations is to work together to build excitement about business in Big Spring.

"It's going to be our big function for this year," he said. "We had the Downtown Revitalization doing their Funtastic Fourth. This is going to be our baby. The Harvest Trail is going to be our big event." Motorists traveling along FM 700 may have noticed some construction in progress at the farm road's intersection with Highway 87. Michaelz said he feels the road work is a positive sign for FM 700 merchants. "With the new construction going on, we feel like that's absolutely going to be an asset because it's going to make it easier to get around in that area," he said. "It's going to provide better access to some of the shopping areas as well." The construction hasn't caused any problems for merchants so far, he added. "From what we've seen and in talking to some of the businesses out there, it hasn't really been a prob-

**FM 700 Revitalization Association Officers:**  
President Brian Michaelz, news director, KBYG radio  
Vice President Jody Swinney, owner, Sears & Roebuck Big Spring store  
Secretary Tommy Churchwell, owner, Churchill Insurance Agency.

Includes all of FM 700 from East Interstate 20 near ALON USA Refinery to West Highway 80. Also includes area along Goliad Street from FM 700 to 11th Street.

lem," he said. "It's Big Spring. It's a small community and it's not like we're going to have traffic jams or anything. We're keeping in touch with our businesses and seeing if there's anything we can do to make things run a little smoother." Big Spring has a lot to offer shoppers, Michaelz said. "Over the years there have been a number of businesses come in and out of Big Spring and that's been a discouragement to some people because they get used to a business, and the next time they go to visit it, it's shut down," he said. "But we do have these businesses that have been here for a while. We do have some very good businesses

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### IN THE NEWS

MARCY HOUSE employee for the month of June is DELAYNE PARNELL. She has been working at the Marcy House for more than six years as a medication aid. Parnell not only assists the tenants with their medication, but also helps the LVNs with tenant care and does many other jobs wherever she is needed. "She is an excellent employee who is very dependable and caring," said her supervisor JANET REDDEN. "She's just great."



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THE RISK MANAGEMENT ACADEMY at Howard College will have a back injury prevention and slip, trip, fall prevention class from 8 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call the Howard College continuing education department at 264-5130.

July 15 is the final date to certify spring seeded crops in Scurry County. For more information, contact the FARM SERVICE AGENCY at 267-2557.

### Sweet Repeats has second location

By BRADEN WEGNER  
Staff Writer  
Crossroads area shoppers can now purchase quality consignment merchandise in two locations in Big Spring. Sweet Repeats North Consignment Store, located in the former Jabors Dry Goods store at 600 Lamesa Hwy, opened on May 1. It's a companion store to the already successful Sweet Repeats store at 1103 East 11th Place that Leslie and Teri Hooper have had in operation since March of 2000. With more than 2,000 square feet of sales floor space, Sweet Repeats North Consignment Store offers new and used brand named clothing, jewelry, collectibles, antiques, furniture, home decor items, toys, and anything else that is slightly used and still in excellent condition. Some of the clothing they offer are brands such as Polo, Ralph Lauren, Liz Claiborne, Prada, Gucci, Abercrombie and Fitch, Lucky, Fubu, Tommy



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Hilfiger, Calvin Klein, Justin, Roper, and many more. Mink coats, diamond rings, collector pieces, newborn to plus sizes, formal and wedding wear, casual wear, men's suits, bakelite jewelry and costume jewelry can also be found at Sweet Repeats. Buying customers can find a great bargain which is usually one-third the price of regular retail. More than 100 items are added to the inventory daily as the two stores have consignment clients from Midland, Odessa, Wichita Falls, South Carolina and even California. All items are top-quality. "Sweet Repeats is not a garage sale; you won't find junk in our stores," said Teri. "If someone brings us a \$150 pair of pants and the zipper is broken, we won't add that item to the sales floor." There are currently 500 consignment clients between the two Sweet Repeats stores with new clients added daily. The average consignment contract is 120 days. "Instead of someone having to make the time and space for a garage sale, they can bring their better quality items to either Sweet



HERALD photo by Braden Wegner  
Misty Hooper, of Sweet Repeats North Consignment Store, arranges a rack of clothing. The store is located in the former Jabors Dry goods store at 600 Lamesa Highway.

Repeats location and save themselves the time and hassle," said Teri. Customers who deliver their slightly used items to Sweet Repeats must bring the clothing items cleaned, pressed and on hangers, ready to sell, and ready to wear.

All electrical items have been tested before they are put on the floor. Battery operated items are tested and furniture is cleaned and polished. Consignment clients receive 50 percent of the item price. The store is open Monday

through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and open most holidays. Contact Staff Writer Braden Wegner at 263-7331 ext. 233 or by e-mail at johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

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Continued from Page 4B here and these businesses want to cater to the people of Big Spring. Many Big Spring businesses are willing to work with local folks to make their shopping experience a good one, Michaelz said. A lot of the stores and people here are nice enough where if you're looking for something, a particular piece of clothing or something, they'll order it for you, he said. You're still going to save money on gas by shopping here in Big Spring. But part of the FM 700 Revitalization Association's goal is to increase what's already available. Part of the business development part of our mission is to bring new businesses to Big Spring, he said. If you go to the Big Spring Mall and you can't find what you're looking for, let somebody in the association know. There's a lot of things here. If it's not here in Big Spring, let's figure out a way to get it here. But some people just enjoy taking a day trip and going out of town to shop from time to time, he said. We're not going to be able to stop everybody from shopping outside of Big Spring, he said. But let's show the people what we have here, let's develop what we do have here and help everybody out. Contact staff writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

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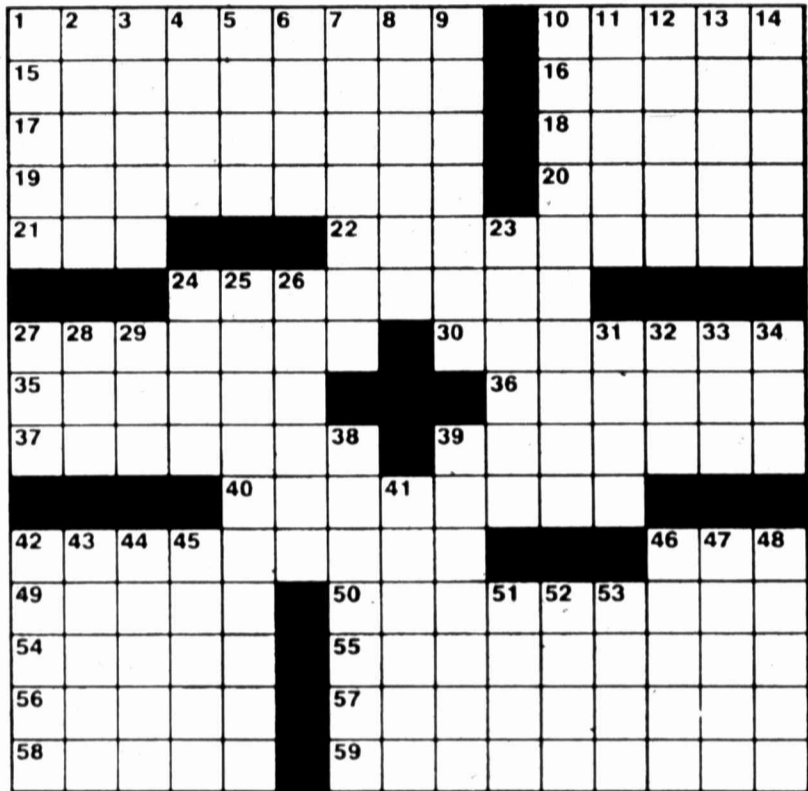
**Newsday Crossword**

**SATURDAY STUMPER** by S.N.  
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- ACROSS**  
1 In many places  
10 Flurry of activity  
15 Top-grossing comedy of the '90s  
16 Overdone  
17 Westernmost part of the US  
18 Sci-fi pterodactyl  
19 Dickinson and Millay  
20 Help  
21 Slip up  
22 Chopper's skill  
24 Show off, in a way  
27 Like some furniture  
30 Dated  
35 Folk tale family  
36 Cat cartoonist  
37 City of Kenya  
39 Pips  
40 Most embarrassing  
42 Fill-up freebies, at times  
46 Sault  
49 Marie  
49 *The Cruel Sea* attacker  
50 Anglers' devices  
54 Estimate  
55 Script doctors  
56 First woman in Parliament  
57 *Archie Bunker's Place* star

- DOWN**  
1 Fashion  
2 Descriptive details  
3 Mideast ruler  
4 Ger.  
5 Dryden collaborator  
6 Ivy League team  
7 Oven, often  
8 Triple trio  
9 Napoleon, for one  
10 Campaign expenses  
11 Home of Brigham Young University

- 12 Benny in *Benny & Joon*  
13 Composed  
14 Park, CA  
23 *77 Sunset Strip* character  
24 Not at all sensational  
25 School songs  
26 Hoi polloi  
27 *That's Entertainment!* studio  
28 Start of Montana's motto  
29 Barely remembered  
31 *Braveheart* costume  
32 Cumberbund kin  
33 UN member since '71  
34 Freight wts.  
38 Casino souvenir  
39 Cuts off  
41 Composed  
42 Onetime "Rumba King"  
43 Belittle  
44 Course  
45 Wainwright product  
46 PGA's winningest pro  
47 Land  
48 Prose piece  
51 Waste allowance  
52 Lawn treatment  
53 Anatomical passage



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**HOROSCOPE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, July 7:**

Express your ideas, and others will understand you better. As a result, many more opportunities come forward as others trust and understand you better. Sometimes you're your harshest critic. Give up that type of negativity. Reach out for others more often. Use your empathetic manner to draw others close to you. Associates have many good ideas for your money. Use your common sense as to how much risk you're willing to take.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* What you say and how you say it can make all the difference right now. A power play could erupt from out of nowhere if you're not careful. Let go of rigid thinking, and something very dynamic might come out of a conversation. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* Another could respond to you in a most unusual manner, causing you to question what to do and when. Stay as mellow as possible, and you'll gain as a result. Trust yourself to make the appropriate decision. Encourage conversation. Tonight: Your treat, again!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Your winning smile can make all the difference to someone. On the other hand, you might irritate another considerably if you don't allow yourself to flow with his or her ideas. This person can be quite controlling at times. Tonight: Make plans that please you!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Use your sixth sense with a question about a project, your health or an organization. You might not feel as if you have as much control as you want. Don't turn your world topsy-turvy in frustration. Tonight: Stay level.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Follow your friends. You might find their plans more exciting than yours. A child or loved one could be touchy and difficult. You might want to distance yourself. Listen to feedback from another. Creativity flourishes when you relax with your pals. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Listen to another's

suggestions. Follow through on what needs to happen with a family member. You might encounter a rebellion from a close associate. You're not going to change this person. Take responsibility. Bring friends to you. Tonight: In the limelight.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Read between the lines when someone tosses a huge obstacle into your path. Allow your creativity to flourish. Others whisper important information, impacting your work or community status. Tonight: Take in a movie.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Deal with finances, especially because you cannot avoid a situation. One-on-one relating could be difficult, especially when dealing with this hot money issue. Detach and find a solution that works for everyone involved. Tonight: Go along with an associate.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* You could be out of sorts. Be careful when dealing with someone who you value. You don't want a problem here. Deal on a one-on-one level with this person. Caring grows as long as you openly communicate what is on your mind. Tonight: Follow another's request.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Reverse your thinking, and you can change a situation. Your perceptions have a lot to do with what happens in reality. If you think optimistically, you'll be more likely to move on positive news. Take a quick refresher course in using your mental power. Tonight: Get some exercise.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* A friend acts out, possibly because he or she is jealous. Think twice about what is happening here. Please don't allow this person to interfere with your thinking about a personal relationship. Stay centered, and express your caring. Tonight: Nurture a loved one.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* You're in a pressure cooker, whether you want to be or not. Carefully consider options that revolve around a relative or superior. Your relationship changes as a result. A child or loved one becomes more expressive than he or she has been in a while. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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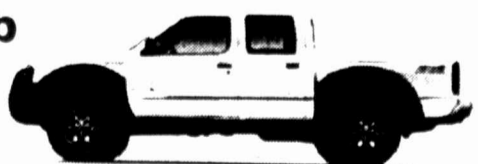
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**Sister's depression needs pro's intervention**

Editor's Note: Ann Landers answered her readers' letters up to her death on June 22. The following was one of her last columns.



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: My younger sister, "Inez," is suffering from severe postpartum depression. She has told me that she fantasizes about leaving her husband and two children. She ignores her 4-year-old daughter and visualizes horrible things happening to the 8-month-old baby. Inez doesn't like to leave the house anymore because she "sees things."

Inez has been going to a psychologist for two months, but I don't think she is getting any better. She was referred to a psychiatrist for medication, but he said he didn't believe in postpartum depression, and the anti-depressant he gave her isn't doing the job. I have begged her to see another psychiatrist, but she insists she is managing and everything will be OK.

I am worried to death about my sister and her family. She doesn't want anyone else in the family to know about her condition.

Is there anything I can do to help her? — Michigan Sister

Dear Sister: Inez needs professional intervention, and the sooner the better. You also must involve the rest of the family, whether Inez likes it or not. Her health and the welfare of her children are at stake.

That psychiatrist who "doesn't believe" in postpartum depression should have his head examined. Inez needs to see someone who is better informed. If she won't discuss a referral with her psychologist, someone else in the family should step forward, get the necessary information and see that she follows through.

Meanwhile, offer to babysit the children, cook dinner or clean the house. Your sister is emotionally overwhelmed and needs all the help she can get.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers', P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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