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His smile matched only by his immaculately squared-away Navy dress whites...

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Low cost CT scans

Low cost mobile CT scans for early warning signs of coronary disease will be available Tuesday at Wells Fargo Bank beginning at 7 a.m.

The fee is \$199. A comparable diagnostic study, performed in a hospital setting, costs from \$500 to \$800.

Wells Fargo is located at 400 S. Main Street

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Wheeling across West Texas

Bicyclists take on distance, heat in fight against MS

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

It's odd that the organizers of the Cactus and Crude MS Bike Tour named it what they did.

The participants in the bike trek — which raises thousands of dollars in the fight against multiple sclerosis each year — aren't crude and they certainly aren't as prickly as the ubiquitous nopal cacti that line their 150-mile-long path.

The riders stopped in Big Spring Saturday at the midway point of the tour which stretches from Midland to Post. The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, where they will bunk in the dormitories overnight.

Most of them are either nuts about biking or fervent in their quest to obliterate the devastating neuromuscular disease — or, like the front runner after the first day's 75 miles — both.

Eric Burkhart of



Jennifer Buntz of Portales, N.M., and Ken Tidaway of Midland are welcomed by the Big Spring High School cheerleaders after plotting their tandem bike through the first leg of the Cactus and Crude MS Bike Tour Saturday.

Midland made the trip, which would take more than an hour to drive at highway speed, in less than three hours.

Burkhart said he didn't start out the day shooting to break any speed records.

"We weren't when we left Midland, but when we went through the 55-

"Some do it because they have family or friends that have MS. But it's all for the fun of it and to have fun and get together."

Tracey Pounds, local coordinator



mile mark and we noticed we were still under two hours, we figured we could make it. See TOUR, Page 3A

UPGRADE

Cox Cable constructing fiber-optic system here

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

WB, FX, Comedy Central, Cartoon Network and Bravo are all in the works for Big Spring's Cox Cable subscribers.

The company is well into construction on a new fiber-optic-based system in Howard County which will provide several new channels to the area while getting rid of a few, such as WE and Great American Country.

"Everything is moving along," said Cox's regional manager Vickie Bennett. "Construction is continuing and we are working on launching some new services in August."

Of course the new channels available will mean rate changes.

"What they have right now will be changing in some form or fashion, because of channels moving," she said. "I think just about everything is

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College trustees to get first look at preliminary budget

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees get their first glimpse at next year's preliminary budget Monday with the knowledge of lean times ahead.

"We'll be primarily discussing information that will help us in the building of the budget," said Howard College President Dr.



SPARKS

Cheryl Sparks. "We'll mostly be going over the basic points relative to revenue and also expenditures. The proposed budget will not be ready for review until Aug. 4."

Less state funding

for community colleges was one result of the last state legislative session. Howard College expects to see a decline of at least 10 percent in that area, prompting administrators to seriously consider raising tuition and fees while continuing to enact several cost-cutting measures.

If the hike is eventually approved, the college will join

numerous other higher education entities around the state that have already responded in like manner to make up for less state support.

The workshop will begin at 11 a.m. in the Howard College board room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. After recessing for lunch, trustees will

See COLLEGE, Page 3A

CISD trustees schedule three budget workshops; face decline in revenues

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Coahoma Independent School District trustees took a sneak peak at the preliminary FY 2003-2004 budget Thursday night.

"We looked at the latest figures for our taxable values and revenue and where we are in the present process of budget development," said C I S D

Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston. "This was basically an information type discussion" Facing a possible large decline in taxable values, the district most likely will be faced with considering another deficit budget. According to Kingston, the district could face a deficit in the \$300,000 to \$800,000 range for the 2003-2004 year.

Trustees set budget workshops for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31; Monday, Aug. 11; and Thursday, Aug. 21.

The board also discussed renaming Coahoma Junior High

Budget work sessions are set for 6:30 p.m. July 31, Aug. 11 and Aug. 21 at the administration office.

School after long-time principal the late Rob Ethridge.

"We plan to put that item as an action agenda in September when we can focus on something besides money for a while," Kingston said.

In other business, trustees approved:

- The hiring of Carolyn Botts, Robin Stevens and Zane Yeaters, all as Coahoma Elementary teachers; Sandy Logan and Shanna Roberts, both as teachers/coaches; and the promotion of Patricia Bennett to elementary assistant principal.

Bids for janitorial supplies, milk, bread and student insurance.

An agreement for 87/20 shared services. Trustees agreed to continue to share special education services with Forsan.

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Teachers Rosie Lain, left, and Jenny Bryans read over a few books in preparation for the Big Spring Independent School District summer reading camp set to begin Monday, July 28. A new program, the camp is aimed at helping selected students to brush up on their reading skills.

Students to get jump on school year through new BSISD reading program

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A selected group of Big Spring students will be getting a jump start on the new school year come Monday, July 28, when the Big Spring Independent School District hosts its first reading camp.

"We want it to be fun," said BSISD Lead Teacher Donna Amonett. "That's

one of our major priorities but we also want them to get some reading experience."

Around 80 children going into grades first through fourth have accepted an invitation to attend the two-week program aimed at brushing up on reading skills.

"A lot of times over the summer, the kids don't

"We're not giving grades here at all. The activities are fun but emphasize learning."



Donna Amonett

JULY 2003

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Dorothy W. Wilkerson-Miller



Dorothy W. Wilkerson, passed away at the age of 77 Thursday evening, July 17, 2003, surrounded by her family at Clear Lake Regional Hospital.

She was born April 7, 1926 in Paris, Texas, to Clem and Cora Wilkerson.

She is survived by sisters Opal Mealer, Juanita Bryant and husband Weldon and Veda White and husband Bill; brother James "Ed" Wilkerson and wife Doris; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Dorothy retired as an administrative assistant with the Department of Social Security.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2003 from 3 p.m. through 5 p.m. at Crowder Funeral Home in Webster with a service following on Monday July 21, 2003, at 10 a.m. at Crowder Funeral Home, Webster.

In Big Spring, Texas a visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home with a graveside service following on Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at 10 a.m. at Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Cemetery in Big Spring.

Dr. Barney Rubinstein

Dr. Barney Rubinstein passed away on July 17, 2003, at the age of 74.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio with Rabbi Arnold Scheinberg officiating.

Dr. Rubinstein was a gifted physician, loving husband, father and brother. He recently retired from the medical profession after 40 years of service. He was also a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alida Anne (Irwin) Rubinstein.

Survivors include three daughters, Denise Stodola, Marlene Rubinstein Demir and Sandra Peterson; a son, Mark Rubinstein; and two grandsons, Nathan Stodola and Matthew Stodola.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorial contributions to be made to The American Heart Association, 8415 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78229.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.porterloring.com by selecting "Visitation and Services." Select "Sign Guestbook" at the bottom of the individual memorial.

Arrangements are under the direction of Porter Loring Funeral Home in San Antonio.

Paid obituary

Antonia Domenica Bertone Enos Jones (Toni) Bouchereau



Memorial services for Antonia Domenica Bertone Enos Jones (Toni) Bouchereau of Big Spring will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2003, at Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Ken Childress officiating.

She died July 2, 2003, while visiting relatives and friends in her hometown of Ashtabula, Ohio.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1937, in Oakdale, Calif., to Antoinetta Vendetti DiPrinzio, then adopted and raised by her parents, Mary Antonia (Vendetti) and John Anthony Bertone of Ashtabula, Ohio. She was involved in PTA, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and square dancing. After raising nine children, she returned to Kent State and studied criminology. For the past 15 years, she was a homemaker.

She lived most of her life in Ashtabula, Ohio. She later lived in New Orleans and Slidell, La., before making her home in Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband and soul mate, Sean M. Bouchereau of Big Spring; children David Enos and wife Paula, Chris Enos and companion Pam Carroll, Sherry Serrano and husband Confesor, Lisa Carothers and husband Dave, all of Ashtabula, Ohio, Celeste Jones Bingham and husband Cecil, Carol Quenqa, David Jones of Big Spring, Bonnie Hunt of Ohio, Peggy Smith of Arizona and Judy Jones of Ohio; 37 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a half sister, Diana Seman and a half-brother, Jonathan DiPrinzio, both of Erie, Pa.; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Donations may be made to the family.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 9-18-30-31-35.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$26,833.
Winning tickets sold in: The Colony, Hidalgo.
Matching four of five: 147. Prize: \$164.
Matching three of five: 4,832. Prize: \$12.
Matching two of five: 49,876. Prize: \$2.

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 33-10-31-15. Bonus ball 2.

Police blotter

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

- **KIMBERLY NICOLE HERNANDEZ**, 20, of 538 Westover Road was arrested Friday on a city warrant for minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **TIMOTHY JOE FLORES**, 28, of 538 Westover Road was arrested Friday on city traffic warrants.
- **PAMMY SUE PUGA**, 37, of 2612 Ent was arrested Friday on city traffic warrants.
- **CABRIEL GARCIA**, 21, of 801 N. Gregg St. was arrested Friday on a Howard County assault warrant.
- **ANGELA LEIGH WILLIAMS**, 34, of 1904 Alabama was arrested Friday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office on a driving while intoxicated charge.
- **DORA DEHOYOS**, 25, of 3402 Victor was arrested Friday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office on a possession of a controlled substance charge.
- **KEVIN RAY DOSSER**, 36, of Chandler was arrested this morning on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place.
- **THEFT** was reported:
- At Wal-Mart. A brass dart set worth \$5.75 and a Bell tire repair kit worth 97 cents were reported stolen. The dart set was later recovered.
- In the 1200 block of East 17th Street. A bicycle worth \$48 was reported stolen and recovered.
- **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE BY A MINOR, CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR, THEFT LESS THAN \$50 and UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** were reported in the 300 block of Father Delaney Street. Police seized several items as evidence, including \$95.71 cash, home electronic entertainment equipment, clothes, weapons, purses or wallets, credit cards, negotiable instruments, recordings and other items. Beer worth \$37.98 was reported stolen, as was a blue 1997 Ford worth \$5,000. The vehicle was recovered.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1300 block of East Fourth Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1700 block of South Scurry Street, the 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue and the 2100 block of Morrison Drive.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 4100 block of Muir Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1500 block of Wood Street and the 700 block of West Interstate 20.

Sheriff's report

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

- **INJURED ANIMAL** was reported in the 2200 block of Edgemere.
- **SHOTS HEARD** was reported in the area of White and Boykin roads.
- **PUBLIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of North Main Street.

Weather

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 5 to 15 Mph.
Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 5 to 15 Mph. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.
Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 101.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs near 90.
Thursday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.
Friday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Take note

- **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.
If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.
About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.
If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.
- **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.
Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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.

SUNDAY
Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

MONDAY
Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Sr. Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years old and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Evenings Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 Northwest Fourth St.

DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.

TUESDAY
Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

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

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m. All members please attend. For more information call Charlie Gray at 393-5715.

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

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

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.

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 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.

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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.

Heritage Museum, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 510 Scurry.

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry beginning at noon at 3203 W. Highway 80. Deliveries will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal is priced at \$7 per plate. To call in orders, call 263-2084.

Potton House, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., 200 Gregg St., a restored historical home. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow, corner of Goliad and First streets.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

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Texas King of Crude MS Bike Saturday night multiple sclerosis

TOUR

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here in less than an hour," he said. "I was with other team members." "The four of us team sponsored Bikes in Midland part of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association." "We race Texas Cup a lot of New Mexico races as well." "This is about distance we weekend. This year ride. These people great ride. I reported, the Guard is out us, where to have rest have lead vehicles safe and vehicles away. And, of course great cause." "You get to mess for Me." "Raise sor Hopefully on find a cure s do have MS and enjoy things in life a bicycle." "Another ride Buntz of Po rode in about bicycle with Ken Tidaway." "We both Permian Basin Association." "Ken and I doing a little dem riding years now a of getting re the Master event in tin ing the tand." "That's right national cor bicycles-buil "They'll h road race, never done said. "We' time trials

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

A tough time for those who represent us

It's one of the most excruciating times of the year for our elected officials — the time that every entity which collects taxes, fees and other assessments forms a budget for the coming year.

It means hours and hours of meetings with managers, financial officers and department heads in an effort to accomplish what sometimes seems like an impossible task.

Some of it is projection based on past history: How much water will city customers use? How many more miles can the school district rely on an aging 74-passenger bus? Will sales tax rebates remain steady? Will an air conditioning unit that supplies cool air to 150 students or 60 employees last one more year?

Once the needs are identified, they are prioritized. Then choices must be made, based on revenue expectations.

We don't envy those who have to make these decisions — our public schools and college boards, city council members and county commissioners. At the same time they are the individuals elected to represent us and we expect them to do so with us in mind.

That's not easy, because we are all different individuals who live in different neighborhoods. For some, smooth streets are important. For others, water quality is the big issue. If we have children in school, then education takes on more importance. If we are on a limited budget, it's important that we don't have to endure a tax increase.

Our elected representatives have to take all of that into consideration and make the best decisions they can — sometimes with very limited resources.

And so as we go through this time, we encourage those representatives to search hard for ways to cut costs and retain, if not improve, services. And we encourage the general public to be as tolerant as possible and be mindful that those representatives are faced with a sometimes impossible and nearly always thankless task.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we make this a day of rejoicing in your love. Amen

Wanted: A little bit of 'gossip' from your town

They're called "Social-lites." At least they will be once I find the people willing to help make sure we have them — columns about what's going on in the lives of people in the communities of the Crossroads area — in the Herald.

In other words, we here at the Herald are looking for "gossip" columnists.

No, I'm not talking about someone interested in "dishing the dirt" about people.

What I am talking about is the kind of information that needs to be circulated in small communities — things that are happening with your neighbors and their families.

Some people in the newspaper business call such columns "gossip" because they're usually filled with information about visits by out-of-town family, vacation trips, holiday visitors, the birth of new babies or grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Once upon a time ... much longer ago than I'd really like to admit ... I edited a twice-a-week newspaper, *The Clarksville Times*.

During that tenure of about 18 months, I learned two things that were an absolute certainty: First, I never ever wanted to edit a twice weekly newspaper again if I could help it; and second, that people like reading about their neighbors



JOHN A. MOSELEY

even more than they like reading about themselves.

Now, the reason I didn't like twice weekly newspapers was because they're for all intents and purposes just like weekly newspapers — you have virtually no staff, everything has to be locally generated and there never seems to be enough time to get everything accomplished. The difference, of course, is that you're facing those hardships twice each week rather than just once.

In other words, I'm reasonably sure that journalists who die and are banished to the nether region are forced to put out a twice weekly newspaper for eternity.

Enough said on that topic. But when it came to the "gossip" columns in the *Times*, and we did have several of them, they were not only interesting and sometimes a downright hoot to edit, but they were probably read a lot more thoroughly than anything that came out of my typewriter — you know, stuff like school board, city council and commissioners court meetings; elections; high school sports coverage; general interest columns...

My favorite of the *Times'* community gossip columns was the Dimple News.

Dimple, you see, was a small community in the northern part of Red River County. Folks in that community were farmers and ranchers mostly, and some received a dollar or two for allowing lumber companies to harvest pine trees.

It was a lot different than say the English community, that was in the far northeastern part of the county, or the Cuthand community located in the Sulphur River bottoms that formed the southern boundary of the county.

What made them different was the woman who twice a week without fail provided the Dimple News.

Now the English and Cuthand communities had their columnists, as did the larger communities like Avery, Bogata and Deport and even smaller ones like Kanawha and Kiamatia. But those columnists were not as fastidiously regular in producing a column twice a week, nor were their missives as interesting to read during the editing process.

That was particularly true during the holiday season when she would want to make sure every one knew that "the Smiths had enjoyed their children and grandchildren for Thanksgiving dinner."

She never really understood why I felt the need to edit her copy.

Anyhow, I'm looking for people who want to tell us about the folks living in our area communities — Ackerly, Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Lenorah and Stanton at the very least.

If you're interested, let's talk.

To contact Managing Editor John A. Moseley, call 263-7331, ext. 230. He can be e-mailed at editor@bigspringherald.com



FRENCH FOR DUMMIES

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On Tuesday the Big Spring City Council will vote on the proposed ordinance providing for a daytime curfew during the school year between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are several reasons why I oppose the passing of this curfew ordinance.

First and foremost is the fact that a daytime curfew interferes with our freedom to move about freely. This freedom is granted to all citizens regardless of race, color, creed or age. I consider a curfew to be a compromise of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Second, a daytime curfew is unnecessary as we already have laws to punish citizens who are guilty of truancy, theft or assault. Let's enforce the laws we have. An ordinance that arbitrarily allows law enforcement personnel to stop and/or detain youth under the age of 17 for no reason other than "the person is under the age of 17" smacks of our becoming a police state.

Third, are we expecting the government to "fix" what parents are charged to do: supervise their children? In the U.S. today we are surrounded by many who see government as the answer to whatever ails us.

Fourth, the proposed ordinance is predicated on "what ifs" and "maybes" that were presented at the council meeting. I along with many other citizens would like to see some hard facts that demonstrate that we currently have a significant daytime crime problem being perpetrated by juveniles under the age of 17.

If the ordinance passes on

Tuesday, has serious consideration been made regarding what is to happen to the juveniles found in violation once they are apprehended? Why is no one addressing the core issue of why we have so many school-age young people who are not in compliance with the compulsory attendance law of Texas?

With or without a daytime curfew, the number of dropouts from our schools reflects badly on Big Spring.

We are a community of many creative and motivated citizens. Are we unable or unwilling to research more productive ways of engaging our young people to be responsible citizens?

Please do not be complacent about this action by the city council. Practice your freedom to peaceably assemble as guaranteed by the First Amendment by attending the council meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at Fourth and Nolan.

SUZANNE HANEY
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 legitimate 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

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 - 102 - Discovery Sci-Fi
 - 103 - Discovery Leisure
 - 104 - Discovery Time
 - 105 - Discovery World
 - 106 - Discovery Home
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 - 301 - Encore Love
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 - 304 - Encore True
 - 305 - Encore Action
 - 306 - Independence Channel
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going to change. Some of the channels that are now in digital will move into the new analog lineup, and there will be more digital channels added into the digital realm."

Bennett offered no solid news on what the new rates would look like.

The new services will come online in an area-by-area fashion.

"What we call a 'node-by-node launch,'" she said. "I think Big Spring is divided up into 28 different nodes. Right now we're working in the two areas that are closest to our office. We are actually contacting customers now and changing the cable box that they have in their home."

Cox customers with old-style "non-addressable" converter boxes will be visited by a customer service representative, who will exchange a newer box for the old one. Where the old boxes are hardwired for certain

cable stations, the new "addressable" boxes allow Cox to change the customer's service via computer from the service center.

"When all of that's done in a certain 'node,' or a certain area, we'll be able to turn on the new cable services that we're going to have available for Big Spring," Bennett said.

The new system will have something many Big Springers have been looking forward to: High speed cable-modem Internet service. But Bennett

warns that the cable-modem service will also be turned on area by area.

"Once your area is able to get new service, high-speed Internet will be available, only in those areas," she said. "I don't want your readers to think that just because some people in town have it, everybody will be able to get it at that point. There's a lot of construction that is still continuing and we will notify the customers when the service is ready."

The entire system could possibly be in place by late October, but a more conservative estimate would be December, she added.

"If everything will continue to go as we hope, we hope to have all of the construction done by October," she said. "But the end of the year is probably the best guess I can give you right now."

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


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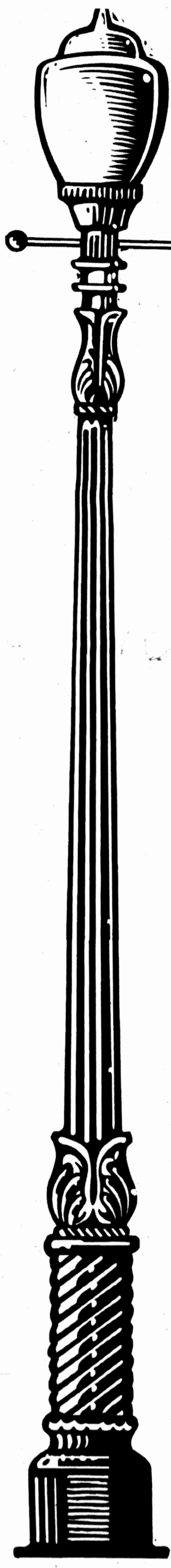
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With Jesus, you gain a new perspective on life

How alert are you to the things going on all around you? Think about it, really!

As Americans, we somehow convince ourselves that we are invincible and all-knowing. We pride ourselves that "nothing" gets by us. We believe that we can never fall prey to cons or pranksters. We don't like to admit those things, do we? Tell me, when was the last time you were "taken?"

Even in our modern religious lingo, we sometimes claim to be "super discerning," and thus impervious to fraudulent schemers. Oh, how I wish there was a way to never err in judgment. I would never again be taken by the family traveling to California for their new job, and promising to "pay me back" as soon as they get there. I would never again wonder if they were all illegitimate, or if a few of them might

actually be undercover angels. (Heb. 13:2) I guess I'm admitting that I don't always know the right thing to do. Even when I pray about the "right" deal on a car, or other major purchases, I often come away hoping that I have made the right choice. Life seems to be filled with many hard-to-know choices.

Before you begin evaluating me on my inability to make right choices, take a few minutes to look in the mirror. Don't even try to convince me that you have never had a serious doubt about a difficult job change, a critical parenting decision, a major purchase (or investment), or a failed relationship. In truth, our humanity is a very limiting factor.

Have you ever stopped to consider all the "waves" moving through the air all around you? Stand anywhere in town. Right where you are, there are countless radio (CB, AM, FM, short wave, etc.), television (satellite, antenna) and telephone waves passing through your body.

You can't feel them, see them, or have any indication of their presence, but you know they are there. When you have the right receiver, you can hear the evidence. Right now, your favorite, and least pleasurable, music is passing through your ears. Right now, your favorite, and most despised, television shows and movies are transmitting through your brain. Right now, there may be a telephone call being made "about you" and the same waves that make the call complete are passing through you, too. Do you still think you know everything going on around you?



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Knowing Jesus and having a personal relationship with Him does not automatically make you the smartest man alive. It does, however, give a new perspective on life. I Corinthians, chapter 2 makes it clear that my life in Jesus allows me to understand spiritual things like never before.

It's as though He equipped me with a brand new spiritual receiver when I began my life in Him. Others may see the same physical things that I do, but only those truly "born again" by the spirit of God, can truly understand the mysteries of life.

The good news is that there is no secret "Jesus Club." John 1 says, but to as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of man, nor of the will of God. God wants you on His spiri-

tual team. Romans 5:8 tells us that He loves us enough to pay the price for our sinfulness. That price is death and separation from Him (Rom 6:23). He desires that all of us receive the free gifts He has in store for us. In Him there is forgiveness, everlasting life, and a new spiritual perspective on life.

This new spiritual receiver is not for sale at any price. It is only available as a free gift, to all who have found "real life" in Jesus.

Since I met Jesus, I now have the ability to have His point of view. With everything out there trying to cause confusion, it is great to know that I can "tune in" on Him, tune out the world and make the best decisions of my life.

I may not be perfect, but I'm listening. Are you?

Ken McMeans is the pastor of College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane.

CLUB NEWS

TOPS TX 21, Big Spring

Ten members of TOPS TX 21 met in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 West Third, on Monday, July 14, at 6 p.m. with Carol Smith, co-leader, presiding.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Olnee Menges. Donna Menges led the TOPS pledge and also read an article entitled, "The Biggest Mathematical Miracle in the World." The group then joined in singing the fellowship song.

Genay Bertran called the roll. There was only

one KOPS in attendance and she recorded a turtle (same weight as last week). Of the nine TOPS present there was only one small gain, two turtles and six losses. Linda Schmidt and Carol Smith were the best losers of the TOPS.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary Linda Schmidt and approved with two minor corrections.

Carol Smith presented the program entitled "The Worth of Water." She stated that the human body is 75-80 percent water. The recommended daily intake of water is 8 to 10-8 ounce glasses.

If the body does not get enough water, muscles don't work, the digestion

process is affected and the mental capacity is diminished.

Dehydration can lead to headaches, dry skin, poor muscle tone, joint pain and general toxicity. A general discussion followed the presentation of the program.

For more information on TOPS, a nonprofit weight loss program, call 1-800-392-8677, or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club

Elvin Bearden and Don Eckerty have been elected presidents of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club and the Midland Northside Lions Club.

The joint installations were made during a get-

together at the Cattleman's Restaurant in Midland on June 19. Past District Governor Bob Noyes installed the officers. Others included: Donna Groenke, Larry Adams and Joe Chavez, vice presidents; Bob Noyes, secretary; Jan Noyes, treasurer; Richard Ervin, secretary/treasurer; Pat Smith, Tail Twister; Wilburn Rosentreter, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer; Paul Smith and Mark Singh, immediate past presidents; and Bill Birrell,

Connie Alvarado and Diron Rotan, directors.

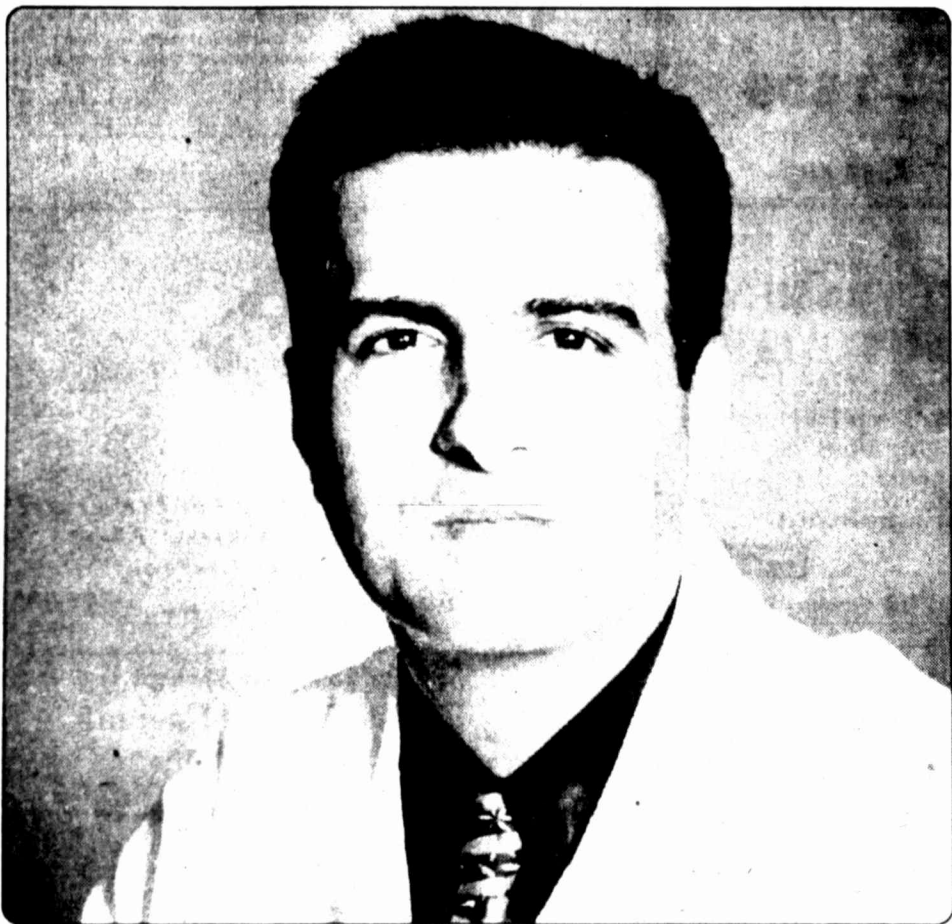
The officers received gifts to represent the office they hold. Presidents received a copy of Robert's Rules of Order, a guide for running club meetings. The vice presidents received a laser pointer, to point the way of projects they oversee. Secretaries received a pad, pen and CDs to record the minutes of the club meetings. The treasurer received a small calculator and Tail-Twisters received a bucket in

which to collect their fines and a horn to "blow their own horn." The past presidents and directors are the driving force behind a club, taking the ideas of the members and working out the details on any projects, so they received a car to drive.

Noyes congratulated each club for its service. Both clubs are small in numbers but very involved with Texas Lions Eyeglass recycling. Midland has recently

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Noyes suggested they could work together to expand the program — screening young students for eye problems that may prevent them from learning — into more West Texas communities.

The Midland Northside Lions was involved in youth exchange and picked up incoming students at the airport.

Both clubs have scholarship programs and both are involved with the Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville. Both has sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest for more than six years, sending entries to the Texas and international runoff.

The Big Spring Evening Lions club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at La Posada. Men and women who want to be involved in a meaningful community service program are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Noyes at 267-5811.

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read or don't have much reading activity going on," Amonett explained. "We have a lot of kids that when they start school it takes them a while to warm up and get ready."

"By the time they do everybody else is beyond them so we thought that this would give them a little jump start at getting back into the routine of school and give them some more reading experience right before school starts," she continued.

Curriculum will focus on reading and vocabulary classwork normally covered during the first six weeks of the school year.

"We're not looking for mastery or teaching, for mastery right now," Amonett said. "We're looking for mostly exposure."

Washington Elementary will host the program, which will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participation is purely voluntary. The district is not providing breakfast or lunch to the participants.

On the last day of the session, parents will be encouraged to visit their child's classroom for a show and tell session.

By establishing small classes and de-emphasizing grades, Amonett

hopes to create an educational environment that is more fun-filled and less "schooly" than the normal year.

"We're not giving grades here at all," Amonett said. "The activities are fun but emphasize learning."

Each grade level, for the most part, will be taught by a teacher who normally instructs that grade.

"I tried to recruit teachers who teach the same grade level normally because they know what the students should be able to do and what they want the students to do at the end of the year."

For teachers Jenny Bryans and Rosie Lain, the program represents a challenge.

"Basically, for first grade, I want to make sure they know all their letter sounds and they have their blending skills before they start because without that it makes their school year very difficult," Bryans said. "My goal is really get to them ready to blend. I want them to be blending and reading simple words."

Lain, a fourth grade teacher, said her class will emphasize comprehension abilities and reading fluidity.

The timing of the program is also important.

"I think with the kids this is a good time for

them because summer is about over and they're probably bored," Amonett said. "They're more ready to come back and think about school, but we're trying to not make it as much as a school format."

For more information about the BSISD summer-reading camp, call the district office at 264-3600. For information about transportation to the camp, call Howard Stewart, director of transportation and auxiliary services, at 264-4108.

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Stanton, Garden City, Grady and Midland-Greenwood school systems.

Changes to the local teacher leave policy that increases the number of sick day pool participation during the school year from 50 to 90.

An increase in the school lunch program by 25 cents. Elementary students will now pay \$1.50 for lunch; secondary, \$1.75; and teacher and guests, \$2.25. The move was made to help ease the lunch program's growing deficit.

Increases in driver's education fees from \$200 to \$250 and the high school year book fees from \$30 to \$35.

House members squabble

WASHINGTON (AP) — House members won't likely forget a day when Republicans summoned Capitol police to a committee room, minority Democrats complained of repression and one member called another a "fruitcake."

The nastiness began when Republicans on the House Ways and Means Committee made overnight changes in bipartisan pension legislation. And at its core, the incident revolved around two veteran Californians with histories of rubbing their colleagues the wrong way — Republican Rep. Bill Thomas and Democratic Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark.

No sooner had Thomas, the committee chairman, gavelled the panel to order than most Democrats walked out in protest, repairing to the library adjoining the committee room to plan their next step.

Shortly afterward, a Capitol police officer appeared at the door.

Democrats said Republicans summoned police to boot them from the room.

Republicans had a different version, that the police were called because events were threatening to spiral out of control back in the committee room.

There Stark had stayed behind, and was protesting Republicans efforts to push through their bill quickly.

Apparently believing he had heard a challenge from a Republican, he said, "You little wimp. Come on. Come over here and make me. I dare you."

Laughter began to ripple through the room as Stark added, "You little fruitcake. I said you are a fruitcake."

Stark's remarks were directed at Rep. Scott McInnis, a 50-year-old Colorado Republican who later said the 71-year-old Stark "threatened me with physical harm."

It was left to an aide to the sergeant at arms, the office in charge of House security, to end the confrontation. Donald Kellaher said it was "a committee matter and should be decided by the committee."

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Dewhurst says Senate will get fair plan now or later

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite opposition from Senate Democrats to passing a congressional redistricting bill, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Friday he believes lawmakers will come together to approve a map, although it may not be until August.

"Quite frankly, we are either going to come up with a fair plan now or we are going to come up with a fair plan later," said Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. "I'm committed to having a fair plan whether we are talking about July, August or September."



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The current special session ends July 29. If a redistricting bill has not been approved by then, Dewhurst has said Gov. Rick Perry will call lawmakers back for another special session.

If he does that, Dewhurst said he will abandon a long-standing Senate tradition so that only a majority of senators would need to vote to let a redistricting bill be debated on the floor. Traditionally, two-thirds, or 21 of the chamber's 31 senators must agree to allow a bill to come up for debate. Republicans have a 19-12 majority in the Senate.

Twelve senators, including one Republican, have signed a letter saying they are opposed to taking up redistricting.

Dewhurst said he hopes that if there is another session that Democratic senators "sit and work with us."

Lawmakers failed to draw the districts during the 2001 legislative session, leaving federal judges to draw the current plan that favors Democrats 17-15. Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, say that voting trends show that the Texas GOP should have more representation in Congress.

The chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, meanwhile, said she does not believe a compromise can be reached on the issue. Dewhurst met with the Democrats Friday. Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio said the 12 sena-

tors are firm in their opposition to redrawing the districts and are considering their options if a second special session is called.

"Our options are showing up and getting rolled over or having to leave," said Van de Putte, meaning the senators could boycott the Senate.

She said nobody wants to go to extremes.

When asked if Dewhurst was prepared to have senators arrested if they did not show up to the Senate during a second session, Dewhurst said: "We're not going down that road."

During the regular legislative session, 51 House Democrats fled to Oklahoma and blocked a quorum in that chamber, killing a redistricting bill.

Meanwhile, the Senate Jurisprudence Committee continued Friday to take public testimony on redistricting. The committee will break for the weekend and return Monday.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, unveiled his own plan Friday that he predicted could give Republicans a 19-13 advantage. Wentworth said his plan leaves West Texas districts largely as they are now, keeps Webb County all in one district and keeps McLennan County in one district.

Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, the chairman of the Senate Republican Caucus, laid out a proposal Thursday that could give Texas Republicans as many as 22 seats in Congress and Democrats 10 seats.

NEWS BRIEFS

Police investigate jogger's death

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Medical student Rebecca Park was juggling a hospital rotation with studies for upcoming board exams, but still took time for regular jogs through the city park near her apartment.

Park didn't feel unsafe in Fairmount Park, her brother said. But she never returned from a run there Sunday afternoon, and was found dead four days later.

Park, 30, of Olney, Md., was found Thursday buried beneath brush and leaves in a deeply wooded section at the park's edge. She was apparently strangled, police said.

Park, a fourth-year student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and an officer in the Army Reserve, was found clad only in a jogging bra, sneakers and socks, police said.

Police were interviewing friends, co-workers and fellow students, but had no immediate suspects.

Park told her boyfriend at about 4 p.m. Sunday that she was going running, and planned to see him that night. The boyfriend, a classmate, went to police on Tuesday to report her missing, police said.

Claudette damage still being studied

PORT LAVACA (AP) — Weather experts will spend the next few weeks verifying data from Hurricane Claudette to determine if the storm's severity should be upgraded posthumously.

Some of the damage Claudette caused was inconsistent with the hurricane's classification. Damage in five Texas counties, for example, was so extensive that President Bush declared them federal disaster areas Friday.

The disaster declaration in Calhoun, Victoria, Jackson, Matagorda and Refugio counties opens individuals and businesses who suffered damage to possible grants, low-interest loans and other assistance.

Claudette, which hit South Texas on Tuesday but weakened by week's end to nothing more than a few rain showers over Arizona and California, is still considered by the National Hurricane Center as a Category 1 storm, meaning its winds didn't exceed 95 mph.

According to the center, such a storm should bring "no real damage to building structures," yet along Claudette's path roofs were peeled away, trailers were flattened and building facades collapsed.

Category 2 storms are expected to cause scenes more consistent with what Claudette left behind, including "some roofing material, door and window damage of buildings."

Now, however, the center said some wind measurements and damage indicate the hurricane was stronger than originally classified.

Gov. Davis allies suffer judicial setbacks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Allies of Gov. Gray Davis have suffered two judicial setbacks, making it more likely that an effort to recall the Democrat could be certified for the fall ballot as early as next week.

Both decisions came from state courts on Friday:

— A Los Angeles Superior Court judge refused to issue a temporary restraining order to prevent certification of the recall by the secretary of state until allegations of illegal signature gathering were investigated.

— The 3rd District Court of Appeals in Sacramento sided with a recall group that sued the secretary of state to speed up signature verification.

White House releases intelligence report

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House declassified portions of an October 2002 intelligence report to demonstrate that President Bush had ample reason to believe Iraq was reconstituting a nuclear weapons program.

But the material also reflects divisions and uncertainties among intelligence agencies as to Saddam Hussein's activities.

The administration released the documents — a sanitized version of the top-secret National Intelligence Estimate prepared for the president — on Friday as it sought to shield Bush from rising criticism that he misled the public in making his case for war with Iraq.

The overall findings of last October's intelligence "estimate" served as the foundation for many of the general assertions made by Bush and other administration officials in the run-up to the war: that Saddam was making chemical and biological weapons, was rebuilding his nuclear-weapons program and had illegal long-range missiles.

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EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Bryant was charged with sexually assaulting a 17-year-old woman in 1997 to tarnish the careers of the NBA's brightest superstars.

Bryant denied fighting back tea conference in Los Angeles saying he was guilty of adultery.

"I didn't force anything against her," he said, smiling.

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By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

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Forsan head Tommy Thompson is kidding himself least when it comes to the biggest challenge heading into the two-day workout month. Priority finding a replacement for Wes Longorio.

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Kobe Bryant charged with sexual assault

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Kobe Bryant was charged Friday with sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman in a case bound to tarnish the career of one of the NBA's brightest young superstars. Bryant denied the charge, fighting back tears at a news conference in Los Angeles and saying he was guilty only of adultery. "I didn't force her to do anything against her will. I'm innocent," he said, sitting next to

his wife, Vanessa. "I sit here in front of you guys furious at myself, disgusted at myself for making a mistake of adultery." The 24-year-old Los Angeles Lakers' guard faces probation to life in prison if convicted of the single felony count, Eagle County District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said. Hurlbert said Bryant forced the victim into "submission" through physical force but refused to disclose other details.

The woman worked the front desk at the exclusive spa where Bryant was staying while in the state for knee surgery. Hurlbert said she would not be made available for comment. Bryant, free on \$25,000 bail, must return to court in Eagle on Aug. 6 for a hearing. Bryant's attorney, Pamela Mackey, said he will plead innocent. Speaking at Bryant's news conference at the Lakers' arena, Mackey said the defense will be

that the sexual encounter was "between two consenting adults." Bryant needed several seconds to compose himself before speaking, and his voice quivered once he started. His wife, who had their first child in January, held his right hand. "I love my wife with all my heart. She's my backbone," he said, turning to her. Earlier, Vanessa Bryant released a statement, saying she stood by her husband. "He

is not a criminal," she said. The case has riveted the sports world for nearly two weeks because it involves one of the NBA's most magnetic stars. Bryant has also used his clean image to land lucrative endorsement contracts. Just last month, he signed a multimillion-dollar sneaker deal with Nike to go with contracts he already had with Sprite, McDonald's and Spalding. See BRYANT, Page 10A

Forsan ready to start in 2003

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

FORSAN — New Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson isn't kidding himself in the least when it comes to the biggest challenge he faces heading into the start of two-a-day workouts next month. Priority No. 1 is finding a replacement for all-world running back Wes Longorio.

"It's not going to be easy to replace Wes," said Thompson, who will be making his head coaching debut on Aug. 4 when



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Buffaloes open preseason camp. "He was a special athlete, but I think we have the talent to do that. We've got some good young athletes coming back that could step up for us." Adjusting to the Thompson regime shouldn't be that big of an change for Forsan. Prior to becoming the team's head coach, the Tarleton State University graduate spent five seasons as an assistant under former Forsan head coach Steve Park.

"It shouldn't be too much of a change," he said. "The young men know me and I know them, so there won't be a period where we have to learn about each other." Despite the loss of Longorio, an all-state selection who rushed for more than 2,000 yards in his last 20 games, Thompson is optimistic about the Buffaloes' chances this season.

"I'm excited about this season," he said. "If we can get a few more numbers out we could be in pretty good shape. We have a lot of experience coming back. Barring any major injuries, I think we can be competitive in our district."

Part of the optimism is based on the return of a healthy Josh Helmstettler at quarterback. The FHS star missed the final three games under center in 2002 with a broken toe. See NELSON, Page 10A



The Howard College Lady Hawks continued to bring together the pieces for its 2003 basketball season this past week when new coach Lorin Miller landed sophomore transfer Linda Valentine. The 6-foot-3 forward was ranked among the best shooters in the nation last year while playing at Cloud County (Kan.) Community College.

New Lady Hawks coach continues to add pieces to revamped HC squad

Puzzle Pieces

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

When Lorin Miller was named head coach of the Howard College Lady Hawks, he promised one thing: A new look.

More than four months before the 2003 season tips off, the former National Basketball Association assistant coach has already delivered. In just a matter of months since being hired, Miller has reshaped the Howard College women's program from an also-ran to a preseason contender with several big-time recruiting moves.

The latest move in Miller's efforts to restore the Lady Hawks to national prominence came earlier this week when he landed 6-foot-3 forward Linda Valentine — one of the nation's top sophomore players.

Valentine, a former high school all-American pick by Street & Smith magazine, signed last fall at Cloud County Community College — the school in which Miller served as an assistant before accepting the Howard



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College post. Valentine is the second Cloud County standout to follow Miller from Kansas to Texas in the past few weeks. Earlier this month, point guard Jessica Schusteric announced she would be joining the Lady Hawks roster.

The 6-foot-3 point guard from Riverview, Mich., hit 61.4 percent of her 3-point attempts as a freshman at CCC.

With Valentine, the Lady Hawks' inside shooting ability will get a major boost. The Colorado native was ranked 10th in the nation last fall among Division I junior college players in 3-point shooting percentage.

attempts from the floor. As a high schooler, Valentine averaged 12.8 points and 6.7 rebounds a game for Rock Bridge High School. She was a three-time all-conference selection before inking to play last summer for Brett Erkenbrack at Cloud County Community College.

Valentine also played for the Kansas City Twists, an AAU 16 & Under squad, during her high school days. She led the Twists to the national 16 & Under tournament in 2000. The team finished third in the nation in the 18 & Under division the next year.

Along with Schusteric and Valentine, Miller also landed Colorado schoolgirl Adriana Johnson, who agreed to a scholarship offer.

Johnson, a fleet-footed guard, starred at Denver South High School, where she earned first-team all-Denver accolades. She led South in scoring, averaging 15.2 points a night. She also led the team in steals and blocks.

Colorado City standout Adriana Lopez also agreed to play for the Lady Hawks. Lopez, a senior at Colorado City, averaged 12.5 points a game last season.

Lance clings to lead

CAP'DECOUVRETE, France (AP) — An exhausted Lance Armstrong is the first to admit it: He's no longer the man to beat in the Tour de France.

Parched and weak after a ride on a scorching day, the four-time champion ran out of energy — and water — on a key stage leading to the Pyrenees.

The Texan finished second in an individual time trial Friday and lost precious time to one of his main rivals — stage winner Jan Ullrich of Germany, who moved into second place overall.

Not since Armstrong overcame cancer to return to the Tour in 1999 has his grip on cycling's most prestigious race looked so tenuous.

He barely kept the overall lead after a crucial time trial in which riders unleash every bit of force to beat the clock.

Armstrong did extend his overall lead from 21 seconds to 34, but he had been counting heavily on using this stage to distance himself from the field.

Instead, Ullrich is lurking.

Ullrich, a 1997 Tour winner and twice runner-up to Armstrong, powered across the 29 miles of rolling vineyards in 58 minutes, 32 seconds to take the Tour's 12th stage. He was the only rider of 167 to finish in less than an hour.

Ullrich, of Team Bianchi, shaved more than 1 1/2 minutes from Armstrong's lead as the Tour enters the lung-wrenching Pyrenees.

"Now he's the big favorite," Armstrong said.

One factor that could play into Armstrong's hands is the unsettled weather that is expected to descend on the mountains this weekend.

"I saw the forecast for storms in the Pyrenees Sunday," Armstrong said. "So that was good news."

All Americas Open slated for July 23

The All Americas Open, which is open to the general public, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The 18-hole tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost for entering the event is \$35 per person. The price includes the green fees and cart.

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Friends leave no doubt Schramm's life was memorable, historic

(AP) — As his health deteriorated, Tex Schramm described exactly how he wanted his memorial service handled.

He picked specific people to talk about specific areas of his life, but he didn't want them talking very long. He expected them to need only a few minutes each, and asked that they keep the mood upbeat.

And, as an epitaph, he told friend Gary Morris that he "wanted to be remembered as someone who made a difference, someone who made history."

There's little doubt of that. For 75 minutes Friday, football dignitaries Roger Staubach, Don Shula and Paul Tagliabue were among those who recalled Schramm's passion for the Dallas Cowboys and the NFL, and the pioneering role he had in turning both

into the powerful organizations they are today.

"There will never be another splendid blend of talent, toughness and temperament," said Tagliabue, the NFL commissioner. "Millions and millions of fans over decades have enjoyed football because of the things Tex did."

Schramm, who died Tuesday at age 83, was the first president and general manager of the Cowboys, a role he held for 29 years. He oversaw the rise from expansion team to "America's Team," a nickname he didn't invent but heavily promoted.

His association with the team was so important that the only personal item displayed on the altar was a portrait of Schramm holding a football, the Cowboys' star logo shining over his right shoulder.

Yet Schramm was arguably even more influential on the entire league. He negotiated the merger with the AFL, ran the authoritative competition committee for 25 years and was a trusted adviser of longtime commissioner Pete Rozelle, whom Schramm gave his first job in pro football.

"Pete deployed Tex often," said Tagliabue, an NFL lawyer before replacing Rozelle. "He would emphasize that Tex didn't have many losses on his record."

Part of the reason for Schramm's success was that he loved to argue.

"You haven't lived unless you've had Tex Schramm standing over you trying to prove a point," Shula said.

Many of the tales about his feisty side regarded players' contracts. Sometimes, the

tough-talk turned comical.

While former running back Walt Garrison said before the service that he got Schramm to throw in two horse trailers on his first contract, Staubach topped that by recounting the time he forced Schramm into negotiations by climbing onto the ledge of an office building.

"We hadn't won the Super Bowl yet, so he was making me wait," Staubach said. "I wasn't at the top of the totem pole, so I wondered how I could get his attention."

He had the perfect opportunity when he saw Schramm on a conference call with Rozelle, his feet propped up and his eyes glaring out the window.

"I leaped in front of his window and his eyes rolled back," Staubach said. "Rozelle thought he had a heart attack because of the way he gasped. ... He later-

told me, 'I would've given you a better contract, but I thought you were crazy.'"

Shula respected Schramm's devotion to the NFL. He remembered that before Schramm asked Shula to replace Vince Lombardi on the competition committee, his only question was "if I could be objective for the good of the league."

Many of the key rule changes the committee made were Schramm's idea, such as instant replay. He also pushed the six-division, wild-card play-off concept and came up with things like putting radios in quarterback helmets, widening sideline borders and placing wind-direction strips atop the uprights.

"He worked to make the game excellent and safe," Shula said. "He was relentless."



Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League is now being held at the Big Spring Mall. Persons interested in registering for the league can do so Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed.

BRYANT

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The case also raises questions about Bryant's summer plans and whether he will be able to play with the U.S. Olympic qualifying team, which begins practice Aug. 10 in New York.

The Lakers start practice in October for the 2003-04 season.

"Naturally, we're disappointed with today's announcement," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said. "While there are many questions concerning this issue, we will wait for time and the judicial process to answer them."

NBA commissioner David Stern said the league would have no comment.

Hurlbert, who took office in December, said he consulted prosecutors around the state and poured over evidence and testimony before making his decision.

"This did not come easily," he said.

Bryant is accused of assaulting the woman June 30 at the gated Lodge & Spa at Cordillera in nearby Edwards. Bryant, who was having surgery in Vail, arrived at the lodge that day.

Eagle County sheriff's deputies took Bryant to Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs for tests early July 2, later letting him leave in a taxi with his bodyguards.

The woman also underwent tests, and Hurlbert has said he needed information from the state crime lab before making his decision.

Bryant surrendered to authorities July 4 and was released an hour later after posting bond.

The arrest was announced July 6, prompting a firestorm of media attention on this small mountain town 100 miles west of Denver.

Reporters have swamped the cul-de-sac where the woman lives with her parents, but she has said nothing publicly.

The woman is well-known in Eagle as a for-

mer high school cheerleader and talented musician who auditioned for "American Idol" last year.

The news stunned basketball fans: Bryant, who has already won three titles with the Lakers, is by most accounts a quiet man who prefers dinner with a few friends to joining teammates for a night on the town.

FORSAN

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hand.

The emergence of running backs Adam Johnson and Cory Reyna also figures into the mix. Johnson, a speedy sophomore, showed glimpses of stardom last season in limited play time behind Longorio.

"I think he's about ready to step up," said Thompson, who was hired in April to take over for Park. "He's got the ability to play."

Reyna also saw limited playing time, lining up behind fullback Billy Acosta.

Magers-Powell volleyball camp to start Wednesday

The Rose 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.

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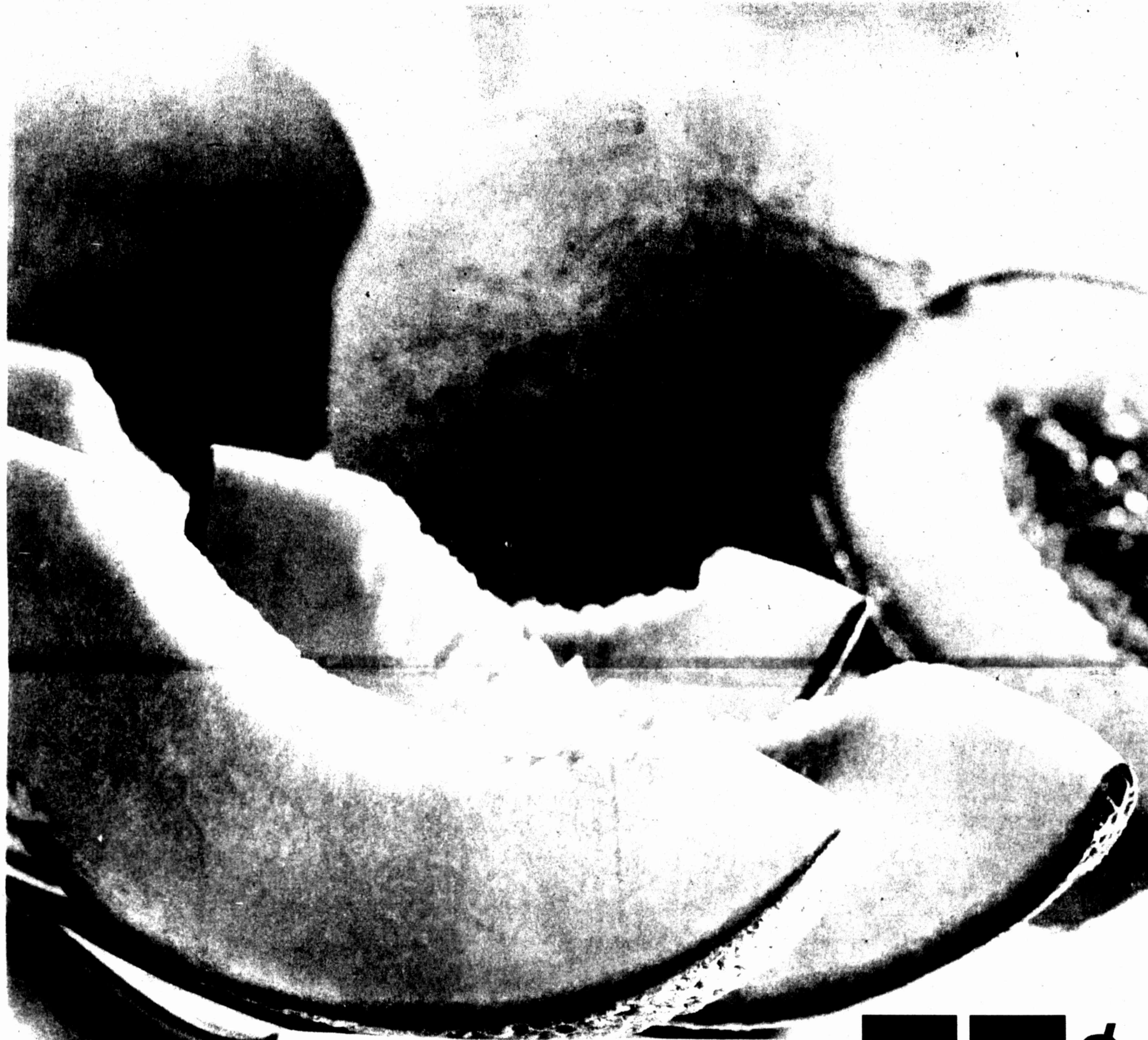
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SALUTE!

A hometown hero returns to Big Spring

His smile matched only by his immaculately squared-away Navy dress whites, Bosun's Mate 2nd Class Martin Flores is glad to be home.

Although his berth aboard the troop transport U.S.S. Anchorage — stationed in the Persian Gulf during the Iraq War — may not have been as gritty or dismal as the duty of the Marines he helped launch, Flores said his long sojourn at sea often got downright lonely.

"Yes, it was," he said. "It was. Just being away from home."

Flores made some good buddies among his shipmates and they did what they could to fight off the boredom.

"I have some pretty good friends there," he said. "We stuck together through all the trouble we went through. We tried to make it the best we could, not to get bored or homesick a whole lot. We had ice cream socials, we have a little basketball court. We had Bingo night, played cards, that's about it. That's the only things we did for fun."

The Anchorage was away from home for about five and a half months providing security on an Iraqi offshore oil platform seized by American troops.

"It was taken by the U.S. Navy Seals and all we did was security, making sure no one got close to them," he said. "We brought them food and other stuff."

Of course, they had to take care of their primary duty first — landing Marines in Iraq.

"It took about three days to get them off the ship and then to bring them back on board we did it again," he said. "Then we did just a lot of practicing."

Flores and his shipmates experienced some hairy moments during the cruise.

"Some of the chemical alarms went off on our ship," he said. "That was pretty scary, because it happened three times when I was out there and all three times, it happened in the middle of the night, like 2 or 3 a.m. We had to get up and get our gas masks and our suits and check over the ship to make sure there was no chemical attack on anything. It was paint. The paint tripped our chemical alarm. The detector, it detects anything, so the paint sets it off."

Although the sailor's mother, Maria Flores, doesn't speak much English, Martin translated her feelings for her.

"She's happy to see me," he said. "She thanked God for me to be here safe."

While he was overseas, Mrs. Flores was frightened by the lack of communications with her son.

"She was sad, she didn't know anything about me or what I was doing," he said. "She was praying that I would be here soon so that she could see me. While I was out there I only talked to her once, and I talked to my sister once also. E-mail, every now and then, but we couldn't really use it a whole lot. Every now and then. We couldn't tell where we were or what we were doing."

Flores' time in the service is up next month, but he hasn't decided whether he'll re-enlist.

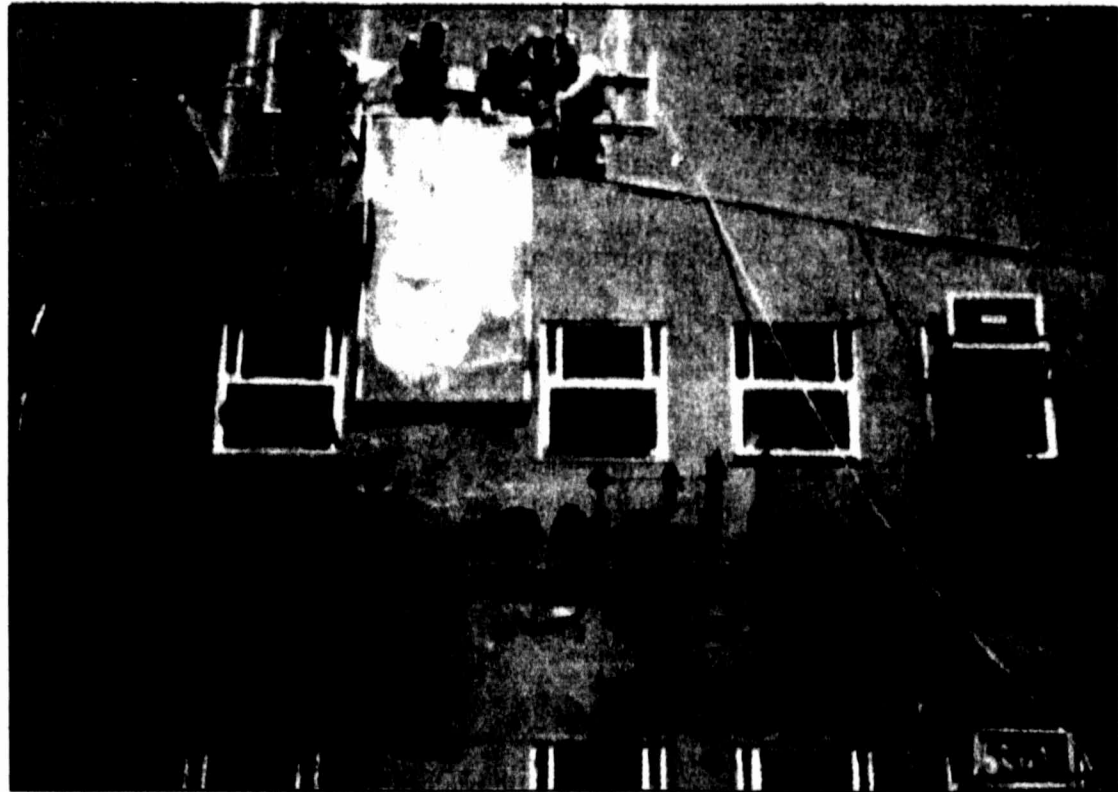
"If I re-enlist, my sea time is up so I'll be put on shore duty," he said. "I'll be in Corpus Christi and I'll be a career counselor."

Martin said he plans to attend the University of Texas and study to become a pediatrician when he does leave the service.

Story and photo at right by HERALD staff writer Roger Cline

Other photos courtesy the Flores family.

Clockwise from right, Bosun's Mate Martin Flores hugs his mother Maria at their Big Spring home after returning from duty in the Persian Gulf; Flores and his buddies hang an image of Saddam Hussein upside-down on the oil platform they guarded during the war; Flores poses in front of the oil platform; Flores wore this protective gear when piloting small boats around his ship, the U.S.S. Anchorage; Flores sometimes manned this 50-caliber machine gun in defense of the Anchorage.



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WEDDINGS

Levario-Wilkins

Valeri Ann Levario and Adam Christopher Wilkins, both of Amarillo, were married on Saturday, June 7, at San Jacinto Baptist Church with the Rev. Stan Coffe, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Ann and Valentin Ramirez Levario of Amarillo. She is the granddaughter of the late Irene Gutierrez and Magdaleno Moreno, both of Big Spring. She is also the niece of Adolfo (Al) and Rosa Moreno of Midland.

The groom is the son of Gloria Ranae and Kent Douglas Wilkins of Amarillo. He is the grandson of Juanita and Vernon Wilkins of Louisville, Ky.

Bell ringers starting the ceremony were Aaliyah Quinn Chandler, Jonathon Duwayne Chandler, O'Clete Chee're Chandler, Isaac Gonzales, Chloe Lusk, Barbie Belle Torres and Romeo Torres. Light bearers in remembrance of the bride's late grandparents were Alexis Ranae and A-Jay Torres.

The maid of honor was Priscilla Torres, cousin of the bride. Bridal attendants were Candra Turner, Monica Guzman, Melanie Lopez, Melissa Deerdorf and Megan Wilkins. Wedding attendants were Gabrielle Ortega and Teresa Moreno Palma.

The best man was Teague Lusk. The groomsmen were James Levario, brother of the groom, Alex Moreno Jr. and Joseph "Andy" Moreno.

Ring bearers were Jeriah Malachi Levario,



nephew of the bride, and Ricco Capone Hernandez. Flower girls were Victoria Alexandra Moreno Levario, daughter of the bride and groom, Emma Rae Palma and Gia-Jodeci Irene Torres. Train bearers were Jake Moreno and Briana Ashley Gould.

Special music was provided by organist Karen Horner and soloist was Julie Tudman, who sang "At The Beginning."

The bride wore a white dress from the PC Mary's Bridal couture d'Amore Collection. The gown featured a sleeveless sweetheart neckline and royal cathedral train with a floral pattern in sequins and beads. The bride carried a bouquet of white peonies.

The bridal attendants wore strapless lavender dresses, the maid of

honor with a train, all carried bouquets of lavender colored ranunculus.

The wedding reception was held at Events Unlimited. Reception attendants were Misty Lusk and Rebecca Sova.

The bride is a graduate of Palo Duro High School and will be attending Amarillo College in the fall to receive a degree in business.

She is employed by Zales Jewelers.

The groom graduated from Amarillo High School and is a nursing major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

He is employed by the American Quarter Horse Museum.

The couple recently returned from a honeymoon in Las Vegas and a family trip to Disneyland in Orlando, Fla.

Reed-Scaglione

Ashley Hope Reed of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Big Spring, and David Joseph Scaglione, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., were married in a private ceremony that took place on June 24, 2003, at the Sandals Resort on the Island of Antigua in the eastern Caribbean. They were married in the sand, surrounded by the same ocean where they met five years ago.

The bride is the daughter of R.C. and Delynda Reed of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Barker, Ms. Doyce Reed and the late W.C. Reed, all of Big Spring.

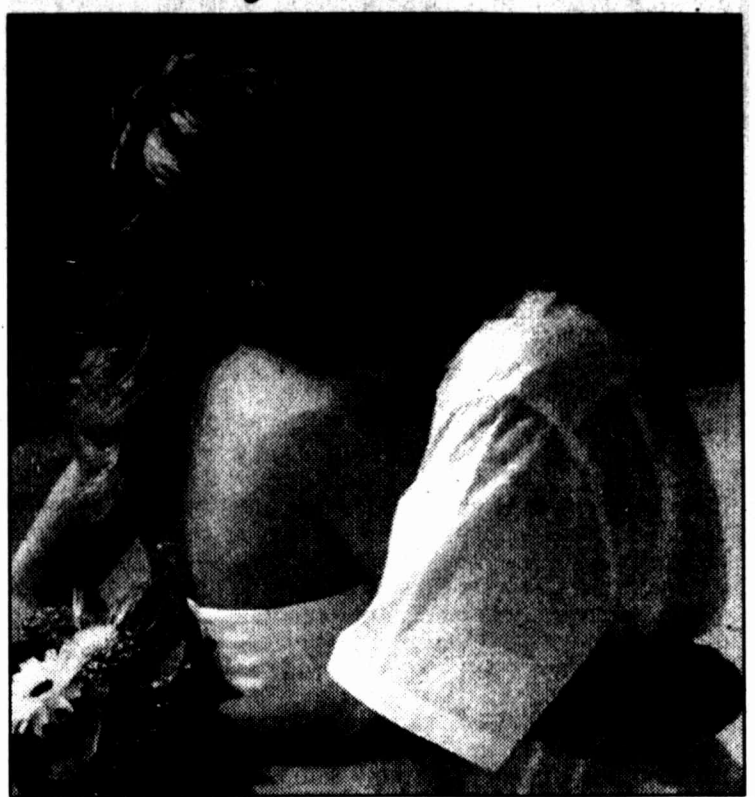
The groom is the son of Paul Scaglione of Union City, N.J., and Ms. Marie Scaglione of Davie, Fla.

The bride wore a white knee length dress by Express. The groom wore a white collared Hawaiian shirt by Tommy Hilfiger with khaki pants. Both were barefoot in the sand.

Honorary matron of honor was Brooke Hix, sister of the bride.

Honorary groomsmen were Paulie, Johnny, Nick and Tommy Scaglione, brothers of the groom.

A reception and dance were held at the Big Spring Country Club. Hostesses for the event were Megan Crouch,



Candace Brewer and Karissa Reed, cousin of the bride.

The "Shades" performed a number of hits ranging from the Beatles to George Strait.

The bride's cake was a white five-tier, basketweave with fresh tropical flowers, including Bird-of-Paradise on each layer.

The groom's cake was a chocolate basketweave with chocolate-covered strawberries cascading down the side, featuring tuxedo shaded chocolates on top. Posted in the foyer were wedding pictures of the bride and groom.

Guests attended the reception from as far away as New York, New Jersey, Florida and various parts of Texas.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Forsan High School and is currently a student at Kussad Institute of Court Reporting in Austin.

The groom attended high school at Plantation High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and is a graduate of McFatter Culinary Academy.

He is currently employed by Marriot Hotel in Austin.

The couple have made their home in Austin.

Baeza-Moreno

John Vega, Rose Vega, Danny Moreno and Kai Kamel would like to announce the marriage of their parents, Rosa Baeza to Adolfo Moreno.

Rosa is the daughter of

the late Manuel and Paz Baez and the granddaughter of the late Franci Solazo.

Adolfo is the son of the late Irene and Magdaleno Moreno.

The couple were united in marriage on April 21, 2003, at Family Faith Victory Center with the Rev. Sam Segundo Jr. presiding over the ceremonies.

ANNIVERSARY

Dunlap

Ronald and Cindy Dunlap celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows at Sand Springs Church of Christ followed by a reception hosted by their children.

Ronald Dunlap was born in Big Spring, while the former Cynthia Parmar was born in Leon, Iowa.

They met one spring night while "cruising" on Gregg Street.

They were married July 25, 1978, at Ronald's sister's home in Sand Springs.

They have made their home in Howard County all of their married life.

They have four children: Allen Dunlap of Midland and James Dunlap, Jennifer Dunlap

and Adam Dunlap, all of Big Spring.

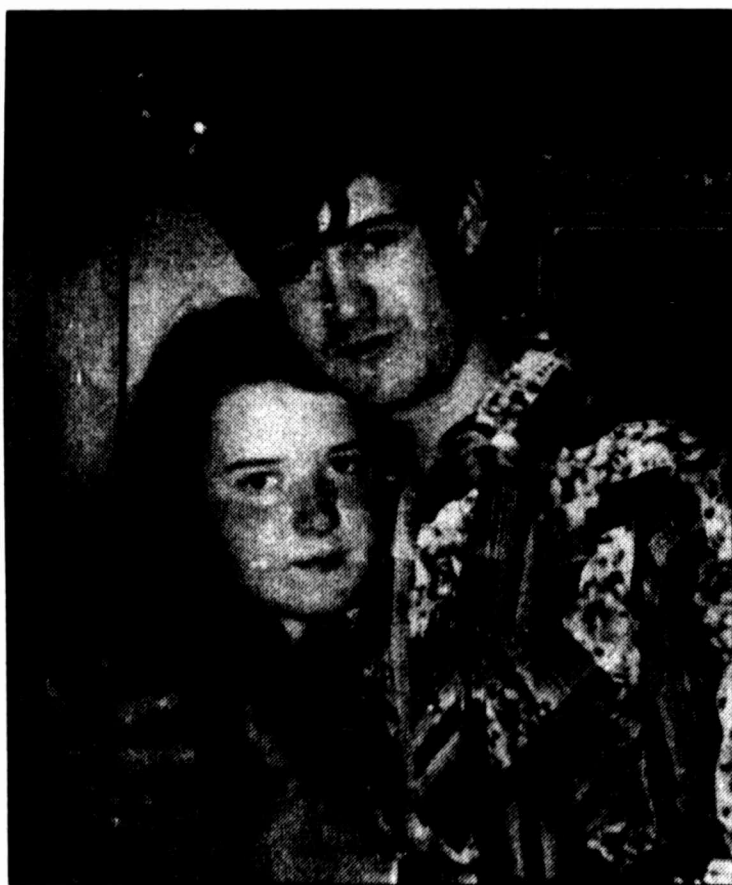
The couple also has three grandchildren.

Ronald is a disabled equipment operator, while Cindy is a transportation contractor. They are affiliated with Sand Springs Church of Christ.

Ronald loves to spend his time fish, as well as spending time with the grandchildren.

Cindy loves to cook and spend time with the grandchildren.

They have this comment about their 25-year marriage: "You have to take your wedding vows seriously. Marriage is too easy to get out of, but it takes true commitment and real love to make a marriage work."



The Dunlaps in 1978



The Dunlaps today

MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles Rodriguez, the son of Marlene and Charlie Rodriguez of Big Spring, recently completed deployment in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge.

Rodriguez, who joined the Navy in September 1998, was one of nearly 22,000 Atlantic Fleet sailors and Marines aboard 14 amphibious ships deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The USS Kearsarge is homeported in Norfolk, Va.

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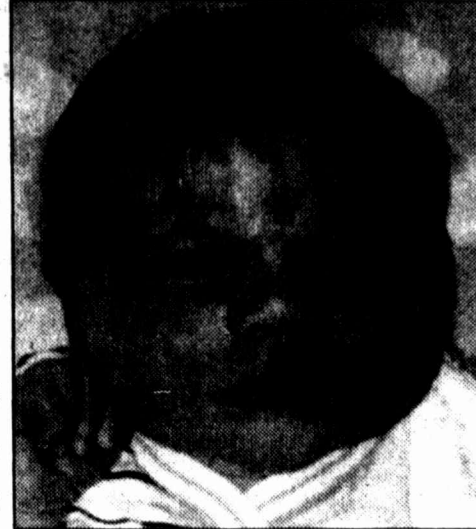
Rich-Caudill

Daryl and Donna Rich of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassie Rich, to Clint Caudill, son of Craig and Kathy Caudill of Big Spring. The bride-elect, a graduate of Coahoma High School and The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, is employed at the State National Bank of Big Spring. The future bridegroom, a graduate of Big Spring High School, is employed at Sid Richardson Carbon Co. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Bettye Parrish of Coahoma, Cleburne and Metha Rich of Westbrook and Ed and Judy Shrum of Big Spring. She is the great-granddaughter of Virginia Davidson of Big Spring. He is the grandson of the late Elvis and Helen Caudill of Big Spring and Eddie and Betty Alfred of San Antonio. The couple will marry Aug. 30 at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.



West-Woodall

Rebecca Deann West of Stephenville and Matthew Woodall of Stephenville, formerly of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on July 26, 2003, at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Caddo. The bride to be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald D. West of Pearland. The prospective groom is the son of Frank and Raylene Woodall of Pflugerville, formerly of Big Spring.



Robert Alex Grant, boy, born June 23, 2003, at 4:58 p.m. weighing seven pounds, one ounce and was 19-1/2 inches long. Parents are Alan and Angela Grant of North Richland Hills. Grandparents are Richard and Sandra Bloom of Coahoma and Jeter and Beverly Grant of Big Spring.

Mathew Dewayne Wagner, boy, born July 2, 2003, at 8:17 p.m. weighing six pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches. Parents are Chris and Christina Wagner. Grandparents are the late Patricia Lucas of Allen, Steve and Dana Turner and Dewayne and Nancy Wagner all of Big Spring.

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For medical record requests or to transfer care to one of the above physicians, please call 432-267-6361.



Davis-King

Willard and Denise Peek of Atlanta, Texas, and Craig Davis of Granbury announce the engagement of their daughter, Lovie Lindsey Davis, to Christopher Anthony King, son of Becky King and Roland King of Big Spring. The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Queen City High School. The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Forsan High School. Both are attending Midwestern University. The wedding is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26, at the Round Grove Chapel in Lewisville. The couple will make their home in Wichita Falls.

Hilburn-Gunn

Ashley Gail Hilburn of Midland and David Bryan Gunn of Spartanburg, S.C., are to be married at 2 p.m. on Aug. 9 at the First Baptist Church of Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of the Rev. Gene and Phyllis Hilburn of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Percy and Mary Lou Crimmins of Midland and Edward Hilburn of Edmond, Okla. The prospective groom is the son of Russell and Debbie Gunn of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Don and Doris Collins of Dallas, Peggy Gunn of Midland and Harry and Sandra Gunn of Portales, N.M.

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The Permian Chapter of the Restaurant Association (TRA) has named Corbett the Outstanding Restaurateur of the Year.

Corbett is one of the outstanding restaurateurs selected through a statewide competition. Candidates were nominated by their members and then selected based on their contributions to the restaurant industry; their involvement in the Association and their commitment to the local community.

Corbett's career in the restaurant industry began with his involvement in sports, working for the Texas Rangers Club, the Angels, and the Orleans Zephyrs. He is the director of concessions at the stadium of the Texas Rangers. Since 1997, Corbett has worked for Jantzen Entertainment. He currently stands as the executive director of the building operation of the Odessa Jantzen Hockey team. He has also served as a consultant in the design of the American Bank Field in New Orleans. Corbett was the 2002 Permian Restaurant Association president and co-chair for the Permian Restaurant



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Restaurateur of the Year

Midland's Corbett receives association accolades

Special to the Herald

The Permian Basin Chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association (TRA) has named Jeff Corbett the 2002-2003 Outstanding Restaurateur of the Year.

Corbett is one of 13 outstanding restaurateurs selected throughout the state of Texas. Candidates were nominated by their local chapter based on their contributions to the restaurant industry; to the Association and to their local community.

Corbett's career in the restaurant industry began with his interest in sports, working for the Texas Rangers Baseball Club, the Midland Angels, and the New Orleans Zephyr as director of concessions and stadium operations. Since 1997, Corbett has worked for Jack Shack Entertainment and currently stands as the executive director, handling building operations for the Odessa Jackalopes Hockey team. He also served as a consultant in the design of First American Bank Ballpark in Midland and Zephyr Field in New Orleans.

Corbett was the 2001-2002 Permian Basin Restaurant Association president and serves as co-chair for the Taste of the Permian Basin and



Courtesy photo
Ralph Sheffield, 2002-2003 TRA President, honors Jeff Corbett, Permian Basin Outstanding Restaurateur, at the 2003 Board & Awards Gala in Dallas.

has been on the board since 1998.

"The Permian Basin Chapter is proud of Jeff for his contributions to the restaurant industry and dedication to the association," said Roy Gillean, 2003-2004 Permian Basin Restaurant Association president. "Jeff is a truly outstanding restaurateur."

Corbett was honored at the Texas Restaurant

Association Board & Awards Dinner on Monday, June 23 at the 2003 Southwest Foodservice Expo in Dallas.

The Texas Restaurant Association was formed in 1937 to serve as the advocate in Texas and the indispensable resource for the foodservice industry through enhanced programs and services. Today, as a

leading business association, TRA represents the state's \$24 billion restaurant industry, which is comprised of more than 40,000 locations and a workforce of over 650,000 employees. Along with the Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation, the Association represents, educates and promotes the rapidly growing industry.

Howard County 2003 acreage report

Howard County is square in shape and measures approximately 30 miles by 30 miles. This equates to 900 square miles. Each square mile consists of approximately 640 acres. Consequently, total number of acres in Howard County is approximately 576,000. Total Acres reported to FSA (422,621) verses acres in Howard County (576,000) results in a difference of 153,379 acres. Many of the non-reported acres represent townships, roads and highways, oil well locations, lakes, streams and personal residences. However, it is very unlikely there are 153,379 acres not devoted to agriculture. A high percentage of the unaccounted for acres probably consists of range land for which no one is compelled to report.



RICK LILES

As demonstrated by the table below, dryland cotton is the predominate crop in Howard County. As of this composition, Howard County cotton producers are reporting that, on a whole, dryland cotton crops are looking good. Their optimism is qualified with necessity of rain within next two weeks. Observation of some cotton that was salvaged from early planing shows signs of being affected by heat and lack of moisture. Some sorghum forage is also showing signs of drought during the heat of the day and will need rain soon.

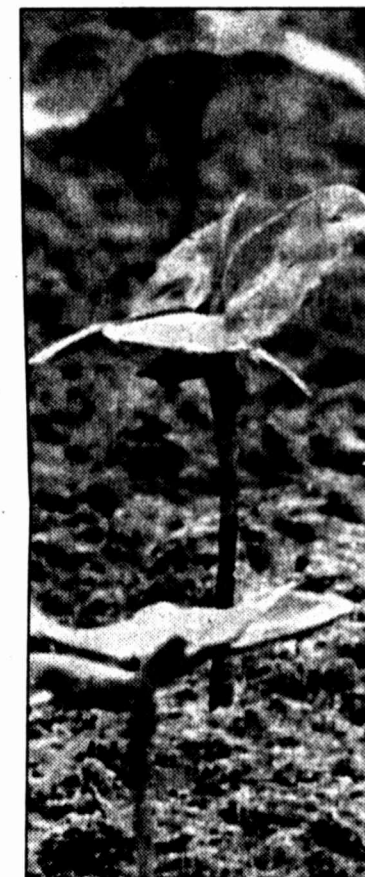
Skip row is a result of various planting patterns. Sometimes producers will leave idle rows in their planting pattern to facilitate where their tractor tires run or for convenience of use of some other farming equipment. FSA does not count those blank rows as crop acres but rather considers them to be idle and calls them "skip rows."

Most farms are bordered by a narrow strip called turn roads. This area is used by producers to turn their tractors around when they have reached the end of a set of rows — hence the name turn road. Sometimes, these areas are referred to as "turning roads." Producers and other also use these roads to drive on.

The final date to report crops to the FSA was July 15. Producers who failed to timely report their crop land will be ineligible for FSA benefits. Producers may file a late file acreage report for a nominal fee as long

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Courtesy photo
Cotton stands several inches high in a Howard County field.

Crop	Practice	Use	Acres
Alfalfa	Irrigated	Hay	65.2
Alfalfa	Dry	Gazing	12.7
CRP	Dry	Soil Conser.	52,197.8
Summer Fallow	Dry	Idle	4,385.4
Range Land	Dry	Grazing	190,005.
Home Gardens	Dry	Domestic	23.0
Black Eyed Peas	Dry	Seed	69.0
Rye	Dry	Hay	8.1
Skip Row	Dry	Idle	50,377.8
Sorghum Forage	Dry	Hay/Graze	3,927.2
Grain sorghum	Dry	Grain	548.7
Turn Roads	Dry	Idle	1,630.0
Cotton	Irrigated	Lint	2,162.5
Cotton	Dry	Lint	109,962
Wheat	Dry	Hay	775.0
Wheat	Dry	Grain	2,436.6
Wheat	Dry	Grazing	4,033.4
Totals			422,621



Roy Dill, left, and Trish Gabbard, both employees in the Big Spring Area Texas Department of Transportation office, received service certificates from district engineer Bill Hale during a supervisor's meeting in Abilene. Dill, local engineer, was presented a framed certificate, service pin and a rosewood pen to honor his 10 years of service. Gabbard, area office manager, received a five-year pin and a fold-up clock. Not pictured is Danny Martin, engineering tech, who received a five-year pin, certificate and business card holder.

TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore

Workplace violence seminar planned

Special to the Herald

Violence in the Work Place, a seminar designed to develop and implement a program and policy for employers, is being offered by the Howard College Risk Management Academy.

The seminar is \$15 per

person and will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Building's Fireplace Room on campus.

Speakers will be Woody Jumper, instructor of workplace violence; Sgt. John Leubner, with the Big Spring Police Department; and Rich

Grove, deputy chief with the Big Spring Fire Department.

In addition to helping employees implement a policy for employees, law enforcement and fire officials will give a presentation on action plans to be implemented in response to a terroristic threat or catastrophic event.

To register, contact the Risk Management Academy at 1001 Birdwell Lane or call 264-5130. Reservations are requested; seating is limited.

The seminar is held in partnership with Texas Mutual Insurance Company.

Goat performance field day and sale set

SONORA — The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's Annual Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale is set for Thursday at the Sonora Experiment Station. The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Highway 55, about halfway between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The field day starts at 10 a.m. with Dr. Mike Keller, DVM from Sonora, discussing strategies for parasite control in goats. Keller is followed by a speaker panel set to address issues facing the mohair industry. The remainder of the

morning will focus on a live goat evaluation exercise designed to help participants select individual animals based on mohair quality. One hour of continuing education unit (CEU) is available in the morning program.

At 1 p.m., following a catered lunch, the program resumes with a Mohair Council of America update, performance test



TOMMY YEATER

results, and awards presentations. The sale of performance-tested animals will begin about 2 p.m. and will conclude the day's activities.

Dr. Dan Waldron, San Angelo-based Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher and the test's coordinator, said the testing procedure gives buyers a chance to compare bucks from different breeders.

"The performance data, fleece quality, quantity, and the animal's growth rate are all compiled so buyers have everything they need to select a top buck to improve their

Ask the Agent

goats," said Waldron.

"On July 24, goat producers will have the opportunity to take advantage of years of genetic selection by buying some of the most productive Angora goats available anywhere. The breeders involved with this test have been concentrating on genetic improvement for years — even before the current renewed interest now being seen in Mohair pro-

duction."

Waldron said complete performance data and photos of the bucks in-fleece are now available on the internet at: <http://sanangelo.tamu.edu/genetics/angoratest.htm>.

For further information, contact Drs. Frank Craddock, San Angelo-based Extension sheep and goat specialist, or Dan Waldron, at (325) 653-4576, or the Sonora Experiment Station at (325) 387-3168.

Tommy Yeater is the Howard County Cooperate Extension agent for agriculture.

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Game warden class slated

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/gwacadet/index.htm>

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

RN update set at SMMC July 29

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 Sylvania Rawlings, Box 19407, Arlington 76019, or by fax at 817 272-5263.

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No refund for no-shows.

Beetle expected to help manage invasive, water-gulping salt cedar trees

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Cotton producers who for years have battled the boll weevil may have better luck eradicating the insect than officials dealing with an invasive, overly thirsty tree that is sucking scarce water from parched areas of the state.

The boll weevil in Texas likely will be eliminated in about 10 years, officials with the Texas Cooperative Extension said Thursday. However, salt cedar trees, which are choking rivers, streams and lakes in Texas and most Western states, present a different scenario.

One mature tree can produce as many as 500,000 seeds a year, making elimination nearly impossible.

"I don't know that we'll ever get rid of it," said Charles R. Hart, a range specialist with the cooperative's Fort Stockton office, at a symposium in San Angelo on the water-gulping tree. "We'll just have to manage it to where it's not such a neg-

ative impact."

The tree, which came to this country from the Middle East as an ornamental in the early 1800s, pulls large amounts of water from the ground and reproduces easily.

Experts have been using herbicides to combat the invasive trees in past years, but a leaf beetle from the salt cedar's native region has been successful in defoliating the trees.

"If you can keep it defoliated, at least theoretically, it will use less water," said Larry White, a range specialist with the cooperative's College Station office. One study showed that a 50 percent reduction of foliage reduced the tree's water uptake by 15 percent, he said.

After 10 years in quarantine and field testing in cages, the beetles have shown their voracious appetite is effective.

"This is the way to go, everything else is temporary," said Jack DeLoach, a U.S. Department of

Agriculture researcher based in Temple who has studied the tree for about 15 years. "Beetles will do the knock out punch. It's just that it's not quite as fast" (as the herbicide).

Last week, beetles in cages were released in locations that included two near Big Spring and in Seymour, which is about 180 miles west of Dallas. Other sites approved for release, which could happen as soon as this fall, include Candelaria, near Big Bend, Zapata in South Texas and Kingsville.

Shortly after assessing the field cage results, the beetles will be released in the open to reproduce and defoliate. The beetle only eats the salt cedar and is not a threat to other vegetation, officials said.

Salt cedars consume the most water — up to 14 acre feet of water a year — when the water table is near the surface, they reside in dense soil and there's a low salinity level in the groundwater. Those kinds of conditions

exist near the Canadian River in the Panhandle.

"What this means is it will use as much water as it possibly can," White said.

The salt cedars consume less water if the water table is further below the surface, has a higher salinity level and has more vegetation competing for the water.

As late as 1968, the fast-growing tree was planted along waterways in the western states to help control erosion. Now, most every western state, excluding Washington, is dealing with the trees' seemingly unquenchable thirst.

In New Mexico and Arizona, the beetles won't be used within 200 miles of the habitat of the willow flycatcher, an endangered bird that uses the salt cedar for nesting.

Earlier this month, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, co-sponsored The Salt Cedar Control Demonstration Act, which would preserve limited water resources.

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as physical evidence of the crop still exists.

2001/2002 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM

FSA recently announced provisions of a crop disaster program for producers with significant crop losses in years 2001 or 2002. We have begun accepting requests to sign into the crop disaster program. When a producer calls we put he/she on a register, develop their file. Once

a producer's file is ready we will call the affected producer to schedule a time he/she may visit the office. Final date to make application for the crop disaster program has not been established. Howard County producers who believe they sustained at least a 35 percent production loss in either years 2001 or 2002 should call the Howard County FSA office to have their files processed (432) 267-2557.

Rick Liles is the executive director of the Howard County Farm Service Agency.

H-E-B to waive fee for chasing child tax credit checks

Special to the Herald

SAN ANTONIO — H-E-B has announced that it will cash for free the IRS Child Tax Credit rebate checks that will be hitting mail boxes after July 25.

As part of the tax-cut plan recently passed by Congress, the child tax credit has been raised from \$600 to \$1,000 per eligible child in the 2003 and 2004 tax years. The refund checks will serve as an advance on the increased credit which parents

can expect to claim for 2003.

Most middle-income parents are expected to receive up to \$400 per eligible child.

"We have decided to waive the typical 1 percent fee for customers who cash their rebate checks at their local H-E-B," said Dora Valdez, business centers manager for H-E-B. "Texas parents will be able to utilize all of their rebate dollars for their families."

H-E-B stores with business centers statewide will offer the check

cashing service for free, and no purchase is necessary.

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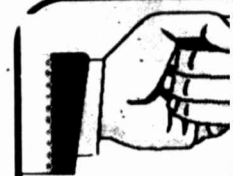
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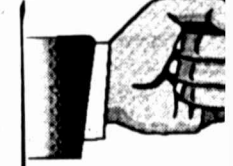


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- Clerk of fiction
- Moon of Saturn
- Growing area
- Fell back
- They're usually counted last
- Cards, e.g.
- Ballet star
- Collaborate
- Memorable alter ego
- Guy
- Job opening
- Tops
- Decided on
- Reactors
- Rigs
- Innovator of early TV.
- Foul spot
- Kelly creation
- Admission Dept. data
- Arch
- Flashing sign
- More grainy, perhaps
- #1 tune of '54
- Don Juan division
- Sourced
- Somewhere near
- Farmer's concern
- Stage
- This is the last of them

DOWN

- Old song
- California oak
- Lost
- Gas-use units
- France, circa 1800
- No manor
- "Gotchal"
- Enforcement power
- Check clasher
- City near Leipzig
- Flirt with
- Literally, "I"
- Use a chip.
- Journal VIPs
- Johnny Sheffield portrayal

22 The Book of Lights author

24 Crannies

25 Languid

26 Not at all simple

28 Pamplona runner

29 Have a bug

30 Progress, so to speak

31 Captain Blood name

32 Flavorful

34 Fraternity Life network

35 Some kitties

36 Tropical tree

37 Party nosh

39 Grp. once headed by John L. Lewis

44 Lab coloring

46 Beef

47 Quarters

48 Written account

49 The Private Life of Henry VIII director

51 15th century conquerors

52 Floor: Fr.

53 Capacities

54 Music symbol

55 Richard, in Cleopatra

57 Ghastly

58 Burn up

59 Slow, with "down"

60 3 to 5, usually

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Mercury and Neptune
form an opposition that acts like image-editing software on our sense of reason. The pictures in our head are quite easily manipulated — brighten



Joyce Jillson

the color, stretch the scene, or enlarge a minuscule detail, and you've got a version that in no way resembles reality. It's terrific for creativity but not so good for a solid plan of attack.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Coincidence provides conversation with interesting new people. Change your outside to reflect how you feel on the inside. Donate things

you haven't used in a year to a favorite charity. New confidence attracts love.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An encounter with one you admire shows you the direction to grow toward. Vibes regarding work should be acted on immediately in some small way, even if it's your day off. Stop a blame-passing chain at home.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sweet harmony fills personal relationships. Romantic hopefuls who have had trouble breaking the ice become suave and sophisticated. Couples have the realization that rules need to be reinstated.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a lovely time to daydream. Settling down is on your mind, and you'll be lucky in matters that involve moving property. Selling face to face is also lucky. Tonight, a good friend has an idea you can't resist.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Focus on the needs of others, and suddenly, everyone is your friend. New skills help you deal with popularity — get on a fresh learning track. You and mate or partner cook up a big-money enterprise based on what you're finding out.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 20). Your charisma has never been higher than it is this year. In the next 10 days, take a chance. This risk leads to winning in another area of your life. Through August, do what has been successful for you in the past, and watch your financial situation get much better. September gives you the time to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Your lucky numbers this year are: 6, 22, 55, 32 and 19.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Family unity requires more communication. A phony is easy for you to spot, but protect younger people who are more easily fooled. Investigate a suspicious action. This afternoon, a flirtation has you feeling on top of the world.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Seek variety, and change the status quo! An attractive stranger is sending a subtle signal of romantic interest. Reciprocate, and you're off on a romantic journey. Friends, children and older people have a valid need of you tonight.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your direct style is admired, and you get results by tackling duties head on. Put your creative stamp on projects this afternoon, or be prepared for the credit to go to someone else. Tonight, kick up your heels.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A family member is out of your control. If you can find it in your heart to indulge someone's ego, you'll keep the peace. Financial tip: Learn all you can from those who've survived economic hardship in the past.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Attention to health and exercise makes you feel strong and capable. Don't force your values on others, as a new love is easily alienated. Financial challenges let you sharpen

your logic skills, which are sexier than you realize.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Call, write, and generally use your influence. Bringing people together is your forte. Zany pals buzz about you in a delightful mix. The mind must overtake the heart tonight — a steamy romantic impulse may be unwise.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are almost convinced to throw good money after bad, but of course, you know better. Hide your skepticism regarding a loved one's plan. This person needs your support. A secret admirer is plotting to get to know you better.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week, use good style and good sense to put yourself in a position to claim what you want. The Taurus moon promises that our hard work finally adds up to something we can use to change the quality of our lives for years to come. The effects of change are swift and lasting, so you can stop yourself from thinking it could all disappear tomorrow. Tuesday, when the sun begins transiting through bighearted Leo, it's hard to escape your drive for attention. Everyone needs his or her share and then some. Luckily, the spotlight is big enough for more than one player, and if you take turns, the needs of many can be satisfied. When the sun is in Leo, it's like a homecoming for the center of our system. Thursday releases some of our anxiety and has everyone sharing on the social scene. Under the quick Gemini moon, ideas are the commodity exchanged; mental expansion and a lighter approach to life are the benefits. Casual plans and spontaneous decisions bring on a chain of lasting good fortune. Over the weekend, personal forces line up and amplify charisma. It's a lucky time to increase earnings, enhance creative potential or attract a dreamy love.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Matt LeBlanc married his longtime girlfriend at an exotic island getaway, and the stars turned out in droves. For years, I have predicted LeBlanc will break out as a serious actor in a much-acclaimed film role after the series "Friends" comes to a close. I stick by this, noting his Pisces moon, which lends unbelievable versatility to actors. Watch LeBlanc floor critics with a stealth attack on the movie world.
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court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment — Deferred Adjudication: Jaros G. Parnell, Graffiti Less Than \$500 Damage, \$250 fine, \$241 court costs, 24 hours community service.

Probated Judgment: Marcus E. DeLeon, Graffiti Less Than \$500 Damage — Enhanced, \$500 fine, \$346 court costs, 80 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Kathy Lain Geraldson, Driving While Intoxicated/Open Container, \$750 fine, \$276 court costs, 24 hours community service, 90 days driver's license suspension, 180 days in jail (license suspension and jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Larry Martinez Jr., Possession of Marijuana Less Than Two Ounces, \$300 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Sheri Larue Hart, Driving While Intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$275.25 court costs, 24 hours community service, 90 days driver's license suspension, 180 days in jail (license suspension and jail time suspended, six months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Lena Y. Clegg, Theft \$50 To \$500 — Enhanced, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Roger Edwards, Theft \$500 to \$1,500, \$299.25 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Monica J. McGruder, Failure to Identify, \$250 fine, \$310.25 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Roger Lee Edwards, Possession of Marijuana Less Than Two Ounces, \$310.25 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Roger Lee Edwards, Failure to Identify, \$310.25 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Jessie W. Brown, Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$291 court costs, 120 days in jail.

Revocation of Probation: Renee Arge Valdez Jr., Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 120 days in jail.

Revocation of Probation: Juan A. Cantu, Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$326 court costs, 90 days license suspension, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Ruben Anthony Gonzales, Deadly Conduct, \$500 fine, \$361 court costs, 120 days in jail.

Revocation of Probation: Ruben A. Gonzales, Carrying a Prohibited Weapon, \$500 fine, \$361 court costs, 120 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Jason H. Merworth, Driving While Intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$326 court costs, 90 days license suspension, 10 days in jail.

Revocation of Probation: Jeffery Scott Cox, Theft \$50 to \$500, \$250 fine, \$411 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Domingo L. Galaviz, Failure to Identify, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Lisa Gale Gamble, Theft \$500 to \$1500, \$311 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Gerardo Marruffo, Driving With A Suspended License, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Probated Judgment: Maria Garza, Assault, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 80 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Sandy Daves, Theft \$50 to \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Melissa Rose, Failure to Appear, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Roger Lee Edwards, Driving With A Suspended License, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Ruben Gonzales, Evading Arrest, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs, 120 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Ruben Gonzales, Failure to Identify, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs, 120 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Eliott Perryman, Driving With A Suspended License, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Jacquelyn Brown, Driving With A Suspended License, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 21 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Shane Thomas Ratliff, Possession of Marijuana Less Than Two Ounces, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 13 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Edgo Viasana, Driving While Intoxicated — Open Container, \$2,000 fine, \$276 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days license suspension, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Ismael Flores, Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 24 hours community service, 90 days driver's license suspension, 180 days in jail (license suspension and jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jose N. Garfas, Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days license suspension, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Ciplo Ray Aguilar, Possession of Marijuana Less Than Two Ounces, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Adrian Perez, Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 24 hours community service, 90 days license suspension, 180 days in jail (license suspension and jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Roger Edwards, Driving With A Suspended License, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Terrance M. Lewis, Resisting Arrest, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Brian Christopher Lewis, Failure to Identify, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Debra Kay Marquez, Failure to Identify, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, \$30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Vincent Martinez Jr., Criminal Trespassing, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Marriage Licenses: Jordan Walker Rainey, 24, and Jennifer Ann Johnson, 27, both of Big Spring.

Scott Vell Autry, 20, and Deanna Kay Dunlap, 23, both of Big Spring.

Marcelino Ramirez Jr., 19, and Peggy Torres Hernandez, 23, both of Big Spring.

Joe Paul McMurtrey, 20, and Aimee Marie Crawford, 20, both of Big Spring.

Brandon James Johnson, 25, and Courtney Kae Turner, 20, both of Big Spring.

Corey Preston Hoffpauir, 26, and Anna Maria Juarez, 21, both of Big Spring.

Bill Ray Mears, 30, and Anna Mae Daves, 16, both of Big Spring.

Matthew Lane Gafford, 25, and Elise Dyan Title, 28, both of Big Spring.

Joel Edward Garza, 30, and Lisa Marie Boyd, 23, both of Big Spring.

Johnny Lee Johnson, 31, and Misty Dawn Barnes, 29, both of Big Spring.

Thomas Christopher Molina, 30, and Brandy Adelle Fleet, 25, both of Big Spring.

Adrian Salenas Brito, 44, of Midland and Rebecca Saenez, 46, of Big Spring.

Davie Dee Edmondson, 57, and Genda Franklin, 40, both of Coahoma.

Carl Lee Howell, 70, and Debbie Lee Key, 43, both of Stanton.

Roger Allen Klgora, 29, and Cathy Ann Turner, 34, both of Big Spring.

Richard Lynn Spencer, 36, and Tracey Danette McDonald, 37, both of Coahoma.

Warranty Deed: Grantor: Gene Leonard and Juanita Leonard. Grantee: Gene Leonard II. Property: 12 acres in Sec. 40, Blk. 32, T-1-N T&P RR Co. survey. Date filed: June 27, 2003.

Grantor: Pattie K. Dickey. Grantee: Jerry Dickey. Property: 1/2 interest in Lot 6, Blk. 3, Worth Peeler Subdivision. Date filed: June 27, 2003.

Grantor: Robert H. Shepherd and JoAnn Kendzierski, co-trustees for the Shepherd Family Trust and co-independent executors of the estate of Grace A. Shepherd, deceased. Grantee: Robert H. Shepherd. Property: A tract in Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, SE/4, Sec. 42, Blk. 32, T-1-N T&P RR Co. survey. Date filed: June 30, 2003.

Grantor: Mark L. Yarbrough and Tiffany L. Yarbrough. Grantee: Larry P. Smith and Marcy J. Smith. Property: N 35 feet of Lot 2 and S 28 feet of Lot 3, Blk. 13, Douglas Addition. Date filed: June 30, 2003.

Grantor: Lynette B. Brooks Barnes. Grantee: Johnny W. Earp. Property: Lot 12, Blk. 4, replat of Highland South Addition No. 3. Date filed: July 1, 2003.

Grantor: Phillip E. Riddle and Sue A. Riddle, individually and as trustees of the Phillip E. Riddle Jr. and Sue A. Riddle Revocable Living Trust. Grantee: Diane Posey. Property: Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 6, Parkhill Addition. Date filed: July 1, 2003.

Grantor: Sarah Callendar and Curtis Callendar. Grantee: Olga Sanchez. Property: Lot 5, Blk. 49, Original Town of Big Spring. Date filed: July 1, 2003.

Grantor: Cruz Garza. Grantee: Leslie Lloyd. Property: Tract 5, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision, SE/4, Sec. 42, Blk. 32, T-1-N T&P RR Co. survey. Date filed: July 3, 2003.

Grantor: Judy Gilean Blair and Jeanie Gilean Moore. Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum. Property: Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Blk. 10, Brennard Addition. Date filed: July 3, 2003.

Grantor: George B. Ryan. Grantee: Ryan Separate Partnership LP. Property: 1.54 acres in NW/4 of Sec. 34, Blk. 32, T-2-N T&P RR Co. survey. Date filed: July 7, 2003.

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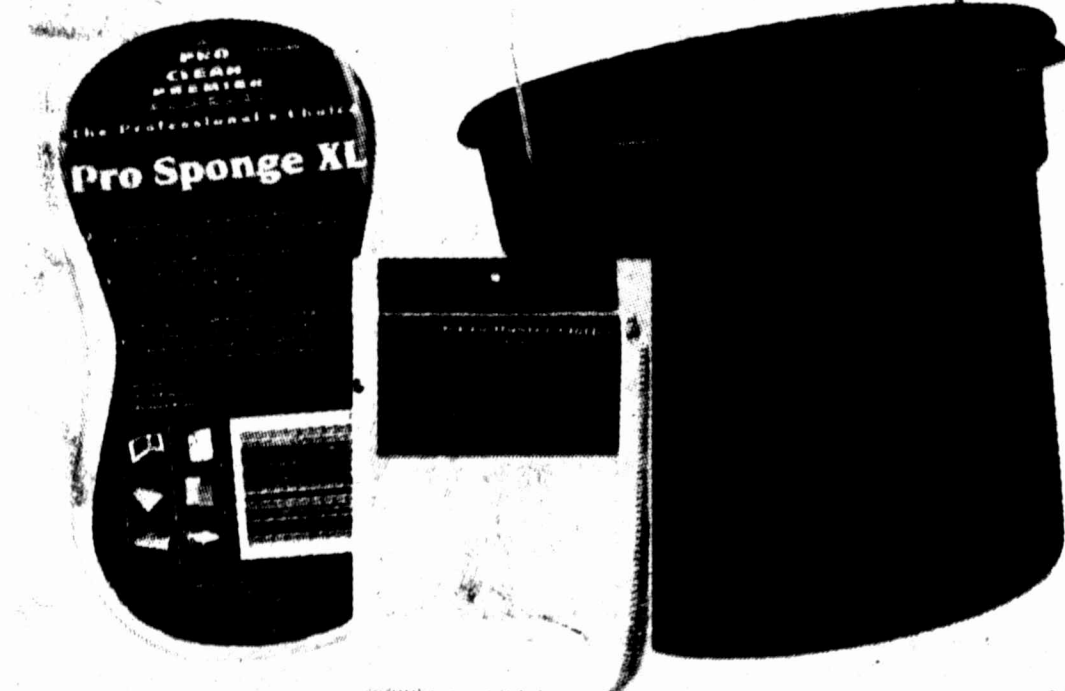
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