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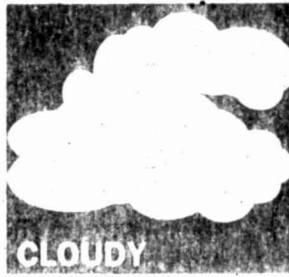


WEDNESDAY

May 21, 2003

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Trees and more trees. Crossroads area residents can purchase five types of trees...

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AMERICAN PROFILE

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Early voting pace picks up in congressional, city runoffs

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Runoff election early voting continues at the county courthouse and city hall.

Elections are being held for Big Spring City Council District 2

as well as the 19th Congressional District race.

The congressional contest pits Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, against Mike Conaway, R-Midland, to replace retiring Rep.

Larry Combest, R-Lubbock. The candidates were the top two vote-winners in the May 3 general election, but neither accumulated the 50 percent of the

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Above, Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, chats with Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, left, and attorney Robert Miller at a rally in Big Spring Tuesday.



Congressional District candidates stop by

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Heading into debates next week, candidates in the 19th Congressional District special election runoff both visited Big Spring Tuesday.

Randy Neugebauer, R-

Lubbock, and Mike Conaway, R-Midland, came to town, each on campaign tours of the West Texas district.

Conaway visited Al's and Sons Barbecue on Gregg Street at about 11 a.m., bringing a busload of supporters to hobnob with local community members...

Conaway's visit drew about 50 people, some of whom traveled with him on the bus.

"The purpose of this

trip is to let people know there's an election going on, an important election to elect a representative for District 19," Conaway said.

CANDIDATE DEBATES

• 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, Lubbock ISD Television Studios.

• 7 p.m. Thursday, May 29, Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, Midland.

bus tour trying to generate some enthusiasm, some excitement for our supporters here in the Big Spring area to get out the vote and have the people vote for me."

Neugebauer had similar reasons for visiting town.

"It's just to make one more swing through the district and to rally our troops and to tell people how important it is to get out and vote," he said.

Conaway and Neugebauer will participate in a pair of debates next week, one in

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Lubbock, the other in Midland. The debates are being sponsored by the Lubbock, Midland, Odessa and Big Spring chambers of commerce.

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VETERANS

Volunteers provide transportation for those who have none

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Volunteers throughout the Disabled American Veterans transportation network help provide a much-needed service for veterans who no longer have the means or ability to convey themselves for medical assistance.

"Travel benefit cuts

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MEISER

State birds featured on fund-raiser quilt

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

The latest Howard County Fair Association fund-raising quilt project will be officially unveiled Saturday.

About 40 area residents will show off months of loving work by displaying their newest creation

Joyce Ditto, left, Geraldine Posey and Suzanne Markwell stand in front of the newest Howard County Fair Association fund-raiser, the State Birds quilt. A reception to officially unveil the quilt will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

FUND-RAISER

What: State Birds cross-stitch quilt reception.

Where: Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.

When: 2-4 p.m. Saturday.

the State Birds cross-stitch quilt during the reception, set for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the museum, 510 Scurry. The reception is free to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The quilt consists of 38 panels, each containing a state bird. The panels

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Police blotter

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

- **SIERRA RAMOS**, 25, of 1509 Avion was arrested Tuesday on city warrants.
- **TOMMY MIZE**, 40, of 1308 College was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal mischief impairing a public service.
- **KRISTIE DAWN JACKSON**, 26, of 803 E. 14th St. was arrested Tuesday on a Midland County warrant.
- **LARRY DALE KING**, 20, of 4201 Oak was arrested Tuesday on city warrants.
- **JEREMY OLIVER ACUFF**, 26, of 1905 Main St. was arrested Tuesday on city warrants.
- **FABIAN MIGUEL GALAN**, 18, of 804 E. 12th St. was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and on city warrants.
- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY and CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of South Bell Street. A car door reportedly sustained \$400 damage in the incident.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 400 block of South Bell Street and the 3500 block of West Highway 80.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - In the 1200 block of South Benton Street. Items worth \$50 were reported stolen.
 - In the 1000 block of East 21st Street. Items worth \$248 were reported stolen.
 - In the 800 block of South Nolan Street. A subwoofer worth \$99, an amplifier worth \$200 and a cellular phone worth \$59.99 were reported stolen.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF IMPAIRING OR INTERRUPTING PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1300 block of College Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - In the 2500 block of Fairchild Drive. \$20 damage was reportedly inflicted on a window.
 - In the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. A building reportedly sustained \$75 damage in the incident.
 - In the 800 block of Ohio Street. A gold 1997 Dodge reportedly sustained \$900 damage in the incident.
 - In the 1700 block of Highway 350. \$60 damage was reported in the incident.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 6900 block of South Highway 87, the 2200 block of South Gregg Street, the 1400 block of South Runnels, the intersection of North Main and Ninth Streets and the 2500 block of Randolph Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Drive and the 800 block of West 18th Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane and the 400 block of South Bell Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - In the 2300 block of Grace. Jewelry worth \$316 was reported stolen.
 - In the 600 block of East 12th Street. A bicycle worth \$100 was reported stolen.
 - In the 1100 block of Nolan Street. A Pit bull dog worth \$300 was reported stolen.

Support groups

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.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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.

Robbery

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Two people reportedly robbed a Big Spring man over the weekend.

Two suspects reportedly robbed Charles R. Wright, 71, a resident of the 1800 block of Lancaster. The suspects reportedly stole a wallet and \$400 cash from Wright.

The robbery occurred about 9:15 p.m. Friday at Wright's home.

"It was a strongarm robbery," said Lt. Terry Chamness of the Big Spring Police Department. "Somebody held his arms behind him while a second subject took his wallet from his pants and then they ran out of the house."

Chamness said Wright knew the two men and identified them for police.

"He knew them from a neighbor," Chamness said. "They sat down and talked for a while, then he got up and went to the kitchen. They followed him in there and grabbed him and took his wallet and ran out the back door."

Wright was not seriously injured in the attack. "He refused medical treatment at the time of the report," Chamness said.

No arrests have been made yet in connection with the attack.

Anyone with information about this crime should contact the Big Spring Police at 264-2550.

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

Take note

□ ANYONE WHO GRADUATED from Forsan High School in the period of 1980 to 1989 is invited to an all 1980s reunion that will take place Aug. 1-2.

A schedule is still in the planning stages, but tentative activities include individual class get-togethers on Friday, Aug. 1, and a golf tournament, tennis tournament and "Black and White Ball" on Aug. 2.

Some of the activities will be fund-raisers for the Forsan High School scholarship fund.

Organizers have taken great pains to reach as many students as possible but are still missing many. Any who graduated from Forsan during that time period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191 or email Rick Hope at chalfmhr2@aol.com.

□ FREE SWIMMING LESSONS are being offered to families with children age five and older. Parents can register their children for five free beginner level swim lessons during Splash Week at the YMCA. Free beginner level swim lessons will be offered Monday through Friday, June 2-6. Enrollment is limited, registration is on a first come basis at the YMCA.

Splash Week is being offered in cooperation with The Rotary Club of Big Spring. This is the fourth year that the Rotary Club is supporting this community service project.

For more information on these classes and other YMCA summer activities, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

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

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 Aerie 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.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg building.

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

Friends of the Howard County Library, noon, Howard County Library, 500 S. Main

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80, 263-2404.

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 11-17-24-27-36.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$45,135.
Winning tickets sold in: Clute.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 16-24-30-34. Bonus Ball: 11.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: None. Prize: \$275,000.
Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$425,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-9

Weather

Tonight...Cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Decreasing cloudiness. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Memorial day...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the mid 80s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the mid 80s.

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surround a scene of an impressive bald eagle in flight and are set on a lavender backing.

Some panels represent more than one state because many states have adopted the same bird, said Joyce Ditto, Howard County Association committee member. For instance, Ditto explained, seven states have the cardinal as their state bird.

Each panel was cross-stitched by area residents and 11 volunteers pieced and quilted the work together, said Geraldine Posey, Howard County Fair committee member.

This is the third year for the popular fund-raiser, which included last year's Magnolia quilt and the 50-state quilt in 2001. During the next few months the quilt will be on display at various locations in the city and currently can be viewed



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Shown is the center piece of State Birds quilt. The quilt is part of a Howard County Fair Association fund-raising effort.

at the museum.

For more information about the fund-raiser, contact the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

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

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total ballots needed to avoid the runoff.

In Howard County, 231 residents had visited the polls as of Tuesday evening, 109 Monday and 122 Tuesday.

Early polls are open at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday through May 30.

Election day in the congressional race is June 3 and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Residents in precincts

Forsan plans '80s reunion for August 1-2

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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.

In the city election, incumbent Oscar Garcia is facing challenger W.A. "Woody" Jumper in the runoff. Jumper got 50 votes in the general election, while Garcia took 31. Manuel Ramirez received 28 and Elias Gamboa Jr. got 14.

Early voting in the runoff started May 14, and so far 31 votes have been cast. May 14 and 15 each saw four District 2

residents cast ballots, while five voters came to the polls May 16. Monday, six people cast ballots, and Tuesday, 12 ballots were cast.

Early voting continues Monday through Friday through May 27 at City Secretary Peggy Walker's Office at City Hall. Only District 2 residents can vote in the runoff.

Election day is May 31 in the city race. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall.

For both city and congressional races, voting in the general election is not a requirement to cast a ballot in the runoff. Those wishing to vote should bring either a current voter registration card or another form of identification. Photo ID is not required.

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CANDIDATES

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p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and will be held at the Lubbock Independent School District Television Studios, 1323 E. 24th St. in Lubbock. The second is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and will be at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 N. FM 1788 in Midland.

"I've been with the other candidates (in a forum) before, and this really just reduces the number of candidates," Neugebauer said. "I look forward to the opportunity to articulate what I feel are some of the important issues to the people in

West Texas and discuss those in an open forum."

Conaway said he wishes there were going to be more forums.

"I've agreed to do every single forum that we possibly can," Conaway said. "I wanted to do two televised forums in the southern end of the district and two televised forums in the northern end of the district. I've agreed to any of those. Unfortunately there's just going to be the two televised, and

they're going to be after early voting is mostly done. So I'm a little disappointed in the limited number of forums that we're going to have."

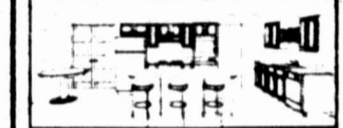
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Fun on a backyard ferris wheel

Tim Gearn of Hereford has a Ferris wheel in his backyard.

"Yep, I decided to have some fun at home," says Tim. "A little backyard adventure right here at the house. I thought we needed a Ferris Wheel.

I was interested in a Tilt-A-Whirl but they were just a little rough on my old neck so I thought a Ferris Wheel would be a lot of fun to have in the backyard. Have the church groups and lots of kids over."

He searched the internet for a wheel and located one in San Antonio. On a hot July day last year, Tim and his son loaded the wheel onto a big trailer rig Tim uses in his construction work. He has built feed lots and feed mills all over the panhandle.

"Actually the wheel was in real

good shape. It was built in 1948. I rebuilt it from stem to stern but really didn't have to do a lot of metal work on it."

Tim did most of the restoration work himself. He has the space to do it. He has a big warehouse-sized workshop behind his office, which is located near his house. Tim's lot is Texas-sized: fifteen acres.

The wheel is popular with neighbors.

"Folks will give me a call and say 'My grandchild sure would like to have her birthday party at your house.' I tell them sure, bring 'em on. Just make sure I get some ice cream."

The wheel can hold lots of kids. "I counted thirty-seven children on it one time. It's got twelve seats on it. These little guys, you can put a bunch of them on there.

"Course you have to watch them like a hawk, but it's a lot of fun. Getting them off is the hard part."

The wheel is a curiosity. "A number of parents driving by with their children stop and want

to know when the carnival is going to open."

Once a group of older ladies came over for a ride.

"This Ferris Wheel and I guess any kind of carnival equipment brings out the kid in everybody."

Dogs love the wheel. "My son's dog, Re-run loves to ride the Ferris wheel. He's a bar-ditch

dog. That's where we found him, in a bar-ditch. If you're not watching out, he's liable to jump in the seat with you."

The wheel is lighted some nights.

"You can see it from most of town. We've had a number of kids say 'well, we see the lights are on, let's go ride the Ferris Wheel.'"

Tim is expanding his fairground. He's building a carousel.

"I was going to build a small one with four characters on it, but the project got out of hand and now I'm up to sixteen characters. It's going to have pigs, zebras, horses, all kinds of things for the kids to ride."



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OUR VIEWS

Slow down, be safe this Memorial Day

Memorial Day coming up? It's difficult to believe the fifth month of 2003 is almost behind us. But here we are, just a few days before one of the most celebrated weekends of the year and only a little more than a week from the end of school. It seems that time never slows down.

However, slowing down is exactly what we need to be doing this time of year as traffic increases on our streets and highways. Each year on Memorial Day weekend, a disregard for roadway safety leads to injury and death. Most are avoidable.

Probably the leading cause of traffic accidents during holiday weekends is excessive speed. We get in a hurry and fail to take into consideration that roads are more crowded. We travel long distances because it is, after all, a long weekend. And because of it, we get tired, weary, more easily distracted.

It's a party time for some — the end of school, the startup of summer activities. Alcohol is too often involved.

And to make matters worse, we double or triple our chances of serious injury if there is an accident, by failing to wear seat belts.

Let's remember to slow down this weekend. Take rest stops if you are out on the highway. Don't mix drinking and driving. And buckle up.

It's not only a good plan for the Memorial Day weekend, but something we need to put into practice every day. For just a week later, our schools will be out for the summer. More youngsters will be outside playing. We'll need to be keeping a watchful eye out for them.

Let's all be safe this holiday period. Drive defensively.

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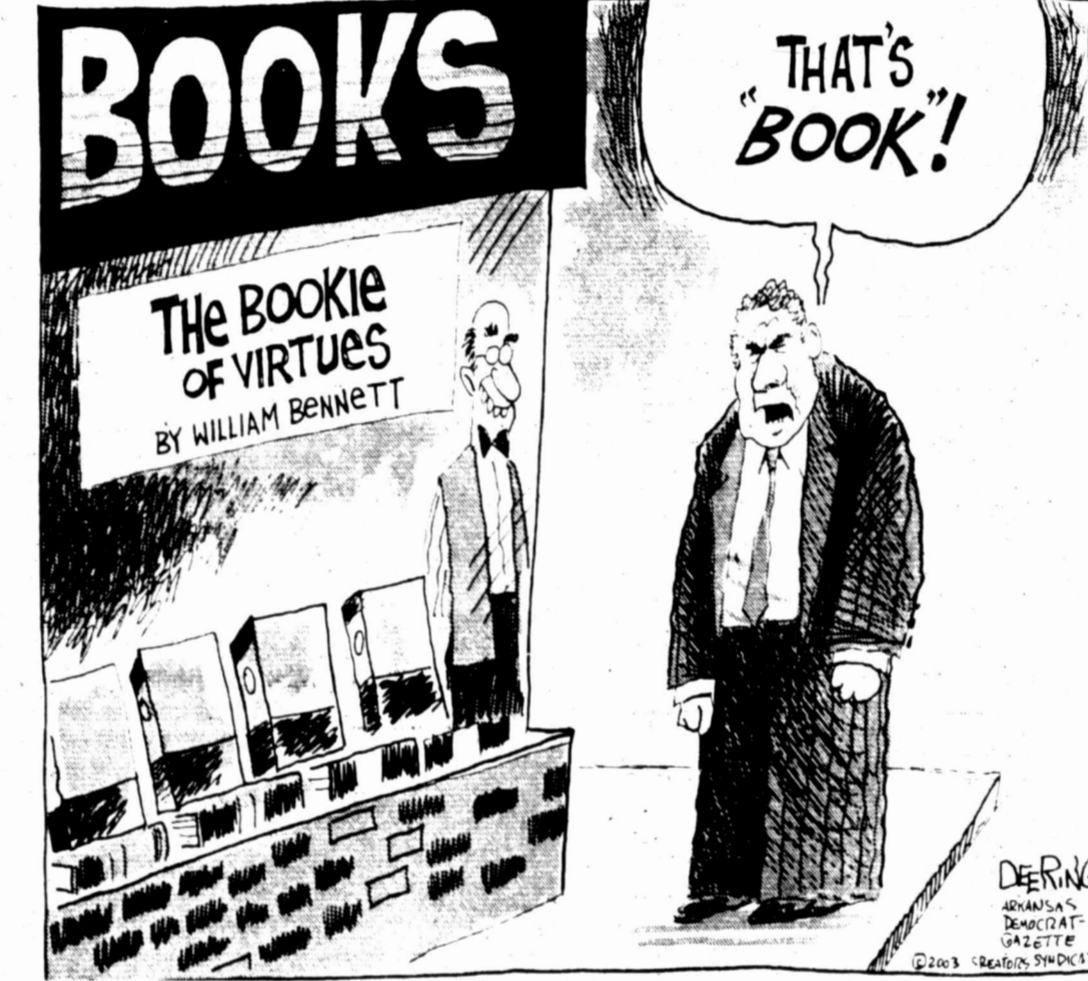
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we always walk in your beautiful light and warm grace.

Amen



It's not really the same old FBI

FBI Director Robert Mueller a month ago received an unsolicited, unexpected letter from Col. Edward T. Norris, Maryland's newly appointed state police superintendent.

As Baltimore police chief, Norris was one of the FBI's sharpest critics following the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Now, he concedes improvement.

"You have fulfilled promises you made to me," Norris wrote Mueller. "I now have a security clearance and receive regular briefings from the military and the FBI. This is extremely helpful and enables me to deploy resources accurately and efficiently."

He added a hand-written postscript: "Your leadership is making a difference." Norris was one of the police chiefs I interviewed after 9-11 who complained that the FBI remained uncooperative. Now, Norris has confirmed to me what he wrote Mueller, that the FBI's sixth director is the first to really change the

bureau. New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, in his second hitch heading the NYPD after running the U.S. Customs Service in Washington, told me, "Mueller is doing well, but he has an uphill job changing the culture of the FBI."

That "culture" was described to me by an NYPD veteran who asked that his name not be used: "The FBI has always thought it is superior to the local cops. The reason for refusing to share information was arrogance. That has changed some since 9-11, but it hasn't disappeared."

This is a new, improving, though not completely improved FBI under Mueller. The change is typified by the way Mueller reacts to criticism. When I wrote a column about the director's failure to respond to internal whistle-blowers and senatorial critics, he asked me in for a chat at the J. Edgar Hoover Building. When I criticized Director Hoover more than 30 years ago, he ordered the Washington field office to tap my home telephone (reported to me by an assistant FBI director, who said he overrode the illegal order).

Mueller also has deviated from the bureau's customary practice, which

persisted long after Hoover, of insisting it could do no wrong. I had written that in ignoring complaints from Sen. Arlen Specter and whistle-blowing agent Coleen Rowley, it looked like the same old FBI. During our conversation, however, Mueller did not punch back.

The director told me that Specter was "absolutely right to take us to task for not responding earlier" to the senator. Mueller said he was "in the process of preparing a reply" to Rowley before she gave her complaint to two newspapers. Mueller is known to have a low opinion of Rowley, but he chose not to spar with Time magazine's person of the year. "I don't want to publicly reply," he told me.

Mueller did not pretend that the half-century of contempt for local cops — especially the NYPD — ended in a year and a half. The FBI's refusal to share its information continued even in New York City immediately after the 9-11 attacks when then Mayor Rudolph Giuliani raged at FBI officials. Having taken the oath seven days before the terrorist attacks, Mueller seemed powerless then.

"I think it's improved substantially since Sept.

11," Mueller told me, "but it's been slow in coming, and we're not where we want to be." Local police chiefs like Ray Kelly and Ed Norris have finally gotten security clearances, though Mueller admits "it took a while to sort it out."

Mueller had to virtually re-invent the FBI — from installing a modern computer system to applying centralized decision-making. In setting a new bureau priority of protecting Americans from terrorist attack, Mueller changed its mission. "Prior to Sept. 11," he told me, "our focus had been too much on making cases as opposed to pulling in bigger pieces of information. Tying the points together would have been nice to have prior to Sept. 11."

In his posthumous autobiography ("A Look over My Shoulder"), long-time CIA Director Richard Helms describes his only meeting with J. Edgar Hoover in which the FBI director delivered a "45-minute uninterrupted history of the FBI in peace and war." Mueller meets every morning with CIA Director George Tenet (and President Bush). It's far from perfect, but it's not really the same old FBI.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Nation placed on orange alert now

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal counterterrorism authorities called for increased security nationwide by raising the security alert to "high" but provided few specifics on where al-Qaida could strike inside the country.

Officials are fearful that al-Qaida could expand its plans for a wave of attacks overseas into the United States. FBI Director Robert Mueller stressed Wednesday there is "no specificity" as to potential targets or times of attack.

"The American public ought to go about its business understanding that it ought to be vigilant," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America," saying the system of alerts deters terrorism. "We know that from our interrogations" with suspected terrorists, Mueller said.

Asked whether President Bush spoke too soon in saying al-Qaida was "on the run," Mueller said: "They are on the run."

Canadian beef imports to U.S. halted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal health officials are moving quickly to ensure the safety of the U.S. food supply after the discovery of a Canadian cow with mad cow disease.

The Bush administration banned all beef imports from Canada on Tuesday, shortly after officials there announced that an 8-year-old cow had been confirmed to have had mad cow disease when it was slaughtered. The disease's incubation period can be as long as eight years; so it was unclear when the animal was infected.

The administration said it would send veterinarians and others to help the Canadians investigate, and should the case prove to be an isolated incident, the import ban could be abandoned fairly soon.

"We're being very vigilant," said FDA Deputy Commissioner Les Crawford. But, "I don't think it poses, at this point, a public health threat for the U.S."

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman was more pointed: "At this time we see no reason for any consumer to be concerned about the safety of the food supply, and in fact I intend to eat a steak tonight," she said on CNN.

Texas budget writers still at work

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House and Senate budget writers met for about four hours Tuesday night without taking action in a race against the clock to try to finish hammering out the state's two-year budget.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and his Senate leaders favored a budget that spends no less than \$60 billion in state money, while House members wanted to spend \$58 billion in state general revenue.

Dewhurst said Tuesday that he's "quite hopeful" the two chambers can find common ground.

Both bills also spend federal and other money to total around \$117 billion.

Perry urges trauma funding

AUSTIN (AP) — As he pushed for more funding for Texas trauma centers, Gov. Rick Perry rejected the notion Tuesday that cutting children from state health insurance programs will further burden hospital emergency rooms.

"I don't buy into that argument," Perry said, standing outside the emergency room at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin.

Perry was urging passage of a bill that would make up to \$1 billion available over the next five years to hospital trauma centers.


The legislation also would provide that amount for road construction.

The money would come from fines against motorists who have repeat driving offenses, such as drunken driving or driving without a license.

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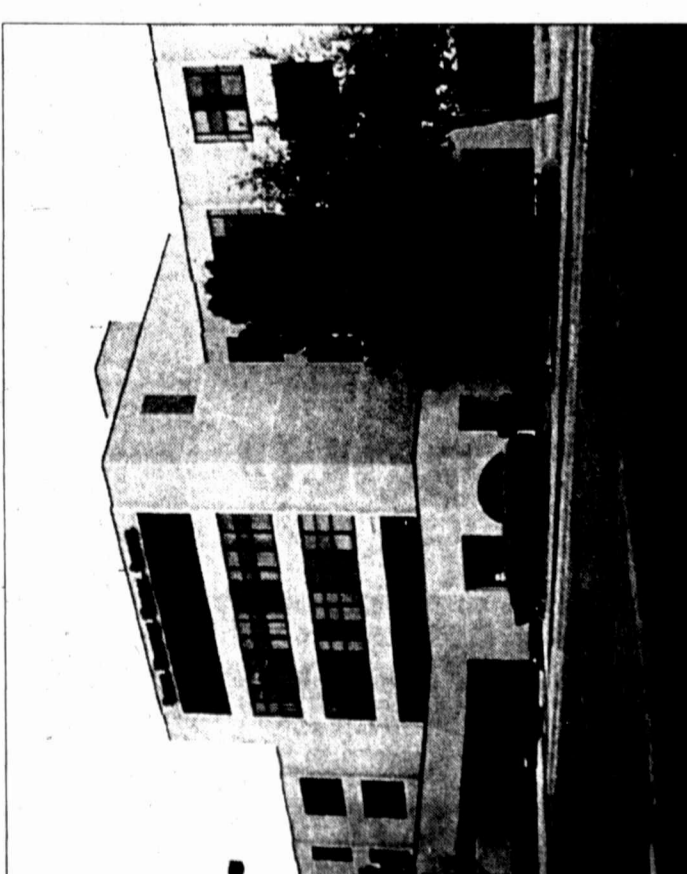










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Comcast can't stand to lose a customer

Canceling service requires presentation of a death certificate

By DON OLDENBURG

The Washington Post
Two years after her husband died, while handling last-minute logistics of moving out of their house, a Chevy Chase, Md., widow found out recently how hauntingly simply canceling cable TV service can be.

"Comcast said, 'You can't cancel it. We need a death certificate to prove he's dead,'" she says. "I have to prove he's dead to get the TV turned off?"

All the utility accounts, including cable TV, had been in her late husband's name. In canceling the others, she had none ask for a death certificate.

After several minutes of arguing, Comcast's customer service rep wouldn't budge. He told her Comcast has had cases where someone in a bitter divorce cancels cable TV and the irate spouse calls later.

"He said they didn't want to get caught in the middle of that," says the widow. "I said, 'What middle? He's dead!' It was not only insensitive, it was bizarre. It's stressful

enough moving, and it was certainly stressful enough since Walter died — but now I have to argue

"Before we do anything on the account, we want to be absolutely certain we are speaking to the account holder or someone who is authorized to do it."

Bryan Edwards
Comcast spokesman

with this person?"

Finally, the customer rep dropped the P-bomb: Comcast policy, he told her. Nothing he could do.

In fact, after the death of a family member or spouse, there are circumstances that require death certificates. The Internal Revenue Service requires a certified copy with the

deceased's or couple's tax return. The Social Security Administration requires one when filing for death benefits. Insurance companies require a certified copy when filing for life insurance benefits. To remove the deceased's name from a deed or automobile title requires a certified copy. Some banks may require a death certificate to change bank accounts.

Funeral directors typically recommend families get about 20 certified copies of death certificates for such requests — but they also suggest that anyone requesting one who isn't from the government or won't provide a monetary benefit pay for their own copy.

Most utilities don't require death certificates. Pepco does not ask for one, according to a spokesman.

Telephone? Nope. "It is not something we would normally require of our customers," says Verizon spokeswoman Sandy Arnette.

Washington Gas spokesman Tim Sargeant

says: "We normally have both the husband and wife's name on the account so we'll take the disconnect order from either." Otherwise, he adds, "We ask for other info to verify — the last four digits of the account number or the date of last payment. But we don't require a death certificate."

Says the widow: "The 401(k) wanted one. The IRS wanted one. And I did that. But the cable TV company? Over my dead body!"

The customer rep got the message. After conferring with a supervisor, he said Comcast would make an exception.

"It is a policy," confirmed Comcast spokesman Bryan Edwards, explaining that Comcast requires a death certificate, particularly if there is a balance on the bill, a billing dispute, or even if it's just a widow closing an account in her deceased husband's name. "Before we do anything on the account, we want to be absolutely certain we are speaking to the

account holder or someone who is authorized to do it."

Edwards says he doesn't know the specifics of this particular customer's account, "but our cus-

tomers service people should have handled it sensitively. If it was not, we were in the wrong and we apologize for that."




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"Sin Killer" (W MCM L) by Larry McMurtry is the first novel in a four-volume work. It is 1830, and the Berrybender family, rich, aristocratic, English and very out of place, is on their way up the Missouri River to see the American West as it begins to open up. Accompanied by a large and varied retinue, Lord and Lady Berrybender have abandoned their home in England to explore the American West and broaden their children's horizons. With a brilliant cast of characters and the backdrop of the unspoiled American West, McMurtry has created a wonderful book. This book can be found in the Western section.

While on a trip to Lubbock, I picked up "The Wandering Hill," (W MCM L) the second volume in Larry McMurtry's Berrybender narratives. This book does retain the humor of the first installment, "Sin Killer," while establishing a more meditative mood. "The Wandering Hill" finds the noble English family (Berrybender) waiting out the oncoming winter at a high plains trading post, delaying their hunting expedition through the frontier-era American west. Tight confines force the spirited, bickering family to contend with one another, as well as an assortment of colorful attendants and raw trappers.

Two new biographies are "Still Woman Enough" (B LYN L) by Loretta Lynn and "Untouchable: A Biography of Robert DeNiro" (B DeN R) by Andy Dugan. Both books tell the story of two for-

midable persons — a country star of immense proportions and an actor of equally immense proportions. Both of their stories will keep you up reading late into the night, especially DeNiro's.

Mysteries we have, oh yes sirree! Carol Higgins Clark returns in fine form with her new Regan Reilly mystery, "Jinxed" (M CLA C). Regan is a smart, L.A. based private eye whose new case is to find a missing wedding guest. "Killer Dust" (M AND S) by Sarah Andrews is one is a series of Em Hansen mysteries. Em (a forensic geologist) follows her FBI boyfriend to Florida, where he is working on a case involving a mysterious cloud of dust that is arriving from the African continent. The Library has two Em Hansen mysteries: "A Fall in Denver" and "An Eye for Gold." "True Witness" (M BAN J) by Jo Bannister is the story of a teenage boy beaten to

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the court has evolved and continues to function, grow and change as an American institution. I have seen her on C-Span speaking to high school students, answering their questions with thoughtfulness. In addition she discusses cases that have shaped American democracy and traces some of the more controversial cases that have come before the court. A very interesting book, one that I hope you will check out.

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VETS

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have left many vets with no way to get to the VA Medical Center facilities for needed treatment," said Ed. Meiser, commander for the local DAV. "They're men and women who answered our country's call in times of war. Many lost limbs, sight, hearing or good health. "They may live a great distance from a VA Hospital," Meiser continued. "So many exist on small, fixed incomes and find the cost of transportation to a VA hospital

For more information about becoming a driver, call DAV Department Service Officer Patrick Carnahan at the VAMC, 264-4825.

is just too high." In cases like this, Meiser said veterans are left with two choices. "They could go without the treatment they need, or skip on food or other necessities to pay for transportation," he said. That's when volunteers for the DAV Transportation Network step in, Meiser said.

"All DAV van drivers are volunteers and do not receive payment for the services that they provide," Meiser said. "Too many people think only of financial gain, and granted, that is necessary in this day and age, but the real rewards as a volunteer driver are much greater than any dollar amount. It just makes you

feel really good." The service is in need of more volunteers. "Our current veteran drivers are becoming physically unable to handle all the of the driving, themselves," he said. "Sometimes these drivers need transportation themselves. The more volunteer drivers we have, the lighter the load on each one. Anyone can volunteer."

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IN BRIEF

Camp of Champions to get started
The Big Spring School Camp of Champions weight clinic is scheduled to begin June 9. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate in the clinic which runs through June 26. Interested parents should contact Gary Long at 264-3666 for more information.

Teams being selected for 3-on-3 tournament
Teams are still being taken for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament fund-raiser for the Children's Hospital Network. Prizes will be given to the first and second place finishers in the tournament which is held Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wal-Mart area. Entry is free. To enter contact 263-7003 or 267-3333.

BS basketball slated for June
The Big Spring of Champions basketball instruction will be held June 1-5 in the area boys and girls grades 4-8. Coaches will be instructing the fundamentals of dribbling, passing, shooting. For more information contact Jim Kinney at Gary Miller at the school at 264-3666.

Lady Steers at banquet scheduled
The Lady Athletic Banquet will be held Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. The event is welcome to and honor the female athletes for their efforts this year. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Support Center. For more information contact Jim Kinney at Gary Miller at the school at 264-3666.

Softball tournament set for May 24
The Lor Memorial Softball Tour will be held May 24. The entry fee per team. For more information contact 268-8488.

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IN BRIEF

Camp of Champs set to get started June 9

The Big Spring High School Camp of Champs weightlifting clinic is scheduled to begin June 9.

Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate in the event, which runs through June 26.

Interested persons should contact Coach Long at 264-3662 for more information.

Teams being sought for 3-on-3 touney

Teams are still being taken for the Wal-Mart 3-on-3 basketball tournament fund-raiser for the Children's Miracle Network.

Prizes will be given to the first and second place finishers. The tournament will be held Saturday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wal-Mart and will feature a coke wagon. Entry is free.

To enter contact call 263-7003 or 267-3363.

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.

For more information contact Jim Kinnear or Gary Miller at the high school at 264-3662.

Lady Steers athletic banquet scheduled

The Lady Steers Athletic Banquet will be held Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and honor the BSHS female athletes for their efforts this past year.

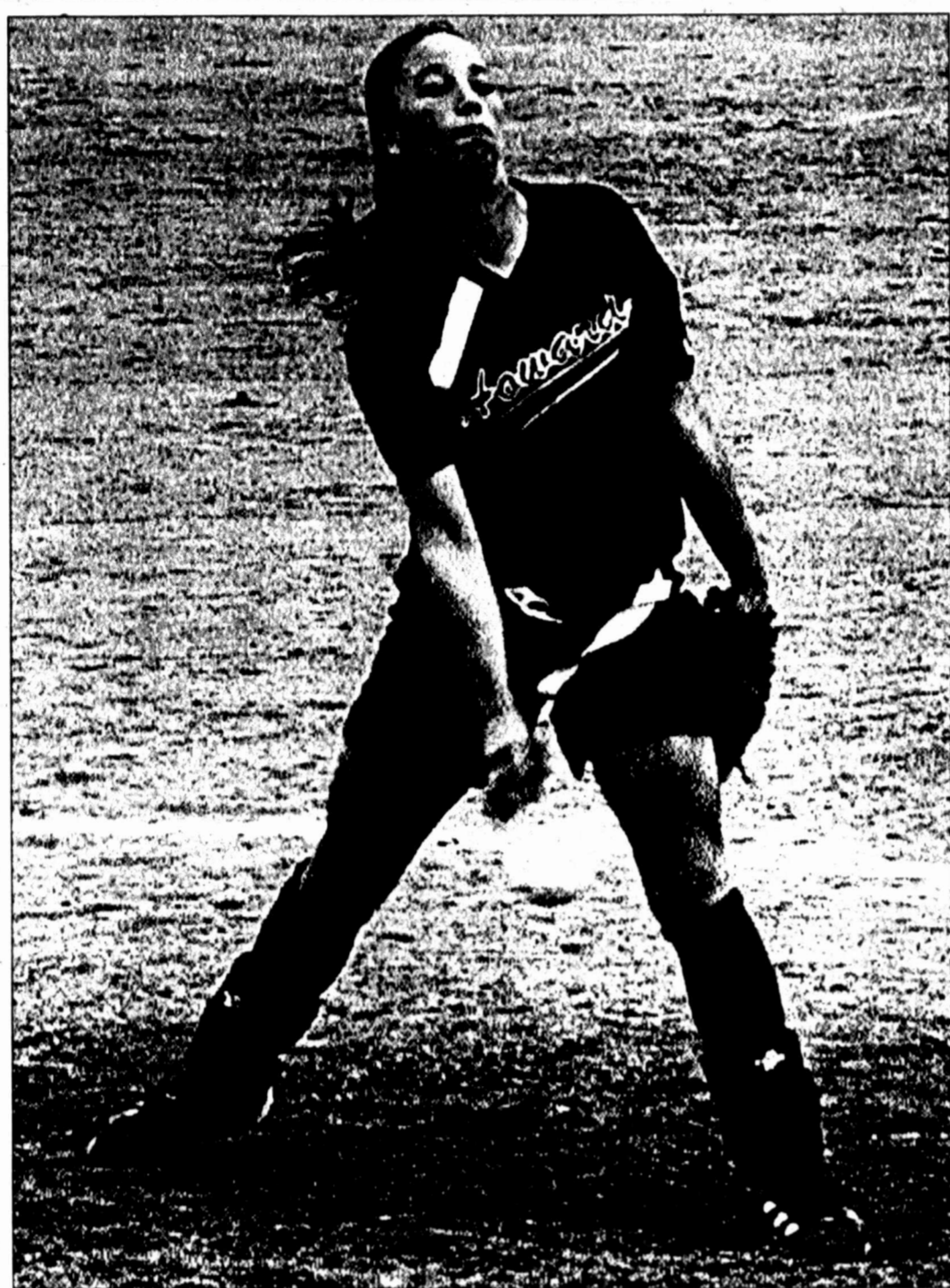
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Softball tournament set for May 24-25

The Longhorns Memorial Weekend Softball Tournament will be held May 24-25.

The entry fee is \$110 per team.

For more info call 268-8488.



Howard College pitcher Jennifer Reed delivers a pitch during recent softball action. Reed was one of four HC standouts to earn All-WJCAC honors this fall.

Lady Hawks place 4 on All-WJCAC squad

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks accomplished just about everything they wanted this season on the softball field. Dawn Wuthrich's squad won 35 games and moved into the upper echelon of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings, finishing second in the overall standings.

The Lady Hawks' efforts weren't lost on opposing coaches. Four Howard College starters were selected to the 2003 All-WJCAC Softball Team recently by conference coaches.

Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Reed highlighted the Lady Hawks' selections. The Rio Rancho, N.M. product was one of four pitchers named to the all-conference squad. Joining her were Midland College's Darya Shembereva and Stephanie Rodrigues and El Paso's Megan Barber.

Howard College, which finished the year with a sparkling 35-19-1 record,

had two players earn all-conference accolades in the outfield. Monica Droz and Marci Shepard both were named to the post-season squad, as were Midland's Nicole Cortez and Western Texas' Amber Taylor.

Shortstop Bianca Paz was also named to the All-WJCAC squad, joining five other players as part of the infield selections.

Midland College's Tommy Ramos, who led the Lady Chaps to a 58-8 record and their third straight berth in the NJCAA National Tournament, was the Coach of the Year recipient. The Lady Chaps' Heidi Miller was the 2003 MVP.

All-WJCAC Softball Team
The following is a look at the 2003 All-WJCAC Softball Team as selected by conference coaches.
MVP — Heidi Miller, Midland College
Catcher — Tina Annt, Midland College
Pitchers — Darya Shembereva, Midland College; Jennifer Reed, Howard College; Megan Barber, EPCC; Stephanie Rodrigues, Midland College
Outfielders — Monica Droz, Howard College; Nicole Cortez, Midland College; Amber Taylor, Western Texas; Marci Shepard, Howard College
Infielders — Bianca Paz, Howard College; Ashley Frisby, Midland College; Malie Hiva, Midland College; J.J. Holguin, Odessa College; Tabitha Rodriguez, Western Texas; Kyrina Hernandez, EPCC
Utility — Garcia Bonjas, EPCC; Sarah Harting, Midland College
Coach of the Year — Tommy Ramos, Midland College

Fuller leads 6th Period to Goliad crown

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Geordan Fuller won both the 100- and 200-meter dashes and helped carry the Sixth Period to a narrow win at the Third Annual Goliad Intermediate School Track and Field Meet this past Friday at Blankenship Field.

Fuller rolled up 20 points with his two wins and helped spur the Sixth Period to 184 points — just one point better than the First Period squad. The Third Period placed third in the final boys' standings, finishing with 114.

Fuller dominated the 200-meter dash race, winning by almost two full seconds. He completed the race in a time of 32.84 seconds. First Period sprinter Harvey Gimenez was second, checking in at 34.69.

Fuller won the 100-meter race in a time of 14 seconds. Sixth Period teammate Ryan Klaassen was second at 14.25.

First Period standout Nathan Doporto easily won the boys' softball throw title. He recorded a winning toss of 108 feet



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
Casey Carroll strides toward the finish line during the 1,600-meter run Friday. Carroll defeated Monica Rivera (in background) by 11 seconds.

— 34 feet farther than second-place finisher Casey Rose. Cade Hollands-worth was third at 166-5.

Doporto came back later to win the 50-meter dash as well. Eric Hernandez gave the First Period thincads a win in the long jump competition by sailing 13

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Sorenstam ready for her chance against the guys

FORT WORTH (AP) — Annika Sorenstam was playing just like the guys in her group. She was hitting fairways, reaching some greens and leaving herself in position for pars and maybe even a birdie or two.

The gallery had grown to more than a hundred curious people by the time she hit her drive at No. 7, just missing the fairway into the right rough.

She got the ball back in the fairway, but only a few yards ahead after it ricocheted off a tree. Her approach landed in a greenside bunker, then she skipped a shot across the green into another one.

But Sorenstam wasn't

keeping score Tuesday, for the good or the bad. It was only a practice round.

"I probably played nine good holes and nine bad holes," she said after the round ended her nearly 13-hour day at Colonial Country Club.

On Thursday, Sorenstam will become the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour when she tees off in the Colonial. Every stroke will count and the crowds will be several times larger.

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dentials have been issued, quadruple the normal for the tournament. Reporters and cameras document her every move, and a security detail surrounds her every step.

The spotlight is shining fully on Sorenstam. "I'm still overwhelmed and I can't believe how many of you guys are here," Sorenstam said. "When I accepted the invitation, I must have been very naive. I'm doing this to test myself, and I didn't think everybody else wanted to test me at the same time."

Sorenstam only wants to see how her game — the best in women's golf — will stack up against the men. After years of dreaming and three

months of hype, the 32-year-old Swede is about to find out.

During her practice round Tuesday afternoon with Sergio Garcia, Jesper Parnevik and Tim Clark, Sorenstam at times split the fairway with her tee shots. She also hit into the elements — trees, sand, water — and often hit multiple shots.

"The course is tough, but I loved this," Sorenstam said. "I had a good time and the guys were very nice. Sergio especially taught me shots and shared some of his information. That's one of the reasons I'm here, it was perfect."

After Sorenstam blasted a couple of balls out of the bunker at No. 7, Garcia — the 2001 Colonial champ — offered a few tips. She got to test what he told her at No. 8, hitting out of a bunker to about 6 feet

on the par 3.

"If I shoot level par, I'll be so pleased," Sorenstam said.

Parnevik, who joined the group for the final 13 holes, said Sorenstam seemed relaxed. And while he thinks she will shoot better than some expect, he believes it will be tough for her to make the cut.

"I would think if she breaks 75 two days in a row, that would be realistic," he said.

Ever since she decided in February to play on the PGA Tour, accepting a sponsor's exemption from Bank of America, Sorenstam has been besieged by questions: What will she shoot? Will she make the cut? How will she handle the pressure?

Like everybody else, she is ready to find out.

Benoit fans 8 in Rangers' 5-2 win over Devil Rays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Joaquin Benoit pitched like he wanted to stay in the major leagues for good this time.

Benoit struck out a career-high eight in seven innings and Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer as the Texas Rangers extended their season-long winning streak to four games with a 5-2 victory on Tuesday night.

Benoit (2-1) allowed two runs and four hits, walking two in his best start since he was recalled from the minors May 2.

"The way that he's thrown the ball this past couple of outings is exciting," Rodriguez said. "He's got the stuff to be a great pitcher in this league."

After compiling an 0-3 record and 6.86 ERA in six spring training appearances with the Rangers, Benoit opened the season with Triple-A Oklahoma.

"Every game I pitched, I treated it like it was my last game there," Benoit said. "It's time to be in the majors."

Ugueth Urbina pitched a perfect ninth for his 13th save in 14 chances.

Benoit gave up a leadoff homer to former Mineral Wells High School star Aubrey Huff in the fourth that just cleared the right-field wall to make it 5-1.

Hank Blalock, who leads the majors with a .365 average, went 3-for-4

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feet, 2 inches.

Despite Hernandez's win, the Sixth Period rolled up 16 points in the long jump as Fuller, Dean Barney and Suraj Patel finished 2-3-4, respectively.

Sidney Parker gave the Sixth Period a win in the triple jump, edging out Hernandez by a single inch in the final standings. Parker's winning jump was 26-5 3/4.

Brett Swinney won the 800-meter title, while Josh Wilson and Hutton Evans earned the 300- and 400-

meter races, respectively.

Jordan Valle keyed the Third Period efforts with a win in the 1,600-meter run.

In girls' action, The Seventh Period squad rolled to an easy win, scoring 178 points and outpointing the Fifth Period squad by 20 points. The Second Period girls were third at 153.

Shelbi Stewart keyed the Seventh Period girls' domination with a double gold performance. She highlighted a 1-2-3 finish by her squad in the softball throw by recording a toss of 147-0 1/4. Breanna Conner and Ashley Miramontes were second

and third, respectively.

Stewart also won the triple jump event, edging out Whitney Worthan and Jennifer Beauchamp.

Worthan, a Fifth Period standout, managed to get her gold in the long jump. She slipped past Erica Montoya and Malory Molina for the title.

Laura Viera, Cheyenne Lesser and Briana Rodriguez also won gold medals for the Fifth Period team.

Casey Carroll won the girls' 1,600-meter run, while Malory Molina topped the meet's standings in the 200-meter dash.

Garcia, Stone win CGA championship

Charlie Garcia and Cory Stone did their best impersonation of a lawn mower this weekend and it paid big dividends as they mowed down the rest of the field en route to easily nailing down the 2003 Chicano Golf Association's annual Scholarship Tournament crown.

Garcia and Stone claimed the top honors in the Championship Flight with relative ease. The two fired a 57 over the final 18 holes of the two-man scramble and won by 13 strokes with a final mark of 112.

Grabbing the second-

place honors wasn't as easy. Mike Smith and Justin Myers finished second after winning a playoff with Don Osborne and Ron Broadrick. Both checked in with identical scores of 125.

Riley White and Carlos Dimigian won a playoff

for the top spot in the First Flight. White and Dimigian carded a score of 66 on the final round and finished at 133. The late run lifted the two into a tie with Junior Barber and Rex Pollard after regulation and forced a playoff.

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Horoscope

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Mercury is direct, and the sun is testing out the weather in Gemini's playground. These aspects bode well for the kind of conversations that can make life go much more smoothly. You'll find the magic way to put things that makes the information easy to receive, even if you're talking with teenagers or that intimidating boss. Keep it light.



JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One good move builds on the last — plan it out. Use spirituality to transcend or resolve problems. This can be accomplished through connecting with others, connecting with the earth or connecting with your inner self.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make sure your values and morals line up with those of your superiors. The evening puts you back in touch with a yearning to be close to family, loved ones and even sweet pets. Slow your heartbeat down, and relax.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A heated discussion this morning gets the group moving in a certain direction. If you think you've got something to contribute, don't waste a second. If you don't speak now, you'll be

forced to forever hold your peace.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Daydream all you want, but nothing ever becomes real until it is experienced. Even a lesson is no lesson until your life has illustrated that it is learned. This morning is all about taking steps required to make your goal tangible.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Getting rich means taking more responsibility both for what goes in and what flies out of your bank account. Ask for a receipt for everything you buy, and at the end of the day, jot down everything you spend in your diary.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 21). You've got the Midas touch, and friends want in on every venture you undertake. An investment you make this month or in June pays off beyond your wildest expectations. Higher-ups solicit your opinions in August. Singles are constantly surrounded by romantic possibilities, but love is most likely with a Sagittarius or Aquarius. Your lucky numbers are: 35, 46, 27, 9 and 51.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This morning, opportunities rock your world. Much of what you do requires your brain to be working at full capacity, which is why tuning out irrelevancies is an absolute must. A marvelous meal tonight is made just to please you!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 2). Stay within the limits of your budget, not to mention your well of energy.

Smoldering looks across a room are a thrill, but if you're taken, watch out. Straying eyes cause fireworks between you and your one and only.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a tendency to sell yourself short, perhaps feeling unworthy of all the attention you'll be getting. Combat this trend with extreme self-care and self-esteem bolstering exercises. Romance intermingles with business.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends act out in competitive ways. When you get a case of the "envies," it's a fabulous time to call on your ingenuity and artistry, something that nobody can compete with since yours is one of a kind.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Create a non-generic atmosphere at work. Just because you're expected to behave in a conservative way doesn't mean you shouldn't have a sense of humor. But resist going against the conventional wisdom.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's super lucky to step up your personal responsibility level. If you don't have proper insurance to cover possessions and health, you'll get fabulous rates on such things today.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Light makes a difference in your attitude. Get in the sun. You'll figure out what nobody else can at work because you approach puzzles from an intuitive place.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Rocker Lenny Kravitz has a trend-setting style and could be approached by a fashion designer this year to make a line of menswear. Kravitz will probably decide that he's too occupied with writing a new record of hits to bother making a foray into the garment industry. Gemini folks have such a natural sense of style that they often don't need training to be considered credible designers.
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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My mother is in her early 60s and lives alone. Mom is overweight, has congestive heart failure, diabetes and other medical problems. She gets around well enough, but requires 15 different medications, all of which are very expensive. Fortunately, she has insurance because she is still employed.
I know there will be a point when Mom will no longer be able to work, which means her insurance will lapse. If need be, I am willing to help her out financially, as will my three siblings.
Here's the real problem: I am married, employed and pull my weight financially. However, my husband is not happy with the thought of supporting my mother. He thinks she should use up her savings and apply for government assistance. I have asked him if he would do the same for his mother if she were in need. His answer was, "That will never happen."
I am so angry about his attitude. This is MY mother. I love her, and she will not always be here. How do I make my husband understand? — Bloomfield, Mich.
Dear Bloomfield: Your husband is being selfish.



Annie's Mailbox

Since you pull your own weight financially, you are entitled to win some economic arguments. Tell your husband you are sorry he disapproves, but this is your mother and you are going to see that she is taken care of. Period.
Dear Annie: You've printed a couple of letters about women with rotten housekeeping skills. My daughter and I have been having a disagreement about her housecleaning. I don't have a problem with a certain amount of clutter, but there comes a point where it is simply dirty. I think "Judy" has reached that point.
Judy is a single mother and has never been great with cleaning. However, I

have noticed that she leaves food (chicken, cheeseburgers, and so on) sitting on the coffee table in her living room for three days or more. You can see the bacteria growing on it. I believe this is unhealthy.
So, tell me, Annie, when does a cluttered house become a dirty one? — Kansas
Dear Kansas: Three-day-old food with bacteria growing on it would fall under the category of "dirty" as far as we're concerned. If your daughter will listen to you, suggest she get rid of that stuff for her child's sake. Otherwise, unless you are willing to call the Board of Health, say nothing.
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Bride-to-be wants Mom's approval

Dear Prudie: I'm in this great relationship. I couldn't ask for anything better. I have a guy with a great personality, great physical appearance and a great job (and future). Even his parents love me! We have been getting very serious lately and plan to get married in at least two years.
The only problem in this near-perfect relationship is MY mother. My boyfriend is of a different race, and it's not that my mother's racist — she just wants me marrying within my own. I told her every detail about him when we started dating, including his skin color. When I asked, "So you'd be mad if I married a guy outside of my race?" she looked at me like it was very obvious and replied, "Yeah!"
I am going to marry this man because he has treated me so much better than my ex-boyfriends. However, I

don't know how to approach my mother about it. I want her to walk me down the aisle since my father hasn't been in my life, but if she disapproves, she might not want to come. How do I explain to her that I don't care about his skin color, just his heart? — Stumped
Dear Stump: You explain it just as you have here, by talking about your feelings and your experiences. Prudie hopes your mom will respect your resolve. And if she does not, you will have to be strong. As for your mother walking you down the aisle, while this is now common practice, some brides walk down with both parents. And it's also in fashion for the bride to walk alone down the aisle, to give herself away, as it were. With luck, your mother will thaw out before the wedding is planned. — Prudie, hopefully
Dear Prudence: My daughter is engaged to a 27-year-old abusive idiot. He chokes her, calls her unbelievable names and does anything else he can come up with. I have been trying to get her out of this relationship for

well over a year. He's been married before and has two children by two different women. He doesn't work three-fourths of the time, and he is taking my daughter for what little bit she has.
My daughter has a 2-year-old son, and now I'm worried about what he might be doing to him as well. I am seriously thinking about filing for full custody of my grandson. I know this will end my relationship with my daughter if I do this, but what else can I do? She won't listen to me or any of the other people who have told her to get away from him. Please help! — Francie Grandma
Dear Fran: If you think the child is endangered, by all means go for it. Your daughter sounds so far gone now that removing the child from the household might be a blessing. The man you describe will certainly not add anything positive to the little boy's upbringing and might, in fact, cause harm of one kind or another. This is a fight worth getting into. Good luck. — Prudie, correctively



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- In the car, children should always sit in the back seat with seat belts on.**
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- Make sure your young child knows his or her full name, address, and telephone number.**
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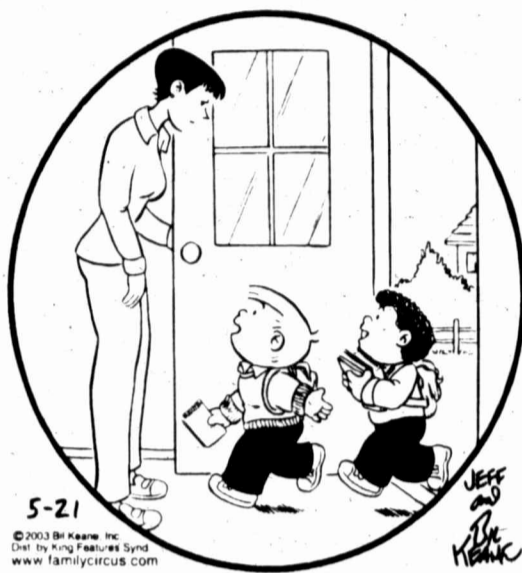
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8 PM	Bachelor: After	Kingdom of David: The	Saga of the Israelites	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Extreme Makeover	Law & Order (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or	Entre el Amor	Movie: Soldier	Movie: Jeepers	Junkyard Mega-Wars	Six Feet Under	Light of the Southwest	American Justice	Extreme Engineering	NBA Pregame	(CC) Proud Family	
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10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	NewsHour With	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News (CC) Tonight	News (CC) Tonight	Worst-Case Scenario	En las Mejores	Blind Date	Blind Date	Under Oath	Junkyard Mega-Wars	Movie: Scooby-Doo	Update Joseph Good	Biography: Cary Grant	Extreme Engineering	Inside the NBA	Boy World
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	Nature (CC) (DVS)	Caroline Rhea	(CC) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Late Night (CC)	Worst-Case Scenario	En las Mejores	Blind Date	Blind Date	Under Oath	Junkyard Mega-Wars	Movie: Scooby-Doo	Update Joseph Good	Biography: Cary Grant	Extreme Engineering	Inside the NBA	Boy World
12 AM	Paid Program Cowboy	Blind Date Beyond	Bonnie and Clyde	Paid Program	Show (CC) Oprah	Live (CC) Oprah	(CC) Frasier (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or	Mentira	Highlander (CC)	Proposal (CC)	12:15 Movie: Merry	(CC)	(CC)	N. McBride John Hagee	American Justice	Deep Salvage	Movie: Chain	Sister, Sister

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By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — The conductor of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, who recently returned from a trip to Taiwan, has agreed to skip the season finale amid concerns about SARS. Apo Hsu, who has no symptoms of the disease, was asked to forgo her appearance at Saturday's concert by the symphony's board of directors. The board voted to ask principal violinist Amy Muchnick to conduct instead after about 30 patrons called the symphony office about Hsu's lengthy stay in Taiwan. Hsu returned May 10 to the United States after spending a month in Taipei. Taiwan is among the regions affected by the SARS outbreak. The number of deaths worldwide from the flulike disease

rose Wednesday to at least 588. Eight new SARS deaths were reported in east Asia — five in Beijing, two in Hong Kong and one in Taiwan. Hsu, a native of Taiwan, became an American citizen last year. She said she understands the concern and will resume conducting the symphony during a community fireworks festival in July.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tom Sizemore was ordered to stay 100 yards away from ex-fiancee Heidi Fleiss after he allegedly threatened the former Hollywood madam. Fleiss reportedly is a witness in a domestic violence case against the actor. Prosecutors on Tuesday got a judge to add a fourth name to a protective order that bars Sizemore from having contact with the alleged domestic abuse victim and two witnesses, said Frank Mateljan, a spokesman for the city attorney's office.

Fleiss was the person added to the order, The Associated Press has learned. The television program "Celebrity Justice" has reported that Sizemore, 41, allegedly left messages on Fleiss' answering machine threatening to knock out her teeth, kill her and harm members of her family. Sizemore was arrested last week after he allegedly made verbal threats to a witness. He remains free on \$100,000 bail. He has pleaded innocent. In earlier interviews, Sizemore described the woman's charges against him as "a shakedown."

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

JUST FOLKS by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Raga instrument
- 6 Catches on to Swimmer's unit
- 13 Came to mind
- 14 Olympics blade
- 15 Blood fluids
- 16 Painter of ballerinas
- 17 Rhino feature
- 18 Diving bird
- 19 Natty fellow
- 21 Treater's phrase
- 22 Nobelist Wiesel
- 23 Observation
- 25 "Jabberwocky" word
- 29 Telegram punctuation
- 30 Townies
- 31 Kid's pet
- 35 Complete range
- 36 Christmas tree
- 37 Trial group
- 38 Lots of times
- 41 Owl
- 43 Walkman maker
- 44 Just gets by
- 45 Shy
- 48 "Arrivederci,"
- 49 Allies' foe
- 50 Dour sort
- 55 Moon: Lat.
- 56 Actor Julia
- 57 Javits Center architect
- 59 Blissful spot
- 60 Kofi Annan
- 61 Twangy
- 62 "May I help you?"
- 63 Fit together
- 64 Twist out of shape
- DOWN
- 1 In the doldrums
- 2 Plenty mad
- 3 Forum garb
- 4 CEO's "Pronto!"
- 5 Transliterate, maybe
- 6 Yankee great
- 7 Lyric poem
- 8 Prefix meaning "trillion"
- 9 Keystone Kops creator
- 10 Actress Tea
- 11 Bakery lure
- 12 Plywood section
- 15 Ground-beef sandwich
- 20 Yalies
- 24 W.C. Fields persona
- 25 Comics explosion sound
- 26 Composer Nino
- 27 Sacred statue
- 28 Revolving tray
- 29 Polite address
- 31 Joke around with
- 32 Skips class
- 33 Not worth cent
- 34 Newbie
- 36 Birds do it
- 39 FYI part
- 40 About 1/28 of an ounce
- 41 Soccer star Mia
- 42 Giving the nod to
- 44 Dough
- 45 Chicago mayor
- 46 Ooze forth
- 47 Gets the lead out, maybe
- 48 Lopsided wins
- 51 After the bell
- 52 Federal agent
- 53 "—daisy!"
- 54 Burn a bit
- 53 Not oneself

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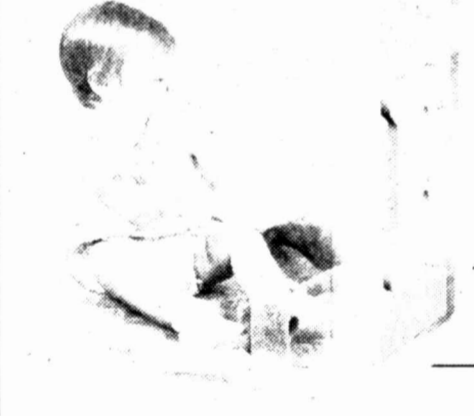
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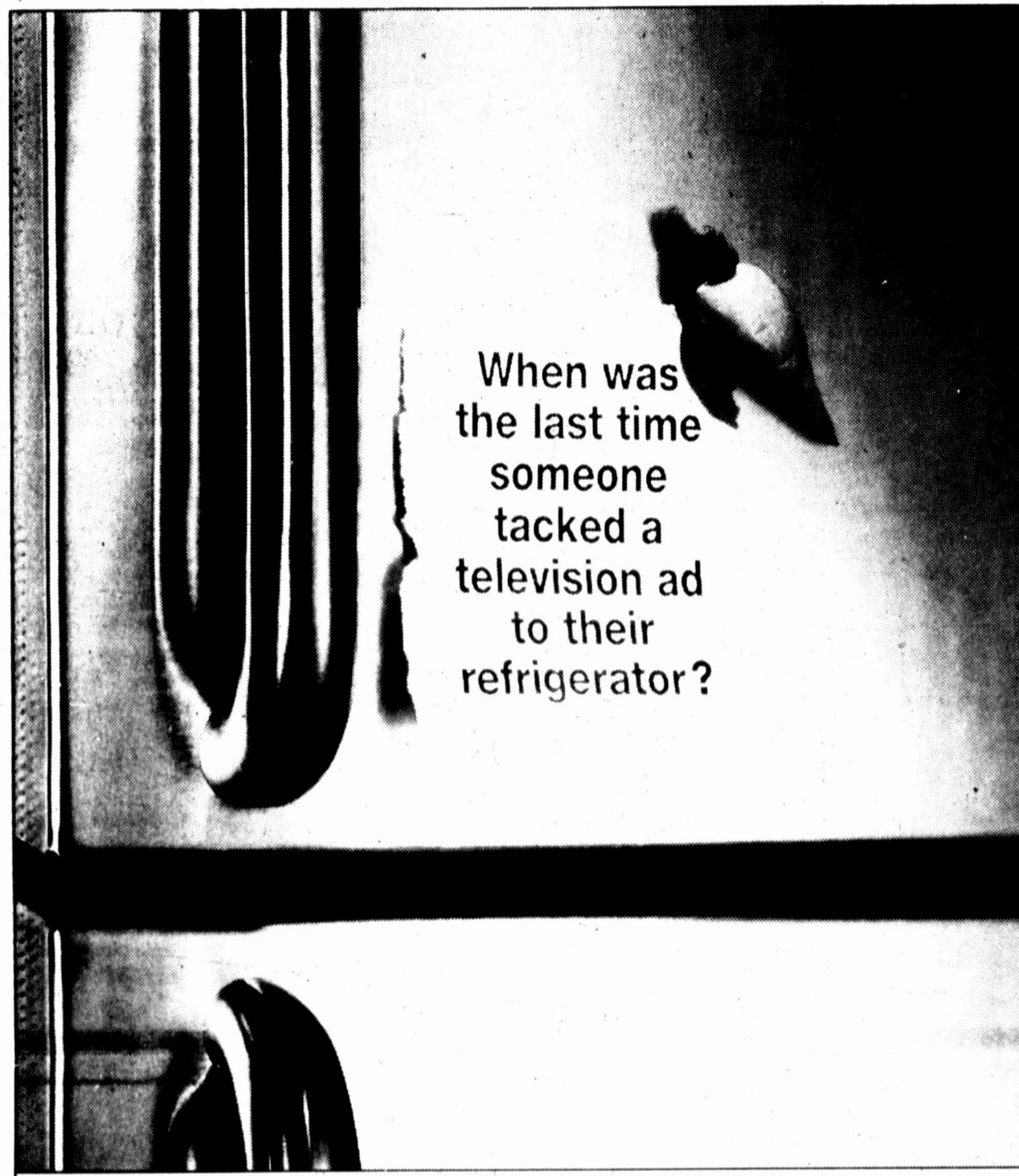
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