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WEATHER Today:



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Shuttle Columbia BXDIODES ON FEUIT



CAPE CANAVERAL. Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Columbia broke apart in flames 200,000 feet over Texas on Saturday, killing all seven astronauts just minutes before they were to glide to a landing in Florida.

"Columbia is lost; there are no survivors.' President Bush announced to a stunned nation.

Bill Readdy, NASA's associate administrator for space flight and a former shuttle commander. said it was too early to speculate about what had destroyed Columbia. A senior U.S. official, speak ing on condition of anonymity, said there was no immediate indication of terrorism. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, his voice breaking at times, said Bush had talked to the

MORE ON 6-7A

· Witnesses tell of 'fire in the sky'

· Debris scattered across wide area

· Health officials warn of exposure

 Texas mourns loss of native sons

· Rep. Hall grieves over friends' deaths

families of the astronauts who had been waiting at

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Keith Graumann's musical talent lifted him from the rugged oil figlds of West Texas to the rustic Italian landscape before his dreams came crashing down. Page 1B

A CONDUCTOR'S STORY



FIGHTING CRIME

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Week in and week out, they're there, solving crimes, apprehending criminals and maintaining order on our streets. In its Community Impact Series, the Big Spring Herald begins a fourweek salute to law enforcement and emergency responders today with a layout on the Big Spring Police Department. Pages 8-9A

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Courtesy photo/Robbie Cadenhead

Riding piggyback on a 747, NASA space shuttle Colombia takes a pit stop at Dyess Air Force Base in Abliene on March 3, 2001, while en route from California to Florida.

Health and Mental

Retardation in Big

"I think any event

that affects the

nation as a whole

can have an affect on

the citizens or any

part of the communi-

Spring.

Kennedy Space Center for the crew's return.

"We trust the prayers of the nation will be with them and with their families," O'Keefe said "A more courageous group of

See TRAGEDY Page 34

The event was a

Counselors: Feelings of grief and depression normal normal, said Janet that person's life at gets to them more "It's like most things. If that time, it will be a Payne and Shannon Nabors, counselors little harder on them. blow to our national children ask questions, one with the West Texas For some people this pride in much the can be open and honest and Centers for Mental

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pens, it just kind of See GRIEF. Page 5A

said.

Movie Gallery robbed a second time

By ROGER CLINE

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Staff Writer.

Columbia

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find

Staff Writer Big Spring's Movie Gallery video shop was struck by a robber Friday, the second time in three days. In the latest incident, a

man allegedly robbed the store about noon Friday, said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt.

"He demanded money and showed the woman what she believed was a handgun," Sweatt said. "She didn't know if it was a revolver or an automatic. He just raised his shirt and had it stuck down in his waistband. She wasn't sure whether it was a real gun or whatever."

The clerk gave the For the seco man an undetermined amount of money and he fled the scene.

"He was last seen running north and then across FM 700, in that

supportive. The supportive part is very, very important" Janet Pavne MHMR counselo ty," Nabors said. "A close it hits to home.

lot of times it If there's a lot of depends on how other tragedies in

> Teen to go on trial for man's death

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer **Big Spring teen Melanie** Castaneda is scheduled to stand trial this week for her suspected part in the July 30 killing of Harlan Jene Patton.

Castaneda, 18 - 17 when she was arrested - was scheduled to stand trial Jan. 21 but that trial date was postponed until Tuesday to allow the defense time to examine newly-disclosed evidence.

"It was necessary in order to give Wayne Frost, the defense lawyer, enough time to examine a video tape that might be a central part of the case," said Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr shortly after the postponement. "In

See TRIAL, Page 3A

d time in three days, the Movie Gallery was robbed on Friday. The suspect was last seen wearing gray overalls with blues stripes and a blue cap.

Witnesses

direction," Sweatt said. cap. That's about it." "He was last seen wearing gray coveralls with blue stripes and a blue "description, he added.

"They were pretty couldn't shook," he said. "This provide a more detailed See ROBBERY, Page 3A

HERALD photo/Roger Cline



BIG SPRING A ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Elaine McNorton



Elaine McNorton, 67, of Big Spring, died at 11:47 am Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myer's and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Roy Roberson officiating. She was born Aug. 22, 1935, in New York. She married William "Mac" McNorton, May 6, 1976, in Big Spring.

Mrs. McNorton had been a resident of Big Spring for 30 years, coming from Philadelphia, Pa. She was a Jehovah's Witness. Mrs. McNorton was a nurse's aid, having worked at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, Cowper Hospital and Nurses Unlimited. She was also a seamstress.

She is survived by her husband, William McNorton of Big Spring; three sons: Kearney Littlejohn and his wife Diane of Morrisville, Charles Littlejohn and his wife Carolyn of Jacksonville, Fla., and Morris "Ricky" Littlejohn of Philadelphia, Pa.; three sisters: Kay Christian of Tampa, Fla., Julia Moore of Tampa, Fla., and Ida Cruz of New York; three brothers: Morris Broddus, of Wichita Falls, Richard Broddus, of St. Louis, Mo., and Henry Broddus, of Tampa, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband: Kearney

Littlejohn: her father: Morris Broddus; her mother: Mabel Cooper Broddus; and one sister: Melvina Hopper

Arrangements were by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Daniel "Camote" Marquez Jr.

Daniel "Camote" Marquez Jr., 45, of Big Spring, died at 1:05 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday at Myers and Smith. Graveside Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. James Plagens officiating

He was born May 5, 1957, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a member of Sacred ileart Catholic Church. He was employed at Dolphin Pools for many years and later at Solitaire Homes

He is survived by his wife. Felicia Marquez of Big Spring four sons, Ramiro Marquez, Christopher Marquez. David Hernandez, all of Big Spring, and Zachary-Martinez of Dallas: three daughters, Apolonia Valencia, Clarissa Valencia, and Anastasia Marquez, all of Big Spring his parents, Benita Marquez and Daniel Marquez Sr., both of Big Spring; four sisters, Betty Muniz and Lupe Diaz, both of Fort Worth, Irene Lara of Lubbock and Yolanda Vela of Big Spring; six brothers, Ted Diaz Sr., Andrew Marquez, David Marquez and Carlos Marquez, all of Big Spring, Martin Diaz of Waco and Benito Diaz of Midland, Mich

Police blotter

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

• JUAN LUIZ VALBUENA, 25, of 618 Caylor was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

 CHARLES KILLCREASE, 36, of 538 Westover Road was arrested on 10 local warrants.

• THOMAS LAWRENCE HORTON. 29. of 1619 Harding was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

 LISA MARIE YANEZ, 20, of 1504 Wood was arrested on six local warrants.

• STARLA MARIE MENDOZA, 24, of 901 E. Sixth St. was arrested on three local warrants.

· JOSEPH IAN SEELY, 24, of 1321 Tucson was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated open container.

• PAUL GRAY DAVIS, 41, of 107 W. Ninth St. was arrested on a Howard County Sheriff's Office warrant.

• ELEX CALVIN MARION, 30, of 411 N.E. 10th St, was arrested on four local warrants.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of East FM 700, the 1200 block of South Goliad Street, the 300 block of South Owens and the 1500 block of South Gregg Street.

· DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place.

· DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of McEwen Street, the 1100 block of Blackmon and the 500 block of North Johnson.

 SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 800 block of East 18th Street.

DRAGRACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 1900 block of Apron Drive.

· ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 1300 block of Wood.

Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-8-2

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-19-28-30. Bonus Ball: 30. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2. Prize: \$212,500.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: San Antonio, Arlington Number matching four of four: 12. Prize: \$1,698. Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 45.

Prize: \$55. Number matching three of four: 1,797. Prize: \$19

Bulletin boa

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY

District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring, noon, 610 Scurry.

Senior Circle, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., SMMC. People 50 years of age and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex Conference Room, Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Everyone is invited.

Howard County ARC, Bingo Hall, 806 E. Third, call 264-0674.

Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Buildng, 221 1/2 Main.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main. The chapter will be presenting as part of its caregiver series "Emotions of Alzheimer's Disease."

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

Big Sprign Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

American Red Cross, 7 p.m. Canterbury South, 1609 Lancaster

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom. : Ida.: W. Otle

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cattus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.



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He was preceded in death by two brothers, Felipe and Gomesendo Diaz.

Pallbearers are David Marquez, Ernesto Muniz, James Condio, Lynn Fernal, Frank Rosales and Raymond diverss.

Arrange ints are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home

Lester + rawford

 Lester Constant, 71, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Jan. 31 and the Hospice House Facility in Odessa. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday. Feb. 3: 2003, at Brown Ranch Cemetery in Coleman County with Elwin Collom, chaplain with Home Hospice of Big Spring, officiating.

He was born on April 7, 1928, in Coleman County, Mr. Crawford lived in Big Spring for the past 20 years. He worked in the oilfield most of his life as a tool dresser, mechanic and also as a driller. He was a mem-

ber of the Church of Christ. Survivors include three sons, Don Crawford and

wife Melinda and Ron Crawford and wife Onie all of

Moscow, Idaho, and Lester D. Crawford of Poulsbo,

Wash: one daughter, Connie Crawford of Powell,

Wyo.: one brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Irene

Crawford of Big Spring: five sisters, Bernice Couch of

Plainview, Mildred Bennett of Euless, Nadine Faulks of Sulphur Springs, Shirley Hintner and husband Bernard of Stephenville and Billie Freeman and husband Bill of Euless; five grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Lester was preceded in death by his parents, M. N. (Bud) & Amy Morgan Crawford, his twin brother Vester Crawford and one grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St., Big Spring, 79720

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Support groups

SUNDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

 Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ 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.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1,084. Prize: \$21.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,930. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 11,580. Prize: \$5. Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$200,000.

Results of the Cash Five drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-21-29-32-35 Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$63,267.

Winning tickets sold in: San Antonio. Matching four of five: 169. Prize: \$169 Matching three of five: 5,576, Prize: \$11 Matching two of five: 59,120. Price: \$2.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-7

Weather

Today ... Windy and warm. Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Sunday night ... Windy. Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday... Windy and colder. Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.

Tuesday... Partly cloudy. Lows around 30. Highs in the upper 50s.

Wednesday... Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Thursday... Mostly cloudy and colder. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 40s.

Friday... Mostly cloudy and cold. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the lower 40s.

Take note

□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road

Fraternal Oder of the Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC Gactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.



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TRAGEDY

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people you could not have hoped to know than the families of these crew members, an extraordiextraordinary nary, group of astronauts who gave their lives."

Neither he nor Readdy took reporters' questions.

The six Americans and one Israeli, that country's first astronaut, who were aboard Columbia were 16 minutes from landing when the shuttle broke apart. They had been expected to touch down in Florida at 9:16 a.m. At 9 a.m., Mission Control abruptly lost all data and voice contact with the shuttle and crew: At the same time, residents of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana reported hearing "a big bang" and seeing flames in the sky.

The final radio transmission between Mission Control and the shuttle gave no indication of any trouble.

Mission ' Control "Columbia, radioed: Houston, we see your tire pressure messages and we did not copy your last."

Columbia's commander. **Rick Husband**, calmly responds: "Roger, buh ...'

Then the transmission goes silent for several seconds, followed by static.

Military satellites with infrared detectors recorded several flashes as Columbia broke apart, according to a defense official who spoke only on condition of anonymity. It was unclear whether those "spikes" of heat indicated an explosion, the burning of pieces of debris re-entering the atmosphere or something else.

Television footage showed a bright light followed by smoke plumes streaking through the sky. Debris appeared to break off into separate balls of light as it continued downward. In Nacogdoches, residents found bits of metal strewn across the city. Dentist Jeff Hancock said a metal bracket about a foot long had crashed through his office roof. "It's all over Nacogdoches," said barber shop owner James Milford. "There are several little pieces, some parts of machinery ... there's been a lot of pieces about 3 feet wide." Hours after the shuttle had been expected to land, the giant screen at the front of Mission Control showed a map of the Southwest United States and what should have been Columbia's flight path. The U.S. flag next to the center's countdown clock was lowered to half-staff. "A contingency for the space shuttle has been declared," Mission Control somberly repeated over and over from Houston. At Kennedy Space Center, O'Keefe met with the astronauts' families. Six of the seven astronauts were married, and five of them had children. NASA officials, meanwhile, warned people on the ground to stay away from any fallen shuttle debris. EPA spokesman Joe Martyak said he did-

n't know what toxic ordinarily tight for their chemicals could be amid 16-day scientific research the debris because the mission because of the shuttle can undergo reacpresence of Ramon, the tions from the intense first Israeli astronaut. heat of reentry.

The shuttle flight was the 113th in the shuttle program's 22 years and the 28th flight for Columbia, NASA oldest shuttle.

In 42 years of U.S. human space flight, there had never been an accident during the descent to Earth or landing. On Jan. 28, 1986, space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff.

The shuttle is essentially a glider during the hour-long decent from orbit toward the landing strip. It is covered by about 20,000 thermal tiles to protect against temperatures as high as 3,000 degrees.

On Jan. 16, shortly after Columbia lifted off, a piece of insulating foam on its external fuel tank came off and was believed to have hit the left wing of the shuttle. Leroy Cain, the lead flight director in Mission Control, assured reporters Friday that engineers had concluded that any damage to the wing was considered minor and posed no safety hazard.

The shuttle was at an altitude of about 203,000 feet over north-central Texas, traveling at 12,500 mph, when Mission Control lost all contact and tracking data. Readdy said the speed was equivalent to Mach 18, or 18 times the speed of sound. Gary Hunziker in Plano

said he saw the shuttle flying overhead. "I could see two bright objects flying off each

side of it," he told The Associated Press. "I just assumed they were chase jets."

"The barn started shaking and we ran out and started looking around," said Benjamin Laster of Kemp. "I saw a puff of vapor and smoke and saw big chunk of material fall.

LOCAL

Ramon, 48, a colonel in

Israel's air force and for-

mer fighter pilot, had sur-

vived two wars. He

became the first man

from his country to fly in

space, and his presence

resulted in an increase in

security, not only for

Columbia's launch, but

also for its planned land-

ing. Space agency offi-

cials feared his presence

might make the shuttle

more of a terrorist target.

its citizens are as one at

this difficult time," Prime

Minister Ariel Sharon's

office said in a statement.

speaking on condition of

anonymity, said no spe-

cific threats had been

made against the shuttle

and that it would have

been out of range of a sur-

face-to-air missile at the

Dr. Yael Barr of the

Israeli Aerospace Med-

icine Institute was wait-

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for the astronauts' return.

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my friend, 'I have a bad

feeling. I think they are

gone.' And I was in

Columbia's crew had

completed 80-plus scien-

tific research experi-

ments during their time

Just in the past week,

NASA observed the

anniversary of its only

two other space tragedies,

the Challenger explosion,

which killed all seven

astronauts on board, and

the Apollo spacecraft fire

that killed three on Jan.

tears," Barr said.

in orbit.

27, 1967.

"When the countdown

time.

A senior U.S. official,

"The state of Israel and

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TRIAL

order for the tape to be possibly admitted into evidence we had to give him that tape 20 days in advance of trial. Due to the way things worked out that wasn't possible with the prior trial setting. So the judge (Robert Moore III) reset the case for Feb. 4, which will allow Mr. Frost to have the trial for at least 20

days." District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson will prosecute the case, while Frost, whose office is in Midland, will defend Castaneda. July selection is to begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

Patton's body was discovered in a field off Rock House Road July 30. Autopsy results indicated the cause of death was asphyxiation by strangulation.

Tommy Rodriguez, 16,

ROBBERY

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was their second one (robbery) in a couple of days.' The other robbery occurred about 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday. "A suspect came into the store and tried to walk out with a couple of Playstation games.' Sweatt said. "He was confronted and he became combative and struck a couple of witnesses a couple of times. Then he went out the door, broke (the door) and ran, followed by one of the witnesses. Officers caught him about a block away and arrested him."

The suspect, Randall Scott Adams, 44, was charged with robbery. He was later transferred from city jail to the Howard County Jail, where he is being held in lieu of \$10,000 bond.



has also been charged Autopsy results deterwith capital murder for Patton's slaying and has been certified to stand trial as an adult for the crime. Rodriguez will be separately prosecuted from Castaneda. His trial

is scheduled for Feb. 18. Three other Big Spring teens will face first-degree murder charges in connection with the killing of Lennon Lane, 16, of Big Spring.

Michael Scott Jackman. 16, and Pedro Castillo, 16, have both been certified to stand trial as adults in the case. Jackman's brother, Terrell L. Jackman, 19, of Big Spring is also charged with the murder.

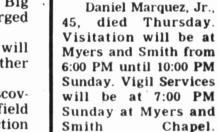
The three teens will stand trial together March 3.

Lane's body was discovered Aug. 5 in a field north of the intersection of 19th and State streets.

Anyone with information about either of these crimes should call the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

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

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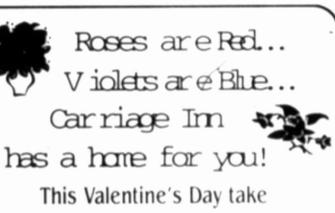


Graveside Services will be at 11:30 AM Monday at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Elaine McNorton, 67, died Monday. Memorial Services were at 2:00 **PM** Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel.



Em Michael Melson & L specialize in asset sayings for those individuals cotering in A those already in the nursing home Call I 800 453 1464

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Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net NOBODY ASKS FOR IT

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mined Lane died of blunt

force trauma.

Help STOP Sexual Assaults Call 263-331**2** Rape Crisis Services/Big Spring

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& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Former astronaut John Glenn and his wife were watching on television at their home in Maryland.

"Anytime you lose contact like that, there's some big problem. Of course, once you went for several minutes without any contact, you knew something was terribly wrong," Glenn said.

The Columbia crew was relatively inexperienced. Only three of the seven had flown in space before: the shuttle's commander, Husband: Michael Anderson; and Kalpana Chawla. The other four were rookies: pilot William McCool, David Brown, Laurel Clark and Ilan Ramon.

Security had been extra-

CINEMA 4

Just Married (PG-13)

Daily: 4:30 & 7:20 Sat. & Sun. 2:40 Fri. & Sat. 9:40

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ily: 7:00 & 9:10 Sat. & Sun. 5:10

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Perhaps you sang a lovely song. or sat quietly in a chair; Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, If so, we saw them there. Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words As any friend could say: Perhaps you prepared some tasty food, Or maybe furnished a car; Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, Near at hand or from afar; Whatever you did to console the heart We thank you so much, Whatever the part. Special thanks to the Wal-Mart employees Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The Family of Isabel (Elizabeth) Rodriguez

END OF GAME NOTICE

These games will be closing on March 2, 2003. You have until August 29, 2003, to redeem any winning tickets for these games.

	Cash Vault (Game #176) *Overall odds are 1 in 3.90
CARD CARD	Wild Card Cash (Game #183) Overall odds are 1 in 4-94
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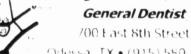
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OUR VIEWS

Tears will dry, but it will take plenty of time

The following editorial was written Saturday morning by Bill Morgan, publisher of the Jacksonville Daily Progress, a sister CNHI newspaper. Morgan was previously publisher of the Sweetwater Reporter.

uddenly all else becomes remote. All our thoughts of possible war with Iraq, the worrisome economy, North Korea's nukes it all moves to the back of our minds as we try to comprehend a tragedy like Saturday's Columbia disaster. It's a different emotion than we felt on that Sept. 11, as we watched the towers of the World Trade Center fall. Then, we felt so much anger toward the terrorists and it mixed strongly with all other emotions - our sorrow, disbelief and confusion - that it left us numb. Perhaps the numbness was our grief and disbelief masked by the strong anger.

But today we have no terrorists to blame for the tragedy that left shuttle debris lying on our highways, in our yards, our piney woods and the fields we farm for food. We may never know exactly what happened Saturday - how it came to be those seven astronauts, space travelers so close to home after a long journey, lost their lives. And if we do, it will bring no solace With the World Trade Center attack, we were at least able to gain some satisfaction, some small sense of closure as we watched our bombs fall on and around those in Afghanistan we are comfortably sure were at least in some sense responsible. We were able to wipe away the tears as our military went about its work For Saturday's Columbia (ragedy, there will be no closure. There will be nothing but time to slowly erase what we've seen and what we feel today, the loss of life and the terrible blow to our pride for a space program this country has excelled in since it beat the Russians to the moon in the late 1960s.

o the French owe the United States for saving its bacon in World War II? Mais oui. They at least owe us some respect, and the same benefit of the doubt that they are so happy to bestow on Saddam Hussein.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin's declaration that France would fight against a **U.N. Security Council** resolution to wage war on Iraq shows -why many Americans

don't see France as a DEBRA true ally. SAUNDERS First, de Villepin's remarks have made

war more likely, in that he eased international pressure on Saddam Hussein to step down. As The Washington Post reported, de Villepin looked down his nez at the notion of granting

Hussein asylum outside Iraq. "Let us not be diverted from our objective," de Villepin sniffed. "It is the disarmament of Iraq."

As if Iraq is more likely to disarm with Hussein - a man who kills critics, tortures their children and gasses entire villages in charge.

Saddam-ites such as de Villepin and U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix don't even pretend that Iraq is seriously complying with U.N.

Resolution 1441. How could they, when no weapons have been turned over? How could they, when U.N. inspectors discovered warheads for chemical weapons this month?

We're getting the French ki

So the new argument, voiced by de Villepin in The Washington Post, is that "Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs are being largely blocked, even frozen." "Largely blocked?" That tells me de Villepin realizes that, even with inspectors, Iraq continues to upgrade its deadly arsenal when possible.

De Villepin told a reporter that France's Iraq policy is guided by four principles: justice, solidarity, morality and the law.

All four ideals are missing in action. Justice demands that Hussein, who has killed his own people, be driven from office. Solidarity was what the United Nations had when France and other nations voted unanimously to send inspectors to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction. Morality dictates that France stand by that vote.

The law? In November, the U.N. Security Council voted that if Iraq doesn't comply with Resolution 1441 to deliver its weapons of mass destruction, there will be "serious consequences.'

What is France's idea of serious consequences for Hussein? Not being invited to Maxim's for din-

ner? Are serious consequences allowing Hussein to stall the inspectors? Or to bask in the pleasure of watching them make excuses for him? Or to enjoy the leisure of choosing the moment to shoo U.N. inspectors out of Irag and then get away with it?

An enemy couldn't-concoct a more perfect formula for helping Iraq become as menacing as North Korea than our ally, France.

If "serious consequences" means more delays and opportunities to stonewall, then the United Nations is irrelevant as a peace-keeping body. It is an entity capable of nothing but half-measures, and thus incapable of battling leaders who kill en masse.

President Bush is right in his contention that America can wage this war, not alone, but with a smaller set of allies who will act on the threat of "serious consequences.'

The sad part is that de Villepin's drivel helps Americans to forget the sacrifices and contributions such as sending 4,500 troops to Afghanistan - the French have made.

That's a choice France is free to make. If the French and the United Nations want to prove they are irrelevant, that second-rate thugs can violate their inspectors with impunity and that the United States can win a war without them, well, so be it. .

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This time, they will have to dry with time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Amen

"Help us, Lord, during this time of sorrow. Send us strength through your grace and love."



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When people are around us

id you hear about the conceited nurse? She always subtracted 10 beats from the pulse count of each of her patients to compensate for the

effects of her personality. In relation to this, here is a question that may be worth thinking about.

When it IIM comes to DAVIDSON your person-

ality, do you

have a good one or does your personality have a way of turning other people off? You probably know he answer to this question and if you feel your personality could stand a little improvement, I would like to invite you to take the following personality self-rating scale. Since it is self-rating, be totally honest with yourself. because no one needs to see it but you.

There are 23 questions in this exercise, so please take a moment and rate yourself 1, 2, 3, or 4 on

each one. As you answer each question, give yourself 1 for poor, 2 for average, 3 for above average and 4 for superior. 1) Do I maintain a well groomed appearance? 2) Do I have a pleasing voice? 3) Is my posture alert and poised? 4) Is my disposition cheerful? 5) Do I make friends easily? 6) Do I exert positive leadership? 7) Am I generally thoughtful of the feelings of others? 8) Is my enthusiasm sincere and contagious? 9) Do I persevere until I achieve success? 10) Am I sincere in my interest in other people? 11) Am I ambitious to get ahead? 12) Do I get along well with others? 13) Do I react constructively to criticism? 14) Do I remember names and faces? 15) Am I punctual on all occasions? 16) Do I have and evidence a spirit of cooperation? 17) Am I free from preju-dice? 18) Do I know how people react in most situ-ations? 19) Am I general-ly a good listener? 20) Do I refuse to allow what

other people say to hurt me? 21) Can I criticize

without giving of

Can I adapt myself to all situations? When you total up your answers, if your score was 70 or more, your personality rating is superior, 60 to 70 is above aver-

22) Am I reliable? 23)

age, 50 to 60 is average and anything under 50 definitely shows some room for improvement. This is one of those personal development tools that I picked up at an education conference and I don't know who developed it, but it sure "hits the nail on the head." According to my large **Funk & Wagnell** Dictionary, the word personality means "distinctive qualities or characteristics of a person." In other words, it's what distinguishes or sets us apart from every other person, it's what makes us totally unique, unlike any other human being in the world.

If you will go back and re-read each of the 28 mestions in this exeryou will see ese character uch as your a our voice, you

memory, your enthusiasm, your listening skills, plus many others. This should make it easy to see why your personal ity is so very important. A good example of this came the other day when I was talking to the manager of our local Chamber of Commerce. He was telling me about filling a position on his staff and he had two applicants with outstanding credentials. Both were highly qualified, but he gave the job to a young lady who has a great personality, in addition to her educa-tion, experience and per-

sonal appearance. Until our next visit, here is a statement that I hope you will think about. When we combine a great personality, excellent character, creativity and a genuine love of work we have a winning combination. Obviously, we can have the first three and be lazy and still fail as a e are around, the what we are erybody els

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Sunday, February 2, 2003



Staff Writer

More than 50 Big Spring Junior High School band students particitpated in the All-Region Junior High Band concert held Saturday at Andrews High School.

Big Spring students earned 53 of the possible 112 chairs available at the try-outs held two weeks ago. Andrews had 51 students place and Kermit had eight.

BSJHS students qualifying were:

Flute, Crystal Ward, 1;
Miranda Cassidy, 2; Tiffany Richards, 4; Christina Helsley, 6; Morgan Metcalf, 7; Crystal Worley, 9; and Deanna Carlisle.
B-flat Clarinet, Courtney Heinis, 2; Katlin Agner, 7; Porcha Knowlton, 12; Lauren Bryant; 14; Holly Bancroft, 17; Nita Cotton, 21; and Whitney Torres, 22.

 Bass Clarinet, Malle Carrasco, 2; Brittany Huckabee, 3; and Chelsy Nanny, 4.
 Oboe, Meagan Smith, 1.

• Bassoon, Elizabeth Dannheim, 1. • Alto Saxophone, Marcus

Stungill, 2; Haley Adams, 3; Jessie Berry, 4; Abel Diaz, 5. • Tenor Saxophone, Scott

Frankhauser, 2.

• Cornet/Trumpet, Royce Perez, 1; Bryan Juan, 4; Bridgette Rodriguez, 5; Matt Lozano, 6; Kristen Brown, 9; Manuel Gonzales, 10; Roshan Shroff, 11; Todd Wooldridge, 13; Joey Herrera, 16; Lance Fitzgibbons, alternate.

• French Horn, Alyssa Raines, 1; Casey Fraley, 2; Emily Hanes, 5; and Callei Partee, 6. Tenor Trombone, Ryan
 Harris, 3; Harry Han, 5; Allison
 Banks, 6; Jacob Martinez, 8;
 Mark Iturralde, 10. Ashton
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 Bartone, Heath Wilkerso 1; Andy Whitenburg, 3; and Monisa Rocha, alternate. Tuba, Ricky Nunez, 3; Bradley Cehall, 5; and Blaze Carrol, 6.

Percussion, Cody Carnes,
 1; Kyle McDaniel-Briganc, 4;
 and Austin Cox, 5.

• Other BSJHS students who participated in try-outs were: Angela Banks, Leah Huttes, Amber Sleight, Macee Gonzales, Krystal Dehoyos, Jessica Chancy, Alejandra Garcia, Chris Colwell, Clarissa Carrisalez, James Obenchain, Larry Luna, Desmond Garcia, Colin Hunnicutt, Nathan Booth, Eric Welch, Jared Wilkerson, Chad Chalker and Nick Ross.



HERALD photo/Lyndei Moody

More than 50 Big Spring Junior High band students participated in the All-Region Juniot High band concert held Saturday in Andrews. Pictured are from left, front, Cody Carnes, Meagan Smith, Kate Dannheim, Heath Wilkerson, back, Royce Perez, Crystal Ward and Alyssa Rains, all-region first chairs from Big Spring.

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different because at that time people were fearful of their safety," she said. "(The Columbia disaster) is not an incident where people worry about their safety. People hurt for their country and this is something that affects their country. After 9-11, and now with people going to war, people are very sad for their country. Now they're patriotic, and we have a lot of pride in our space program. When something bad happens to that, there's a grief and loss that something hasn't gone right for America."

Payne agreed. "This reminds me of the powerlessness we felt with 9 11, a national tragedy where people and their families are so affected with tremendous loss," she said.

Nabors said area residents may find themselves experiencing the stages of grief — shock, denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance — in connection with the disaster

"Shock, the anger, you

know, 'Why did this happen? This couldn't be happening here," she said. "And then the depression, that there's more lives lost and it's another thing that affects the country. It's another thing that went wrong for the country. Right now a lot of people have emotions for the country. The state we're in right now, people being concerned about war and about the economy. Those kind of things add up and people become stressed about it."

Such reactions will inevitably include a desire for information about the disaster.

"When something like this happens, people want to read all the news and they want to keep going over and over about it," Nabors said. "I don't know that it's an appropriate reaction, but I think it's the reaction that people do. When there's been something bad in today's information age, we all now have the need to find out all we can. We just look and look and look and search for information. Years ago, that didn't happen. You just heard that something happened and it wasn't in the immediate several hours ago."

Payne offered advice for people finding themselves grieving in the wake of the disaster.

"Grieving, generally speaking, is very individual," she said. "People grieve in different ways. The advice I would give is that it would be important to talk about it with those you love. If it's painful to watch it, you don't have to

time away from the TV If it's something you're really sad about, I think it's important to talk about it and have the feelings. Experience it. That's always going to be better, ultimately."

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Remember that children are experiencing the disaster as well, she reminded.

"It's like most things. If children ask questions, one can be open and honest and supportive," Payne said. "The supportive part is very, very important."

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The Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees has employed the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) to assist with the search for a new superintendent to replace Murray Murphy upon his retirement. The Board has requested that school personnel and the public be involved in developing a profile of the person the Board should seek to become the new superintendent.

Profile meetings will be held Wednesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 6, between the superintendent search consultant from TASB and Big Spring community members to discuss the desired characteristics of the new superintendent. All meetings will take place in the Big Spring High School Board Room at 707 East 11th Place (by Steer Gym). The schedule of these meetings is as follows:

				Wednesday, February 5
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¥			11:00 A.M.	Central Office Administrators of Big Spring ISD
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The Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees encourages all members of the community to attend and give the consultant their thoughts and insights. Even though meetings are designated for specific groups, each meeting is open to any interested person who wishes to attend.



STOCIO tell of fire in the sky

By TOM EMBREY and ANGIE ALVARADO

CNHI News Service EAST TEXAS - For Oakwood resident Leslie Bunch, watching the flight of the space shuttle re-entering the earth's atmosphere was a usual event from his Oakwood home, which is a mile off the Trinity River, but Saturday morning, he saw something different when he witnessed NASA's space shuttle Columbia fly through the sky.

"We always go out and watch when the shuttle comes in so I was anticipaing it," Bunch said. "I stepped outside at 8 in the porning and it was beauful coming in.

But then the view hanged.

All of a sudden it started to smoke and by that time it was going due east and more vapor trails were coming off." Bunch explained. "Right before it got out on my site it started to sparkle. I knew there was something wrong. When it left my sight I heard an horrific boom

"It was very intense. My dog tried to run into the house and every animal in the area started bawling

Birnch estimated from the time he first saw the shuttle to the time heheard the explosion was about two minutes.

Bunch was one of the many East Texas residents who gathered out side on warm day under a brilliant blue sky to

"At first you are inquisitive ... You want to know what happened, and then when you realize what it is, you are kinda in awe ... and then it hits you, and you say to yourself, 'this can't be happening.'"

Bob Multer,

Palestine resident

Texas on its way to Cape Canaveral in Florida to concluded its mission that began on Jan. 16. But what Bunch and many others experienced

at about 8 a.m. Saturday when the shuttle broke apart - was unexpected.

"I walked outside this morning when my house started to shake," said Bob Multer of Palestine;

Multer said he first thought the shaking. which he described as feeling like "being in a tornado," was a train derailment. Then he glanced skyward and saw a "giant plume that spiraled and then zig-zagged right over my head," Multer said. "It was then that I knew there was a problem

NASA declared an emergeney shortly after 8 a.m. CST after losing communication with Columbia as the ship soared across Texas at an altitude of about 200,000 feet while traveling at six times the speed of sound.

tracking a debris field from northwest Anderson County to southeast Anderson County.

COLUMBIA, TRAGEDY

Officials ' have been working in coordination with a command post in Nacogdoches.

Hobson noted that it was important not to touch the debris, and that NASA officials have instructed anyone who has touched the debris to report to the emergency room.

Authorities ordered people to stay 100 yards away from the debris because of contamination fears.

Nobody has been hurt, but there have been reports of people touching the debris," Hobson said. The sheriff's office had been "inundated with according to calls." Hobson, but he added that the county had been getting assistance from both state authorities, and the governor's office. Confirmed debris from

the destroyed shuttle was

scattered across East



Elmwood (Texas) Volunteer Firefighter David Blackmon keeps traffic away from a piece of debris, supposedly ceramic tile, which landed on FM 321 approximately eight miles north of Palestine.

Lufkin.

Robert Gore, who lives on Anderson County Road 435, saw a large piece of debris on Texas 155 near his home at 11:40 a.m.

"It looked like a round, cylinder," Gore said. "Like it was a section of a tank or something ... It was about 4 feet long and

jagged edge like it had been ripped loose."

Gore further described the debris as "gunmetal. steel blue" that was "burnt as if it had been under tremendous heat." Gore said the large piece of debris was located in the median of Texas 155, closer to the southnear Palestine. about 5 feet wide ... It had bound lane of the state a squared off edge and a highway "about 50 feet See FIRE, Page 7A

from the intersection with Anderson County Road 436.

Helen Hooper was out for her morning walk when she noticed a "frightening sight" that she first thought was a balloon from the National Scientific Balloon Facility



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Photo by Ulys S. Harper/ special to The Paler Spectators look at a piece of debris roped off behind Cason Monk Furniture Store in downtown Health officials warn of exposure; decontamination stations set up

By WAYNE STEWART

CNHI News Service

Health officials were urging anyone who had been within 200 feet of a piece of suspected debris from the shuttle Columbia to come to the hospital for decontamination.

Nacogdoches Saturday afternoon.

Emergency crews from the Fire Department set up a decontamination station behind Palestine Regional Medical Center. A handful of people had been through and been scrubbed down with soap and water in response to fears of exposure to toxic fuels.

PRMC Director of Marketing Lynn Scribner said emergency medical technicians were posted at every driveway entrance to the hos"We are advising anyone who has touched debris to go to the hospital for observation, as a precaution."

> Cary McKinney, Anderson, County judge

pital, directing people to the cleanup station.

"We trying to get all the people coming into the hospital in one place so we'll know where to direct them," Scribner said Saturday afternoon. "Those who have come within 200 feet of any material are asked to come to the hospital where they can be treated by emergency person-

Sheriff's officials said NASA will be in the area within the next 24 hours to collect debris. "We are advising anyone who has touched debris to go to the hospital for observation, as a precaution," Anderson County Judge Cary McKinney said. **Palestine Fire Department**

Emergency Management Coordinator Randall Shoulders said firefighters are scrubbing people down in a makeshift station and then bagging their clothes.

We have the personnel and the equipment out here in case someone has been conta-minated," Shoulders said. "We even have a Geiger

Debris scattered across wide area

Emergency lines flooded as people report sightings

By WAYNE STEWART, ANGIE ALVARADO and MILES SMITH

CNHI News Service EAST TEXAS - Debris from the space shuttle Columbia has been found scattered across Anderson County, with unconfirmed reports citing up to 55 pieces found along highways, in fields and on homeowners' lawns.

Wayne Shults, an Anderson County resident living on Anderson County Road 442, had an approximately 3-foot piece of rubber land in his yard just minutes after the shuttle broke apart.

"I was filling up my bird feeder and I could hear something coming down, like a whistling noise," Shults said. "It just landed with a thud, I thought it may have been a tree limb."

Shults was standing approxi-Shults was standing approxi-mately 30 feet from where the debris landed. After seeing it, Shults said he turned it over to see what it was, then figured it was something from the shuttle. "I called the sheriff's office and they came out here and taped it off," Shults added. Approximately four miles from Shults' residence, another place

Shults' residence, another pie of shuttle debris was found alon FM 321 Sabout one-quatter mi from the FM 315 unteer firefighte Elmwood volunteer firefigh David Blackmon was told to ke an eye on the 6-



three-foot long rubber strip from **NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia** sits in the yard of Anderson County resident Wayne Shults. Shults was in his yard when the debris landed.

piece of ceramic tile.

"We don't know a lot right now," Blackmon said, "but we've heard there are pieces all over Anderson County," For other East Texas residents,

it was a sight in the sky or booming sound that alerted them to the tragedy.

Timothy Austin thought he had witnessed an airliner exploding Saturday morning.

"I heard this sonic boom that shook the building I was sitting

shook the building I was sitting in, and then there were about 15 or 20 more explosions." Austin described. "It looked like fire-works were coming down." Timothy Austin, 17, the son of Palestine Municipal Airport's fixed base operator Jim Austin, didn't know what he was seeing at the time, but was one of the first to alert Texas authorities. "I called Fort Worth about it.

"I called Fort Worth about it, and I guess I was one of the first people to call in what I had seen, because they knew nothing about the explosion," Timothy Austin said: "We called it in thinking it was an airliner,

is an atrliner, "But then I turned on the new

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and I saw that the shuttle was missing." The teen-ager is part of

the U.S. Air Force Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary that trains youths in search and rescue, and in aerospace matters.

Dallas resident Stacy Logan, in Anderson County visiting relatives, was shaken out of bed by the sound of an explosion and she also thought it was a plane.

"I thought it may have been one of those big Air Force transport planes blowing up," Logan described. "It felt like an earthquake; that's when we got up and found out what was happening.'

Jm Austin heard the explosion and immediately went outside his airport terminal to see what had happened.

"The whole building rumbled for about 30 seconds and we rushed outside and saw the contrails," Austin explained. "I knew right then it was really bad.

Mobile home resident Reymundo Tamez said the rumbling shook his home

"I heard a big, loud boom. It shook my mobile home," Tamez said.

Tamez said he immediately went outside his home and felt what he described as "mist" falling.

The writers are on the staff of the Palestine Herald-Press, a sister newspaper within Community Newspaper. Holdings Inc.

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"It was like little sparks like little pieces scattering everywhere," said Hooper of the scene she

Texas mourns loss of native sons Amarillo

By MICHAEL WRIGHT

CNHI News Service

BORGER - News of the loss of Columbia and its crew hit hard in the Texas Panhandle as Amarillo residents mourned in particular the death of shuttle Cmdr. Rick Husband, a native son, and the city of Lubbock remembered native William McCool, pilot of the doomed flight.

In all, six American astronauts and the first Israeli astronaut died in the explosion as the shuttle headed toward a landing in Florida.

Husband, whose mother still lives in Amarillo, was a 1975 graduate of Amarillo High School, He was commanding the STS 107 mission. He was 45 gears old. His first trip into space was in 1999. At that time he was the pilot of the shuttle.

Trent the rest of the crew were in our Mayor Sisemore recalled Husband's prayers the whole time."

good humor and his Christian He said it "broke my heart" faith. "We in Amarillo and the when he heard the news. "My Texas Panhandle are proud of wife told me as I was working Cmdr. Rick Husband," he said. out this morning. Every time he saw Husband he Lubbock Mayor was always happy and smiling McDougal issued a statement from ear to ear, the mayor said.

condolences. expressing "He loved the Lord and shared "Lubbock has been deeply his testimony at the Franklin touched by the tragic loss of the Graham crusade in Amarillo," seven brave astronauts on the Space Shuttle Columbia." Sisemore said Husband had McDougal said. "Shuttle lived in Houston since joining Commander Rick Husband was a the NASA program but he had Texas Tech University graduate spoken with Husband's wife, and pilot Willie McCool was a Evelyn, two to three times durgraduate of Lubbock Coronado ing the past week. "She was so High. They left footprints in Lubbock, and have friends and The mayor was invited to the family here."

launch of Columbia by Husband and said he was more than happy to accept the invitation. "I Chamber Borger of Commerce's Mickey Blackmon called the playing out of the news watched with enthusiasm with on Saturday morning as unreal Melissa Stroud and Amie Wright his family and friends He and and said the fact that two shuttle also contributed to this report

officers were from west Texas "brings this tragedy even closer to home.'

The seven STS-107 crew members aboard the

Space Shuttle Columbia

over East Texas. Seated

in front are astronauts

Rick D. Husband (left),

mission commander;

Kalpana Chawla, mis-

sion specialist; and

William C. McCool,

the left) astronauts

pilot. Standing are (from

David M. Brown, Laurel

B. Clark and Michael P.

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Anderson, all mission

specialists; and llan

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Saturday's explosion

were all killed in

Borger resident H.H. Barrett said the television coverage brought back memories from the Challenger crash of 1986. "I wonder why it happened the way it did," he said.

"Things like this usually happen at takeoff.

It has been just over 17 years since the U.S. space program was devastated by the loss of space shuttle Challenger and 36 years since the launch pad fire aboard Apollo I.

The writer is on the staff of the Borger News-Herald, a sister newspaper within Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. News Herald staffers Judy Allen.



Rep. Hall grieves over friends' deaths

Ranking Democrat on Science Committee says he will continue to fight for space program

By BRAD KELLAR **CNHI News Service**

championed for years.

there, too," said the repre-

sentative for the 4th

Congressional District of Texas. Hall knew three of

the Columbia crew per-

Anderson, David Brown

Democrat on the House of

Representatives Science

Committee and former

chairman of the Space

subcommittee, Hall has

followed the careers of

many of the astronauts

and mission specialists

who have been a part of

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gram. "It is kind of like a family," Hall said. ROCKWALL - For U.S.

He was especially close Rep. Ralph Hall, the to Chawla, whom he destruction of space shutrecently asked to appear tle Columbia meant more than another blow to the before school students in Canton to speak about the space program he has space program. "I had some friends on

"She has been in my office lots of times," Hall said.

the space shuttle pro-

said Sisemore.

proud of him."

Saturday's accident underscored the danger behind the missions in which the astronauts were involved, Hall said, risks which they gladly and bravely accepted.

"We get to see them go up and come down, having the receptions and decorating them, but they know and everybody else knows that it is dangerbus when you are going 12,000 miles an hour with the heat at the degree that



it is," Hall said. "It just brings back to us that it is dangerous and that it is a fragile mission."

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Hall said that despite two lost shuttles, including the disaster which befell Challenger in 1986, "we still don't have a bad safety record; but it is bad when we lose one person."

Just as occurred following the last shuttle acci-

dent. Hall expects a fight in Congress over whether shuttle flights should continue, or whether there should be a space program at all.

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"This will ground it for while," Hall said, adding the shuttle fleet remained earthbound for more than two years after the Challenger explosion. Hall believes much of the debate will center on how shortly after Columbia lifted off Jan. 16, a piece of insulating foam on its external fuel tank came off and was believed to have hit the left wing of the shuttle. "They'll war game the

heck out of that fact," Hall said. "The first effort will be to try to not have any more manned space flights."

Hall vowed to defend the space program, as he

repeatedly has in the past. "We came within one vote of losing the space program on the House floor," Hall recalled of one battle.

He still believes the potential benefits far outweigh the risks.

Hall pointed to experiments currently under way on Space Station Freedom, which officials hope could lead to new breakthroughs in treating cancer and diabetes, as the latest in a long line of scientific achievements linked directly to the space program.

"There are so many good things that have happened," Hall said.

Brad Kellar is a staffer at The Greenville Herald Banner, a sister newspaper within Community Newspaper Holdings Inc.

8:10 a.m. saw about Saturday on Palmer Street near Gillespie.

Jim Austin, fixed base operator at the Palestine Municipal Airport located off of U.S. 287 North, said "the whole terminal building vibrated. It sounded like an airliner exploded."

Patricia Hernandez was in her vehicle on Interstate 21 between Madisonville and Crockett, traveling back to Palestine from a funeral in Houston when she noticed a "fire in the sky, ... like the sky was falling.

"It sounded like someone running on the roof." said Brian Coon an employee of the Palestine Herald-Press.

He and co-worker Marilyn Bailey were at the newspaper office when shortly after 8 a.m.. a loud roaring sound startled them.

"Marilyn thought it was the press running," Coon added, trying to describe the booming sound.

Soon after, the newspaper office was inundated with calls from area residents wanting to know what the sound was.

Multer, who had watched the space shuttle Challenger disaster and the Sept. 11 attacks on television, said seeing this morning incident was surreal.

"At first you are inquisitive ... You want to know what happened, and then when you realize what it is, you are kinda in awe ... and then it hits you, and you say to yourself, 'this can't be happening."

The writers are staffers at The Palestine Herald-Press, a sister newspaper Community within Newspaper Holdings Inc.

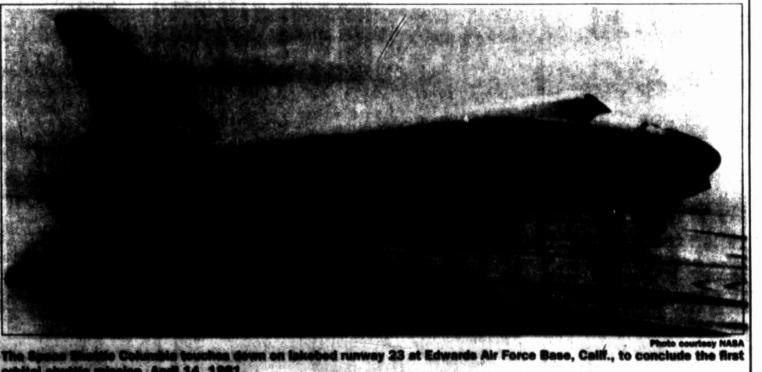
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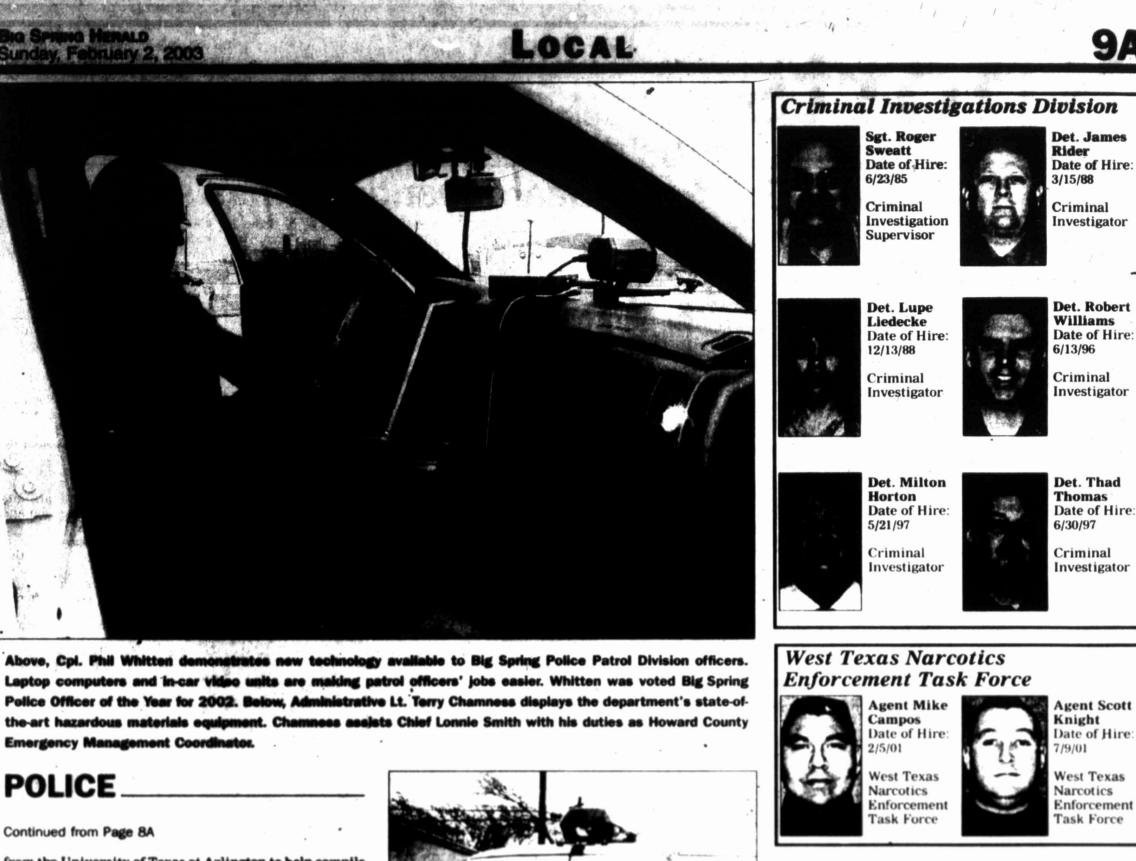
counter ready." Anderson Sheriff John County Hobson knew of four people who had gone through the decontamination unit by mid-afternoon.

For those who may have come in contact with the substance. said his Shoulders partment has been told to wash people with soap and water. The writer is a staffer at

Cristin Ross Jacksonville to this story.







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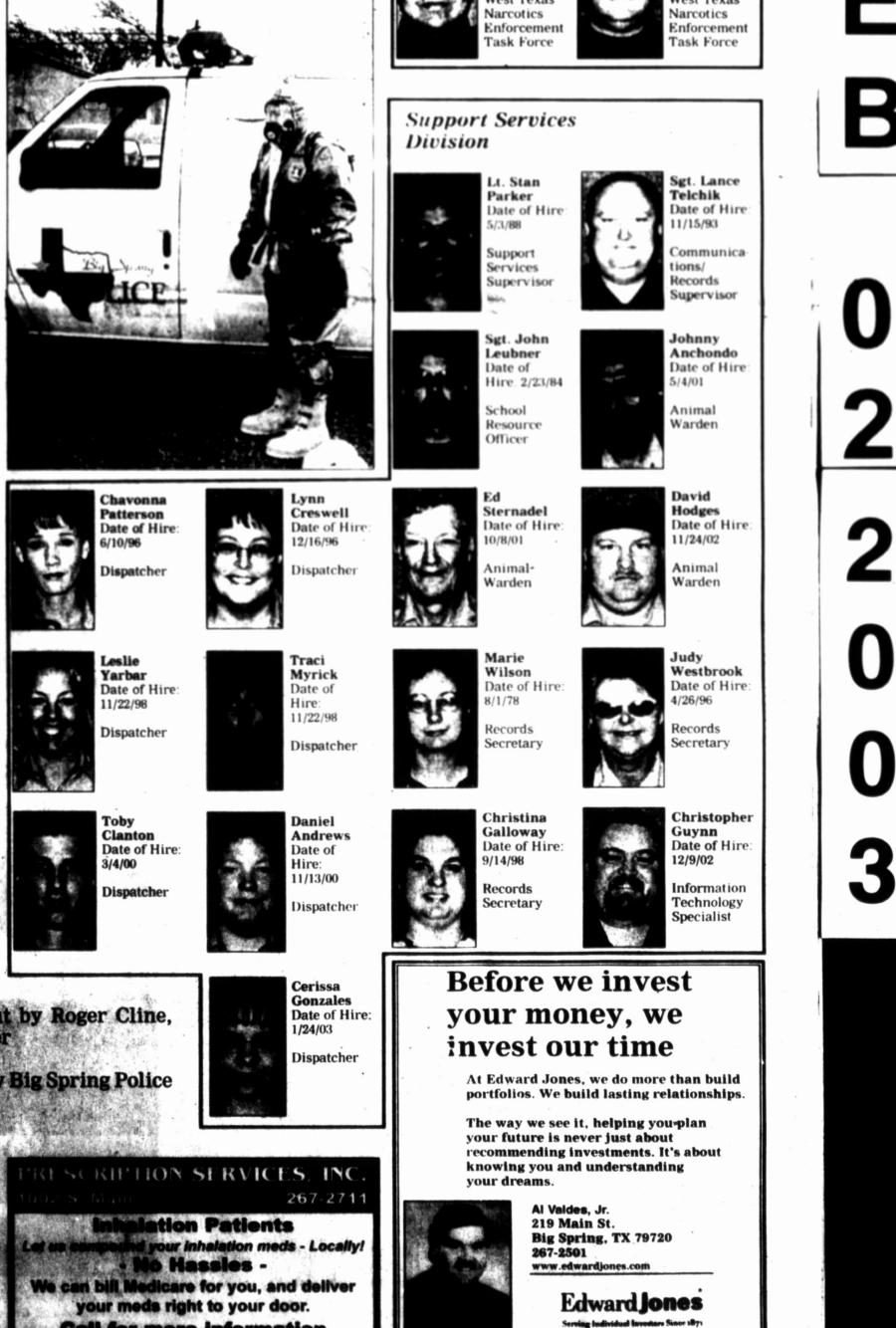
The department has also received a grant from Texas A&M University for emergency management equipment. Smith is Howard County's emergency management coordinator and Lt. Terry Chamness serves as his assistant in that capacity.

"Terry's been working diligently to find funds for equipment that emergency management needs," Smith said. "This year we were notified that we were able to obtain a \$46,000 grant from the emergency management people out at Texas A&M. It's not cash money but it's \$46,000 worth of equipment."

The equipment is starting to trickle in, he added.

"We just received right at \$5,000 worth of gas meters yesterday, so the equipment is starting to come in." he said., "By the end of this year hopefully we will have all of that equipment in hand and be able to enhance our emergency management first responders."

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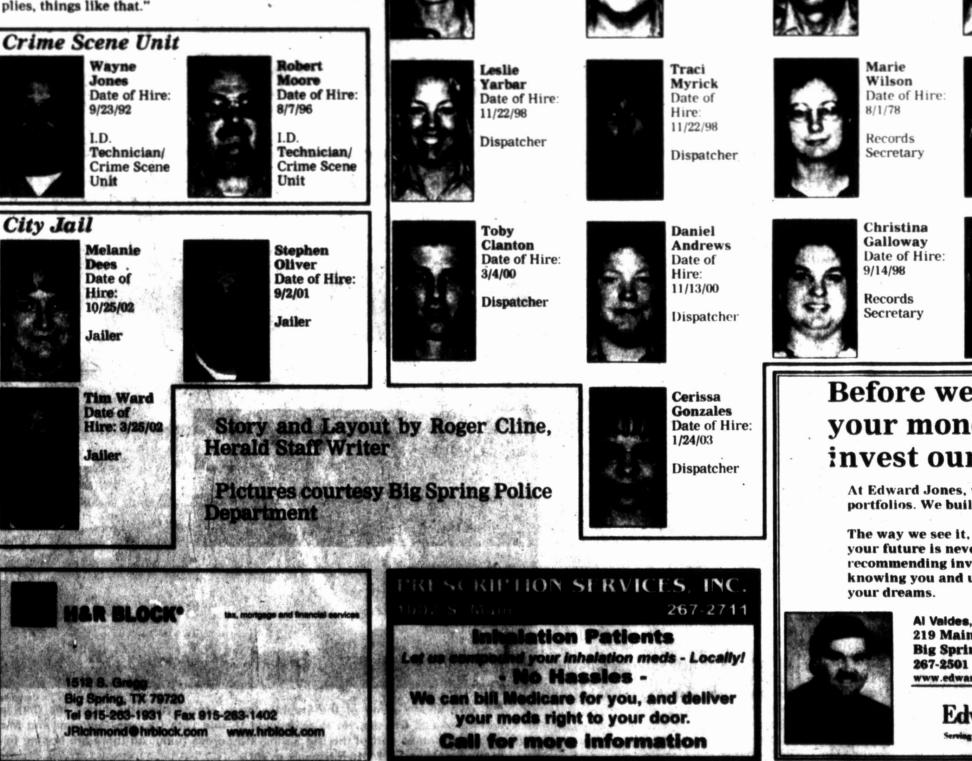
meters, the equipment in the package includes haz-mat suits, breathing apparatuses and masks and some laptop computers, Smith said.

The department is also in the bid process to purchase new servers for its computer system, he said.

"Over the past few years we've been trying to upgrade our information systems," he said. "We're fixing to go out for bids on servers which will be a further enhancement of our information system."

The commitment to computerization is starting to pay off for the PD, Smith said.

"We're starting to reach that point where we're starting to see some of the cost savings," he said. "With the computerization that we've done, we've been able to eliminate a clerical position. There's also other expenses associated that we're able to eliminate. The paper, the supplies, things like that."



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IN BRIEF

Steers, Lady S fall at Estaci

Wesley Whitfield scored 19 points as the Estacado Matadors ran away to a 94-24 rout of Big Spring in District 4-4A basketball action Friday night.

Adrian Lewis added 17 points for the who Matadors, improved to 24-3 on the year and 6-1 in district. Melvin Irving added 12 points while Alex Portee and Charlie Knighten chipped in 11 each.

The best the Steers could manage was seven points from Jordan Cobb and five from Mike Ornales.

With the loss, Big Spring drops to 2-26 overall and 0-7 in 4-4A play. JV score: Estacado 58,

The Lady Steers fared only marginally better in the varsity opener, suffering a 72-34 loss, as LaVonda Henderson scored 32 points for the Lady Matadors.

Shannon Higgins' six points was the best Big Spring could mount in answer.

Estacado's Tamesha McGraw added 11 points, as the Lady Mats improved their record to 26-3 overall and 8-1 in district play. The Lady Steers fell to 16-14 and 3-6.

Forsan rolls past Seagraves, 69-43

Forsan's Buffaloes had little trouble in extending their District 3-2A unbeaten string to seven Friday. as they rolled to a 69-43 win over Seagraves' Eagles. The Buffs improved to 21-4 overall and 7-0. in district play. Matt Ellis paced the Buffs with 16 points, while Brent Huff was right behind with 15. David Lee added a and Wes dozen Longorio had 10. The Buffs will travel to Colorado City on Tuesday for what will more than likely decide the 3-2A boys' championship.

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks like to think of the baseball pro-. gram as a link to the "Big Time." That belief was proved correct recently when the Hawks

announced that three players had agreed to play at larger universities this coming year. Among the former HC standouts signing official letters-of-intent were Leonard Guerrero, Karston for what they have done for our



Gaarder and J-Bob Thomas. "We're proud of the guys and baseball program' said Howard College Sports Information Director Stan Feaster. "All three of them will be good for the teams they signed with."

Guerrero, a key player for the Hawks in 2002, has agreed to play this season at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Gaardner is the latest of several area ath-letes to commit to the University of New Mexico.

He joins Big Spring High School quarterback Tye Butler

and San Angelo Lake View running back Jamar Hall in announcing they will take their talents to the Land of

Enchantment." Thomas will be staying closer to Big Spring than the other two HC stars. He agreed to a deal to play in the Big 12 for the Texas Tech Red Raiders

The Hawks open their 2003 baseball season Saturday in Lancaster, taking a 9-7 win over Cedar Valley College.

Lady Buffs destroy Bulldogettes By BRANDON HALLFORD

special to the Herald STANTON — Sometimes in sports there are times when one team is just better than the other. Friday night was one of those times

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes, led by the inside play of Ashley Newell, Heather Washington and Kayla Cook, just simply outmatched Coahoma's Bulldogettes, 74-32. The Bulldogettes pulled to within two of the Lady Buffs at 14-12 with 7:46 left in first half. Unfortunately for CHS, It was the last basket they'd score over the next four minutes.

Stanton took advantage of the Bulldogettes' inability to score, rattling off an 11-point run, expanding its head to 13 points — a lead the Lady Buffs stretched to 16 by the end of the period.

The Lady Buffs salted things in the third quart

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Must to pla By TOMMY WE

Sports Editor

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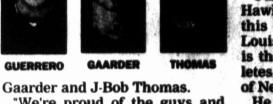
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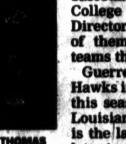
STANTON - When you're hot, you're are hot.

Stanton's Buffaloes found out just how true that saying can be Friday night, as Coahoma's Bulldogs rolled to an 81-59 win in District 3-2A basketball acting, behind the scorching shooting from Chase Davis and Corey Mulkey.

The first period was a even affair with Stanton riding the inside play of 6-foot-5 post Tullie Louder, who scored the Buffs' first six points, while Coahoma depended on the 3point shooting of Mulkey and Sam Tindol. The duo hit three straight shots from beyond the arc to give Stanton a glimpse of things to come.

The second quarter would the Bulldogs get see untracked, exploding for 29 points and leaving Stanton





'Hawk Talk' will air Feb. 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show dealing with Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST 1490-AM on Feb. 12. Sam Stephens hosts the 9 a.m. show.

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Anyone interested in coaching for the Big Spring Little League should attend a coach-es meeting set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

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stunned. That included a 15-0 run to end the half with a 17point lead at 47-30.

Things did not get any better for the Buffs in the second half as the best they could muster in the third quarter was to keep even and enter the final eight minutes trailing 60-43.

The fourth period would belong to Coahoma, however, as the Bulldogs outscored the Buffs, 21-16.

Coahoma was led on thenight by Davis' 29 points. while Mulkey chipped in 25. Tindol also finished in double figures with 11.

primarily Louder was Stanton's offense, finishing the night with 25 points. Luis Chappa scored eight for the Buffs, while Jesse Deleon added six.



Coahoma's Liz Conley (24) passes the ball to a teer Coahoma. Buildogettes games earlier this season

outscoring the Bulldogettes by a 20-1 clip. That stretched the Stanton lead to an insurmountable 35 points at 54-19. The fourth period was cosmetic as Stanton put it on cruise control, coasting the rest of the way for the victory. The Lady Buffs were lead by

Newell's 18 points, with Washington and Cook scoring 17 and 13, respectively. Kristi Bridges would just miss the double figure plateau scoring nine points for the Lady Buffs.

Coshoma, on the other hand, had nobody reach double digits.

Lauren Yeater and Michelle Walker would score five apiece in the losing effort for

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A powerfull back, he he Coyotes reach t for the first t 2000 this past fa Other key pl will be playi



Forsan eighth grader shines in motocross debut

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor Corbin Brown likes to

go fast. He runs fast. He thinks

fast and plays fast. Then when he gets serious, he rides even faster.

Brown, an eighth grader at Forsan Junior High School, made a quick debut onto the motocross scene last week when he won his first-ever indoor event in front of a large crowd in the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

16th in the state in the 16 & Under Enduro Large Wheel standings, adjusted to his new surroundings in a fast way. In his first heat indoors, he breezed to a win and advanced to the Friday night finals of his 125cc Division.

broke from the starting gate in grand fashion. Over the first two laps of the race, he stood second only a few seconds behind the leader. He rallied on

and passing the leader with relative ease. Brown led the final five

ly took the victory. "For his rookie year, he's doing great," said his mother Angela Brown, who said her son hoped to compete in the Loretta Lynn **Moto-Nationals** later this year.

The following day, Brown, who began riding just 15 months ago on the Enduro – a cross country form of racing - circuit, qualified in two events. In the 125cc main performance, he posted a wireto-wire win. Despite a solid ride, he placed fourth in the Intermediate division standings.

On Sunday, despite falling twice, Brown easily won an event Midland by half a lap.

Brown is scheduled to ride with Dwayne Fulgham and Michael Wilson as part of the Big Spring Motocross team this coming season.



the ensuing lap, catching laps of the event and easi-

Brown, who is ranked

In the finals, Brown

SPORTS



Sands senior Heath Webb was one of five Mustangs named to the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's all-state team. Webb was the second-leading tackler in the state this past fall.

Five Mustangs earn all-state accolades

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

On the field, the Sands Mustangs were pretty impressive this past season as they raced to the state[¶] six-man football semifinals. They aren't too bad on paper, either. Sands had five starters

placed on the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association's 2002 allstate team

matching the highest number of players' slected to the roster by state champion Calvert.

Senior Heath Webb highlighted the Mustang nominations. He earned his second-straight firstteam all-state selection on defense. As Sands' middle linebacker, Webb was the second-leading tackler in

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Mustangs' Webb invited to play in all-star game

By TOMMY WELLS

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Over the past two years. Sands' Heath Webb has been among the best linebackers in the state. Come July 19, he'll get the chance to join up with the rest of the state's best at the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Game.

(b.Webb was one of 30-sintoman players from throughout the state invited to participate in the game, which will be played in Lubbock this summer. Coaches choose two players from each district and divided them into an East-West format. Webb was a standout for the Mustangs this past season. He helped Sands advance to within a game of the state finals with a dominating effort on both sides of the line of scrimmage. As a linebacker, Webb racked up 171 tackles. A preseason all-America pick, his total was the second-highest in the state. Offensively, Webb powered the Mustangs' shortvardage game. He scored seven touchdowns in Sands' playoff four games. Overall, he rushed for more than 600 yards for the year. Joining Webb in representing District 6 on the West roster will be Borden County's Talin Pepper. A powerfull running back, he helped the Coyotes reach the playoffs for the first time since 2000 this past fall.

TSMCA All-Stars

Here is the list of players who have qualified for the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association all-star game this summer in Lubbock.

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game include 2003 Texas 2,300 yards this past year Football Six-Man Player of the Year Brandon Hoskins and Sanderson standout Paul Green.

Abbott's Josh Nor and Strawn's Jake Popham will lead the East. Popham racked up over

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Big Spring's 'Bubba' Franks named to spot on NFL

HERALD Staff Report Former Big Spring High School standout Daniel "Bubba" Franks continues to make a name for himself in the National Football League.

A tight end for the Green Bay Packers,

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the state this past fall. In the Mustangs' 14 games, he racked up 156 tackles. Only Strawn's Jonathan Parsons made more stops in 2002, recording 171 tackles.

Webb waswasn't the only Sands standout to earn first-team accolades. Jeremy Renteria was named to the first unit at quarterback after turning in a stellar senior campaign. En route to leading Sands to its second-ever trip to the state semifinals. Renteria passed for 1,818 yards and 34 touchdowns by completing 106of 195 attempts.

His total yards passing and TDs thrown statistics were among the top three in the United States this fall. Only "Wellman's Chris Gibson and Ft. Elliott's Jason Hathaway. respectively, had more yards throwing and more touchdowns.

Sands, which averaged almost 400 yards a game this past fall under head coach Larry Reid, had three players named to the second-team, including running back Nate Looney, end Brandon Woods and center Catlin Barraza.

Looney carried the SHS offense for much of the year. He rolled up 1,765 and a team-high 21 rushing on only 174 carries. He also caught 20 passes for 464 yards and six

named as one of only 10 elite players on the 2002 NFL Alumni Player of the Year honor list.

Former NFL players voted 10 current players and one coach as 2002 NFL ALumni Player of the Year honorees. This is

Woods, the only under-

classman starter at Sands

this fall, was a second-

team pick at end. As a

junior, the 6-foot-1 stand-

out led the team in receiv-

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and 12 receiving TDs. His

receiving totals were the

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Calvert, which rallied

from a 32-point halftime

state title in December.

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in 2002.

Franks was recently the 21st year the NFL Alumni has held balloting for its Player of the Year awards.

The players were hon-ored by a voting process in which former players. cast ballots for their modern counterparts. Former pros vote only for the

played themselves. Players who played both ways are allowed two votes - one each for the offensive and defensive

position they played. Now in his third season in the NFL, Franks has 121 pass receptions and 16 touchdowns. In 15 games this season, he had a r-high 51 catches for

Franks was a secondteam all-state selection his senior year at Big Spring under head coach Dwight Butler. After graduation, he spent three years at the University of Miami, where he started 2 1/2 seasons. Franks finished at Miami as the

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Awards Dinner Jan. 25 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego.



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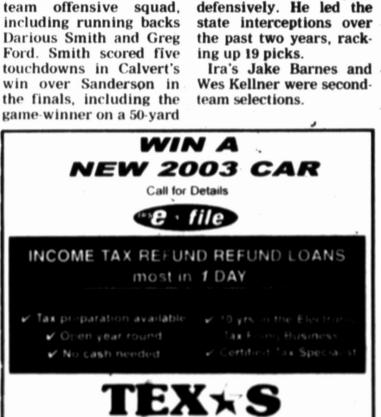
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Keith Graumann's musical talent lifted him from the rugged oil fields of West Texas to the rustic Italian landscape before his dreams came crashing down.

The son of Howard County oil pumping business owners, the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus conductor grew up in the oil field but music engrossed his life.

"My sister and I were afforded music lessons as children, piano and organ lessons," Graumann said. "In junior high, I became interested in choir."

After high school graduation. Graumann headed to Texas Christian University where music consumed his life.

"A music major commits his life to music," Graumann said. "He barely has time for anything else."

After transferring to the University of Oklahoma, Graumann earned his first professional job by the age of 20 as a church music director and ambitiously directed a performance of Mendelssohn's "Messiah."

"That was the first taste of orchestral music," he said. "It was my first inclination I wanted to pursue orchestral music. also."

A lofty goal, Graumann admitted, since only 1,200 positions for conductors of professional orchestras exist in the United States

"There are very few conducting positions for professional orchestras in this country," Graumann said. "To set out to become one - it's not realistic."

Yet, Graumann did exactly that and his passion took an even stronger hold of his life.

Oklahoma's orchestra while continuing his position as

the church choir director and working with

the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra. "I felt like I was totally immersed

in what I wanted to do,"



"It was so difficult for me, I sought refuse in my hometown and family," Graumann said.

Graumann was hired as a sales manager for the family business and he and Ann began a new life. Music was left behind but the pain in his back continued.

"Sometimes I would go through periods where the pain was so great I would have to lay on the floor for two or three weeks at a time," he said

For the next eight years, Graumann had more than dozen injections to treat his constant pain until an answer turned up close to home.

"My sister in Dallas had been to the Texas Back Institute for her neck problems," he said. "She suggested I go there. They maintain a clinic in Midland-Odessa. I went there, and the surgeon looked at all my MRIs and asked 'Well, do you want to keep going like this or do you want me to fix it?' Ann and I stared at him. 'You can fix it?' I asked."

Graumann underwent surgery that put titanium implants in his lower back.

"I was forewarned the surgery was so severe it would take me a full year to recover," he said.

And suffer he did, but the surgery worked.

"The pain will never be gone but it is so much better than years before," he said "I'm 80 percent handicapped.

As Graumann began to feel better, his thoughts turned back to his first love.

"I learned the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale was looking for an interim conductor," he said. "I thought about it for several months before I applied. I wasn't sure my body could physi-

As a graduate student, Graumann was the assistant director of the University cally conduct for a period of time and worried that that my music skills would not return."

> "He took the change and it proved a fisuccess. 'It was so exciting returning to music," he said. "The

> > first day of rehearsal

Graumann said. "I had very few distractions. I had a real insatiable appetite for learning."

Earning a distinguished Fulbright Scholarship to Italy allowed Graumann to research original works of Vivaldi for his doctoral dissertation. "That was pretty

cool." he said. "When you're presented as a Fulbright Scholar it opens doors anywhere in the country and that includes the Vatican, libraries. I was able to view priceless works of art."

While in Italy, Graumann finally found something to compete with his passion for music

- a young blond Scottish woman named Ann, who would later become his wife.

Upon earning his doctorate, Graumann was hired at Brazosport College in Lake Jackson as the director of choral activities and then at Livingston University in Alabama.

By the 1990s, his career was in full bloom and then one day his life changed when Graumann suffered shooting, totally incapacitating pain. Tests revealed he suffered from two ruptured discs.

"It was an injury that could have happened years before," he said.

Surgery corrected the situation, he thought, until the next year, when the pain returned.

Several surgical techniques failed to correct the problem.

"They told me I was not a candidate for further surgery because of all the scare tissue," he said. "They encouraged me to simply find something else with my life because I would not be conducting again."

And suddenly his life in music was at an end, or so he thought.

Big Spring Symphony schedule

Feb. 8, "A Choral Extravaganza, 8 p.m., Big Spring **Municipal Auditorium.**

April 12, "A Night in Vienna," 8 p.m., Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

July 3, "Pops in the Park," Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

Ticket information

Tickets are available at the following businesses: Big Spring Symphony and Guild office, 808 Scurry; the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry; Blum's Jewelers, inside the Big Spring Mall; Dunlaps, 111 E. Marcy; First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700; and Fay's Flowers, 1018 Gregg St. 'Tickets price \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$5 for students.

the pain was almost gone because of adrenaline the and excitement."

2002. In Graumann was invited to become the conductor of the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus. "I hope my continued good enables health me to continue for years to come," he

said.

From top, Keith Graumann poses for a professional picture, at left he conducts the Big Spring Symphony during the Pops in the Park concert held on July 3, in the Comanche Trail Park. At bottom, Graumann leads the music before a crowd of thousands for the 2002 Pops concert.

Photos provided by Keith Graumann and the Herald.

Story by Staff Writer Lyndel Moody



WEDDING



THIXTON-NICHOLS

and John Paul Nichols exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 24, 2003, at 14th & Main Street Church of Christ with Pat Ray officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Wesley and Betty Thixton and the granddaughter of Garner and Eunice Thixton and Nona and the late Alfred J. Stanley.

The groom is the son of Bob and Pam Nichols and the grandson of Melba Nichols and the John and Eulene Jones.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Wesley Thixton, and wore a gown of ivory organza and satin from the designers of Jasmine. The strap less gown featured a fitted bodice that was adorned with beaded Venise lace further embellished with pearls and crystal beads. The aline skirt swept into a School and a Junior at chapel length train. The organza overlay of the gown formed a split apron back revealing the satin layer underneath appliquéd with Venise lace. She wore an ivory organza chapel length veil and carried 18 red roses with white stephanotis. Maid of honor was Penni Kothmann. Bridesmaids were Andrea Gillespie and Amanda Flowergirls Breyman.

Church News and

Club News should

be turned in by

Wednesday noon

before the Friday

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appear, are

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and will run as

space allows.

We're Always There

Kristen Dawn Thixton were Charlene Stanley and Kay'C Stanley. Ringbearer was Kaleb Stanley.

> Best man was Shawn Branham. Groomsmen were Johnny Garcia and Bill Barnes. Candlelighter was Clinton Stanley: Ushers were Derek Wash, Jim Bob Nichols and Clay Thixton. Guests were registered by Rachel Clinton, Aarika Thixton and Kaylon Stanley.

A reception was held at the fellowship hall of 14th & Main Street Church of Christ.

The bride's cake was a three-tier wedding cake with roses and stephanotis surrounding each laver.

The groom's cake was a chocolate sheet cake depicting a cotton farm scene complete with red barn and tractors."

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Forsan High



PHILLIPS-PRICE

Jason Price, both of Channing, will exchange wedding vows on Mar. 8, 2003, at 14th & Main Street Church of Christ with James Kinnaird, of 12th Street Church of

Chanda Phillips and Christ of Seagraves, officiating. She is the daughter of

Bill and Sharon Phillips of Dumas. He is the son of Steve and Jennifer Price.

ENGAGEMENT





SHEPPARD-WOMACK

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Dan and June Sheppard ated from of Belton announce the engagement of their Mindi daughter, Sheppard, to Jerod Womack, son of Brent and Martha of Brady. The bride-elect graduated from Midland Christian High School and is a senior nursing school stu-

Midland **Christian High School** and the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. He attended graduate school Texas Christian University. He is a teacher and a coach at Salado High School. The couple plans a 4 p.m. wedding ceremony June 14 at Christian

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milk/cornbrea FRIDAY rice casserole etables, spin rolls, milk, fri **BIG SPR**

UTPB, Odessa The groom is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School and 2001

graduate of Tarleton State University The couple are owners of Klassic Kleaners.

Following a wedding trip to Fredericksburg. the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

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FEATURES

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r this month's column I am going to go a little South

2003

Spring. My uncle, Charles Ray Settles, sent this to me the other day and I wanted to share

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this with all of you. The following was in his e-mail to me:

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SETTLES

Thought you might find this interesting. It was sent to me by Susan Cordill. I recall the **Overton's and Tates were** ranchers in the area and

were neighbors of W.R. and B.H. Settles families. THE GOOD OLD DAYS Franklin Carl Tate Jr.

May 5, 1958 If you have a moment let us look back a few years over the last part of the roaring 20s. There is not too much we can learn about the state of government or about the world's problems. I have talked to a few of these people that lived back there in that age, known as the good old days. They remember most about their school, towns and where they were then. They were on the move looking for a better job.

We find this condition even around Big Spring because oil had just been found. First a little town

of Chalk sprang up. Then another town called Ross City a little to the west and another named Forsan.

There was a big ranch owned by W.R. Settles. As the oil was discovered on his ranch and people came from every which way. Mr. Settles knew the need of a school and set aside 10 acres of land for it. The land was in the southwest corner of the ranch on the San Angelo Highway. In 1926 the school was built. It was a two room

school building with two teachers. The school was named after the creek which ran near by. It was Panther Draw. The school grew a little until 1929 and 30 when it had its biggest enrollment.

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in every grade and had a total of about 30 students if they were all present. The school had its hard times which was just about all the time.

The school had a student

Sometimes the teachers went without pay for a while. They were always paid in the end. The boys of the school carried the wood in and built the fire everyday. The boys had another job, too.

The only way to get to school was by horseback or walk. Those boys were just about like some of today. They loved to miss class. No one will ever know how many times they missed trying to catch the horses.

These two teachers have already been forgotten, but what they taught

SANDS CISD

will never be forgotten. We owe a lot of thanks to these teachers who helped train 30 of the best citizens you can find.

Let us take a little walk north on the highway which never saw payment. This is only about a half mile until we come to the little town of Drumright.

It has two stations, two stores and one boarding house. This town grew overnight. It started in 1929 and was just about gone in 1935. This was one of the nicer towns that sprung up. They never had a killing. This town was said to have a bootlegger. There was a place called Dad's Place. There was something always funny about this

place. Dad ran it and wouldn't tell anyone his real name. Boy, he had the best 7 Ups in that town. No one ever got drunk from beer but many a person did from Dad's 7 Up. The work fell off and the town went down as fast as it was built.

Let us go on north on the highway about three miles and we found a town called Midway. It had three stations and a store. This didn't turn into much of a town.

. Today you can find an old stone station still standing. You know when the moon is in full and at night you can still see cars pull up and stop.

I just hope they have more luck buying gasoline than I did.

STORKS

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Orlando Sanchez III. boy, born Dec. 26, 2002, at 3:56 weighing 6 pounds. 13 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Parents are Tiffany Dawson and Orlando Sanchez, Jr. Grandparents are Estella and Orlando Sanchez. Irma Cano and Donnell Dawson of Seattle WA.

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Kevin Gamez, boy, born Jan. 17, 2003, at 11:41 weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Parents are Katherine and Eduardo Gamez. Grandparents are Katy and Eseugiel Hernandez, Isbella and Magdaleno Gamez of Mexico and Nora and Valentin Garica of Auroura Co.

Hannah Kate Williams, girl, born Jan. 19, 2003, at

1:18 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are Chad and Williams. Angie Grandparents are Robert and Rhonda Haves. Tony Jackson and Clarence Williams of Forsan.

Kevin Mathew

Rodriguez, boy. born Jan. 26, 2003, at 10.10 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Parent is Rodriguez Grandparent is Marie Morena Rodriguez.

... Alyssa Nicole Martinez girl, born Jan. 22, 2003, av 12:52 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long Parents are Stephanie Lucio and Cesar Martinez. Grandparents are Sam and Lisa Rodriguez and Baltaźar and Rosa Martinez 'of Ackerly.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

MONDAY – Chicken, rice, broccoli & cheese, salad, milk/rolls, fruit. **TUESDAY** – Stew, carrot salad, cornbread, milk, pie.

WEDNESDAY Smothered steak, macaroni & tomatoes, spinach, cucumber salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

THURSDAY - Catfish, French fries, Brussels sprouts. coleslaw. milk/cornbread, cobbler.

FRIDAY - Chicken & rice casserole, mixed vegetables, spinach salad, rolls, milk, fruit.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY - Chicken rings, mashed potatoes, California vegetables, rosy applesauce, roll.

TUESDAY — Beef taco, salad, pinto beans. Spanish rice, blooming cake.

WEDNESDAY Pancake, sausage link, cheese bites, hashbrown,

toast, sausage juice, syrup, milk. WEDNESDAY

Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk. **THURSDAY** – Donuts, sausage, juice, milk. FRIDAY — Sweetened rice, sausage, fruit, milk. LUNCH BBQ MONDAY sausage (burritos), corn. cheese. macaroni & peaches, bread, milk. TUESDAY – Chicken

spaghetti (BBQ on bun & chips), carrot sticks, peas, bread, milk WEDNESDAY

Homemade burritos (corndogs), ranch beans, peaches, milk. THURSDAY - Chicken

nuggets, gravy, breaded okra, mashed potato, rolls, milk.

FRIDAY Hamburgers, spicey fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

BREAKFAST MONDAY – Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk. **TUESDAY** – Muffins for Mom, donuts for Dad,

juice, milk. WEDNESDAY Muffins for Mom, donuts

for Dad, juice, milk. **THURSDAY** – Muffins for Mom, donuts for Dad,

juice, milk. FRIDAY ----Cereal, Nutrigrain bar, juice, milk.

LUNCH MONDAY – Ravioli, garlic toast, green beans,

fruit, milk. TUESDAY

Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fruit, milk. WEDNESDAY

Hamburgers, waffle fries, pickle, Rice Krispie treat, fruit/milk. THURSDAY – Chicken

salad sandwich, chips, pickle spears, fruit, milk. FRIDAY - Steak finmashed potatoes/gravy. peas.

fruit, rolls/milk

BREAKFAST **MONDAY** – Pancake on a stick, milk, juice **TUESDAY** – Potato and egg burritos, milk, juice WEDNESDAY Breakfast pizza, milk, juice **THURSDAY** – Donuts, milk, juice.

FRIDAY – cereal, milk, juice LUNCH MONDAY – BBQ on

bun, ranch style beans, fruit or cake, milk TUESDAY – Chicken

strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, applesauce, milk. WEDNESDAY - Nacho grande, chips, salad,

pinto beans, cornbread, cake, milk. THURSDAY - Steak fingers w/gravy, blackeyed peas, sliced potatoes,

hot roll, pudding, milk. FRIDAY - Speghetti w/meat, salad, corn bat terbread, fruit, fiffik.

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Online job connection WorkInTexas will debut this month on the Internet

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By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor Job seekers and employers will find a new method of interacting in February.

It's called WorkInTexas, an Internetbased, selfhelp job matching system.

"It offers and new exciting ways for employers to use

in BELEW recruiting

applicants, as well as for job seekers that desire a quicker, more efficient way of accessing jobs," said Virginia Belew, area manager for the Workforce Network: "Employers and individuals will easily manage their own accounts. Job seekers will type in their personal data, set up an Internet account and will receive instant messages from employers that want to interview them.

Employers can make immediate matches and request resumes to view before they select those they wish to interview. Both employers and job seekers will be able to keep a record of all activity and make quicker contact with each other. Belew said

individual "The accounts will also give information about scheduled events at the Workforce Network and any special information area employers want us to announce," said added. "The accounts will remain very secure and confidentiality will be protected."



BUSINESS AND AGRICULTUR

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Lydia Perez, Workforce Network Center of Big Spring assistant manager, looks up a site on the Internet as Mary Thompson, case manager, looks on. The new WorkInTexas Web site will be up later this month.

goes on-line, the current Workforce Texas Commission's Jobs Express will become obsolete. . 1 1 1 1 1 1 "For those individuals who have existing accounts, those will con-

rent services, it was determined that a quick The Workforce Network and more efficient way will provide employer for both to make job matches. demonstrations at "Immediate active has become very important to 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. the business community

Pipeline Group presents annual education dinner Feb. 13 at the fair barn **HERALD Staff Report**

Safety is the major theme of a program and scheduled dinner Thursday, Feb. 13 in Big Spring.

The Pipeline Group's annual Public Education – Contractor Awareness Program, is set for 6:30 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn. Big John's Feed Lot will cater the dinner, which is free to anyone involved in excavationrelated activities in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling

counties. Following the dinner, a program stressing the importance of accident prevention will be held. Key issues will include: identifying pipeline and utility rights of way,

 use of one-call systems,

· the importance 'of working with pipeline See SAFETY, Page 58

Crops conference planned Tuesday in Martin county

Special to the Herald

The Permian Bastn ics include: - Dr. Dan Krieg of **Crops Conference will get** under way at 8:30 a.m. Texas Tech University on cotton fertility and physi the Martin Tuesday ology County Community Center in Stanton. of the Texas Cooperative The program will run Extension on weed identiuntil 3 p.m. and lunch will be provided. See CROPS, Page 5B Registration is \$15 at the

To RSVP or for m 800 982.8752 or visi the Pipeline Gro

utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

The state law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will also be discussed.

Sponsors will provide promotional materials. including notification information for their companies, safety-related brochures and other safety reminders. An FBI agent has been

invited this year

Speakers and their top-

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Special to the Herald

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The deadline for farmers and

ranchers in Howard County to

sign up for 2003 cost-share

through the Senate Bill 503

Water Quality Program is Feb.

These funds are primarily

used to develop and improve

irrigation practices. This pro-

gram also ensures proper nutri-

ent and pest management prac-

tices are applied to enable agri-

cultural operations to meet

vert to WorkInTexas said Belew. "Those indi viduals will be able to logon soon to update and complete the additional information required." Statewide, more than 1.8

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Cost-share funds available

tion or converting an existing

The advantage of participat-

ing in this program is that if a

farmer or rancher develops and

maintains a site-specific water

quality management program

plan through the local Howard

Soil and Water Conservation

District and the plan is certified

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million job candidates are represented each year. And with more than 465,000 employers utilizing the Workforce's cur-

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A water quality management

plan includes appropriate land

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For more information, contact

the Howard Soil and Water

Conservation District before

Feb. 14 at 267-1871 ext. 1 or

come by the USDA Service

Center at 302 West Interstate 20,

cost share include drip irriga- regarding nonpoint source dis-

ment.

Suite 101.

and the new system meets customer demand and makes the most use of current technology available," said Belew.

See WORK, Page 5B

Western National Bank slates ground-breaking ceremony here

Special to the Herald

Western National Bank will break ground on its newest branch bank at 607 Scurry in **Big Spring during ceremonies** at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"We are pleased to extend our state-of-the-art banking services and lending capability into Big Spring," said Jack Wood, CEO. "We are grateful to the citizens and business community of Big Spring who have welcomed us so warmly.'

Western National, a \$300

million Permian Basin bank, has branches in Odessa and Midland. The bank also operates all automated teller machines at regional 7-Eleven Convenience Stores in West Texas and Southeast New Mexico.

"We are looking forward to doing business in Big Spring and bringing our capability and capacity to bear for the businesses and consumers here," said Scott Bolton, managing executive for the new bank.

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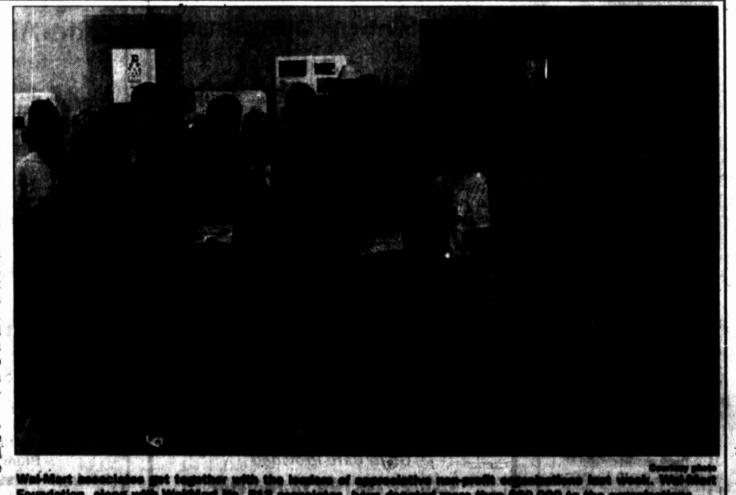
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Special to the Herald

Wal-Mart associates in Big Spring took time to meet with representatives of the non-profit organizations that have received donations from the company during the past year. They include, in no particular order, Myra Robinson, John Ferguson and Billye McLaughlin with the Big Spring Area Community Foundation: Mayor Bill Reed, city of Coahoma Parks & **Recreation**; **Barbara Morris** Melissa Rogers, and American Cancer Society: Malcolm Pointon. Christ's **Community Church: Leslie** Williams, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; and Lonnie Smith, Big Spring Police Department.

Still others were Debbie Klepper, Howard College literacy program; Melissa Brooks, Howard County Extension, 4-H; Evelyn Elrod and Rose Stukel, Howard County Council on Aging, Meals on Wheels; Shann Thomas, Victim Services; Elizabeth Wallace, West Texas Food Bank; Cap. Russ Kenney, Salvation Army; Payne, Guy Special **Olympics. Wal-Mart's Daryl** Holley and associates also donated to the Borden **County Extension Office, 4-**H.

The Wal-Mart Foundation. along with the local store associations, have donated more than \$60,000 back to the Howard County community.



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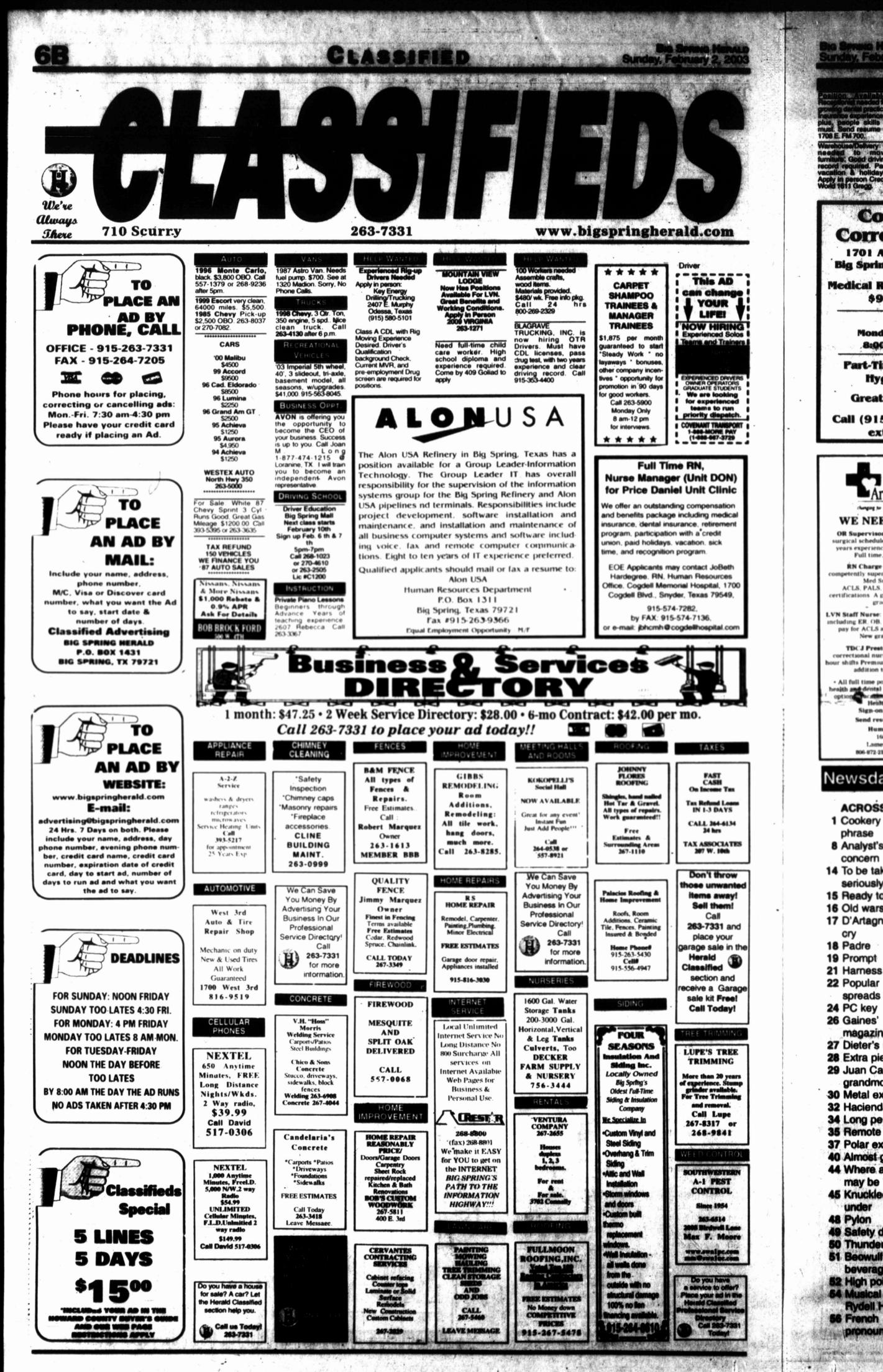
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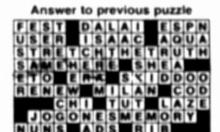
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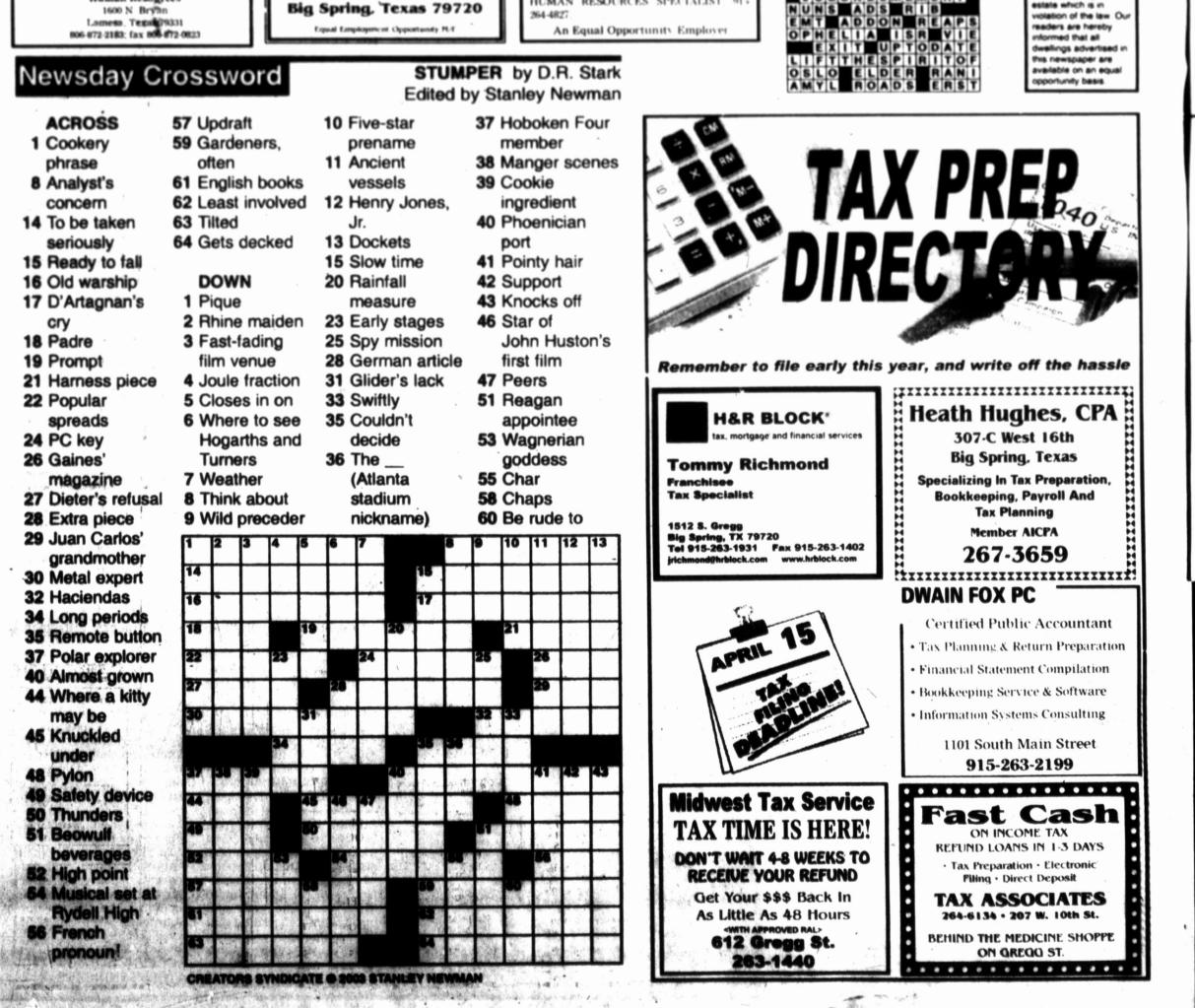
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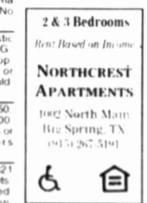
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003:

You're unusually powerful and charismatic this year, making what you want and need happen. You find that others are more than ready to pitch in and help. You make new possibilities happen where others might often be baffled. Loosen up and make more out of your life and needs. Often, your intuition leads you, but on the other hand, you could be overly sensitive as well. Learn to share more of what you feel. If you are single, a special relationship heads your way. What you do with it is your choice. You could easily be a duo by this time next year. If you are attached, your relationship benefits from more spontaneous happenings together. **PISCES** adores you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You hit a home run in the morning, when your energy peaks. You could feel as if certain matters are out of control. Express more of what you feel with someone at a distance. You can drive a hard bargain if you so choose. Think carefully. Tonight: Take some personal time

This Week: Hold back. On Wednesday, the Moon in your sign makes you a star. Go for what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** You could be

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uncomfortable with se one's hard push. You still respond strongly, offering many different possibilities. Unexpected disagreements shed a different light on a situation. Let someone else pitch in and make a difference. Tonight: Where your friends are. This Week: Where your

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friends are is where you want to be. Remember, there is work, or else you will pay the piper.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Keep detaching, and you'll gain a deeper, more perspective. profound **Opportunities come flying at** you, often causing you to stop. Consider, weigh and think. You could discover that you like being in the driver's seat; then nearly anything is possible. Tonight: A must show.

This Week: You're in the limelight. Take your bows. Accept the applause. Timing works for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You know much more than you might be aware of. Take a risk. Trust someone with a long-term desire. Together you make opportunities happen. Work within a partnership, and you'll both gain. Talk about your longterm goals while you take a drive in the country. Tonight: Opt for something different.

This Week: Before presenting an idea, check out facts and figures. From Wednesday on, others will listen.

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Your efforts do make a difference. Carefully consider your options that revolve ind a partnership. You ht not be exactly sure what you want or where you're heading. Talk openly with a loved one, friend or partner. You get key feed-back. Tonight: Do just what a loved one wants. This Week: Carefully

check out what is happening with a partner. Together you become a powerful team. You might want to step back more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You often make decisions that toss others into confusion. Listen well to someone close. This person often thinks like you do. What he or she says strikes a familiar chord. Energize in the afternoon. Brainstorm. A relationship could be heating up considerably. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

This Week: Others reach for you, interested in what you want and need. Relate to associates on a one-on-one level this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Someone's creativity emerges when you start talking about plans. Perhaps throw a party for friends, or do something that helps you network and reach more of your friends. Relax this afternoon, perhaps with the paper, or go off to the movies. Tonight: Make it easy.

This Week: Dig into work Monday as if there is no tomorrow. By Wednesday, a major distraction arrives on the scene.

SCÓRPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** You might not be sure about a family member. Clear out a problem ahead of time. Don't allow a situation to become difficult unnecessarily. Your imagination triggers solutions left and right. Let go and start having fun with a loved one or a friend. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: Dance to a new tune - i.e., try another approach with a boss. You get more done this way. Do what works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You might not be sure which way to go with a child or loved one. Keep

could happen if you just let go and relax. Take the after-noon off just to be with that special someone. You will have a good time anywhere. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Keep reaching ut for others. Someone CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19) **** Handle a money matter in the morning, when you might feel more up to snuff. Someone might want something that you cannot give. Take an overview, considering other ways you can make what you want happen. Think through your opportunities. Tonight: Listen to another's suggestion.

This Week: Ask for the help you need. You will get it. By Wednesday, close your door if you want to get any work done.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Realize just what a difference you can make. Someone might push hard to understand what is happening within a relationship. You also might not have the right answers. Deal with using finances your instincts. Someone might want to treat you or do something special for you. Tonight: Spring for dinner.

This Week: Deal with finances first, then trust that you will work everything else out. Communication is key in a major issue at the end of the week.

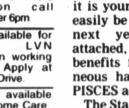
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Step back in the morning. when you might feel as if you have less control than you would like. In fact, be lazy. Enjoy yourself. Come afternoon, you could feel recharged. Let spontaneity be your guide. Friends push and pull for your company. Tonight: As you like it.

This Week: You enter your power days at the beginning of the week. Zoom in on the basics, remaining confident in your abilities.

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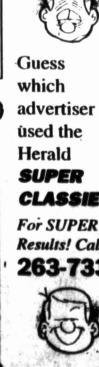
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est penahies and costs and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penañies, and costs, and thereon allowed by law up to and including the day of udgment herein You are hereby notified that sul has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against CECIL CRENSHAW AND WIFE, IDA JOE CRENSHAW, as Defendants(s) by first am ed petition filed on the 5th DAY OF July, 2002, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CECIL CRENSHAW & WIFE, IDA JOE CRENSHAW collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the number of said suit is T-96-10-4391 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE Plaintiffs and all other taxing nits who may set up their tai claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establish and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same as provided by law. All-parties to this suit, including

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am an elementary school teacher. Last spring, I was assaulted by an older student who has a checkered mental health history. He broke my wrist and crushed my foot. I was out of work for several months, and received a job transfer to a new school so that I would not have to return to the scene of the trauma

Unfortunately, some of my new co-workers have been spreading vicious gossip about my situation. One teacher told everyone that I made up the story about the boy and was actually injured while rollerblading. Another said I was faking my injuries in order to collect workmen's compensation. A few assume I must be lying because otherwise, I would have pressed criminal charges against this mentally disturbed child. I chose not to, because this boy was obviously not in control of himself, and his family has enough to deal with. I saw no reason to make his situation worse.

I need to work with these people every day, and it has become impossible. I am in the process of hunting for another position, but that may not happen for quite a while. How can I maintain my dignity around these hurtful, petty people? My reputation is important to me. — Love Teaching, Not Teachers, in Boston

Dear Boston: The best defense is a good offense. Holding your head up high is lalways admirable, but there is no reason you can-not correct a misimpression when you hear it. It's per-fectly OK to stand up to gossipmongers and them understand that marks are hurtful. if you have some ers, let them spread



Annie's Mailbox

the word that you are tired of the nasty innuendo and they should knock it off. If that doesn't help, ask the principal for assistance.

Dear Annie: I'm expecting my first baby in a few months. A friend is planning to give a baby shower for me. Is it OK for me to put on the invitation that I would like all baby clothing to be either white or cream in color? I dislike pastel colors and would prefer not to receive them as gifts. Is this proper? - New Mom in Montreal

Dear New Mom: No. You cannot tell guests what to buy for a baby shower, although if asked, your friends can spread the word. Graciously accept whatever they give you, and any item you don't like can be returned or exchanged. (Once the baby spits up on those clothes a few times, you won't care what color they are.) To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read

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