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From political cartoons to deep, religious painting meant to spark self-examination, local artist Duane Bemis uses pen and ink to strengthen and express his faith.

Bemis is not new to many of the *Big Spring Herald* readers. Several of his political cartoons have been featured on the editorial page of the paper.



AMERICAN PROFILE

Cover Story: This Memorial Day, we honor Cpl. Matthew A. Commons, 21, who died with two others last March in Afghanistan after a nine-hour firefight as they tried to rescue a Navy Seal.

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Balloting to begin in congressional runoff

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Ready to help determine the future of West Texas?

All registered voters in the 19th Congressional District — which includes Howard County — are eligible to cast runoff election ballots starting Monday on whether Randy Neugebauer (R-Lubbock) or Mike Conaway (R-Midland) should replace retiring Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock).

Neugebauer and Conaway ran neck and neck as the top two vote-getters in a 17-candidate election May 3, but, not surprisingly,

Early voting

8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Monday-Friday
through May 30
at the Howard
County
Courthouse



CONAWAY NEUGEBAUER

neither captured 50 percent of the total votes cast to avoid a runoff.

Districtwide, Neugebauer edged Conaway by a mere 1.3 percent, 13,029 votes to 12,254.

In Howard County, Neugebauer's lead was a bit more substantial: the candidate scored about 34 percent of the vote.

Just over 10 percent of Howard's registered voters cast ballots in the election.

Howard County residents can vote early in the runoff from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through May 30 at the Howard County Courthouse. Early polls will also be open at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center May 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. only.

Polls will be open on election day, June 3.

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Sheryl Salvador of Hawaii, part of the Run For The Wall motorcycle riders group, takes a few moments to visit the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Saturday morning. The group, consisting largely of military veterans, laid a wreath upon the memorial before heading out on their journey to Washington, D.C. Thousands of bikers will be converging on the nation's capital Memorial Day to form Rolling Thunder XV.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

TOP STUDENTS

Vela, Warrington named BSHS valedictorian, salutatorian for '03

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School announced that Christopher Ryan Vela and William Mark Warrington are the top two students in the 2003 graduating class.

Vela, the son of Edwin and Jan Vela, will serve as the class valedictorian, graduating with a grade point average of 3.97.

During his high school career, Vela has proven himself a leader in both academic and athletic areas.

For the past three years, Vela has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He received the Optimist Club award his senior year, was named to the National Honor Roll his junior and senior years, earned an academic letter jacket and was honored by the Texas Education Agency with



VELA WARRINGTON

the Governor's Award his freshman and senior years.

Vela has been involved with numerous extracurricular activities, including the National Honor Society, where he serves as vice president; the Spanish Club, where he serves as treasurer; Key Club and Press Club while volunteering at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center for the past two years.

During his athletic career on the high school tennis team, Vela was

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VA Medical Center plans youth nursing program

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Interested in the health care field?

The VA Medical Center is seeking candidates to participate in program that offers a hands-on, in-depth view of the nursing field.

"We hope we can get volunteers to provide them some

nursing exposure and to have a positive effect on them so they will want to finish their career in nursing," said Cynthia Schaffner, VA Cadets/Cadettes Nursing Youth Volunteer program coordinator.

Participants are paired with a nurse during each day of

Applications are available at area high school counselor's offices or by contacting the VA Medical Center.



Cynthia Schaffner, program coordinator

the six-week program and will experience all of the aspects of nursing

duties. Schaffner said, "They see what it takes," she said.

"How they give medicines. What's a nurse's role is in all the different settings? Nursing is so vast."

Only 12 slots are open for this year's program, which will be held June 11 through July 25. Participants will be selected through an application and

interview process. "This is the first year for the candidate program," Schaffner said. "We have a minimum age of 14. There is no maximum age." Those chosen for the program are required to give 16 hours a week.

See **NURSING**, Page 3A

Hold-harmless clause topic for BSISD trustees Monday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Big Spring school trustees will consider adding a hold-harmless stipulation to the Big Spring Junior High repair project during a called meeting Monday before heading out to tour district facilities.

The one action on the agenda, to consider adding special stipulations to the junior high project, would add a hold-harmless clause for contractors.

The clause would release contractors of

See **BSISD**, Page 3A

Deceased veterans to be memorialized

HERALD Staff Report

Howard County area residents are invited to honor the memory of service men and women during special ceremonies at Trinity Memorial Park.

The annual Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25, on the

What: Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony.

Where: Trinity Memorial Park.

When: 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25.

park grounds, five miles

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church members Mary Jo Guerra and Silberio Junior Gutierrez set up a booth for the church's "May Fest" on Saturday. Outside carnival booth activities were expected to continue through 11 p.m. Saturday. The festivities begin again Sunday at 11 a.m. with a Mexican food dinner and entertainment beginning at 1 p.m. and are expected to wrap up about 3 p.m. The church is located at 1009 Hearn.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Emma Ryan Bronaugh

Emma Ryan Bronaugh, infant daughter of Mathew and Misty Bronaugh of Bertram, formerly of Big Spring, passed away May 10, 2003, in an Austin hospital.

Graveside services were held May 13, 2003, at Post Mountain Cemetery in Burnet with minister Tim Denton of the Vanderveer Street Church of Christ officiating.

Survivors include her parents, Mathew and Misty Bronaugh of Bertram; grandparents, Charles and Rhonda Bronaugh and Sharon and Joe Adams, all of Big Spring, and Junior and Kim Savell of Bertram; great-grandparents, Preston and Marva Daniels, Wayne Savell, Nell Clark and Fern Bronaugh, all of Big Spring, and Laverne Lockhart of Lindale; great-great-grandmother, Minnie Kennedy of Lindale; and two uncles, Ty Savell of Bertram and Paul Bronaugh of Hawaii.

Buford Ladell Howell



Buford Ladell Howell Sr., 65, of Big Spring, died on Friday, May 16, 2003, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park, with Chaplain Carroll Kohl of the V.A. Medical Center officiating.

He was born on Aug. 9, 1937, in Texas City and married Joyce Brown on Dec. 31, 1959, in Austin.

Ladell owned and operated B's Lawn Service since the 1970s and had worked at Pepsi Cola in Austin for 15 years before moving to Big Spring. He loved fishing, bowling and bingo.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Howell of Big Spring; one son, Buford Ladell Howell Jr. of Big Spring; one daughter, Tammy McFadden of Lawton, Okla.; one grandson, Dale Schenck of Lawton, Okla.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Billy Ray and Geneva Howell and Kenneth and Mary Howell, all of Big Spring; one sister, Joyce Riddle of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Howell and one brother, Melvin Howell.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-8, Midland 79701 or American Diabetes Association, Inc., Texas Affiliate, Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock 79424.

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

Ernestine Garcia

Ernestine Garcia, 58, of Big Spring, died at 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending in Alice.

Local arrangements were by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers, 6p.m., May 19, covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets, (enter through north door). For more information, call 398-3522.

The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngectomies and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

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

Police blotter

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

• **MELISSA HERNANDEZ**, 18, of 407 N. Bell St. was arrested Friday on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• **SALITIA BREHM**, 20, of 2613 Ent was arrested Friday for three local warrants.

• **FRANCISCO CERVANTES**, 24, of 407 E. Fifth Street was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **TERRANCE MONTE LEWIS**, 17, of 501 Birdwell was arrested Friday for a Howard County warrant.

• **DEBRA MARQUEZ**, 37, of 2312 Runnels was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication, failure to identify as a fugitive and for a parole warrant.

• **DAVID REDMON**, 57, of 807 Willa, was arrested Saturday on two charges of assault, family violence.

• **JOSEPH TURNER**, 26, of 815 Timothy was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SHAYNA MARIE ACUFF**, 27, of 805 W. 18th was arrested Friday for city and Texas Department of Safety warrants.

• **BILLY SIPES**, 25, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested Saturday for a warrant.

• **BURGLARY of a HABITATION** was reported at a residence in the 1900 block of Wasson. Reportedly taken were a 8X10 inch picture frame and a man's Seiko watch.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1800 block of west FM 700 where reportedly a Ford vehicle received \$400 in damages.

Sheriff's report

Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

• **BURGLARY** was reported at the Country Corner Cafe.

• **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** was reported on 11th Place Extension.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported northwest of Highway 87 and FM 1785.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-20-25-35. Bonus Ball: 30. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$275,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 24-30-6-16-8. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-7-8

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell. Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for people age 50 and older, call 268-4721.

Coahoma's Lions Club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada Restaurant, 206 N.W. Fourth St.

Big Spring Band Boosters, 6:30 p.m., Big Spring High School ball hall.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m. for dinner, meeting to follow, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant, 6:30 p.m. for dinner, meeting to follow, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, on Bethel St. in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden County, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main St.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 9:30 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

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

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. Marcy Drive.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

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

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP office, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

Weather

Sunday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph..Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Highs around 90.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs around 90.

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Jesse Aguilar of Andrews and Kent Wilson of Gallup, N.M., roll in with a contingency of 80 bikes heading to Washington, D.C., to form Rolling Thunder XV on Memorial Day. The biker's group, consisting largely of military veterans, laid a wreath upon the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial before heading back on their journey. The bikers will be joined by thousands in the nation's capital for the yearly demonstration. The demonstration is held to remind the government and country about military men and women who are still missing and may still be prisoners of war. More information about the group and daily updates can be found at www.frtw.org

STUDENTS

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named the All-District No. 3 seed in doubles his junior year and the No. 1 seed for doubles his senior year. That same year, Vela was a part of the district champion doubles team.

A well-rounded student, Vela has participated in the award-winning high school band, earning a place in all-region band his sophomore and junior years and area band his junior year. He has also participated in state band solo and ensemble contests.

Besides school-related activities, Vela has participated heavily in community service with his church youth group and volunteered at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raiser.

Upon graduation, Vela

will earn a Phlebotomy certification and have garnered 22 college credit hours before heading to Angelo State University where he plans to concentrate on pre-med.

William Mark Warrington, the son of Dennis and Teresa Warrington, has been named the salutatorian and will graduate with a 3.94 GPA.

During his high school career in Big Spring, Warrington has participated in a number of school-related activities, including University Interscholastic League academic competition, the Academic Challenge team, the high school football team, the award-winning high school band, the golf team, National Honor Society, where he serves as president, Key Club and Spanish Club.

Warrington has garnered several outstanding awards in the last four years, being honored by the Texas Education Agency for outstanding

academic recognition, the National Honor Roll his junior year, second place in the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest his junior year and he earned an academic letter jacket his freshman year.

Heavily involved in his church youth group and Boy Scouts of America, Warrington is currently finishing his project to earn the prestigious BSA Eagle Scout award. He participated in the Relay for Life fund-raiser.

Following graduation, Warrington plans to attend Angelo State University and double major in biochemistry and possibly business with a concentration in pre-med.

BSHS will hold commencement exercises for the 2003 class at 8 p.m. Friday, May 30, in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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RUNOFF

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from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. On election day, residents in precincts beginning with a "1" will vote at the North Side Fire Station; those in Precincts 202, 203, 204, 205 and 208 will vote at Washington Place School; voters in Precincts 207, 405, 407, 408 and 409 will vote at the

Coahoma Community Center; those in Precincts 302, 303, 304 and 305 will vote at Goliad Intermediate School; and voters in Precincts 401, 402, 403, 404, 406 and 410 will vote at the Big Spring High School Library. Voters can find their precinct number on the front of their voter registration cards. The number will be about in the middle of the left half of the card, under the words

"Prec. No. (Pct. Num.)." Election officials will accept the voter registration card or another form of valid identification. Photo ID is not required. Voters need not have voted in the May 3 general election to cast a ballot in the runoff.

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BSISD

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responsibility from possible damages resulting strictly from foundation failure, said Sandra Waggoner, Big Spring Independent School District business manager.

The building, which was discovered to have been constructed partially over a filled-in canyon, suffered extensive damage when portions of the foundation failed.

Steps were taken to correct the damage, and in the past two years the

structure has remained stabilized, Waggoner said. Administrators feel the addition of the hold-harmless clause will increase competition in the bidding process, Waggoner said.

Following the action item, trustees will spend the day touring campuses and district facilities. Trustees will meet at 10 a.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

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In the midst of our sorrow we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation to our many relatives, friends & neighbors for the kindness & sympathy shown to us in the loss of our beautiful and loving son Jashawn Smith. We would especially wish to thank all the people that donated money, food, flowers and for all the prayers and support.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Partisan politics as usual, we fear

All right, it's time to call a things what they are. In this case, we're talking partisan politics ... Republicans and Democrats. And the spin doctors in both parties are hard at work.

And we thought last year's gubernatorial election was ugly!

When Texas House Democrats fled north of the Red River last week in what was clearly their only means to defeat proposed Congressional redistricting, it took just minutes for the situation to get meaner than a rattlesnake with a bellyache.

Newspaper editors were inundated with e-mails from the moment it was clear the Democrats had skipped town and the House couldn't convene due to a lack of a quorum. Some were straight forward — from state and local GOP and Democratic Party leaders trumpeting the party line.

Others were from the likes of groups with names like Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy.

Of course, once you read the "Sound Economy" folks' observations — that State Rep. Pete Laney and the others who'd holed up at the Holiday Inn in Ardmore, Okla., were "yellow dogs," it was clear what a sound economy was in their minds.

House Speaker Tom Craddick and the Republican majority, unable to conduct business, stood around on the floor of the House chamber with not a little egg on their faces.

With virtually every Texan with even the smallest interest in state government aware that the Legislature was facing a record financial shortfall for the next biennium, the Republicans had managed to put together legislation that will supposedly balance the state budget on the backs of the poor, children and elderly of our state without creating too much of a ripple.

But when the redistricting map engineered by Congressman Tom DeLay, the U.S. House majority leader, was clearly about to be passed, Democrats balked.

They'd spent the entire session watching the Republican majority steamroll one partisan proposal after another down their throats. Realizing their only option was simply not to show up for work and bring things to a standstill until Friday's midnight deadline rolled around and make it impossible for the redistricting bill to be considered, they did just that.

Republican leaders like Craddick and Gov. Rick Perry did done their best to paint the AWOL Democrats as spoiled children who didn't like how the game was going, packed up their marbles and went home.

Others were nothing short of absurd, painting Democrats to be as evil as Saddam Hussein.

Democratic Party leaders, on the other hand, issued a statement Thursday afternoon noting that Abraham Lincoln, when a member of the Whig Party in the Illinois Legislature, once jumped out a second floor window of the capitol in order to be a quorum breaker.

As we observed earlier, it's all spin.

Unfortunately, what was lost for many in all the rhetoric and theatrics is the real problem.

Make that two problems.

First, what was once a bipartisan state government under the leadership of George W. Bush has become anything but. In fact, it's downright heavy-handed.

But perhaps even more important is that people need to realize what the redistricting proposal that touched off the firestorm would have meant to many Texas communities — particularly Big Spring and surrounding cities.

If the GOP-sponsored plan had been approved, Big Spring and Howard County voters would have found themselves in a congressional district that included the Midland/Odessa and San Angelo areas, but would have also stretched into Central Texas and contained a part of San Antonio.

Such a district would have left local voters with virtually no clout.

When you look at it that way, regardless of whether you were embarrassed, amused or outraged by the Democrats' walkout, they did all of us a favor.

A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, maintain and restore us as we go through our day talking with you through our prayers.

Amen

The four-step ratchet principle

The person who achieves real success in any area of life seldom travels in a straight

unbroken line, because he or she has setbacks and reversals along the way. It is often said that success is taking two steps forward and one step back. But what happens to the person who takes two steps back after one step forward? Unfortunately, this person is going backwards and losing ground. Today, this is happening to millions of people in America, especially in the area of personal finances.

Perhaps the American Railroad Builder, and financier, James J. Hili (1838-1916), said it best in relation to financial success: "The test is simple and infallible: Are you able to save money?" If you or someone you love is losing ground financially and you would like to do something about it, perhaps a good understanding of the little-known "ratchet" principle may help you.

The ratchet principle refers to something or someone moving in a given direction for a period of time, then falling back to a solid position to regroup, then doing what's necessary to be on solid footing before heading out again.



JIM DAVIDSON

To be able to see this principle very clearly in your mind, just visualize a socket wrench that can be purchased at any store where tools are sold. A socket wrench consists of a set of sockets and a ratchet with a little button on top of the ratchet to turn if you want to go in the opposite direction. As you turn a tap or bolt and then back it up to get more leverage, you can hear the little 'clicks' of the ratchet as it's being brought back into position for a fresh start. These little clicks of the ratchet is what keeps it from losing ground.

When it comes to achieving personal financial success, I might say here in the beginning that the most important ingredient is self-discipline. Without having the self-discipline to stick with a plan, everything else is lost. When it comes to using the ratchet principle to help you or someone you love to achieve personal financial success, there are four simple steps to follow that will definitely help you to improve your present circumstances. The first step is to REGROUP, which is what happens when you pause while using the ratchet; just sit down where it's quiet and list all of your expenses item-by-item so you will know exactly where you are in relation to your income. You must know this before you can proceed.

The second step is NOT TO LOSE GROUND, which is what the little clicks of the ratchet are designed to do. Eliminate unne-

cessary expenses and if you have credit cards and other loans with a high interest rate, pay them off before buying anything else that is not absolutely necessary. The third step is to GET ON SOLID FOOTING, which means you must have the ratchet setting firmly on the tap or bolt you are going to turn. This is the point where you develop a financial plan that includes goals and it's vital that you establish a savings and investment account that will begin to compound your earnings for the future.

The fourth and final step is to HEAD OUT AGAIN, which is when you begin to turn the ratchet to achieve real financial success. At this point, with peace in your mind and heart, you can go to work with real determination and enthusiasm that will make your plans and your goals come true. Remember, when you follow this simple four step plan, the chances of your losing ground have been greatly diminished and you have the plans to help you achieve. It's the ratchet principle. Until our next visit, just remember, you can not be defeated if you take the long range view. What many people do not realize is that perseverance is just another word for success.

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So who's more 'holier-than-thou?'

The self-appointed hypocrisy police made a big bust last week, when the Washington Monthly and Newsweek both reported that Bill Bennett, former U.S. secretary of education, drug czar and author of "The Book of Virtues," has been a big-stakes gambler at U.S. casinos.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

It's difficult to understand the authors' apparent horror at Bennett's high-stakes hobby. Bennett has a personal problem, it seems, but where's the news? "By-furtively indulging in a costly vice that destroys millions of lives and families across the nation, Bennett has profoundly undermined the credibility of his word on this moral issue," Washington Monthly authors Joshua Green and Jonathan Alter huffed in their expose. Other critics have gone further, as they've pronounced that Bennett's bad habit has undermined any claim he makes of being a supporter of traditional morality.

You see, in the world of journalism, something isn't bad because of its effect or consequences. An activity is wrong only if it signals a journalist's idea of — shudder — hypocrisy.

As the late columnist Meg Greenfield once noted, "If a politi-

cian murders his mother, the first response of the press or of his opponents will likely be not that it was a terrible thing to do, but rather that in a statement made six years before he had gone on record as being opposed to matricide." She understood the banal J-school logic that finds a murder to be worse if the killer once condemned murder.

I should mention that it's not clear that Bennett is a hypocrite on gambling. After all, "The Book of Virtues" is a treasury of "great moral stories." Bennett never wrote a book or launched a crusade against gambling in America. His group, Empower America, has no position on gambling, according to spokesman Jeff Kwitowski. In 1996, Bennett told Time Magazine, "I'm against state expansion of gambling, state advertising encouraging people to gamble and gambling as a way to make a living. But adults on their own time ..."

So, with an absence of any clear contradiction in Bennett's public and private take on gambling per se, critics are reduced to arguing that since Bennett styles himself as a proponent of virtue, he must meet the standards of all virtues, even those he has not espoused. That is, Bennett has to meet standards that people who don't like virtue-crats set for virtue-crats.

It's so convenient. Under the anti-Bennett criteria, conservatives' personal lives are open to scrutiny, while liberals' private

lives are nobody's business. Somehow, there was no hypocrisy in Bill Clinton's womanizing, when he posed as a committed spouse. There's no hypocrisy in journalists opposing the Patriot Act because it infringes on an individual's right to privacy while they expose the private pastime of individuals of a different mind.

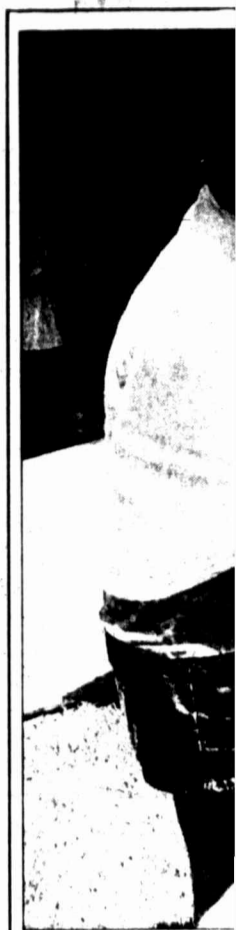
But I digress. What I really don't understand is why Bennett's critics are enraged at what they consider hypocrisy. If it's wrong to extol virtue, it should be wrong to condemn a vice like hypocrisy.

Yet, there was the smug, disdainful and intolerant Slate columnist Michael Kinsley bashing Bennett for being a hypocrite, as well as "smug, disdainful, intolerant" in his support of virtue.

In fact, the Bennett story reveals an active jihad against moral standards in America. If Bennett never extolled a virtue, if he never commended honesty or fidelity, if he didn't try to live up to ideals concerning hard work and self-discipline, his privacy would be sacrosanct. Since he believes in something, however, he's a target.

There's no voice that sounds more "holier-than-thou" than that of a critic complaining that someone thinks of himself as "holier-than-thou."

To find out more about Debra J. Saunders, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.



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Splat! Melissa Galloway, a Comanche Trail Nursing Home employee, rubs more whip cream on the face of Caren Carruth, nursing home marketing director, during a pie throwing contest Friday. The activity was one of many held last week at the nursing home to celebrate National Nursing Home Week.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Weather Whys: The jet stream

Q. Sometimes we hear the weatherman refer to the "jet stream." What exactly is it?

A. The jet stream is one of the most influential forces of weather known, says Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. "The jet stream is a river of air that flows high above the earth, usually between 20,000 to 40,000 feet, and its true extent was not discovered until World War II when pilots made frequent trips across the vast Pacific Ocean. The core of the jet stream is a fast-moving wind current that blows west to east around the Earth and it can range from speeds of 90 to more than 250 miles per hour," says Nielsen-Gammon.

Winds in the jet stream are stronger during the winter months because

that's when the temperature contrasts between the Equator and the North Pole are greater — the greater the surface temperature, the bigger the contrast.

Q: How does the jet stream affect the weather where I live?

A: The strength of the jet stream enables it to push weather systems from one area to another, thereby greatly affecting the weather where you live, making some places stormy and giving others extended periods of fair weather.

"They often contain arcs or dips, creating what meteorologists call

troughs and ridges. Since the jet stream usually separates warmer air to its south, extended spells of warm or cold weather can be caused by jet stream patterns, too. There is still a lot of research being done on the jet stream, but we do know that it may stretch for

thousands of miles around the world, but it is only a few hundred miles wide and usually no more than three miles thick."

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for all of the prayers and financial help everyone so eagerly offered during this trying time for us. It is truly amazing how so many people in our community came together to help out. A special thanks to Joel Garza, Lisa Boyd, Ann Reid, the Big Spring Police Dept., Big Spring Police Association, City of Big Spring Employees and City Council, Ken Childress, Church of the Nazarene, Hillcrest Child Development Center and the Firefighters Disaster Fund. We are very grateful for everything and can definitely say we are proud to be a part of this community. Thanks again and may God bless you.

Cody, Kelli, Dylan and Averi Tredaway

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south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87.

Guest speaker will be Steve Hillis, assistant chief of medical administration services with the VA Medical Center. The Goodfellow Air Force Base honor guard will participate. Master of ceremonies will be Cody Frasure, Medical Center chief of social services.

Minister of the day will be Rick Cunningham, pastor of the Church of Christ at 14th and Main.

The All Veterans Council of Howard

County and the VA Medical Center will be sponsoring the event. Each local veterans organization will lay a wreath at the main flag pole in honor of all Howard County veterans.

Veterans from the Medical Center, as well as veterans and their families from throughout the area, will be in attendance.

Boys Scouts with the Buffalo Trail Council will be placing miniature American flags on veterans' graves at Trinity Memorial Park on Saturday and will remove them on Tuesday.

Everyone is invited to attend the service.

MEETINGS

COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
7 p.m. Monday

Trustees for CISD will discuss how expected changes in property values for the 2003 tax year will impact the 2003-2004 budget during their regular meeting held in the administration building, 600 Main Street.

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Also on the agenda:

- Consider extending depository contract with the First Bank of West Texas through the 2004-2005 school year.

- Consider employment of baseball coach.

- Consider changing regular board meeting time and date.

- Hear legislative update.

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Simultaneous terrorist bombings shake Casablanca; at least 40 dead

CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP) — Suicide attackers set off a string of explosions in the heart of Casablanca, killing at least 40 people at a Jewish community center, the Belgian consulate, a Spanish social club and a major hotel.

The five separate but nearly simultaneous attacks on Friday night injured 60 people and threw the city into chaos. Decapitated bodies and smashed cars littered the streets. Walls were peeled back and some buildings partially leveled. Alone in the wreckage, a woman howled in anguish.

The attacks came just days after U.S. officials warned that al-Qaida was planning a worldwide series of terrorist attacks.

The assailants carried out the carnage with precision, witnesses said. Three of them entered the restaurant in the Casa de Espana social club after slitting the security

guard's throat with a large knife, Lamia Haffi, an employee, told Spanish National Radio.

Then two of them detonated explosives, she said.

"I heard the bombs and then everything started burning," Rafael Bermudez, the owner of social club, told the radio station. "Everyone was on the ground and there was blood everywhere. It was horrible."

No one immediately blamed al-Qaida for the Morocco attacks, but they had many of the group's hallmarks: multiple, simultaneous strikes; suicide assailants; and light- defended targets.

"They were terrorists; suicide bombers,"

Interior Minister Mustapha Sahel, told reporters. "These are the well-known signatures of international terrorists."

The blasts damaged a Jewish community center and cemetery, the Belgian consulate, the Spanish restaurant and the Hotel Safir.

Belgian Foreign Ministry spokesman Didier Seeuws told the Belgian news agency

Belga that the Belgian consulate was heavily damaged. He said two policemen outside the building were killed and a security guard was hospitalized.

A diplomatic source speaking on condition of anonymity said at least one Spanish citizen was

among the dead, but that could not be officially confirmed.

The motive for the bombings was unclear, but Spain supported the United States in the war against Iraq. Belgium opposed the war, but hosts the headquarters of NATO and the European Union.

In Morocco, municipal elections were delayed in April over concerns of growing Muslim fundamentalism.

Sahel said that his country would not be intimidated.

"The Kingdom of Morocco will never surrender to terrorists and will not allow anyone to disturb its security," he told reporters.

A U.S. counterterrorism official in Washington said late Friday there were no immediate claims of responsibility or any clear indication of who conducted the bombings.

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Mustapha Sahel,
Interior Minister

Taiwan's health chief resigns over SARS crisis

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan saw its biggest increase yet in SARS cases Saturday, one day after the health minister resigned to take responsibility for the deepening crisis.

Meanwhile, Singapore hoped that its outbreak would be declared over as early as Sunday. In Canada, the government devised a \$176 million public relations campaign to lure travelers back to Toronto after an outbreak scared away visitors.

The 34 new SARS cases in Taiwan were the biggest one-day increase since the respiratory disease first hit the capital two months ago, then spread to the south of the island.

SARS, which has infected more than 7,740 people worldwide and killed at least 613, is accelerating in Taiwan, although new infections are declining elsewhere.

Health Department chief, Twu Shiing-Jer resigned Friday after taking responsibility for the rapid spread, and President Chen Shui-bian urged Taiwanese to prepare for a long fight against the disease.

"A tiny spark could set off a bush fire," Chen said.

Taiwan's government replaced Twu with a highly respected epidemiologist, Chen Chien-jen, who studied at Johns Hopkins University in the United States.

The head of Taiwan's Center for Disease Control, Chen Tzay-jinn, also offered his resignation, but the decision on whether he goes will be up to the new health

chief.

Meanwhile, Lee Ming-liang, head of the government's SARS Control Committee, said more infections were expected as the result of the two most recent hospital outbreaks, at Taipei's National Taiwan University Hospital and at Chang Gung in southern Kaohsiung.

Because of the economic damage caused by SARS, the government lowered its 2003 economic growth forecast to 2.89 percent from the forecast of 3.68 percent made in February.

Singapore's incoming health minister said Saturday that most of the patients with SARS symptoms at a mental hospital have instead tested posi-

tive for influenza, putting the city-state on track to soon declare its outbreak of the respiratory disease under control.






Singapore last reported a confirmed SARS case on April 27. If no new cases are reported outside hospitals by Sunday, the city-state will have completed the 20-day period needed for WHO to declare its

epidemic under control.

Beijing, the world's hardest hit area, reported one new death Friday and 28 new cases, raising its total reported cases to more than 2,400. However, WHO doctor Daniel Chin warned that the number of cases in Beijing may be higher because of inconsistent hospital records.

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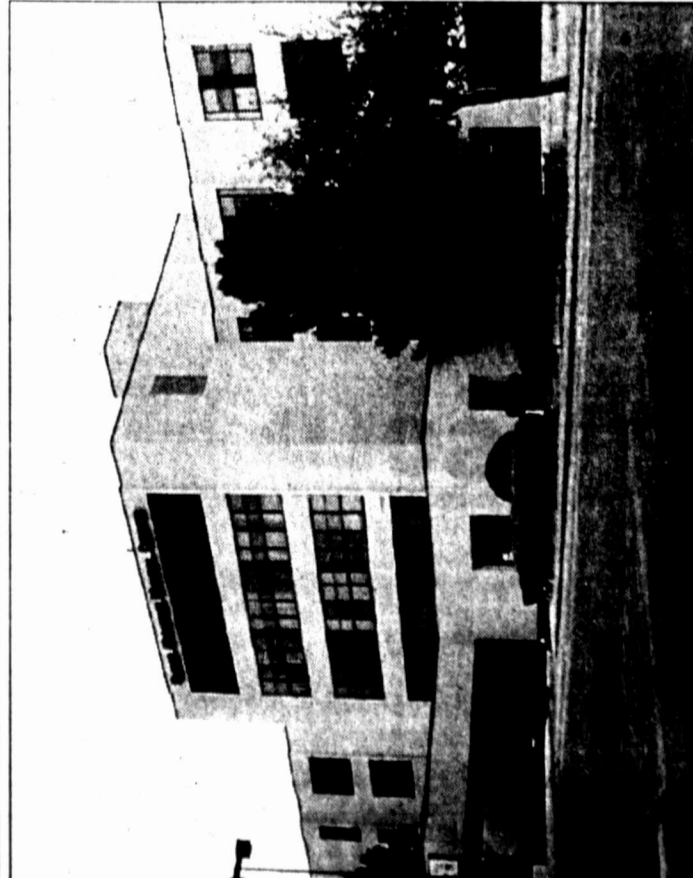
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NEWS BRIEFS

Tour bus overturns in France

LYON, France (AP) — A German tour bus overturned on a French highway in heavy rain early Saturday, killing at least 28 of the 74 people on board, officials said.

Some 46 other passengers — all of whom were believed to be German — were injured, four of them seriously, said Col. Serge Delaigue, the regional director of fire rescue services.

The bus carried 72 passengers and two drivers. Officials initially believed 77 people were on board. One of the drivers was confirmed dead.

The bus ran off the highway north of the city of Lyon, about 230 miles southeast of Paris, at about 5 a.m., hitting an embankment and electrical pole before flipping over onto its roof.

Some of the passengers, most of whom came from Cologne and Hanover, had won the trip as a prize in a contest.

19th trailer victim claimed

HOUSTON (AP) — A 29-year-old man who traveled in a sweltering semitrailer packed with immigrants has died of complications from heat stroke, bringing the number killed in the botched smuggling attempt to 19.

The man, believed to be from Honduras, died Friday at DeTar Hospital Navarro in Victoria. The revised toll makes it the deadliest U.S. smuggling incident since 18 immigrants died in a rail car in West Texas in 1987.

Also Friday, 18 suspected illegal immigrants were found alive in a tractor-trailer at a truck stop not far from where the other victims were discovered south of Victoria. None required hospitalization. They were turned over

to immigration authorities and the truck driver was taken into custody.

Victoria County sheriff's deputies discovered 17 bodies in a trailer Wednesday morning; two people have died since then. Five remain hospitalized, and 49 survivors were transferred to a Houston facility and will remain in federal custody while the investigation continues.

The driver of the truck, Tyrone Williams, 32, of Schenectady, N.Y., is in police custody. Federal authorities were searching for three other suspects in the case.

Three killed in bank robbery

GREER, S.C. (AP) — Robbers gunned down a bank employee and two customers at a branch housed in a roadside trailer, the nation's deadliest bank robbery in several months, authorities said.

Investigators released few details but said they were looking for two people in a red sedan, police Chief Dean Crisp said.

Authorities said there were no signs of struggle inside the green trailer that housed the only South Carolina branch of the Asheville, N.C.-based Blue Ridge Savings Bank, located along Interstate 85 about halfway between Greenville and Spartanburg.

"This was a senseless, heinous crime," Crisp said. Money was taken, but the amount was not known, he said.

Sylvia Holtzclaw, who was working alone, and customers James Barnes, 62, and his wife, Margaret, 58, were found dead Friday after police responded to a panic alert around 1:30 p.m., Crisp said.

Tornadoes rip across Midwest

Tornadoes and strong wind battered Arkansas and Oklahoma, damaging

homes, businesses and causing minor injuries, authorities said Friday.

In Arkansas, tornadoes and flooding rains on Friday damaged hundreds of vehicles at an auto dealership and stranded children when their school bus was trapped by rising waters.

The sheriff's department in Perry County helped guide the bus off the road, and the students were in no danger, authorities said.

Power outages were scattered after the storms late Thursday and early Friday in Oklahoma. In southwest Kansas late Thursday, at least two tornadoes caused widespread damage and flooding that washed out rural roads. There were no reports of injuries.

Earlier Thursday in Tennessee, wind gusted to 100 mph in Knoxville and hail as large as tennis balls fell in Loudon County, injuring at least four people.

Teens charged with battery

SKOKIE, Ill. (AP) — Fifteen teenagers allegedly involved in the videotaped hazing of high school girls were charged with battery, and prosecutors vowed to keep searching for whomever supplied the alcohol that fueled the melee in which students were beaten and showered with filth.

Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine saved his harshest words for people in the upscale Chicago suburb who continue to stonewall authorities in their investigation.

"If they (investigators) talk to people and everybody says 'I don't know' or 'Talk to my lawyer,' well, you're not allowing law enforcement to do its job," Devine said. "It's up to this community to decide what kind of responsibility they want to have out here."

In the video, shot May 4, junior girls from Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook are covered with mud,

paint, feces and garbage by other students as onlookers, some hoisting beer cups, cheer.

Attorneys for the students said the incident has received a lot more attention than it deserves.

Ford hospitalized in California

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Gerald Ford was hospitalized with dizziness after a round of golf in hot weather, and hospital officials said the former president was doing "just fine."

Ford, 89, required hospital treatment Friday afternoon, his spokeswoman said. Ford left the hospital, but the dizziness persisted and he was admitted to Eisenhower Medical Center for evaluation, KMIR-TV reported.

Dr. Alan Kiselstein said Ford's condition was "quite stable," and he would be re-evaluated Saturday to determine if he should be released, the Palm Desert station said. The doctor said Ford's family was with him at the hospital.

Lieberman calls for inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Joe Lieberman, a hopeful for the Democratic presidential nomination, is urging Senate hearings on the Bush administration's limited competition for contracts to rebuild Iraq.

"It is only appropriate that we provide the American people with the details of these contracts and how they were awarded," Lieberman, D-Conn., wrote Friday to Sen. Susan Collins, chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee. Lieberman is the panel's senior Democrat.

Collins, R-Maine, has made no decision on hearings but supports an investigation already begun by Congress' General Accounting Office, committee staff director Michael Bopp said.



Big Spring High School students, including a Wells Field.

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By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Steers would have Patton proud Friday quit until the last file had been fired.

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Big Spring High School students showed their support for the Lady Steers by painting the team's name on their chests. More than 400 people, including a group of youth softball players, turned out to watch Big Spring face Wichita Falls Rider at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field.

Longorio, Becerra net Buffs' top honors

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

When the subject comes to athletics at Forsan High School, the first chapter in the Buffaloes' history begins with one name: Wes Longorio.

Longorio capped a stellar prep career last week when he was honored by the school for his accomplishments as the Outstanding Male Athlete. Longorio, a four-sport standout at the school, joined underclassman Cynthia Becerra in claiming the award at the annual Forsan All-Sports Banquet.

For Longorio, the award is just the latest in a long line of accolades. The school's top rusher in football, was an all-district selection in football, basketball, tennis and track as a senior.

This past fall, Longorio led the Buffaloes to within a whisper of qualifying for the state high school football playoffs. A speedy running back, he rushed for almost 1,000 yards as a senior that often faced double or even triple coverage packages.

Becerra, another multi-sport standout, was named the school's Most Outstanding Female Athlete for her efforts in basketball, track and tennis.

Longorio and Becerra weren't the only FHS stars honored at the event, which was held Monday. Basketball standouts Brent Huff and Jaclyn Hise were recognized as their team's Most Valuable

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THE LAST BATTLE

Seventh-inning surge lifts Wichita Falls to a 2-0 semifinal win over Lady Steers

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Big Spring Lady Steers would have made Gen. George Patton proud Friday night. They didn't quit until the last bullet in the last battle had been fired.

Wichita Falls Rider sophomore pinch-hitter Amy Mass lined a two-out single to left in the bottom of the seventh and helped carry the Lady Raiders to a tough 2-0 victory over Big Spring in a Region I-4A semifinal matchup at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field. Mass' single broke open a stellar pitching duel between Riders' Jamie Ledford and the Lady Steers' Alex Watkins and propelled Wichita Falls into the regional finals next week against either Crowley or Andrews.

Ledford and Watkins, both underclassmen, were virtually unhittable for most of the contest. Each starter gave up just two hits through the first six innings of action.

"Both pitchers did a wonderful job," said Big Spring coach Dan Arista, who has guided the Lady Steers to the regional semifinals in each of the last two years. "They both did really well."

Playing in front of a standing-room-only crowd, Watkins picked up right where she left off in her three previous playoff outings. After allowing a game-opening single to Wichita Falls' third baseman Sarah Noyes, the Big Spring sophomore right-hander took control. She erased the single by enticing the next two Raider batters to hit into easy outs. She finished the inning by striking out the Lady Raiders' clean-up hitter, B.J. Redman with a called third strike.

Ledford was equally as impressive from the start. She fanned the Lady Steers in order to open the contest. See GIRLS, Page 11A



Big Spring first baseman greets pitcher Alex Watkins at the entry to the dugout after the final out of the Lady Steers' 2-0 loss to Wichita Falls Riders Friday evening in Abilene. Wichita Falls scored twice in the bottom of the seventh inning to earn a spot in the regional finals against either Crowley or Andrews.

Gwyn 'excited' about opportunity to see former teammates, friends

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ABILENE — Once, several years ago, Christian Gwyn was widely regarded as the future of the Big Spring Lady Steers softball program.

The economy let her down, however. After two incredible seasons at Big Spring in which she set several school records, the flame-throwing right-hander and her family made the decision to seek a new start in the Metroplex. It was a decision that didn't set well with many who had hoped to see Gwyn leading the Lady Steers to a trophy-hoisting session in Austin.

Almost overnight, she went from superstar to something akin to Voldemort — unspeakable — in Big Spring lore.

Two years after the move, Gwyn is ready for bygones to be bygones. She

isn't angry or unhappy. The move, she figures, worked out great for everyone — even the Lady Steers.

Gwyn got her first chance in almost three years to see her former teammates Friday evening. After leading the Keller Lady Indians, she braved chilly winds and endless pats on the back to cheer her hometown team on.

"I was really excited when I found out we were going to be playing in the same place," said Gwyn, who earlier had led the Lady Indians to a 5-4 win over Abilene High School in a Class 5A Region I semifinal bout. "I still root for them. I just don't get the chance to see them that often now."

Gwyn's tale, oddly enough, links two of the state's richest softball traditions. A native of Big Spring, she honed her softball skills while playing in the Big Spring and Coahoma youth leagues. As a

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Keller's Christina Gwyn delivers a pitch to the plate during the Indians' playoff matchup with Abilene High Friday. Gwyn, who played two years at Big Spring, led the Indians to a 5-4 win.

All-state LB commits to All Americas clash

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Texans gained a bit more firepower in their quest to stretch their dominance over the world Friday afternoon when all-state linebacker Josh Gutierrez announced his intentions to suit up for the Lone Star State squad this July in the 2003 All Americas Bowl.

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Gutierrez will join Sands' Heath Webb and Abbott's Joshua Nors in giving the Texans three all-staters at linebacker. Webb was recently named the national six-man football Defensive Player of the Year.

Gutierrez racked up more than 100 tackles this season and helped carry Ira to the bi-district round of the state playoffs — where his team dropped a controversial decision to Sands.

Also committing to the contest last week was Colorado standout Chris Spatz. A three-time all-state selection, Spatz rushed for more than 1,000 yards this past fall for the Weldon Valley Warriors.

Coahoma-Eula playoff set for Friday in Snyder

The Coahoma Bulldogettes will try and earn a berth in the Class 2A state softball playoffs this Friday when they face the Eula Pirates in the Region I-2A finals. The two teams are scheduled to play beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Snyder High School field.

Coahoma, which has won the Class 2A state title in 1998, heads into the game sporting an 18-12-3 record. The Bulldogettes have advanced to state five times in the past decade.

Eula, a perennial playoff rival for Coahoma, comes into the game at 19-9, including a 13-1 rout of Sonora Thursday in San Angelo.

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Goliad sixth grader Cameron Honea leans back with his teammates during the Tug O War competition at the Third Annual Goliad Intermediate School Track and Field Meet Friday afternoon at Blankenship Field. Results of the event were not available at press time and will be published later this week.

Poison streak to second at Midland College Classic

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Poison proved to be deadly again last week.

The West Texas Poison, a competitive 10 & Under girls' softball squad, turned in their second straight impressive outing at the recent Midland College Classic, taking second place in the final standings.

After going unbeaten in pool play, the Poison opened the tournament's championship bracket with a nail-biter. They scored twice in their final at-bat and claimed a tough 2-1 win over the Midland Magic.

Noelle McDowell and Jayli McCullough each had key hits in the con-

test. Poison aces McDowell and Kelly Sage struck out 11 of the 12 batters they faces.

With the win over the Magic, the Poison advanced to a second-round matchup with the Midland Slammers, the top-ranked team in the state.

Sage helped the Poison dominate the Slammers by pitching a perfect game. Midland, thanks to key defensive plays from Shelbi Jones, finished with no hits and never had a player reach base.

Sage, who benefitted from a run-scoring single from Kaylea Neff, collected nine strikeouts in the win.

McCullough also added a run-scoring hit.

In the third round, the Poison exacted some revenge on the the Midland XSNRG. The WT squad, behind a 3-for-3 effort from Neff, pounded out an 8-2 win and avenged a loss two week earlier in the finals of a San Angelo tourney.

The win over XSNRG sent the Poison into the finals against the Slammers.

Midland, using an international tie-breaker, scored three times in the sixth inning and managed to sneak away with a 7-4 win.

The Poison held a 4-2 advantage in the fourth. A defensive lapse enabled the Slammers to tie the contest and force extra innings.

Lady Buff all-star hoops squad drops tourney-opener in Kermit

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association Lady Buffs' all-star squad dropped a tough 10-26 decision to Kermit in the opening round of the Little Dribblers regional tournament on Thursday.

Forsan controlled the tempo for much of the first three quarters. The Lady Buffs held a slim

lead at the start of the final period.

With the loss, the Lady Buffs fell into the consolation bracket, meaning they would need to win three straight games Saturday to advance to the tournament finals.

Members of the 2003 Lady Buffs' squad are Jacquelin Civello, Megan

Doe, Larissa Dykes, Morgan Forshee, Ambra Hill, Brittany Lindsey, Miranda Park, Summer Peddy, Kala Schlips, Hali Wells and Brandy Wilson. Ticia Faglie and Sonnett Rushing serve as coaches while Jennifer Wells is the team mom.

Michelle Dykes serves as the Lady Buffs' coach.

LOCAL SPORTS IN BRIEF

InnerPole Disc Golf season now under way

The InnerPole Disc Golf Association has started its summer league play.

League play is held at Comanche Trail Park on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and at Birdwell Park on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Discs will be available for sale at the course during those times.

For more information contact Greg Brooks at 267-6335.

UTPB schedules June volleyball camps

University of Texas-Permian Basin volleyball coach Steve Aicema will be conducting three camps this summer for area spikers. The camps will be limited to 21 per session.

For more information contact Aicema at 552-2677.

Couples tourney will be held at CTGC

A Couples Golf Tournament will be held every Thursday evening at Comanche Trail Golf Tournament. The tournament will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Entry fee for the event is \$2 per couple. The tournament is open to the public.

For more information contact CTGC at 264-2366.

BS basketball camps slated for June 2-5

The Big Spring Camp of Champions basketball instructional camp will be held June 2-5 for area boys and girls in grades 4-8. Campers will be instructed in the fundamentals of dribbling,

passing and shooting during the 4-day event.

The cost for the camps is \$30 per person.

For more information contact Jim Kinnear (boys) or Gary Miller (girls) at BSHS.

CGS scholarship tourney set to start

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding its annual Scholarship Tournament on Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to present local youths college scholarships.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble. Players are allowed to pick their partners. Closest to the pin prizes will be awarded on several holes, including No. 1, No. 4, No. 10 and No. 15.

For more information contact Willie Mendoza at 267-7977 or Manuel Ramirez at 263-0897.

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The Lady Raiders, 23-3 overall, staged their first serious scoring threat in the top of the third. After centerfielder Niki Littlefield had drawn a walk to begin the inning, Wichita Falls benefitted from a questionable officiating call. With one out, Noyes tried to put down a sacrifice bunt. Watkins fielded the bunt and threw to first. Noyes was ruled safe when the first base umpire ruled the BSBS player covering on the play had taken her foot off the bag too soon.

The call didn't come back to hurt Big Spring, however. After a sacrifice by WFHS catcher Lindsey Voight had put runners at second and third with two outs, Watkins managed to get Jamie Rivera to hit a slow bouncer to Erica Stewart at short.

Rider threatened again in the top of the fourth. Jamie Searles collected a one-out hit to center in the frame and then immediately moved into scoring position by stealing second.

Again, Watkins put down the threat. Backed by a vocal crowd that included members of the Big Spring Lady Hawks youth softball team, she got Lady Raiders right-fielder Brittany Franklin

to pop out to short and then ended the frame by posting the third of her seven strikeouts.

Big Spring, which finished the year at 24-10-1, had its chance to take the upper hand in the bottom of the fourth. BSBS designated hitter Whitney Hufford, making her first appearance in a game since being sidelined with an ankle injury prior to the team's regular season finale against Andrews, put Big Spring on the map by slapping a 2-0 pitch to the wall in left for a stand-up double.

Hufford, running with a limp, advanced to third moments later only to watch Ledford work her way out of the jam. The Wichita Falls junior retired the next two batters in order to escape the threat.

Watkins settled into a dominant groove through the middle innings. From the fourth through sixth innings, she faced just 10 batters — just one of the minimum.

The Lady Raiders didn't have an easy time breaking open the game against Watkins. After Franklin had opened the seventh with a lead-off double to left, she got Hawkins to ground to Heather Vassar at first.

The Lady Raiders' hopes took another blow second later on a heads-up play by Watkins on a squeeze play. With one out, Littlefield tried to put down a bunt in front of the plate. Watkins fielded the ball, took a step



Photo courtesy Steve Lang
Big Spring's Leina Braxton shakes hand with Rider players following the loss. The team finished the year at 24-10.

toward first — enticing Franklin to break for home — and then turned and flipped to ball to Courtney Rodriguez who applied the tag at the plate.

With two outs, Wichita Falls Randy McDonald decided to go to his bench, bringing in Mass to pinch hit for designated hitter Kristen Ward, who had struck out in her two appearances against Watkins.

Mass worked the count full and then managed to foul off two straight pitches before driving a shot to left that enabled

Littlefield to score from second.

"It was just a gut feeling I had," said McDonald of his decision to insert Mass into the game. "She swung the bat well all year when we needed it."

One batter later, Noyes added to the Lady Raiders' lead by tripling to left-center.

With her performance against Rider, Watkins concluded an impressive post-season run. In her four starts, she allowed just seven runs, nine hits and struck out 46 batters. For the year, she finished with 201 Ks.

GWYN

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youngster, she attended Big Spring and Coahoma schools, before finally settling in at BSBS as a freshman — where she became the first pitcher in school history to throw a perfect game.

As a sophomore, Gwyn powered the Lady Steers to the regional quarterfinals — and raising the expectation levels higher.

"I was happy playing for them," said Gwyn, the granddaughter of Dewey and Trish Slape. "But the move was good for everyone ... my whole family and them. Soon after her sophomore year, Gwyn's mother, a nurse, and father accepted positions in the Metroplex and relocated their family. At Keller, Gwyn stepped right in. In her two years on the varsity squad, she has reeled off more than

45 wins and eventually landed a scholarship deal with UT, where she will team with the Lady Longhorns' ace Cat Osterman.

With her moving, Gwyn indicated Big Spring was able to turn to other players and, in doing so, made themselves better.

Following Gwyn's departure, Big Spring head coach Dan Arista turned to two other freshmen to

“
I was happy playing for them. But the move was good for everyone ... my family and them (Big Spring) too. We still look in the papers to see how they're doing. We try to keep up with them. They're a part of me.”

Christina Gwyn
Former Lady Steers pitcher

take over the starting pitcher's role — Alex Watkins and Chelsea Abner. "They are a good team," said Gwyn. "They have two good pitchers now. They haven't missed anything. "It just worked out," she said. What about Big Spring? Does she remember her roots? "We still look in the papers to see how they're doing," she said. "We try to keep up with them. They're a part of me," she added.

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Members of the Forsan High School athletic departments were recognized for their efforts at the recent Forsan All Sports Banquet. Among those honored were (front row, left to right) Lacy Eggleston, LeDawn Burt, Cynthia Becerra, Jaclyn Hise, Josh Gibson, (back row) Ross Rhoton, Brent Huff, Brandon Burleson, Trey Kuykendall and Wes Longorio

FORSAN

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Players. Huff helped carry the Buffs to their first district basketball championship in more than 30 years this past year. An all-region selection, he averaged just under 20 points a game.

Huff is scheduled to play in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' annual all-star game this July.

Hise started for a young FHS girls' squad that matured down the stretch into a solid unit. For the year, she averaged nearly 10 points a game.

Hise also won the school's MVP honors in track. Longorio was the boys' top track and field

2003 Forsan All Sports Awards

FOOTBALL
MVP AWARD Wes Longorio

BASKETBALL
BOYS' MVP AWARD Brent Huff
GIRLS' MVP AWARD Jaclyn Hise

TRACK
BOYS' MVP Wes Longorio
GIRLS' MVP Jaclyn Hise

POWERLIFTING
GIRLS' MVP Stephanie Croft
BOYS' MVP Justin Forshee

GOLF
GIRLS' MVP Shiloh Sanders
BOYS' MVP Brandon Burleson

TENNIS
GIRLS' MVP Lacy Eggleston
BOYS' MVP Trey Kuykendall
..... Josh Gibson

CROSS COUNTRY
GIRLS' MVP LeDawn Burt
..... Cynthia Becerra
BOYS' MVP Ross Rhoton

OUTSTANDING FEMALE ATHLETE
Cynthia Becerra

OUTSTANDING MALE ATHLETE
Wes Longorio

Justin Forshee and Stephanie Croft were named the Buffs' top weightlifters. Both turned in strong efforts this season in powerlifting.

Shiloh Sanders and Brandon Burleson were selected the school's top golfers. Burleson qualified as an individual for the Region II-2A golf tournament this past year.

Other winners include tennis standout Lacy Eggleston, who was presented with the 2002-03 girls' tennis MVP award after helping carry the Lady Buffs to the Class 2A state meet in team tennis. Trey Kuykendall and Josh Gibson shared the boys' tennis honors.

Ross Rhoton was the top cross country boy. Becerra and LeDawn Burt shared the girls' award.

Last woman to play in PGA was bigger than the game

BEAUMONT (AP) — Olympian. Golfer. Entertainer. Braggart. Fierce competitor. Jokester.

Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, considered by many the nation's greatest female athlete, fit all those descriptions in her lifetime.

The one thing she was n't boring.

Zaharias' name has come up often lately because she's the last woman to tee it up with the men at a PGA event. In January 1945, she played in PGA tournaments in Los Angeles, Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., qualifying and making the 36-hole cut for all three of them.

Annika Sorenstam is set to follow that path Thursday when she plays in the Colonial, having gotten in on a sponsor's exemption.

If Sorenstam really wanted to follow in Babe's footsteps, she'd tell the guys she was going to beat 'em all.

"Babe was a unique character. I'm glad I was able to be around her," said Betsy Rawls, who played with her on the LPGA tour, which Zaharias helped start.

"Some people were turned off by her brashness. But people learned to accept her. She was the real reason the LPGA survived back then. She brought people out to the tournaments. She entertained people so well, joked with the gallery, and the spectators loved that."

Humility was not something Zaharias practiced. While she had the talent of Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods, she also possessed the ostentatiousness of Charles Barkley and the cockiness of Joe Namath. There was also a bit of

P.T. Barnum in her. She was known for telling other players before the start of tournaments, "OK, Babe's here! Now who's gonna finish second?" or trying to psyche out competitors by asking them, "You always hold your putter like that?"

"She was a singularly self-confident woman, and I think she truly believed she was the best athlete. She wasn't just an athlete. She was an entertainer. Her goal was the front page," said Susan Cayleff, author of "The Life and Legend of Babe Didrikson Zaharias."

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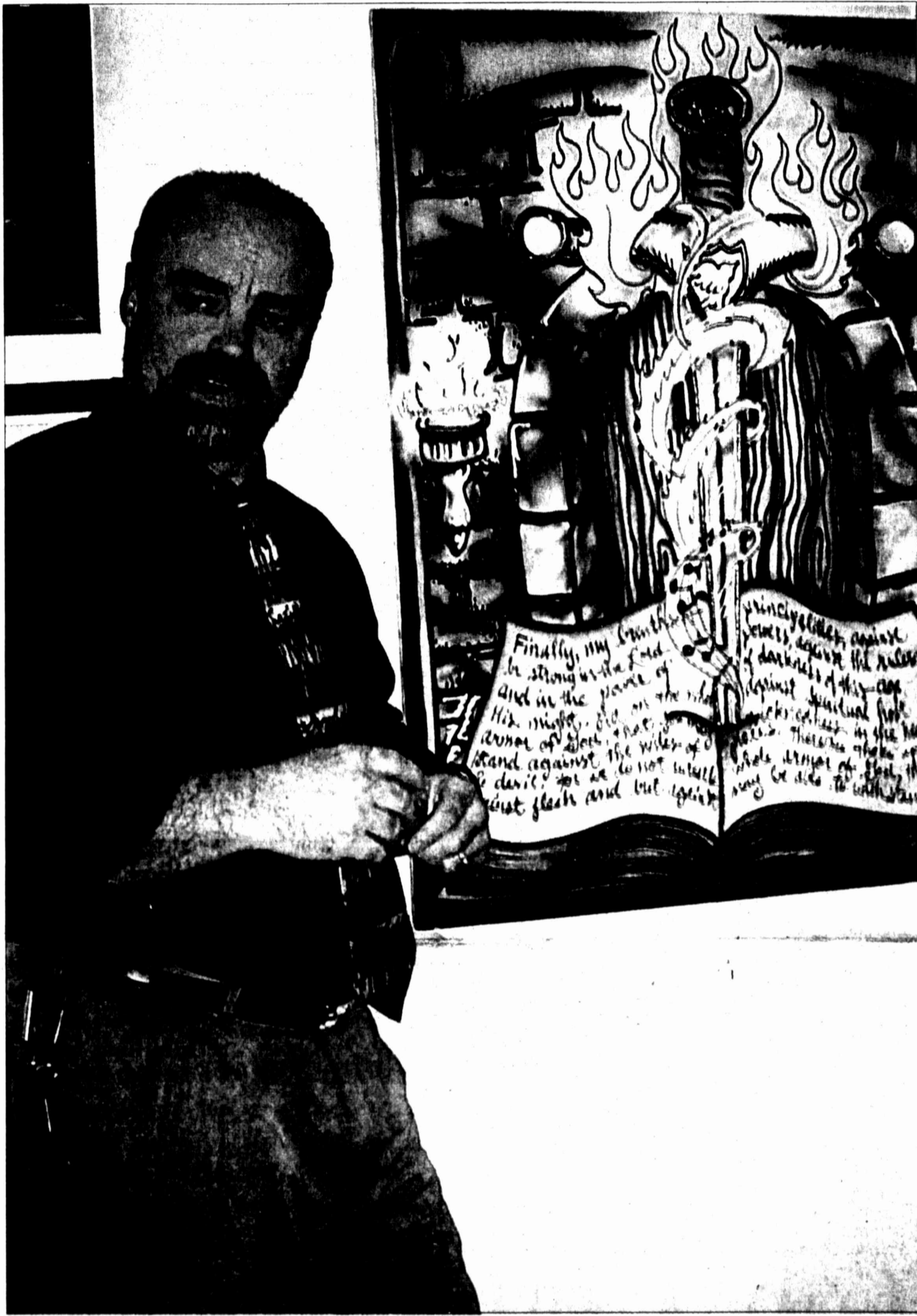
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Spiritual healing through art



From political cartoons to deep, religious painting meant to spark self-examination, local artist Duane Bemis uses pen and ink to strengthen and express his faith.

Bemis is not new to many of the *Big Spring Herald* readers. Several of his political cartoons were featured on the editorial page of the paper during the Iraq war.

A prolific artist, notebooks upon notebooks of pen and ink drawings are stacked in the closest of his family home. Many of the paintings adorn the wall and yet

others are stored in his office at work or his wife's office at work.

Most of his artwork is based on his deep spiritual faith and meant to provoke awareness and self-examination in the viewer. Yet for years, Bemis was very distant from faith.

In his early 20s, he lost his son and unborn daughter in an auto accident caused by, Bemis believes, his falling asleep at the wheel.

For nearly 17 years, Bemis had not, and could not audibly

speak his two children's names. Andrew and Nicole, even after adopting four children with his first wife.

Then at the darkest period of his life, Bemis turned back to his faith. Now he is compiling a workbook to help others rebuild their spiritual life.

The workbook is broken down into 15 chapters consisting of testimony, lessons and worksheets. Bemis' artwork is interspersed throughout book to enhance each chapter's meaning.

The workbook is entitled "Twice Broken, Once Healed", to symbolize his recovery from the guilt and shame of his children's death.

As part of his prison ministry, Bemis uses both the workbook and his art to convey his message to inmates and attempts to help them rebuild their lives.

Photos and story by Staff Writer Lyndel Moody

Art by Duane Bemis

Above, local artist Duane Bemis stands beside a painting he created in 45 minutes while sharing his faith with a group of inmates. Bemis has been involved with prison ministry for several years. Clockwise from right, during the Iraq war, Bemis' political cartoons were regular featured on the *Big Spring Herald's* editorial page; below, one of the many pieces of artwork the prison minister uses to provoke spiritual self-examination in the viewer; at bottom, is the cover for Bemis' workbook he is currently compiling. The workbook is designed to help people rebuild their spiritual lives; bottom, left is another of Bemis' political drawings created during the Iraqi war.



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Buchanan-Wright

Kenni Kay Buchanan and Joe Brice Wright, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on June 14, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Coahoma with Bro. Elwin Collom officiating. She is the daughter of Gary and Cathy Paige of Big Spring and Donnie Buchanan and the granddaughter of Don and Jo Evans of Big Spring. He is the son of Joe and Jodie Wright of Big Spring and the grandson of Myra and the late V.E. Kemper of Big Spring and Johnnie D. and the late Ray Syl Wright of San Angelo.

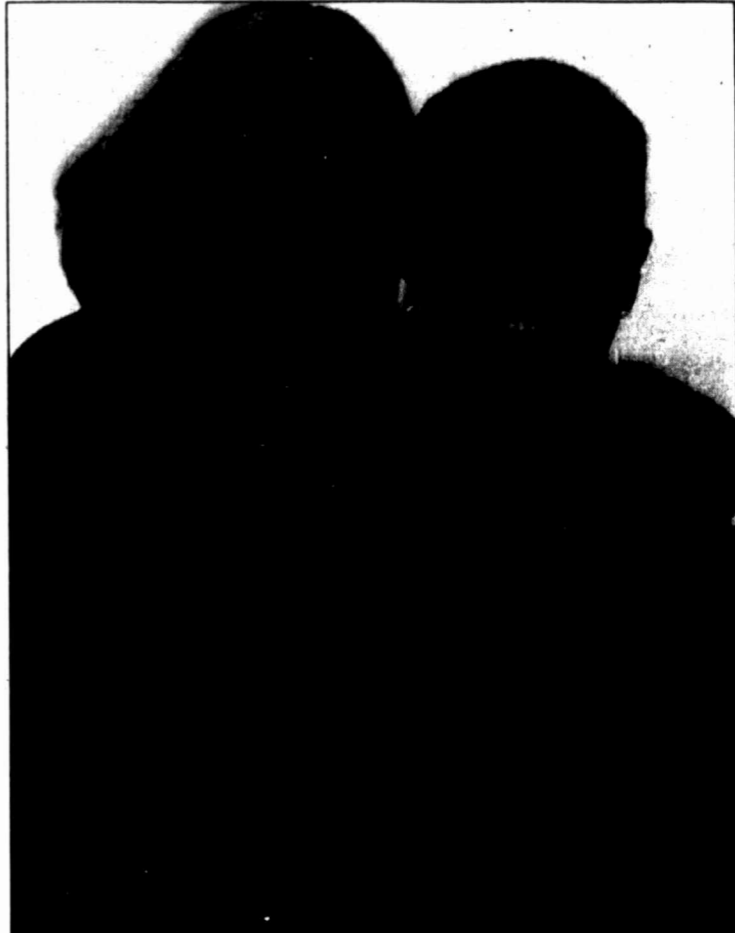
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Amos-Rushing

Dustra Shea Amos and Joed' Ray Rushing, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows on Aug. 30, 2003, at Lubbock Country Club in Lubbock with Ms. Jan Steakley of Sweetwater and Father Malcolm of Lubbock, officiating. She is the daughter of John Paul and Becky Amos of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Harold and Lenora Dietrich and George and the late Johnnie Amos, all of Big Spring. He is the son of Joe Ray and Cindy Rushing, of Lubbock, and the grandson of Joe and the late Betty Rushing and Glen and the late Betty Shipman, all of Lubbock.

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Covert-Grant

Carol Ashley (Cashia) Covert and Russell Craig Grant, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on June 7, 2003, with Pastor Greg Taylor officiating. She is daughter of Cynde Fryar of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Carol and Royce Coyle and Ronnie and Joyce Covert. He is the son of Beverly and Robert Grant of Coahoma and the grandson of Harvey and Bea Mansfield.

ENGAGEMENT



Gary and Brenda Riddle of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amanda Lynn Riddle, to Todd Wayne Doty, son of Robert and Rieta Doty of Woodway. Todd and Amanda are students at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where Amanda is majoring in archeology and Todd is majoring in hotel and restaurant management. Both work at TGI Fridays in Lubbock. A June 21, 2003, wedding is planned at historical St. Paul's on the plains in Lubbock with a reception immediately following at the Four Points Sheraton.

ANNIVERSARY

The family of Jack and Geanne Taylor of Richland Springs are proud to announce their golden wedding anniversary. The Rev. W.E. Plapp married Jack H. Taylor and Geanne Dunivan on May 15, 1953, in the Presbyterian Manse in Breckenridge. During their 50 years of marriage, the Taylors have lived in Breckenridge, Big Spring, Coahoma and Richland Springs. Joining in the celebration of the anniversary are their daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Jonathan Athnos of Stamford, Conn., and Leslie and Jim Cameron of Austin. Grandchildren are Aimee and Meghan Athnos and Susan, Abby and James Cameron. Family and friends applaud the wonderful success and love evidenced by their marriage. Their children and grandchildren offer their best wishes and love.

ANNIVERSARY

Clyde Gafford lives with her son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Jeanie Gafford in Bastrop. Monroe is residing in a nursing home in Elgin. The couple's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends met at a local restaurant in Bastrop on April 26, 2003, to celebrate the couple's birthdays and 70th wedding anniversary. Monroe was born near Westbrook and turned 90 on May 8. Clyde was born on a farm near Colorado City and turns 87 on May 22. They married May 18, 1933, in Colorado City. The couple have two children, Gwen Carly, married to Roy Carley of Midland and Ken Gafford, married to Jeananne Bogard Gafford of Bastrop. They have four grandchildren and four great-grandsons. The couple lived in Big Spring for 56 years before moving to Midland where they lived for five years and then to the Bastrop area.

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TUESDAY - S & meat sauce, mi etables, salad, bread, milk, gelatin.
WEDNESDAY Smothered pork sweet potatoes, salad, milk/rolls sauce.
THURSDAY - onions, potatoes salad, milk/col cobbler.
FRIDAY - St gers, potatoes, salad, milk/rolls.

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BREAKFAST MONDAY - w/raisins, juice, r
TUESDAY - toast sticks, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY - toast, peanut but juice, milk.
THURSDAY - biscuit, juice, mi

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THURSDAY — Liver & onions, potatoes, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, cobbler.

FRIDAY — Steak fingers, potatoes, squash, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Oatmeal w/raisins, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Texas toast, peanut butter/jelly, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Donuts, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Pizza pockets, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY — Buffalo burgers, salad/tomato/pickle, French fries, orange smiles, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chicken quesadillas, Spanish rice, salad, pears, milk.

THURSDAY — Grilled chicken salad, crackers, cantaloupe, cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY — Roast chicken, sliced potatoes, peas, peaches, rolls, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Donuts, ham, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — French toast, syrup, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Biscuits, ham, gravy, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Hamburgers, chips, tomato, lettuce, pickles, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY — Tacos (corn dogs), pinto beans, cake, salad, milk.

WEDNESDAY — BBQ sausage (ham & cheese sandwiches & salad tray), potatoes, fruit, bread, milk.

THURSDAY — Frito pie (burritos), corn, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY — Chalupa (chicken patty on a bun and salad tray), salad, fruit, milk.

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Journey bake

TUESDAY — Grill cheese

WEDNESDAY — Biscuits & gravy

THURSDAY — Donuts

FRIDAY — Pancake on a stick

LUNCH
MONDAY — Hamburgers, lettuce,

tomatoes, fries, pickles, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, cake, milk.

THURSDAY — Sandwich, potato chips, ice cream, milk.

FRIDAY — Lunchables

STANTON ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — French toast sticks, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken

nuggets, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peaches, hot rolls.

TUESDAY — Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread.

WEDNESDAY — Baked chicken, whole potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail, hot rolls.

THURSDAY — Ham/cheese sandwich, chips, pickles, apple wedges.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY — Corn chip pie, blackeyed peas, apple, fruit juice.

TUESDAY — Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans w/cheese, pineapple, tortilla.

WEDNESDAY — Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, grapefruit wedges, rolls.

THURSDAY — Roast turkey w/gravy, steamed rice, broccoli w/cheese, kiwi fruit, roll.

FRIDAY — Chili cheese

dog, French fries, border beans, cookie.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Donuts, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Sausage, biscuits, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffins, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — HOLIDAY LUNCH

MONDAY — Ovenfried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, biscuits, honey, milk.

TUESDAY — Hamburgers w/cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Turkey roast, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk.

THURSDAY — Taco salad w/ cheese, salsa, corn, crackers, pineapple chunks, milk.

FRIDAY — HOLIDAY

Local piano students to audition for National Fraternity of Student Musicians

Forty-six local piano pupils for the classes of Linda Lindell, Dolores Lillard and Sallie Wilson of Big Spring, have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which their teachers are members.

This group of young pianists will perform in the national piano-playing auditions, to be held at Howard College and will strive for pledge, local, district, hobbyist, duet, ensemble, state, national or international honors.

The American College of Musicians will evaluate the students' performances based upon their

presentation of baroque, classic, romantic and modern works. Each student will perform in the presence of an adjudicator chosen by the National organization headquartered in Austin, Texas.

Adjudicator for the Big Spring Center will be Ferrell Roberts, from Clovis, N.M. Roberts has a bachelor of music and master of arts degrees in piano and organ performance and pedagogy from eastern New Mexico University and additional post graduate studies from Texas Tech

University, College of Education and ENMU.

Students of Lindell are: Caitlin Carlisle, De Anna Carlisle, Taylor Digby, Sarah Haney, Braden Schaffner and Kristina Tubera.

Students of Lillard are: Ashley Billings, Clay Harris, Gerald Harris, Alex Watkins, Jackson Watkins and Zackary Watkins.

Students of Wilson are: Andrea Rameriz, Sydne Larson, Kelly Sage, Lauren Sage, Kinsey Wash, Elizabeth Wheller, Toby Rodgers, John Medlin, Andrew Lewis, Sydne Flohr, Autumn Alton, Brandon Stowers, Chandler Freeman, Jessica Chaney, Marcus Stallings, Selina Martinez, Sofia Gonzalez, Sunil Athyala, Erin Pollard, Antonette

Tubera, Skyler Moore, Kodi Aguilar, Adrian Aguilar, Nadia Garcia, Elyse Salazar, Ariel Johnson, Synda Calobreves, Ray Martinez, Breanna Tubera, Erik Dominguez, Machel Barr, Bryan Juan, Jeremy Landin, Victoria Hinck. Lillard is the local chairperson.



ROBERTS

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Herrod is a 1999 graduate of Forsan High School and joined the Navy in June 1999.

Army Pvt. Larry W. Thompson has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, military customs and courtesies, map reading, tactics, basic rifle marksmanship, physical fitness, field training and first aid. The

recruit developed combat skills and handled various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

During AIT, the soldier received instruction to serve as an infantryman using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect-fire support and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar squad. The training included weapons qualification, tactics, patrolling, navigation, field communica-

tions, and combat operations, engagement in infantry combat exercises, battle drills, land mine locating, neutralizing and extracting and survival operations during a nuclear, biological or chemical attack.

Thompson's parents are Sharon Hardmen and Kent Easley of Big Spring.

In 2002, the soldier graduated from Big Spring High School.

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Bryson of Lamesa. He is employed by the Big Spring Fire Department.

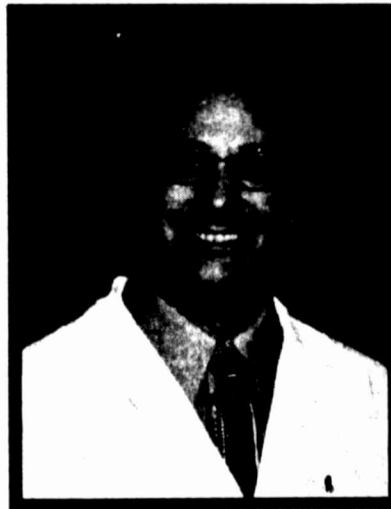
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WHO'S WHO

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Mark Lozano of Big Spring has been named a United States National Award Winner in History and Government.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Lozano, who attends Big Spring High School, was nominated for this award by Mrs. Atkinson, a teacher at the school.

Lozano will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Mark is the son of Paul

and Susie Lozano from Big Spring. His grandparents are Francis Gonzalez and Trina Lozano, both of Lamesa.

Nearly 2,600 students at Kansas State University were candidates for graduation this spring. Commencement ceremonies were held on Saturday May, 10.

Awarded were approximately 2,100 bachelor's degrees, 310 master's degrees, 55 doctorates and 80 associate degrees. Multiple degrees were earned by 65 graduation candidates, while nearly 100 students earned their degrees through a K-State distance education program.

Keely Joy Williams of Howard County graduat-

ed with a bachelor of science degree in agribusiness.

St. Edward's University released its Honorable Mention List for the fall 2002 semester.

Students on the list have completed 12 or more hours of credit and have met the academic requirements to be honored.

St. Edward's University is a private, Catholic, liberal arts university of 4,250 students in Austin. It was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Local students on the Honorable Mention List are: Susan Harber Poston. She graduated from Big Spring High School and is majoring in biology.

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Lauren Chesworth, from Big Spring, has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Lauren, who attends Big Spring High School,

was nominated for this national award by Coach Dwight Butler.

Lauren will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Lauren is the daughter of Pat and Candy Chesworth from Big Spring. Her grandparents are Sylvia Chesworth and Stephen Forshee, both of Big Spring.

Patrick Thomas George graduated with a master of business administration degree and Dean's Award for Academic Excellence from the University of Houston on May 10. He graduated from Texas A&M with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering and he is a 1989

graduate of Forsan ISD. Patrick is a technician service manager for Western Container and he and his wife and daughter live in La Porte.

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 480 students during 2003 spring commencement exercises May 10 in San Angelo including the following from the Big Spring area: Lesley Noreen Chandler, B.S.N.; Amanda Moncada Covarrubias, B.S.; Amanda Chey Epley, B.S.; Lucas Z. Love, B.S.; Christopher A. Olson, B.B.A., magna cum laude; Christi D. Self, B.S.; and Deborah Leone Van Pel, B.A.

Annie's Mailbox: Advice for the needy

Dear Annie: Many years ago, I moved from the small town where I grew up. I married and raised a family, and recently, my husband retired, and we returned to my hometown. Our grown children live a plane trip away, and we see them often.

Last Saturday, we returned from one of those visits. In the middle of the night, my husband became ill. We were exhausted from the trip, and being up half the night didn't help. At 9:30 a.m., I was trying to rest when the doorbell rang. It was the pastor of our local church, accompanied by a neighbor. Our luggage was still in the foyer, I was in my nightgown, and my husband was throwing up in the bathroom. I opened the door and said, "I'm sorry, this is not a good time. Will you come again, and please call before you come?"

Now the neighbor doesn't speak to me, and has told several people that I turned her and the pastor away. Should I apologize? — D. in Louisiana

Dear D: You owe no one an apology. It is rude to drop in on folks without calling first, and anyone with half a brain should have noticed you were not prepared for company. You might, however, talk to the pastor and explain what happened. He will take care of the gossiping neighbor.

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from a reader who looked after her elderly, depressed mother. The reader said Mom's short-term memory is gone, but her face lit up when she heard her favorite music from the



Annie's Mailbox

past and watched old TV shows and movies from the '30s and '40s.

My girlfriend and I created a video photo album for her grandmother with photos from Gram's childhood, teen years and married years with her now-deceased husband. We added music, title pages, and so on, and gave her the video for Christmas. She watched it with her family, and they laughed and cried. It was a huge hit. Please suggest it to your readers. — Frank in Colorado

Dear Frank: Thank you for the lovely suggestion. Those who know how to transfer photographs to the computer can create a video album, along with period music, which would thrill anyone. If you don't know how to make such an album, there are professionals who can put it together for you.

Dear Annie: While dining out at a restaurant recently, my friend and I were seated next to a table where there were two mothers and four children. It was the only available table. The children were not rude, but they did play on the floor, bump my chair, squeal,

and they managed to knock my purse over more than once.

After a few minutes of this, I glared at the mothers to indicate my disapproval. They told the children to settle down, but of course, nothing changed. After the second glare, one of the mothers reprimanded me and said I would understand once I had children. I told her she could be right, but at the moment I expected to enjoy my dinner. One of the mothers then sent her son over to apologize, although he appeared to be around 5 years old, and I doubt he knew what he was doing.

Was I wrong to expect mothers to control their children in an adult setting? — Still Glaring

Dear Glaring: Parents who allow their kids to run around, knock things over and annoy other diners would be wise to feed them at home or take them to a family restaurant where the clientele is more tolerant of such behavior. That said, most parents try their best under such circumstances. And having the boy apologize was appropriate. It teaches a 5-year-old that he is responsible for his actions. If the boy was a serious nuisance, it might have helped to notify the manager.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@atbi.com or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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NEWCOMERS

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Betty of Childress. He is the pastor of First Christian Church.

Cindy Pittman and son Brock of Midland. She is employed by West Texas Title Co.

Justin Smith and wife Kara of Snyder. He is employed by B.J. Services. She is employed by Pizza Inn.

Wehnonah Harmes and daughter Allison of Midland. She is employed by Country Fair Restaurant.

Amanda Gross and daughters Destiny and Hailey of Austin. She is employed by StarTek USA.

Ken Nelson and wife Cheryl of Oceanside, Calif. He does retail management work.

John P. Anderson, wife Lorri, daughters Amber and Kassie and son Tristen of Grandbury. He is employed by Fibersom.

Brian Jackson of Lamesa. He is employed by StarTek USA.

Gregg Butler and wife Tina of San Angelo. They are both employed by V.A. Medical Center.

Bobby Sides and wife Amber of Rankin. He is employed by Navajo Refining.

Tina Perkins of Abernathy. She is employed by L&M Properties and Have Brush Will Travel.

Gloria Mason, daugh-

ters Tiffany and Latoysa and son Michael of Lamesa.

James Davis of Tucson, Ariz. He is a truck driver.

Carrie Matthew and daughter Jessie of Biloxi, Miss.

Jeff Gearhart, wife Amy and daughter Abby of Lubbock. He is employed by Odessa Health Care.

Jessica Flores, daughters Perla Athayde and

Esmeralda Athayde, and son Jorge Athayde of Midland. She is employed by Limestone Ridge Apartments.

Brion Herrman of Sprayberry. He is employed by H.E.B.

Sharon Thompson of Mt. Pleasant. She is employed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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By **ROGER CLINE**
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Husband Marcus Del Toro, owner of the store, said quality is the store's focus.

"Everything we do is quality," he said. "We don't send anything out that's messed up. We'll redo it. If they come and check it out and something's wrong, we'll fix it."

"We don't send anything out we wouldn't want to wear ourselves," Teresa added.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
The staff of All-District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, poses at the sales counter in the store, which specializes in screen-printed T-shirts and other items for sports organizations, clubs, businesses or special events. From left, the staff includes Manager Teresa Del Toro, owner Marcus Del Toro, vicious guard dog Sniffer, screen printer Jim Shoup and Assistant Manager Daphne Castilaw.

All-District does projects for some well-known local organizations.

"The Howard College Cheerleaders and Student

Government, Coahoma softball, baseball, choir..." Teresa said. "The Boy Scouts. Goliad Intermediate School, they have a track meet every

year and we just got finished doing their shirts again. Garden City and Forsan schools, we do

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Farm Scene

Project would open the Canadian border to cattle from Montana

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Livestock officials say Canada has agreed to open its borders to Montana cattle this summer — with restrictions — in a move seen by some as a step toward freer trade.

The border is now closed to cattle shipments from April through September over fears of spreading the viral disease bluetongue and anaplasmosis to Canadian cattle, which officials said are considered free of the diseases.

Anaplasmosis is caused by a blood parasite and can cause anemia or death. It can be transmitted by ticks, biting flies and mosquitoes.

But officials say new tests suggest a low prevalence of the diseases in Montana cattle. Nearly 3,700 head were tested throughout the fall and winter. The findings were similar to tests conducted last year, said Joyce Van Donkersgoed, a veterinarian who works with the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association and helped Montana livestock offi-

cialists with the testing. "The risk from Montana is low and it would be reasonable to open the border," she said, adding: "We all have a common goal — to open the border — and to use science toward doing this."

The tests indicated an "insignificant" exposure rate to bluetongue, which, "from a disease perspective, isn't really an issue in Montana cattle," said Tom Linfield, assistant state veterinarian. Similarly, the low rate shown in the tests for anaplasmosis indicates that the disease is not widespread in Montana, he said.

In what officials said was an effort to reduce the threat of the disease, the Canadian government has limited movement of Montana cattle to Canadian feedlots to a six-month period — from October through March, when officials say the risk for transmission of the diseases is considered low.

The tests came in the See **CATTLE**, Page 6B

Corporate clients push firms to use more minority lawyers

DALLAS (AP) — Some large corporations, already sensitive about making their work forces look as diverse as the general population, are now leaning on their law firms to do the same.

"It's not unreasonable for us to expect that the people who are our face to the outside world represent our values," said Randy Heldt, a white senior counsel who coordinates Shell Oil Co.'s law-firm diversity initiative.

"New business is going with the firms that reflect our values," Heldt says.

Major law firms have been increasing the diversity of their staffs for a decade, but a gap remains between minority graduates from law schools and the number of them that work at major law firms.

According to the American Bar Association, about 20 percent of those who earned law degrees last year

The competition for outstanding minority lawyers is heated, and many are wooed to other firms and government jobs or leave to start their own firms.

were minorities, but a survey by the National Association for Law Placement found that only 14.3 percent of associates and 3.7 percent of partners at major firms

were minorities.

Part of the problem is that many large firms don't recruit outside of a handful of elite law schools, said Dennis W. Archer, the former Detroit mayor who will become the first minority president of the American Bar Association in August.

"They use that as an excuse to keep ... the firm culture the same as it's always been," Archer said.

Jeffrey Reitman, general counsel in Texas for J.P. Morgan Chase, has worked with the Houston Bar Association on a summer program to increase ties between law firms and first-year minority law students at local schools such as the

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TXDOT photo/Mary Beth Kilgore
Gregg Cotton, left, and Kyle Lacy, right, are presented with service certificates from Bill Hale, Texas Department of Transportation Abilene district engineer. Cotton, a sign technician, and Lacy, a maintenance technician, received awards for five years of service. Not pictured is David Moreno, of the Big Spring area office, who also received a five-year award.

Ranch economics, health to highlight May 21 field day

Implementing the holistic resource management style with practical insight is the order of the day during the "Improving Ranch Economics and Health" field day set for May 21 on the Ford Ranch. The ranch is located six miles south of Melvin on RR 2028. Turn south on CR 122 and go three miles to the ranch headquarters. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The program begins at 8:30 a.m.



TOMMY YEATER

"Like the drought of the 1950's, the current drought has taken a toll on the health and productivity of our rangelands," said Dr. John Walker, resident director of research at San Angelo's Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center and a field day planner. "The purpose of this conference is to update

ranchers on how to overcome the effects of drought and overgrazing on the health and economic viability of their rangelands. Hands-on information will be given on management procedures that anyone can apply to reverse the downward trend caused by the current drought.

"The Ford Ranch is a prime example of the positive message we are trying to get across. Through planned grazing, many desirable grasses have returned over much of this 32,000 acre property that's home to 1,200 cows. It's also a top hunting place that caters to over 400 wildlife enthusiasts annually. Through years of proper management, this operation demonstrates where we'd all like to be in the ranch business in terms of range health during dry times."

The program is jointly sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES), and the Texas Chapter of Holistic Ranch Management.

As morning moderator, Walker will welcome the group and introduce the morning range health session. Kris Havstad, research leader, USDA, ARS, Jornada Experimental Range, Las Cruces, N.M., will set the tone with the introductory talk "What is Rangeland Health- And What Can We Do About It?"

From 9:30 a.m. until noon, participants will view two field locations. Field Location 1 deals with water and mineral cycling. Speakers and their topics at the site include "Fate Of Water On Rangelands", Brad Wilcox, associate professor, Rangeland Ecology and Management, Texas A&M University, College Station; "Precipitation Simulator Demonstration", Dr. Barron Rector, Extension range specialist, College Station; and "Site And Soil Stability," Charles Anderson, rangeland resource manager, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), San Angelo.

Field Location 2 will focus on energy flow and vegetation dynamics. Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist at San Angelo, and Dr. Richard Teague, TAES, Vernon, are the speakers. Their topics are "Monitoring Rangeland" and "Reading The Landscape" respectively.

An on-site lunch is set for noon to 1 p.m. Dr. Bob Steger, ranch consultant and afternoon moderator, will introduce Forrest Armke, Ford Ranch manager, who will present "Managing for Rangeland Health on the Ford Ranch".

The next speaker is John Hackley of the Richards Ranch at Jacksboro. He will discuss improving the ranch through management.

At 1:45 p.m. the program returns to the field for a look at rangeland recovery. Speakers and topics at the site include: "The Role Of Livestock In Rangeland Recover", Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, Sonora Research Station superintendent; "The

Use of Ripping and Reseeding", Dr. Darrell Ueckert, TAES range researcher, San Angelo, and "Managing Weeds and Brush on Rangeland", Dr. Wayne Hanselka, Extension range program leader, Corpus Christi.

The program concludes at the Ford Ranch headquarters with Steger moderating a question and answer session featuring the day's speakers.

The field day is set to adjourn by 4:30 p.m.

The field day is made possible by a grant from the Texas Coalition Grazinglands Conservation Initiative and is also supported by the G.R. White Trust.

Registration is \$25 per person.

For further information and to register, contact: Peggy Jones at (512) 858-2761 or e-mail her at [http://hrmofxtx@earthlink.net](mailto:hrmofxtx@earthlink.net)

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District Court Filings:
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. William B. Stillwell, accounts, notes and contracts
Gienna Michele Collier vs. Mark Andrew Collier Sr., divorce
American State Bank vs. Dorothy Purgason, accounts, notes and contracts
Dionicio Garza vs. Donna Rogers, injuries and damages — motor vehicle
Heidi Arraga vs. Francisco Cervantes, family protective order
Kimberly Creager vs. Donald Creager, family protective order
Susan M. Salazar vs. Geronimo

Calderon, family paternity and legitimization
Jonetta F. Burke vs. Glen Alan Scott, family paternity and legitimization
Krsti Cuellar vs. Anthony Contreras, family non-support
Lisa Gayle Norwood vs. Vernon Lee Presswood, family paternity and legitimization
Mary G. Gonzalez and Ricardo Gonzalez, individually and as next friends for Kimberly Gonzales, a minor vs. Delia Gonzalez and Juan Gonzalez, injuries and damages — motor vehicle
Kimberly Dee Hargrove, as next friend of Kelsey Bernice Drury and Danielle Anne Drury, minor children; and Janet B. Drury, individually and as representative of the estate of James Raleigh Drury, deceased vs. Clyde McMahon Concrete Co., Hankook Tire America Corp., Hankook Tire Mtg. Co. Ltd., Hankook Tire Co. Ltd. and Hysung (America) Inc., injuries and damages — motor vehicle.

County Court Rulings:
Revocation of Probation: John Calvin Wilson, Driving While Intoxicated — Second Offense, \$2,500 fine, \$475.25 court costs, 180 days in jail.
Revocation of Probation: Latasha Woodson, Criminal Trespass, \$250 fine, \$360.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Revocation of Probation: Norma Bustamante Lopez, Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$375.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Revocation of Probation: Lisa Gamble, Theft \$20 to \$500 by Check, \$100 fine, \$310.25 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Revocation of Probation: Amador Rios Jr., Resisting Arrest, \$250 fine, \$361 court costs, 120 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Lela Paul, Theft \$50 to \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 40 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Gina R. Norred, Theft \$50 to \$500, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Gina R. Norred, Criminal Trespass, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Johnny Lee Juarez, Criminal Mischief \$50 to \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours community service, \$150 restitution, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment — Deferred Adjudication: Daniel Mendoza, Driving While License Suspended, \$250 fine, \$236 court costs, 24 hours community service.
Judgment and Sentence: Terri Ann Hays, Theft \$50 to \$500, 3 days in jail, \$261 court costs.
Probated Judgment: Joel S. Hinojosa, Driving While License Suspended, \$250 fine, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Debra Ruth, Theft \$50 to \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: John Bob Walrop, Possession of Marijuana Less Than Two Ounces, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Joshua Beatty, Carrying Prohibited Weapon, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 80 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Carol Mears, Possession of Marijuana Under Two Ounces, \$300 fine, \$311 court costs, 12 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Kenneth S. McGruder, Driving While Intoxicated — Second Offense/Open Container, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days license suspension, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Albert Carrasco, Driving While License Suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Steve George Hudson, Driving While License Invalid, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Marriage Licenses:
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Alex M. Rodriguez, 22, and Jessica Layne Standerfer, 20, both of Big Spring.
Thomas Earl Dawson, 38, of Big Spring and Kandace Denise Gard, 26, of Midland.

Gilbert Diez Lopez, 59, and Yolanda Sanchez Rutherford, 48, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deed:
Grantor: Charles Ingram and Terry Ingram
Grantee: Helen M. Zanders
Property: A 1.93 acre tract in the SE/4 of Sec. 23, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: April 22, 2003

Grantor: Wesley Wade Watson and Shirley Ann Browning
Grantee: Flora Belle Watson
Property: Lot 9, Blk. 7, Suburban Heights Addition
Date filed: April 22, 2003

Grantor: Flora Bell Watson
Grantee: Kenneth H. Nelson and Cheryl M. Nelson
Property: Lot 9, Blk. 7, Suburban Heights Addition
Date filed: April 22, 2003

Grantor: Thomas J. Cleveland
Grantee: Cindy G. Doss
Property: Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Blk. 1; Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Blk. 2; Lot 1, Blk. 3; Marshall Fields Estates
Date filed: April 23, 2003

Grantor: Mark Hannabass
Grantee: Luis Rivera and Noelia Ortega Rivera
Property: A tract in the south part of Sec. 32, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: Roy E. Honea and Edna Honea
Grantee: Pedra Bustillo and Adriana Bustillo
Property: Lot 7, Blk. 5, Avion Village
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: Jimmy Sherrad
Grantee: Linda Cyfert
Property: A 0.15 acre tract of land in the NE/4 of Sec. 44, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: Marva Sherrad
Grantee: Linda Cyfert
Property: A 0.15 acre tract of land in the NE/4 of Sec. 44, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: Josephine Daniels
Grantee: Oweta Horn, Preston Daniels and Allen Daniels
Property: Grantor's interest in

N/2 of Lots 13 and 14, Blk. 34, College Heights Addition
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: W.G. Cole
Grantee: Crossroads Housing Development Corp.
Property: Lots 11 and 12, Blk. 29, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date filed: April 28, 2003

Grantor: Guadalupe G. Ybarra
Grantee: Cendant Mobility Government Financial Services Corp.
Property: Lot 9, Blk. 6, Douglas Addition
Date filed: April 29, 2003

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Date filed: April 29, 2003

Grantor: Cleo L. Carlile and Thelma L. Carlile
Grantee: Tommy Carter and Diane Carter
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 5-B, Central Park Addition
Date filed: April 29, 2003

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien
Grantor: Kow Kowg Hsu and Ai Li Wang Hsu
Grantee: Bob Priebe and Kelly Priebe
Property: A 0.106 acre tract along the east line of Lot 5, Blk. 1, Highland South Addition No. 1
Date filed: April 22, 2003

Grantor: Jeffery A. Williams and Debbie L. Williams
Grantee: Charlton Guidry and Danielle Guidry
Property: Lot 14, Blk. 2, Monticello Addition
Date filed: April 24, 2003

Grantor: R.J. Alexander Jr. and Marjorie Alexander
Grantee: Stacy Ward Dykes and Debbie Dykes
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 8, Hall Addition
Date filed: April 24, 2003

Grantor: Katie Grimes, trustee for the Thomas Irrevocable Trust.
Grantee: Nancy Allen
Property: Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 11, Washington Place Addition
Date filed: April 24, 2003

Grantor: Leland Pierce and Merline Pierce
Grantee: Richard Cox and Jeannie Cox
Property: W/60 feet of Lot 4, Blk. 5, May Thixton Addition
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: Mary Lou Rings
Grantee: Frankie Pennington
Property: Surface estate only of a 5.0 acre tract of land in NW/4 of Sec. 21, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: J. Rodney Lewis and Theresa F. Lewis
Grantee: Samuel C. Castro and Christine M. Castro
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 4, Coronado Hills Addition
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: Allen Daniels, Oweta Horn and Preston Daniels
Grantee: Shane Haynie and Wanda Coker
Property: N/2 of Lot 13 and all of Lot 14, Blk. 34, W.R. Settles Subdivision, College Heights Addition
Date filed: April 25, 2003

Grantor: Curtis L. Bruns and Pamela L. Bruns
Grantee: Timothy D. Taylor, Harvey H. Harris and Joyce D. Harris
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 7, Amended Central Park Addition
Date filed: April 28, 2003

Grantor: Larry Don Richardson and Sharon Sue Richardson
Grantee: Jeffrey L. Gearhard and Amy R. Gearhard
Property: Lot 9, Blk. 2, Highland South Addition No. 1
Date filed: April 29, 2003

Grantor: Joel De La Garza and Kelli Jo De La Garza
Grantee: Amy Miramontes and Jason Isaac Miramontes
Property: Lot 4, Blk. 17, North Park Hill Addition
Date filed: April 29, 2003

Grantor: Escol Burvis Compton, individually, and Pauline A. Wood, acting by and through Escol Burvis Compton Jr. as her true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact.
Grantee: Judith A. Via
Property: Lot 13, Blk. 5, Western Hills Addition
Date filed: April 30, 2003

LAWYERS

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University of Houston, Texas Southern and South Texas.
"It gives the firms an opportunity to see students that they would not have normally seen," said Reitman, who is white. "It broadens their vision of where they should be focusing."
Corporate clients are also giving law firms pointers on recruiting and keeping minority

employees. J.P. Morgan Chase, Shell and ConocoPhillips recently held a symposium in Houston to give about 50 firms practical advice on boosting diversity.
To pressure law firms and track their progress in hiring minority lawyers, some companies require the firms to report on invoices the number of hours billed by minorities.
"That sends a tremendous message to the firm," said Reitman, the J.P. Morgan Chase

lawyer.
Marlon Frazier, a black attorney with his own practice in Dallas, said the policy is well-intentioned but can backfire.
Frazier said that while working at a large firm, he was given an assignment from a white attorney. Frazier thought the senior attorney was reaching out to him. Then he found a letter to the client certifying that a minority had worked on the case.
"He did that to satisfy the client, not with a real

interest in developing a working relationship with me," Frazier said.
Even when firms hire more minorities, they have a hard time keeping them. The competition for outstanding minority lawyers is heated, and many are wooed to other firms and government jobs or leave to start their own firms, said Joe Dilg, a white managing partner with Houston-based Vinson & Elkins.
"We've lost some of our most promising minority lawyers in each of those

environments," Dilg said. Among them: Albert Gonzales, one of the firm's first minority partners, who is now White House counsel.
About 9 percent of Vinson & Elkins' lawyers are minorities — a figure that Dilg called disappointing. He said the firm has hired a diversity consultant and added Howard University's law school to its list of recruitment stops.
Several minority lawyers said it is difficult to get work assignments from mostly white senior

counsels and partners.
"I don't think people feel malice toward you," said Chris Nixon, who left a large Dallas firm in 1999 to start a partnership that caters to black businesses. "For many Caucasians, they're just uncomfortable dealing with people of color and they just don't know how."
It can be a two-way street of unease that sets minorities up to fail in a business where success depends on cultivating professional relationships, Nixon said.

CATTLE

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midst of a three-year study involving the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association, the state Department of Livestock and the Montana

Stockgrowers Association.
Officials hope the results of the study, combined with ongoing research in both Montana and Canada, will help convince Canadian officials that future testing for the diseases is not necessary and that year-

round trade should be an option.
The pilot program, which Van Donkersgoed said could be started by August, would allow ranchers in Montana and North Dakota to send their cattle to three "terminal," or quarantined, feedlots in Alberta. The

project was approved by Canadian government officials, she said, and will also involve testing.
Steve Pilcher, executive vice president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, said time will tell if there is much of a market for cattle during the warmer months.

PRINTING

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quite a bit."
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With so much Taurus influence urging us to stay the path, it's easy to see the right way to go. Even if it looks like hard work, nobody backs off because we realize the merits of such efforts far outweigh a momentary muscle ache. Mercury is retrograde, so hold off sending out your resume or a love letter until lucky Tuesday or even luckier Wednesday.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Attendance at a social function begins a popularity cycle. Resist attempts by well-meaning individuals to steer you away from a new love. You are misunderstood, but luckily, you know your own mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A loved one offers greater use of your ideas and your imagination. You have hope for the future, but remember that slow, painstaking work is more reliable than a whimsical wish. Do not be manipulated. Travel is uplifting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Intuition is required with a

tough decision — your instincts will guide you through. The remarks of close relatives should be taken seriously. A friend proves to be indispensable regarding advice for a romantic relationship.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Creative energy is a must today. Keep your mind open to new ideas and unconventional thoughts for greater success in business and happier family relationships. Unexpected opposition will only make you stronger.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You make others comfortable enough to communicate freely, which is why you'll have all the information you need to succeed. Compromise in the name of love tonight. Wild ideas promote you if you promote them.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 18). Submit brilliant schemes and strategies to superiors this month, and for once, they are suitably impressed. A raise or promotion in June or July wipes the financial slate clean. You win a battle in October. Singles meet love interests through friends in December and January. Leo and Taurus are lucky friends this year. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 17, 37, 11 and 24.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Friendly advice leads

straight to a gold mine. There is nothing that cannot be accomplished now through old-fashioned sweat and dedication. Accept presents graciously. You are entitled to the best things in life as anyone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Money prospects are sunny, but don't be so quick to draw out your wallet! Others have plans you might not agree with right away. Go along in a friendly manner, but tell them you need time to think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being your own best friend is more challenging than you think, but you are capable! Having fun helps you be even more productive. Express your feelings. Tonight, you need to be alone to sort out your plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The boss is on your side. The truth of the matter is, you might be the favorite. Long-term friendships speak well of you — don't let people go so easily. An old flame could flare up again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're brilliant, but don't let your ego shoot down your chance for success. Stay composed. Business and pleasure mix. Intoxicating love inspires a romantic trip. Inconsiderate people do not deserve your favors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Try a new perspective, possibly making a change. There will be no shortage of social events in which to test your social (or even psychic) skills. Once you've assured others of your competence, you can work on believing it, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Basic issues dominate, and until those are sorted out, ambition waits in the wings. Singles, it's too early to hound someone with

phone calls or e-mails; let elusive dates have plenty of space, and they'll return faster.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: In this two-toned week, the sun waves goodbye to Taurus and gives cheek-to-cheek air kisses to Gemini. The hard work you do in order to get where you're going is apparent early in the week, but after Wednesday, calling it "work" seems like a downer. After all, you wouldn't be taking it on unless there was something rewarding in it for you — or even fun. Gemini encourages us to rely on others for information about how to get through life with greater ease. Lovely small talk is where most of the best tidbits get exchanged. Mercury goes direct mid-week as well, lending even greater energy toward those breezy exchanges. They don't bring the confusion they did last week, when you were wondering, "What did he really mean? And what is she really saying?" It's all out in the open, and with Taurus in Venus, that's just the way we like it — straightforward. The week-end brings opportunities to blow off steam with new people, and the more variety you get into your social life, the more laughs you'll have. A jovial atmosphere includes a bit of mischief that's not to be taken too seriously. Be a good sport.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Naomi Campbell's wild streak and wicked words have put off many people in the fashion industry, but her impressive bod keeps landing her gracefully on the catwalk and in the high esteem of wannabes. This year, Campbell takes would-be models under her wing and

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Girl runs off with pastor

Dear Prudie: I need your advice on a certain matter. I am 42 years old, and at the age of 19, I dated a beautiful young lady who looked just like Jane Seymour. We met in church and kept a very godly relationship. We liked each other tremendously.



Dear Prudence

One sad day, our pastor did not show up for the Sunday morning service, and neither did my girlfriend. I did not put two and two together because I trusted him.

Well, he ran off with my girlfriend, divorced his wife and left the church. I was hurt much more by the way he left his wife, children and faithful church members.

Now I get a phone call from my old girlfriend, and all of a sudden she wants to see me. I have been divorced for seven years and have not dated for five. I am totally focusing on my children and my business. The ex-pastor is now nearly 70 years old, and she is in her mid-40s. She called me to let me know that their divorce was final, and she calls me constantly. He is out of money and can no

longer "sheer the sheep" like in days of old.

What gets me is that my ex-girlfriend has stayed with him for over 20 years, spending the money from the elderly folks he took advantage of. What I am asking is this: Is it possible for a person to change after 20 years? I kind of want to see her because we really hit it off when we were dating, but a part of me says STOP! — What Do I Do?

Dear What: The time between 19 and 42 can be life-altering, and people can change... but there is also the possibility that your Jane Seymour doppelganger is looking to re-establish things because the money is gone and maybe the passion is, as well. The age difference between mid-40s and almost 70 must seem substantial to the new divorcee.

Then, too, you sound as though you have solid values, so this woman's history might make it impossible for you to trust or respect her. What you decide to do will depend on how curious you are. This is entirely a judgment call — and the judgment will have to be yours. — Prudie, ponderingly

Dear Prudence: Cutting right to the chase, my mother-in-law sent me an e-mail. In it she stated that she was tired of hearing a running joke I have with my husband. He travels a lot with a new promotion, and sometimes when he brings up his schedule, I laugh and make a comment about "needing to get a boyfriend."

I adore my husband, so this is VERY MUCH a joke between us, and anyone who knows us would realize this. Well, in her e-mail, in so many words, she accused me of insulting my husband, as well as saying other rude things. When I read it, instead of jumping up and down (like I wanted to do), I simply asked my husband if it bothered him. He said no, and he meant it.

OK, I just won't say anything like that in front of her, no big deal. So now my problem is, do I call her on it, or do I say nothing? — Wimp Wife

Dear Wimp: Say nothing. The old girl clearly doesn't have your sense of humor — or perhaps any sense of humor. And a humorless mother-in-law can be uh, trying. Prudie knows this because... well, never mind. — Prudie, humorously

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