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## WEATHER

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## BRIEFLY

### BSISD BOARD TO MEET

Trustees for the Big Spring Independent School District will meet at 5:15 p.m. today in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

Among the items for discussion are repair work to the Big Spring Junior High School and a change in the district's employee salary schedule.

Trustees will also consider:

- Administrative procedures for planning and decision-making.
- The 2003-2004 Student Code of Conduct.
- The 2003-2004 Teacher Appraisal Calendar.
- Resignations, retirements and employments.

### CEREMONY PLANNED

The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will honor 20 of its residents during a special 50th anniversary ceremony commemorating the Korean War Armistice.

The ceremony will be held Sunday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the veteran's home located on North Highway 87 near the Big Spring State Hospital.

Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

### SHELHAMER FUND

A fund has been established for anyone who would like to help defray medical expenses for Dusty and Sandi Shelhamer, whose son Hunter was born prematurely on June 30 and is in Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock.

Sandi Shelhamer is a fifth grade teacher at Goliad. Dusty is a fireman and a guard at Alon USA.

The fund has been set up in Hunter's name at the Government Employees Credit Union on Gregg Street.

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# Budget time: City council mulls merit raises

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

A merit-based pay scale for city employees led off discussion at a budget workshop held by the Big Spring City Council Wednesday night.

The council heard a report from Steve Condrey of Condrey and Associates, a consulting firm based in Athens, Ga., on how such a plan might be implemented.

"This is something the council requested us to do last year," said City Manager Gary Fuqua. "They said that they would prefer to look at a merit-based system rather than across-the-board raises for our people. So a little bit later on we hired this consulting

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Woody Jumper,  
city councilman



firm to do a market analysis and kind of show us where we stand with regard to salaries for our people."

Condrey described a system where the performance of employees could be appraised

and rewarded.

"People would have to meet standards for performance," he said. "If they meet those standards, they would be eligible for a merit increase if the city has money to fund it. If they were below standards, they would not receive an increase. And if their work was exceptional, there would be a chance for an additional increase beyond the normal one. So not only would the salary scale rise to keep pace with the market, but people, based on their performance, could build their salaries throughout their careers."

Condrey said he's interviewed Big Spring

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# Riding the wind

Hang gliding championships ready to take to the skies

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Four United States national champions will be crowned right here in Big Spring next week.

The McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark will host the United States Hang Gliding Association's National Championships starting Sunday and running through Aug. 2.

The event — expected to draw about 60 glider pilots from around the United States and a few foreign countries — will see the award of national champions in rigid and flex-wing hang gliding and in the piloting of "Swifts," a type of sail plane. The women's national hang gliding champion will also be named at the



Photo courtesy David Glover  
About 60 world-class hang glider pilots will take to the skies over Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark next week for the United States Hang Gliding Association's National Championships. Pilots from all over the United States and as far away as Japan will be at the event, which will see the crowning of four national champions. Big Spring citizens are encouraged to come out and watch the excitement, including glider launches scheduled between noon and 2 p.m. daily. For more information call the airpark office at 264-2362.

event. The championships is the second major hang gliding competition Big Spring has hosted in many years. Last year, the U.S. Open hang gliding competition Big Spring has hosted in many years. Last year, See **GLIDING**, Page 3A

# Museum to host watercolor exhibit

Caboose Watercolor Society show slated to open Saturday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

A rainbow of colors will fill the Heritage Museum's downstairs temporary exhibit area during much of August, radiating from the display of the best watercolor works of the Caboose Watercolor Society.

"The Heritage Museum is proud to once again showcase the talented works of our area artists," said Museum Curator Tammy Schrecengost. "We encourage the community to come view these wonderful works of art." The public is invited to

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Courtesy photo  
"Designer Birds" by local professional artist Kay Smith, a member of the Caboose Watercolor Society, is an example of a watercolor medium. The Heritage Museum is holding a temporary exhibit of the society member's works during the month of August. On Saturday, a reception is planned from 2 to 4 p.m. for the exhibit's premiere.

# Help is available, caregivers are told

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Area residents sat down for a three-hour nuts-and-bolts overview of the serious issues surrounding care giving last week.

"Basically, what we tried to do for this seminar was to create a comprehensive overview of the issues surrounding care giving," said Raynetta Williams, caregiv-



**WILLIAMS**

er coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Committee.

Several presenters from various backgrounds spoke over issues ranging from mental relief, legal, financial and med-

ical. "We began with an introduction on care giving, self identification and some of the issues surrounding that," Williams said.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Director Nancy Jones presented an overview of the program and how participation may help ease the mental stress of a care giver.

"She talked about why it is important for seniors to have something to do after that retirement age," Williams said. "It also gives the care giver an opportunity to go out and work or do something else while that person is involved in a volunteer program."

Finding respite from the all-

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# Moore OKs funds for railway spur study

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

A proposed rail spur to the west side of McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark could connect highway and air freight to rail and mean a lot of business for Big Spring.

During their meeting Wednesday night, Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. directors agreed to foot half the bill to hire Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to study the area and develop a cost estimate and possible locations for the project.

Airpark Manager Jim Little told the Moore Board that the study needs to be done quickly so plans for a rail spur could be included in the Texas Department of Transportation's blueprints for the new U.S. 87 reliever route which will run west of the airpark.

"It gives a great deal of potential for the development of the west side (of the airpark) and of the airpark in general," Little said. "Everybody just talks about the airport as having such great potential. This is an opportunity to help develop that potential by bringing another mode of transportation in."

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper's price quote for the study is \$19,800. Moore Board members voted 4-1 to fund half the cost of the study up to \$10,000. Tim Blackshear was the lone dissenting member.

"My thought process was that, if this is a \$7

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## Obituaries

### Joyce Edmiston



Joyce Edmiston, 65, of Hobbs, N.M., died Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2003, at the Fellowship of Believers with the Rev. David Matkins officiating. Burial will be at Prairie Haven Memorial Park in Hobbs, under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Edmiston was born on March 22, 1938, in Hobbs. She married Jack Ray Edmiston on Sept. 14, 1957, in El Paso. He preceded her in death on July 25, 1991.

She was a member of Fellowship of Believers. She served as Hobbs City Clerk of 19 years. She was a volunteer at St. Paul's Methodist Church and at Good Samaritan Village. She had been employed by District Attorney's Office in Lovington, N.M., in the 1970s.

Survivors include: two daughters, Debbie Robinson of Clovis, N.M., and Jodi Henson of Hobbs, N.M.; one sister, Peggy Sanderson of Big Spring; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Fellowship of Believers, 601 E. Snyder, Hobbs, N.M., 88240.

## Support groups

### THURSDAY

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

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

### MONDAY

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

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

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

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows near 70. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows near 70.

Saturday...Mostly clear. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday...Mostly clear. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s.

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## Police blotter

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

- JESSIE JUAREZ**, 18, of 1003 N.W. Third St. was arrested Wednesday on four traffic warrants.

- YVETTE SOLIZ**, 17, of 1206 S. Johnson St. was arrested this morning on four local warrants.

- JOHN ALBERT LOPEZ**, 19, of 215 N.E. Ninth St. was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/family violence.

- ADAM STARR**, 18, of 803 E. 14th St. was arrested Wednesday on six traffic warrants.

- ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 900 block of South Scurry Street.

- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported twice in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION BY VEHICLE and POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA LESS THAN TWO OUNCES** were reported in the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. Marijuana, beer and a videocassette were seized as evidence in the incident.

- THEFT** was reported at Wal-Mart. Items worth \$7.44 were reportedly stolen and recovered.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 400 block of South Aylesford Street. Home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$50 was reported stolen.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of East 13th Street. \$100 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2300 block of South Runnels Steet and the 1500 block of Sycamore Street and the 2800 block of Crestline Road.

- MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2300 block of South Monticello Street.

- MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of West Third Street and the 300 block of South Main Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

- POSSIBLE CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of Eubanks. No damage was found, but a deputy contacted a subject suspected of harrasing the complainant.

## 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.

**BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

**ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-5-6-21-38. Bonus Ball: 29. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$41 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-14-15-24-28. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon: 6-6-4

## Bulletin board

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

### TODAY

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.

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.

### 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.

Evening 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.

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Little told the Board that the rail would need to be in the neighborhood of four miles long.

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"If they're below the recommended range, they

would be raised up to the recommended minimum," he said. "If they're just below a step, then they would move up to that step, so it may not be that much of an increase. No one would receive a reduction. Not at all."

Condrey estimated that about 80 or 90 percent of municipalities nationwide use some form of merit-based pay scale.

Reaction from the council was mixed.

"I think we should have been merit-paying way before now," said Councilwoman Stephanie

Horton. "I look at the way we're going to implement it and I don't too much like that. But we do need some sort of scale. We do need to have the merit scale implemented."

Mayor Russ McEwen said the council needs to carefully consider the plan.

"It's something that we're going to really need to give some thought to and some deliberation to because, in the budget as presented, there's money for just a little bit of the implementation of it," he said. "We need to decide

at what level we want to try to implement it or if we want to implement it at all."

Councilman W.A. "Woody" Jumper said extra compensation for police and fire personnel needs to be reflected in any plan the city adopts.

"In the back of my mind I'm still interested in raises for the fire and police departments, more than a considered 5 percent raise," he said. "Midland, I believe, got an 18 percent raise. We're not Midland, but we don't want our officers to come

here, get their experience from us, and then go to Midland. I think we need to pay the police and fire a little more than we're doing."

Otherwise, Jumper favors the idea of a merit-based pay scale.

"I'm for this merit raise," he said. "It's kind of on the guidelines the state has. The good thing about it is it's very equitable, very fair. It helps keep down dissension in the ranks. It's a good setup."

Following Condrey's presentation, the council

heard a staff presentation on the budget.

The council will meet again tonight at 5:30 for another workshop to discuss several issues on the budget, including the fate of the double-seal coat program to pave dirt roads in the city, issues relating to Moss Creek Lake and whether or not to increase ad-valorem (property) taxes.

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CAREGIVERS

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"Respite is so important," Williams said. "Often the care giver feels like they can do all these

things by themselves and they must do them.

"Respite gives them an opportunity to set back and have a reprieve, have a second wind and go out and do things that they normally would if they weren't involved in that care-giving situation," Williams continued. "Respite is tremendously important."

The purpose of the workshop was to address the challenges and provide information to those facing a care-giving situation.

"Often times, people are flung into a situation without any advance warning or planning, so how do they find the courage to stay in that situation and what should

they be planning for," Williams said.

The Area Agency on Aging can provide assistance to care givers who are 18 years old and older and are taking care of a loved one who are 60 years of age and older.

For more information or to seek help, call 1-800-491-4636

Presenters for the event

included Williams, Jones, Patti Lindsey, Area Agency on Aging benefits counselor; Janet Cross, Alzheimer's Association program coordinator; Dr. Fakhar Ijaz, internal medicine practitioner for Scenic Mountain Medical Center; and Justin Docker of New York Life.

The program was sponsored by the Area Agency

on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., Mountain View Lodge, New York Life Insurance Company and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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ing competition was held here.

"This is the most important meet of the year," said event coordinator David Glover. "It's going to be about twice as big as last year. The reason why we came back is that we had great conditions, but mainly it's the great people from Big Spring, and how supportive they were. Especially the airport manager, Jim Little, and Bobby McDonald. Without their constant help and support it just wouldn't happen. We're real excited to be here."

Glover said the type of hang gliding done in the tournament will involve gliders towed to high altitudes behind ultralight aircraft.

"The hang gliding com-

petition is like a three-dimensional yacht race in the sky, where the clouds are the gas stations and your arms are the accelerators," he said. "It's one of those things where, if you don't stop at a couple of gas stations along the way, you might not make it all the way back. It's a cross between wanting to go fast and staying up high."

Glover said a hang glider constantly descends and gains speed due to the pull of gravity, unless the pilot can locate a column of warm, rising air called a "thermal."

Glider pilots use thermals — usually marked by certain cloud formations — to spiral upward, gaining more altitude to continue their journey and hop to the next thermal.

"The perfect clouds are those kind of medium,

puffy clouds," he said. "Too big, and it gets kind of scary and you get sort of sucked up into it. Blue sky, and you might not get enough lift. So we think Big Spring has a good combination of the two."

Pilots will be offering "discovery" rides to those interested in the sport, both in tandem hang gliders and ultralight planes. Rides, projected to last between 15 minutes and half an hour, run \$75 for the hang glider hop or \$50 for the ultralight flight.

The competition will also be greeted by a community-wide event, said McDonald, chairman of the local hang gliding competition.

"We decided to call it 'The Four F's,'" McDonald said. "Free admission, Fun Day, Flying and Fine Food." The "Fun Day" refers to

the final day of competition, Aug. 2, when the committee plans a day of live music and food vendors, as well as a community-wide garage sale for the event.

"We wanted to find something that was common to everybody in Big Spring," he said. "Somebody on the committee said, 'Well, even Einstein had a garage sale,' so that kind of locked it in. We don't know if this will work or not, but we've got 145 spaces out there. We hope that people will bring their tables, their boxes, their umbrellas... take all the stuff out of their garages and their storage sheds and kind of make a community-wide picnic of it. Come on out and have a great time."

To help food vendors who are paying for the right to sell food, the com-

mittee asks that those participating in the garage sale refrain from selling ready-to-eat food and drink. That's about the only restriction, McDonald added.

"In doing this, they'll perform a civic duty," he said. "We want a crowd so that the hang gliders will come back to Big Spring." The garage sale will

temporarily shut down during the launch so that sellers can watch, he added.

For more information about the garage sale or discovery flights, call the airport office at 264-2362.

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Blackshear said that \$1 million per mile is a general rule of thumb for pricing rail line construction.

"That's a general cost for building a mile of rail on decent terrain," he said. "We've got some bad terrain out there that could cost \$3 million or \$4 million to cross."

Little told the Moore Board that the rail spur would need to be in the neighborhood of three or four miles long.

A rail spur already exists at the airport, but it is unsuitable for access to the west side of the facility, near access to the

reliever route.

"This will give us access at the airport both to the rail and the road," Little said. "I think it will be a tremendous asset to the community in the long run."

The existing spur can't feasibly be extended, either.

"It's encumbered right now," Little said. "It goes through an industrial complex and it would have to cross the airport's runways to get to the west side."

Little warned that the benefits of a rail spur would not occur overnight.

"It'll be dependent on the reliever route coming in and several other factors," he said. "It's one of those things that may not go, but if you don't plan for it at this time, it can never happen."

Little feels confident the city will fund the remainder of the study.

"I think so," he said. "It's something that I feel that the city council is very supportive on and I

feel that we will be able to provide the balance of that funding."

Mayor Russ McEwen said the council was supportive of the study.

"I think the consensus on the council is that it's something that very

much needs to be done," he said. "I feel very comfortable that we will fund the rest of that study."

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## OUR VIEWS

## U.S. Nationals has the best in sport here

Brightly-colored wings are already soaring in the skies around Big Spring as the nation's very best competitive hang gliders prepare for the U.S. Nationals Hang Gliding Championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The championships are scheduled for July 27 through Aug. 2 and will see approximately 60 pilots — both the best the United States has to offer and a sprinkling of strong international talent — vying for top honors.

Of course, one of the reasons the national championships are being staged in Big Spring is the reception members of the United States Hang Gliding Association received last year when the USHGA's U.S. Open was held here.

As was the case last year, competition in the week-long event will begin on Sunday and will continue through Saturday. Gliders will take off between noon and 2 p.m. each day, taking part in what USHGA spokesman David Glover calls "three-dimensional yacht races in the sky."

Clearly, this will be one of the top hang gliding events in the United States this year and spectators are welcomed to show up at the airpark and take in the competitions.

Concessions will be available, but as was the case last year, spectators are welcome to bring their folding chairs, sunshades and coolers with drinks.

Pilots taking part in the competition are involved in timed "out-and-return" events, as well as distance competitions.

Hang gliders compete in three divisions — flex wing gliders, rigid wing gliders that sport stabilizers and flaps much like a plane and the even more aerodynamic "Swift" class.

The gliders are here in Big Spring because this area boasts excellent natural qualities for hang gliding. This portion of West Texas has the geography and weather necessary for excellent soaring conditions.

And while competitors are here and preparing for this weekend's start of competition, local residents interested in taking a ride on an ultralight aircraft or soar on a tandem hang glider can do so. Ultralight flights are \$50 each and tandem hang glider flights are \$75. Appointments can be made by calling the airpark manager's office at 264-2362.

Even if you're not as adventurous as others, there's still plenty to see over the next week at the airpark. Take some time and spend a few hours or maybe even a whole day watching the best hang gliders in the world.

And while we're at it, we here at the *Herald* want to welcome all the U.S. Nationals participants. We hope you enjoy your stay here in Big Spring and hope you return for many years to come.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, heal our souls, repair our dreams and set us upon solid ground.

Amen

## Banning Scout judges underhanded move

The issue starts with the bogus argument, advanced by former President of the Bar Association of San Francisco Angela Bradstreet, that judges shouldn't be Boy Scouts

because they may not appear to be impartial in cases involving homosexuals. It's a smarmy guilt-by-association argument: The Scouts bar gay Scout leaders, so Scout/judges are suspect — even if Bradstreet couldn't name a single instance in which a city Scout/judge misbehaved when we talked last year.

That's when San Francisco Superior Court judges, to their undying shame, unanimously voted to bar Scout judges. Other local bars followed suit. The local rules, however, had no legal force, so the anti-Scouts asked the California Supreme Court to bar Scouts from the bench statewide.

Last month, Chief Justice Ron George released what has been touted as a compromise measure: Judges can be Scouts, but they have to disclose their membership or recuse themselves in cases "in some circumstances" — that is, cases involving sexual orientation.

Before I beat up on the decision, let me give George and the justices who voted unanimously for the compromise their due. They must recognize the Code of Judicial Ethics, which says, "A judge shall not hold membership in any organization that practices invidious discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin

or sexual orientation." The code then exempts "membership in a nonprofit youth organization" — a loophole designed to shield the Boy Scouts.

There was, however, good reason to shield the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts are prohibited by law from discriminating in hiring, but the U.S. Constitution's protection of freedom of association allows the group to exclude homosexuals as members — whether the Scouts want to keep sexual tension out of troop activities, or whether the group wrongly believes homosexuality is immoral. (For the record, I disagree with the Scouts.)

The Constitution also protects religions — many of which discriminate based on gender. There is a religious angle in the Scout case, as many adults participate in scouting through their churches, mosques or temples.

That's why the so-called compromise is a dangerous cave-in. It allows a group of liberal lawyers to isolate judges who don't toe the gay-advocacy line.

Now, once a judge says he's a Scout, he knows his every move can be challenged. Someday, if a Scout/judge can't be trusted to appear impartial, then devout Muslim and Catholic judges won't be trusted, either.

Every day, judges preside over trials of defendants who already have been convicted for stealing or killing; somehow they manage to be impartial. It's hysterical to suggest that impartiality can't be counted on because a judge is a Boy Scout.

Sacramento attorney James Sweeney called the new rule "viewpoint discrimination." Sweeney represents Catholic

Charities in its efforts to be exempted from a state law that requires employer-paid drug plans to offer birth control to employees — even though that violates church doctrine. (Again, I disagree with the church position — but then tolerance means recognizing the rights of others to be wrong.)

Here's another concern: If gay plaintiffs question the impartiality of a judge who is a Scout, shouldn't devout Catholics fear a judge who is a member of the National Organization for Women? Or worse, the Bar Association of San Francisco?

I asked Beth Jay, chief attorney for Chief Justice George, whether the rules would apply to a NOW judge and the Catholic Charities case. "It might be that a member of NOW would have to disclose that in a Catholic Charities case," Jay answered.

OK, but the activists targeted the Boy Scouts. Not NOW.

They allegedly did so to make the public more confident in the courts' impartiality. (Insert laughter. Bitter laughter.) The Supreme Court ruling only serves to make those who aren't politically correct less confident in the courts' impartiality.

The anti-Scouters aren't even honest. They don't want impartiality. They want to chase apostates off the bench.

Too bad the top court won't stand up to them.

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## Bush has trouble with appointees

Much of Washington was stunned last month when President Bush's chief counterterrorism expert resigned with a blast of criticism and then joined Democratic Sen. John Kerry's campaign for president. The shock among a knowledgeable few was even greater when an intimate adviser of Janet Reno as the Clinton administration's attorney general was named to a similar high-ranking terrorism post.

Defector Rand Beers's post as senior director for Combating Terrorism remains vacant. However, on May 27, Frances Fragos Townsend was named deputy national security adviser for Combating Terrorism. The announcement obscured the fact that she had been a Democratic political appointment who was partially blamed by erstwhile Justice colleagues for failure to investigate alleged Sept. 11 terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui. A White House official told me Townsend considers herself a career government employee and a "lifelong Republican," with no responsibility for the Moussaoui fiasco.

Careful political screening by the Bush operation for routine appointments seems to have broken down in filling highly sensitive terrorism posts. The Democratic establishment, probing for soft spots in the president's armor, is claiming a misdirected war against terrorism. Bush has already suffered from one enemy within, and now risks another. Resignation of a senior national security aide on policy grounds followed by defection to the political opposition is unprecedented.

The selection last August of Beers to replace resigned veteran terrorism expert Dick Clarke raised eyebrows on Capitol Hill. Career foreign service officer Beers repeatedly tangled with House Republicans over how to fight narcoterrorists in Colombia.

Beers, a registered Democrat, vigorously promoted President Clinton's cautious line on Colombian policy as his assistant secretary of state for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs. He owed Clinton for saving his career in 1997, when White House aides wanted to sack him as a National Security Council staffer for failing to give the president FBI reports about illegal campaign contributions from China. Beers holding a highly sensitive post in a Republican administration was an accident bound to happen.

As Beers joined the Kerry campaign by attacking Bush, extreme care would have been expected in making further appointments. That is why the Townsend selection was so stunning to officials who knew her at the Justice Department.

Townsend began her government career in 1985 as a local prosecutor in Brooklyn, working under District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman, a prominent liberal Democratic activist. Three years later, Townsend moved to the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan — notoriously liberal-laden amid a Republican administration. Townsend's boss and patron there was Jo Ann Harris, whose orientation was liberal Democratic.

When Attorney General Reno in 1993 summoned Harris to Washington as assistant attorney general running the Criminal Division, Harris immediately brought Townsend along as her aide. Townsend was promoted to oversee international law enforcement and then became counsel to the attorney general for terrorism

and head of the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review (OIPR) — a political Reno appointment for a supposed career slot.

The line between career and political appointments at Justice has been blurred, but Townsend was viewed by old timers at Justice as part of the Reno inner circle. Her critics partially blame Townsend for changes in operation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) that they claim inhibited sharing of information between intelligence and prosecution.

That shortcoming was corrected by Attorney General John Ashcroft, but not before the failure to investigate Moussaoui prior to Sept. 11. The White House official told me that Townsend had tried to correct FISA shortcomings, but that is not the version by former Justice colleagues. Ashcroft sent Townsend to the Coast Guard as assistant commandant for Intelligence, where she remained until her appointment as the president's adviser on counterterrorism.

Townsend did not return my telephone calls. The White House official representing her said National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice obtained endorsements of her by Ashcroft, FBI Director Robert Mueller and CIA Director George Tenet.

"I am absolutely astonished," a former Justice Department told me when he was informed of her claims to being a lifelong Republican. With Democrats in full cry against Bush's conduct of the war against terrorism, the president can only hope Fran Townsend is not another Randy Beers.

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## Senate

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# Senate Jurisprudence Committee passes redistricting bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate committee on Wednesday adopted a map of new congressional districts that likely would give the Texas GOP an advantage over the state's Democrats in Washington, but the plan seemed doomed this special legislative session.

The Senate

Jurisprudence Committee approved the measure 4-3 on a party line vote.

Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, who chairs the Senate Republican Caucus, sponsored the map, which he unveiled Wednesday. He said it was fair and balanced.

"Clearly I think the map that I laid before you

today respects rural, east, west and south Texas and the Panhandle in enabling them to elect a candidate of their choice," Staples said.

Democrats objected to the map's passage, saying that most people who testified at public hearings didn't want lawmakers to take up redistricting.

"The redrawing of congressional district lines in spite of overwhelming public opposition amounts to the commission (of) an enormous abuse of the public trust," Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, told the committee.

Staples' map appears as though it could give

Texas Republicans as many as 22 seats in Congress, compared to 10 seats for Democrats, though Staples would not confirm that figure.

Democrats now have a 17-15 majority in the delegation.

Lawmakers failed to draw congressional districts during the 2001 leg-

islative session, leaving federal judges to create the current plan. The GOP, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, says that recent voting trends show Republicans should have more representation in the Texas congressional delegation.

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the exhibit's premiere on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The show will be displayed through Aug. 19.

Started in 1997, the three founding members of the Caboose Watercolor Society — Linda Rupard, Carole Berry and Kay Smith — had the aim to promote watercolor painting.

"Back then it wasn't taken as seriously as oil painting," Smith, a professional artist said. "Now watercolors is the No. 1 medium in the world."

Waiting to break away from the tradition setting of art clubs, the society, now seven members strong, meets at the whim of its members. At each

meeting, members present three of their best paintings for critiques.

"We want to promote the professionalism of water color painting," Smith said.

Along with Smith, Rupard and Berry, members Judy Gibbs, Sue Bagwell and Leada Wood will also have works featured in the show.

"You will see the best of each of those seven painters' works," Smith said.

Daily admission to the museum, 510 Scurry, is \$2 for adults and a \$1 for senior citizens and children. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League is now under way at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for football is being held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every week day.

A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration. The cost for football is \$75 per person.

For more information, call 268-9634.

#### Rose Magers-Powell camp under way

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp is now under way at the Big Spring High School Steer Gym.

Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$85 per camper.

For more information, call 263-4847.

#### Area players sought for all-star game

Several positions on the 2003 All Americas Basketball squad are available to area seniors interested in participating in the event.

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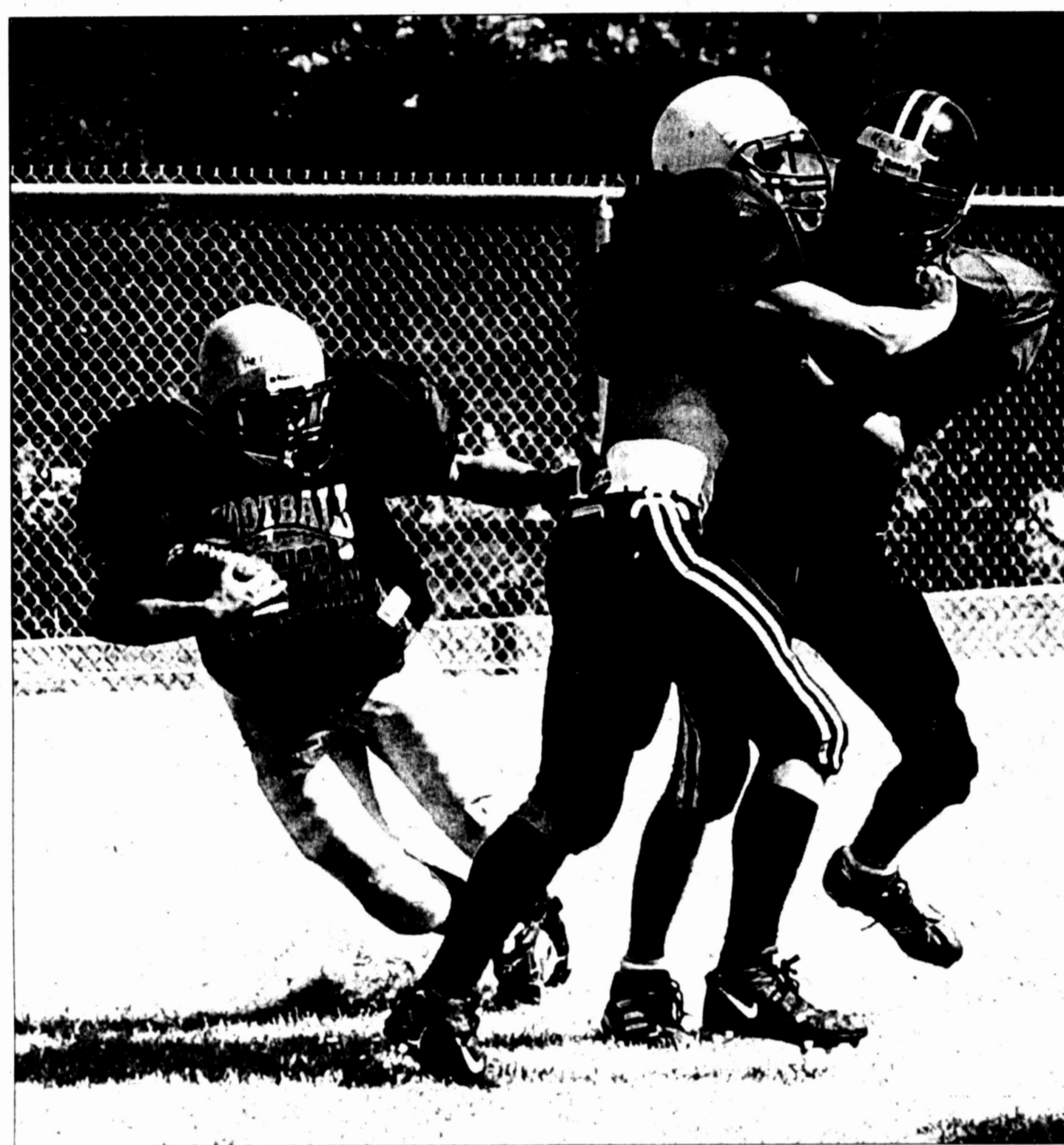
#### WTGSC to hold 100-hole golf marathon

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will be holding a golf marathon on Aug. 4 in Sweetwater.

Golfers participating in the event will play 100 holes of golf during the one-day event. All participants will have their own cart, and play at their own speed using modified rules.

The field will be limited to 40 golfers.

For more information or to register contact, Shirley Olson at (325) 670-0432.



Canadian Brody "Peanut Butter" Hermanson darts behind the block of quarterback Tyrel Kerpan during practice Wednesday morning. Hermanson, who starred at safety in the Can-Am game two weeks ago in Saskatchewan, and Kerpan are scheduled to lead the Nationals against the Texas All-Stars Saturday night at Memorial Stadium. Kick-off time is set for 7:30 p.m.

## Tyler Hamilton gets his first stage win on Tour de France

BAYONNE, France (AP) — Riding with the pain of a broken collarbone, veteran American racer Tyler Hamilton won his first ever stage in the Tour de France on Wednesday after a brave solo breakaway effort.

Lance Armstrong retained his 67-second overall lead, with four days of racing left. He finished 24th in Wednesday's stage, a 122.5-mile trek from Pau to Bayonne and the last punishing day in the mountains.

Hamilton applauded himself as he crossed the line at the end of the 16th stage, a 122.5-mile trek from Pau to Bayonne and the last punishing day in the mountains. "It was incredible, incredibly difficult," Hamilton said. "I knew I had to give it everything. I really can't believe it."

Armstrong leads Jan Ullrich, his German archrival who won the Tour in 1997. After Wednesday's stage, Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan was third overall, 2 minutes and 45 seconds behind Armstrong. Hamilton was 6 minutes, 35 seconds behind Armstrong, but closed in on fourth-placed Hamar Zubeldia, at 5:16 and fifth-placed Iban Mayo of Spain, at 5:25.

With the win, Hamilton was propelled one notch in the overall standings to sixth and now has a good shot at finishing in the top five when the race ends Sunday in Paris. He said winning the 16th stage made up for the disappointment of two weeks of pain. "To win a stage of the

Tour de France is fantastic. It's beyond my wildest dreams," Hamilton said. "After today, I'll forget about the disappointment."

Hamilton broke his collarbone in a crash on the second day of the three-week race but continued riding. Armstrong gave him a hug at the finish Wednesday.

"I think this is the biggest day of the Tour," Armstrong said. "Incredible." Hamilton was long Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service teammate, but now races against him with Team CSC.

During Wednesday's stage, Hamilton broke away and raced alone at the front for much of the race, finishing in 4 hours, 59 minutes and 41 sec-

onds. Afterward, he said his collarbone, which was broken in two places, is still sore but better than it was.

"The first week was just brutal, both on and off the bike I was suffering," he said. "It's probably been my most difficult race ever."

Hamilton, 32, of Marblehead, Mass., of was viewed as one of a handful of cyclists capable of denying Armstrong a record-tying fifth-straight Tour victory before he was injured in a crash involving 35 riders.

Armstrong had been having a troubled Tour until Monday, when he rebounded in the 15th stage with a dominant win in the mountains after two weeks of problems.

## Berkman thumps Pirates with HR

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Lance Berkman homered in the top of the 11th to lead the Houston Astros over the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2 Wednesday night.

Berkman homered with two outs off Dan Kolb (0-1) for his 20th home run. It's Berkman's fourth consecutive year with at least 20.

Billy Wagner pitched the 11th for his 30th save in 33 chances, helping the Astros to their 12th win in the last 14 games. He got Keith Osik to foul out to the catcher with runners on first and third to end it.

Mike Gallo (1-0) pitched to two batters in the 10th for the victory.

The Astros tied the game at 2 in the ninth off reliever Valerio De Los Santos.

Berkman doubled leading off. He went to third on Brad Ausmus' sacrifice and scored on Eric Bruntlett's sacrifice fly.

The ninth-inning rally cost Milwaukee starter Glendon Rusch his first victory since April 8.

Rusch was in control, allowing one run on four hits in seven innings. He struck out a season-high nine and walked two. It would have been his first victory since beating Pittsburgh in his second start of the season. Rusch is 0-11 in his last 15 starts.

He gave up a run-scoring double to Richard Hidalgo in the third, but then retired the next 13 batters.

Rusch left with a 2-1 lead. Mike DeJean took over to start the eighth. He put runners on first and third with one out, but worked out of the jam when he struck out Jeff Kent and Hidalgo.

## New England extends deal with Belichick

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — The New England Patriots extended the contract of coach Bill Belichick for two years, taking him through the 2006 season. Belichick is entering the fourth year of his original five-year deal in which he led the Patriots to the Super Bowl championship in his second season.

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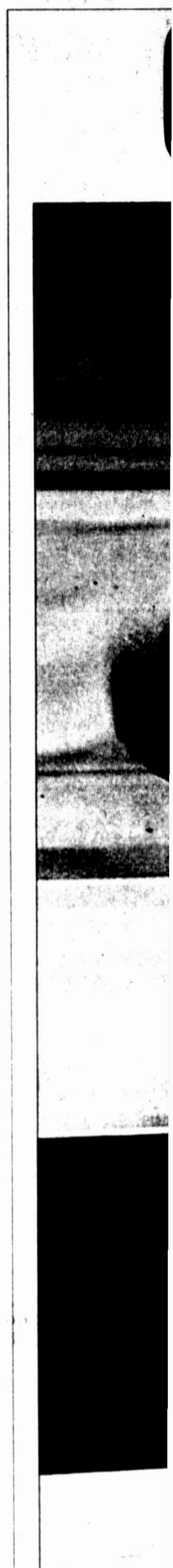
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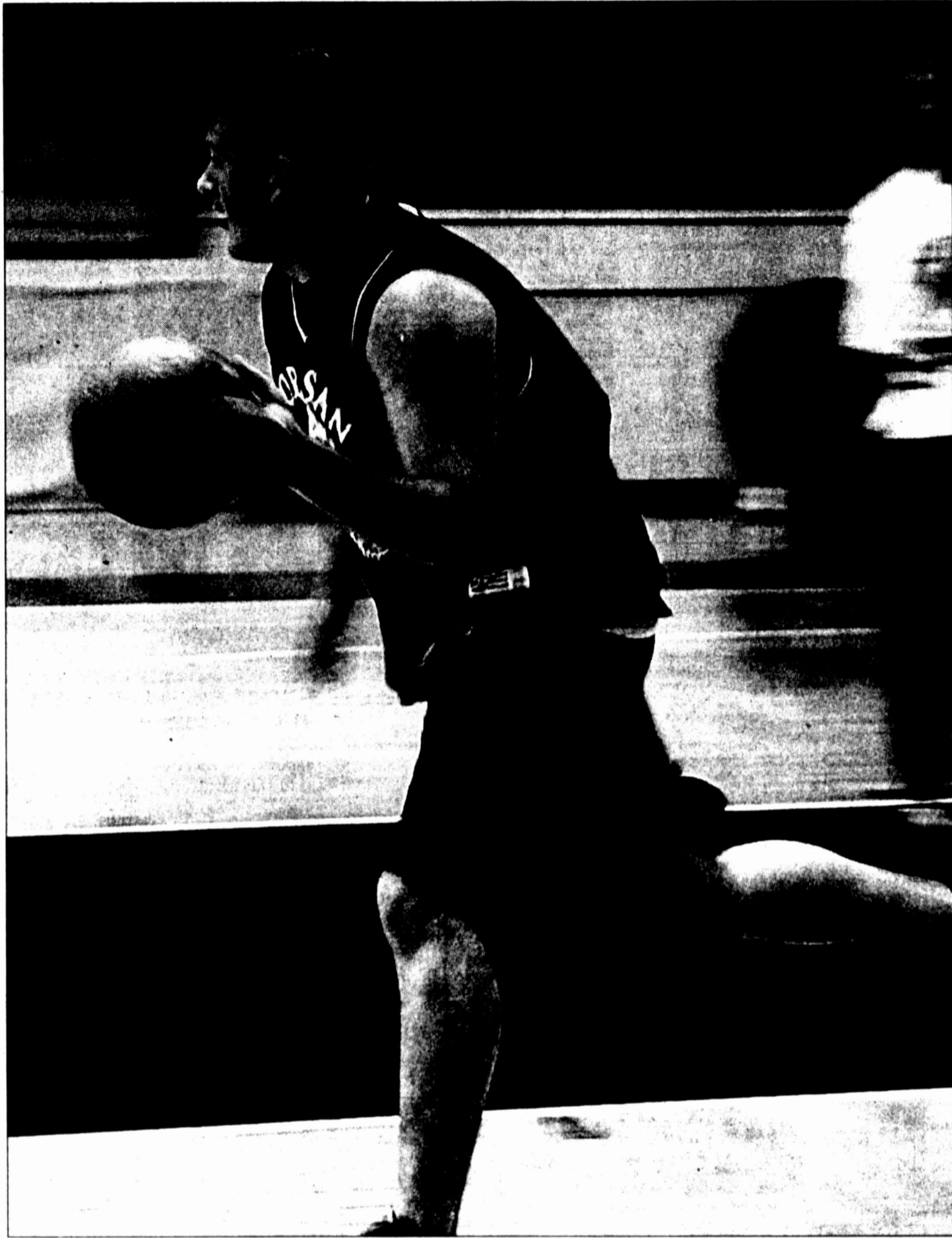
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# GETTING READY



Forsan High School's Matt Ellis dribbles down the court after pulling down a rebound Wednesday evening during the South's first practice for Friday's All Americas Basketball Classic. Ellis, who helped lead Forsan to the state playoffs this past year, is one of a handful of local stars set to take to the court at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Kobe Bryant's defense team well-regarded, familiar with high-profile athlete lawsuits

DENVER (AP) — Kobe Bryant's legal dream team consists of two low-profile attorneys with a client list ranging from Jon Benet Ramsey's father to retired Avalanche goalie Patrick Roy and writer Hunter S. Thompson.

One of them, Pamela Mackey, knows the prosecutor well and the other, Hal Haddon, ran former Sen. Gary Hart's 1988 presidential campaign.

Colleagues say they are well-respected across Colorado for a meticulous work ethic, and could prove a formidable obstacle for prosecutors trying to convict the Los Angeles Lakers superstar of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman.

"Nobody has a better success ratio," longtime Denver criminal defense attorney Robert McAllister said. "They'll leave no stone unturned. No avenue not driven down."

The 24-year-old Bryant is free on bail and is set to

appear in court Aug. 6. He is charged with sexually assaulting the woman June 30 in his suite at the Lodge & Spa at the Cordillera in Edwards, about 100 miles west of Denver. Bryant says the sex was consensual.

His attorneys have shied away from the media, refusing interviews with the exception of two brief news conferences.

Mackey and Haddon know Colorado, its laws and what to expect in potential jurors, Loyola University Law School professor Laurie Levenson said.

"The last thing you want is to look like you rode into town with a bunch of city-slick lawyers, especially in a case that may hinge on credibility," she said. "They have to not only believe Kobe but really believe him through his lawyers."

During the prosecutor's news conference detailing the charge last week,

Bryant released a statement saying he had committed adultery. His wife, Vanessa, issued her own statement, saying she would stand by her husband.

Two hours later, the couple joined their attorneys at a nationally televised news conference from Staples Center, where the Lakers play. There, Bryant declared his innocence and tearfully apologized to his wife.

"I thought the public relations maneuver last week was fairly brilliant," Levenson said. "I think these lawyers respect the fact that the community might not want a high-publicity case."

Both from the Midwest, Haddon, 62, and Mackey, 47, started their careers as public defenders.

Haddon has been in private practice in Denver since the mid-1970s. He represented John Ramsey during a Boulder investigation into the 1996 slaying of 6-year-old

Jon Benet. Charges were never filed.

"These are very politically connected attorneys in the community and these long-standing relationships pay off," said Lawrence Schiller, who researched the firm for a book he wrote about the slaying.

Mackey, a George Washington University graduate, was a public defender from 1989 to 1994 in Summit County — about 70 miles west of Denver and in the same judicial district where District Attorney Mark Hurlbert started his law career as an intern in 1993.

The two opposed each other in a case involving a British skier charged in March with negligence in the death of another skier at the Breckenridge ski resort. Charges were dropped.

Mackey represented Roy in a domestic violence case where charges were dismissed.

## Young Life Golf tourney set for this weekend at CTGC

Cornell Corrections and Young Life Big Spring announce the Fourth Annual Young Life Golf Classic. The event is scheduled for July 26-27 at Big Spring Country Club.

This "orange ball" scramble format will consist of four person teams. On each hole, three players scramble and one plays own "orange ball." Scramble score and net

score of orange ball are added. Players must have a verifiable handicap. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. The event, which is lim-

ited to 36 teams, benefits Young Life Big Spring and is being sponsored by numerous local business. For more information, call Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

## Family members empty Dennehy's apartment in Waco

WACO (AP) — After more than a month of holding out hope that missing Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy would be found alive, his family went to his apartment to remove his belongings Wednesday.

The police search for his body was delayed because of rain Wednesday morning, but authorities said they planned to keep searching sites given to them by Dennehy's former teammate and roommate, Carlton Dotson, now charged with murder.

Dennehy's mother and stepfather, Valerie and Brian Brabazon, along with their daughter Wyn and the player's girlfriend Jessica De La Rosa, went to the third-floor apartment Wednesday, the day after arriving in Waco.

The apartment complex — with well-manicured lawns, swimming pool and sand volleyball court — is across the street from the gold-domed Ferrell Center, where Dennehy hoped to play this winter. He sat out last season after transferring from New Mexico last year, as mandated by NCAA rules.

Brian Brabazon said the group planned to talk to police about the case and tour the Baptist-affiliated Baylor University campus. He declined further comment.

"We appreciate your concern, but today we'd like to do what we have to do as a family," he told news reporters gathered outside a Waco hotel.

Earlier Wednesday, Brabazon told The Associated Press that Dennehy's mother was "very upset." Since Dennehy was last seen in mid-June, relatives have said they believed he could be alive.

Two campus ministers spent several hours with the family Wednesday, said a Baylor spokeswoman, Lori Scott Fogleman.

Brabazon said Wednesday that he was not sure if the family would meet with athletic department officials during their Waco trip. He and his wife have said that Dennehy had been threatened shortly before his disappearance and reported the threats to his coaches.

Basketball coach Dave Bliss has denied those claims, and on Tuesday he reiterated that

**Lawyers may not prevent Texas' request for Dotson**

CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP) — Carlton Dotson's lawyers have little chance of blocking his extradition to Texas, legal experts said.

In Maryland, the grounds for battling extradition leave little leeway for the governor or a judge to deny a request to return Dotson to Texas — where he could face the death penalty.

"Absent the legal equivalent of lightning, Dotson is going to Texas," Michael A. Millemann, a University of Maryland law professor, told The (Baltimore) Sun.

Dotson, 21, was arrested Monday night on a Texas murder charge after, authorities said, he admitted killing Patrick Dennehy, an ex-roommate and teammate who has been missing for more than a month.

Dotson, who lives in Hurlock, is being held without bail in the Kent County Detention Center.

A hearing on Dotson's extradition is set for Aug. 19, said Teresa C. Shelton, a clerk in the criminal section for the District Court in Kent County. That hearing is designed to provide an update on the proceedings in which Dotson can waive extradition or challenge it. If he challenges extradition, the recommendation is made by an assistant attorney general to the governor.

Dennehy never reported any threats to the coaching staff.

Brabazon also said police have told family members that Dotson provided investigators with three locations to search for Dennehy's body. Authorities searched gravel pits south of Waco and along the river banks Tuesday.

Police Sgt. Ryan Holt said Wednesday afternoon that he would not release any more information about searches or other details about the case the rest of the day.

Dotson, 21, was charged Monday night with murder after he told FBI agents in Maryland that he shot his teammate in the head after Dennehy tried to shoot him, according to the arrest warrant.

## Rangers put Gonzalez on 15-day disabled list

ARLINGTON (AP) — Jason Jones from Triple-A Oklahoma. He was in the starting lineup as the designated hitter for his major league debut.

Manager Buck Showalter said Gonzalez wouldn't be ready to play again for at least a week. But Showalter doesn't believe that will make it impossible to trade the slugger who is hitting .294 with 24 homers and 70 RBIs in 82 games.

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Gonzalez was at the ballpark, but wasn't in the clubhouse before the Rangers' game against Anaheim and didn't participate in batting practice.

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As the sun has a homecoming in Leo, even shy people are surprised at their need to connect with the world. The Gemini moon serves to give even more friendliness to an already outgoing environment. Egos are at stake tonight, and the Leo sun doesn't take kindly to the normal bruises. Be honest with an admirer to whom you are not attracted.



Joyce Jillson

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There is something glamorous about scandal, being in the know and even standing in the center of the drama. Tonight, you can get the creative juices flowing by doing some Internet surfing or calling relatives for ideas.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Life can be more fun and still be productive. Really. A lucky contact to make is a Scorpio or Sagittarius. If you change the way you go about getting dates, you'll change your love life.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Start the day by doing all the things you were supposed to do long ago. This could take several hours but will free up your energy instead of draining it. A relationship won't fit nicely into the plan. Adjust.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Spread your wings, and blast through the boundaries that no longer have to stop you. By tonight, you've earned your moment in the spotlight, so take it. Someone with the initial "L" will be a lucrative addition to your team.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're aggressive, new sources of income open up. You might even re-submit a job or loan application that was declined or overlooked in weeks past. Personal growth is featured tonight in the way of a formal les-

son or practice.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 24). This will be an exciting year of movement in your personal life and change in your professional life. Don't worry — you'll keep up brilliantly. Friends shower you with affection in the next three weeks, and one of these relationships could lead to the love of your life. Singles need to make sure to get out and be seen from mid-August to mid-September. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 19, 45, 12 and 7.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Where you used to see one or two options, there is now a seemingly endless supply of available choices. Look for the one with the biggest charge behind it. The saying is "follow your bliss" not "follow the things that are just OK."

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been projecting a future that hardly resembles the present. With grit and determination, you will get there. Make sure the person who falls for your new look also appreciates who you are on the inside.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A certain relationship is changing, but don't let that unnerve you. It's for the better. Emotional dilemmas sometimes seem like they are of mammoth proportion when really they are nothing more than a passing mood.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stars shuffle your life around like a deck of cards — your hand is filled with hearts. Everyone seems to want your attention, and platonic love is difficult to make a priority when passion is knocking at your door.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your success encourages others to succeed — still, you'd rather be the one getting inspiration instead of giving it so much of the time. That's why you need to set your sights on people outside of your immediate circle.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your love life hits an interesting pocket. The transition starts with

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being aware of where you are right now. Because of hindsight, you will be cautious to ensure that you don't repeat past mistakes.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Changing your position in the world will be constantly on your mind today. Believe you can accomplish the task at hand instead of agonizing over whether or not you will really be able to do it.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I have crossed paths for over a year with a guy who shares the same birthday as me, Aug. 27. His birth year is 1959, and my birth year is 1963. Is anything going to develop from this friendship?"

You are a Virgo with Mercury and Venus both in Libra. He's got more Leo and Virgo in his chart than you do. This guy requires a lot of attention but earns your interest with his charisma. Your moon is crossing into Sagittarius territory, and you need challenge and adventure to remain attracted to a man. He does a good job of providing that, and he's been elusive lately, requiring you to make up reasons to run into him. Face it — you're a better friend than he is, and loving this man will require that you loosen your expectations. He won't be as attentive as you'd like. At times, he's thoughtless, and it even

seems he toys with your affection deliberately. Nonetheless, if you can accept his nature, the two of you would make a good team. Attracting him requires that you give special attention to your physical appearance. He's very visual. You're already gorgeous, but going the extra mile will make you feel confident enough to flirt with his eyes.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Jennifer Lopez has virtually exploded onto the music/movie/fashion scene and has had more success in each area than most people do in a lifetime of concentrating on one area. Her chart is filled to the brim with fire-sign energy, with lots of high-profile Leo planets and an unstoppable Aries moon. The passionate nature these fire signs imbibe her with could explain her multiple marriages.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am 33 and have been married for three years to "Ben," who is 40. Ben had a vasectomy several years ago. At the time, he didn't believe he would ever marry and had no interest in becoming a father. Ben knew I wanted children, and we discussed the option of reversing his surgery or adopting. He said he was open to either suggestion. However, whenever I bring up the subject, Ben will only say, "If that's what you want."



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

In the last six months, I have come to the realization that I would very much like to have children. I just don't want to have them with Ben. I don't think he would be an involved father, and he doesn't seem particularly interested in having kids. When I baby-sit for relatives, he usually disappears. When he is around kids, he is short-tempered and acts immature.

I don't want to go through life without having children, but my marriage is not fit for a child. Should I honor my wedding vows and remain childless? Our marriage isn't perfect, but if it weren't for this issue, I think I could be happy. If I leave him, how do I explain it to our families? — No Signature in the East

Dear No Signature: The unwillingness of one partner to have children is a valid reason to terminate a marriage. However, you do not know how Ben would behave with children of his own, nor can you guarantee that you will find what you are looking for with someone else.

You both need to discuss this in greater detail before making any decisions. Ben needs to know how important having children is to you. You need him to promise that he will do his best to be a supportive, involved and caring father. Get counseling if necessary, but work out all the angles before giving up. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I went to my local store to buy greeting cards and was surprised to find sections with no envelopes. I asked the manager if this was an oversight, and she told me this is the latest thing in shoplifting. With more people creating greeting cards on their computers, they steal envelopes by the dozens.

Office supply stores sell card-sized envelopes specifically for computer-generated cards, so there is no reason to steal. And by the way, I was told that the store has retrained its security cameras for the greeting-card aisle. — Kentucky Buyer

Dear Kentucky: There is no excuse for taking what does not belong to you. OK, all you envelope thieves, consider yourselves warned.

Dear Annie: I am a herpetologist, and I would like to respond to the letter from "Creepy Crawlers in Texas," whose boyfriend has corn snakes. You said corn snakes are known escape artists. This is true of all captive snakes that are housed improperly. If an enclosure is secure, there is no way for the snake to escape. If you want a true escape artist, try a parrot that has figured out how to unlatch the cage door.

Corn snakes are docile and make good pets. They rarely bite, and their bites are not dangerous to humans. If "Creepy Crawlers" were to handle the snakes, she would see they deserve our respect and admiration.

If she confronts her ophidiophobia, she will find that snakes are actually quite charming and fascinating animals. — Herpetologist in Massachusetts

Dear Herpetologist: We appreciate your professional advice. Many readers thought the woman should give the corn snakes a chance before giving her boyfriend an ultimatum. We agree. Our thanks to all who wrote.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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"Wish we lived here in Elfret's Alley. Mommy would let us play in the street."

**HAGAR**

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WOW! WHO'S THAT OVER THERE?  
IT LOOKS LIKE LADY GODIVA!

**BC**

BRIDEGROOM

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

A GUY WHO SPENDS THE REST OF HIS LIFE'S EARNINGS GROOMING HIS BRIDE

**WIZARD OF ID**

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WILEY'S DICTIONARY

**BLONDIE**

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I'M ALL SET TO MAKE THIS ONION SOUP BUT I FEEL LIKE I'M MISSING SOMETHING

THREE CUPS SLICED ONIONS, TWO CANS BEEF BROTH, ONE CUP SHREDED SWISS CHEESE

SIX SLICES STALE BREAD...

THAT'S IT!

HOW COME THERE'S NEVER ANY STALE BREAD IN THIS HOUSE?!

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**This Date In History**

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 24, the 205th day of 2003. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts among them the first men to set foot on the moon - splashed down safely in the Pacific.

On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1862, the eighth president of the United States, Martin Van Buren, died in Kinderhook, N.Y.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the

boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.

In 1929, President Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact, which renounced war as an instrument of foreign policy.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against five black men accused of raping two white women in the Scottsboro case.

In 1952, President Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike.

In 1959, during a visit to the Soviet Union, Vice President Richard M. Nixon engaged in a "kitchen debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev at a U.S. exhibition.

In 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1997, retired Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan died in Arlington, Va., at age 91.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Pater Yates is 74. Actress Jacqueline Brookes is 73. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 68. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 67. Actor Mark Goddard is 67. Actor Dan Hedaya is 63. Actor Chris Sarandon is 61. Actor Robert Hays is 56. Republican National Committee Chairman Marc Racicot is 55. Actor Michael Richards is 54. Actress Lynda Carter is 52. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 51. Country singer Pam Tillis is 46. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 38. Actress Laura Leighton is 35. Actor John P. Navin Jr. is 35.

Answer to previous puzzle

HOED	PASS	EPCOT
ALAI	ELLA	NEHRU
TERM	TEAK	CAIRN
SOLES	SURVIVOR	
ANT	IDLER	
SOMALI	ACNE	NUB
ATOM	ARCHESOVER	
NOVA	IRA	FIFI
TOETHELINE	FEUD	
ALI	AXED	TUSSLE
ENNUI	SIS	
ONTHEHEELS	SOF	
DIGIT	OXEN	EASE
ADORE	SPAN	NILE
DATED	TORE	SLOT

**MR. HOUSEWIFE**

Carnivore

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**MR. HOUSEWIFE**

Cornivore

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**SNUFFY SMITH**

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**Newsday Crossword** GETTING THE BOOT by Patrick Jordan  
Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

- 1 Montgomery of movies
- 6 Polite address
- 10 Concerning
- 14 Blip displayer
- 15 Poet St. Vincent Millay
- 16 Frequent Seattle forecast
- 17 Grudge
- 19 Light brown
- 20 March Hare's cupful
- 21 Spicy fast food
- 22 Brings out
- 24 Synthetic
- 26 Joust's deflector
- 28 What hives house
- 30 Dig up
- 33 Career soldier
- 36 Word on a nickel
- 38 Odist's "before"
- 39 Dr. in Austin Powers films
- 40 Turn loose
- 41 34 Down, e.g.
- 42 Long-jawed fish
- 43 Watusi or waltz
- 44 Door hardware
- 45 Former
- 47 Tooth anchor
- 49 Reversible fabric
- 51 Andean beasts of burden
- 55 Deteriorate
- 57 Web auction center
- 59 Former press guy Fleischer
- 60 Touched ground

**DOWN**

- 1 Orchard container
- 2 Less authoritarian
- 3 Notions
- 4 Budgetary excess
- 5 Sulky racehorse
- 6 Ford make
- 7 "Hasta la vista!"
- 8 Tapper Miller
- 9 Manufactured as
- 10 Colorful circle
- 11 Shapeless garment
- 12 Lose steam
- 13 Responsibility
- 18 Unblinking look
- 23 Some necklines
- 25 Explorer Tasman
- 27 Rapacity
- 29 Film segments
- 31 Country-club hazard
- 32 Towel word
- 33 Toy brick brand
- 34 the Terrible
- 35 Safety-based rehearsal
- 37 Et al. relative
- 40 Quixote's home
- 41 Brit's 7 Down
- 43 Coin with 118 ridges
- 44 Crusade
- 46 Took a sample of
- 48 Norway's patron saint
- 50 Mombasa's country
- 52 Curie or Osmond
- 53 Packing heat
- 54 Actress Spacek
- 55 Gum portions
- 56 Corn-oil spread
- 58 "Fall down, go"
- 62 Facilitate
- 63 Tram haul

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