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SEN. DUNCAN HONORED

Senate Jurisprudence Committee Chairman Robert Duncan and House Appropriations Committee Chairman Talmadge Heflin have been named 2003 Legislators of the Year by the Texas Public Employees Association. Chairman Duncan was instrumental in trying to preserve core health insurance benefits for state employees, even though Texas was facing a \$10 billion budget shortfall, said Gary Anderson, TPEA executive director.

SHELHAMER FUND

A fund has been established for anyone who would like to help defray medical expenses for Dusty and Sandi Shelhamer, whose son Hunter was born prematurely on June 30 and is in Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock. Sandi Shelhamer is a fifth grade teacher at Goliad. Dusty is a fireman and a guard at Alon USA. The fund has been set up in Hunter's name at the Government Employees Credit Union on Gregg Street.

COMING SUNDAY



Cover Story: This year marks the centennial of the creation of one of the world's most recognizable motorcycles, the Harley Davidson. In its 100 years of production, the Harley has become an American icon.

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Policy targets would-be defrauders of indigent program

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

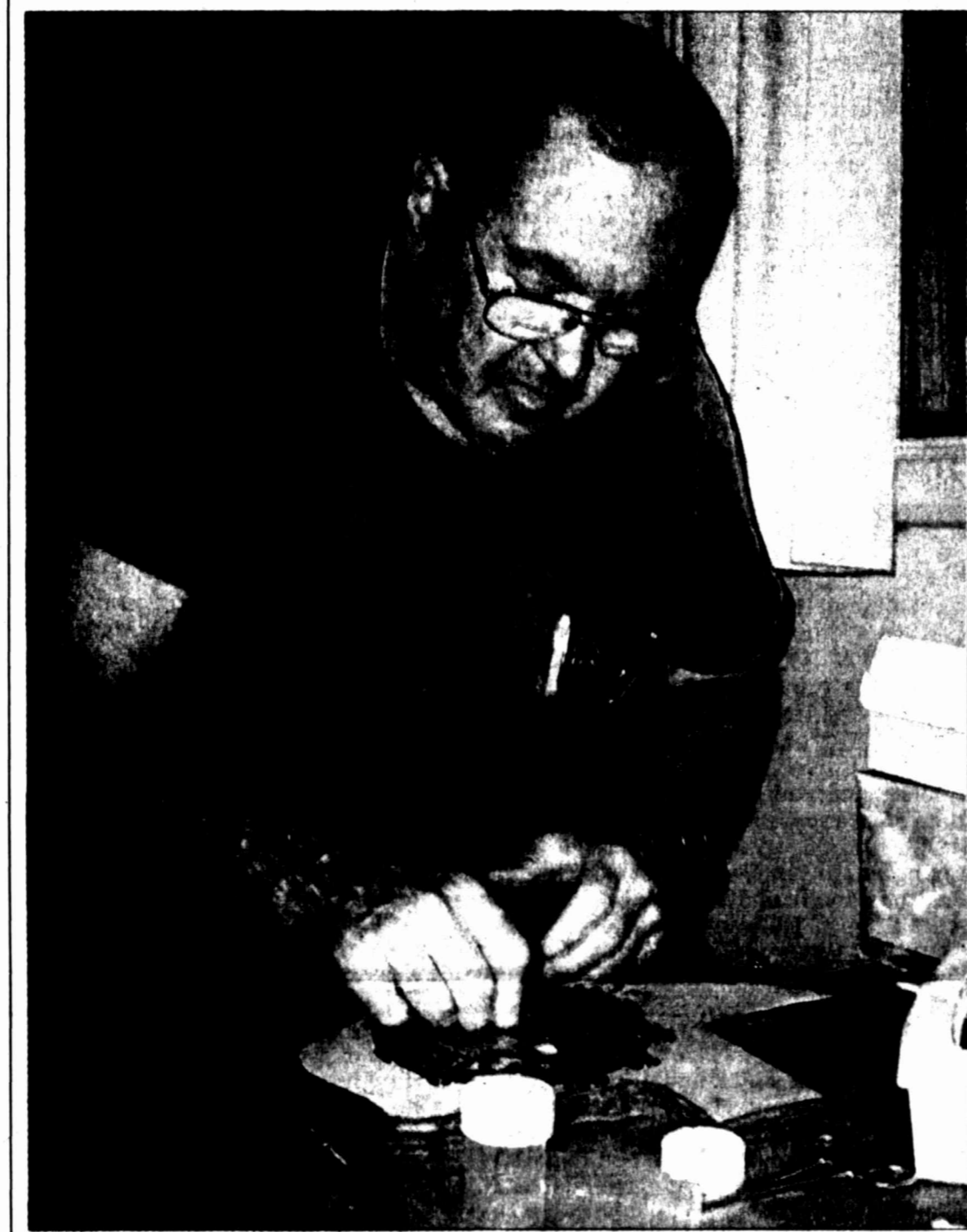
If you're thinking about lying to get medical help from the Howard County Indigent Health Care Program, you better think again. Indigent Health Care Director Irene Dominguez presented a fraud policy and procedures for the program to Howard County

commissioners at their meeting Monday. The policy — approved unanimously by the county leaders — outlines what actions constitute fraud and what the program's reaction to those actions will be. 'We recently had a case where a woman did intentionally misrepresent her situation,' Dominguez said. 'I thought maybe it was time we had a poli-

cy.' According to the policy, fraud consists of, 'Making a false and/or misleading written or oral statement; misrepresenting, concealing or withholding facts; or violating any provision of the (County Indigent Health Care Program) Act, the CIHCP regulations or state statutes relating to the use or acquisition of CIHCP.'

The document lists examples of fraud, including misrepresenting or concealing information about income, family, residency, need, incapacity, child support or identification. According to the policy, suspected cases of fraud will be referred to the commissioner's court for a hearing. If the commissioners find that fraud has

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Retired Air Force Master Sgt. Harlan Bristol assembles a Texas-shaped clock with a U.S. Navy seal as its face. Bristol has been making military clocks as retirement and recognition pieces since his days as mobile maintenance man on the flightline at Dyess Air Force Base in the 1960s.

TICK-TOCK

Former airman enjoys crafting military-style time pieces for others

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Harlan Bristol makes clocks. No, he doesn't assemble the intricate gears that make his timepieces tick, but he crafts the body, applies the face, and attaches pre-made hands and a box of works to make the thing run.

The clockmaker figures he's crafted more than a dozen of the commemorative chronographs.

Most of his clocks have a military theme, and that's a clue as to how he got started in his chronometric hobby.

'I was a master sergeant over at Dyess Air Force Base,' he said. 'I came back off a run on the flightline — I was what you call 'mobile maintenance' — and (my commanding officer) hollered at me and he said, 'Hey, Mr. B, if you

see something that will make a good souvenir of Texas for me to take back to New York with me when I retire at the end of this month, let me know so I can go get it.'

The request was on Bristol's mind when he was flipping through a craft catalog that night. 'I was going through it and they had

these dials in there with military emblems on them,' he said. 'So I ordered one right quick and went and got a piece of cabinet-grade plywood and cut a shape of Texas out and mounted the clock on it.'

But Bristol's creativity didn't stop there. 'I had top secret clear-

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Rebates slide up this month for Howard County

By BILL McCLELLAN News Editor

Fourteen of the 19 area communities polled by the Big Spring Herald for sales tax rebates each month, including Big Spring, posted an increase in rebates for July, when compared to a year ago.

The information is provided by the State

Comptroller's Office. Big Spring wasn't among the nine communities which witnessed double-digit increases, but the Howard County seat topped the \$2 million mark in sales tax rebates for the year this month.

Big Spring experienced a 7.57 percent increase. The city received \$315,438.92 this month,

compared to \$293,216.11 in July of 2002. For the year, Howard County has received \$2,107,723.20, just 0.88 percent off the pace of a year ago.

Coahoma experienced a whopping 76.53 percent increase in rebates this month. The community received \$2,914.78, compared to \$1,651.06 for July 2002. The community has

received \$22,727.58 for the year, up 1 percent after a rocky first quarter.

Forsan also continued to see rebates rise. After increases of 60 percent, 48 percent, 20.62 percent and 110.29 percent, rebates were up a "modgst" 23.43 percent. The community received \$3,688.49, compared to \$2,988.22 in July 2002. for the year, Forsan

has received \$26,892.02, up 24.78 percent.

Meanwhile, Stanton broke a downslide. The Martin County seat had seen double-digit deficits for four of the first sixth months of the year. This time, the 1-20 community received \$7,685.33, up 11.17 percent from the

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FIRST PAYCHECK

Herald mailroom employees are on the road to retirement

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

This summer, Big Spring Herald mailroom "newbies" Ray Franco and Raul Marquez commenced on a long-term journey almost every American undertakes — the road to retirement.

That avenue toward the blessed day of coach potato freedom and all-day gardening bliss begins with the first official Social Security, income tax-deducted paycheck.

And on Thursday, July 10, the two Big Spring teens officially paid into the system.

In honor of their first official paycheck, Herald Business Manager Dianne Marquez presented the two teens each with a framed copy of their \$29.70 earnings.

'It's not much but it's a paycheck,' 17-year-old Franco said. Recalling their first day, both teens admitted they were a little nervous when they walked into



MARQUEZ

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Big Spring Herald employees Ray Franco, left, and Raul Marquez hold up their first official paychecks. The part-time mailroom workers began their work careers with the Herald this summer and plan to keep their jobs through the school year.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Marguerite Marie Langley



Marguerite Marie Langley, 80, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, July 15, 2003, at her residence. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 18, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Irvin Stanke, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Rite, as she was known to her family and friends, was born on Jan. 21, 1923, in Lockhart to Tobias Alexander and Leona Gertrude Ellison Smith. After graduating from Lockhart High School in 1941, she attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

During World War II, she met a handsome young Airman, J.T. Langley, who was stationed at the Air Force base in San Marcos. It was only a short time before J.T. proposed to her and they were married in Lockhart. After the war ended they moved to J. T.'s home town of Big Spring. They lived here for the past 57 years and raised two wonderful daughters.

Her great contribution to life was always her love and caring for her family and of others, and her strong sense of values and ethics. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

Rite was preceded in death by her loving parents; her brother, Carl R. Smith of Austin; and nephew, Daniel Carl Smith of Austin.

Survivors include her husband, J.T. Langley of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rita Kay and Jim Duncan of Dallas and Jamie Jo and Gary Anderson of Tulsa, Okla.; three granddaughters, Leigh, Kristen and Ashley Duncan; two grandsons, Jason and James Anderson; one sister, Martha Colter of Midland; and one sister-in-law, Mary Dean Smith of Austin.

The family suggests memorials to: First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Margie McElroy



Margie McElroy, 65, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 15, 2003, in Lubbock.

Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2003, at Bellwood Memorial Park in Temple with Cleo Scott officiating. Visitation will be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. today, Thursday, July 17, 2003, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. McElroy was born on Aug. 5, 1937, in Temple. She grew up in Temple and attended the Texas State School for the Blind in Austin. She married Hubert McElroy on Oct. 25, 1963, in Dallas. She had lived in Dallas for more than 30 years, moving to San Angelo for four years and to Big Spring five years ago. She was a homemaker and had also worked as a medical transcriptionist.

She is survived by her husband, Hubert McElroy of Big Spring; her mother and step-father, Louetta and John Rohde of Temple; two brothers, Donald Presley of Carson City, Nev., and Mike Presley of Paris, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Marion Presley.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Vera Hamill



Vera Hamill, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday afternoon, July 15, 2003, at Snyder Oaks Care Center in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2003, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hamill was born on May 5, 1918, in Muskingum County, Ohio. She was the daughter of Ernest James Powelson and Hattie Elizabeth Bonisart Powelson.

She lived most of her life in Big Spring. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and had also worked for the Big Spring Independent School District in the cafeterias and at the senior citizens center. She had also worked as a caregiver and housekeeper.

She is survived by one brother, Everet Powelson of Norwich, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Hamill; her parents; one son; one sister; and two brothers.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

James Wrightsil



James Wrightsil, 83, of Big Spring died Sunday morning, July 13, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 19, 2003, at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with Superintendent Kenneth Weatherspoon and Elder Frank Nelson officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Wrightsil was born on March 19, 1920, in Reagan. He was the son of Will and Eula Kyser Wrightsil. He married Dixie Woodruff in 1941. They moved to Big Spring in 1944. She preceded him in death in 1973. He married Miss Alma Cobbs on Nov. 9, 1974.

He had been employed by the city of Big Spring, Mead's Auto Supply and later operated his own landscaping business. He was a member and deacon at the Powerhouse Church of God in Christ and served on the trustee board, was president of the youth ministry and the pastor's anniversary committee.

He is survived by his wife, Alma Wrightsil of Big Spring; two sons, Melvin Wrightsil and Ronald Wrightsil; four daughters, Myrtle Banks, Joyce Dickerson, Beverly Young and Margo Smith, all of Houston; one brother, Charles Wrightsil of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters and one grandson.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Troy W. Roberts



Troy W. Roberts of Midland died Tuesday, July 15, 2003.

Funeral service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, July 18, 2003, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Ronnie White officiating. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Mr. Roberts was born on Oct. 11, 1923, in Howard County to Virgil Franklin Roberts and Vada Mae Miller Roberts, and was a graduate of Coahoma High School.

On June 5, 1948, he married Jean Harris in Coahoma. In 1961, he retired from the Texas & Pacific Railroad and from that time until 1988 owned Roberts Auto Supply. He was a member of Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Midland Downtown Lions Club and West Texas Region Antique Automobile Club of America.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Roberts of Midland; a daughter, Ginger Hart and her husband, Bruce, of Midland; two granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; sisters, Vada Haile of Midland and Maureen Turner of Odessa; one brother, Ross Roberts of Coahoma; and many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 2003.

Memorials may be directed to Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver, Midland 79705 or Home Hospice, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701.

Police blotter

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

- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1300 block of Wright Street, the 700 block of East 13th Street, the 1500 block of Shepherd Lane.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3700 block of Connally Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of East FM 700. A red 1995 Chevrolet reportedly sustained \$150 damage.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- **PROWLER** was reported twice in the 500 block of South Main Street.
- **ILLEGAL DUMPING OF REFUSE** was reported in the 100 block of Merrick Road.
- **LOUD MUSIC** was reported near the intersection of FM 818 and Ranch Road 33.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 3100 block of East Highway 350.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1600 block of Eubanks.
- **LOOSE HORSE** was reported in the 2200 block of Neil Road.

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
Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

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

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third St.

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

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

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. FM 700.

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

Care Giver's Workshop and Ice Cream Social, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Dora Roberts Community Center, Comanche Trail Park. Presenters will provide information on topics ranging from where to find respite support, answers to financial and legal issues, planning for the future and managing medication.

Citizen's Police Academy Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP offices, 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.

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

FRIDAY
AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn., Highway 87.

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

Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
Howard County Scottish Rite, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast is served.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

4-10-11-26-40 Bonus Ball: 44

Estimated jackpot: \$28 million

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night:

9-7-2

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday:

7-14-17-25-35

Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows near 70. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows near 70.

Saturday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Highs in the upper 90s.

Monday — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Highs around 100.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

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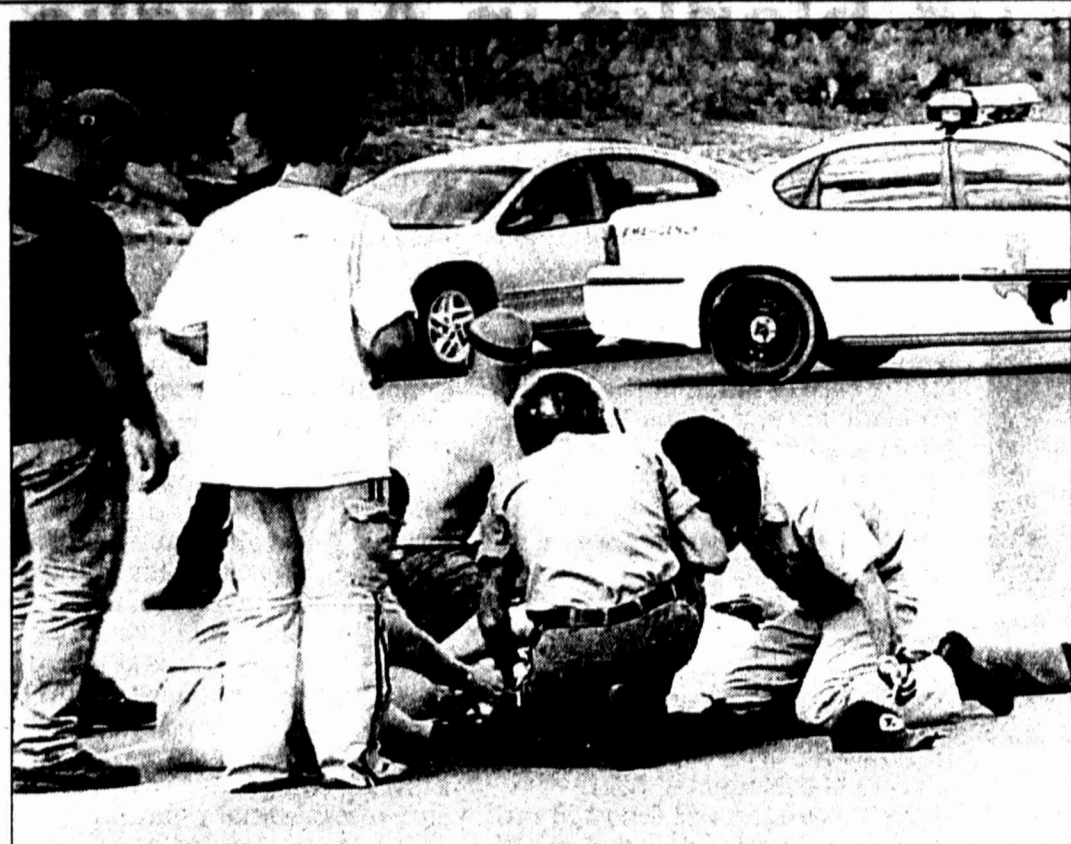
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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
People crowd around a man who lost control of his motorcycle shortly before 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon on FM 700 near Wasson Road. Following the one-vehicle accident, the man was taken by ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, suffering from a head injury. Police were unable to identify the man or provide details of the accident this morning.

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been committed, the guilty party will be suspended from the program for a year on the first offense, two years on the second and permanently on the third.

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the Herald's mailroom and witnessed the furious actions of fellow laborers inserting the day's advertisements by hand at lightning speed.

"I never knew they did all this by hand," Franco said.

And it took a few days before the two youths felt at ease in their positions.

"We messed up for a few days, but then the more we got into it, we got used to the feel of it," Franco said.

The commissioners may also choose to require reimbursement to the program or to refer the case to the county attorney for prosecution.

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

On average, each employee is responsible for stuffing a stack of 900 papers of the printed copies rambling off the Herald's press daily.

"You learn to count by hundreds," 16-year-old Marquez said.

Franco and Marquez plan to continue their part-time jobs into the school year.

"It's pretty fun," Marquez said. "Most people are out there working in the sun to make some money whereas we're inside."

And the journey continues...

Algae blooms devastate fish population in many Texas lakes

LUBBOCK (AP) — For 35 years Buffalo Spring Lake treated angler Malcolm Eldredge well, until earlier this year when the first bloom of fish-killing golden algae appeared in the 225-acre lake just outside the city limits.

"It's just 100 percent nothing," the 62-year-old retired firefighter said. "I haven't caught a fish in nearly five months. It's been over four months since I've even had a bite."

Thousands of other anglers in Texas share Eldredge's disappointment.

This year, golden algae blooms were the worst ever, killing more than 6.3 million fish in 19 Texas lakes, including Buffalo Springs and all six city lakes in Lubbock, Lake Colorado City in

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ance, so I went down to headquarters without him knowing about it, pulled his records and got the exact date he'd entered the Air Force and all the bases he'd been stationed at and the years he was stationed at them. I etched all of those into a brass plate."

After affixing the plate to the clock, he presented the timepiece to his commander at a retirement party.

"He just went wild," Bristol said. "He just really liked it."

That first clock led to several other requests for similar pieces.

"Because of my job, I was known all over the base to any organization that had vehicles, which everybody did," he said. "I just started getting

calls: 'Hey, Mr. B, so-and-so's going to retire the end of this month, can you make him a clock?' I made a lot of them over there."

Bristol's clocks come in two sizes, a large one with a military-emblem face, brass plates with information about the recipients' duty stations and room for mounting medals and shoulder patches; and a small one with just the military emblem and clock. Both styles are shaped like Texas and varnished.

"I tried painting a few of them, but people didn't like that as well," he said. "I did one for a Navy person, I painted it blue. He didn't like it as well, but he went ahead and took it."

"From then on, I haven't painted any of them."

The clockmaker figures he's crafted more than a

dozen of the commemorative chronographs.

Most recently, Bristol said he donated one of his clocks to Ginger and John Wayne Metcalf, parents of slain Marine Pfc. Chad Bales.

"(Mrs. Metcalf) was just real tickled," he said. "She just thanked me and thanked me. I was kind of hesitant at first about doing it, but then I thought, 'What the heck?' He's going to be in her memory the rest of her life."

Mr. Metcalf said he's proud of the clock.

"It's really nice," he said. "It's the shape of Texas cut out of wood, and a Marine emblem with a clock in it. It's very nice."

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REBATES

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\$6,913.17 received a year ago. For the year, Stanton has received \$54,302.83, off last year's pace by 21.05 percent.

Abilene received \$2,049,753.23 this month, up 0.16 percent compared to the \$2,046,280.66 received in July of 2002. The year-to-date total is \$14,971,338.92, up just 0.81 percent.

Andrews continued to see a dramatic drop in rebates — 40.38 percent this month. The city received \$67,075.67 compared to \$112,506.35 in July of 2002. For the year, Andrews has taken in \$504,818.42, a drop of 27.44 percent.

Brownfield received \$58,591.45, up 11.04 percent when compared to \$52,763.64 in July 2002. Brownfield has taken in \$441,952.89 for the year, up 6.61 percent.

Colorado City noted a 2.89 percent decrease in rebates, comparing \$30,312.95 received this month to \$31,215.82 received in July 2002. The Mitchell County seat has received \$228,002.60 this year, down 1.73 percent compared to last year.

Fort Stockton enjoyed another huge increase —

61.88 percent — this month, comparing the \$122,749.94 received to the \$75,838.55 taken in during July 2002. Last month, the city saw rebates jump more than 40 percent. For the year now, Fort Stockton has received \$813,890.49, up 43.95 percent.

Kermit received \$26,887.91 this month, an increase of 10.64 percent, compared to the \$24,301.59 collected last July. For the year, Kermit has taken in \$177,878.32, down 7.32 percent.

Lamesa witnessed an increase of 12.35 percent in sales tax rebates. The Dawson County seat received \$65,292.63 for the month, compared to \$58,112.79 in July of 2002. The city has received \$496,542.63 for the year, up 2.48 percent.

Sales tax rebates were down again slightly for Lubbock, at minus-12.98 percent. Lubbock received \$2,121,699.73 this month, compared to \$2,186,879.46 last July. For the year, Lubbock has received \$16,405,425.58 — down 1.06 percent compared to a year ago.

Midland saw rebates go up 5.94 percent, compar-

ing the \$1,547,350.44 received this month to the \$1,460,530.42 received in July 2002. For the year, Midland has received \$11,620,782.73, up 12.15 percent.

After witnessing rebates rise 31 percent last month, rebates took a plunge this month. Monahans received \$71,158.50, down 24.88 percent compared to the \$94,738.16 taken in for July of 2002. For the year, the Ward County seat has received \$492,757.22, down 0.83 percent compared to a year ago.

July's rebates for Odessa amounted to \$1,164,438.07, up 12.54 percent when compared to \$1,034,687.18 taken in a year ago. Odessa has received \$8,354,134.48 for the year, up 9.21 percent.

Rebates were also up for Pecos this month. That community received \$64,540.05, compared to \$54,062.22 for July of 2002. That's an increase of 19.38 percent. For the year,

Mitchell County remains toxic and fish still die, making it difficult to determine the total damage, said Joan Glass, a biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department who has studied the algae for years.

Fish kills have occurred on lakes on five river systems in West and Central Texas: the Canadian, Red, Colorado and Pecos rivers and the Wichita River which comes off the Brazos system. All are west of Interstate 35, which is built on a limestone escarpment.

The kills are not unique to Texas. New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas and Alabama have all reported dead fish because of the algae.

Though it is unclear what causes the blooms,

researchers know that conditions that make water salty — intensive water use, some irrigation methods, drought, brine contamination from oil and gas production — might contribute.

Another likely contributor — population growth near lakes.

"One obvious change that's occurred is there are more houses around them than there were 20 years ago," said Larry McKinney, director of resource protection for wildlife department. "There's clearly more nutrients being put in these lakes."

The algae is not harmful to humans, other mammals or birds, but it's deadly to aquatic life such as fish, clams and mussels. Historically, golden algae has been a coastal phenomenon and how it

moved inland is still a mystery.

"I don't know if it just showed up or it's been here a long time," Glass said. "But we've done something to enhance it."

Since first confirmed in Texas in 1981, the algae has killed more than 17 million fish. The loss in lake stock, recreational business and for cleanup has cost an estimated \$6.5 million, according to the wildlife department.

State biologists can't stop the kills because they don't know how to eradicate the microscopic plant's toxins in lakes. The toxins attach to the gills of the fish and cause them to suffocate.

"We've got to do something about it," McKinney said. "It's just too devastating to let it run its course and live with it."

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James Wrightsil, 83, died Sunday. Funeral Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Jesus Javier "Jesse" Mier, Jr., 22, died Saturday. Funeral Services were 2:00 PM Thursday in the Chapel of the Salvation Army with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Margie McEJroy, 65, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 3:00 PM Friday at Bellwood Memorial Park in Temple, Texas.

Vera Hamill, 85, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Myers and Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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OUR VIEWS

You can make this a better place to 'read'

Help! That's the call from the Friends of the Library, as they seek donations of books in good condition for their annual book sale in September.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization that provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, giving the facility resources outside the budget provided by county commissioners.

Most recently, the Friends of the Library helped financially support the library's summer reading program for children. It is that kind of support that depends on the generosity of Howard Countians.

If you have books you can donate to the organization's sale, simply go by the Howard County Library and leave them during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

In addition, anyone wishing to join the Friends of the Library — dues are just \$5 a year — should contact Ruth Ann McKay, the organizations' membership chairman. Meetings are held at noon on the third Thursday of each month.

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, give us the desire to offer the help and prayers others need, bringing them to know you.

Amen

Shooting up blanks in Australia

When trendy drug programs — such as Australia's Medically Supervised Injecting Centre, which allows junkies to shoot up under medical supervision — are born, they invariably are touted as the savvy new way to address the world's drug problems.

Sydney's center was billed when it opened in May 2001 as a model of the "harm reduction" philosophy — which is gaining momentum in the United States and seeks to minimize the negative consequences of risky drug use. Sponsors said the center would "decrease overdose deaths, provide a gateway to treatment, and reduce the problem of discarded needles and users injecting in public places."

So junkies are allowed to buy drugs on the street — it's against the law for the government to distribute heroin — then inject themselves at the center under medical supervision in case they overdose. Health workers also can refer drug users for drug rehabilitation or other government services.

Junkies, however, can't smoke at the center. Smoking, you see, is hazardous to their health.

News flash: A report released this month on the center's impact shows that letting junkies shoot up in a clinic has failing-to-dubious results.

Did the center reduce drug overdoses? The report found that the

substantial reduction in opioid overdoses "could not be attributed to the operation of the MSIC." Yes, there was a reduction in use because a heroin drought hit Down Under before the center opened. (When I visited the center in August 2001, I was stunned at the bad timing. Shortages were taking care of much of the heroin problem, but the do-gooders were pushing a plan to make it safer to shoot up.)

To answer the question, the report's best guesstimate was that the center prevented at least four deaths each year. (Which a different program might also have done.)

A gateway to treatment? The evaluation said the MSIC provided referrals for drug dependence to 11 percent of the clients. But that doesn't mean junkies followed up. In June, Sydney's Daily Telegraph reported that the Salvation Army announced it had received no referrals to its drug rehabilitation program from the Sydney injecting clinic, ever — even though its drug program has a vacancy rate of 20 percent.

Fewer needles in the neighborhood? Community residents said they saw fewer needles. (No surprise, there's a heroin drought.) Syringe counts of the MSIC's Kings Cross neighborhood showed a decrease when the center opened, followed by a "gradual increase" in syringes.

Here's some not-so-great news: "The available evidence does not suggest that there was a large increase in drug-related loitering in Kings Cross following the opening of the MSIC." Oh joy, not a large increase.



DEBRA SAUNDERS



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently, a friend of mine wrote in to the paper to let people know how I was. I'm doing a lot better now. There is a lot of support coming to me from this little West Texas town.

I want to say thanks to everyone for all the prayers and cards. After my address was published, I've received about five letters or cards a day. You can't believe what that does for me being so far away from home.

I miss my little girl so much! She will be 11 years old on Aug. 6, so I want to send her an early birthday wish — Happy Birthday, Matthea.

BILLY TURNER
RICHMOND, VA.

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to your well-written editorial of June 21-22, 2003 "Redistricting won't benefit Crossroads", I would like to express the following thoughts.

All of you, and so many dear friends here, no doubt, have the very best interest of Howard County and vicinity in their minds. I do too; although I am a recent transplant here, having come from San Antonio almost eight years ago, we have embraced this community as our happy home.

It is my impression that we try to hold on to an elected official as if there were no more professionally gifted or West Texas-Big Spring lovers and promoters in our midst. We should detach ourselves from the fear of losing one more elected official. As we have heard Senator Duncan, and others say: "even if I am not in your district I'll always have Big Spring in my heart and mind" (my own interpretation of their words). By the looks of the 17 candidates running for Congressional District 19 earlier this year, we have at

least six excellent candidates that should keep running for office. If a new elected congressman has a district that will run, as you say, "through the Texas Hill Country, and into the suburbs of San Antonio", we still can have some clout and, what is more, maybe some exchange or sharing in the exuberance of San Antonio businesses.

You are very correct in mentioning that the plan of the federal courts should have yielded 19 GOP congressmen instead of 15. Therefore, with redistricting, Texas is expected to become a very strong Republican State in the House, resulting in additional committee assignments, have a more effective political influence, and greater impact in Washington. That alone should trickle down to benefit not only West Texas but the Crossroads as well.

MARGARITA DURAND-HOLLIS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Today I write to address the issue of the proposed day time curfew. I believe this ordinance to be an infringement upon the rights of Big Spring residents and an usurpation of parental authority.

This ordinance will subject minors to undue harassment when there is no evidence that these individuals have broken nor intend to break any laws. Such "pre-crime" ordinances ignore the long-cherished American ideal of presumption of innocence.

All minors will now be treated as criminals—stopped, detained and interrogated and must then be subject to a policy which suggests they are guilty until proven innocent, rather than innocent until proven guilty. This ordinance will restrict the free movement of an entire class of citizens, essentially placing them under house arrest for no legiti-

mate reason.

Certainly, this ordinance will give council members a warm, fuzzy feeling inside, but will do practically nothing to deter criminals or reduce crime.

I feel the proponents of this ordinance have good intentions, but they have simply taken the wrong approach. We should not accept such an erosion of our blood-bought liberties, rights and freedoms, but should stand to defend them.

Benjamin Franklin once stated: "Those who would sell an essential liberty for a little safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Those sentiments were echoed by the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, who stated: "A society that will trade a little liberty for a little order will lose both, and deserve neither."

Parents know their children better than any city government can, and are therefore better suited to manage them. It should be unacceptable to citizens of this community to see the city government attempt to over-reach its bounds in such a way, and enter into a domain belonging solely to the parent. Parents should be parenting their children, not city governments.

JOSH MACHIAVELLO
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Nancy Jones of the RSVP program, as well as to all who had a part in helping with the distribution of our annual report of drinking water quality to all our customers.

This marks the fourth year that we have benefited from their labors in our distribution of this report. There is no way to accurately account for the number of hours of hard work that were

If a traditional anti-drug program showed such sorry results, politicians on the left would denounce it as yet another dumb big-spending drug program. But under the "harm reduction" aegis, failure apparently is acceptable.

New South Wales Special Minister of State John Della Bosca announced that the report "makes a strong case for the center's continuing operation." Australia's Green Party backs opening new injecting centers in rural areas.

Daily Telegraph columnist Piers Akerman, however, has taken on the thankless task of challenging the center, with its \$1.8 million budget last year. "At \$63 a throw (it was projected to cost only \$37), the shooting gallery isn't delivering value," Akerman writes. "The same funding could have supported 100 residential rehabilitation beds in nongovernment institutions, offering residential drug dependence treatment."

When the center opened, it was supposed to be for an 18-month "trial." But with its "harm reduction" philosophy, the verdict was fixed: The center can fail to provide a gateway for users to enter rehabilitation, do little to clean up needles and neighborhoods, and show unclear results on overdoses, but as long as it suggests there can be safer hard-core drug use, the center cannot fail.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Make a salad medley that satisfies and yet you feel virtuous. Start with the best possible green: iceberg lettuce is wading as a vegetable and add 3 or 4 ounces of lean protein, such as self-magazine.

Keep your taste buds engaged with these additions like these: — Artichoke hearts. Contain vitamin C, potassium, magnesium and fiber.

— Baked plantain. Low-cal and high in iron and vitamin C. — Cauliflower: B saute in vegetable oil with a dash of curry powder for a nutritious topper.

— Dried cranberries. Provide potassium and vitamin A. — Figs: One of the best-fiber fruits.

— Peas: Contain iron and protein. Try wasabi-roasted peas for a spicy punch. — Pistachios: One of the highest-fiber nuts.

— Pumpkin seeds. Contain protein, B vitamins, iron.

— Quinoa: The highest protein content of grains.

— Steamed edamame (soybeans): For a protein, calcium, iron and B vitamins.

— Tamarind-roasted almonds: Rich in fiber and an unusual smoky flavor.

— Veggie sticks: For crunch, they have 30 percent less fat than potato chips.

— Water chestnuts. Some fiber, vitamin C, potassium and zinc. (Source: Self Magazine)

GOINGS ON

Local Salvation Army

Big Spring's Salvation Army received needed to provide relief for Hurricane Claud was put on alert. Texas Division of the Army regularly provides water and meals in emergency shelter endeavors, send Salvation Army 267-8239 for more information.

RN assessment

Scenic Mountain School of Nursing are sponsoring a community assessment activity on the first floor of the Place. Dolores C. the Rural Health speaker.

The activity is designed with an update systematic approach to vascular and neuropathy. The University of Nursing provides completion of the fee is \$63. ing should bring UTA-RHOP 19407, Arlington

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Salad days with oomph

NEW YORK (AP) — Make a salad medley that satisfies and yet leaves you feeling virtuous is easy. Start with the darkest possible greens (iceberg lettuce is water masquerading as a vegetable) and add 3 or 4 ounces of lean protein, suggests *Self* magazine.

Keep your taste buds engaged with creative add-ins like these:

— **Artichoke hearts:** Contain vitamin C, folate, potassium, magnesium and fiber.

— **Baked plantain chips:** Low-cal and high in potassium and vitamin C.

— **Cauliflower:** Blanch or saute in vegetable oil with a dash of curry powder for a nutritious topper.

— **Dried cranberries or cherries:** Provide potassium and vitamin A.

— **Figs:** One of the highest-fiber fruits.

— **Peas:** Contain vitamins A and C, iron and potassium. Try wasabi-roasted peas for a spicy punch.

— **Pistachios:** One of the highest-fiber nuts.

— **Pumpkin seeds:** Contain protein, B vitamins, iron.

— **Quinoa:** The highest protein content of all grains.

— **Steamed edamame (soybeans):** For a boost of protein, calcium, iron, zinc and B vitamins.

— **Tamari-roasted almonds:** Rich in fiber with an unusual smoky flavor.

— **Veggie sticks:** Great for crunch, they have about 30 percent less fat than potato chips.

— **Water chestnuts:** Some fiber, vitamin B, iron, potassium and zinc.

(Source: *Self* magazine)



Above, when you create an attractive row of window boxes, you might dazzle passersby with a striking medley of flowers and funky leaves. Below, right, begin by filling the window box with a layer of potting soil, so that if you placed a potted geranium inside, its base would come just shy of the box's top edges. Below, using your hands, fill the spaces between the plants with soil until, across the board, it comes to about half an inch from the top. Sprinkle a little slow-release fertilizer.

Washington Post photos/Michael DiBarl Jr.



Simple but beautiful: Plant a cheery window box

By **DOUG BROWN**
The Washington Post

Geraniums are classy and have a sturdy, northern European air. Petunias are whimsical and happy, as American as Milton Berle. Together, these opposites do, in fact, attract: They make the perfect base for a colorful, elegant window box.

Plant the flowers, and within weeks the geraniums' bright balls of color will lord it over the petunias' spreading waves of trumpet-shaped flowers. To fill in, you'll also want to include something busier, like sweet

alyssum, which will spill dense curtains of small white, purple and pink flowers from the edges of the window box and peek out from behind the leggy petunia stems.

Another great addition would be nasturtiums, which will contribute interesting leaves — round and mottled with green and white — and a summer-long parade of glorious orange blossoms. The leaves and blossoms are delicious. Toss a handful of the peppery leaves into a salad and decorate it with flowers, and you've transformed a common bowl of lettuce into something fresh and artful.

Planting one for yourself

Step One
Fill the window box with a layer of potting soil, so that if you placed a potted geranium inside, its base would come just shy of the box's top edges.

Step Two
For a medium-sized box, unpot three geraniums and arrange them in a row on top of the soil, leaving at least six inches of space between the plants and on each end. Then place four unpotted petunias, interweaving them between the geraniums. Since the geraniums' and petunias' bases should be at the same level, it may be necessary to fill in a little dirt beneath each petunia before placing it in the box. The same goes for

the sweet alyssum, six of which should go in next, placed evenly in the small spaces between the larger plants. Finish filling the box by arranging two nasturtiums on each end (they may also need propping up).

Step Three
Using your hands, fill the spaces between the plants with soil until, across the board, it comes to about half an inch from the top. Sprinkle a little slow-release fertilizer (like Osmocote) on the dirt, then water. The soil in the window box should be kept slightly damp, so add water two or three times a week unless summer rains beat you to it.

—The Washington Post

GOINGS ON

Local Salvation Army taken off alert

Big Spring's Salvation Army commander Capt. Russ Keeney received word Wednesday that he won't be needed to provide disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Claudette along the Texas coast. Keeney was put on alert status earlier this week by the Texas Division of the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army regularly provides disaster relief in the form of water and meals dispensed from mobile canteens and emergency shelters. To support the corps in its endeavors, send donations to the Big Spring Salvation Army headquarters, 810 W. Fifth St., or call 267-8239 for more information.

RN assessment activity offered at SMMC

Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the UTA School of Nursing Rural Health Outreach Program are sponsoring a one-day pediatric physical assessment activity on Tuesday, July 29.

The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the first floor classroom at SMMC, 1601 W. 11th Place. Dolores Clark, RN, MSN, faculty member with the Rural Health Outreach program, will be the speaker.

The activity is designed to provide registered nurses with an update in the use of a developmental and systematic approach to assess the respiratory, cardiovascular and neurological system of the pediatric patient. The University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing provides 7.5 contact hours for successful completion of the educational workshop.

The fee is \$63. Lunch is not included. Those attending should bring a stethoscope. Register by contacting UTA-RHOP, Attention Sylvia Rawlings, Box 19407, Arlington 76019, or by fax at 817 272-5263. For

information, call Sylvia at 817 272-3527 or Doris Bergerson at 915 268-4820.
No refund for no-shows.

Game warden class taking registration

Interested in becoming a game warden? The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be taking applications for anyone interested in the 50th Game Warden Cadet class, which will start in January. The deadline to make application is Aug. 8.

The 50th class is expected to help fill out the ranks after retirements in August. For more information, visit <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/involved/jobvac/gwcadet/index.htm>

The last class graduated June 18 at the state capitol with TPWD Executive Director Robert Cook as key speaker.



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Senator withdraws congressional maps, leaves meeting

AUSTIN (AP) — One lawmaker working to redraw congressional districts withdrew from the task and angrily left a Senate committee hearing and another one stepped up to take on the job that has dogged the Texas Legislature since May.

Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, expected to present two maps to the Senate Jurisprudence Committee for consideration on Wednesday, but he stormed out of the Capitol auditorium after saying his maps contained glitches.

"I'm out of the map-drawing business. Senator Staples now has that business," Harris said.

Sen. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, later said he would present his own map to the committee Thursday morning.

"I want to make certain that the map I do lay out is a map the committee can vote on," said Staples, a committee member and chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus.

An early version of the map would likely elect 18 Republicans, 11 Democrats and three "toss-ups," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, who originated the map to be introduced by Staples. The map splits Travis County into three districts and would pair Arlington Democratic Rep. Martin Frost with Republican Rep. Joe Barton, Shapiro said. Staples would not discuss the map Wednesday evening.

Harris had earlier said his main intention in drawing the map was to eliminate Frost.

"When the major map maker says he's out of the mapmaking business, it leaves us in total chaos."

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas

Harris withdrew his maps, claiming they were drawn by the attorney general's office and a computer glitch meant they wouldn't withstand court scrutiny.

He later said, "None of them had my intert."

Attorney General Greg Abbott said his office only assisted the Senate in determining the legality of various maps.

"Any statement implying that the Office of Attorney General conceived a redistricting plan or maps is false," Abbott said. "The Office of the Attorney General is not — and has not been — in the map-drawing business, and we have not formulated any redistricting plans."

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said the Senate was in disarray.

"When the major map maker says he's out of the mapmaking business, it leaves us in total chaos," West said.

Committee chairman Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, disputed West's assessment.

"No, the process is not in chaos," Duncan said. "The process is working."

Gov. Rick Perry, who called

the special session, said he's still hopeful that congressional districts will be redrawn.

"The will is still there to continue to be working with these members," Perry said.

"I've got faith they'll get a product."

Shortly after Harris' announcement, West said he had serious concerns about a private attorney hired by the attorney general's office to advise the state on congressional redistricting.

Andy Taylor, retained by the attorney general, works in his own firm for Republican causes including Texans for a Republican Majority, a political action committee co-founded by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land.

Questions swirl around driver of auto that careened through market, killing nine

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Authorities were investigating why an 86-year-old man's car plowed through a crowded farmers market, killing nine and injuring up to 45 others — and whether the driver was competent to be behind the wheel in the first place.

Police said Russell Weller told them he may have hit the gas pedal instead of the brake Wednesday, hurling victims into the air as his car careened down a street closed to traffic.

"Mr. Weller and his family want to express their deepest sympathies to the victims and their families of the tragic accident earlier today," Weller family attorney Jim Bianco said in a statement Wednesday. "This was an unintentional and unfortunate accident."

Eight victims were pronounced dead at the scene and a ninth, a 50-year-old man, died later at a St. John's Hospital, spokeswoman Barbara Bishop said. Fourteen others were critically injured.

Weller was not arrested, but authorities were considering whether the case was "manslaughter of some type" and investigating whether he was qualified to drive, said Police Chief James T. Burns.

"There may be some negligence as to his capacity to drive safely," Burns said, although he added that Weller, of Santa Monica, has a valid driver's license.

Weller was taken to a hospital for a blood test and initial results found no traces of alcohol or psychoactive drugs such as antidepressants and hallucinogens.

Mary Roney, who has lived two doors down from Weller and his wife for 30 years, said he has never had any trouble driving and she did not know of any health problems.

"A more careful, gentle, loving person you'll never find," said Roney, who described him as active in the community, including serving on a library board and tutoring students at Santa Monica High School.

"I heard a car just hit. bang, bang, bang," said Mojgan Pour, 38. "I heard people screaming. By the time I looked, I never even saw the car. I tried to help a man and he died while I was helping him."

The nine dead — five women, three men and a 3-year-old girl — were not identified. Police said 20 to 30 people had moderate or light injuries.

NEWS BRIEFS

Firefighters make headway

WHITERIVER, Ariz. (AP) — Firefighters made advances Wednesday on one side of a forest fire that has forced as many as 5,000 people from their homes, but wind and lightning could threaten their progress.

The fire on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation was 10 percent contained after blackening 14,000 to 16,000 acres and leading to several thousand evacuations in Whiteriver and other reservation communities in eastern Arizona.

"We're not doing as well as we'd like to but we're doing OK," said Larry Humphrey, commander of the firefighting team.

Suspect had mental problems

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A man accused of assaulting an 11-year-old girl at a Target store in West Virginia had a history of mental problems and talked about "hurting himself" just before he was arrested, his father and his lawyer said.

Allen Dwayne Coates, 37, of Irvington, Ky., was arrested without incident at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in a parking lot outside the office of lawyer Fred Radolovich.

"He was talking crazy stuff, like hurt-

ing himself and things and having some memory problems," Radolovich said. "I wanted him looked at."

Bobby Coates said his son had a history of mental problems, including depression and had been on medication but "slacked off of it."

South Charleston Police Chief David Dunlap said an anonymous tip from a person in Kentucky led to the arrest. He credited the capture to a grainy surveillance video from the department store.

The girl was assaulted Saturday evening at the South Charleston store after she and her mother separated to shop individually.

Coates also faces charges stemming from a similar incident Friday at a Wal-Mart in Ashland, Ky.

'Queen of Salsa' dies at age 77

NEW YORK (AP) — Celia Cruz, who went from singing in Havana nightclubs to become the "Queen of Salsa," died Wednesday, her publicist said.

Cruz, who was 77, died of a brain tumor. She had surgery for the ailment in December but her health faltered. She died at her home in Fort Lee, N.J., according to her publicist, Blanca Lasalle.

Her husband, trumpeter Pedro Knight, was at her side; the pair had celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on Monday, Lasalle said.

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Powell Volleyball will be held at Steer Gym. Registration is available at Supply and Athletic Center. Camp times through ninth will be from 9-11 a.m. 10-12 will attend p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is camper. For more information, call 263-48

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The Forsan Tennis Clinic held July 21-22. Forsan tennis The junior high of the clinic will from 9-10 a.m. The high school will run from 1 noon. The cost for t is \$10 per jun participant and high schoolers. For more info contact, Eggleston at 264-0483.

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Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 23-26 at Steer Gym. Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$85 per camper. For more information, call 263-4847.

Forsan tennis clinic set for July 21-23

The Forsan Students Tennis Clinic will be held July 21-23 at the Forsan tennis courts. The junior high portion of the clinic will be held from 9-10 a.m. each day. The high school portion will run from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost for the event is \$10 per junior high participant and \$20 for high schoolers. For more information contact, Connie Eggleston at 267-6913 or 264-0483.

Area players sought for all-star game

Several positions on the 2003 All Americas Basketball squad are available to area seniors interested in participating in the event. Area boys and girls, who graduated this past year, are eligible to compete in the contest. For more information, contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336.

CGA, HWP to host golf toumey Sunday

The Chicano Golf Association will hold a benefit golf tournament for Hispanic Women for Progress on Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament will be a pick-your-own-team 4-man scramble. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. For more information contact the CTGC pro shop at 264-2366.

Las Balas softball toumey ready to go

The first Las Balas Softball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday in Stanton. The tournament is open to Class D and E teams. Entry fee is \$115 per squad. The deadline to enter is July 17. For more information, call Jr. Landin at 816-1396 or Henry Villa at 263-6698.

WTGSC to hold 100-hole golf marathon

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will be holding a golf marathon on Aug. 4 in Sweetwater. Golfers participating in the event will play 100 holes of golf during the one-day event. All participants will have their own cart, and plays at their own speed using modified rules. The field will be limited to 40 golfers. For more information or to register contact, Shirley Olson at (325) 770-0552.

PLAY BALL!



The Big Spring United Girls Softball 10 & Under All-Stars will open their 2003 campaign Friday afternoon against Midland in the District 3 Softball Tournament at MUGS Field. Members of the Big Spring squad are (front row, left to right) Valerie Ross, Alexia Robles, Breanna Hilarlo, Minnell Sanchez, Mercedes Chavira, Kimberly Muniz, Kelly O'Brien, (second row) Callie Shafer, Claudia Jones, Jillian Valle, Kaeli Mendoza, Brandy Wilson, Emily Hicks and Elena Robles. The team is coached by Ron Shafer, Rodney Jones, Ed Ross and Gerald Cobos.



The Big Spring United Girls Softball 11-12 All-Stars will begin their postseason march Friday at 4:30 p.m. at MUGS Field in Midland against Fort Stockton. Members of the squad include (front row, left to right) Chelsea Huckabee, Whitney Worthan, Alyx Pappajohn, Crystal Carrillo, Baylea Fox, (middle row) Dominique Green, Ashley Castillo, Randy Phillippe, Catherine Luebner, Haylie Bureson, Randi Herrera and Melony Ruiz. The team is coached by David Pappajohn (back row, left) and Rory Worthan. Carrie Fox (third from left) is the team's manager and Debbie Ramirez serves as team chaperone.

Rangers getting younger and less expensive

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas general manager John Hart is making different kinds of deals these days. He is focused on building for the future, and the Rangers are quickly getting younger — and less expensive. "This club, as much as we can is going to commit to young players," Hart said. "If we have a youthful player that we can provide a job without that player suffering, that is what we are going to attempt to do." His other way didn't work. When Hart took over in November 2001, he signed several high-priced free agents in hopes for a quick turnaround. Instead of wins, the moves produced one of baseball's highest payrolls. Even when the Rangers were more frugal last winter, signing free agents to cheaper one-year deals, they were still

paying for the previous year. They began this season with another \$100 million-plus payroll. With Texas still in last place in the AL West, Hart is now trading away veterans for prospects. "Obviously, we're going from an older team to a younger team," said All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez. Two weeks before the trade deadline, Hart has already dealt AL saves leader Ugueth Urbina and outfielders Carl Everett and Ruben Sierra. Juan Gonzalez (23 homers, 66 RBIs) blocked a deal that would have sent him to Montreal, but other teams have shown interest in the two-time AL MVP. The Rangers begin the second half 38-55, 20 games behind division-leading Seattle. They are last at the break for the fourth straight year. The focal point for Texas remains Rodriguez, who turns 28 later this

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month and still has seven years left on his record \$252 million contract. Hank Blalock is the 22-year-old third baseman who hit the game-winning homer in the All-Star game, and second baseman Michael Young (.321) in his second full season. Rookies Mark Teixeira, Laynce Nix and Ryan Ludwick are in the outfield. Teixeira (.244, 14 homers, 43 RBIs), also playing first base, made the team from Double-A during spring training. Nix and Ludwick were recent callups. Rodriguez's numbers (.285, 22 homers, 60 RBIs) are down after consecutive 50-homer seasons and he already has 78 strikeouts. He acknowledges that the herniated disc in his neck that forced him to miss part of spring training has affected him throughout the season.

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 500th career homer May 11, and has 21 for the season, but is hitting just .246 — he has never finished a season lower. He hit just .174 (16-for-92) his last 25 games. Palmeiro is in the final year of his contract, but wants to continue playing in Texas. Owner Tom Hicks has said he wants Palmeiro to stay. As usual, pitching has been a big problem. The team's 5.94 ERA is the worst ever at the break. Starters John Thomson (6-9, 5.43 ERA) and Ismael Valdes (7-6, 6.22) have been inconsistent. The rest of the rotation is extremely young. The most expensive pitcher likely won't pitch again this season. Chan Ho Park (1-3, 7.58 ERA in seven starts), who has three years left on his \$65 million deal, has been sidelined because of rib and back problems.

Texan looks to widen Tour gap

NARBONNE, France (AP) — Twenty-one seconds. The slim margin that Lance Armstrong has as he embarks on the second half of the Tour de France is raising questions about whether he can win a record-tying fifth title. After 11 days of racing, he has just 10 more to put his usual stranglehold on cycling's premier event. While he has the overall lead after three grueling days in the Alps, the 31-year-old Texan needs to do well in the Pyrenees to keep rivals at bay. Alexandre Vinokourov is just 21 seconds behind. "It's perhaps the first time in four years where coming out of the Alps he's left a glimmer of hope," said Christophe Moreau, the top French rider so far, 12th overall. "It's not what we expected. Maybe he'll deliver a knockout blow in the Pyrenees or be knocked out himself." Wednesday was a rest day for the 171 riders still in the race. Armstrong's next big day comes Friday with individual time trials where riders race against the clock. Armstrong, a bronze medalist in the event in the 2000 Olympic Games, has already scouted the hilly 29.1-mile course. His coach, Chris Carmichael, says that if all goes well, he expects Armstrong to gain 30 seconds over 1997 Tour winner Jan Ullrich, the silver medalist in Sydney, a minute over American rider Tyler Hamilton and more than two minutes over Spaniards Iban Mayo and Francisco Mancebo. With those rivals close behind, Armstrong said it "may be the most important time trial I've ever done in the Tour." Armstrong's hardly had an easy Tour. He battled stomach flu in the weeks before the race, was bruised in a crash on the Tour's second day and struggled Sunday with a faulty brake up the cruel climb over the 8,728-foot Col du Galibier. Armstrong's race could have been over had he not reacted quickly to another crash. His closest rival, Joseba Beloki, skidded right in front of him on sun-melted tarmac Monday, and Armstrong only managed to avoid him by plowing into a field next to the road. Beloki broke his right leg, wrist and elbow. Duncan inks long-term pact with Spurs SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan signed a long-term deal Wednesday to remain with the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs, who also got the two-time league MVP some help to fill the void left by David Robinson's retirement. Duncan reportedly received a \$122 million, seven-year deal — the largest allowed under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement. Spurs general manager R.C. Buford declined to confirm details of the contract.

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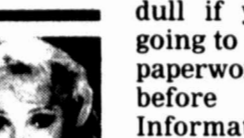
Employment opportunity. Thrift store clerk and custodial positions. Apply in person Salvation Army, 811 W. 5th.

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611 East 15th Extra large, clean 2 BR Water & gas paid \$350/mo. \$150 dep. 263-4922.

Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON The Pisces moon guides us toward ourselves, our intuition and coming clean with the world. This is made much easier with Cancer vibes focusing us on what's going wrong, what's going right and how we're reacting to it all. Your life is important to more people than just you, a truth that becomes clear tonight when communication is direct.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The highest mountains and lowest valleys are a part of your emotional road map. The terrain is unpredictable, but adventurous you wouldn't have it any other way. Invite a group of spontaneous friends out for lively conversation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've got an affection affliction! Romantic feelings surface for every eligible creature you meet. It's time to home in on one or two. On a practical note, it gets rather expensive to date many people at once.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even though you've been taught that it's not polite to go around saying, 'I'm proud of me,' today would be the day to ignore

convention and pat yourself on the back. Leos play a role in your drama.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Playing games that are usually fun can turn quite dull if you know you're going to win. Get domestic paperwork taken care of before the weekend. Information in the pile you've accumulated is essential to your financial health.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Clinging to emotional patterns is just so not you. Examine how you can break the cycle and put yourself on a healthier track. A Sagittarius lends a hand in your transformation. Leave room for others to share their views.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 17). Artistic endeavors undertaken within the next month are profitable, and the pleasure of creation keeps you satisfied all year! More consistent work gives you extra income and an unparalleled sense of stability in September. Dates with a Scorpio or Leo don't disappoint singles. Set plans early for a getaway you've been dying to take. Your lucky numbers are: 35, 19, 20, 13 and 32.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You love to be in love, but today, you could give your heart too easily and to the wrong person. At work, there's much you can offer to a Scorpio or Aquarius. This sale will

make you feel like a million bucks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Treat yourself how you want to be treated. Don't wait for someone to guess what you need. Buy yourself a new outfit, or take yourself out on the town. It's just as thrilling when you're the one delivering the goods.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be truthful yet firm about your convictions. Release yourself from a group that has been co-opting too much of your precious energy. Instead of avoiding conflict at home, concentrate on what new insights can come out of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This is a terrific money day if you're willing to be of service to that persnickety client. If your attitude is stellar, this person goes easy on you. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, and too much time together wipes you out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've got a lot more responsibility now. Sometimes, it's OK to say you need a little help. Bringing more people onto your team not only gets the job done but forges closer relationships with coworkers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you can burn through that to-do list, you've got a big reward coming to you this evening. Dial up a long lost relative who would love to hear from you tonight. Your cheerful voice affects others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Red-carpet dreams fill your head. Try to finagle a way to take on responsibilities that are more to your liking. A Capricorn or Cancer you've been eyeing eyes you back. The intrigue makes your heart sing.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm newly engaged to a younger Capricorn. (I'm a Gemini.) He works as a caregiver.

I'm OK with his work, but when we're together, he's so tired. We tried to celebrate our 18-month anniversary, and he paid \$13 toward the meal. I paid \$20 and the tip. I don't mind being generous, but I expect some loving later. When we got home, he watched "The Price is Right" while I danced around in my sexiest dress. I'm still mad. Should I keep saving for my Vegas wedding in October, or should I kick him to the curb?"

Capricorn men usually respect traditions, but an 18-month anniversary might not be one of them. They're more into the logical numbers, like one year. Secondly, you might have thought it was generous to pay for your Capricorn, but he actually would prefer to pay for you. It's key to go somewhere he can afford or give him plenty of notice so he can save up a little. When a woman pays for too much, the Capricorn man feels emasculated, which explains his sexual disinterest at the end of the date. Be more sensitive to what life is like from your Capricorn guy's point of view. He's a keeper.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: David Hasselhoff doesn't really have to work anymore, but the "Baywatch" lifeguard likes saving money as much as saving people at the beach. Because he continues to work hard, this Cancer has the financial ability to acquire one of the world's most precious jewels. Cancer natives like to have lasting objects of value in their homes, where they feel the most lucky, comfortable and creative.

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Dear Annie: I am an older woman whose breasts are of unequal size. I have had many years to adjust to this fact about myself, and I am quite comfortable with my body "as is." I do not feel a need to enhance my lesser side.

That said, I find it rude in the extreme when an acquaintance (always a man) feels it necessary to point out my state of inequality. ("Did you know that . . .?") One man even ventured a guess as to my two different cup sizes.

When I express displeasure with this unwanted attention, I am told it is meant as a joke, that I am "too sensitive" or that the speaker is "only telling the truth." I can assure you I don't wear revealing clothing or in any way solicit these remarks. Isn't it bad manners to call attention to another's anomalies? What can I say that would make it clear how inappropriate I find this? — Just the Way I Am

Dear Just: We're trying to figure out why any "acquaintance" feels entitled to comment on the disproportionate size of your breasts. There is no excuse for making insensitive and rude remarks about one's physical appearance, height, weight or age, but it is especially egregious to point out flaws in such an intimate part of one's anatomy. These men apparently feel quite uninhibited around you.

Obviously, the discrepancy in your breast size is quite noticeable. However, since you choose not to camouflage your appearance, you must expect a certain number of idiots to express themselves inappropriately. Simply smile and say, "Now why would that be any concern of yours?" and walk away.

Dear Annie: My husband

and I recently bought our first house. Neither of us smokes, but members of our families do. We live in another state, so this is rarely an issue. However, when people visit, they stay for several days.

Most of our relatives respect our requests to smoke outside. My husband was reluctant to tell his mother about our rule, however, so during her recent visit, I made sure to inform her. She seemed agreeable, but when I woke up the next morning, the house reeked of stale smoke. The smell in the guestroom almost knocked me over. She obviously waited until I had gone to sleep so she could smoke behind my back.

My husband refuses to say anything to her, and he has forbidden me to speak up. Am I asking too much to request that she go outside? — Smokin' Mad in Virginia

Dear Virginia: More worrisome than your mother-in-law's lack of respect is your husband's lack of support. Tell him if he can't find a backbone, to make an appointment with a marriage counselor because, honey, you're going to need it.

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6:30	News Wheel	King of the Hill	Cyberchase Zomboos	7th Heaven (CC)	News Est. Tonight	News (CC) Wheel	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) MLB	Las Vegas del Amor	Movie: For Your Eyes Only	Movie: Get Over It (CC)	Movie: Get Over It (CC)	Movie: Get Over It (CC)	Secrets of Po-Supersleuths	A Knight's Tale (CC)	Update/News John Hagee	American Justice	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Sister, Sister Lizzie
7:30	Disco Ball (CC)	Stupid Behav.	Antiques Roadshow	Movie: The One	Amazing Race	Disco Ball (CC)	Friends (CC) Will & Grace	New York Mets	Rebecca	Movie: Only	Movie: Only	Movie: Only	Movie: Only	Crime Scenes	Movie: Consequence	Biography: James Pate Hardin	Biography: James Pate Hardin	Prehistoric America	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Movie: The Even Stevens
8:30	Primetime Thursday	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Wide Angle	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Without a Trace (CC)	Primetime Thursday	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Aqui y Ahora	Ren & Stimpy Gary the Rat	Movie: Heartbreaker	Movie: Heartbreaker	Movie: Heartbreaker	Crime Scenes	G-String	Hour of Healing	Hour of Healing	Prehistoric America	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Sister, Sister Even Stevens
9:30	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	News-Lahrer (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight	Movie: Batman	Primer Impacto	Stripperella Ren & Stimpy	Movie: Paranoid	Movie: Paranoid	Movie: Paranoid	Boxing: David	Greenlight	Update/News Jesse Lee	Biography: James Pate Hardin	Prehistoric America	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Boy World Proud Family
10:30	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	Soundstage (CC)	Caroline Rhea	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	En las Mejores	Blind Date	Blind Date	Blind Date	Blind Date	Jimmy Vincent	Crime Scenes	Update/News Jesse Lee	Biography: James Pate Hardin	Prehistoric America	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Boy World Smart Guy
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DENNIS THE MENACE

7-17

"WHEN DO I GET TO SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME WITH THE TV?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

7-17

"And when you grow up you'll be wearin' a HORSETail."

HAGAR

I JUST TOLD MY WIFE I WAS LEAVING HER

HOW DID SHE TAKE IT?

I DON'T KNOW...

SHE RAN OUT TO BUY A CASE OF CHAMPAGNE BEFORE I COULD TALK TO HER!

BLONDIE

THIS IS MY FIRST BUSINESS BREAKFAST BUFFET

PEOPLE WERE ALWAYS LATE FOR OUR MORNING MEETINGS, BUT THEY ALL SHOWED UP EARLY FOR THIS BREAKFAST

I'M DELIGHTED THAT IT WORKED OUT WELL FOR YOU

WELL, SORT OF...

HOW DID YOU DO, KID?

WOULD YOU BELIEVE 72?

YOU SHOT A 72?

I LOST 72 BALLS.

WIZARD OF ID

WILL THESE BALLS GUARANTEE ME TO BREAK A HUNDRED?

ABSOLUTELY

HOW MUCH FOR A DOZEN?

NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS

THESE COOKIES AREN'T GLOBBING UP BECAUSE YOU FORGOT TO ADD BUTTER!

THEN WE SHALL MELT BUTTER AND DUNK THEM. THEY WILL ABSORB PLENTY FROM A LITTLE DIP IN THE OLD 'HOT TUB' OF FAT

WE WILL BURN OUR FINGERS OFF.

WE DON'T USE OUR HANDS, YOU CULINARY CLOD! WE USE OUR HANDY BATTER SUSPENSION DEVICE! SHEESH

ISN'T THAT THE THING YOU SCOOP YOUR DEAD GOLDFISH WITH?

ADAPTATION IS THE KEY TO HUMAN SURVIVAL

AGNES

WHY ARE YOU BLOCKING THE SIDEWALK, TRIxie?

BUG CROSSING!

MR. HOUSEWIFE

KETCHUP.

MORE KETCHUP.

MORE KETCHUP.

MORE KETCHUP.

YOU WANT FRIES WITH THAT?

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 17, the 198th day of 2003. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 17, 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of World War II.

On this date:

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S. forces.

In 1917, the British royal family adopted the name "Windsor."

In 1935, the entertainment

trade publication Variety ran its famous headline, "Sticks Nix Hick Pix" which might be translated as "Rural America rejects rural-themed movies."

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1975, an Apollo space-ship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.

In 1979, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza resigned and fled into exile in Miami.

In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a "tea dance."

In 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Paris-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off New York's Long Island shortly after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 230 people aboard.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Art Linkletter is 91. Comedian Phyllis Diller is 86. The former president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is 83. Jazz singer Jimmy Scott is 78. Comedy writer Pat McCormick is 69. Actor Donald Sutherland is 68. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 68. Rock singer Spencer Davis is 61. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler (Black Sabbath) is 54. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 52. Actor David Hasselhoff is 51. Singer Phoebe Snow is 51. Actress Nancy Giles is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle:

ROILS	POCO	DASH
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ATHENA	SOLSTICE	GIST
MOP	ERA	REOS
OPEC	ELBA	OTHER
WISH	ROOTS	REDO
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BREMEN	ANNO	
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NOES	SECT	SNEAD

Newsday Crossword

SEE 67 DOWN by William I. Johnston
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Tabloid fare
- 5 Brings in
- 10 Iberian river
- 14 Some choristers
- 15 Liquid for *une plume*
- 16 Carson predecessor
- 17 Near, in a game
- 18 Some lobbies
- 19 Broadway opening?
- 20 Gen X-er's parent
- 23 Relatives
- 24 Mozart's homeland: Abbr.
- 25 Marshy place
- 27 Chicago lyricist
- 30 Chicago area
- 33 Stead
- 34 *Symphonie espagnole* composer
- 36 Baseball stats
- 38 Coalesce
- 41 *Babylon 5* star
- 44 Helps in a heist
- 45 French waters
- 46 Olympus goddess
- 47 Reduce in intensity, as breath
- 49 Restraint
- 51 Apt. features
- 52 Gizmos
- 55 *Angela's Ashes* sequel
- 57 Cat's prey
- 58 Turkey name
- 63 Regarding
- 65 Magna
- 66 Utah town

DOWN

- 68 Chamberlain of the court
- 69 Heat unit
- 70 Fail miserably
- 71 Very short time: Abbr.
- 72 Hypnotist's word
- 73 Rock blasters
- 9 Sushi-bar selection
- 10 Smog monitor
- 11 Where things may simmer
- 12 Pi, for one
- 13 Gasket
- 21 Deborah's *King and I* costar
- 22 *Spider-Man* director
- 26 Choppers
- 27 Tyrrhenian Sea island
- 28 Pointed remark
- 29 Iridescent fly
- 31 Reed in a pit
- 32 *Toy Story* animator
- 35 Pawns, e.g.
- 37 Twist
- 39 Beginning, as of an idea
- 40 Times of note
- 42 Business sign abbr.
- 43 Freeway structure
- 48 Chemical extracts
- 50 Pen tip
- 52 Haggard
- 53 Watering hole
- 54 Nick of *Terminator 3*
- 56 Latin dance
- 59 Fir, for example
- 60 French 101 verb
- 61 Hang on the horizon
- 62 Aladdin's find
- 64 Kind of stock: Abbr.
- 67 What's shot through this puzzle?

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