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Teen guiltv

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Big Spring teen-ager Castaneda Melanie pleaded guilty to the murder of Harlan Jene Patton this morning in 118th District Court.

Eighteen-yeaf-old Castaneda, who was scheduled to stand trail for capital murder Tuesday, will serve a 60-year prison term for her part in the murder of the elderly man.

"We're satisfied with the plea for a number of District reasons.' Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said. "First and foremost, we secured her testimony for the (Tommy) Rodriguez trial on Feb. 18."

Rodriguez, 16, was certified to stand trail as an adult for the

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MONDAY February 3, 2003 WEATHER

Fla. (AP) - NASA engineers settled into their long, joyless task of figuring out how space shuttle Columbia broke apart. saying conditions in the shuttle's final minutes point to a possible problem with its critical heat-

NASA says new evidence shows that the temperature on Columbia's left side shot up and the ship was buffeted by greater wind resistance before it disintegrated over Texas, killing all 7 astronauts aboard. Those conditions forced its automatic pilot to quickly change course.

these events suggests that thermal tiles may have been damaged during launch. The shuttle's exterior is covered with thousands of tiles designed to protect it from the extreme heat of re-entry

Despite the possible liminary

detective Dittemore said. "But

NASA: Temperature shot up pleads before Columbia came apart

We're Always There

CAPE CANAVERAL, protection tiles.

The combination of

clues, shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore stressed Sunday that the information was only pre-"We've got some more

work," we're making progress



Members of the FBI, NASA and Texas law enforcement talk on the side of a dirt road near Hemphill on Sunday. Human remains, presumed to be from an astronaut of the space shuttle Columbia, were found near the road. Seven astronauts were killed when space shuttle Columbia exploded during re-entry Saturday.

morning, state and feder an Air Force base in administrator

radioed to Earth by The debris was being arranged a meeting Saturday on its way Columbia on Saturday catalogued and trucked to Monday with NASA toward a landing in Sean Florida. temperatures

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inch by inch. While engineers at the Johnson Space Center in Houston analyzed billions of bits of electronic data

al officials collected bits and pieces of the shattered spacecraft over a broad swath of east Texas and Louisiana

Louisiana. Some human remains also have been recovered from the astronaut crew.

President Bush had

O'Keefe to get an update on the disaster.

Computer data indicates that moments before Columbia broke apart on

rose in the wheel well and on the fuselage on the left side of the shuttle. The

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BANK GROUNDBREAKING

Western National Bank will break ground on its newest branch bank at 607 Scurry in Big Spring during ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. The public is invited.

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Scouts bring home the goods

Local troops gather some 4,000 pounds

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer In accordance with the Scout Law, which directs all Boy Scouts to be helpful, kind and thrifty, Big Spring's scouts put in a day's good work Saturday, collecting about 4,000 pounds of canned food for the needy. The total blew away the

scouts' goal of 3,000 pounds, said Buffalo Trail Council District Executive Director Warren Wallace. "We generally deliver

between 3,000 and 5,000 pounds of food to the Salvation Army and the Wallace food bank," added.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan residents filled plastic or paper sacks with nonperishable food items and placed them on their porch or driveway Saturday morning. The scouts made the rounds and collected the generous donations.

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Big Spring Scouts Connor Furqueron, left, and Chas Anderson of Cub Pack 305 and Michael Steelman of Troop 16 collect a load of canned goods left during the Scouting for Food drive Saturday. The drive, benefitting the Salvation Army and the food bank, raised about 4,000 pounds of food.

Volunteers offering up sweet deals

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor If you want to be a hit with your sweetheart this Valentine's Day one way



es there. RUSSWORM

Flowers, a foot-wide cookie, chocolates and a bear?

How about a basket with a small stuffed animal, an ivy plant or a singing telegram?

Gifts range in price from \$10 to \$35 and the money raised goes to the Volunteer Services Council at the hospital.

"Our goal is to net a little more than \$7,000. We're a little concerned about economy but the gifts are very reasonably said Billie priced." Russworm, director of community relations. "We have gifts ranging from \$10 to \$35, delivered.

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LOCAL

A BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Roscoe L. Gillean



Roscoe L. Gillean, 81, formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, in a Richardson nursing home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt, Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on July 5, 1911, in Waxahachie and married Dorothy Hendrix on Feb. 19, 1943, in San Diego, Calif. She preceded him in death on July 18, 1988.

Roscoe was a 1929 graduate of Big Spring High School. He completed pre-med requirements at Baylor University after the summer of 1931 and later attended the University of Texas completing his major requirements for geology in 1938.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He moved back to Big Spring in 1954 from Stamford. Roscoe raised quarter horses and thoroughbreds and was employed by the Texas Employment Commission until his retirement.

He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Steve Blair of Austin and Jeanie and Alan Moore of Plano; four grandchildren, Scott Blair, Tyson Blair, Brandt Hamby and wife, Mary Ann, and Jami Carter; one great-grandson, Hogan Andre Hamby; two nieces, Gaylon Hobbs and Julia Mary Gillean; three nephews, Otho Gillean, Lexington Gillean, and Robert William Gillean.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, R.D. and Otho Gillean and one sister, Florence Kneer Crittenden.

The family suggests memorials to the Buckner Orphan Care International, 4830 Samuel Blvd., Dallas, 75228 or the Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, 79408

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

James Danford Averitt

James Danford Averitt, 71, of Coahoma died on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, in a local hospital. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Monday, February 3, 2003, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Tommy Franklin, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park

He was born on Oct. 31, 1931 in San Angelo. Mr. Averitt was a used car dealer in Howard County for 33 years and had been a draftsman for American Petrofina for 15 years.

¹ He was a Baptist. He served with the United States Army Corps of Engineers from 1950 to 1952 in the

Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St., Big Spring 79720. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Katie Harwood

Katie Harwood, 68, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring.

Anita Johnson



Anita Johnson, 61, of Odessa, formerly of Stanton, died on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, at Home Hospice House Facility in Odessa. Private family graveside rites will be 11

a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. Memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the

Rev. Micky Munoz with La Luz Ministries in Odessa and the Rev. Gene Weinette, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Stanton, officiating.

She was born on Aug. 19, 1941, in Big Spring and married Tom Johnson on Jan. 16, 1960 in Big Spring. She graduated from Stanton High School and had lived in Stanton until 1981, when she moved to Odessa to own and operate The Depot Deli with her husband.

She was a member of Highland United Methodist Church in Odessa. Mrs. Johnson was a devoted Christian and for many years was a member and leader of the Bible Study Fellowship.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Johnson of Odessa; one son, Tom Larry Johnson Jr. of Odessa; two daughters, Leah Mitchell of Lenorah and Julie Johnson of Coahoma; five grandchildren, LyAnna Johnson, Samantha Johnson, Cole Mitchell, Clay Mitchell and Cody Mitchell; five brothers, W. A. Ringener of Stanton, W. J. Ringener Jr., J. M. Ringener and Merle Ringener, all of Big Spring, and Dairrel Ringener of Fort Worth; four sisters, Pauline Martin of Brownwood, Sis Bedell of Odessa, Lillian Collum of Colorado City and Carolyn Williamson of Coleman.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice House Facility, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761, or Odyssey Hospice of Odessa, 2651 JBS Parkway, Bldg. 4, Suite B. Odessa 79761, or La Luz Ministries, P. O. Box 2924, Odessa 79760.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Daniel "Camote" Marquez -

Daniel "Camote" Marquez Jr., 45, of Big Spring, died at 4:05 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness. Vigil Services were at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside Service was at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Mount-Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. James Plagens officiating.

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 230 or email imoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY -

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

American Red Cross, 7 p.m. Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster.

WEDNESDAY

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

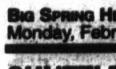
Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

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

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 Order of the Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagler



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Korean conflict

Survivors include a sister and brother in-law. Alma and Delbert Simpson of Odessa; his ex-wife and dear friend Beverly Averitt of Big Spring; two step-daughters. Tracy Sousa of Orlando, Fla. and Denise Creekmore of Big Spring, five grandchildren, Shane, Aaron Devyn, Chelsea and David; two sisters-in-law, Billie Averitt of Lufkin and Jerline Averitt of Big Spring one nephew and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Frances Averitt; two brothers, Bryan and Don Averitt; and one sister, Shirley Robinson.

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

Lester Crawford

Lester Crawford, 74, of Big Spring died on Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, at the Hospice House Facility in Odessa. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, February 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 oil field most of his life as a tool dresser, mechanic and also as a driller.

He was a member 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, Billie Freeman and husband, Bill, of Euless; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

The family suggest memorials be made to Home

He was born May 5, 1957, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was a member of Sacred Heart 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.

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

Pallbearers are David Marquez, Ernesto Muniz, James Carrillo, Lynn Fernal, Frank Rosales and Raymond Ontiveros.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Thermon C. Moore

Thermon C. Moore, 84, of San Angelo, formerly of Colorado City, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. today, Feb. 3, in the First Baptist Church of Colorado City with Dr. Ted Spear and the Rev. James Mitchell officiating. Burial was held in the Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Moore is survived by his wife, Friday Moore of San Angelo.

Police blotter

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

• DENVER HEFFINGTON, 17, of 4111 Muir St. was arrested on charges of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• THOMAS FAY, 62, of 604 S. Aylesford was arrested for two local warrants and on a charge of public intoxication.

• **RAYMOND ONTIVEROS**, 33, of 703 Creighton was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT LUJAN**, 41, of New Mexico was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• LORI ONTIVEROS, 34, of 203 Creighton was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest.

• BURGLARY of a HABITATION was reported: in the 500 block of South Goliad where a

video game console worth \$183 was reportedly stolen. in the 1500 block of West Second where \$100

worth of household good was reportedly stolen and \$25 of damages was reportedly inflected upon the structure.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of South Benton St.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, more than \$50 but less than \$500, was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon where \$200 worth of damage was reportedly inflicted upon automobiles. Lodge, 203 W. Third.

Lottery

Results of the Cash Five drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-21-25-31. Number matching five of five: none. Matching four of five: 151. Prize: \$425. Matching three of five: 4,689. Prize: \$10. Matching two of five: 45,946. Price: \$2.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-11-12-37-47. Estimated jackpot: \$4 million. Number matching six of six: none.

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Breezy early. Lows in the mid 20s. North winds 15To 25 mph...Decreasing to 5 to 15 mph in the evening..Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 5 to15 mph..Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s..Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s..Thursday...Cloudy and cold. Chance of showers. Lows in the lower30s. Highs in the upper 30s..Friday...Cloudy and cold. Chance of showers. Lows in • the upper 20s.Highs in the mid 30s..Saturday...Cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the lower 50s..Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower50s.

Correction

A headline error on page 5A of the *Herald's* Sunday edition titled the story naming Big Spring Junior High School All-Region band qualifier's as junior high all-region choir students.



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abnormal readings were on the same side of the craft that was hit by peeling fuel-tank insulation during the craft's Jan. 16 launch, NASA engineers said.

Dittemore said engineers also were planning to examine 32 seconds of computer data that earlier had been ignored because it was considered flawed. The data came just before all communications with Columbia were lost.

NASA engineers spotted the peeling fuel tank insulation on high speed cameras that recorded the

launch of Columbia. Dittemore said the possible effects on the tiles from the insulation were studied aggressively while the shuttle was still aloft, but engineers concluded "it did not represent a safety concern." "As we gather more evi-

dence, certainly the evidence may take us in another direction," he said.

Dittemore said engineering data shows a rise of 20 to 30 degrees in the left wheel well about seven minutes before the spacecraft's last radio transmission. There followed a rise of about 60

degrees over five minutes in the left hand side of the fuselage above the wing, he said.

The shuttle temperature the normal 15 rose degrees on the right side over the same period, he said. All the readings came from sensors underneath the thermal tiles, on the aluminum hull of the craft.

The temperature spikes were accompanied by an increased drag, or wind resistance, that forced Columbia's automated flight control system to make rapid adjustments maintain stability. Dittemore said the correc-

tions were the largest ever for a shuttle re-entry. but still within the craft's capability.

Lockheed, the maker of the fuel tank under scrutiny, said Sunday that NASA used an older version of the tank, which the space agency began phasing out in 2000. NASA's preflight press information stated the shuttle was using one of the newer super-lightweight fuel tanks.

Harry Wadsworth, a spokesman for Lockheed. said most shuttle launches use the "super-lightweight" tank and the older version is no longer

made. Wadsworth said he did not know if there was a difference in how insulation was installed on the two types of tanks.

Wadsworth said the tank used aboard the Columbia mission was manufactured in November 2000 and delivered to NASA the next month. Only one more of the older tanks is left, he said.

Dittemore said the tank, though no longer manufactured, had been used for many years and was between 6,000 and 7,000 pounds heavier than the newer version. Still, "we had no reason to doubt it

capability."

Earlier Sunday, O'Keefe named a former Navy admiral to oversee an independent review of the accident, and said investigators initially would focus on whether the piece of insulation caused the damage that brought down the shuttle.

While O'Keefe stressed that the space agency was not locking into a single scenario of what caused the crash, the insulation was "one of the areas we're looking at first. early, to make sure that the investigative team is concentrating on that theory."

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And of course there is no tax." The Volunteer Services

Council uses the money to help fund "We Care" bags, holiday activities, Christmas gifts and more for the patients, and even some major building projects that have made life a little easier for both the residents and carework ers at the hospital.

Orders are taken for the gifts, which may be the picked up at Volunteer Valentine House or delivered by volunteers to the sweetheart

of your choice. "We will be taking orders until we are sold out," said 'Russworm. "There will be some cash and carry items we'll have on the 14th, but historically we pretty much sell out of our gifts by then."

There's a long list of gifts.

For \$10.

---- Love Blooms: Three white carnations in a red bud vase;

Pizza Delivered With Love: A 12-inch chocolate heart cookie;

Sugar Bear: A small bear on a small box of

chocolates. For \$15,

Baby Animal Basket: A small basket, stuffed animal and more; - Love Grows: A heart-

shaped topiary ivy plant. For \$20, Puppy Love: Stuffed puppy on a large box of

chocolates; Singing Telegram: A telegram delivered with a small box of candy;

Bear Hug: Medium basket with a bear and more.

For \$25, Ape Over You:

Musical gorilla on a large box of chocolates;

- Beary Special: Large basket with a large bear and more;

And for \$35. **Bodacious Bear: An** extra-large basket with an extra-large bear and more.

One of the most popular gifts each year is the Singing Telegram. About 10 groups of three to four singers will sing a favorite song to your sweetheart.

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meals," said Russworm. "We really appreciate the restaurants doing that. and it gives us more business because someone will hear them and say, 'Here's my \$20, I want you to sing a song for someone.

Some customers will also have their name put in a hat for a large valentine gift basket valued at \$135. Ways to be included in the give-away are to order \$50 or more worth of gifts, or order three or more gifts.

To order a gift or for more information, contact the Volunteer Valentine

House between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 268-7362 or 268-7384.

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at news desk@crcom.net

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Daniel "Camote" Marquez, Jr., 45, died Thursday. Graveside Services will be at 11:30 AM at Mount Olive Memorial Park



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"She was the accomplice. Wilkerson said this morning in a telephone interview. "It's our theory that he did the actual strangulation of the victim.

Wilkerson went on to say his office was worried about how much the sympathy factor for Castaneda, who is seven-months pregnant, would play in her trial.

'Because we were able to obtain the live testimony of the accomplice for the Rodriguez case, and out of concern perhaps for wrong-headed but excess ered in a field off Rock House Road on July 30. Autopsy results indicated the cause of death was asphyxiation by strangulation. As a result of the plea bargain, those who received jury notices

calling for them to appear in 118th District Court on Tuesday need not appear

Three other Big Spring teens will first-degree face murder charges in connection with the killing of Lennon Lane, 16, of Big

Spring. Michael

maybe subject to change. "We have some very important laboratory results we're waiting on and it could effect the trial date," Wilkerson said.

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

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trial is set for March 3, but streets. Autopsy results determined Lane died of blunt force trauma

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sympathy occurring in this case. we feel we walked away with an acceptable deal and it will help us gear up for the capital murder trail of Tommy Rodriguez," Wilkerson said.

Castaneda will remain in the custody of the Howard County Sheriff's Office, housed in the Midland County Jail until the Rodriguez trial, Wilkerson said.

Castaneda, 17 at the time of her arrest, will be eligible for parole in 30 years. Patton's body was discov-

SCOUTS

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Bags furnished by H-E-B were distributed in the Herald Thursday and the Howard County Buyer's Guide on Wednesday.

Scouts used the Herald parking lot as a base of operations for their endeavor, ranging out to collect the sacks of food and returning them to a trailer at the central location.

Area residents who missed out on the food drive can call the scouts at 263-3407 or deliver donations to the scout office, 610 Scurry.

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

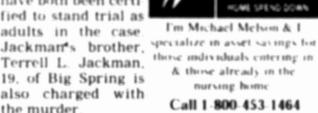
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Terrell L. Jackman, 19, of Big Spring is also charged with the murder.

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Satisfaction determines our "Good ol' days

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very so often in a conversation with some of my friends, we get to talking about the "good ol' days." When the conversation shifts to me and it's my turn to talk, I usually mention the days when you

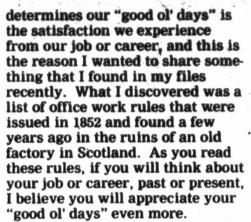
could buy a coca cola for a nickel, you didn't have to lock your doors at night, you never had to take the keys out of the car and a family could make it on one salary. While we have a lot of things

going for us now that we didn't have back then, the "good ol' days" for me were

back in the 1950s when I was in high school. My parents were good, honest, hard working people and this was a carefree time for me. Since I was not married, had no house payment, no car payment and no April 15th to worry about because I had not yet taken on the responsibilities of being an adult.

If you have been around for any length of time, you can probably think back to some of your "good ol' days". On the other hand, these may be your "good ol' days", as you may never have had things any better in your life than you do right now. One of the things that

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After reading these office work rules that were adopted in another country back in 1852. I believe we can all agree that during these times working conditions in our country also, left a lot to be desired. With our marvelous free enterprise system and the freedoms we enjoy in America today, it would be virtually impossible to foist anything close to this on any segment of the American labor force. In thinking about this, the one point that I do not wish to be lost or overlooked here is that while these conditions were terrible, they were probably much better than workers a century earlier had to endure.

As a citizen of the greatest nation on earth, as you think about your "good old' days", I want to remind you that everything we have today came about as a result of someone else's sacrifices and it was bought with a price. There must be a balance if we are to continue to prosper. We can have things too hard, but we can also have them much too easy

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Everything in our personality begins with our thoughts, Lord, help us dwell only on our good and positive thoughts Amen "If dogs age 7 times faster than humans, why aren't they bringing us slippers and the morning paper? What a way to treat your elders!"

Democratic Party needs revival

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people go to speeches anymore; they hear their political campaigning via soundbites, which isep't quite

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Yet those

people who do show up at speeches, especially presidential campaign speeches, invariably show up to be inspired, and they are almost invariably disappointed.

Running for president is such a high stakes game, in which a single mistake can ruin you, that most candidates opt for safe, pre-digested, previously tested rhetoric,

instead of soaring prose. There are always exceptions, and these exceptions always wow the crowd. But then what? The Democratic Six Pack — and the number will probably grow by one or two in coming weeks — is not strong on oratory. All are capable of delivering a decent speech, and all will probably get better as the campaign progresses.

But as the Democrats showed Tuesday night when they addressed a NARAL Pro-Choice America dinner celebrating the 30th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, there are two among them who can actually rouse a crowd.

They are Howard Dean, former governor of Vermont, who is a very longshot to win the nomination, and Al Sharpton, civil rights leader, who could probably win the nomination only in some alternate universe.

It is a phenomenon the Republicans experienced in 1996 and 2000 with Alan Keyes. He was always the best speaker, he always wowed the crowd, he never failed to impress, and he had no chance of getting the nomination.

So what are the rest of the Democrats to do? Just watch Dean and Sharpton blow them away on the stump? Probably. Or they could refuse to show up at too many more of these group dinners. (Dick Gephardt has already turned one down in New Hampshire in February.) "Both Dean and

Sharpton completely pander in every speech they give," a political operative for a competing campaign said. "Especially Dean. He goes to the left and excites the base. But that makes it very hard for him to win a general election."

Dean, of course, is not worried about a general election. He would be daffy with delight if he managed to win the nomination.

But what the operative was saying is that candidates with no hope of winning can afford to be reckless and candidates who may have to face George W. Bush or even govern cannot be.

"In order to get nominated and elected, you have to demonstrate a broader reach than either Dean or Sharpton," the operative said. "Sharpton is very entertaining, a motivating speaker. But is he as intense as Jesse Jackson was? Will he really do well with Southern blacks?" The operative thinks hopes — he will not. As I said, there are more candidates due to get in the race, a number of them being encouraged by Donna Brazile, the grass-roots organizer extraordinaire of the Democratic Party. Brazile is encouraging African-Americans,

Hispanics, Asians and others to run in the primaries as "favorite sons," get delegates, make demands at the convention and then run on their own for the Senate, House or governor, etc., in future elections.

"This party needs revival," she told me Tuesday night after listening to the Six Pack. "We need to bring new voters into this process. I don't care if the other candidates are angry with me. Four have called me already. But I am an inciter; I am an agitator."

So what does she think of those already running, including the crowdpleasing Sharpton and Dean?

"No vision," she said. "No vision. This party is running on an empty." Reading is a

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Si! High school to offer free Spanish lessons to the public

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Hola!

A free adult conversational Spanish class will begin at Big Spring High School this week, sponsored by the high school Spanish department.

"This is a real fun environment," said Sheila Abusaab, high school Spanish teacher. "They don't have to worry about grades. We're not going to charge them. Anyone who wants to can just show up and learn conversational Spanish." The free course will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning this week at the high school library. The course doesn't require any books or material.

'We start out by teaching commands," Abusaab explained. "This method is called total physical response - TRS - and is used by a lot of foreign language teachers. You lean command forms like stand up, sit down, walk to the left, walk to the

mands in Spanish. It is recommended because that act triggers the thought process. "We do everything as a

group - even the teachers take part and do the activities," she said. "No one will have to ever feel they are on the spot."

Each class will begin with a review of the previous session before heading into the new lesson, Abusaab said.

"We are starting from the beginning," she said.

right, ... giving com- "There could be people ing," said high school Ramirez. who maybe had Spanish in high school and are rusty or have forgotten or people who have never had Spanish and want to know or have a need for it.'

The free classes will continue through the rest of the school year until the last week of May when the teachers will evaluate the success of the program for the possibility of continuing.

"A large part of our population is Spanish speakprincipal Mike Ritchey. "Our teachers want to offer the services to those who don't understand Spanish and want to build a Spanish dialect,'

Classes will be held at the high school library, 707 11th Place, and will be led by teachers Paula Underwood, Shelia Abusaab Adela and

Those interested should come a little before 7 p.m. to the east doors of the front of the school. The school entryways will be locked a little after 7 p.m. to secure the building.

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Coahoma ISD to focus on achievement

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

COAHOMA – Coahoma schools will continue to focus on students' educational achievement while trying

to survive in an evertightening climate of school financing. Kingston

"As always, our top priority is to increase student performance, especially in light of the new assessment test coming up," said Dr. Bill Kingston, Coahoma Independent School District superintendent.

The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), touted to be a much more rigorous state-mandated test, is set to replace the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) this year.

"This is going to be a more demanding test for students," Kingston said. Since the test is being implemented for the first time, school districts will not receive an accountability rating from the **Texas Education Agency** but third grade students Kingston said, and the district will continue to focus and develop reading skills in the early grades.

"Our goals are to have every student able to read by the third grade," he said. "Reading is the basis of all learning."

Technology will continue to play a large part in preparing students for the future, Kingston added.

"One thing we are proud of, is Coahoma has come a long way in four years in the area of technology," Kingston said. "Students leave here better prepared for success, whether they go to college or on to other things because of having a strong technology background."

Public education does require financing.

Coahoma, along with the rest of the state's public schools, faces a tight budget year as the legislature grapples with a multi-billion shortfall. Many West Texas school

tor in educational growth, districts — with declining increase in state funding enrollment and the resulting lose of state aid – are facing serious financial woes.

> Last budget session, Coahoma school trustees raised the tax rate to \$1.50, joining the other Howard County two school districts at the state cap. Even with the 4cent raise, Coahoma entered the year with a budget deficit of almost \$281,000.

Entering budget sessions this year. Coahoma trustees and administrators will contend with several unknown variables as they wait for the legislature work out school financing.

"I don't expect to know anything until May and it could be June or July if they (the legislators) call a special session for school financing." Kingston said.

Kingston isn't relying on any new state financing this biennium. "I don't expect an

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and a decrease in state funding may quite be possible," he said. Kingston said

the administration and board hope to present a balanced budget this year without sacrificing programs.

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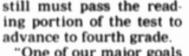
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is to prepare the student for this test and raise overall our standard for achievement," Kingston said.



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CNHI Photo/Mark Zimmerman, The Edmond [Okia.] Sun

A makeshift memorial is seen on the side of a dirt road near Hemphill on Sunday. Human remains, presumed to be from an astronaut of the space shuttle Columbia, were found in the exact place the cross was placed. Many parts of the shuttle along with other human remains have been found in the area near the Texas-Louisiana border.

Signs from heaven Worshipers take time to remember astronauts and their family members

By ANGIE ALVARADO

CNHI News Service PALESTINE — "For whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee.

"Rick W. Husband. Michael P. Anderson. William C. McCool. David Brown. Laurel Clark. Kalpana Chawla. Ilan Ramon," articulated the Rev. Jay Abernathy just minutes before the start of Sunday morning worship services at First Baptist Church in Palestine.

Worshipers took time to remember the fallen astronauts and their families by standing silently as the names of the seven were read and a solemn bell tolled once after each name.

As the eloquent sound of the seventh bell slowly faded, Abernathy urged his congregation to remember and honor the brave seven who fell from the sky Saturday morning when what was once the space shuttle Columbia broke apart over East Texas.

"Pray for their families," Abernathy asked of the congregation.

"We are reminded (by the tragedy) of the brevity of life and the eternal life God offers us," the pastor stated before saying a special prayer for the astronauts. He asked God to "lift those who lost loved ones" Saturday, and to "be with their families and military personnel as "There will be signs from Heaven in the sun, the moon and the stars. ... and when the son of man comes in a cloud with power and great glory, stand up, raise your head, your redemption is near."

they do their work."

He reminded church members and visitors to be thankful that no one on the ground was hurt as the debris fell from the sky.

Worshipers, who almost filled the church sanctuary, stood and sang the popular Baptist hymnal "Redeemed," which ends with "His child and forever I am."

The pastor tried to put the nation's tragedy into perspective for the youngsters in attendance by calling them to the front of the sanctuary and explaining to them why there was a television camera from an NBS affiliate in San Antonio at the church.

The media is in town. Abernathy told the children, "because the astronauts on the space shuttle were killed yesterday." He told the children that the astronauts go into space and from there they

can see how beautiful the Earth is.

Using a red Lego block and explaining how the tiny blocks fit together, Abernathy told the children that "God made all the world and He knows how everything fits together. He knows everything.

"The son of God, Jesus, died," Abernathy continued. "Remember if we believe in Him, we will have everlasting life."

The pastor described seeing a "large piece" of shuttle debris resting alongside Texas 155 Saturday, and said several church members found pieces of debris.

The tragedy was "a terrible thing that has impacted us all," Abernathy continued. "God works in ways we don't see and in ways we do see.

"We need to be able to see the signs," he advised. During his sermon, Abernathy spoke of Luke 21:7-11 and Luke 21:25-28. "There will be signs from Heaven in the sun, the moon and the stars... and when the son of man comes in a cloud with power and great glory, stand up, raise your head, your redemption is near."

Concluding the service, the young pastor reiterated that the demise of Columbia and its crew was a profoundly effecting incident.

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By JENNIFER STONE

CNHI News Service ATHENS — The last thing Byron Lichtenberg expected to hear Saturday was that the shuttle on which he spent 10 of the most memorable days of his life is gone.

The Athens resident served as a payload specialist on NASA's ninth space shuttle mission in 1983 on board Columbia, earning his place in space history as the first non-NASA employee on a shuttle mission. He served a second mission in 1992 on space shuttle Atlantis.

"There's 10 days of memories in there." Lichtenberg said of his time aboard Columbia. He is now a pilot for Southwest

Airlines. "Those experiences, sights and sounds are all still

there."

Lichtenberg was in the air Saturday morning, flying from Columbus, Ohio, to Tampa, Fla. When he landed, he heard the news of Columbia's end. He feels grief not only for Columbia itself, but for those who were on board.

"It's hit home kind of hard," said Lichtenberg, a break in his voice. "I was flying up from Houston and looking over the Crockett and Palestine areas today. And I couldn't help but think about what theywere seeing as they came over that horizon Oh Lord, this is awful. This is absolutely tragic."

Those who go into space realize it's a risk, he said.

"Everything is dangerous. And it may sound trite, but "I couldn't help but think about what they were seeing as they came over that horizon Oh Lord, this is awful. This is

absolutely tragic." Byron Lichtenberg,

former payload specialist on Columbia

they were doing something they wanted to do more than anything else," he said of the lost crew.

Of all the orbiters, or manned shuttled, NASA flies, he expected Columbia to be the last to fall victim to disaster. Columbia (built in 1981) was the first of its kind, he said, and was designed differently than later models.

"If any one of them could have held together, it would have been Columbia," said Lichtenberg. "It was heavier and built with more material and NASA realized later some of that stuff was not necessary."

Those in the space program expect trouble at the beginning of the flight (when the shuttle is carrying thousands of pounds of fuel) not during the landing. When looking at the profile of the shuttle flight, he added, the launch is the risky part. The landing, he said, is considered to be relatively simple.

Even before he was aware of NASA's theory that the thermal

tiles malfunctioned, Lichtenberg had thought of that as a possibility.

"It sounds like it had a major problem with the heat shield tiles," he theorized. "It's possible it could have caused something this bad."

If the tiles on the upper parts of the shuttle came loose, he said, the shuttle would have made it through the mission. But if the tiles on certain other areas, such as the front or the bottom, came loose, the searing 2,600-degree temperatures would have caused havoc.

Lichtenberg predicted that to find out exactly what went wrong, it will take months of sifting through debris, looking for clues, as well as exhaustive analysis of video footage.

Lubbock Coronado to create scholarship in McCool's name

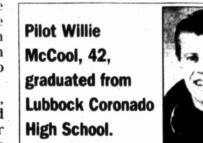
LUBBOCK (AP) — Cmdr. Willie McCool, who died on the space shuttle Columbia, became known as "Cool Willie" during his high school days at Lubbock Coronado High School.

He was born in San Diego, Calif., the son of a Navy officer, and moved from one base to another until he reached Lubbock when he was in junior high.

He quickly began to impress his teachers with his intellect and energy.

"He was my committee of one," Ed Jarman, 81, McCool's former science teacher at Coronado, was quoted in Monday's editions of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "Anytime there was anything that needed doing, Willie was there to do it."

Jarman added: "That boy used to be on the track team and the swimming team all the time he was taking the hardest courses he could. He'd swim in the morning, then go to class, then run track in the after-



noon. He didn't waste a minute.

"And he had this dry sense of humor. He'd crack a joke before anyone realized he was telling one."

McCool, 41, who graduated in 1979, also had varied interests. He was remembered for playing an array of music on the guitar as well as several other instruments.

"When it came time to graduate, he was hunting around for a scholarship," said Jarman. "He wasn't going to have any trouble finding one - he'd gotten 1,680 out of 1,680 possible points on his PSAT in 30 minutes. "I suggested the Naval Academy and the space program to him. I don't know if anyone else advised him that way, but that's where he went."

Just before graduation, Jarman said, McCool called him one night from Annapolis.

"I asked him, `What'd you do, flunk out?' " Jarman said. "He told me, `Not exactly.'

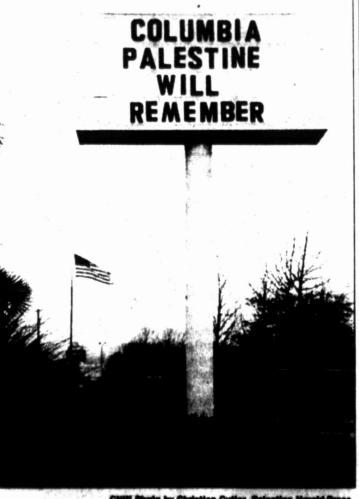
"He had graduated second in his class. He said he just wanted to thank me."

McCool later married and he and his wife, Atilana, had three sons, ages 22, 19 and 14.

During the shuttle flight, the first for McCool, he told reporters in an in-flight interview of his enthusiasm for the mission. His duties included filling in for Husband during Husband's sleep breaks.

"The `oh, wow' for me is I have the opportunity to be on the flight deck," McCool said.

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A sign remembering NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia ca be seen in front of a restaurant on Loop 256 in Palestine

Emilio Hernar Clevenger, 9, east of Brons

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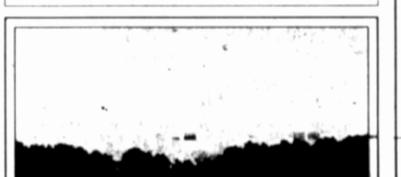


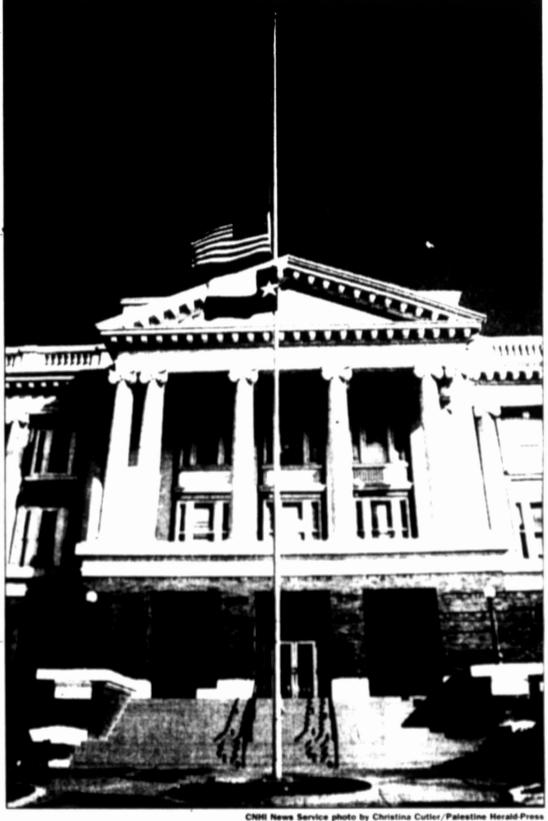
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CNHI Photo by Mark Zim The Edmond (Okia.) Sun A piece of debris from the space shuttle Columbia lies on the ground near Hemphill Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003. Wink Miller of Laporte, spotted the debris while driving on Texas 83, north of Hemphill. Seven astronauts were killed when space shuttle Columbia exploded during reentry Saturday.





EMS, law officers head up the search

By WAYNE STEWART

CNHI News Service PALESTINE

Emergency service personnel along with law enforcement officers are continuing the search for debris from the space shuttle Columbia on a 40path mile across Anderson County

A person involved in the search process said human remains may have been found in the county, but that report had not been confirmed as of late Sunday after noon

There has been no official comment on the discovery of human remains in Anderson County or at any of the other debris sites.

During a Sunday morning press conference. State Sen. Todd Staples. R-Palestine, indicated that any information per

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CNHI Photo by Mildred Brown, Palestine Herald-Press Emilio Hernandez of Diboll, son Elisah, 9, and friend Cody Clevenger, 9, view debris found on Ruth Griffin's property east of Bronson on Highway 184.

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"Probably more than my crewnates to look outside and really soak up the sunrises and sunsets and moonrises and moonsets, the views of the Himalayas, Australia, all of the continents except North America." Not long after the breakup of the shuttle Saturday, Jarman called Coronado High School Principal Jack Booe to

suggest that a scholarship be established in McCool's name.

"We've already got \$1,250 donated, and we won't have any trouble coming up with \$10,000 pretty quick," Jarman said.

"We don't know exactly how it will be styled or administered, but I think I know what we'll call it. he was know William Commander McCool, but I believe we'll call this the Willie McCool Academic

Scholarship. "I think he would have liked that."

Flags fly at half staff over the Anderson County Courthouse in Palestine in remembrance of the space shuttle Columbia. Flags will remain flying at half staff until sundown Wednesday.

Hundreds of debris sites confirmed in Anderson County, officials declare

By SCOTT TYLER and CHERIL VERNON

CNHI News Service

On the first day after the space shuttle Columbia broke apart in thousands of pieces early Saturday over Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, people in Anderson **County continued** to search for and report more debris sites Sunday. As of 2 p.m. Sunday there were 266 confirmed pieces of debris on the ground in Anderson County, according to

Texas Department of Public Safety officials. One of the biggest

pieces of shuttle debris in Anderson County was found Saturday on King Ranch, a 650-acre spread in Elmwood.

"We went out to the ranch and found about six or seven pieces of

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"Everyone is impacted with these events," he stated.

"There are two kinds of people (in this world)," Abernathy said. There are those who believe the event that unfolded before

debris in a 100-mile or three football fields," radius," said Kenneth said Woods, who helped Woods, whose grand investigators by photographing the debris for mother owns the property. "We called NASA and NASA. "We just wanted to an investigator came out to check it out." assist NASA, so we went

The biggest debris. out and when we found which was discovered there was no radiation. around 9 a.m. Saturday, we took pictures and sent was about five feet long. them to NASA," Woods Investigator Rick Trevino explained. informed Woods that it was the largest piece of debris found on someshuttle debris continued one's property Saturday. to flow in most of the day Sunday. "The investigator said it

looked like a part to the (shuttle's) air conditioner or the tank," Woods told the Herald-Press Sunday afternoon.

Woods said that the pieces of debris on his grandmother's property could be seen from a far distance. "The debris sparkled in already located five

the sun so you could see pieces of debris without it from (the length of) two venturing too far out.

"Then there are those

with faith in God through

Jesus Christ. They know

that God was in control.

God still delivers. God

still provides. They know

Angie Alvarado is a writer for the Palestine Herald-Press, a sister CNHI paper.

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County residents finding

Tinsley live in Elmtown,

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searching for debris on

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around 1:30 p.m. by riding

on their four-wheelers. By

3:30 p.m., they had

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taining specifically to the astronauts who perished would be released by NASA.

Anderson County Sheriff John Hobson confirmed there were approximately 250 workers in the county inspecting the more than 266 confirmed debris sites.

"All of our personnel are working 12-hour shifts," Hobson said Sunday morning. "We're rotating our people in and out so they can get a little rest before being rotated back into the system.

"We'll be out there as long as we have to stay out there," the sheriff added.

One Texas Department Transportation of employee charged with directing traffic around a four-foot A-shaped piece of debris alongside Texas 155 said he and the other workers in the area have been told they could be at the various sites for days, maybe even weeks.

Much of the search effort Sunday was focused on the Neches area of the county.

Sunday afternoon Hobson used a map to show the path in which the dcbris field took. The debris followed a line north of U.S. 287, across Blackfoot and Montalba over Neches toward the southeast quadrant of the county.

"So far we've been relying on individuals that call debris sightings in." Hobson said. "We get the calls and try to respond. take photos, document it and then get coordinates GPS (Global with Positioning System) to make later inspection easier.

"This process could possibly take weeks to complete," the sheriff admitted.

us on Saturday morning that everything that hapwas simply a terrible pens is by God because reaction or just bad luck, He is in control." the pastor explained.



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SPRING HERALD

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BSHS swimmers shine at regional meet IN BRIEF

HERALD Staff Report

LUBBOCK - Big Spring High School swimmers turned in solid performances Saturday during the Region I, Class 4A Swimming and Diving Championships at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center.

Sophomore Jessica Hughey made sure she'd be making a second consecutive trip to the Class 4A state meet when she

won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:08.36 and added a second-place finish in the 200 individual medley.

Hughey's 12 points were enough to give the Lady Steers eighth place in the girls' division team standings.

With a much stronger contingent, Big Spring's boys were able to fare much better in the team standings.

finish third behind Pecos' Eagles and Andrews' Mustangs.

Big Spring's top boys' finishes came in the 400-yard freestyle relay, the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke races.

Josh Pike, Justin Petrowski, Will Liggett and Michael Carrasco combined for a 3:27.77 clocking and second place in the 400 relay. They also teamed

The Steers piled up 46 points to together for fourth place in the 200 freestyle relay.

Pike added a second place in the 200 freestyle and Mark Sheedy finished second in the 100 backstroke.

Carrasco chipped in third-place finishes in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly. while Liggett finished third in the 100 breaststroke and was fourth in the 100 freestyle.

Pro Bow Williams, AFC stars unstoppable in win

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer HONOLULU Ricky Williams nearly collided with Rich Gannon while taking the handoff. Then

Ricky ran right and fullback Lorenzo Neal ranleft.

It should have been a disaster of a play, but Williams just lowered his head and bulled over two detenders into the endzone. The AFC simply ouldn't be stopped in yet. another Pro Bowl not by the NEC, and not even by themselves

Williams ran for 56 cards, seored two touchdowns and forced a fumble on special teams to earn the MVP award as the AFC heat the NFC 45. 20 on Sunday for their oth win in the last seven Pro BoxIs

Williams' multifaceted performance was the highlight of a dominant diernoon for the AFC ach got three 100 yard. ames from its quarter. tacks and six interceptions from its debuse as the NFL wrapped up its. cason with another highcornerall star game. It coms every time were over here, we do. pretty well, said Kanba-Cuty tight end Tony Gonzalez, who had five catches for 98 yards. The last couple of games Eve played in, it wasn't even lase With his dreadlocks. surfer wardrobe and protoundly mellow ways, Williams is right at home in Hawaii both on its beaches and in its tootball. stadiums. In his first Pro Bowl, Williams won his second-MVP award in a Hawan all star game. In 1999, he capped his Heisman Trophy winning senior season at Texas by dominating the Hula Bowl. Hawari suits his tamously detached per sonality, but his effort was anything but mellow. "What's fun is how laidback everything is," Williams said. "It's always great to get in the end zone, but it's especially great to do it against the best players in the world with millions of people watching."

three passes as the AFC jumped to a 28-6 halftime lead and eliminated the tension already minor at best from this goodnatured exhibition.

"I always like coming here, because it's a free vacation," said Oakland safety Rod Woodson, who had two interceptions in his 11th Pro Bowl appearance. "We were able to jump on top early with some big defensive plays. and that's all you need in this game."

Gannon, the MVP of the regular season and the previous two Pro Bowls. went 12 for 18 for 102 yards and two TDs. Drew Bledsoe passed for 122 vards, and Peyton Manning had 100.

The AFC nearly broke the Pro Bowl record of 51 points set by the NFC in 2000 But Buffalo's Eric Moulds was ruled out of bounds in the end zone with 1.21 left after a 36vard pass from Manning. The coaching staffs trom Philadelphia and Tennessee made sure the game was decided in the air. The teams set records for most combined pass attempts (101) and combined interceptions (8). A sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium enjoyed another blowout victory for the AFC, which has dominated the matchup in recent years. Each of the AFC's players earned \$30,000 for the win, with the NFC's stars receiving \$15,000 aprece. Jerry Rice, the oldest starter in Pro Bowl history, had four catches for 36 vards in his 13th appearance his first representing the Raiders with the AFC. Manning made several attempts to throw to Rice in coverage, trying to live his dream of throwing a TD pass to football's greatest receiver.



the Blessbrines 64 Entry fee will be \$75 per player plus cart fee, but private carts Each player's entry fee includes the cost of barbecue on the course both days. Play will begin with a shotgun start both days. The field will be flighted by first-round For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354. '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.

Hunter safety class slated for Feb. 8-9

A hunter safety class set for Feb. 8-9 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

Boyce Hale will conduct the classes sponsored by Dibrell's Gun Shop.

For more information contact Hale at 267-6957 or 267-7891.

BSLL schedules

coaches meeting Anyone interested in coaching for the Big



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Jeff Garcia, 1 first Pro Bowl s three intercept first 17 minute McNabb wasn' ter for the NFC England's returned Buccamers" Johnson's pas

Williams, who led the NFL in rushing for the Dolphins after three tough seasons in New Orleans, also caught

days.

Saturday.

quest for 800 career wins will

have to wait at least a few more

The Texas Tech coach was

denied a chance to become the

fourth Division I men's coach to

reach 800 career victories after

losing 64-59 to Texas A&M on

"We wasted five possessions at

the end by taking bad shots; that

Gannon appeared to be recovered from his Super Bowl malaise, though facing only a few players from Tampa Bay's punishing defense probably helped.

Asked if the AFC was seeking revenge for the Buccaneers' Super Bowl triumph, safety John Lynch said: "It seemed like Rich Gannon did. I don't know what it is. They've been getting the better of us in this game."

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been different."

"If we would have handled those

possessions better, it could have

Still, he remains optimistic in a

season where the Red Raiders

already have lost five games,

"I think teams have played very

well against us, and we've played

three or four teams now that

when we're done playing them,

including four of its last six.

LUBBOCK (AP) - Bob Knight's boggled my mind," Knight said.

Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Forsan cheerleader Shiloh Sanders leads the fans in support of the state-ranked Buffalo basketball team in recent action. Sanders and the FHS cheerleaders will among the many Crossroads fans watching on this week as the Buffs try and nail down the District 3-2A championship when they travel to Colorado City Tuesday night.

Morriss sees advantage at Baylor: No probation

penalties," Morriss said.

best pool of high school

want to be here, some-

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thing's wrong."

they say, 'That's the best we

played all year," Knight said in

Sunday editions of the Lubbock

Knight has 799 wins and trails

Dean Smith of North Carolina

(879), Adolph Rupp of Kentucky

(876) and Jim Phelan of Mount

Knight, a head coach for 37

years, got his first victory and

Avalanche-Journal.

St. Mary's, Md. (826).

his 100th at Army.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer WACO - Guy Morriss has been in this situation before, even if the coach is just getting started at Baylor.

His old job at Kentucky and his new one are similar in that both teams have struggled to perform in major conferences, the Wildcats in the SEC and Baylor in the Big 12. The competition is tough both on the field and during the offseason in the battle for the top high school players.

bation, which includes There are two big differences, however, and they

Knight's quest for 800th career win will continue

give Morriss every reason because of recruiting vioto believe that he can lations before Morriss got eventually have success with the Bears. "The thing that has been

the job. Former coach Hal Mumme resigned in February 2001 as a result a blessing is we aren't of the NCAA's investigadealing with sanctions tion. here or any of those

The Wildcats went 7-5 last season, but didn't get "And we're sitting right in to go to a bowl game the middle of what is the because of the sanctions. It wasn't a bowl ban that kept Baylor out of the postseason. The Bears "If we can't go out and find those 20, 25 kids that were 3-9 overall last season, when they had their only Big 12 win in four Kentucky is serving seasons under coach three years of NCAA pro-Kevin Steele.

See MORRISS, Page 9 scholarship reductions,

from 1971-2000.

Nebraska on Wednesday,

of it a couple games ago."

"We've got to get back on track,"

senior guard Nick Valdez said.

Spring Little League should attend a coaches meeting set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. The meeting will be held at Parker Hannifin, located south of Hangar 25 at the airpark. For more information, call 263-5314 or

Lady Stangs, Dream Team post post wins

264-6066.

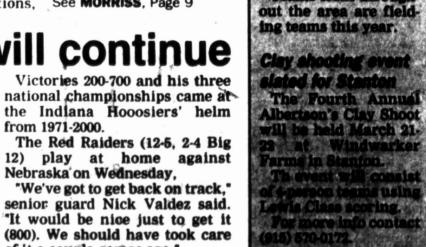
The Dream Team posted a 22-20 win over the Mavericks in Big Spring Youth **Basketball** Association play in the Boys' 12-Under division, improving to 2-1 on the season.

In Girls' 12-Under division play, the Lady 'Stangs from Ackerly rolled to a 17-4 win over the Big Spring Dream Team.

Brittni Blagrave paced the Lady 'Stangs with 11 points, while Jami Ybarra had four. Ashley Guerra rounded out the Ackerly team's total with a basket.

BSYBA's season

continues Saturday The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 2003 season continues Saturday with a full state of games. Teams from through-



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Commission rejects proposals to fundamentally change Title IX

WASHINGTON (AP) - A sharply divided Bush administration advisory commission voted last week for only modest changes to a landmark gender-equity law that substantially has increased the number of female athletes.

Women's sports advocates had feared the Commission on **Opportunity in Athletics** would seek to overhaul and likely weaken — Title IX. But after two days of sometimes contentious meetings, the panel failed to pass any sweeping recommendations.

In a key vote, the commission deadlocked 7-7 on a plan to alter the requirement that the ratio of male and female athletes at colleges and universities be roughly the same as the overall student body.

Commissioner Lisa Graham Keegan showed up after the plan was con--sidered and left the meeting early without falking to reporters.

The commission will forward its report to **Education Secretary Rod** Paige, who will consider whether to recommend changing the law.

University of Maryland Athletic Director Debbie Yow, who proposed the recommendation that produced the tie, said she's satisfied because under commission rules, the deadlock means it still goes into the report.

After Yow's proposal failed to pass, several more changes that would have altered or eliminated Title IX's fundamental proportionality standard were defeated.

Instead, the commission voted to tinker with the standard, recommending changes in the ways students and-or athletes are counted to measure compliance.

Title IX prohibits gender discrimination in programs that receive federal funding. Its effect has been profound: The number of girls participating in high school sports rose from 294,000 to 2.8 million from 1971 to 2002. The number of women in college sports increased fivefold during the same time frame.

The law was clarified in 1979 with the introduction of the "three-prong" test. which gave schools the option of meeting any single element to be in compliance:

 A school's male-female athlete ratio must be "substantially proportionate" to its male-female enrollment.

 The school must show an ongoing history of broadening opportunities for women.

· A school must show that it is "fully and effectively" accommodating the interests and abilities of women.

The first prong gets the most attention, and it's the only one that can be

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met using pure statistics with little or no subjective interpretation. Even so, there is still a substantial gap between the percentage of U.S. female college students (56 percent) and the percentage of female college athletes (42 percent).

The commission recommended several changes to the first standard. One would establish a predetermined number of roster spots on each team that count toward Title IX compliance, rather than the actual number of athletes.

Co-chairman Ted Leland, athletic director at Stanford, said this rule would prevent a school

MORRISS

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Morriss isn't promising a quick fix at Baylor. He knows the foundation is just being laid, and the first major step is Wednesday's national signing day.

About 20 players have verbally committed to the Bears, more than half of those since Morriss, a Texas native, took over in mid-December. The new staff is honoring commit-

from putting "100 women on the rowing team" to comply with the law.

"People just pump their numbers up by having a huge roster on their first day of competition," Leland said.

The commission also voted to no' ount male walk-ons - athletes not on scholarships - and nontraditional students such as those who are part-time or older as part of a school's male total. The change would mostly affect smaller schools, particularly community colleges.

Northern Illinois University athletic director Cary Groth opposed the recommendation.

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Kentucky were already

recruiting in Texas. Their

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"Walk-ons do cost ing law. money," Groth said. "We get back to what is the center of these discussions, and that is money."

Yow amended her plan to try to get it presed. It called for schools to be allowed a 50-50 split of male and female athletes, regardless of the student body makeup, with a leeway of 2 to 3 percentage points. Her earlier proposal called for a leeway of 5 to 7 percentage points.

"If we had an apple and were hungry and we wanted to be fair, we would split it 50-50," Yow said.

Commissioner Julie Foudy, a member of the U.S. women's national soccer team, was among those who voted against the plan. She said she doesn't believe the commission's mandate was to change proportionality and favors stronger enforcement of the exist-

The commission voted down several other proposals, the most sweeping of which would have eliminated the "proportionality" requirement. It failed 11-4.

The commissioners also voted 8-7 against a proposal that interest surveys on campus be used to set a standard for proportionalitv

They did, however, vote to recommend that surveys be used as a tool to demonstrate Title IX compliance.

Critics say proportionality has forced schools to cut male sports to meet the ratio requirement. Roughly 400 men's college teams were eliminated in the 1990s, with wrestling taking such a blow that the National Wrestling Coaches Association has filed suit, claiming that the first prong has evolved into a quota sys tem.

ments made to Steele, at recruits on the Waco camleast seven who haven't pus each of the past three weekends. Morriss has changed their minds despite the coaching been pleased with the response he has gotten Before taking the Baylor from high school players job, Morriss and his staff and coaches.

> "We are turning some heads," Morriss said. "People are interested in what's going on at Baylor.

"We think we've got some good players. Thereis some talent here, and -said. "Everyday that I'm - begin March 19.

here the situation seems to get better. We're slowly getting a handle on things. I don't there is anything here that's not correctable pretty quickly.

So far, Morriss probably knows more about his recruits than Baylor's returning players, who are doing daily condition ing work and won't get on the field with the new also some holes to fill." he coach until spring drills

PRO BOWL

Jeff Garcia, making his first Pro Bowl start, threw Ту England's `one returned

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The Super Bowl champions were well-represent-Shelton

The AFC had a balanced effort, but Williams won grade:







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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 3, 2003:

You discover that much more is happening at a far more hectic pace than you might have imagined this year. Just when you think you can hang back, matters go a little haywire. Realize that the nature of this year will be active, with your strong drive zeroing in on what you want and desire. Many forces will push you toward the finish line. You do need to be careful with spending, as you could find it much easier to spendthan in prior years. If you are single, romance will float through your door, causing you to think twice, especially before September. If you are attached, don't expose your relationship to a fire walk. Deal with problems lovingly. PISCES helps you make money.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Hage: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ** Step back. Separate gossip from the truth. You'll be a lot more effective at work and with other projects as well. Gain a discerning ear. Someone might be putting up quite a struggle to cover his or her true motives. Read between the lines. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

TAURUS (April 20 May 20) ***** Others don't necessarily agree or disagree. though a partner could take a very strong stance or express intense feelings. You might opt to go with the flow rather than cause yourself a problem. You actually might not care about this issue. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Speak to the group. Speak to others. You don't realize it, but others do hear you and do care. Reevaluate a situation carefully, especially if a volatile tone develops. Others might push inadvertently. You, however, set the ultimate Consider tone. your options. Tonight: Work late CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your ability to gain a perspective sets you

ops. You might be a bit stunned by the strength of your own personal reaction. You don't necessarily have to give a knee-jerk reaction. Think long-term. Tonight: Go along for the ride with

another. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Make an extra effort to get your work done. You could be overwhelmed-by what goes down between you and a loved one. Be careful of exactly which words you choose, because, ultimately, they could be tossed back in your face. Remember what type of situation you need to work in. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Listen well to news that comes your way, especially if you have financial concerns. You have a tendency to live it up and be a bit of a wild thing at times. Why not now? Let your creativity flow, both professionally and personally. Tonight: Play away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.22-Dec.21) **** Your temper could blow a good thing. Consider options more care fully that surround a real estate or domestic matter. Caution and self-discipline pay off. Get the facts. Taking a stand doesn't have to have so much fire energy attached to it. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 19) ***** You might want to think before you leap into action right now. Though certain matters seem clear and talks lead to a similar conclusion, you still could be off-base. Take your time. You will not regret sitting on impulsiveness right now. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

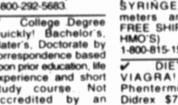
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Others might be hot and fiery; you need to think and be the reasonable one. Review your personal finances with greater care and precision. How you feel about a friendship need not be decided right now Remember, associates might not be themselves Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You do make a difference. If you notice that someone reacts very strong ly to you, understand just how strong you might be coming off. Let go of negative, and use your positive assets to get more of what you need. Charm others. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off. BORN TODAY Artist Norman Rockwell (1894), author James A. Michener (1907), actor Nathan Lane (1956) Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www. jacquelinebigar.com. (c) 2003 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

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apart from many. Consider your options more carefully than you have in the past. You might want to understand or question why a coworker creates so much uproar. Walk in his or her shoes for answers. Tonight: Relax to a favorite piece of music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Revise your thinking with the help of a partner. Brainstorming proves rewarding and dynamic. A flirtation could develop into something more if you let it. You find that a new friend is far more intense than you realized. Be careful here. You're dealing with hot stuff. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

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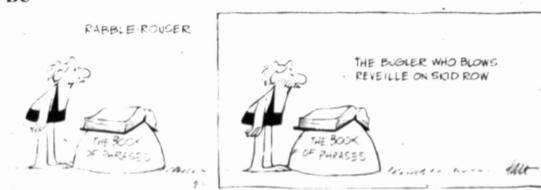
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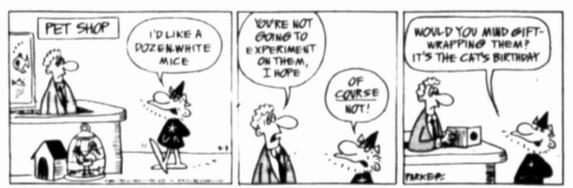


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LONDON. _ Is the love affair over between Britain and the superstar it likes to call Madge?

Recent press reports claimed adopted Londoner Madonna has decamped to Los Angeles, defeated by the dreary English weather. But Madonna's spokeswoman said the absence is only temporary.

"She'll be back in London in the spring," Liz Rosenberg said Wednesday. "Madonna has homes in the States, she has homes in England, and she moves between the two."

spokesman А for

school, and quoted the singer as telling friends she was fed up with "everything that is English."

One magazine quoted Madonna's father-in-law, John Ritchie, as saying: "Madonna is very happy to be out of London because the harsh winter weather was getting her down."

The reports of Madonna's departure cheered some sections of the British press.

"Madonna the Brit," wrote David Thomas in Wednesday's Daily Mail, was "a classic case of the rich, crass, clueless ' American playing at English tradition."

How things have changed since the singer married Ritchie _ the 34-year-old filmmaker behind the gangster flicks "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" in December 2000 at a Scottish castle. Soon, Madonna sightings were as common as doubledecker buses in London. 44-year-old began The speaking in a / mild 'Mockney" accent and was photographed

tweeds, flat caps and _ a more downmarket British fashion favorite _ track suits.

Madonna and Ritchie bought a London house and a mansion in the English countryside, where the vegetarian star briefly took up pheasant shooting. Scottish tourist authorities even gave her her own tartan as an anniversary gift.

But critics trashed Madonna's West End acting debut in the satire "Up For Grabs" last May. And dis-tributors decided not to release last year's "Swept Away" in Britain after the film _ directed by Ritchie and starring Madonna as a spoiled socialite marooned on a deserted island _ failed in the United States. 11011







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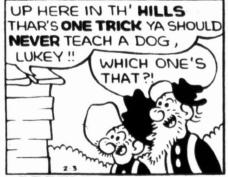
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British newspapers reported this month that Madonna had withdrawn her 6-year-old daughter. Lourdes, from a London

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