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Family: Talk With Your Kids — keeping the lines of communication open between parents and children is vital.

COMING THURSDAY

BEST SPORTS TAB EVER

The Best darned fall sports tab — period! will roll off the presses and into the Big Spring Herald on Thursday, Aug. 28.

This 48-page special edition will include information on all area high school fall sports activities with schedules and features. Big 12 football teams and Texas' pro teams will be featured as well.

BRIEFLY

ART, ESSAY CONTEST

Wells Fargo Bank and the Big Spring Herald are inviting Howard County students to participate in an art and essay contest to help commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

The winners in each division will receive a \$100 savings bond, while second- and third-place finishers will receive \$50 savings bonds.

Winners will be announced and prominently featured in the Herald's commemorative edition on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002.

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Matthew Wynn loses battle with cancer

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The good fight has ended. Matthew Jarrod Wynn, the 9-year-old Coahoma youth whose fight with cancer united Howard Countians in numerous fundraising efforts, lost his battle against the disease Friday after a 2-1/2-year struggle.



WYNN

Wynn died at Memorial

Herman Hospital in Houston, a victim of brain cancer.

He was the subject of a community-wide effort to raise money to help his parents, Marvin and Eloise Wynn, both Big Spring school teachers, pay for the youth's experimental treatment and medical costs.

Support came from everywhere in the community and included Vacation Bible School fund-raisers, elementary school bake sales, an benefit golf tournament, private donations and blood drives.

His parents' co-workers, neighbors, congregations at local

churches and strangers rolled up their sleeves to help the family raise funds.

Matthew was just six months in remission from his first bout with cancer when doctors discovered a tumor in his brain.

Born on Feb. 12, 1993, in Clovis, N.M., Matthew had attended Coahoma Elementary since kindergarten. He was active in Cub Scouts, Little League and the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ youth group.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with Ralph Anderson, minister

of the church, officiating.

Survivors include his parents, Marvin and Eloise Wynn of Coahoma; a sister, Melissa Wynn of Monahans; paternal grandmother, Loma Jean Wynn of Coahoma; maternal grandparents, Merle and Janice Woods of Lubbock; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The Wynn family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 108 Pine Street in Coahoma.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR Kountry Kids steal show

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Lane Allen White wasn't heading for Disneyland after earning the title of the overall boys' winner of the Kountry Kids contest again Saturday.

Instead, the 4-year-old cowpoke planned to head to a local department store with a \$10 gift certificate he earned at the contest.

"I'm going to buy Buz Light Year," White, the son of Raela and Justin Edwards and John Paul White, said when emcee Lisa Brooks of KBST asked him how he planned to use the money.

Earning the overall girls' title was 3-year-old Preslie Smithie, the daughter of Shannon and Angela Smithie. The contest was held at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Adorable children from all over the county showed off their best outfits during the contest. Some chose to speak and a few even sang when prompted by Brooks.

Five-year-old Alexia Edwards gave a crowd-pleasing version of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA."

The contest drew 29 contestants, about the same number as last year, said Howard County Agent Katie Walker, who was overseeing



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
The overall winners of the Kountry Kids contest, 4-year-old Lane Allen White (left) and 3-year-old Preslie Smithie, pose with emcee Lisa Brooks of KBST.

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SCA's activities blend in perfectly

By **NANCY KOGER**
Special to the Herald

"What is an anie-cron-izm?" a visitor to the Society for Creative Anachronism booth asked Robert Black.

He, in his medieval character Honorable Lord Agnarr Thorvaldsson, explained that an anachronism is something that is out of its proper time frame, and their group is devoted to the study of pre-17th century Western culture recreated in the modern world.

Lady Elewys Luscomb — Jane Lusk in her ordinary life — said

If a booth at the county fair for such an organization seems anachronistic, one only has to remember that local fairs were a part of life in the Middle Ages.

she became interested in "playing" at life in the Middle Ages when she agreed to go on a weekend campout with a friend. She had said at the time, "I'll camp, but don't expect me to wear those goofy clothes."

Now that she has constructed her own costume and character,

she says it's difficult to get her out of them.

The local society, known as Crossrode Keep, got started when Black came back from Fort Hood after the Gulf War. He mentioned that many military people are in such groups because of their emphasis on historical research, the study of honor and chivalry, as well as combat techniques and weaponry.

However, just as battle-related aspects of society were only part of medieval life, arts and sciences being equally important, so they are in the groups today.

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Villarreal selected to head state committee

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring public school principal has been selected to head a state committee for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

Rey Villarreal, principal at Big Spring Junior High School, was named chairman of the Programs and Services Committee for TEPSA in June.

"I have been involved with TEPSA for quite a few years and this is something they asked me to do and is a necessary job," Villarreal said. "I was just happy to help serve. It's a good organization. It's really an

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honor and a pleasure to work with this group of people."

Villarreal's committee consists of 20 members which make up the organization's districts across the state. The committee is responsible for gathering information and suggestions on changes in the programs and improvement in the organization. TEPSA sponsors work-

shops throughout the year as a part of its mission to further the education profession by providing services, leadership, opportunities and gathering and sharing information to help improve education and student performance.

As an active member of TEPSA for several years, Villarreal has served in various positions on the organization's District 18 board including as its president a year ago. He was honored as the District 18's 2001-2002 TEPSAN of the year.

A 25-year veteran in the education field, Villarreal has been with the Big Spring Independent School District for the last 15 years.

The educator and his wife, Isabel, have three daughters, Monica, Maria Elena and Veronica.

Villarreal served as a Big Spring High School counselor for two years then spent 11 years as principal of Marcy Elementary. He is beginning his second year as principal at the junior high school.

Upon graduation from high school in Monahans, Villarreal earned his bachelor's degree at Angelo State University. He holds two master's degrees from Sul Ross University in Alpine, one in counseling and one in mid-management.

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Rally

Booster club to recognize all fall sports

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

It's not just about football and volleyball anymore.

This year's Community Pep Rally, scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, will honor the gridiron Steers and the spike-and-dig Lady Steers, but it will also honor the racket Steers, the speedy Steers and, yes, even the aquatic Steers.

"This is a big kick off because we're going to recognize all of the fall sports and recognize all of the varsity teams, everybody," said Big Spring Quarterback Club President Jim Clements. "It's just something to get a little bit of momentum going and a little bit of adrenaline flowing. It's just something to show the kids that this is important to us. That's what we're doing."

In the past the Community Pep Rally has been limited to football and volleyball. Last year, tennis and cross-country track was added to the mix. This year, Clements said, Big Spring's swimmers will join their fellow athletes in the spotlight.

"It's not that we were just trying to recognize football and volleyball, it's just that we didn't stop to think that there's actually three to four other sports," he said. "I didn't realize that swimming ran two semesters. Shoot, yeah, we'll get them out there. So it's slowly growing. In the past we never intended to overlook one of the student athletes for their accomplishments."

While the athletes will be the stars of the show, other students will get some recognition at the event, Clements said.

"The band will be there, we'll recognize the leaders of the band, all the section leaders, all of the band directors," he said. "We'll recognize the student council and the key club officers. Of course the key club is responsible for the Victory Bell. It's hard to name off everybody we're going to recognize because we're not going to leave too many out."

Clements, who has been emceeing the event for three years, said he feels a growing excitement in

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Leonard T. "Buzz" Sawyer

Funeral service for Leonard T. "Buzz" Sawyer, 84, of Big Spring, is pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Sawyer died on Saturday, Aug. 24, at his residence.

Matthew Jarrod Wynn



Memorial service for Matthew Jarrod Wynn, 9, of Coahoma will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002, at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

Matthew died on Friday, Aug. 23, at Memorial Herman Hospital in Houston after a 2 and half year battle with cancer. Matt was born on Feb. 12, 1993, in Clovis, N.M. He attended Coahoma Elementary since kindergarten. He was active in Cub Scouts, Little League and the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ youth group.

Survivors include his parents, Marvin and Eloise Wynn of Coahoma; a sister, Melissa Wynn of Monahans; paternal grandmother, Loma Jean Wynn of Coahoma; maternal grandparents, Merle and Janice Woods of Lubbock; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family asks that no flowers or plants be sent. Memorials may be sent to New Mexico Christian Children's Home of Portales, N.M.; Ronald McDonald House of Houston; or the American Cancer Society Howard-Glasscock County Relay for Life.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 108 Pine Street in Coahoma.

Harold Lee "Papy" Warneke



Harold Lee "Papy" Warneke, renowned for his knowledge and experience in the Permian Basin oil fields, died Friday in Big Spring. Warneke had served as general manager for Robinson Drilling of Texas for 20 years and been an employee of the company for over 45 years.

While still a teenager, Warneke began working on drilling rigs after school and on weekends. He stayed in the oil fields his entire career, working as roughneck, floor hand, driller and tool pusher before assuming the role of general manager of Robinson Drilling in 1982.

Warneke's knowledge of drilling techniques and formations and his willingness to share that knowledge with rig crews, engineers and company presidents made him respected throughout the Permian Basin.

His commitment and dedication to his work, his integrity and character and his sense of humor and wonderful stories endeared him to all who worked with him.

Warneke was born in Anson on July 7, 1939, to G.B. "Red" and Margaret Warneke. He graduated from Graham High School and attended Texas Tech University.

Warneke married Lorene Eunice Roemisch on May 28, 1969, in Snyder and had lived in Big Spring since 1982.

Warneke is survived by his wife, Lorene; son, Eric Lee Warneke and his fiancée Jennifer Dugger of Big Spring; son, David Scott Warneke and his wife, Marivic of Lakewood, Calif.; grandchildren, Michelle Warneke and Shanen Lee Warneke; step-grandchildren, Gabby Garza and Kelsey Garza; brother, Bill and his wife, Ernie Warneke of Los Angeles; uncle Jack Warneke; and aunts, Betty Stroupp of Waxahachie, Louise Sadberry of DeLeon and Bea Simpson of Abilene; as well as many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Aug. 26, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, Big Spring, with Rev. Flynn Long officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. The family suggests that memorials be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Boulevard, Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852-9813.

Pallbearers will be Ray Alexander, Marty Biddison, Jack Birdwell, David Hildebrand, Elza Grant, Glen Prescott, Dickey Bailey and Gail Pettit. Honorary pallbearers will be John Smith, Guyman Henry, Vernon Williams, Steve Ashley, Rudy Randall, Gene Britt, Jim Bailey and all employees of Robinson Drilling.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

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Support Groups

TODAY

• Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MONDAY

• TOPS Club TX 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

• TOPS Club TX 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell.

• Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

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

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

- **ROBERT EDWARD BAKER**, 28, no address given, was arrested for a Dallas County warrant, an Ector County warrant and two local warrants.
- **WALTER WILLIAM DAVIS**, 62, of 6151 E. Rodeo Lane was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DEBRA JANE MOLINA**, 37, of 538 Westover No. 246 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MARK ANTHONY MOLINA**, 37, of 502 E. 11th Place was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESSIE BALTHASAR LOPEZ**, 39, of 1202 E. Third was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MATTHEW JAMES BEEBE**, 27, of 2506 Chanute was arrested for two Dawson County warrants.
- **NATHAN COLE HANNUM**, 17, of 2502 Cheyenne was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.
- **PAUL ANDREE DAVIS**, 40, of 107 W. Ninth No. A was arrested for Capias warrants.
- **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road and the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1300 block of Colby Avenue, the 2500 block of Randolph Avenue and the 1400 block of Sycamore St.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Lockhart St., at the Barcelona Apartments, the 1500 block of Kentucky Way and the 400 block of East 16th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 800 block of North Gregg. A storage/rental facility reported someone pried open a door and pilfered \$326 of tools.
- **THEFT, \$500 less than \$1,500**, was reported at a residence in the 1300 block of Mulberry where \$500 of items were reported stolen.
- **THEFT, \$50 less than \$500**, was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway where electronic equipment of \$200 was reported stolen.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, more than \$50 but less than \$500**, was reported at a residence in the 400 block of Vicky Street. The structure received \$150 of damage.

Public meetings

Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees

5:15 p.m. Thursday

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will meet for final approval of the proposed budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year at the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place. T

he proposed \$24.266 million budget has an estimated surplus of more than \$240,000.

In other business, trustees will consider Superintendent Murray Murphy's recommendation for the assistant superintendent for personnel and instruction position.

Also on the agenda consider:

- final amended budget for 2001-2002.
- resignations/employment's.

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Howard College Board of Trustees

11:15 a.m. Monday

Trustees will meet to make the final approval of the 2002-2003 fiscal budget and tax rate in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building board room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Also on the agenda trustees will:

- hear an update on the district construction projects.
- hear preliminary enrollment numbers.
- hear an update on the SWCID audit reclassification for GASB.
- consider bids for services, supplies and insurance.
- consider a retirement resolution.

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Stanton ISD Board of Trustees

7:00 p.m. Monday

Stanton independent School District trustees will hold a public hearing on the 2002-2003 proposed budget and tax rate Monday at the school administration board room, 200 N. College St.

The proposed tax of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation is a 14-cent hike from last year.

Even with the raise, the district projects a budget short fall of \$210,000.

Following the hearing, trustees will vote on the final approval of the proposed budget and tax rate.

Also on the agenda:

- Consider the final amendment to 2001-2002 budget.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact Herald Features Editor Andrela Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

MONDAY

Senior Circle meets at 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.

Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the Airpark. The public is invited.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes are held at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Evening Lions Club meets at noon at the Senior Citizen's Center.

Big Spring Symphony Association and the Big Spring Symphony Guild kick off party from from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry. Wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

WEDNESDAY

Line dancing at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628 for more information.

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

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

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 10 a.m.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at Howard College Cactus Room.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

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

Coffee club meets at 10 a.m. at Gales Sweet Shoppe.

FRIDAY

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron Inn.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron Inn.

SATURDAY

Dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

The Potton House located at 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

The Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Hangar 25 Air Museum, located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Correction

In the Tuesday's edition of the Herald, an article about a 76-year-old veteran receiving his high school diploma from Coahoma High School incorrectly listed his name as Russ Roberts

The recent graduate's name is Ross Roberts.

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By **LYNDEL MOORE**
Staff Writer

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Leonard T. "Buzz" Sawyer, 84, died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002. Burial pending.

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Howard College board expected to OK one-cent tax hike

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Taxpayers in the Howard College district will see a one-cent increase in the tax rate, if trustees approve the effective rate of \$.26985 for fiscal 2003 on Monday.



SPARKS

Trustees will meet to make the final approval of the 2002-2003 budget and tax rate in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building board

room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. The one-cent hike in taxes will bring approximately \$3 million, the same amount of levy as last year. Howard College's proposed unrestricted budget is \$16.9 million and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute of the Deaf proposed unrestricted budget is \$3.1 million.

In other business, trustees will meet in executive session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss prospective gifts and personnel considerations.

Among items for consideration during the open session is an update on construction pro-

jects. Renovation to the Howard College auditorium was halted last year after college administrators and trustees learned the cost to renovate the building was close to the cost of demolishing the structure and constructing a new facility.

For the past several months, administrators have visited several universities and community theaters to study the possibility of erecting a new building.

"We will present eight different options of new construction to the board," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl

Sparks. Sparks added the administration was very impressed with Option Five of the eight proposed plans created by local architect Phil Furqueron.

Option Five allows for a flexible performance area, Sparks said.

"This will allow us to have dinner theater and theater in the round," she said. "We will also have the option of traditional auditorium seating."

The auditorium could also be used as a meeting area.

Plans also call for including the art department in the building, an area that can be used as

a gallery and even as a small amphitheater type setting, Sparks said.

The college has been seeking private funds to finance the project, Spark said.

Also on the agenda trustees will:

- hear preliminary enrollment numbers.
- hear an update on the SWCID audit reclassification for GASB.
- consider bids for services, supplies and insurance.

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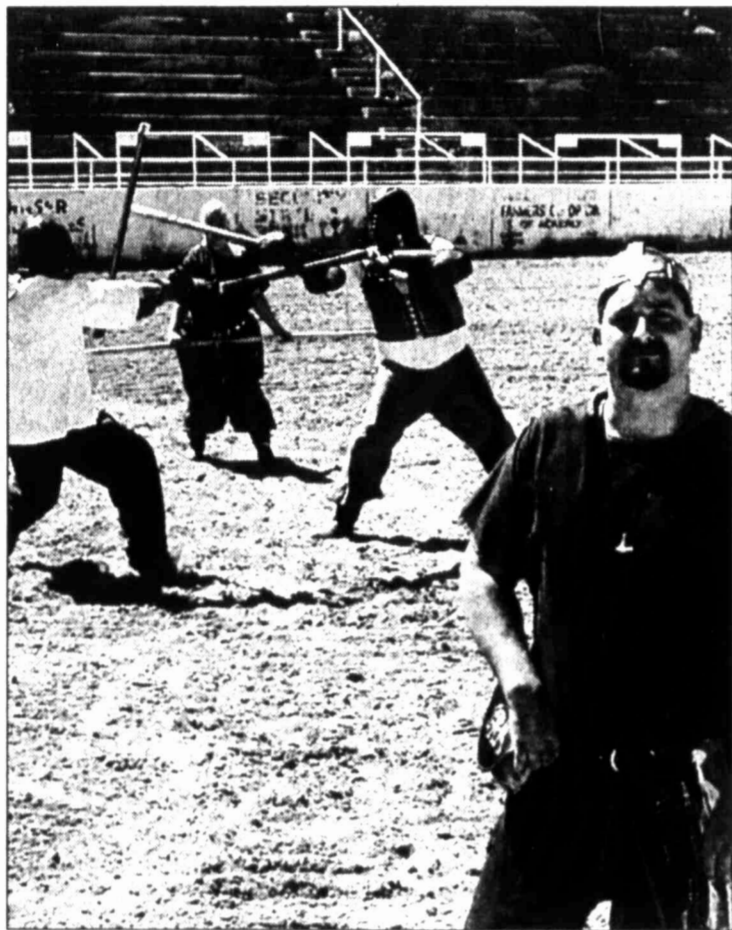
Lusk showed samples of embroidery, weaving and lucette (cord-making on a wooden spindle) and music of lute, recorder and other medieval instruments — on modern CEDs.

"Sciences" like cooking and brewing are popular in the society. One cookbook was titled "Take a 1,000 Eggs or More." One criteria for any activity the group pursues is to have fun doing it.

The king and queen of each of the 12 kingdoms in the U.S. are chosen on the basis of combat.

The men and women both fight, and it is possible for the queen to be the main ruler, with a king consort. They wear armor that each contestant has built, using weapons — swords, axes, rapiers — made of rattan or other lightweight materials. The period of each reign is two years.

If a booth at the county fair for such an organization seems anachronistic, one only has to remember that local fairs were a



Robert Black, a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism, stands in front of a contest of arms. The organization held a demonstration Saturday during the Howard County Fair.

part of life in the Middle Ages.

The SCA took a booth to educate the public about them and to recruit new members. They have no

local dues and dues to national organization are not mandatory, but are encouraged to help fund literature and national communications.

Commissioners set tax rate hearing for 10 a.m. Monday

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Despite a property tax increase, Howard County will operate at a deficit of about \$2.13 million during the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

The county will hold a hearing on the budget and the tax rate at 10 a.m. Monday on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

The regular commissioner's court meeting will follow.

Next year, the county plans to bring in \$7.98 million in revenue and spend about \$10.11 million, said County Auditor Jackie Olson.

The difference will come from the county's general fund, which will dip from \$3.88 million to about \$1.75 million, she added.

Ideally, the county needs at least three months' operating expenses, or \$2.05 million, in reserve, she said.

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Jackie Olson
County Auditor

Olson said a big chunk of the deficit can be explained by the \$757,000 the county received this year as a part of the tobacco lawsuit settlements. This year, the money is slated for expenditure, but does not appear as revenue for the new budget.

Declining property values and skyrocketing employee health insurance costs make up most of the remaining deficit, Olson added.

During their last meeting, commissioners approved a tax rate of 47.358 cents per \$100 valu-

ation, the maximum rate the county could levy without triggering a rollback election. The 5.3 cents per \$100 increase is the first for the county since 1995.

In other business, commissioners will:

- Discuss pending litigation in executive session prior to the public hearing.
- Consider adoption of the budget.
- Review the 2003 retirement plan.
- Consider appointing Hollis McCright for participation in the CN3 Community Networking Grant.
- Consider renewal of the county's month-to-month lease with McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.
- Consider pipeline crossings and courthouse and library renovations.

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the contest. Winners for the contest's individual categories were:

- Newborns to 6 months old: Girls, Ally Aguilar, 5 months. Ally is the daughter of Kim and Greg Aguilar.
- Seven to 12 months old: Girls, Sophie

Dominguez, 11 months, the daughter of Jennifer and Michael Dominguez; Boys,

Logan Hendrickson, 11 months, the son of Don and Jenny Hendrickson.

• One-year-olds: Boys, Erik Sanderson, the son of Jason and Tisa Sanderson.

• Two-year-olds: Girls, Kari Dawn Lewis, the

daughter of Tammie and Kris Lewis; Boys, Jesse James Partlow, the son of Karla Partlow.

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• Four-year-olds: Girls, Breanna Grant, the daughter of Deanna

Grant; Boys, Lane Allen White, the son of Raela and Justin Edwards and John Paul White.

• Five-year-olds: Girls, Bailee Nicole Barber-Grant, the daughter of Brooke Barber-Grant.

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the air this year. "Big Spring athletics is on the way up because they've got lots of talent in all areas. All of our teams are young," he said. "The community and the people are starting to get excited about it. I can sense a little bit of anticipation."

People should try to get

to the amphitheater early, Clements said.

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OUR VIEWS

We're hoping to learn from our children

Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001? How did the events of that day affect your life? Now... can you put those feelings on paper or canvas?

That's what Wells Fargo Bank and the *Herald* are inviting Howard County students to do — participate in an art and essay contest to help commemorate the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

There is no question that the tragic events of that day have affected each of us. Yet, too often, we think of war, conflict, terrorism — whatever act of aggression — as "adult matters" that our youth are not subjected to. That's not true, of course. That's why we think it's important to give the young people in our community an opportunity to express their feelings concerning such a significant event.

For our contests, students will be grouped into five divisions — an art contest for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade; an art contest and an essay contest for junior high school students; and separate art and essay contest for high school students.

Artwork and essays should center on the student's feelings on the day of the attacks and how their lives have been changed as a result.

Artists may use whatever medium they wish. Essays must be no longer than 1,000 words for those in the junior high division, while high school division essays must be 1,500 words or less.

The winners in each division will receive a \$100 savings bond, while second- and third-place honorees will receive \$50 savings bonds.

Time is running out. To be eligible, entries must be turned into school officials before Aug. 30.

Winning entries will be announced and featured in the *Herald's* commemorative edition on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002. All entries in the contest will be published in a special section that day.

We hope the youth of Howard County will think about this project and decide they want to participate.

We think what they have to say and show us will be something we can all learn from.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Let us remember, Lord, that what really matters in this life is what happens after this life. Amen

Reform critical in Texas judicial selection

Texas cannot trust their courts if judicial candidates are expected to recite popular political leanings on everything from abortion to worker's compensation just to win an election. The practice will undoubtedly leave our courts vulnerable to whatever stance is getting the most audible response. That's a dangerous litmus test.

Democracy does indeed require representative government. And for an office charged with presenting the views of a certain constituency, the more openness a candidate is willing to offer, the better. But the only constituency a judge has is the law. Judges are charged by the constitutions of both our nation and our state to rule by principles — not passions.

In the Legislature, passion inspires debate on issues argued on behalf of the good folks who send their representatives to the Capitol. But the basic principle of law — those rules our elected officials establish every two years — is the only poll our judges must respect.

The U.S. Supreme Court lowered the bar recently with an opinion that struck down a Minnesota rule prohibiting judicial candidates from publicly discussing issues that might come before the court. Yet in the same decision the high court recognized the tension between judicial elections and good service on the courts.

In *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said by selecting judges through elections, Minnesota has voluntarily taken on the risks of having a prejudiced court.

Texas are taking the same gamble with their judges.

The conservative position on judicial candidates is that we expect judges to apply the law — not make it. Everyone who enters the courtroom is entitled to a fair day in court.

With the *Minnesota* decision, coupled with our own elections, we will



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be asking judicial candidates to promise to do the exact opposite of what we most urgently need. We will put judges in the position of pledging to make law and decide cases based on campaign promises.

Make no mistake, there is a dramatic distinction between political decisions and legal ones. Political decisions are based on poll numbers and focus group data generated to win elections; legal decisions are based on principle and precedent passed down to provide a predictable legal system.

Elections subject judges to an ideological constituency. Once in office, they'd better cater to those activists or get booted out of office.

In addition to the feat of offending a popular slant, judges as candidates are also victim to the reality of statewide elections — financing multimillion-dollar campaigns. The cash generally comes from the attorneys who have some stake in the election.

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Phillips has told the story of an unnamed attorney who called him up this year for advice on who to support in the Republican primary. The attorney in question didn't believe either candidate would hold it against his firm if he supported the loser but he feared his clients would. An integral part of the prestigious law firm's marketing is the perception that it has access to the court — a perception perpetuated by the firm when its leaders suggest their access is purchased by backing those who win judicial races.

There's no evidence that Texans even want these elections. In the March 2002 GOP runoff — where the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals were at the top of the ticket — only 1.73 percent of the registered voters bothered to show.

That means 98 percent of those registered voters cared little about the outcome of those races. On the Democratic side, 95 percent of the registered voters didn't participate. The public is not interested in determining the outcome of our judicial races.

But because others routinely put their dogs in the hunt, judges are forced to knock around the state begging for money from lawyers who will appear in the courtroom. Our courts should be ruled by Texans' best interests — not those of the monied or political special interests working the system in a single-minded pursuit of personal gain or political bonds.

It's a system ripe for corruption. The ethics of our judiciary is at stake. When the foundation of our judicial system is shaken, the very essence of Texan's freedom and independence is on the line. This is not the way our state's benches ought to be filled. And it's not the way Texas' earliest leaders envisioned.

Thomas Rusk, president of the Texas convention to accept annexation in 1845, warned against permitting a judiciary to be seated outside the realm of a sound and ethical system. Subjecting those positions to the popular clamors of passion and party would manifest as a "weak and vacillating judiciary, destitute of talent and integrity, with no merit beyond that of office seekers."

Rusk was right. Texans deserve strong and fair courts.

Texas lawmakers need to take a cue from Justice O'Connor. Our system of selecting judges must be reformed so that our citizens are served without fear of an unfair judiciary.

Republican Sen. Robert Duncan represents District 28 in the Texas senate and is a practicing attorney in Lubbock. He serves on the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Jurisprudence Committee and the state Judicial Council.



No quick fix for the economy

People who believe in word magic are disappointed. No quick fix for the economy came out of the president's economic summit.

No, it did not. There is no quick fix.

The economy cannot be restored to health with words. The economy is not a thing, like a mule, that can be knocked on the head if it gets balky or sweet-talked with kind words and an apple.

The economy is just the ever-changing sum of ever-on-going individual transactions by millions of individuals. So if someone were foolish enough to talk to the economy, there would be no ears to listen. It is an impersonal process. The lady in Seattle buying birdseed does not confer with the construction worker

buying a beer in a tavern in the Bronx, who is probably not aware of the existence of the grain broker in Nebraska closing a deal.

And none of them gives a hoot about what the president or the Democratic majority leader has to say.

Furthermore, there isn't much any president can do about the economy. He can talk, and we've already pointed out how pointless that is. If the economy could be influenced by presidential eloquence, then Franklin D. Roosevelt would have talked us out of the Great Depression. Nothing he said or did (with the exception of getting us into World War II) had any effect on it at all.

A president can recommend a balanced budget — and should — but the Constitution gives sole power over the purse to Congress. A president can make a few appointments — to the Federal Reserve and to Treasury — and that's about it.

It is a political myth that the economy is influenced by the president. This myth was created and is perpetuated for political reasons.

Presidents like to take undeserved credit for a good economy; their opponents like to heap undeserved blame on them for a bad economy.

The Democrats are trying to do that now, but they are so lacking in credibility and substance that they sound like Bill Clinton giving a lecture on chastity and fidelity of the marriage vows. The only economic suggestion I've heard from them is to repeal the tax cuts. Why they think that taking more money from people who have just lost a lot of money will improve the economy, I don't know, except that liberals and socialists are notoriously ignorant of economic matters.

I don't think the market will rebound until a lot more corporate CEOs go to jail. Too many liars and too many lies have been exposed to give anyone any real confidence in the market at the moment or in the advice they get about it.

That, of course, is a moral problem, and the government is not any good

at solving moral problems. Beyond putting the obvious crooks in jail, what can government do? Its own morality stinks. Look at how the Senate white-washed Sen. Bob Torricelli's shabby dealings. Naughty boy, it said, hitting his wrist with a silk hanky.

Torricelli, D-N.J., is accused by a man now in jail of accepting cash and gifts; he admitted to "not paying for" one or two gifts. The matter of the cash was not even brought up.

But to get back to the economy, we'll just have to sit it out and hope some trust and nerve are restored. If we're going to have to go through this all over again should some terrorist set off a truck bomb, then we're probably in a hopeless mess. Bombs and crashing airplanes don't have much to do with the economy either, unless people listen to their panic.

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Charles Beil given Rotary honor

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
Features Editor

At this year's Rotary International Convention held in Barcelona, Spain, Charles Beil was awarded Most Distinguished Past District Governor in Zone 26 which covers most of North America.

The award was presented to him for his ongoing efforts to promote the club and his involvement with its activities. As part of the honor he was presented with a world globe encrusted with semi-precious stones and a certificate commemorating the event.

Beil, who attended the ceremony in June, was one of about a dozen who received the award which was presented by the Rotary International President Rick King.

Rotary International has entered its 98th year, and the original Big Spring club (which meets on Tuesdays) will be 75 in 2003. Of those 75 years, Beil has been a member with perfect attendance for 35. What's more, he served as district governor in 1984-85.

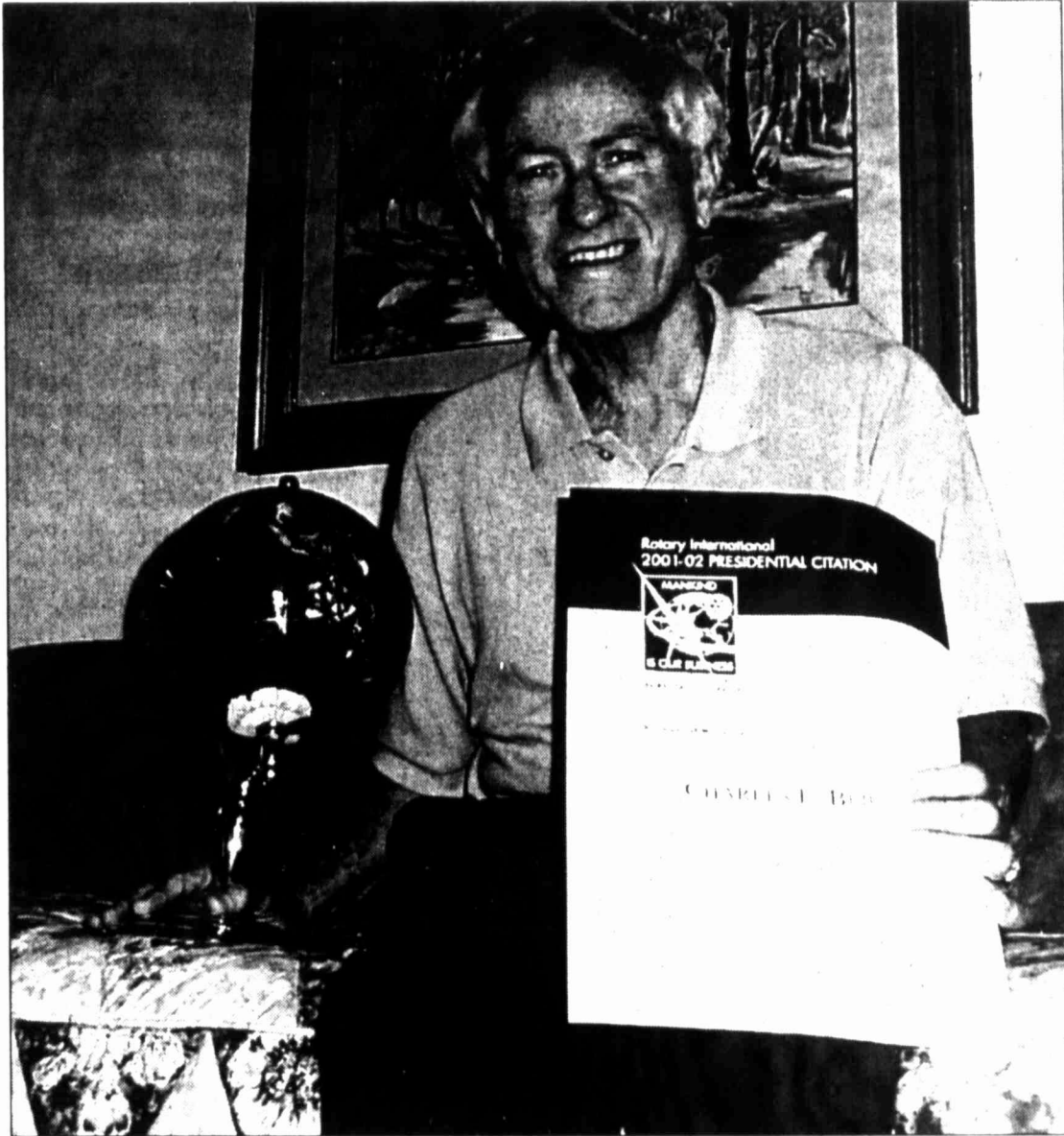
"Most people are not as involved after they have served as governor, but Charles continues his involvement," said Hayes Stripling fellow Big Spring club member.

Beil was given the award for his ongoing involvement with community service projects following his governorship, his dedication to the club and perfect attendance.

"He never wavered or relaxed his efforts," said Stripling. "He does six, eight or 10 jobs every year."

Rotary is a service organization of business and professional people that sponsors projects like Coats for Kids and the Rotary Youth and District Exchanges.

Although Beil wasn't recruited into Rotary until 1966, he'd had admi-



HERALD Photo/Andria Medlin
Charles Beil holds the certificate and world globe that was presented to him at the Rotary International Convention held in Barcelona Spain in June. Beil was presented the award as Most Distinguished Past District Governor.

ration for its members since he was a teenager.

"When I was a teenager, my pastor took me to my first Rotary meeting. I had always had an admiration of the people in it," said Beil. However, it was several years before he would become a member.

"I was later recruited by my boss when I was employed with the Big Spring Savings and Loan," he explained.

In 1984 Beil was elected district governor, and along with organizing the activities and projects of the clubs in the district, he was also responsible for the development and organization of 53 clubs in the district which

encompasses Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

"I had to visit every club within a year which means I made three to five visits per week. It was pleasant, but demanding," said Beil, who recruited 75 new members and established eight other clubs during his tenure.

In Big Spring, Rotarians are responsible for posting the flags along Gregg Street on federal holidays as well as other community projects.

Beil, as a member of Rotary, has been involved in the development of

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BLUE RIBBONS:** Betty McChristian, Robbie Crenshaw
BALL AWARDS: 1st Place-Betty McChristian, 2nd Place-Robbie Crenshaw
RED RIBBONS: Kim Crowley
WHITE RIBBONS: Donna Menges

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BALL AWARDS: 1st Place-Betty McChristian, 2nd Place-Walter Gleason
RED RIBBONS: Donna Menges, Walter Gleason, Betty McChristian
WHITE RIBBONS: Gail Krug

**JAMS, JELLIES, PRESERVES
BLUE RIBBONS:** Betty McChristian, Ruth Jamison, Ruby Lewis, Dean Priest, Larry Ringener, Robbie Crenshaw, Christine Horn, Dale Pittman
BALL AWARDS: 1st Place-Betty McChristian, 2nd Place-Ruth Jamison
RED RIBBONS: Linda Stapel, Charlotte Scott, Christine Horn, Randy McKinney, Donna Menges, Betty McChristian
WHITE RIBBONS: Robbie Crenshaw, Donna Menges

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GRAND CHAMPION:** Nicholas Emerson
BALL AWARD: 1st Place-Nicholas Emerson
BLUE RIBBON: Nicholas Emerson

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Howard College cheerleaders perform before the crowd of thousands that packed the Howard County Rodeo Bowl Saturday for the Battle of the Cheerleaders. Area high school and junior high cheerleading squads vied for a top spot at the event.

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Garden City principal gets TEPSA office

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — A Glasscock County educator has been named the District 18 President-elect for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association. Garden City Elementary Principal Brad Jones was named to the position and he and his fellow officers from the 20 TEPSA statewide districts were installed at the association's annual Leadership Conference held in July.

TEPSA provides an opportunity to keep learning on how to become a better principal," Jones said. "Anything you do to try and exposure yourself to new ideas — it doesn't matter if you have been a principal for five years or 25 years — you try to make sure you keep up with what is going on and try to do what's best for the kids."

The organization helps elementary and middle school principals stay current with new trends

and issues, Jones said. In his new position, Jones will help plan activities for the local organization and attend statewide meetings.

"It's a good opportunity to see what other schools are doing and see what's going on in the legislature," he said.

Jones has served as principal of Garden City Elementary for three years. The school received exemplary status when the Texas Education Agency released public school accountability ratings on Aug. 1.

"We have outstanding elementary teachers and staff from kindergarten grade on up," Jones said.

Jones has also served as principal at Coahoma Junior High School and as the assistant principal at Coahoma Elementary. He received his masters of education from Sul Ross State University in 1998.

He and his wife, Stacey, have two children, 2-year-old twins Ethan and Allie.

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By **ROGER CLINE**
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Chamber hard at work with 'Home for Holidays' effort

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The Chamber of Commerce is hard at work to gather at least 50 local merchants together to keep Crossroads Christmas shoppers in Big Spring.

The program is called "Home For the Holidays," and chamber Vice-President for Business Development Allan Johnson said the program will give the merchants a great big present and the chance to play Santa Claus at the same time.

"Home for the Holidays is a concentrated effort by the Chamber of Commerce this year to get merchants working together to keep Big Spring dollars in Big Spring," he said. "We're wanting 50 concerned merchants that are concerned about keeping dollars in Big

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Spring." Johnson said that the event, limited to chamber members, has a buy-in of \$200. Non-members can currently join the chamber for \$100 and take part in the event.

"Every bit of money that comes in will be going to an

advertising package to promote these businesses," Johnson said. "Every business by joining in will agree to have a giveaway every Friday. It's their choice what they give away."

The program starts at the beginning of October and runs through Christmas for a total of

12 weeks, so that's a total of 600 gifts!

"This is a three-month thing," Johnson said. "Christmas buying starts in October, so we might as well get started up and start working on it."

One area shopper is going to have a very full stocking this

Christmas.

"We will have one final giveaway at the end of the program and one lucky person will win 50-plus (prizes). One person will win all of them," Johnson said. "We're talking about a multi-thousand-dollar giveaway to the public."

For their \$200 and giveaways, the chamber will make sure to get the businesses' names in front of the public.

"You will be seeing newspaper, radio and possibly billboards," Johnson said. "We won't generate enough money to do any TV."

Interested merchants can call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

RESULTS

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WHITE RIBBONS: Lynn Toman

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GRAND CHAMPION: Jaynet Smith

RESERVE CHAMPION: Dub Clinton

BLUE RIBBONS: Joyce Choate

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GRAND CHAMPION: Paul Nabors

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GRAND CHAMPION: Michelle Pepper

RESERVE CHAMPION: Pam Crouch, D.W. Overman

BLUE RIBBONS: Larry Witkowski

RED RIBBONS: Julie Stephens, D.W. Overman

WHITE RIBBONS: Lynn Toman, Shannon McCarty

HONORABLE MENTION: Nancy Howard, Jim Murray, Robbie Cadenhead, Melanie Gambrell, Karen Wingert, Melanie Gambrell

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GRAND CHAMPION: Kacy Liles

RESERVE CHAMPION: Kacy Liles

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GRAND CHAMPION: Tony Emerson

OVERALL BEST OF SHOW-GRAND CHAMPION: Estelle Howard

RESERVE CHAMPION: Judy Gibbs

HONORABLE MENTION: Kay Smith

PROFESSIONAL OIL

BLUE RIBBONS: Estelle Howard

RED RIBBONS: Estelle Howard

WHITE RIBBONS: Arlys Scott

HONORABLE MENTION: Arlys Scott

NON-PROFESSIONAL OIL

BLUE RIBBONS: Charlene McKinnon, Paul Nabors

RED RIBBONS: Jean Money

WHITE RIBBONS: B. Wilkinson

HONORABLE MENTION: B. Wilkinson

PROFESSIONAL GRAPHICS

BLUE RIBBONS: Arlys Scott

RED RIBBONS: Arlys Scott

NON-PROFESSIONAL GRAPHICS

BLUE RIBBONS: Bonita Lyght

RED RIBBONS: Bonita Lyght

WHITE RIBBONS: Jean Money

PROFESSIONAL WATER COLOR

BLUE RIBBONS: Kay Smith, Kay Smith, Judy Gibbs, Estelle Howard

RED RIBBONS: Estelle Howard, Arlys Scott

ADULT DRAWING

BLUE RIBBONS: Shannon McCarty, John Newton

COLLEGE DRAWING

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ADULT ACRYLICS

BLUE RIBBONS: Kelly Hinojos

RED RIBBONS: Kelly Hinojos

WHITE RIBBONS: Myrel McNew

COLLEGE ACRYLICS

WHITE RIBBONS: Holly Price

ADULT-MIXED MEDIA

BLUE RIBBON: Bonita Lyght

ADULT-WATER COLORS

BLUE RIBBONS: Sandee Lockhart

ADULT-OIL ON WOOD

BLUE RIBBONS: Tina Hender, Charlene McKinnon

BAKED GOODS

BREAD-ADULT

GRAND CHAMPION: Darlene Hipp-Hushpuppies

RESERVE CHAMPION: Nellie Kerby-Banana Nut Bread

BLUE RIBBONS: Darlene Hipp, Nellie Kerby, Jeannie Hernandez, Betty Gross

RED RIBBONS: Nellie Kerby, Darlene Hipp

WHITE RIBBONS: Betty McChristian, Darlene Hipp, Kindra Rutledge

BREAD-YOUTH

GRAND CHAMPION: Randi Froman-Zucchini Bread

RESERVE CHAMPION: Brenna Conner-Zucchini Bread

BLUE RIBBONS: Randi Froman, Breanna Conner

CAKES-ADULT

GRAND CHAMPION: Darlene Hipp-Checkerboard Cake

RESERVE CHAMPION: Verna Robertson-Carrot Cake

BLUE RIBBONS: Darlene Hipp, Verna Robertson, Nellie Kerby, Nelda Snodgrass

RED RIBBONS: Beverly Sundry, Ruby Lewis, Betty McChristian, Darlene Hipp, Pearl Armstrong, Bill Gilbert

WHITE RIBBONS: Bill Gilbert, Kim Crowley, Holly Walker

CAKES-YOUTH

GRAND CHAMPION: Meagan Kothmann-Tiramiser Toffe Torte

BLUE RIBBONS: Meagan Kothmann

WHITE RIBBONS: Rachael Cole

COOKIES-ADULT

GRAND CHAMPION: Ruth Jamison-Texas Pecan Lime Bars

RESERVE CHAMPION: Karen Wingert-Chocolate Chip Cookies

BLUE RIBBONS: Ruth Jamison, Karen Wingert, Kimberly Burgess

RED RIBBONS: Ruby Lewis, Melba Camp, Betty McChristian

WHITE RIBBONS: Darlene Hipp, Betty Gross, Beverly Sundry, Sarah Conner

COOKIES-YOUTH

GRAND CHAMPION: Kadden Kothmann-Iced Cookies

RESERVE CHAMPION: Landon Parker-Oatmeal Cookies

BLUE RIBBONS: Kadden Kothmann, Landon Parker

RED RIBBONS: David Scott

PIES-ADULT

GRAND CHAMPION: Nellie Kerby-Coconut Crunch Pie

BLUE RIBBONS: Nellie Kerby, Darlene Hipp

RED RIBBONS: Betty Gross, Darlene Hipp

WHITE RIBBONS: Darlene Hipp, Betty McChristian

PIES-YOUTH

GRAND CHAMPION: Mason Parker-Apricot Tarts

BLUE RIBBONS: Mason Parker

CANDY-ADULT

GRAND CHAMPION: Darlene Hipp-Peanut Patties

RESERVE CHAMPION: Darlene Hipp-Chocolate Fudge

BLUE RIBBONS: Darlene Hipp, Betty McChristian, Beverly Sundry, Rachael Cole

ANTIQUE BUD VASES

GRAND CHAMPION: Geraldine Posey

RESERVE CHAMPION: Ruby Lewis

BLUE RIBBONS: Geraldine Posey, Ruby Lewis, Mamie Lee Dodds, Deanna Foresyth, Louise Cotten, La Donna Hudgins, Lee Hooper, Jobeth Corwin, Norma Perkins, Pam Brewer

RED RIBBONS: Betty McChristian, Nell Burgess, Norma Perkins, Susan Williams, Debbie Barr, Darlene Hipp, Jean Gleason, Ruby Lewis, Wanda Milton, Deanna Foresyth, Evelyn Holcomb, Mamie Lee Dodds

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Rotary Park, leadership camps for high school juniors, Coats for Kids, and Youth and District Exchanges with other countries.

"The Rotary Exchanges help with exposing the community with other cultures," Beil explained. "I've been a part of district groups that exchanged with England, Sweden, Chile and South Africa. We are able to do things in other countries that other organizations can't because we don't associate ourselves with a particular religion."

Beil explained that although it is virtually non-existent in the U.S., polio is prevalent in many other countries and Rotary is in the forefront in the battle against the disease.

"We are involved in obtaining the supplies and people that go to the countries that will let us help their people," he

said, describing the devastating effects the disease has on those who are not inoculated against it. "It's pitiful to see children who are crippled and have to crawl on the ground to get around," he said.

Beil said Rotarians are appreciative of the countries that will allow them to help their children.

Besides performing service projects locally and abroad, Beil has actively recruited new members over the years.

"I've always been real big at recruiting and encouraged other members to bring in new lifeblood," he said.

The prestigious award has not only given Beil much deserved notoriety, but adds to the list of things to be proud of in Big Spring as well.

"Rotary has been a great thing in my life. I have had opportunities that I wouldn't have otherwise had."

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Mustangs head into season rated No. 2 nationally

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
Since the Six-Man Illustrated national poll began in 1991, three teams have won multiple championships. With that in mind, guess who's No. 1?
Panther? Nope.
Amherst? Not even close.
Gordon? Wrong again.
How about last year's national champion, the Whitharral Panthers?
As Austin Powers so aptly puts it — yeah baby, yeah!
In Whitharral, the talk is definitely of another state — and national — title. So what if the Panthers graduated three all-

world players to graduation in May? Whitharral still has enough star power coming back to illuminate a small galaxy, beginning at end where Brandon Hoskins, a preseason all american pick.
"We try to look at it in a positive way," said Whitharral head coach Ken Hoskins. "We know we'll have a target on our backs, but sometimes that can work in your favor. Our kids have worked really hard over the summer to get ready."
Whitharral is the No. 1 pick in the Six-Man Illustrated preseason poll. The Panthers own the nation's longest six-man winning streak — 15 games — and are expected to be the straw that stirs

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the drink this fall. The goal, of course, is to be the last team standing come late December.
"We're looking forward to playing and trying to win it again," said Hoskins, who guided the Texans to a win in the recent All Americas Bowl.
If there is one team that may be primed to unseat Whitharral as the top six-man program in the United States and Canada, it might well be the Sands Mustangs.

The team returns three all-state picks from last year's campaign, including running back Nate Looney, quarterback Jeremy Renteria and linebacker Heath Webb.
Looney could well be the top six-man rusher in the U.S. Last season, he helped power Sands to the state quarterfinals by churning out more than 1,600 yards.
Whitharral cut Sands' 2001 season short, downing the Mustangs by a 51-20 margin.
The Mustangs added to their arsenal in the off-season by luring Larry Reid from Groom to be the new head coach. Reid took Groom to the state finals in 1999.
The Calvert Trojans made their

highest appearance ever in the national poll — which is compiled through voting from coaches and sports writers in the U.S. and Canada. The Trojans entered the year as the third-ranked team. Calvert returns all six offensive starters from last year's squad that finished at 11-2 and won the school's first district title in almost 50 years.
Two teams that aren't strangers to the SI poll — Sanderson and Idalia — round out the top five. Sanderson heads into the year with the majority of its team that faced Whitharral in the state semifinals back. Idalia, Colorado's three-time champion, is also
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Finishing up ...



Herald photo/Tommy Wells
An Ira quarterback looks for a receiver as a Sands defender applies pressure from the left side of the line during the Mustangs' scrimmage Friday night with Ira and Patton Springs. Sands won the scrimmage and finished their 2002 preseason slate with a 1-1 mark.

Forsan, Coahoma gridders put final touches on '02 preseason

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald
FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes made believers out of the Reagan County Owls Friday night. The Buffaloes staged a strong effort in their 2002 preseason finale, battling the Owls to a 2-1 mark in front of a large crowd at Forsan stadium.
Reagan County flexed its muscle early. The Owls, on the first series of the night, drove 70 yards and scores the initial touchdown on a smaller Buffalo defense.
After that however, the Forsan defense held its own.
"We came out a little flat on that first series but, after that I was happy with our boys," said Buffaloes head coach Steve Park.
On Forsan's first possession, quarterback Josh Helmstetter came out firing. He completed 7 of 10 passes for 62 yards. In the Buffs' initial series Helmstetter also connected on a 45-yard pass to running back Wes Longoria, and was aided by a shoe top catch by Clay "Goonie" Vickers. Running back Billy Acosta led

the way for the Buffs' rushing attack. He gained 26 yards on six carries. Longoria gained 13 yards on 11 carries.
The Buffalo defense was aided by fumble recoveries on back-to-back plays by Longoria and Ross Newton. David Lee also had a recovery for the Buffs.
The game was a typical preseason scrimmage with mistakes abounding, though mostly for the Owls. Reagan County had six penalties for 65 yards — four in the first 30 plays totaling 60 yards. Forsan was flagged only once for five yards. The Owls also had trouble holding onto the ball, putting it on the ground five times — losing three — on the night.
Forsan fumbled the ball just twice but, managed to recover both of them.
"We saw some things that we need to build on but we got to play all the boys tonight so I'm happy with that," said Park.
The Buffaloes open the 2002 regular season Friday night at home against the Iraan Braves. The game

is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.
Forsan wasn't the only local team closing out their 2002 preseason slate. The Coahoma Bulldogs and Sands Mustangs also took to their field Friday night.
Coahoma took a huge step toward putting to rest any questions surrounding their team with an impressive performance against the Midland Christian Mustangs. The Bulldogs played well in the game-simulated scrimmage.
"We're real young but we held our own," said Coahoma head coach Robert Wood. "I was pleased with our performance."
Coahoma defensive back Toby Jackson gave Bulldog fans a highlight reel moment midway through the scrimmage. He picked off an errant MCHS pass and returned it to inside the Mustangs' 10-yard line.
The Coahoma defense, facing a team that has won back-to-back Class 4A TAPPS state titles, performed well. The Bulldogs held the Mustangs to less than 200 yards rushing and prevented an MCHS
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Ohio State holds off Texas Tech

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Maurice Clarett made some history — and then went on to bigger things.
Clarett became the first true freshman to start at tailback in an Ohio State season opener, then rushed for 175 yards and three touchdowns as the No. 13 Buckeyes beat Texas Tech 45-21 on Saturday in the Pigskin Classic.
Clarett scored on runs of 59, 45 and 2 yards — and set up two other short touchdown runs by Lydell Ross as the Buckeyes rolled up 318 yards on the ground.
Early in the third quarter, after he ran untouched through the right side for the 45-yard score, the crowd of 100,037 at Ohio Stadium chanted, "Mau-rice! Mau-rice!"
Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury, touted as a Heisman Trophy contender but befuddled most of the day by the Ohio State defense, completed 26 of 44 passes for 341 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. Two of his touchdown passes and more than 140 of the passing yards came in the fourth quarter after the Red Raiders fell behind 38-7.
Kingsbury had a shot at getting the Red Raiders back in the game after they fell behind 21-7 midway through the second quarter. But he bumped into half-back Foy Munlin on a fourth-and-goal handoff at the 1 late in the half, with Ohio State's front line smothering the play.
On Tech's first series of the third quarter — after Clarett burst through on a slant play for another score — Kingsbury underthrew a wide-open Nehemiah Glover on a short pass and Ohio State's Dustin Fox picked it off at the goal line.
Ohio State defensive end

Will Smith was a key component in disrupting the Red Raiders' spread offense. In one second-quarter series, he sniffed out Kingsbury's shovel pass to Taurean Henderson for a 3-yard loss, almost picked off Kingsbury's pass over the middle and then rushed Kingsbury and forced him to throw a pass away.
Tech ran for just 31 yards on 20 attempts.
Smith only had four tackles but all four were for negative yardage including two sacks. The Buckeyes totaled seven sacks and nine tackles for a loss.
Clarett was Ohio's Mr. Football last year at Warren's Harding High School and also was USA Today's national offensive player of the year. He graduated from high school in December and enrolled at Ohio State for the winter quarter so he could go through spring drills.
He carried four times for 10 yards and caught an 8-yard pass for a first down as the Buckeyes took a 7-0 lead on their first possession on Ross' 2-yard run.
Clarett broke two hand tackles at the line and fought off Tech's Joselo Hanson on a 59-yard run that made it 14-0.
Ohio State also scored on a Ross 1-yard dive, backup quarterback Scott McMullen's 1-yard keeper and Mike Nugent's 45-yard field goal.
Kingsbury's touchdown passes covered 36 and 34 yards to Wes Welker and 37 yards to Carlos Francis.
Ahead 21-7 at the half, the Buckeyes pulled away by scoring on each of their three third-quarter possessions. Clarett, who gained 100 yards on 12 carries in the first half, had seven carries for 71 yards in the period.

Players give owners new proposal

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players gave owners a new economic proposal Saturday, just six days ahead of the union's Aug. 30 strike deadline.
Owners had been awaiting new offers from the union on both revenue sharing and a luxury tax, the key issues that could cause a player's strike next week.
Union lawyer Steve Fehr confirmed that the proposal had been given to owners during an afternoon session but would not comment on details of the offer.
"We never expected them to accept it, but at least it's a move, and it's a significant move," Arizona's Mark Grace said.
"Any kind of dialogue and any kind of movement is good. They moved a few days ago, and we moved today, so the gap was narrowed. If we continue to do this, the gap will be small enough that we can avoid a

work stoppage."
Across town at Yankee Stadium, Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez backtracked from his comments Friday that he would give back 30 to 40 percent of his pay if it would improve the sport.
"I'm willing to do my part. Thirty to 40 percent? Probably not. I was speaking off the cuff," he said.
"What I wanted to say is I love the game of baseball and would do anything to help it. Obviously, that was a very drastic statement. I wouldn't take it literally."
Rodriguez said he had not heard from Texas owner Tom Hicks, who signed him to the record \$252 million, 10-year deal.
"I don't think Tom Hicks has my cell phone," Rodriguez said.
Going into Saturday, the sides were about \$33 million apart on how much money to move from the rich teams to the poor.

BIG SPRING HERALD
Sunday, August 25, 2002

Youth soccer
The Big Spring Club will be held K-3 at the Memorial Drive run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The cost for the clinic will be \$5. Spring Mall, R. and Sept. 5 in 1. For more info 1267 or Myrna

Shive nails
Wendell Shive Big Spring gold career Tuesday at Comanche accomplish the hole-in-one Marcello Torre

BSYSA regis
The Big Spring is registering young Registration through Friday to 5 p.m. Saturday. The cost is \$20. The 2002 season through November

BSHS cheer
The Big Spring is conducting the BSJHS gym. The camp is camp costs just. For more info or 264-6941.

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Youth soccer clinic slated for Sept. 7
The Big Spring High School Boys Basketball Booster Club will be holding a soccer clinic for students in graded K-3 at the soccer fields, located at 3100 Hudgens Memorial Drive, on Sept. 7. The clinic is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. until noon.

The cost for the clinic is \$15 per child. Sign-ups for the clinic will be Aug. 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall. Registration dates will also be held Sept. 3 and Sept. 5 in the Mall.

For more information contact Christine Boling at 267-1287 or Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

Shive nails second ace of career

Wendell Shive proved lightning can strike twice. The Big Spring golfer recorded the second hole-in-one of his career Tuesday, Aug. 20, by recording an ace on No. 15 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. He used a 7-wood to accomplish the feat.

The hole-in-one was witnessed by James Banks and Marcello Torres.

BSYSA registering players for season

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association is now registering youngsters for the upcoming season.

Registration is being held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday at All District Printing, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child.

The 2002 season begins in mid-September and runs through November.

BSHS cheerleaders to host mini-camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleading squad will be conducting a Mini Cheerleading Camp on Aug. 31 in the BSJHS gymnasium.

The camp is open to all students in grades K-6. The camp costs just \$20 per person.

For more information contact Kris Larson at 264-3641 or 264-6941.

BS Quarterback Club to hold pep rally

The Big Spring Quarter-back Club will hold a community pep rally at 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

The event will recognize all Big Spring fall athletes.

CHS Band Booster sets 'Tailgate Party'

The Coahoma Band Booster will be hosting the first "Bulldogs Tail Gate Party" on Friday, Aug. 30. Advance tickets for the event can be purchased from Band Booster members. Tickets are \$5 each.

CHS boosters set 'Meet the Bulldogs'

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will hold a "Meet the Bulldogs" gala at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

Rio wins bid to host 2007 Pan American Games

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Touting that it's free of terrorism, Rio de Janeiro won its bid Saturday to host the 2007 Pan American Games, beating out San Antonio.

Cheers rang out as the Pan American Sports Organization, made up of officials from 42 nations, announced their selection.

Both cities promoted their athletic facilities, with San Antonio saying it already had almost all of the potential venues ready. Brazil, however, said it would build seven of the 23 facilities it needs for the games.

Officials were concerned with how both would pre-

pare for the event. The Dominican Republic will host the event in August 2003, and a commission overseeing the planning there has warned organizers that preparations are lagging behind schedule.

Both cities said they had the necessary funds to pull off the event. San Antonio promised \$5.5 million and said a lack of construction costs will leave funds to help support the games.

Rio officials pledged to spend \$100 million, enough to build a new Pan American parkway complete with an athletes' village and seven new stadi-

ums and athletic complexes. "We're not talking about promises. We are talking about money in the bank," said Carlos Osorio, director of the Rio candidacy.

San Antonio officials said it was clear Rio's bid was "government-sponsored."

In a hour-long presentation that included a dazzling light-show and a mountain of confetti that rained from the ceiling, San Antonio officials championed their city's low crime rate.

In a presentation that was light on special effects but heavy on bossa nova music, Rio countered that athletes would not have to worry

about terrorist attacks in their city.

"We have no problems with terrorism or terrorist groups," said Carlos Arthur Nuzman, president of Brazil's Olympic Committee. Brazil is also vying to host a future Olympic games.

Brazil's presentation also included videotapes of the country's four presidential candidates expressing their support. Recent public opinion polls showing leftist candidates Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and Ciro Gomes leading the race have caused Brazilian markets to falter in recent weeks.

SPORTS EXTRA

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Boston	73	54	575	6 1/2
Baltimore	63	64	496	16 1/2
Toronto	54	73	425	25 1/2
Tampa Bay	43	85	336	37

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	78	53	595	—
Chicago	59	69	461	17 1/2
Cleveland	56	72	438	20 1/2
Kansas City	52	78	400	25 1/2
Detroit	49	79	383	27 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	78	51	605	—
Anaheim	76	52	594	1 1/2
Seattle	77	53	592	1 1/2
Texas	56	70	444	20 1/2

Sunday's Games	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim (Callaway 0-0) at Boston (Fossum 2-2)	12	12	0.500	—
Texas (Bennett 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 8-4)	12	12	0.500	—
Seattle (Garcia 13-9) at Cleveland (Westbrook 1-2)	12	12	0.500	—
Toronto (Miller 4-4) at Baltimore (Johnson 4-9)	12	12	0.500	—
Oakland (Harang 5-3) at Detroit (Maroth 5-5)	12	12	0.500	—
Minnesota (Lohse 11-7) at Kansas City (Ascenzo 2-4)	12	12	0.500	—
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-8) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 5-6)	12	12	0.500	—

National League	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	81	46	638	—
St. Louis	64	64	500	17 1/2
Philadelphia	62	65	488	19
Florida	61	67	477	20 1/2
New York	58	69	457	23

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	71	55	563	—
Houston	68	61	527	4 1/2
Cincinnati	64	64	500	8
Pittsburgh	56	74	434	16 1/2
Chicago	53	73	421	18
Milwaukee	44	83	347	27 1/2

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	82	46	641	—
Los Angeles	74	54	578	8
San Francisco	70	57	551	11 1/2
Colorado	61	67	477	21
San Diego	55	73	430	27

* Does not include Saturday's results

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh (Benson 5-6) at Milwaukee (Wright 5-12), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (B Myers 2-3) at St. Louis (Hackman 3-4), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 7-12) at Houston (Saarloos 5-3), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leter 10-10) at Colorado (Neagle 7-7), 2:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 8-10) at San Francisco (Schmidt 8-6), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 6-4) at San Diego (Tomko 7-8), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (C Zambrano 2-4) at Arizona (Johnson 18-4), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 7-5) at Los Angeles (Ishii 13-8), 7:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Extended their working agreement with Eric of the Eastern League through the 2004 season.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated LHP Mike Remington from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Kevin Gnyboski to Richmond of the IL.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed RHP Josh Beckett on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Tony Borland from Calgary of the PCL.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed OF Richard Kidalgo on the 15-day disabled list. retroactive to Aug. 23. Recalled OF Jason Lane, from New Orleans of the PCL.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Placed OF Brian Jordan on the 15-day disabled list. retroactive to

Aug. 17. Recalled OF Jojbert Cabrera from Las Vegas of the PCL.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Announced the retirement of WR O.J. McDuffie.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released CB Darrel Cutright, DT Ryan Nielsen, S Clinton Hart. OF Josh Moore. OF Kendrick Rogers. TE Kore Dickerson. FB Corey McIntyre. P Steve Cheek. WR Mel Long. WR Carlos Johnson. WR David Foye and WR Sean Scott.

PREP POLLS

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No. Team	01 Rec.
1. Whittnair, Texas	15.0
2. Sands, Texas	9.4
3. Calvert, Texas	11.2
4. Sanderson, Texas	13.1
5. Idalia, Colorado	12.0
6. Panther Creek, Texas	11.1
7. Richard Springs, Texas	13.2
8. Gordon, Texas	11.2
9. Peetz, Colorado	11.1
10. Lake Arthur, NM	10.2
11. Salyer, Texas	9.2
12. Woodson, Texas	12.2
13. Trinidad, Texas	8.3
14. Arthur Co. Nebraska	5.5
15. Geraldine, Montana	12.0
16. Revere, Colorado	8.3
17. Highwood, Montana	6.4
18. Abilene Christian, Texas	6.3
19. Mt. Carson, Colorado	7.3
20. Guthrie, Texas	10.1
21. Custer, Montana	8.3
22. Abbott, Texas	7.3
23. Strawn, Texas	5.5
24. Newcastle, Texas	7.3
25. Central Butte, Saskatchewan	6.3

Others receiving votes: Austin Regents, Texas; Bryson, Texas; Mountarian, New Mex.; Hemdon, Kansas; Loreburn, Sask.

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Mark Hensby	65-68-68	201
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Omair Uresti	69-68-66	203
Tag Ridings	69-67-67	203
Chad Wright	70-69-65	204
Brian Clear	72-67-67	206
Gene Savers	69-69-68	206
Michael Flynn	69-69-68	206
Tom Carter	68-69-69	206
Brad Adamson	68-67-71	206
Gene Savers	67-65-74	206
Kevin Wentworth	69-71-67	207
Wes Short	68-72-67	207
Steve Haskins	71-69-67	207
Ken Green	67-74-68	207
Dustin Waginton	69-69-69	207
Greg Gregory	69-70-69	208
Joe Krabel	70-70-68	208
Jon Meis	71-68-69	208
Jason Dufner	71-68-69	208
Joe Daley	71-67-70	208
Brian Wilson	69-68-71	208
Mike Standy	70-65-71	208
Jimmy Walker	69-68-71	208
Casey Martin	73-69-67	209
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Nathan Green	66-71-73	210
Patrick Burke	69-68-73	210
Scott Sterling	70-72-69	211
Vic Wik	69-73-69	211
Travis Williams	67-74-70	211
Danny Briggs	72-69-70	211
John Adams	68-72-71	211
Eric Meeks	71-71-70	212

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A-Rod offers to slash salary, Vincent predicts strike

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez offered to slash his record-setting salary if it would help baseball, a novel approach to solving the sport's problems as it moved within a week of another strike.

"I would take a cut in pay — 30 to 40 percent — if it would make the game better," the Texas shortstop said Friday at Yankee Stadium.

Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract is the richest in sports, and many owners have pointed to it as a sign of baseball's imbalance between rich and poor.

Seven days before the threatened Aug. 30 strike date, the sides avoided the key issues. Management said it expected a new proposal from the union Saturday on the key economic elements of a deal.

Meanwhile, former commissioner Fay Vincent predicted baseball won't be able to avoid its ninth work stoppage since 1972.

Vincent, ousted 10 years ago by a group led by current commissioner Bud Selig, praised his successor for what owners have achieved in bargaining. Still, he thinks Selig will be unable to stand up to hard-line owners who want a new economic system.

"I think he has done a very good job in this negotiation of getting more from

the union than I would have thought possible," Vincent said. "He's in a position to declare victory. That's an enormous achievement."

"If he would just admit 30 percent is a victory and not 90 percent, he would have a victory. All Selig has to say next week is that, 'This is the best we're going to get. It's a victory.' But I don't think he will do that."

Selig, who determined the owners' labor policy during

strikes in 1985 and 1994-95 and a lockout in 1990, said he was hopeful there would be a deal.

"Nobody on this Earth is more hopeful than I," Selig said. "Yes, I'm optimistic. I'm always an optimist, in everything in life. You have to be, especially when you have a job like I have. And these are different from past labor negotiations."

The sides spent Friday discussing issues such as

drug testing, the amateur draft, player discipline, scheduling, licensing, medical care, and regulations on uniforms, according to Rob Manfred, the owners' chief labor lawyer. While they are not far apart on revenue sharing, they remain divided on the luxury tax, designed to cause high-payroll teams to spend less.

Asked what needs to spark talks on the key issues, union head Donald Fehr

responded: "Rob knows what he has to do."

It appears any movement is likely to take place in the day or two before the strike deadline, which starts with games of next Friday afternoon. The union still hasn't decided whether players should travel to the next series after Thursday's games.

"I don't see a lot happening until the last 48 hours, 24 hours," Rodriguez said.

Asked if only the imminent pressure of a walkout would cause movement, Fehr said: "Let's hope the owners don't make that mistake again."

While some owners, such as San Diego's John Moores, said in the past week that baseball needs revolutionary change, Manfred is confident that he can work out an agreement owners will ratify.

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In other area scrimmage action, the Sands Mustangs cruised to wins over Ira and Patton Springs in a three-way bout held at Ira's Bulldog Stadium.
Sands' Nate Looney and Jeremy Renteria both turned in strong efforts offensively. Heath Webb and Brandon Woods led the SHS defense.
The Grady Wildcats, paced by running back Eric Tunnekk, claimed a scrimmage win over Water Valley.


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Above — Daniel Freshour brings son, Blake to his first day of school at Kentwood Elementary. Below Blake listens as Dad offers reassurance.



Above — Blake and Joshua Brown listen while cafeteria rules are given. Below — Katie Land helps Blake in the kitchen.

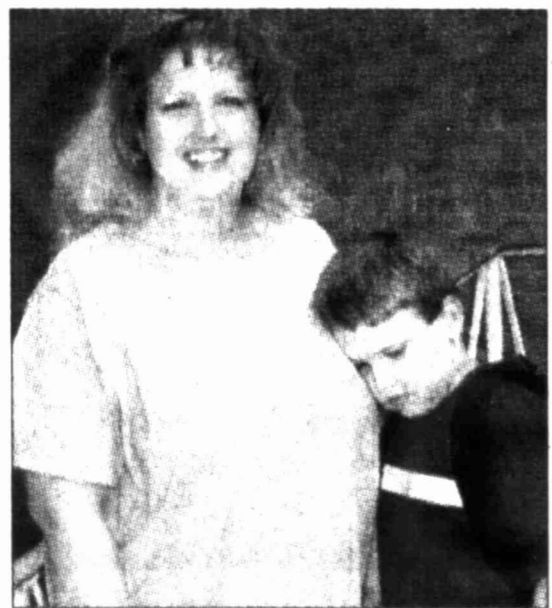
First Day of School:

Blake Freshour takes that initial step toward adulthood

The first day of anything is almost always traumatic in some way. The first day on a job, the first day with a new boss, the first day of college...

And then there's the first day. The one that starts us on that road — the first day of school.

For some reason, most of seem to for-



Above — Stacey Freshour, Blake's mom, greets her son at the end of the first day.

obviously one of the latter.

Monday, Aug. 19, was Blake's very first day of school. Although a kindergarten, he is the only one in his class that hadn't attended Head Start.

But for a child who had never spent a minute in daycare or a class room, it was immediately obvious that his parents, Daniel and Stacey Freshour, had not neglected his intellectual development.

Blake's father escorted him into Kentwood Elementary School's cafeteria which was crowded with students, parents and faculty by that early hour.

His backpack, baby blue, his favorite color, was full of school supplies. He sat across from his dad at one of the tables and listened attentively as his father spoke to him reassuringly before leaving for work.

There were no tears, no mad dashes after Dad and no begging or pleading. Yet, while patiently waiting at the table for his teacher to collect him, Blake confessed, "I'm a little scared."

He seemed to find reassurance, in calling out the letters of his name which his mom had lettered on the tag of his Kindermat. "B-L-A-K-E, that says Blake. "But I don't know why Mom gave me an F," he said, his last initial creating a little concern.

His fears were soon dispelled when a familiar face appeared and said, "I know you Blake. You're in my class."

Cynthia Swanson, Blake's teacher was busily identifying and rounding up her students and had already met Blake and his parents.

When it was time to go to the classroom, Blake was ready and followed with the confidence and assurance that is sometimes lacking

in small children.

Swanson, who has been teaching for five years and prefers "the lower grades," is beginning the school year with 17 students. Like many, she's been uprooted from Anderson Kindergarten and moved to a somewhat unfamiliar environment. She took everything in stride including the nervous moms that lingered in class long after the bell had rung.

"Sometimes parents have a harder time than the kids," she commented.

Learning about each of the students is paramount for a teacher and the first day is utilized by testing the students' abilities. Blake and his classmates, some at the tender age of 5, could recite the days of the week, how many days are in a week and months of the year.

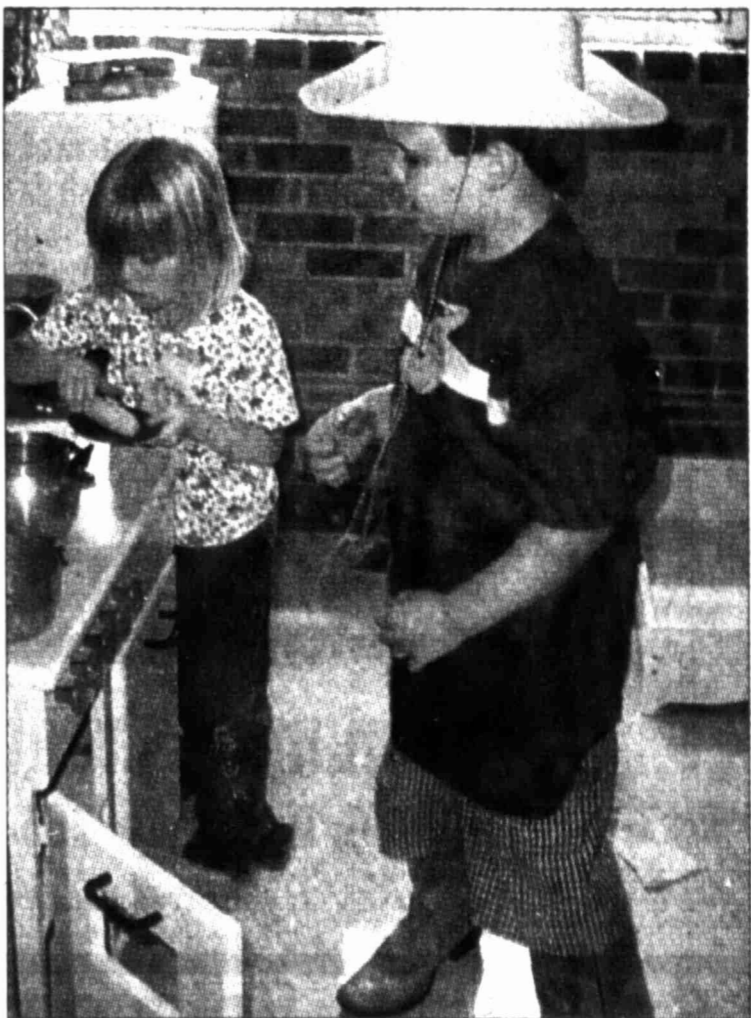
The concept of time, however, is still not well developed.

So, when asked how many days they would spend in class this year by their teacher, the most anyone answered was 18.

Blake only planned to spend 13 days in class.

Being in kindergarten has its perks, though.

The majority of the time is spent in play. There is snack time, lunch is prepared for you, there's nap time and more play time. And, if you're really good, a sweet candy reward is given.



Little do the children know, they are learning things like shapes, colors, organization, how to socialize with others and even to be responsible for themselves.

That first day was filled with playing dress up, learning each others names, coloring, learning the rules, and most importantly, learning how to use that pencil sharpener which Blake mastered with gusto.

Five-year-olds have definite ideas about the roles of boys and girls and during an explanation of rules, Swanson made it clear that boys and girls could be friends.

This idea was met with dissension on many of the students' part, including Blake, who noisily protested.

Swanson simply continued with her lesson on tolerance.

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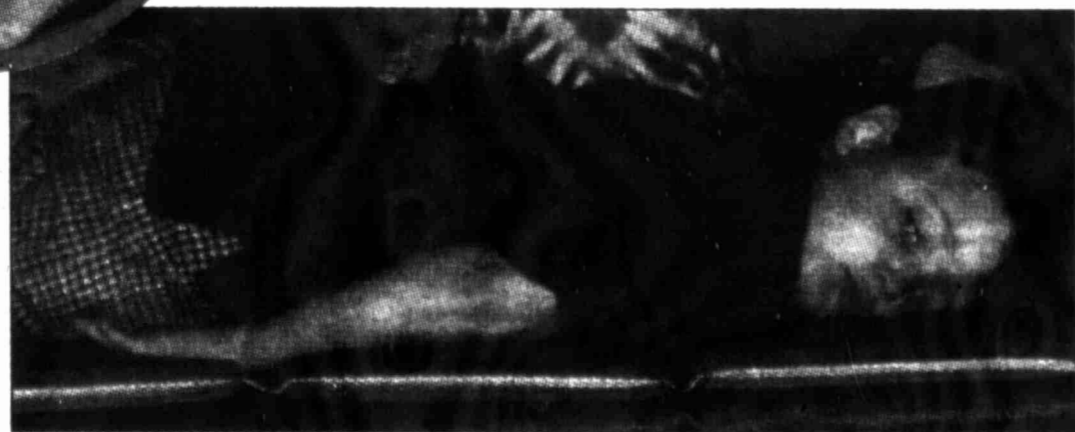
Story and photos by Andrea Medlin

get that first day of school.

But we remember our children's.

Some youngsters cry and hang on to mom or dad while others could seemingly care less, quickly engaging in what is most important in life, play.

While a little nervous at first, Blake Freshour was



Making new memories and finding old ones at the Big Spring State Park

A couple of weeks ago my brother, Rowan, and his daughter, Mia, came to Big Spring for a visit.

I had promised to take them on a couple of tours.

Rowan had, like me, grown up in Big Spring but has lived out of state

for a number of years and had forgotten the many things we did as children.

One place was not on the normal tourist route.

I did promise them on unusual and interesting tour but did not tell them it was going to be the City of Big Spring Waste

Water Treatment Plant.

There are days there when it does not smell so bad and days where a good working clothes pin does not help much.

As our luck would have it, it was one of those smelly days.

However, they were

amazed at the processes the waste goes through and what happens at the end. It is a tour that is very educational and worth your time in taking.

I would encourage those daring the olfactory senses to take a journey

through the plant.

The other tour was to Scenic Mountain State Park.

When we were about 13 years old we had gone to Scenic Mountain with our parents and while there we had chiseled our initials into the rock out-

cropping around Scenic.

It has been years since we did this and I thought it would be interesting to see if we could locate our initials.

See **SETTLES**, Page 2B

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BLAKE

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"Boys can be friends with girls and girls can be friends with boys," she said.

"No they can't," many said collectively.

"I would never be friends with a boy," said one of the girls.

"But you can and we can all be friends together," explained Swanson.

While Blake, who until then had interjected his opinion with trepidation, tried to make it clear that being friends with a girl was simply not going to be a part of his philosophy and it became evident that the whole subject was causing him great discomfort when he announced to Swanson and the class, "You're going to make me faint!"

Within the hour the drama was forgotten and students were blissfully playing together — sweeping the pretend kitchen floor, serving meals of plastic food while wearing long, satin

gloves. High heels were not necessary for the female persuasion.

Blake also learned how to line up (you have to stand just behind McGruff the Crime Dog); how to pick up and dispose of a lunch tray; the difficult task of inserting a straw into the bag of milk; and to put things away when they are no longer being used.

More class time and a round of outside play following the lunch break, and Blake was ready for the day to end.

He'd lost some of his enthusiasm about the new experience.

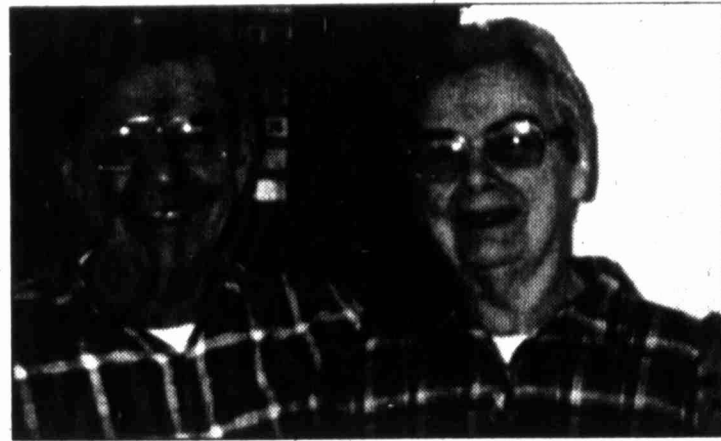
When asked if he liked his first day of school, he replied, "No, it was burning hot."

The bell ending the school day sounded and he was greeted by his Mom at the front door with a promise of a visit to Sonic.

Blake's school career had begun with new friendships and a few important lessons.

It was an important first step on that long journey to adulthood.

ANNIVERSARY



William and Nancy Gonzales

William and Nancy Gonzales of Big Spring will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a small get together with their family in Big Spring, hosted by their children, Diana and Carlos Gonzalez and a trip to Morelia Michoacan, Mexico to visit family.

William was born in Detroit, Michigan. Nancy Huntoon was born in East Andover, New Hampshire. The couple met on blind date while in the military, stationed at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio.

They were married on August 31, 1952 at the courthouse in Seguin Texas.

The couple's children are William Jr. (deceased),



Diana and Carlos of Big Spring.

The couple have lived in El Paso, Limestone and Bangor, Maine, Rapid City, South Dakota, Spain, Central and South America during their marriage.

William is retired from the military and Mettle. Nancy is retired from the Postal Service. They are affiliated with the Catholic and Protestant Churches. They are members of the American Legion, D.A.V. Their hobbies are RVing, computers and family.

They have his comment about their marriage: "Trust, communication, compromise and the Almighty Lord is the foundation of our marriage."

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Courtney Wade of Santa Fe and Kevin Olson of Angelton will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 31, 2002, in Alvin.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wade of Santa Fe and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Samelson.

He is the son of Guy and Patricia Prater of Coahoma and Keith Olson of San Angelo and the grandson of Pearl Hass of Big Spring, Ray and Pat Prater of San Angelo, the late Paul Hass and Harris (Tubby) and Alice Olson.

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SETTLES

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As we searched we found numerous etchings in the rocks. Most seemed to be from out of town and most likely from those that were stationed at Webb Air Force Base in years long since gone.

Some of the etchings were very elaborately done and you could see that great pains were taken to make sure they would last for centuries.

Others were, probably like our, just barely scratched into the rock.

No, although we searched for at least an hour, we could not find our initials. The park has done road work over the years and I fear that our initials are forever hermetically sealed under the asphalt.



BURR LEA SETTLES

In talking with Scenic Mountain Ranger Ron Alton he advised that the laws have changed a lot since I was a teenager and that it is now a Class C Misdemeanor to deface anything on State Property.

Another point of interest was the recreational area on the top where the Civilian Conservation Corps had built, probably back in the 1920s, a rock pavilion.

It was very hot the day we were there but inside the pavilion, the shade it provided and the wind blowing through proved to be quite cool.

I began wondering around looking at the ongoing projects of Park Ranger Ron Alton and

his staff when I noticed the new additions to the play ground.

I have not been there in years so the new additions may have been there for some time.

But what caught my eye were a couple of old items and I was shocked and surprised to find that the old slide that my brother and I used to play on, over 40 years ago, was still there!

I remember how we

used to take wax paper and wax down the slide to make us go faster. It was good to see our old friend, the slide.

If you have not had the opportunity to go up to the State Park you might consider doing so.

Perhaps look for your initials, to see what has been done to improve the playground, or to see what memories are there for you.

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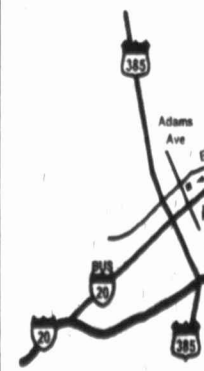
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Manriquez-Ogle

Irma Manriquez of Midland and Charley Ogle of Big Spring exchanged vows on July 27, 2002 at San Juan Catholic Church in Midland with Father Thomas Kelly officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Rafaela Gutierrez of Midland.

The groom is the son of Jo and Chuck Ogle and the grandson of Jo Tindol all of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her sons; Froylan and Yhair De Santiago and wore a floor length silver silk, off the shoulder, hand beaded gown with a matching removable train and veil.

She carried a bouquet of white roses accented with silver.

Maid of honor was Aracely Loya.

Bridesmaids were Nancy Reyes, Ana Ramos, Miriam Manriquez, Mayela Reyes, Olga Guerrero, Dively Piedra and Concha Gutierrez.

Flower girl was Janessa Ringener. Ring bearer was Dillon Ogle.

Best man was Chuck Ogle.

Groomsmen were Jason Ogle, Luke Yabar,

Carl Boatwright, Billy McEwen, Aron Piedra, Juquin Gutierrez, Rigoberto Manriquez and Don Marfiel.

A reception was held at Grand Affair in Odessa with D.J. Tunes and Dan Jackson entertaining.

The brides cake was three tiers with a fountain and four satellites decorated with roses and topped with a bride and groom.

The grooms cake was a Pineapple Cream cake decorated with frosted grapes and pineapple rings make by the grooms mother.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Chihuahua High School, Chihuahua, Mexico and a 2002 graduate of Midland College. She is presently attending Howard College.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1991 graduate of McMurry University.

He is presently employed by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev. the couple have made their home in Big Spring.

WEDDING



Zant-Epperson

Hollie Nicole Zant of San Antonio and Travis Epperson of Austin, exchanged wedding vows on August 10, 2002 in the garden at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Rex Zant in Ackerly with Darrell Price officiating. The bride is the daughter of David and Connie Zant of Ackerly and the granddaughter of Bud and Joe Hughes and Rex and Patsy Zant all of Ackerly. The groom is the son of John and Becky Epperson of Lubbock and the grandson of Dot Gibson also of Lubbock.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, David Zant and wore a white A-line gown with a chapel-length train, a halter neckline accented the V-neck bodice detailed with scrolled patterns of pearls, crystals and sequins. She carried a bouquet of calla lilies, white bridal roses, alstroemeria, lemon leaves and accented with pearls. The matron of honor was Amy Locker. Bridesmaids were Cassie Epperson, Mendi Floyd

and Ashli Buckley. Best man was Lance Echols. Groomsmen were David Niehus, Nick Pena and Cal Zant. A reception was held in the garden. The brides cake was a triple layer Italian Cream cake with butter cream frosting. Crystal columns divided the layers and it was decorated with bright summer flowers.

The groom's cake was a triple layer Cheese Cake decorated with chocolate covered strawberries. The bride is a 1998 graduate of Sands High School and attended Lubbock Christian University. She is presently a dental hygiene student at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Lubbock Christian High School and a 2000 graduate of Lubbock Christian University. He is presently employed by Cubix Corp. in Austin.

Following a wedding trip to the Fijian Islands the couple have made their home in San Antonio.

ENGAGEMENT



Long-Froman

Jennifer Long of Andrews and Brad Froman of Ackerly will exchange vows on Sept. 28, 2002 at First Assembly of God Church in Midland, with Rev. Michael Riggins of Bethel Assembly of God Church of Ackerly officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Lopez of Andrews.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Froman of Ackerly

MILITARY

Pvt. Arturo Vela Sr. recently graduated from Basic Combat Training in Fort Jackson, S.C. on July 25, 2002. The private graduated as a classified expert in rifle marksmanship and grenade throwing.

He is currently attending advanced initial training in Fort Lee, Va.

After returning from AIT, he and his wife, Teri and their two children, Lauren and Arturo Jr. will be stationed in Germany.

Pvt. Vela is the son of Belinda Veal and Adam Vela and the grandson of Gilbert Lopez Sr. and Frank and Juana Vela, all of Big Spring.

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PUC approves utilities' requests for price increases

AUSTIN (AP) — Many Texans will pay more for their electricity after the Public Utility Commission on Friday approved requests by several utilities to raise their prices.

The price increase will affect customers who are eligible to participate in electric deregulation but have not chosen to switch their electric providers.

The companies had asked for the request citing rising

INFORMATION

TXU: The current bill is about \$86.34. Under the increase, the bill will be about \$90.52. It goes into affect Saturday.

gas prices. The commission had little choice in its decision, PUC Chairwoman Rebecca Klein said. The increases vary by

company. Customers of Dallas-based TXU, for example, will pay about \$4.05 more per month for their electricity, bringing the average September bill up to about \$90.40. TXU said their increase will take affect Saturday.

The other companies whose price increases were approved include: Reliant Energy, CPL Retail Energy, WTU Retail Energy and First Choice Power Inc.

The state's deregulation law froze rates for the formerly regulated monopolies, such as TXU or Reliant, until 2004, but allows new companies to set their rates so they can compete in the market.

However, the formerly regulated companies can make a request to adjust their price twice a year when natural gas prices increase by at least 4 percent for a 10-day period.

Mathews named Psychiatric Aide of Year

Award came as a surprise to the 26-year veteran of the hospital

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

When Junior Mathews delivered a cooler of ice for the reception honoring Big Spring State Hospital's Psychiatric Aide of the Year, he didn't realize it was a ploy to guarantee his attendance as the guest of honor.

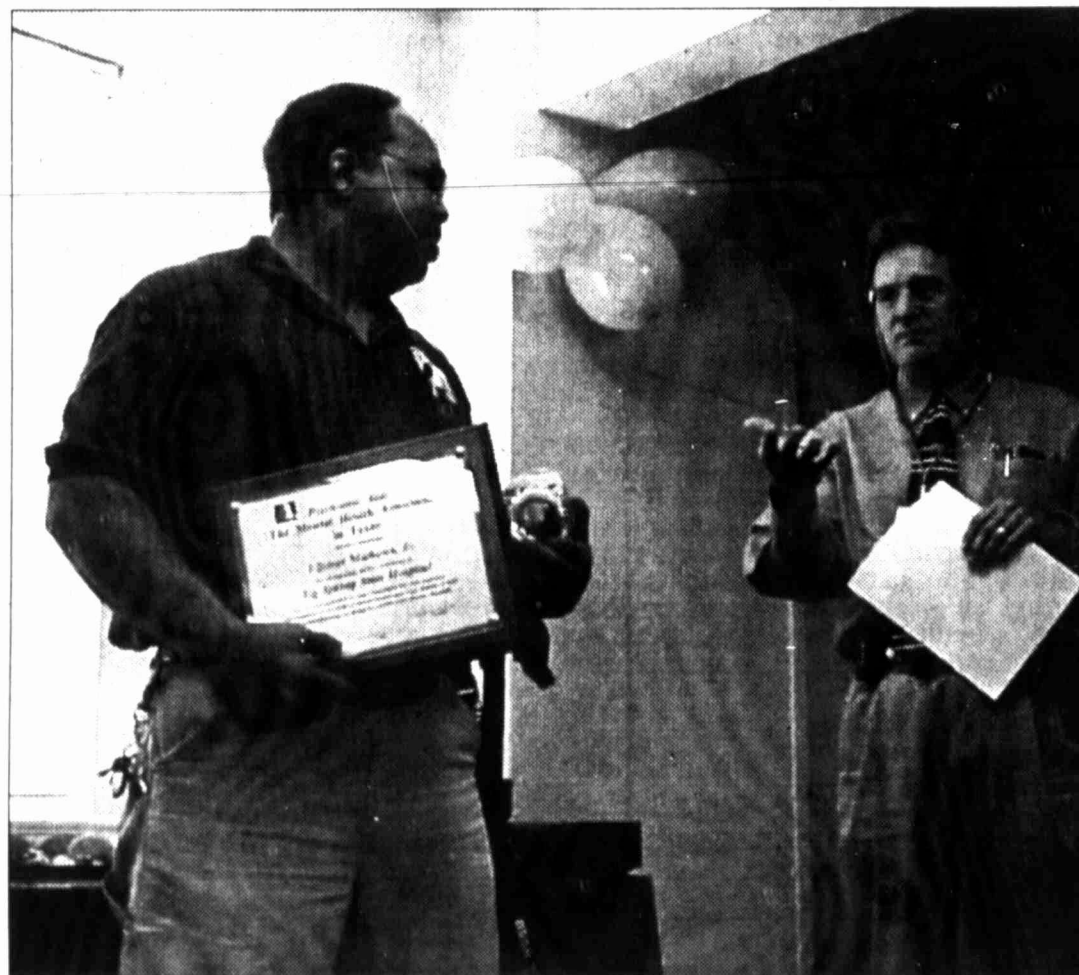
As Charge Nurse Pam Yanez, RNC, broke the news to him, he buried his head and nervously laughed before taking a seat in a specially decorated chair draped in his favorite teams' memorabilia — the Dallas Cowboys.

"No one's ever deserved this more," Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said when officially presenting Mathews with the award minutes later during a ceremony Aug. 5 in the hospital's Professional Building.

Mathews began working for the state hospital in December 1976 as a Mental Health Mental Retardation service assistant on the Multiple Disabilities Unit. He moved to the Geriatric Unit in May 2000, where he currently is employed as a shift team leader for other direct care workers.

Direct care workers or psychiatric aides spend the greatest amount of time with patients, assisting them with daily chores and accompanying them to classes.

Patient satisfaction surveys have cited Mathews'



Courtesy photo
Junior Mathews, left, has been named Psychiatric Aide of the Year at Big Spring State Hospital.

"He was named as one of the most helpful employees and the survey credited him for contributing to the successful treatment of one of our patients"

Ed Moughon, state hospital CEO

compassion during his tenure.

"He was named as one of the most helpful employees and the survey credited him for contributing to the successful treatment of one of our patients," Moughon said.

His longtime supervisor, Rosa Arista, nominated

Mathews for the top award out of more than 230 direct care workers for his versatility and ability to resolve any situation.

"He has good counseling skills, assists wherever he's needed and never complains about anything," her nomination form read.

"He shows kindness to

his client by complimenting them on everything they do," said Service Assistant Angela DeJesus, a co-worker in nominating Mathews. "He is willing to be a good listener, always willing to help others in need."

"Not only does he help his clients, but he also is helpful with his peers."

Mathews received a plaque for winning the coveted award.

Big Spring State Hospital is a 168-bed psychiatric hospital serving people in 79 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle. Nearly 700 employees work for the state facility.

In the news

Cosmetology instructor honored by state committee

Howard College cosmetology instructor **Gary Don Carey** was recently inducted into the Lone Star Styles Committee if the Texas Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, Inc.

This committee is made up of the elite professionals in Texas recognized for their contributions to the cosmetology profession. Carey is a member of Texas Association of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association, and earned the honor of being a member of the Lone Star Committee by presenting hair styles and hair cuts to members of the board. He was then nominated and selected by the Lone Star Committee for this honor.

Rotary honors college professor

Terri Davis, assistant professor of business at Howard College, has gained recognition for her contributions to the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, awarded Davis the Paul Harris Fellow Award during their annual installation banquet for outstanding club member of the year.

Paul Harris was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905. In honor of Davis, a \$1,000 gift was made to the Rotary foundation and she received a distinctive Paul Harris Fellow medallion, lapel pin and certificate. Harris recognition provides an important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary Foundation, which builds

goodwill and understanding in the world.

Davis has been a member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club for nine years and has served on the board as newsletter correspondent, community service, and for the past four years in the capacity as secretary/treasurer.

Her Rotary contributions include five years of service to Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), a recent trip to Creel, Mexico, where the club sponsors a school, and many community projects.

Two selected for Media Honor Roll

Lyndel Moody, staff writer with the Big Spring Herald and **Mike Henry**, news director of KBST

Radio were named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards, by the Big Spring Independent School District.

The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools.

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TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts.



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We need to be watching insects closely on Howard County cropland

By RUSSELL BAKER

Significant amounts of rain fell over Howard County on Wednesday of this past week. Unfortunately this rainfall came a little too late for much of the cotton crop. Although, irrigated fields and some dryland fields should still benefit from the rain.

Other crops planted include Quar, sorghum, peas and hay grazer. All of these crops should benefit from the rainfall received. In cotton, insect concerns have lessened significantly over the past week, as aphids are disappearing and no wide spread bollworm infestations are seen. Plants are mostly past the cut-out stage (4-5 nodes above white bloom), so plants are start-

ing to shut down. A few late planted irrigated fields are the exception to this. In peas and sorghum there are several species of worms feeding, however it is hard to justify treating these crops for insects.

Aphids numbers seem to be crashing in areas where they were causing problems. Lady beetles seem to be the cause of this crash in population. In fields that had heavy infestations of aphids, lady beetles are very common and aphids are getting harder and harder to find in cotton. Aphids on peas are starting to build as well. The rainfall received will help wash some of those off the leaves.

While I have observed no economic infestations of worms in

area cotton lately, they still pose a significant threat, especially to non-bollgard irrigated cotton. What bollworm eggs we are seeing are mostly in the lush irrigated fields or in areas getting rain.

Most dryland cotton has gotten to the point where it is shedding small bolls and squares on its own, so even if bollworms got in there most producers would have a hard time treating.

Numbers of lady beetles and lacewings have increased greatly over the past week. This increase has done a number on populations of aphids in area cotton. Good numbers of damsel bugs, minute pirate bugs, big-eyed bugs and spiders are being seen as well. In places where we have been finding bollworm eggs, they appear to be

doing their job and keeping them in check.

In pecans, pecan weevils have begun to emerge as a result of recent rains. This pest will feed on pecans and cause some nut shed at during this time of year. In a few weeks, pecans will be going out of the "water" stage and into the "dough" stage. When this happens, pecan weevils will begin laying eggs in nuts.

Developing grubs will eat pecans from the inside. Often this pest is not seen until you start seeing holes drilled in nuts while harvesting your crop. Unfortunately the only effective control strategy right now is multiple applications of an insecticide containing carbaryl. These applications should start now and continue until the

beginning of October.

For cotton producers interested in calculating how the new Farm Bill will affect them, The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University has created a Base and Yield Update Option Analyzer. This software is located on the internet and is completely confidential. This allows you to enter data from individual farms and identifies which options will benefit the most.

There is a link to this Web site located on the Martin County web site at <http://martintx.tamu.edu>.

If you have any questions please give my office a call at 756-2251 or the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236.

Carriage Inn retirement home in Big Spring held a 1950s-themed open house festival Aug. 17 with ice cream and refreshments, free blood pressure checks and free makeovers by Mary Kay consultants. Here, Carriage Inn residents Edgar and Cora Phillips pose in the midst of a Harley-Davidson with Big Spring High School cheerleaders Kelsey Torres, Kristen Dutchover, Crystal Sturm, Kerl Bethel, and Victoria Perez.



Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours took place at Western Container. Members of the local business community took a tour of the facility, which manufactures plastic bottles and pre-forms for Coca-Cola. Shown here are Western Container General Manager Pat Chesworth, KBST radio personality Al Patterson, Chamber of Commerce Director Debby Val Verde and Energas Vice President for the Southern Region Mike Mancil.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Big Spring will be accepting proposals for services of professionals skilled and experienced in areas needed to perform engineering consultant services for the Phase II M54s Storm Water Permit

A copy of the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Public Works Department, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling (915) 264-2500

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to: Todd Darden Director of Public Works 2nd Floor 310 Nolan Big Spring, Texas 79720

All Proposals Must be Received No Later than 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 11, 2002 to be considered. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for services covered in this RFP and to waive formalities or defects in proposals or to accept such proposals as if signed and to be in the best interest of the City. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Signed Russ McEwen, Mayor Signed Peggy Walker, City Secretary #3650 August 25 & 28, 2002

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The District Hearing will conduct a public hearing on the salaries of the Auditor Assistant Auditors and Court Reporter Citizens are invited to attend and be heard. The hearing will be held at 11:00 am on September 12, 2002 at the 118th District Court Building, 312 Scurry Street Big Spring, TX. Signed Jackie Olson, County Auditor #3641 August 25, 2002

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT PROPOSED PERMIT NO 04539

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Aug. 25, 2002:

Sorting out your priorities could determine if you are successful this year. Often confusion surrounds your interactions. Learn better ways of communicating. You might even want to consider taking a class in this area. You often give too much of yourself, or you don't give enough. Learn the appropriate boundaries. You function and flourish on a one-on-one level. A strong relationship will develop if you are more willing to reveal who you are. If attached, you will have an opportunity to strengthen your bond. If single, you will draw many admirers. Just make sure the one you choose is emotionally available. ARIES understands 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 19) **** Your smile helps melt away recent problems. Don't hem and haw. Create more of what you desire. Make calls. Help energize another close to you. A discussion might be more important than you realize. Talk through a problem. Tonight: Whatever you want. Just let the right person know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Take your time, especially because much could be confusing. Others might not agree with you. Think twice about your expectations and needs. Settle in at home. Curl up with a good book or take a nap. Avoid confrontation. Tonight: Early to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Confusion surrounds pals and loved ones. Making plans could keep you busy. Once you get going, you enjoy yourself wherever you are. Get together with friends. The more the merrier. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?

CANCER (June 21-July 21) **** Take the lead. Understanding what is going on could take a bit of sorting, as many people have different stories. Indulge friends and loved ones. You cannot change what people think, but you can help everyone relax. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Reach out for others at a distance. Be willing to become more experimental. You need not worry so much about the end results. Have more confidence in yourself. You will land just fine. Unfortunately others might not be as lucky. Tonight: Try a different type of cuisine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** If you feel confused by an immediate issue, under-

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stand that you might not have all the facts, or you subliminally might not be willing to deal with what's happening. Let a close associate make the first move. You find this person ready to reveal more of him- or herself. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Realize when you have had enough. A child or loved one demonstrates his or her caring once you express your frustration. A partner or friend seeks you out with a fun idea. You feel tantalized by this invitation. The only answer is "yes." Tonight: Where people are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Join a parent or loved one in a favorite pastime. Before you know it, you relax and clear the air. Talks ensue now that you're more relaxed. This person helps you resolve a problem that has been bothering you. Tonight: Start thinking "tomorrow."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Once more, impulse leads you down a very interesting path. You could find yourself exploring or doing something you never have done before. Your openness delights a companion who adores you. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Entertain friends at home. You don't have to stretch far to get a gathering going. In fact, a partner or friends might pitch in with the work if you just offer the place. Let go and relax more. You don't need to act on your vision of what a party looks like. Tonight: Home is your castle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Breeze on out the door, less concerned with everyone's knowledge. You're able to loosen up considerably as a result. Realize more of what you want from a key relationship. Sometimes you might not be specific enough. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Confusion marks your relationships as of late. Take off and do some fall shopping. You get a lot done if you just decide to do it. Others might opt to do some home projects, or perhaps get a little exercise. You accomplish a lot quickly. Tonight: Order in.

BORN TODAY

Model/actress Claudia Schiffer (1970), composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein (1918), former governor of Alabama George Wallace (1919)

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Sibling rivalry may be natural but shouldn't turn to hate

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns of the past 47 years. This letter originally appeared Jan. 27, 1987.



ANN LANDERS CLASSIC

Dear Ann Landers: I hope you can stand reading one more letter about siblings who grew up hating each other. Both my husband and I had parents who pitted their children against one another and made it impossible for us to be close.

I was determined that competitiveness would never separate my own two children when they were growing up. When their adolescent squabbling turned mean-spirited, I stepped in and helped them learn how to settle things before they destroyed each other.

This worked pretty well until one day when they were in their early teens. They had been quarreling and hurting each other all day, and I was sick of it. I became angry and blew my top. "You must become better friends," I said, "because, God willing, you will both live a long time. I will be gone, and your father will be gone, and all your teachers and many of your friends will be gone. There may be only the two of you left, and you will

remember what you were like as children.

"Nobody else will remember the Christmases you had, the tree house you built, the day you learned to ride a bike, the fun you had trick or treating, the teacher you loved in the third grade and the kittens born in the laundry. There will be only the two of you, and you had better love each other now because 60 years from now, only you will remember all the wonderful experiences you shared, and those memories will be golden."

They both became very quiet, and I thought perhaps they were too young to understand. But it must have made an impression because they have never squabbled or tried to hurt each other after that. I wish my parents had explained to my sister and me, 40 years ago, that sibling rivalry is natural, but brothers and sisters who are not good to each other lose something precious. Lucille in St. Louis.

Dear Lucille: What a beautiful sermon! This is one column I hope will go up on thousands of refrigerators and under dinner plates.

P.S.: One way to make sure your children will grow up to hate each other: Show favoritism, and keep repeating, "Why aren't you as smart as your brother (or sister)?" Such remarks are guaranteed to create life-long animosity.

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Male pattern baldness shouldn't define him

Dear Annie: I am a 24-year-old male and have been slowly losing my hair for the past year. At first, I was the only one who noticed it thinning in front, but now, my friends bring it up. Any time one of them mentions my lack of hair, it throws me into a week-long depression.

I talked to my parents about it, but they reply that my uncles are balding and happy. Well, my uncles were in their late 30s and 40s before they began losing their hair. They were married with children. I am much younger and fear I won't be able to attract a wife. I barely go out of my apartment, and if I do, I wear a baseball cap. My dating life is ruined.

Please help me deal with this. — Too Young in Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Too Young: Few men deal well with losing their hair. First, see a doctor to find out if there is anything that can be done medically. Then, start saving your money so when the time comes, you will have the option of buying a good hairpiece or investing in a transplant if you decide to go that route.

Keep in mind that for most women, your hair is much less important than other aspects of your personality. If you have a good sense of humor, intelligence and self-confidence, you will be mighty attractive no matter what the top of your head looks like. Concentrate on what you can improve, and leave the hair alone. Don't let it define who you are.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: My wife and I have a good marriage, but there is one area we fight about all the time, and it is becoming a serious problem.

"Marian" loves to watch television, and I don't. As a child, I was not permitted to sit in front of the TV and, consequently, never developed the habit. Every night after dinner, Marian plops herself on the sofa and turns on the TV. I would rather read or listen to music.

Marian complains that I am selfish and don't want to share time with her. This isn't true. I enjoy spending time with her, but I don't want to do it while she is engrossed in a TV program, especially some of those insipid sitcoms. I don't object to her watching — I just don't want to join her. Is this selfish? — Frustrated in Fresno, Calif.

Dear Fresno: We are detecting some snobbery here, but we don't want to

encourage too much TV viewing, either. Marian wants you to like the same things she does because it makes her feel closer to you. You don't have to, of course, but it would be nice of you to make the effort.

There are many excellent TV shows on these days. Try to find one that you and Marian can both enjoy, or at least tolerate. Watch the show together, and discuss it afterward. She'll think you are sharing one of her interests, and you will make her feel more secure. You might even discover a program you don't mind viewing. Marriage is about compromise. Consider this an opportunity to demonstrate it.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from a woman whose 16-year-old daughter, "Allison," was having sex with her boyfriend. She said she put the girl on birth control pills. That's all fine and dandy, but she'd better teach Allison about condoms.

It's quite possible Allison

is not the first girl Romeo has been intimate with, and she is likely to have additional partners down the road. — Reader in Ventura, Calif.

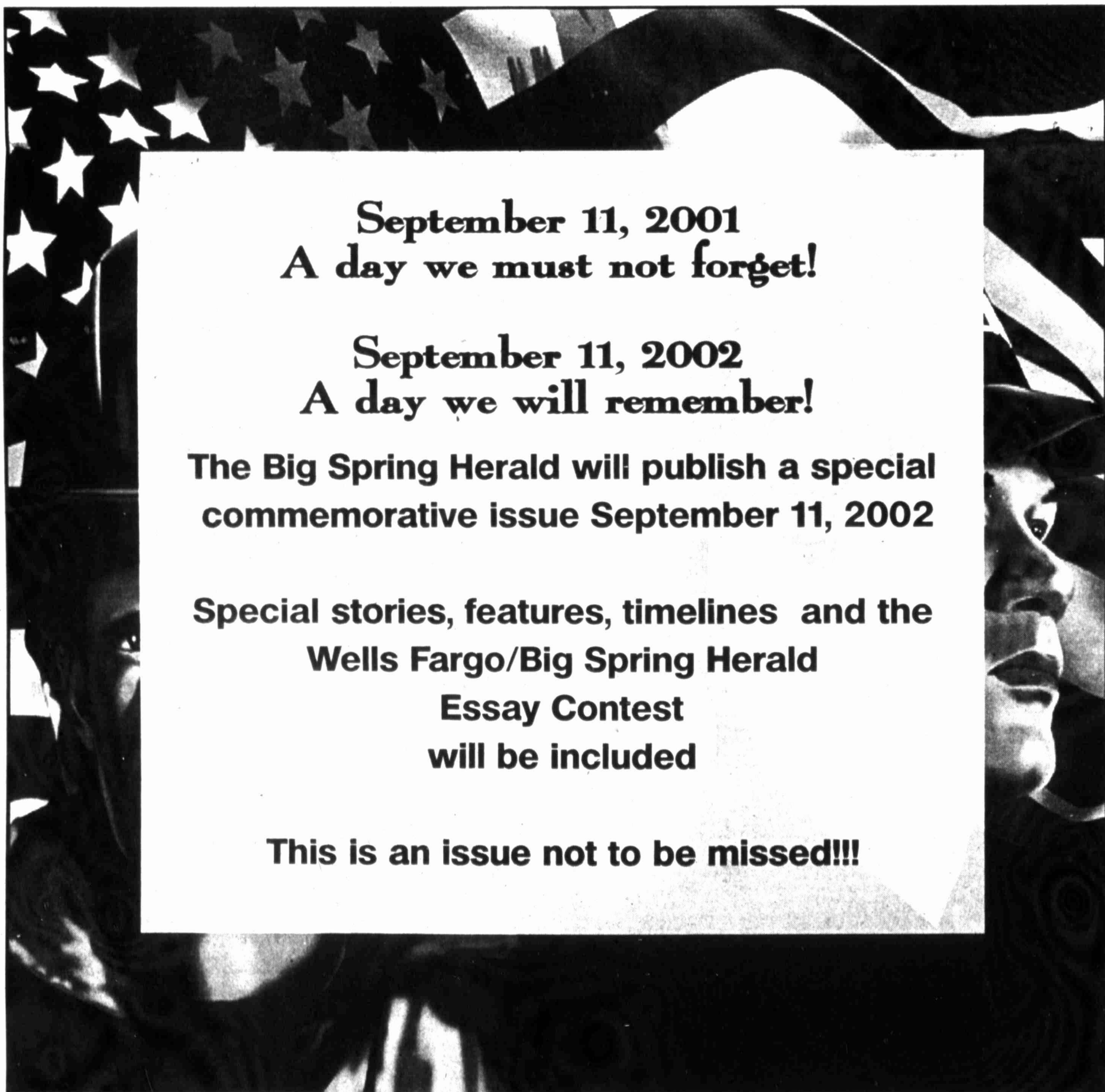
Dear Ventura: You are absolutely right. Birth control pills protect against pregnancy but not sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. Allison and her Romeo should both be tested as soon as possible. Thanks for pointing it out.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@creators.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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