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This year's party will be held on Saturday, May 17, following the high school prom and will feature casino night, a video game room, swimming and carnival games. For more information call Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

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Cover Story: American Profile asked our readers, "Why is your mother such a great mom?" We'll feature some of those answers.

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Taped confession: 'I strangled him'

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

In a recorded statement played to jurors Tuesday, capital murder defendant Tommy Rodriguez tearfully confessed to strangling 70-year-old Harlan Jene Patton but blamed girlfriend Melanie Castaneda for conceiving the idea for the murder.

"It wasn't my idea, it was hers," he said. "I didn't want to do it. I didn't

want to, but I didn't know how to tell her not to."

Rodriguez, on the tape, said he anticipated getting a disability settlement in the near future for a birth defect.

"I guess she wanted the car," he said of Castaneda. "I told her I'd get her one when I got my money, but she pressured me."

On the tape, Rodriguez admitted killing Patton.

"It wasn't my idea, it was hers. I didn't want to do it. I didn't want to, but I didn't know how to tell her not to."

From a taped statement by defendant Tommy Rodriguez

"I put the rope over his neck and I strangled him," he said.

Playing of the tape came during testimony of the only witness the defense presented Tuesday — Howard County Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett. Pritchett interviewed Rodriguez July 30 and took his statement.

Earlier in the prosecution's case, former Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson had read Rodriguez's written statement, distilled from the

taped interview by Pritchett.

"The written statement was three relatively short written pages," said Rodriguez's attorney Don Richard of Big Spring. "As you heard, the taped statement took the better part of an hour to get in. It gave the jury a better idea of what was said, not just the part that the

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Trinity Tidwell, 3, poses for the judges at the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, a kid's pageant benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event took place Saturday at the Municipal Auditorium. Tidwell took second place in the 3- to 5-year-old division.

State hospital fund-raiser reaps rewards both during, after activity

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald
Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team — "Mind, Body and Soul" — raised \$555 during Saturday's "Relay Rascal Razzmatazz" Children's pageant.

Children birth through 12 years of age modeled "Sunday Best Attire" and

answered questions during an on-stage interview with KBST Radio Personality and pageant emcee Lisa Brooks.

"All the children were so hand-



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some and gorgeous," said event coordinator Linda Billington. "All of our hard work paid off, and I am so proud of the success of the first pageant. I think each participant enjoyed themselves and had a good time with Lisa Brooks. There will be future 'Relay Rascal

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Community invited to share the word in Heart of City Park

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The community is invited to come together Thursday during the lunch hour for a few moments of reflection and prayer.

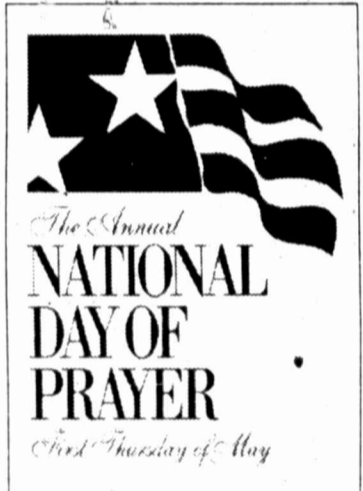
This year's local participation in the nationwide National Day of Prayer will include 14 speakers who represent a wide spectrum of the community. The speakers will have two minutes each to share their perspectives.

The 30 minute-event will begin at 12:15 p.m. at the Heart of the City Park, Third Street and Scurry, under the pavilion and will be broadcast live on KBST 1490 a.m. and cable channel 23.

Seating will be available and participants are encouraged to bring a lunch.

New this year, ministers of Howard County have been invited to stand beside the speakers to show a united faith, said Everett Bender, event organizer.

Ministers wishing to



participate are encouraged to call the Rev. Ken Childress, associate pastor of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene, at 267-7015.

Speakers are Bill Crooker, Howard County commissioner; Oscar Garcia, Big Spring city councilman; Stephanie Horton, Big Spring city councilwoman; the Rev. Roger Huff, minister of Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene; Brian Jensen, Big Spring fire chief; Chaplain Carroll Kohl of the VA

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VSC awards luncheon set for noon Thursday

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"Volunteers... Caring and Sharing the Spirit of America" — Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council's annual awards luncheon — will be held at noon Thursday.

More than 150 people are expected to attend the

program, which will be held in the Allred Building. Key speaker will be Terri Davis, Howard College professor.

Volunteers are asked to call in their reservations to the Community

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City election draws few early voters

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Only 91 people cast ballots early in the Big Spring city election in which two council seats are up for grabs. The 19th Congressional District special election to replace retiring Rep. Larry Combest did significantly better, drawing 937 early votes in Howard County.

In the city race, 29 people voted early in District 2, while 62 cast ballots in District 6.

Election day in the city

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
An employee for Johnston Construction of Big Spring repairs damages to the roof of one of Moss Elementary's portable buildings. Strong gusts Monday night ripped the roof off the building, causing \$10,000 in damage.

Wind rips roof from classroom

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Strong, gusting winds caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage at Moss Elementary Monday night, ripping off the tin roof of one of the school's portable buildings.

"The winds blew the roof over the school and trees, across the street and into a vacant lot," said Howard Stewart, Big Spring Independent School District director of transportation and auxiliary services.

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contests is Saturday, when polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria. Only residents of Districts 2 and 6 will be allowed to vote for candidates in their district.

In District 2, incumbent Oscar Garcia is facing challengers W.A. "Woody" Jumper, Manuel

Ramirez and Elias Gamboa Jr. District 6 incumbent Greg Biddison is challenged by Ronnie Carter and Frances Billalba-McKiski.

In the congressional race, 908 people turned out to the Howard County Courthouse to vote, while 29 people mailed in ballots.

Saturday, county residents wishing to vote in the House of Representatives show-down will go to a voting

place based on their precinct.

Precinct 1 voters will go to the Northside Fire Station, Precinct 2 voters will visit Washington Elementary School, Precinct 3 voting will be at Goliad Intermediate School and Precinct 4 voters will go to the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Seeking the seats are William M. "Bill" Christian, Republican; Carl H. Isett, Republican;

Julia Penelope, Green Party; Kaye Gaddy, Democrat; Richard Bartlett, Republican; John D. Bell, Republican; Jerri Simmons, Democrat; Mike Asmusen, Democrat; Mike Conaway, Republican; "Chip" Peterson, Libertarian; Thomas Flournoy, Constitution; Randy Neugebauer, Republican; Stace Williams, Republican; David R. Langston, Republican; E.L. "Ed"

Hicks, Independent; Jamie Berryhill, Republican; Vickie Sutton, Republican; and Donald May, Republican.

In the likely event that no congressional receives at least 50 percent of the votes, a runoff election will be held.

Voters in both city and federal elections should bring their voter registration card or another form of identification with

them to the polls. Picture ID is not required.

For more information about the city race, contact City Secretary Peggy Walker at 264-2514. For more information about the congressional contest, contact County Clerk Donna Wright at 264-2213.

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

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Relations office at 268-7536 or 268-7271.

More than 110 volunteers worked nearly 10,500 hours last year to benefit the patients at Big Spring State Hospital. They knitted patient caps, operated the resale clothing shop, ran bingo games, and worked on fund-raisers such as "Denim and Diamonds," and delivered flowers and candy for Valentine's Day.

Through their efforts, they raised or worked hours equaling more than \$99,000.

The prestigious Jack Y. Smith Award will be presented to a volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary service during his or her tenure. Smith was a longtime hospital volunteer who was instrumental in advancing volunteer services. He served as chairman of the state's Volunteer Services Council and as treasurer of the local council.

Two Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation "Star

Awards" — one of the highest awards presented by the TDMHR system — will also be presented to longtime volunteer Murlene Williams and Howard College. Williams and the students have provided outstanding service and contributed to special projects.

Suzanne Markwell will be recognized as the Region I Volunteer of the Year. Markwell was selected from among volunteers at all the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation centers, schools and hospitals in

West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Volunteer Judy Jarmes will be recognized as the Rookie of the Year. She logged more than 202 hours this past year.

The luncheon is being held in conjunction with National Volunteer Week.

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The damage was mostly structural in nature.

"We got all the computers out in time," Stewart said.

Winds, reported up to 65 miles an hour, ripped through Howard County while a large thunderstorm left 0.27 inches of rain in the county, said Todd Lindley, forecaster with the National Weather Service in Midland.

"The storm came out of the northwest corner of Howard County and headed southeast," Lindley said. "The winds were the main threat."

The damage made the building, which houses a

fourth grade class, unusable. Administrators are using the school's library to temporarily house the 16 to 17 students.

According to George Martin, Moss Elementary principal, the inconvenience didn't disrupt Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills testing which continues today for most of the school district.

Physical education and music classes housed in the portable next door to the damaged building were transferred to other parts of the campus while repairs were being completed Tuesday.

Stewart expects the portable to be back to full use by Thursday.

Today's weather is expected to fair a little

less dramatic, with highs in the upper 80s and breezy southwest winds from 15 to 20 miles per hour. Forecasted weather for tonight includes light winds from five to 15 miles hour and clear weather.

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

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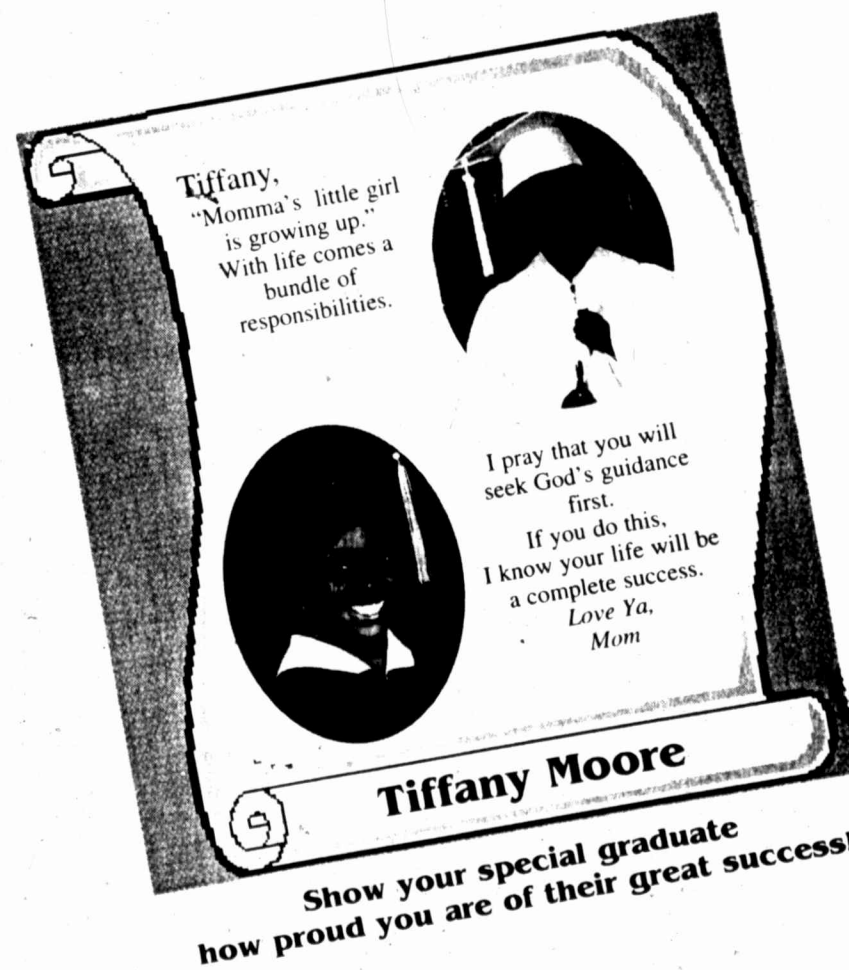
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What's new at the library... with Hollis McCright

Are you interested in raising small livestock? Maybe you are in 4-H or FFA and want to raise an animal to show in the local (and not so local) stock shows? The library has received several books that can guide in choosing a show animal.

Storey's "Guide to Raising Poultry" (636.5 MER L), Storey's "Guide to Raising Sheep" (636.3 SIM P), Storey's "Guide to Raising Rabbits" (636.9322 BEN B) and "Small-Scale Pig Raising" (636.408 LOO D) will give you excellent pointers on the how-to in raising small livestock. If you are interested in having a cow around for milk or raising a calf for the freezer, then check on these two books: "The Family Cow" (636.214 VAN L) and "Raising a Calf for Beef" (636.213 HOB P).



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Do you have someone in your office that loves to whine? Do you work with the public in a stressful area? If this is the case, then "Dealing with People You Can't Stand," (158.2 BRI R) by Rick Brinkman, is the book for you. Brinkman begins with 10 specific behaviors that represent people at their worst: Whiner, the grenade, the

yes person and it goes on from there. How do you survive in such a situation? Brinkman gives you specific goals and action steps in dealing with these characters. If you want to diffuse difficult people and situations, then this book will certainly give you excellent techniques in coping with and ultimately changing their behavior.

"Lost Languages" (411.09 ROB A) and "Illustrated Hieroglyphics Handbook" (411 SCH R) are two of the most interesting books I have looked at in awhile. The first book deals with un-deciphered ancient scripts that have yet to be broken. The greatest mystery is the Indus script that is found on copper tablets, excavated in Pakistan and India. If it was deciphered, then the history of Indus River civilization would shed new light on the origins of our Indo-European ancestors. What do hieroglyphic pictures mean? In "Illustrated Hieroglyphics Handbook," you'll step back 5000 years into the past and begin to understand the philosophy and life of the ancient Egyptians. More than 200 original hieroglyphs combine with detailed semantic explanations to bring a new dimension to the drawings almost astonishing in their modernity. Go through it like a dictionary, reading phonetic and graphic inter-

pretations. Every element in each panel is broken down, so you'll see how and why a picture of two serpents, plus a rope and legs in movement, signified destruction. You'll feel as if a whole old world is opening up to you.

Are you buying or selling a house? "The Complete Book of Home Inspections" (643.12 BEC N) will be most helpful to either one. Norman Becker, P.E. will take you step by step through the inspection process. From the proper tools needed, inspection of roof and roof-mounted structures, basements, floors, walls and mechanicals, Becker will walk you through the whole procedure. He has included inspection forms that the homeowner could use to "pre-inspect" his or her home to discover any potential problems before putting the house on the market.

Do you need a new hobby? How about stained glass? The library has received two new books upon that very subject. "Stained Glass in an Afternoon," (748.5028 PAY V) by Vickie Payne, and "Simple Glass Crafts," (748 LEV M) by Marthe Le Van, can get you started. Another great hobby is quilting. Karol Kavaya, in "Quilting 20 Fresh and Fabulous Projects," (746.46 KAV K) has quick and easy projects to make in a weekend. Projects range from bibs

to table runners to vests. Have the kids all gotten married or gone off to school and you have forgotten how to cook just for the two of you? Check out "Cooking for Two," (641.561 BET H) published by Better Homes and Gardens, for some fresh ideas. Then make something chocolate from "Hershey's Chocolate for Every Season" (641.6374 MER B). How about "Double Chocolate Zucchini Bread" or "Cinnamon Sour-Cream Cake?" Just be sure to bring some by the library for the staff to sample! I made the Aprico-White Chocolate-Oatmeal cookies this weekend and they were scrumptious.

On the morning of June 30, 1908, a comet nucleus or stony asteroid weighing 100,000 metric tons exploded four miles above the remote Siberian region of Tunguska with a force hundreds of times greater than the blast that destroyed Hiroshima. Eighty-four years later, American astronomer Roy Gallant was invited by the Russian Academy of Sciences to participate in its annual Tunguska Expedition. Gallant was the first American to take part in the Russian investigation of the largest meteorite impact in recorded history. So inspired was he by his experiences at Tunguska that he went on to devote the next eight years of his life to investigating

and writing about meteorite impact sites around the globe. Read his newest book: "Meteorite Hunter: The Search for Siberian Meteorite Craters" (523.5109 GAL R); it is a fascinating journey to the major meteorite sites of the wild and desolate Russian interior. We have gotten such a lot of new non-fiction books that I have pre-

pared a list of them that you can find in the New Book Binder at the front desk.

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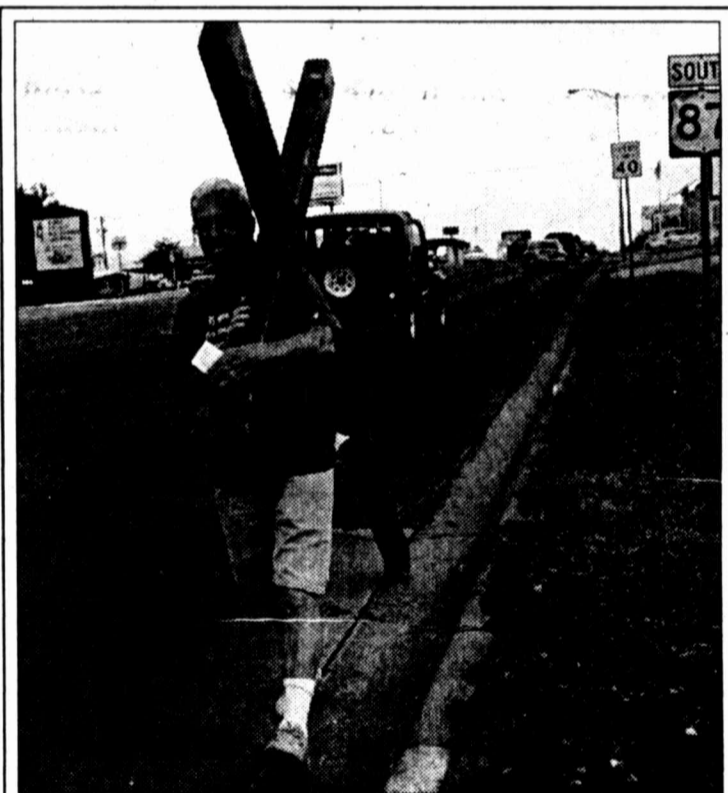
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Bob Hanus of Arlington Heights, Ill., walks down Gregg Street carrying a large wooden cross as a symbol of his outreach ministry. Hanus is joined in the ministry by his family including his son, Bob Jr., a former cocaine addict and dealer.

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TORONTO (A fans paid \$1 for lot of runs sco enough for Torc Juan Gonzalez each homered 1 Texas Rangers Jays 16-11 Tuesd of a crowd of 4 since opening d The fans t SkyDome after offered the ch effort to show vibrant despite "It was good t come out. Unfor n't give them a Jays starter M who allowed fi hits in just 2-3 Alex Rodrig Greene also h Rangers, who l chise-record against Toronto Greene, a fo player, said it such a large cro "I had no dou come out to sup love Toronto. I here and I had ing here," Green Gonzalez hit in the first off and his three- Tam in the six 4 lead. Gonz homers this career multihor Everett has 1 year, and 15 m Gonzalez drove five runs and E four. "It's good to s we can score so said. Rodriguez hi homer at Skyl Jose Canseco f visiting player. "This is one c diums. I think in baseball." R Rodriguez is RBIs in his la went 5-for-5 Sunday. Francisco Co for his first sav Toronto trail ing three runs four in the eigh

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HR binge helps Texas outslug Blue Jays, 16-11

TORONTO (AP) — Blue Jays fans paid \$1 for tickets and saw a lot of runs scored — just not enough for Toronto to win.

Juan Gonzalez and Carl Everett each homered twice to lead the Texas Rangers over the Blue Jays 16-11 Tuesday night in front of a crowd of 48,097, the largest since opening day.

The fans turned out at SkyDome after the Blue Jays offered the cheap seats in an effort to show Toronto remains vibrant despite SARS.

"It was good to see the people come out. Unfortunately, we didn't give them a win," said Blue Jays starter Mark Hendrickson, who allowed five runs and five hits in just 2 2-3 innings.

Alex Rodriguez and Todd Greene also homered for the Rangers, who have won a franchise-record nine straight against Toronto.

Greene, a former Blue Jays player, said it was nice to see such a large crowd.

"I had no doubt the fans would come out to support their city. I love Toronto. I enjoyed playing here and I had no concerns coming here," Greene said.

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer in the first off Hendrickson (1-4), and his three-run shot off Jeff Tam in the sixth gave Texas a 12-4 lead. Gonzalez has eight homers this season, and 45 career multihomer games.

Everett has nine homers this year, and 15 multihomer games. Gonzalez drove in a season-high five runs and Everett knocked in four.

"It's good to show the pitching we can score some runs," Everett said.

Rodriguez hit his 19th career homer at SkyDome, surpassing Jose Canseco for the most by a visiting player.

"This is one of my favorite stadiums. I think it's one of the best in baseball," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez is 9-for-11 with nine RBIs in his last two games. He went 5-for-5 with six RBIs Sunday.

Francisco Cordero got four outs for his first save.

Toronto trailed 12-4 before scoring three runs in the seventh and four in the eighth.

Send-off ceremony slated for Lady Hawks

The Howard College Lady Hawks will get the grand treatment this afternoon when they depart for the 2003 Region V Tournament in Abilene.

Howard College officials announced Tuesday they would be staging a special send-off ceremony for the women's softball team beginning at 4 p.m. at the women's dorm.

The Lady Hawks are scheduled to begin play in the Region V Tournament tomorrow morning against North Central Texas College of Gainesville. The game will start at 9 a.m.

Two to Tango



Big Spring seniors Ashley Smith (left) and Courtney Brock were the latest area high school standouts to agree to play in the All Americas Basketball Classic in July. The girls game will be held at 1 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on July 26.

Brock, Smith ready to power South in All Americas hoops

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

All Americas Bowl
July 22-26
Big Spring, Texas

Courtney Brock and Ashley Smith helped carry the Big Spring Lady Steers to within a whisper of the Class 4A state playoffs this past season. Now, they'd like to go one step farther and win a post-season game.

Brock and Smith will get their chance in July when the 2003 All Americas Basketball Classic tips off in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The game, which is set for July 26, will bring together some of the area's top high school seniors as well as athletes from throughout the southwestern United States.

The two BSHS seniors were among the latest area players to announce their intentions to play for the South squad, which will be led by former Texas Tech standout and current Sterling City head coach Nikki

Heath. "We're thrilled to have Courtney and Ashley coming to play in the basketball game. They're both quality players who should be able to contribute a lot to the South," said All Americas vice president John Armstrong.

Stanton's Ashley Newell has also agreed to participate. Big Spring senior Krystle Long was also invited but may be unable to participate. Long relocated to Colorado at the end of the 2002 basketball season.

Brock and Smith, along with juniors LeKenya Wrightsil and Leina Braxton, starred this past year for the Lady Steers. Brock was among the team leaders in assists and averaged just under

eight points a game. Smith, a 6-foot post, gave the Lady Steers a strong presence inside. She, too, averaged nearly eight points a game through the season under first-year head coach Gary Miller.

With Brock, Smith and Long in the lineup, the Lady Steers rolled to a fourth-place finish in the District 4-4A race, finishing behind only Estacado, Leveland and Frenship.

The All Americas Basketball Classic, now in its second year, is a part of the All Americas Bowl, an international six-man football all-star game featuring players from four countries. The all-star football will be played on July 26.

The All Americas basketball camp begins July 23 with the opening of practice. The boys teams will play Friday evening in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The girls will play at 1 p.m. on July 26.

IN BRIEF

BSHS physicals will be given in May

Physicals for BSHS student athletes will be held in the first part of May.

Male and female doctors will be available.

For more information, contact Big Spring High School Athletic Trainer Andy Rankin at 264-3662.

Sweetwater hoops classic set for May

The Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 16-18. This tournament is for boys and girls in all age divisions.

The entry fee is \$185 for a guaranteed three games.

For more information, contact the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at (800) 658-6757.

Bass club to host annual event in May

The Big Spring Bass Club will host its 13th Annual Open Bass Tournament on May 3 at Lake O.H. Ivie.

The tournament, which is set to run from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m., will be headquartered at the Concho Park Store. The weigh-in site will be the boat ramp.

For more information contact, tournament coordinator Jerry Jones at 263-2366 or 263-4329 or via e-mail at bassman203@lycos.com

CJHS cheerleaders set to make debut

The public will be able to get its first glimpse of the Coahoma Junior High School cheerleaders Thursday when they debut at fundraiser.

The cheerleaders are sponsoring a \$5 barbecue dinner on May 1. The meal will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the CJHS gymnasium.

For more information contact, Neasa Iden at 399-4443 or 270-4743.

UTPB schedules June volleyball camps

University of Texas-Permian Basin volleyball coach Steve Aicinea will be conducting three camps this summer for area spikers. The camps will be limited to 24 per session.

Students in grades 7-8 will workout June 9-13, while grades 9-10 meet from June 16-20. Junior and senior athletes will compete from July 18.

For more information contact Aicinea at 552-2677.

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Rangers put Park on DL

ARLINGTON (AP) — Struggling right-hander Chan Ho Park was placed on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday by the Texas Rangers because of a strained lower back.

The move was retroactive to Monday, a day after Park (1-3; 7.16 ERA) allowed five runs on four hits and five walks in four innings against the New York Yankees. He threw more balls than strikes (48-44) in the game the Rangers came back to win 10-7 after falling behind 5-4.

The Rangers also recalled infielder Mike Lamb from Triple-A Oklahoma and called up infielder Donnie Sadler.

Catcher Chad Kreuter, signed by the Rangers during the offseason to be Park's personal catcher like he had been with the Los Angeles Dodgers.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Members of the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf soccer team claimed a 6-4 exhibition win over the African Association squad of Texas Tech Saturday at the SWCID field.

Spurs hold off Suns' rally, take 3-2 lead in series

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Even the Spurs don't know which San Antonio team will show up for Game 6 against Phoenix: the cohesive one that built a 24-point half-time lead in Game 5, or the clumsy one that almost squandered it.

The Spurs saw their advantage trimmed to six points with 1:49 left, but Tim Duncan made all six of his free throws in the final minute and

San Antonio held on for a 94-82 win over Phoenix Tuesday to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The next game will be in Phoenix on Thursday.

"There's no way they're going to lay down for us," said Duncan, who scored 23 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for the Spurs.

Game 5 was easy for the Spurs for the first two quarters.

They shot better than 50 percent from the floor and excelled at the free-throw line. On defense, they allowed the Suns only 10 baskets and outrebounded them 31-11.

The Suns, who wiped out big leads in their victories in Games 1 and 4, made the second half worth watching. They opened the third quarter with a 19-5 run that cut San Antonio's lead to 59-49.

Parcells, Jones draft RB with final pick

IRVING (AP) — This time, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones waited until the end to do his trading in the NFL draft, and only then got a running back.

And Jones and new coach Bill Parcells seemed to co-exist well. Both are known to be powerful forces during the draft, and this was their first together.

Instead of trading down on the first day like a year ago, the Cowboys stuck with their No. 5 overall pick and took Kansas State cornerback-returned Terence Newman on Saturday.

Newman's proven ability at cornerback, a position where the team needed help, plus his return skills overshadowed questions about nerve damage in his left shoulder and the fact he'll be 25 when the season begins, about two years older than the average first-rounder.

On Sunday, the Cowboys traded their last pick, sending their second seventh-round pick (236th overall) to Detroit for running back Aveion Cason. Dallas, which has let NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith go, didn't take a running back with any of its seven picks.

In between Newman's pick and their draft-ending trade, the Cowboys tried to follow the pattern that worked so well a year before in a draft that produced five players that started last season for the Cowboys.

After their three picks Saturday, including potential starters in Wisconsin center Al Johnson in the second round and Tennessee tight end Jason Witten in the third round, the Cowboys added LSU linebacker Bradie James in the fourth round to start Sunday.

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HOUSTON — Texans general manager Charley Casserly said the NFL team can't have too many quarterbacks, but he's not sure what about them.

Despite Michigan's success in the NFL, Henson's assistant coach says he didn't want to be drafted by the New York Jets prospect in round Sunday.

"I think it's a mistake to draft Casserly said Henson came he was sched certainly w be a first-ro

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Last week, Henson said he had left football calling it a "season" and implying team would be pick on him. declined to selection entit

"I am once baseball ri Henson said Columbus spokesman.

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What makes Alex Watkins' perfect game Friday afternoon against the Pampa Lady Harvesters an amazing occurrence is the fact that the Big Spring High School sophomore has turned the trick twice in the last year. Even in an area like this known to be a baseball/softball hotbed, the feat is mind-boggling.

Sometimes it even amazes those who sit and watch. In the 20 years yours truly has been covering sports in Alaska, Texas, Colorado, Kansas and Canada, Watkins' perfect game was a first for me. Somehow, it ranks right near the top of the memories the brain has accumulated — ranking right up there with watching former Houston Oilers defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan punch offensive coordinator

Kevin Gilbride on the sidelines in the AstroDome.

Perhaps it's even more special than watching Dewayne Miles rack up eight of his season-high 79 touchdowns against Silvertown in the 1995 state playoffs.

In the past 20 years, only thing thing comes to mind as being more remarkable. That being watching Petey Salaiz become only the second high school running back in the state to crack the 10,000-yard rushing barrier during his senior season. Salaiz, who graduated in 1996, finished his senior year with more than 3,000 yards.

Speaking of memorable performances, John Miller turned in an inspiring effort this past weekend at the Native Youth Olympics in Anchorage, Alaska. The 15-year-old sophomore at Barrow High School tied the world record in the One-Foot High Kick by reaching 114 inches.

To put that into better perspective, the 5-foot-10 miller can stand flat on his feet, hop in the air and nearly kick the rim of a basketball goal — and then land on his feet again.

Miller's leap tied the sport's 15-year-old world record in the event, which was set in 1988 by Anchorage's Brian Randazzo at the Arctic Winter Games. The record was tied last year at the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics by Point Hope's Jesse Frankson.



TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Staging a high school track meet can be trying experience for any coach. A fact that makes the

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Texans hope drafting Henson will pay off later

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans general manager Charley Casserly says an NFL team can't have too many quarterbacks. But what about third base-

men? Despite former Michigan star Drew Henson's assertion last week that he's sticking with his baseball career and didn't want to be drafted, Houston selected the New York Yankees prospect in the sixth round Sunday.

"I think with Drew Henson it's simple," Casserly said. "If Drew Henson came out when he was scheduled to, he certainly would have been a first-round pick."

Casserly said Henson might have been a top-10 or top-five pick in the 2001 draft had he not signed a \$17 million, six-year contract with the New York Yankees. And, Casserly added, an unidentified team told him moments after the pick that they would have taken Henson if Houston hadn't.

Last week, Henson was blunt when asked if he had left football behind, calling it a "stupid question" and implied that a team would be wasting a pick on him. Sunday, he declined to address his selection entirely.

"I am concentrating on baseball right now," Henson said through a Columbus Clippers spokesman.

However, the talk persists because Henson isn't distinguishing himself at New York's Class AAA affiliate in Columbus, Ohio, where he came into the weekend hitting below .200 and averaging a strikeout per every three at-bats. Those stats are a contrast to his final year at Michigan, when he completed 61 percent of his passes for 2,146 yards, 18 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

Henson himself has acknowledged the Texans might have taken him first in the 2002 draft instead of David Carr had Henson had a successful senior season at Michigan.

Houston will hold Henson's rights for a full year, and the Texans can

trade his rights during that time. If he doesn't sign, he enters the draft pool one last time next year.

If he didn't sign again, he would be an NFL free agent in 2005.

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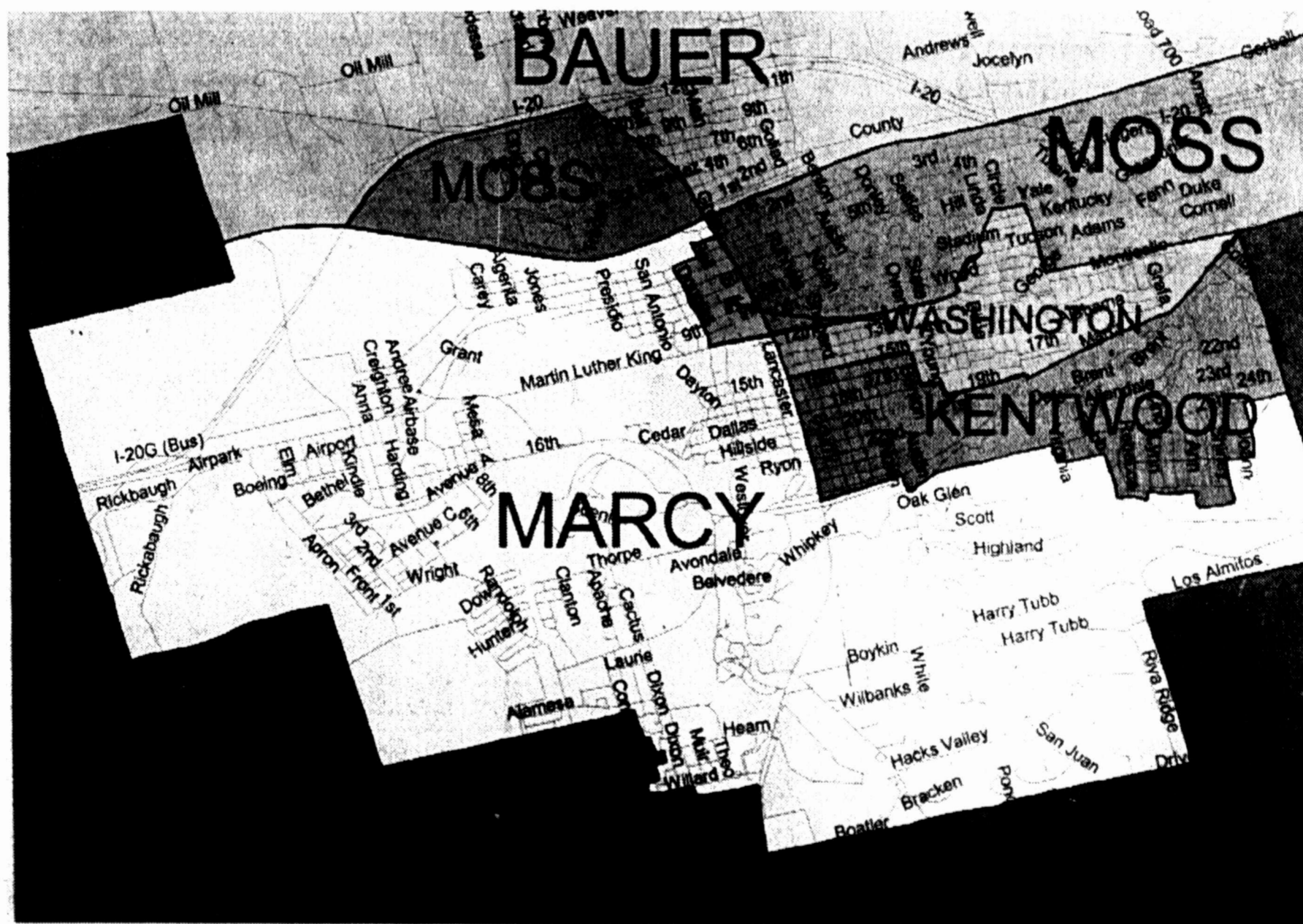
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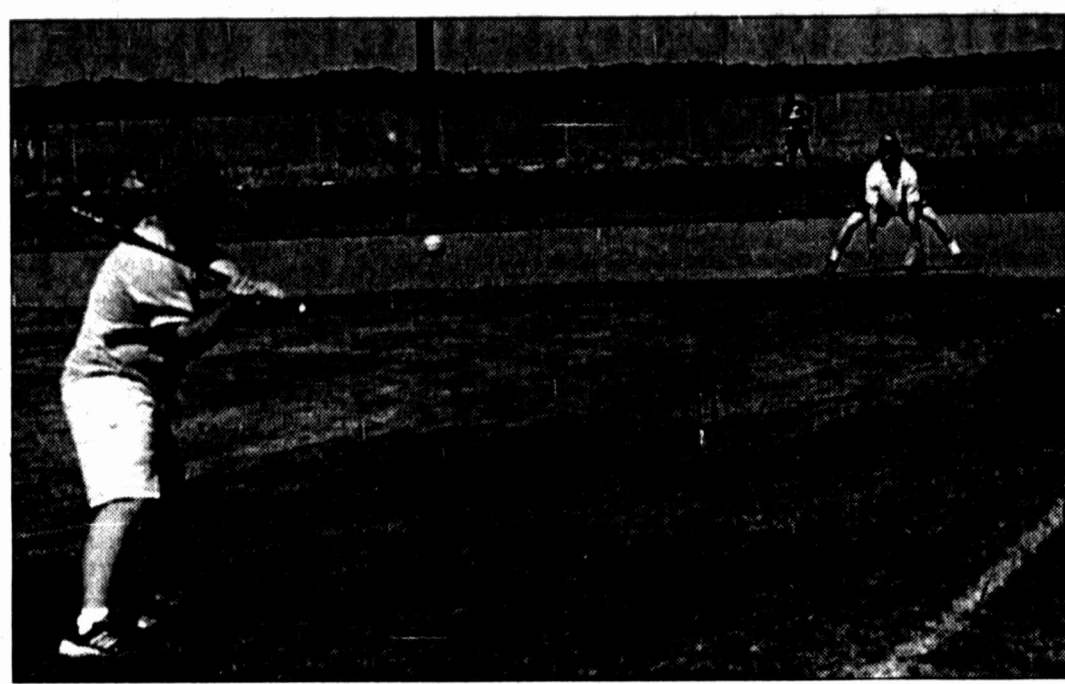
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The Coahoma Bulldogs went through fielding drills this week in an effort to prepare for the bi-district playoff series with Lubbock Roosevelt. The 3-game series begins Friday.

'Dogs will open 2A playoffs against Lubbock Roosevelt

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs are going to get another shot at the Lubbock Roosevelt Eagles — this time, on the baseball field.

Coahoma is scheduled to open a best-of-3 playoff series against Lubbock Roosevelt Friday afternoon at the Lamesa High School field. The final two games, if needed, of the Class 2A bi-district playoff series will be played on Saturday.

The Bulldogs head into the showdown showcasing a deceiving 12-9 record. The Bulldogs, the District 3-2A runner-ups, faced several large opponents this season and outslugged Colorado City in their final loop out-ing by a 14-11 margin.

Senior catcher Billy-Bob Walker leads the CHS attack along with short-stop/pitcher Kelby Kemper and Sam Tindol.

Roosevelt, which ended the Bulldogs' basketball playoff run earlier this year in the bi-district round, comes into the series with a 22-5 mark for the year.

The Coahoma Lady Bulldogettes will also open the 2003 playoffs this week by facing Grape Creek in the area round.

The two teams are scheduled to play at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Midland Lee High School.

Grape Creek, which lost to Coahoma last year in the playoffs, by a 5-3 mark earned the right to face the Bulldogettes by downing Fort Hancock, 11-0, last Friday.

Bass club will host its annual tourney this weekend at Ivie

The Big Spring Bass Club will host its 13th Annual Open Bass Tournament on May 3 at Lake O.H. Ivie.

The tournament, which is set to run from 6 a.m. until 4 p.m., will be headquartered at the Concho Park Store. The weigh-in site will be the boat ramp.

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Lehtinen's two goals power Stars to 1st win over Ducks

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Mighty Ducks were looking as if they might never lose. They knew better.

Jere Lehtinen scored twice, and Marty Turco stopped 31 shots Monday night as the Dallas Stars defeated Anaheim 2-1 in their Western Conference semifinal series.

The Ducks still lead the best-of-seven series 2-1, with Game 4 set for tonight.

"It's a tough loss, for sure. But we didn't think we were going to win 16 straight," Anaheim's Keith Carney said after the Ducks lost for the first time in seven playoff games.

"We knew there was going to be some adversi-

ty through the playoffs, and this was just a little stumbling block for us. But we'll get back on our horse on Wednesday."

While pleased with the outcome, Dallas coach Dave Tippett wasn't happy with the Stars' performance in Game 3.

"We did not play nearly as good as the first games," he said. "It's

funny how this game goes sometime."

The Ducks swept Stanley Cup champion Detroit in the opening series and then won the first two against Dallas.

Ducks' coach Mike Babcock said the Stars simply won Game 3.

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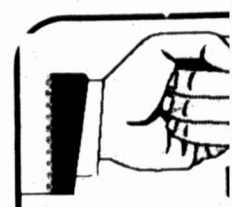
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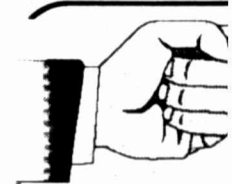
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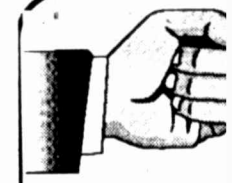
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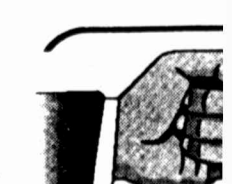
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BY JOYCE JILLSON
 The moon joins the sun in the sensual sign of Taurus. Everyone is hungry — hungry for a hearty lunch, a fat raise and a beefy promotion. And hungry for sweet words, juicy kisses and a bigger piece of the proverbial pie. The smarter ones will figure out that providing some of life's niceties for others is the best way to get them in your own life.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). A tortoise-and-hare-type race is featured at work. Though it's diffi-



Joyce Jillson

cult for you, speedy fire sign that you are, take the winning role in this game, and be more careful with choices made along the way.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Keep an ear out for a new financial opportunity. What's cool, lucrative and timely will be discussed in appropriately hushed tones, since everyone wants to be part of the first wave (i.e. the ones who make the big money).
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Family members have demands, though nobody will actually be "demanding" but rather "implying," "suggesting" and, later, "urging." You're in tune to what others mean when they're not bold enough

to say what they mean.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships come in all shape and sounds. Be mindful not to judge someone else's main attraction. What works for others might seem like living in Hades to you, but it takes all kinds. Interfering won't help.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The most profound limits are self-imposed — change your mind-set. Even when people get on your nerves, you are sweet. Tonight, you've got a way of making up for lost time and will be effective with friends or clients from the past.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 30). It's simply too easy to succeed this year, but it never was supposed to be as hard as you were making it. In May, you leap up to a new career level by taking added job responsibility. Long hours on the job can leave a loved one feeling ignored. July is all about love for singles and couples alike. Best signs for new relationships are Gemini and Pisces. Your lucky numbers are: 35, 12, 6, 18 and 3.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Feel slightly out of control? Wait it out, and it will pass by the afternoon. Besides, there are

new sources of inspiration that can be tapped when you release the need to command everything. Not everything should be predictable.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone's passive-aggressive action could have you going when you want to stay. No! You've got the bright ideas, so take charge! Show the boss you care, and appreciation soon comes to you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stop pursuing a new love. Leave space, and this person will come to you. It's nice to know you're wanted and needed. Though family members may still be in a dispute over money, you've moved into neutral territory.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You owe it to yourself to forgive and forget. It may seem absurd to say, "Don't take it personally." But much of what has happened had to do with your partner's earlier life, and you had nothing to do with it.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know just what to say and how to say it, probably due to recent reading materials. Continue to stay current. Lively conversations keep a relationship fresh — don't shy away from

the verbal showdown.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When what's out there doesn't appeal to you, check inside. You may be harboring some guilt or anger that's keeping you from accepting pretty things into your life. The stars are perfect for purging.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When things go wrong, only the weak will complain about it. Without a word, you get busy. Relying on others hinders your ability to tap into your own resources. This will be true both at work and at play.
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My birthday is Sept. 5, 1956. I read your horoscopes all the time, and it seems like the Virgo message is very true for me half the time, and the other half the time the Libra message comes true. Is there any kind of astrological explanation for this?"
 Your moon is in Libra, as is your Mercury, and these two planets, close as they are to Earth, are directly involved in the hourly moods and activities of our days! In your case, the moon and Mercury are very influential energies in your life, and they are of a Libran tone. Libra's mes-

sage will often have clues for you, as will the Virgo one. Those who know their time of birth and who can therefore determine their exact individual chart know that the sun sign message for their rising sign is an additional message for them. You are very intuitive to have discovered this; perhaps you should study astrology! The fun of reading the daily horoscopes is enhanced by knowing where the moon was on the day you were born and where other luminaries were as well. It's pretty easy and inexpensive to get a computerized chart drawn up, if you know the exact time of your birth.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Willie Nelson has enjoyed publishing success with his book of jokes, an unexpected career turn for the unpredictable country music star. Next, Nelson could follow the lead of Kris Kristofferson and play a supporting role in a fantasy-based film. Nelson would be an excellent vampire or howling wolf! Children are featured prominently in his chart this summer, and a charitable act could help orphaned children.
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Dear Annie: After graduating from college, I moved from Canada to the United States, where I met my husband. My family has always enjoyed my husband's company and, until recently, liked him very much.

After having our first child, we decided to move back to Canada, near my parents, so we could have some help looking after our son. In fact, we moved right around the corner from their house. For the first few months, we spent a great deal of time together. Then my mother started complaining about little things that my husband does. She also repeated these negative remarks to our extended family.
 My husband and I have had some problems over the years, and unfortunately, my mother has witnessed us bickering. Naturally, that added to the pot of ammo she has used against him. My husband feels the tension when we are in Mom's home, although he tries to act like there is nothing wrong, and he is very polite to her. The final straw was last week, when my husband's car broke down and we needed to borrow one of Mom's cars to get him to his job interview. She refused, saying she's "not doing any favors for him."

I chose this man as my husband, and whether Mom likes him or not, I want her to accept us as a married couple. She has made it clear she is disappointed in my decision to stay with him, and that I've "married a loser." After these comments, we had a terrible fight and haven't spoken for over a week.

I'm considering moving away, but it makes me sad to think my son will be missing his family. What should I do? — Too Close to Ontario

Dear Ontario: There's a reason for the saying "Familiarity breeds contempt." You don't have to move to another country, but it would help if you didn't live quite so close to Mom. She should not be witnessing everything that goes on between you

and your husband. A married couple's life ought to be private.



Annie's Mailbox

Tell Mom you are sorry if she does not approve of your husband, but you are sticking by him and you expect her to treat him with civility. Period.
 Dear Annie: The letter from "Unintentional Felon in Texas" was written by me. I am the wife who allowed her husband to bring a drug-using friend into our home. I was arrested on a felony charge, even though I did not use any drugs. You gave me some words of encouragement, and I thought I'd tell you what happened.
 The charges were bumped up to first-degree felony with the intent to deliver. My ex-husband pleaded no contest, but, thankfully, the charges against me were dropped. I could have spent a long time in prison. I am single again, felony-less, and I thank God every day for giving me a second chance. — No Felon in Texas

Dear Texas: Thanks for the update. We're glad to know justice prevailed.
 Dear Annie: Many of my friends are graduating from different colleges on the same day, and many of my cousins are graduating from high school that same day. So is my younger brother. I love them all and don't want to miss a moment, but these graduations are spread out all over the state.
 How can I pick one person's ceremony over another's without creating conflict? Your advice is greatly appreciated. — Torn over Lambskins

Dear Lambskins: Your brother's ceremony comes first, and your friends and cousins will understand. If you have time to attend another ceremony, select the one that is closest. As for the ones whose ceremonies you will miss, phone and give them your best wishes, along with your regrets.

Dear Texas: Your husband is understandably depressed, and you are under tremendous strain as well. But he needs you now. There are some wonderful support organizations for those with cancer and their caregivers. Please contact the American Cancer Society, 1599 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329, 1-800-ACS-2345 (1-800-227-2345) (www.cancer.org) or the Association of Cancer Online Resources at www.acor.org.
 Dear Annie: My boyfriend, "Donald," won't sleep with me, and I mean SLEEP. Sex is not a problem. In fact, it's great. But when it's time for bed, Donald walks over to the sofa and plumps up the pillow. It really bothers me. By the way, Donald is 51, and I am 35.
 At first I thought I snored, kicked or stole the covers, but when I

asked him, he insisted it has nothing to do with me. He said he simply is accustomed to sleeping alone. In the 20 years he was married, he traveled a lot on business and was only home four or five days a month. When he changed jobs, he worked days, and his ex-wife worked nights. They apparently never went to bed at the same time.

Donald says of all the faults to be upset about, I sure picked a small one, and he can't figure out why I am making such an issue of it. Is there any way for him to understand that my desire to share a bed each night is not so unusual? Except for this one problem, Donald makes me happier than I have ever been. Am I being selfish to want him to fall asleep next to me at night? — Sleeping Solo in California

Dear Solo: You are not being selfish, but it's obvious Donald is more comfortable having his own sleeping space. It would require a major effort for him to adjust to sleeping with another person. Nonetheless, it's worth a try.
 Can you afford to invest in a king-sized bed or a set of twins? Can you pull the sofa into the bedroom? Ask Donald to try some behavior modification, as a favor to you. If he sleeps in the same room with you every night for one month, he might get used to it. If it works, try sleeping in the same bed. If he is not willing to try, or if the experiment fails, you must decide how important this is to you. If the rest of your relationship is solid, this should not be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

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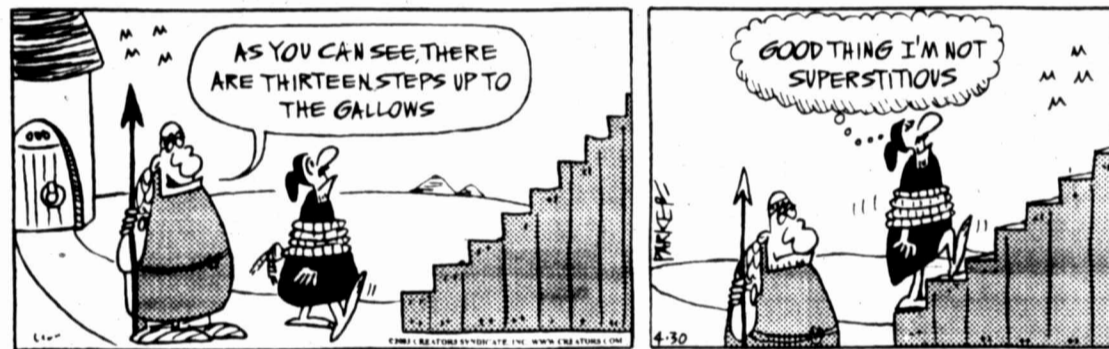
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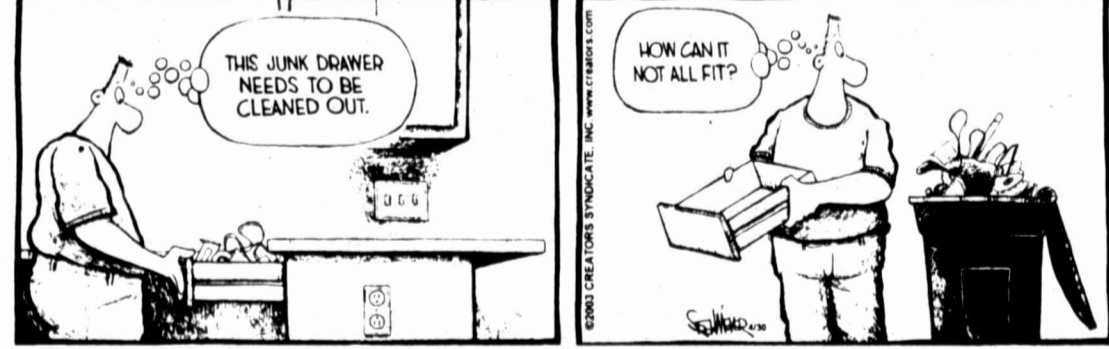
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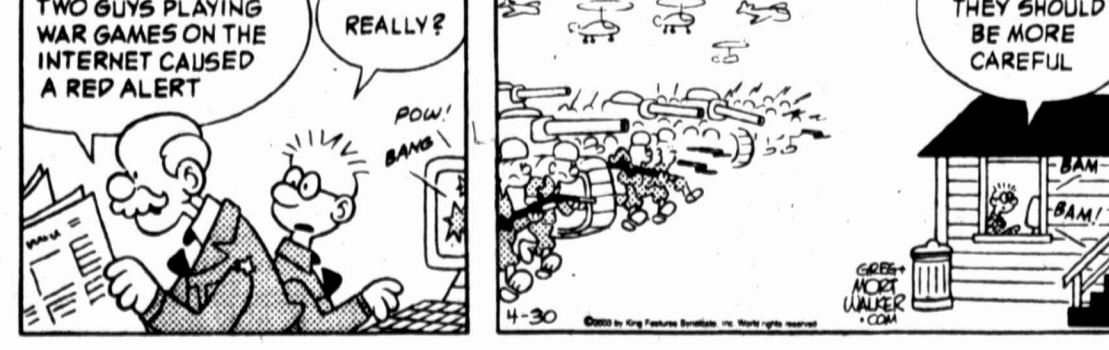
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The "James Taylor Bridge" sign will soon be posted where U.S. 15-501 South crosses Morgan Creek...

much of his childhood in Chapel Hill in a home near the creek, and the memories inspired his hit song "Copperline."

Taylor told the crowd of hundreds he felt strongly connected to the area, and he remembered waiting for the school bus...

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Anger to previous puzzle crossword grid with clues and answers.

Newsday Crossword GET THE BALL ROLLING by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman

Large crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers.