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Deployed to Iraq

The mother of an Army specialist sent the Herald an e-mail last week detailing her son's deployment to Iraq and the events surrounding his leaving for war. Read their story on Page 6A.



Making sure kids eat well when they go back to school needn't be difficult. With a little planning, you can get kids involved in choices about what to eat that are both good for them and a learning experience.

BRIEFLY

BSHA OFFICE

Big Spring Housing Authority, 711 East Third, will be closed Monday, Aug. 11, through Friday, Aug. 15.

The office is closing to allow employees time to re-enter computer data that had been lost due to the failure of a back-up drive.

The office will open normally on Monday, Aug. 18, or before, if the data can be entered ahead of schedule.

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City council to mull bond issue, budget

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Is a bond issue the right move for Big Spring at this point?

Discussion on that question and on next year's proposed budget and tax rate are on tap at a city council work session at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

City council members held a workshop on the proposed bond election in February and whittled a list of seven proposed capital improvement projects down to four.

The four remaining on the list have a total price tag of \$6.45 million and include:

Proposed bond issue items

- Street reconstruction, \$4.3 million
- Landscaped medians, \$292,000
- New fire stations, \$1.6 million
- Animal shelter expansion, \$300,000

• A street reconstruction project, which would include tearing out and rebuilding Main Street between Fifth and 18th streets, Scurry Street between First and 25th Streets and Lancaster Street between Second Street

and Ryon Avenue. The project includes replacement of existing waterlines. The project would cost a projected \$4.309 million.

• Landscaped medians on Main Street between Second and 10th streets. The project would cost an estimated \$292,200. Although most of the council would prefer leaving the medians as a separate ballot item, it might have to be included along with the street reconstruction project, depending on an opinion from a bond counsel.

• A new fire station to replace Station 2

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Soon-to-be Big Spring second-graders Ian Acosta, left, and Lucas Escovedo color while first-grade Moss Elementary teacher Debby Rice observes during the last day of the Big Spring Independent School District's summer reading program on Friday. The program's intent was to polish participants' reading skills before heading into the new school year. Big Spring schools begin classes on Aug. 18.

Howard County Fair draws near, organizers are calling for entries

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Bright lights and big dreams will soon find their way to Big Spring again, as the annual Howard County Fair gets ready for its Aug. 20-23 run.

While the fair represents fun and entertainment for area residents, local businesses and vendors will also be present to showcase their items and services.

"We have a lot of groups returning to the fair this year," said Nancy Howard, a member of the fair's board of directors.

"We still have some

booths open for anyone that wants to be a part of the fair. The booths are eight feet by 10 feet and \$150 each," she noted.

Howard said the fair promises to be a fun time for everyone involved, with many popular attractions returning, as well as some new additions.

With tons of displays to please the senses and prizes waiting to be won, one of the central interests for many fair-goers will be the annual quilt drawing.

"We really had a lot of fun working on this

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Comprised of artwork representing the 50 state birds of America, this quilt will be one of many attractions on display during the Howard County Fair, slated for Aug. 20-23.

SANE pact to unite counties battling sexual assault

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Months of negotiations between six counties and dozens of agencies will culminate Wednesday when all parties involved sign a final agreement to begin the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program.

"This is such an accomplishment for this community and the

Those planning to attend the luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday should RSVP by contacting Victim Services at 263-3312.

six counties involved, to come together and bring a program of this magnitude for its citizens," said Victim Service Coordinator Denise Hester.

The program is designed to assist victims of sexual assault through advocacy, reporting, medical examinations and prosecution of the perpetrators.

After years of battling around the idea of establishing a SANE program, Victim Services, Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Department and Scenic Mountain Medical Center have been working with Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin,

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Going for the gold: Local veterans enter Golden Age Games

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Competitors from the Big Spring VA Medical Center headed for Orono, Maine, early Wednesday with dreams of gold.

The small group was joining more than 500 "golden age" veterans attending the 17th National Veterans Golden Age Games which will continue through Tuesday.

"I really enjoy it. It is a lot of fun and there are a lot of interesting people," said Army Vietnam veteran Jimmy Batie, a repeat competitor at the games. "There are a lot of veterans from different places and over time of going to these things, you see some of the same people and meet new ones."

Sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the

competition is open to all U.S. military veterans age 55 or older currently receiving care at a VA medical facility.

According to Big Spring VAMC Recreational Therapist Margaret Savage, the competitive nature of the event helps to motivate patients in their rehabilitation process.

"Everybody who goes one time wants to come back year after year after year," said Savage,

who along with fellow therapist Larry Moore, is serving as a coach for the group. "They're in competition with friends they see year in and year out from different VAs. They establish friends there and they get in the competitive spirit."

"The main thing is that when you're rehabilitating from any kind of medical problem, it is

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PAY UP!

Cash-strapped county plans to get serious over fine collections

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Do you have fines outstanding in Howard County or 118th District Courts?

You better watch out.

A new policy under consideration by county commissioners would give those delinquent the choice between paying up or spending some time in a county work program or jail.

The commissioners will discuss and perhaps establish the position of court collections officer at their 10 a.m. meeting Monday.

Collections specialist Jim Lehman, with the State Office of Court Administration, and Director of Collections for Lubbock County Chad Graff were at a special commissioners court meeting Wednesday explaining the program and urging commissioners to implement it.

"Very simply, county governments have historically had a hole where collection of fines and court costs are concerned," Lehman said. "It's that there's been no accounts receivable department there."

Counties need someone to collect fines because more people these days are opting to violate their court-imposed sentences by letting fines and court costs lapse.

"Forty years ago, if you got a ticket, you paid it."

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AUGUST 9, 2003

Obituaries

LeRoy W. Rorick



LeRoy W. Rorick, 75, of Big Spring died on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 11, 2003 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery Coahoma.

He was born on Nov. 25, 1927, in Grand Rapids, Ohio, and married Melba Jean Woods on March 8, 1952, in Fort Worth. She preceded him in death on July 10, 2003.

Mr. Rorick served in the Merchant Marines at the age of 13, and then joined the United States Air Force serving for more than 27 years, retiring as a Senior Master Sgt. at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring on Feb. 28, 1973.

After retiring from the Air Force he worked at Webb in the civil service until the base closed. He then drove for Steer Tank Lines and later Trailways Bus Company until he retired. He and his late wife also owned and operated R&R Pool Service in Coahoma for 15 years.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, member of the Suez Shrine in San Angelo and active in the Fire Brigade in the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Survivors include two sons, Michiel K. Rorick of Weimer and Billy D. Rorick of Coahoma; two daughters, Patricia Wood of Houston and Sharon E. Dockrey of Colorado City; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one brother, Kirk Rorick Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.

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

Willie Campbell

Willie Campbell, 82, of Big Spring died on Friday, Aug. 8, 2003, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside funeral service will be held at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, 2003 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of New Hope Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

She was born on Oct. 12, 1920, in Fisher County and married J.D. Campbell on December 8, 1945, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 1981.

They moved to Big Spring in 1951 from Lamesa. She had worked for JC Penney's Department Store when she first came to Big Spring. She then worked for the Big Spring Independent School District in the central office for 25 years, before retiring in 1978.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of New Hope Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include one son, David Campbell of Midland; one sister, Viola Owen of Pinehurst, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to: American Diabetes Association, Inc., Texas Affiliate, Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Rd., Lubbock 79424.

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Police blotter

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

- GREGORY ALLEN MCDANIEL, 34, of 447 Armstrong was arrested Thursday on city warrants for traffic.
- GUADALUPE PAREDEZ JR., 52, of 1800 State was arrested Thursday on a charge of assault—family violence.
- SHANE THOMAS ESTES, of 5909 SSR-Interstate 20 was arrested Thursday on city warrants for traffic.
- RANDALL JOSEPH OHARA, 17, of 1002 N. Main was arrested Friday on city warrants for traffic.
- KEVIN MARK KELSER, 24, of 1016 E. 21st St. was arrested Friday on city warrants for traffic.
- ANNA MARIA CLAYBURN, 42, of 1208 Dixie was arrested Friday on Howard County warrants.
- KENDRA LYNN HARRISON, 32, of 103 Wilson Road was arrested Friday on a Travis County warrants.
- LESLIE JIM MCCURTAIN, 43 of 103 Wilson Road was arrested Friday on city warrants for traffic.
- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON, 50, of 701 E. 15th St., was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated—third or more.
- JOANN LOPEZ, 36, of 1201 Sycamore was arrested Friday on Dawson County warrants.
- JOSE MANUEL RAMOS, 41, of 815 Creighton was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- LARRY JOHNATHAN LEE, 27, of 2612 Fairchild was arrested Friday on city warrants for traffic.
- JAMES HOWARD DICKEY, 57, address unknown, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- VICTOR HERNANDEZ, 21, of 2005 Monticello was arrested Friday on city warrants for traffic.
- OLIVIA TALIETHA BALLIN, 24, of 1002 N. Main was being held at the city jail Friday for the Howard

Nathan Brock

Nathan Brock, 81, of Big Spring died on Thursday, August 7, 2003, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at the Westbrook Cemetery.

He was born on Oct. 26, 1921, in Lingleville. Nathan was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and the surrounding area.

He served in the United States Army, training as a combat engineer at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. He served in Italy, Sicily and North Africa during World War II and was attached to the 5th Army under General Mart Clark.

He worked as a driller for Todd Aaron Oil Company in Midland and also for-Duncan Drilling Company in Big Spring for many years.

Nathan loved to travel and enjoyed the time he lived at Canterbury. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include one sister, Neva Hunt of Big Spring; one niece, Mary Bradberry of Big Spring; two great-nieces and two great-great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Mattie Hare Brock; one sister, Era Brock on October 16, 1991 and two brothers, Floyd Brock in 1989 and Carl L. Brock on June 15, 1991.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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

Jack Barber

Jack Barber, 80 of Stanton, died on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at the graveside at Evergreen Cemetery Stanton.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1922, in Dekalb and married Rowena Higgins in Bastrop.

Mr. Barber worked for Franklin and Son and was also a grave digger for Gilbreath Funeral Home. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Rowena Barber of Stanton; two sisters, Ethel Dagherly of Stanton, Hazel Hilliard of Hobbs, N.M.; three brothers, Troy Barber, Curtis Barber and J.W. Barber, all of Midland; a step son John Higgins of Midland; a step daughter, Shirley Henry of Stanton and several grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Tim Barber.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Sheriff's report

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

- An ASSAULT THAT ALREADY OCCURRED at Canterbury North.
- WELFARE-ANIMAL on Martin Road.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600 block of Jeffery Road.
- RECKLESS DRIVER was reported at Coahoma Elementary.

County Sheriff's Office.

- ANDREW PHILLIP TUCKNESS, 37, of Plainview was arrested Friday on city warrants for traffic.
- JUAN JOSE BUSTAMANTE, 24, of 1409 Mount Vernon was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- DANIEL GENE CLAYBURN, 39, of 1208 Dixie was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 17, of 3217 Fenn was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- PHILIP MICHAEL PADRON, 18, of 8708 Gillem road was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption
- DAVID SHAWN MENDEZ, 17, of 220 Brooks Road was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- ADAM VILLA, 19, of 1521 E. 17th was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving under the influence—minor.
- CHRISTOPHER LANDIN VILLA, 20, of 1521 E. 17th was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1000 block of East 21st Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of West Second Street.
- SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

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Bulletin board

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SATURDAY

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

Free eye glasses, 9 a.m.-noon, Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third.

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

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., featured display is the Caboose Watercolor Society.

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

Howard County Texas A&M Club Scholarship Auction, 5 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road. Featured auction items include an autographed 1992 Dream Team basketball which includes signatures by Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Karl Malone; autographed items by Pete Rose and Nolan Ryan and Dallas Cowboy tickets.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

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

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Concerned Citizen, 7 p.m., 610 Main Street.

Big Spring Comandery, No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-15-24-27-34.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$60,630.
Winning tickets sold in: Bellville, Bellville Quick Stop, 1216 S. Front.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-16-30-31. Bonus Ball: 13.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Prize: \$200,000.
Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$250,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-0

Weather

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. East winds 5 to 15 mph...Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

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

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

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

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year's quilt," said Geraldine Posey, one of the 45 people responsible for the creation of what can only be described as a patriotic "stitch in time." "We've kept the theme for the quilt patriotic from the beginning, starting with the 50 States quilt we did two years ago," said Posey. "This year's theme is state birds, and the quilt just turned out beautiful. We're very impressed with the results, and we're sure people will enjoy seeing it at the fair." The quilt is currently on display at Big Spring Banking Center, located at 1500 Gregg, and will be on view until the start of the fair. A drawing will

be held for the quilt on the last night of the fair, Saturday, Aug. 23. Those entered in the drawing need not be present to win. Entries for the baked goods competitions, including cakes, breads, cookies, candies, pies and decorated cakes, will be accepted Aug. 19 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. No late entries will be accepted and judging will take place the same evening. Last year's special entries were antique bud vases. This year, the special entry category will be pitchers. To qualify for entry, the pitcher must be 25 years old or older. Entries will be accepted Aug. 19 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. only. Entries and ribbons may be picked up from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 23 after the fair, or the afternoon of Aug. 24, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Creative Arts Division entries will be taken on Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with judging set to take place at 6 p.m. All entries will remain on display throughout the fair, and can be picked up from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Aug. 23, or the following day from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Creative Arts competition will also feature the Golden Age Division, for artists 60 and older, and several children's divisions including ages 5-8, ages 9-13 and ages 14-18. Any type of handwork done by the individual will be accepted including hobbies and crafts, dolls, jewelry, ceramics, wood-crafts, afghans and other types of needlework, quilts, toys and sewing. Entries to the Arts Division will be accepted Aug. 19 from 8

a.m. to 6 p.m., with a limit of two paintings per exhibitor in different classes or mixed. Entries must be picked up between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Aug. 23, or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 24. Several photo contests are slated for the fair as well, including "Kids do the Darndest Things" and "Favorite Family Pet." Also included are the Fine Arts and Reproduction Fine Arts divisions. Grandparents will also get the chance to "show off" their grandchildren, with the "Grandparent's Corner" photo contest. A grand champion and reserve champion ribbon will be awarded overall. Area seniors have a special day designated during the fair,

with Senior Citizen Day set for Aug. 21. The day is sponsored by Comanche Trail Nursing Home and all senior citizens will be admitted at no charge from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Scheduled events include viewing of entered art and antique tractors, an ice cream social and bingo. Entertainment for this year's fair is scheduled as follows:
• Aug. 20, Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys.
• Aug. 21, Colgate Country Showdown.
• Aug. 22, The Karl Shiflett and Big Country Show.
• Aug. 23, Battle of the Cheerleaders.
Staff writer Thomas Jenkins can be contacted by calling 263-7331.

GOLD

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important to stay active and stay motivated. This is a tremendous motivation to our veterans," Savage continued. More than competition, the Golden Age games also bring together veterans of all ages. "The strength and stamina that veterans participating at the Golden Age Games demonstrate are

inspiring," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi said in a press release. "These games bring together veterans from World War I to the first Gulf War, all living full and healthy lives. The VA is proud of the care and recognition these veterans receive through this national rehabilitation special event." Gene Tyler, a U.S. Navy veteran recuperating from a stroke, is heading to his second games.

"It's a lot of fun. We compete for medals," he said. And the New Yorker turned world traveler is hoping to head back to the games in two years. "Not next year, but the year after, it's supposed to be held in Hawaii," Tyler said with a grin. The games give participants the opportunity to compete in open and wheelchair divisions according to their age, and in sports such as

swimming, bicycling, horseshoes, bowling, croquet and a pentathlon (softball hit, discus, shot put, basketball free throw and air guns.) Participants from Big Spring and their events are Batie, horseshoes and bowling; William Davis, bicycling, checkers and shuffleboard; A.B. Lewis, pool and checkers; Frank Lewis, dominoes, checkers and pool; Gene Quigley, swimming, golf and bicycling; Carol Smith, bowling, checkers and horseshoes; Tyler, checkers, dominoes, wheelchair shuffleboard and wheelchair bowling; and Leo Welch, checkers

and dominoes. For more information about the games, see the Web site at (<http://www.va.gov/vetvet/ent/gag/2003/default.cfm>).



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Before heading to the Midland International Airport, several Big Spring VAMC Golden Age participants and their coaches pose for a picture. Pictured from left are Gene Quigley, coach Margaret Savage, Leo Welch, Gene Tyler, Carol Smith, Jimmy Batie and coach Larry Moore.

SANE

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Mitchell and Scurry counties and area agencies to make it a reality. To celebrate the accomplishment, a luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Big Spring Country Club, where representatives of the counties and agencies involved will formally sign the cooperative working agreement. The cost is \$10 a plate. Those planning to attend should RSVP by contacting Victim Services at 263-3312. "This is such a benefit to the community, law enforcement and victims," Hester said. Currently, victims of sexual abuse are transported to Midland to take advantage of the estab-

lished SANE program there. Unfortunately for many victims, Hester said, the trip and resulting wait can mean several hours before victims are able to get home. "You're cutting the time in half," Hester said. "Our idea of this is not to re-victimize the victim but to make things as simple and remove as much stress as possible at the time." As part of the ceremony, Victim Services will introduce the 10 nurses who will begin the training in September to become SANE nurses. "We're extremely excited," said Victim Services Executive Director Shann Thomas. "We have a wonderful group of nurses we believe will be exceptional." A SANE nurse is spe-

cially trained to provide comprehensive care to sexual assault survivors, conduct a forensic exam and gather evidence, testify in court and show compassion for the survivors. Start-up costs to support the training was provided by a location foundation, Thomas said. The SANE program will continue to be supported through local donations. For more information about the SANE program or to make a donation, call Victim Services at 263-3312.

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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."

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OUR VIEWS

Call to arms: We must battle for VA hospital

It looks like we've done it again... Counted on the federal government and the big payroll a government facility brings to our community, only to learn there are powers in Washington suggesting that it be taken away.

If the Department of Veteran's Affairs follows a draft plan to restructure its health care services, those of us in the city of Big Spring will be drastically affected.

Part of the proposal by the VA's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission released Monday recommends not only closing inpatient surgical care at Big Spring's VA Medical Center, but also suggests studying the possibility of closing the entire facility.

That means our community is looking at the possibility of losing a facility that employs just more than 500 people and has an annual payroll of \$32.5 million.

Such a loss would dramatically hurt the city's economy.

One would think that since the facility has undergone extensive remodeling on all of its six floors, the addition of a \$20 million outpatient clinic and construction of a helipad in recent years, that the commission would be thinking about not throwing all that money away.

Unfortunately, when the federal government is concerned, it never seems like the prospect of wasting millions of dollars is ever too big a consideration.

The report suggests a feasibility study for developing a critical access hospital in the Midland-Odessa area to provide health care services for the region.

It would also study the feasibility of building a nursing home and expansion of an existing clinic into a multi-specialty outpatient clinic — both services currently provided here in Big Spring.

The report cites Big Spring's failure to develop during the past 50 years — a condition created in large part by the federal government's decision to close down Webb Air Force Base in the 1970s.

We need to remember that the recommendation is only a part of a draft. We here in Big Spring have time to voice our opinion.

There's a 60-day window of opportunity to respond to the comments pertaining to the Big Spring VAMC and there are several ways to do so.

We can go to the CARES Commission web-site at www.va.gov/cares, click on the "National Draft Plan Toolbox" prompt, and when the comment page comes up, pick "Draft National Plan" in both the "state" and "VA facility" boxes before writing our comments in the box provided.

In other words, it's not all that user-friendly.

Letters can be written and mailed, marked "Comments," to Richard E. Larson, Executive Director, CARES Commission (OOCARES), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20480. They can also be faxed to 202-501-2196.

Questions and comments might also be e-mailed to: carescommission@mail.va.gov

In addition, those who do not have access to a computer or fax machine can drop their letters at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at the corner of Third and Gregg Streets, and the chamber staff will fax them for you.

We encourage all our readers to make their feelings known.

But don't let the window of opportunity slip by. Those 60 days will race past if we're not diligent. In fact, consider this 60-day period a call to arms.

We can have an impact on the VA's final decision.

Remember 1992 when state officials were considering the possibility of closing Big Spring State Park?

Residents responded with a rash of calls and letters to then-Gov. Ann Richards' office and the matter quickly became moot.

Let's do that again and make sure our VA hospital stays open.

Have you 'hugged' your child today?

There is an old saying that goes, "Never try to teach a pig to sing. It doesn't work and it annoys the pig." I had not heard this saying in many a moon until I heard a well known TV Judge use it on a program I was watching the other evening. This Judge was trying a case that was brought by an elderly couple who were trying to get the money back from a "sensitivity seminar" that was paid for by their children.

JIM
DAVIDSON

If you have ever seen or heard something that caused a "flashback" to an earlier time in your life, then you will appreciate even more what I'm going to share with you. What this elderly couple had gone through was to them a humiliating and stressful three day seminar that was designed to remove their "inhibitions" and make them more sensitive and loving toward their children.

After hearing the sordid details of what went on during the seminar however, I could understand why these old people were stressed, but their children were so desperate they were willing to try most anything that might make a difference in their relationship. Here are a few of the details that will give you some

insights that may be of value. The elderly mother, who did most of the talking, came to this country from Baghdad, Iraq when she was ten years of age and had later married the children's father. This was back in the days when times were extremely hard and they both worked to provide a meager living for their family. As is often the case, the children's physical needs were met, but they received little or no affection from their parents. Years passed, and while the two sons and a daughter knew deep down that their parents loved them, there was never a strong bond of love between them and this left a real void in their lives.

Now, years later, they were so desperate for a meaningful relationship with their parents they had paid for them to take the sensitivity seminar. Well, it didn't work and that's when the Judge made the comment about "annoying the pig." She dismissed the case, but in doing so she reminded the children that they were fortunate to still have their parents and she also helped them realize that the hard times they had gone through had taken their toll on quality time and their affection toward them.

As this story unfolded, it caused a "flashback" in my mind to the days when I was growing up. My parents were good people, hard working, honest and they did their best to provide for my sister and me. We didn't have much money

but we knew they loved us. My father however, was considerably older than my mother and I very seldom ever saw any open display of affection between them. I can't ever remember seeing them hug or kiss and they very seldom hugged us, at least after I was old enough to remember.

As I look back now to times with our extended family, there were few hugs and kisses when we got together. To say it very simply, we were just not a "hugging" family. They were and are good people and most have done well. It was not until I married my wife however, that I began to realize how much I had missed. She came from a large family and they were "huggers" and openly demonstrated their love and affection for each other.

Today, our children are all grown and have families of their own. Now, when we are together I always "hug" each of my children and tell them how much I love them. What I have shared here is very personal, but if you have children or grandchildren I hope you will give each one a "hug" and tell them you love them. While teachers, friends and other people can do this, it's just not the same. They need it from "YOU" and they need it every day.

(Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

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Speak up now; don't gripe later

"I said you were a man of peace. I want you to know I took immense crap for that." George W. Bush, diplomat extraordinaire, to Ariel Sharon, The Washington Post, June 3, 2003.

The effort to find peace in the Middle East is something on which all Americans can support the president, whether we think he knows what he's doing or not. He has recently been getting some criticism for letting his religious beliefs into the process. According to the New Yorker, he told Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia: "I think God loves me. I think God loves the Palestinians. I think God loves the Israelis. We cannot allow this to continue." This is good news: It seems to me Bush's attention span is longer and more focused when his religious convictions are involved.

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But I was pleased to see that the Stagecraft Administration has already set up the "money shot" for this peace conference, whether any progress is made or not. The New York Times reports the Big Photo-Op is ready to go. The president and the two prime ministers are to appear together on a bridge over the swimming pool behind the King of Jordan's palace.

"White House operatives had the Jordanians build a bridge over the pool, officials said, so that the leaders could walk over the water, side by side, toward the massed cameras. When the first bridge proved too narrow for more than one man to cross at once, the Americans had the Jordanians tear it down and start over, offi-

cialists said." This is the kind of attention to detail that got that aircraft carrier turned around so when Bush landed on it, we couldn't see San Diego in the background. Some details are more important than others in this administration.

The Post quotes a (naturally) unnamed official saying of Bush, "He does not have the knowledge or the patience to learn this issue enough to have an end destination in mind." Here's a photo-op idea. If Bush does arrange a lasting peace between Israel and Palestine — and I am rooting for him — the White House could take down the bridge yet again and have all three of them walk on the water.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, it is hard to keep up with how much damage is being done. Tom (the Exterminator) DeLay, House majority leader, says the 6.5 million working people who got cut out of the tax cut at the last minute are S.O.L. No reconsideration will be allowed — unless he gets MORE tax cuts for the rich! I love it: These people have no shame.

The House will take up getting rid of the 40-hour workweek on June 5. They have their priorities, and repealing the Fair Labor Standards Act — in place since the 1930s — is one of them. In one of those annoying little Republican exercises in cheap misdirection, this particular bill to screw workers is misleadingly titled the Family Time Flexibility Act.

Cute, eh? As though they were doing you a big favor. The only enforcement mechanism in the 40-hour work week is that employers have to pay time-and-a-half if they make you work more than 40 hours. Under this charmer, if you work overtime, your employer can pay you with straight comp time, one hour for one hour, instead of

time-and-a-half wages, thus saving the corporations millions.

Let us count the number of ways this is a truly El Stinko idea. If your employer doesn't have to pay you any extra for working overtime, why shouldn't he/she work you 'til you drop? Lots of families depend on overtime pay just to make it through the month. There've been times I would've a lot rather had time than money for overtime, but I want that to be my choice, not my boss's.

This son of a gun is a job-killer. If an employer can overwork the people he's got now without paying extra, why would he hire additional employees? It's bad for the economy. This doesn't "give" workers flexibility, it takes away their right to get time-and-a-half.

People, I mentioned the other day that it takes more than singing "I'm Proud to Be an American" to keep this country free. This is not an abstract, constitutional right. This is about you getting screwed. If y'all can't stand up for yourselves on this one, and raise hell with your congresspeople, you deserve to work overtime without extra pay.

All over this country, working people are losing out. We've lost 2.7 million jobs, health insurance is going up like a rocket, salaries are shrinking, and wait'll you see what they're fixing to do to your pension. If y'all don't speak up now instead of griping later, the fat-cat lobbyists for big business are going to push this right through. Don't say no one warned you.

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Recognizing behaviors: Workshop helps prevent suicide

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Special to the Herald

Nearly every person will come in contact with someone who has suicidal tendencies at some time in his or her life.

Recognizing these behaviors can be instrumental in saving someone's life, said Janet Payne, West Texas Centers for MHMR Mental Health essential services director.

"Many people have been trained to administer first aid to people heaving a heart attack, but very few know emergency first-aid for preventing suicide," she said.

Payne and Shannon Nabors, director of clinical training and critical care services, are trainers in the highly touted ASIST or Applied Suicide

Intervention Skills Training program. The two have shared the knowledge with WTCMHMR staff, educators, community organizations, law enforcement personnel, health professionals and all public servants and are offering the workshop again.

ASIST's two-day training will be offered in Big Spring on Monday and Tuesday. West Texas Centers for MHMR is partnering with Howard College to offer training in the ASIST method of suicide prevention.

"In 20 years of practice in the mental health field, I have never seen a program that provides more hands-on, skills-building and real-life impact as this one does," Nabors said. "This program truly

"Many people have been trained to administer first aid to people heaving a heart attack, but very few know emergency first-aid for preventing suicide."



Janet Payne, essential services director

offers help to those who are at risk for suicide. It was a learning experience that was one of the most rewarding I have had, and I look forward to sharing it with others."

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides mental health and mental retardation services for more than 2,200 people a month in 23 rural counties in West Texas.

Mental health care is provided at mental health

centers in Andrews, Dawson, Gaines, Garza, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.

Depression is the most common mental illness, and depression can lead to suicide, Payne said. West Texas Centers for MHMR employees come in contact with people in the community and their clinics who are at high

risk for suicide.

Many people with suicidal tendencies provide some clue of their intentions, Payne said. Hints, including gestures or suicide attempts, are more common than some people believe.

ASIST provides participants with the necessary attitudes, knowledge and skills to recognize and assess the risk of suicidal behaviors.

"The goal of the ASIST training is to improve caregivers' abilities to intervene until either the immediate danger of suicide is reduced or additional assistance or resources can be accessed," Payne said. "ASIST can be compared to CPR for the American Heart Association. Like the CPR method, the

training is designed to provide caregivers with emergency first-aid skills for helping people at risk for suicide."

More than 99 percent of workshop participants recommend the workshop to others, Payne said.

The workshop costs \$75 and includes lunch, snacks, CEUs and an ASIST manual and workbook. The workshop will be in the East Room at Howard College from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

To register, call Janie Edwards at (432) 263-0007 or e-mail Nabors at shannon_nabors@wtcmhmr.org.

Retired teachers to convene; RSVP deadline Monday

HERALD Staff Report

Members of District 18 Retired Teachers Association — an area that stretches from Fort Stockton to Colorado City — will convene in Midland Thursday to hear Texas Retired Teachers Association Executive Director Trish Conradt present a program.

The title of Conradt's

address will be: "Legislative Action and Critical Issues Ahead."

The meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church of Midland, located on the corner of Louisiana and Garfield streets. A reception for Conradt is set for 6 p.m. followed by a dinner at 6:30. Members are asked to contact the president of their local unit by Monday to make reserva-

tions. During the last legislative session, legislators decided that retired teachers would absorb the highest percentage of increased health insurance costs rather than assess more to active

teachers and to the state. Premiums for retirees were increased 30 percent this year with another 20 percent increase to come next year. Discussion of that issue and others will take place following Conradt's presentation.

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Entries must be turned in to the Howard County Extension office by

Friday, Aug. 22. Entry fee is \$10.

Children entered in the contest must be attired in a country sportswear garment of at least 50 percent cotton.

Entry forms are available at the Athletic Supply, Master's Touch and Posey Insurance.

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Soldier's mother remembers his deployment to Iraq

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pam Rich of Big Spring, the mother of an Army specialist sent the Herald an e-mail last week detailing her son's deployment to Iraq and the events surrounding his leaving for war.

By PAM RICH

Special to the Herald
Lately I have read in the Herald stories of hometown soldiers in Iraq. I do not know if you are interested in this story but you can do with it what you want.

My son, Keith Rich, a Coahoma High School graduate, and his wife, Brianne, a Sands graduate, are stationed in Darmstadt, Germany. This last Christmas they came to our home in Sand Springs for the holiday.

Brianne was eight months pregnant at the time and it was her last time to fly before the baby was to be born.

While here, Keith received a call informing him of his unit's immediate deployment to Iraq. He left a very sad bunch of Texans here as he boarded the plane, including his wife. He got to Germany ready to go, but after a month of delays and a baby almost here, he asked for permission to fly back just for a few days to see his son be born and permission was granted.

Brianne asked her physician about having labor induced, and since it was so close to her due date, the doctor agreed. All was set.

The only problem was my husband and I were not informed of any of this.

I was at a auction when my youngest son walked in and I noticed Brianne behind him. I looked away and didn't think anything about it. I had a funny feeling and turned to look again and there

was Keith walking toward me with a huge grin on his face.

I couldn't take my hands or eyes off of him and he couldn't stop laughing at my reaction.

After the shock we decided to surprise his dad who was out varmit hunting with a friend.

We called his cell phone and made up a story. We said the house was flooded with water and it was in almost every room. Because we'd had previous plumbing problems he fell for it. As he was rushing home to fix everything, he called back to give instructions on how to turn the water off outside.

Meanwhile, Keith hid in our closet.

When (Glenn) got home, he tiptoed across the carpet, thinking it was wet because I had a mop in my hand. He opened the closet door to see where the leak was and there stood Keith smiling again.

We thought dad would jump and be scared but he just stood there and stared. Then he pulled Keith toward him for a big old bear hug, the whole time saying, "Well, bless your heart!" over

To share letters and pictures to or from your loved one serving in the Middle East, bring them by the Herald's offices at 710 Scurry Street or mail them to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring - 79721.

They can also be e-mailed to editor@bigspringherald.com or news-desk@crcom.net

and over as he fought back tears.

Of course, everyone there fought back tears along with him. It was a great surprise.

Keith got to see his son, Hunter Wayne Rich, who's now 6 months old, be born and when he called to inform his sergeant when he would arrive back in Germany, he was told he could stay for a whole week.



Keith Rich is pictured here with his communication crew standing in front of an abandoned factory north of Bagdad that was later used as a military base. To his mother, Pam Rich, "they looked pretty good for not having a bath in 2-1/2 months!"

After a week with his family, he left for Iraq.

He's a communications specialist currently stationed in Ballad, Iraq. His unit provided communications for units with the 3rd Infantry during the march on Baghdad.

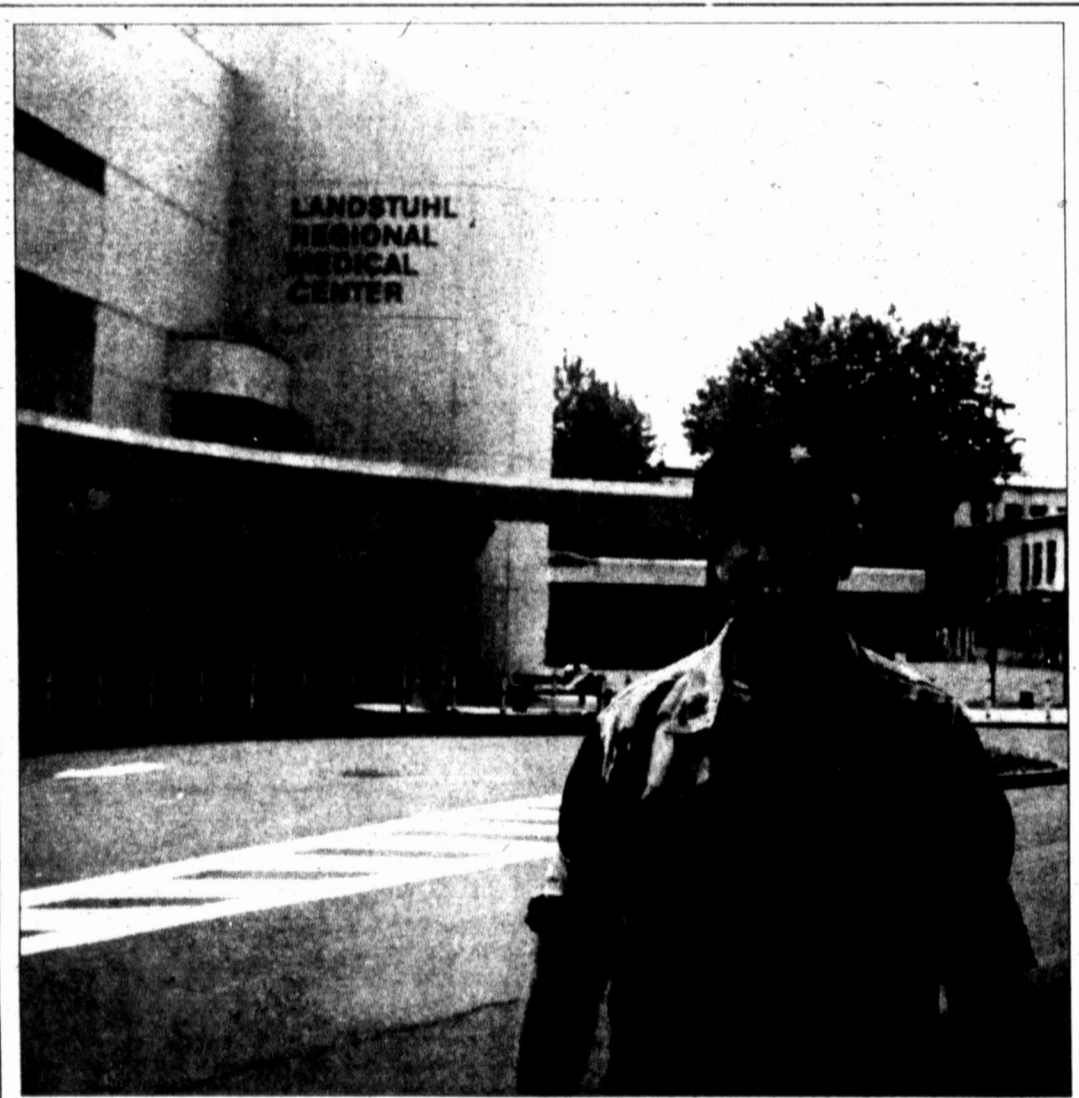
He shipped out in March and was told he would be home in June.

Wrong. Then he was told he would be home in September. Wrong again.

Now the target date for his return is March, 2004.

After this terrible news, Keith's words were: "We just have to suck it up and keep drivin' on."

I guess that's what we will do here in Texas while we wait for his return — keep drivin' on.



Courtesy photo/Sandra Huston
Dr. Jim Huston, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve and attached to the Army's 94th General Hospital headquartered in Seagoville, poses for a picture outside the Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany. The hospital is the main receiving hospital for troops coming from Iraq and all over the Middle East. Huston is currently on temporary duty at a base in Italy helping to get soldiers ready for peacekeeping operations in Africa. He expects to be back in Germany next week and said he hopes to be back home in Big Spring sometime within the next month.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm. on August 21, 2003 at 101 N. St. Joseph Street, Stanton, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2003. The proposed tax rate is 0.01638 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District by 3%.

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Is your laptop a good one for the road?

By Rob Pegoraro

The Washington Post
Before buying a laptop computer, decide if you'll take it anywhere.

That you have to ask this seemingly nonsensical question shows how the portable-computing market has changed. As laptops' share of the business has grown from niche to near majority, laptops themselves have changed.

Increasingly, they're built and bought to take the place of desktops. This new kind of laptop runs on desktop processors and features screens as big as those of many desktops — but sacrifices weight and battery life in the process.

That can be a fair trade-off. If the laptop won't leave your house until your furniture does, a desktop-use laptop will take up less space than an actual desktop and be simpler to set up, albeit at the cost of a less comfortable keyboard and pointing device. You'll still be able to move it from room to room, and it may not even cost much more than a comparable desktop.

But if you're ever tempted to

take that hefty laptop out of the house, remember that you can't put it on a diet.

So while the most important aspect of a laptop remains its price, its weight must come right after that.

to take it anywhere.

The next most important measurement is the screen's size. Fourteen- and 15-inch displays are normal, but 12-inch screens can be quite usable, too. Compare a screen's size

tasks. Don't buy a laptop with a desktop Pentium 4 processor because it seems faster — you're unlikely to notice the extra speed, but you will notice the shorter battery life, heat buildup and the conse-

quent buzzing of cooling fans. (However, desktop P4 chips cost less than most laptop-optimized processors.)

Don't be spooked by the relatively low clock speeds of Pentium M processors either. In practice these new chips (often marketed under the "Centrino" label) perform as fast as, if not faster than, processors with higher clock speeds while offering much better battery life.

Memory matters more than processors these days. Get at least 256 megabytes, and buy 512 if you can. If you don't get 512 megs now, make sure your laptop has a memory slot left open for a future upgrade.

If you're a gamer, get a graphics accelerator with 64 megabytes of its own memory. Storage: Get a 40-gigabyte hard drive and a combination CD-RW/DVD-ROM optical drive, or at the very least a CD-RW drive.

Floppy drives are a waste of money unless you regularly exchange files with antique, USB-deprived PCs. In all other cases, cheap "key-chain" flash-memory drives that plug into USB ports are the way to go.

Some laptops include slots for the SD Card or Memory Stick storage cards used by digital cameras and handheld organizers — a thoughtful extra that's likely to grow in popularity.

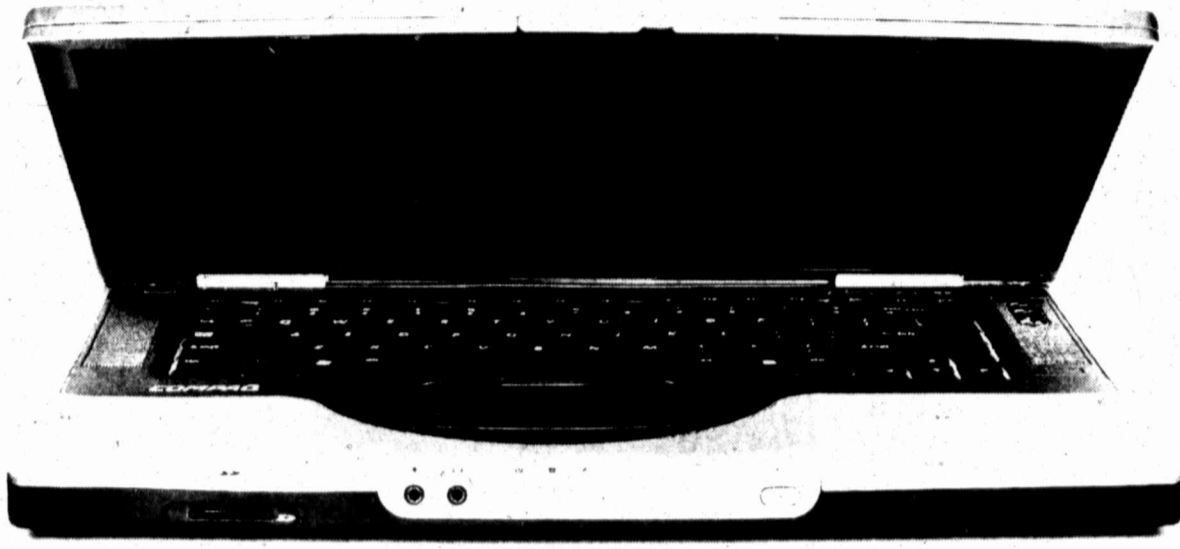
Communications: A WiFi wireless-networking receiver, which will get you on the Internet from anywhere within range of a "hot spot," has joined modem and Ethernet ports as a mandatory feature. The faster "802.11g" variant of WiFi is worth a few extra bucks, but "Centrino"-branded WiFi hardware is not — this Intel certification doesn't add any new capabilities.

Expansion: At least two USB ports are mandatory, and they had best be of the high-speed, USB 2.0 flavor. You'll need FireWire ports if you want to edit digital video, and a PC Card slot can help ensure your laptop accommodates any gadgets not yet invented.

Parallel, serial and PS 2 ports are pointless for anybody with peripherals bought in this century.

Bluetooth is a faddish, often buggy wireless connection to some new peripherals, worth maybe \$25 extra if you enjoy trying out new technology.

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Hewlett-Packard packed a lot into the Compaq Presario X1010US, including a beautiful widescreen display and a dizzying array of expansion and connection options.

Hewlett-Packard photo

Manufacturers try to blur this issue with descriptions like "lightweight — only 7 lbs.!" But those seven pounds increase to eight with the laptop's power brick. Then add in the other junk in the average briefcase, attache case, backpack or messenger bag, and you've got 10 or more pounds hanging off you.

That's not fun. So don't buy a laptop that weighs more than five pounds or so if you plan

with its resolution, how much detail it can handle; this is too often described by such unexplained abbreviations as XGA (1,024 by 768 pixels), SXGA (1,280 by 1,024), SXGA+ (1,400 by 1,050) and UXGA (1,600 by 1,200).

The other items in my laptop shopping list:

Processors and memory: Even today's slowest processors are more than fast enough for most home computing

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Vaccine shows promise in slowing progress of diabetes

By Shari Roan

Los Angeles Times

If Daniel Kaufman had n't had car trouble, he might have missed the biggest discovery of his career.

As a young neuroscience researcher at the University of California, San Diego, Salk Institute in the early '90s, Kaufman left for home one day only to find that his car wouldn't start.

He tried to return to his lab while awaiting a ride but found the floor was being waxed. He then wandered into the institute's library and picked up a medical journal. It fell open to an article on Type 1 diabetes.

Kaufman knew that a particular brain protein he had been studying also was released in the pancreas — in the cells that secrete insulin. He suddenly realized that the protein might play a role in the development of Type 1 diabetes. "The light bulb went off," he says.

In Type 1 diabetes, which typically starts in childhood, the immune



Los Angeles Times photo/Francine Orr
Daniel Kaufman says chance played a role in the development of a vaccine for Type 1 diabetes.

system attacks the pancreas' insulin-producing cells. Over time, this reduces insulin, the hormone that controls blood-sugar levels. Type 1 diabetics must have daily insulin injections so glucose can be transported to cells and produce energy.

Kaufman soon joined researchers Allan Tobin and Jide Tian at UCLA to further study the protein, called GAD. The team believed that the development of diabetes could be caused by the immune

system attacking the GAD protein in insulin-producing cells. In a study published in Nature in 1993, they showed that giving young diabetes-prone mice small amounts of GAD taught the mice's immune systems to recognize GAD and not attack the protein as a foreign substance. The mice did not develop the autoimmune response that leads to diabetes.

In 1996, the team showed that a vaccine could inhibit the autoim-

mune response after insulin-producing cells already were under attack.

"This vaccine is based on injecting the very protein that is being attacked," Kaufman says. "But instead of boosting the attack, it is meant to activate cells that release calming substances."

UCLA eventually licensed the technology to

a Swedish company, Diamyd Medical, to develop and test the vaccine in humans. In a study presented last month at the American Diabetes Association convention, researchers showed that the vaccine was safe and prolonged the ability of the pancreas to make insulin in adults recently diagnosed with late-onset Type 1 diabetes.

Type 1 diabetes takes years to develop and symptoms often emerge only after insulin-producing cells are extensively damaged. Researchers "hope, however, that giving the vaccine to children as early as possible in the onset of the disease will help prolong their ability to make insulin. Future studies will address that question."

2003 Property Tax Rates in HOWARD COUNTY

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for HOWARD COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market Flood Control Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$4,771,387		\$453,059
Last year's debt taxes	\$139,542		
Last year's total taxes	\$4,910,929		\$453,059
Last year's tax base	\$1,132,646,570		\$1,132,646,462
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.43358/\$100	/100	\$0.04000/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market Flood Control Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$4,901,684		\$453,748
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,107,464,709		\$1,107,464,709
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.44260/\$100	/100	\$0.04097/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$0.48357/\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$0.49807/\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	/100
= Effective tax rate	\$	/100

This year's rollback tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market Flood Control Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$4,762,453		\$453,748
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,107,464,709		\$1,107,464,709
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.43003/\$100		\$0.04097/\$100
x 1.03 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.46443/\$100	/100	\$0.04424/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.01314/\$100	/100	/100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.47757/\$100	/100	\$0.04424/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.52181/\$100	/100	/100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.48357 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2002 taxes by \$22,593

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$2,000,000

Schedule B - 2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
General Obligations S Bond Series 1995	\$75,000	\$67,060		\$142,060
Total required for 2003 debt service		\$142,060		\$142,060
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$0		\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$0		\$0
- Excess collections last year		\$0		\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2003		\$142,060		\$142,060
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97.00% of its taxes in 2003		\$4,394		\$4,394
= Total Debt Levy		\$146,454		\$146,454

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes.)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$_____ in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice mandate (For Counties)

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$_____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The _____ on the _____ spent \$_____ from _____ to _____ on the _____. The _____ operates this function in all or a majority of the _____. (Second Year of Transfer. Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.)

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The _____ spent \$_____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$_____.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex Bldg) Big Spring, Texas.
Name of person preparing this notice Kathy A Sayles
Title Tax Assessor Collector
Date prepared August 7, 2003

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Infrared ports aren't much more useful in practice.

The other things to consider in a laptop all fall into the tiebreaker category. Eyeball the machine's exterior to see if its manufacturer commits any of the usual design fouls: keyboards with undersized or misplaced keys, ports scat-

tered at random or speakers placed where they can't be heard.

If you're shopping for a Windows-compatible laptop, beware of computers that don't include system CDs and instead require you to rely on a system-restore partition on the hard drive. That takes away disk space you paid for and makes it harder to install other operating systems.

Most laptops can be bought with an extended

warranty, which can be a good deal. Making the purchase with a credit card that extends the standard warranty is always a good idea.

Tech support ought to be the most important tiebreaker. But while we've found plenty of manufacturers that are bad at it, we've yet to find one that provides help nearly as good as what you'd get from an experienced friend or colleague.

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he said. "It's not that way anymore. Also, there's a huge perception that the people we deal with in court, the huge majority of them, really can't pay their fines and court costs. That's simply not the case."

Graff added that counties need to take the stance that a fine is not the equivalent of a utility bill or a car payment.

"Fines are instituted as a punishment and for anybody to be held accountable, you have to get that fine collected," he said. "Also, that fine actually generates revenues needed for the county. They need to get out there, get this thing started and it will be rewarding for the county."

Lehman agreed. "Taxpayers really want people to be held responsible for paying their fines and court costs," he said. "What we're trying to do is make cities and

counties aware that there is something that needs to be repaired in the system."

The most difficult part of implementing a collections program is deciding to do it, he added.

"I don't know of any program that has failed," he said. "All of the programs that I know of have been successful. The process is going to be customized to fit the resources, the talent, the character of the people that live here."

Some counties opt to start small and work their way up to a full-fledged program.

"We've had counties start with part-time people because they were a little tentative, they weren't very sure it was going to work out," he said. "Then they expand when they figure out that this is what they need; and, yes, it will work."

Graff said in his experience, the rewards for the county can be great.

"Normally, \$7 to \$8 for

every dollar invested are the returns we've seen with an in-house collection program," he said. "That's what the returns usually are."

Howard County Court has more than \$350,000 in court costs and fines outstanding, while the 118th District Court has about \$300,000 outstanding, according to clerks' records.

"I like the program," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "We've traveled some and checked with people and talked to these people before, and I like the program. It's the simple fact that, to me, if you're fined, given probation, you need to do that to complete your sentence, just like the guy who goes to jail."

Kilgore said he'd like to see the program implemented as soon as possible.

"I'd like to see us pick someone and give it a pilot program with someone in charge," he said. "Give them a budget and

let them see what they can do. I know there are collectables out there and I think the return on the dollar would be excellent."

In other business the commissioners will:

- Hear an update on the Texas VINE program, a

system that would enable victims of violent crimes to obtain information on their convicted attackers.

- Hear a request for a budget amendment for repairs to the Howard County Jail.

- Hear a request for optional services from

Indigent Care Director Irene Dominguez.

- Consider a request for fencing at the old Howard County Airport.

- Consider awarding a bid on pharmacy services.


- Hold a budget workshop.



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(18th and Main) and Station 5 (Wasson Road). The project would cost an estimated \$1.568 million.

An expansion to the Big Spring Animal Shelter. Cost estimate for the original project was \$425,600, while a rough estimate of a scaled-down version was slightly less than \$300,000.

On the budget side of things, council members held a series of budget workshops in July during which they discussed several options for the city's

finances in the new fiscal year.

During the workshops, the council heard a report from Steve Condrey of Condrey and Associates, a consulting firm based in Athens, Ga., on how a merit-based pay scale might be implemented in Big Spring. In such a system, performance of employees would be appraised and rewarded.

Initially, the plan under consideration would mean 6 percent raises for city employees at a cost to the city of about \$225,000 for the first half year.

The council is considering an ad valorem boost

of about 3 cents per \$100 valuation to fund the program. Revenue from the tax hike along with money already budgeted for a pay raise would be lumped together for the program. Other budget considerations might necessitate further tax increases.

In fiscal year 2004-2005 — the first year that the merit pay would be funded for the entire year — an additional tax hike might be necessary.

In the workshop, the council will also discuss the fate of the TDCJ Offender Work Program in Big Spring.

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File photo
Sterling Burchett will play college volleyball at Southern Nazarene this fall.

Burchett ready for leap to college ranks

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Sterling Burchett has it all. She's got talent ... and, best of all, the Big Spring High School graduate has a ticket to the big time.

Burchett, who helped guide the Lady Steers to the third round of the Class 4A state volleyball playoffs last year, is scheduled to begin the next step of her career next week when she

reports to Southern Nazarene University for the start of preseason volleyball drills.

"I'm excited about it," said Burchett. "I wasn't sure I was going to get the chance to play at the next level but the Lord opened the door for me. It's a dream come true."

For Burchett, the road to Bethany, Okla., came about via an unexpected twist. Like former Big Spring star Bubba Franks it was a video tape that

landed her the partial scholarship with one of the nation's premier Division II programs.

Franks, a two-time All-Pro tight end for the Green Bay Packers was discovered when University of Miami coaches were watching a tape of a Midland punter. He later became the first round pick of the Packers.

By landing a deal with the NAIA school, Burchett joins an amazing Crossroads 2003 senior

class that sends no less than nine athletes, including six from Big Spring alone, to the collegiate ranks.

After having helped the Lady Steers make their deepest drive into the playoffs in more than 25 years as a setter and defensive specialist, Burchett only hoped for the chance to play collegiately.

That hope became a reality in February when

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BS girls missing from Top 10 in poll

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Despite returning four starters from last season's team that pounded out 23 wins and a berth in the regional quarterfinals, the Big Spring Lady Steers aren't receiving any respect.

The Lady Steers, who have hammered out more than 40 wins on the court over the past two seasons, did not make the Texas Girls Coaches Association's preseason Top 10 in volleyball. Big Spring climbed as high as No. 10 last year.

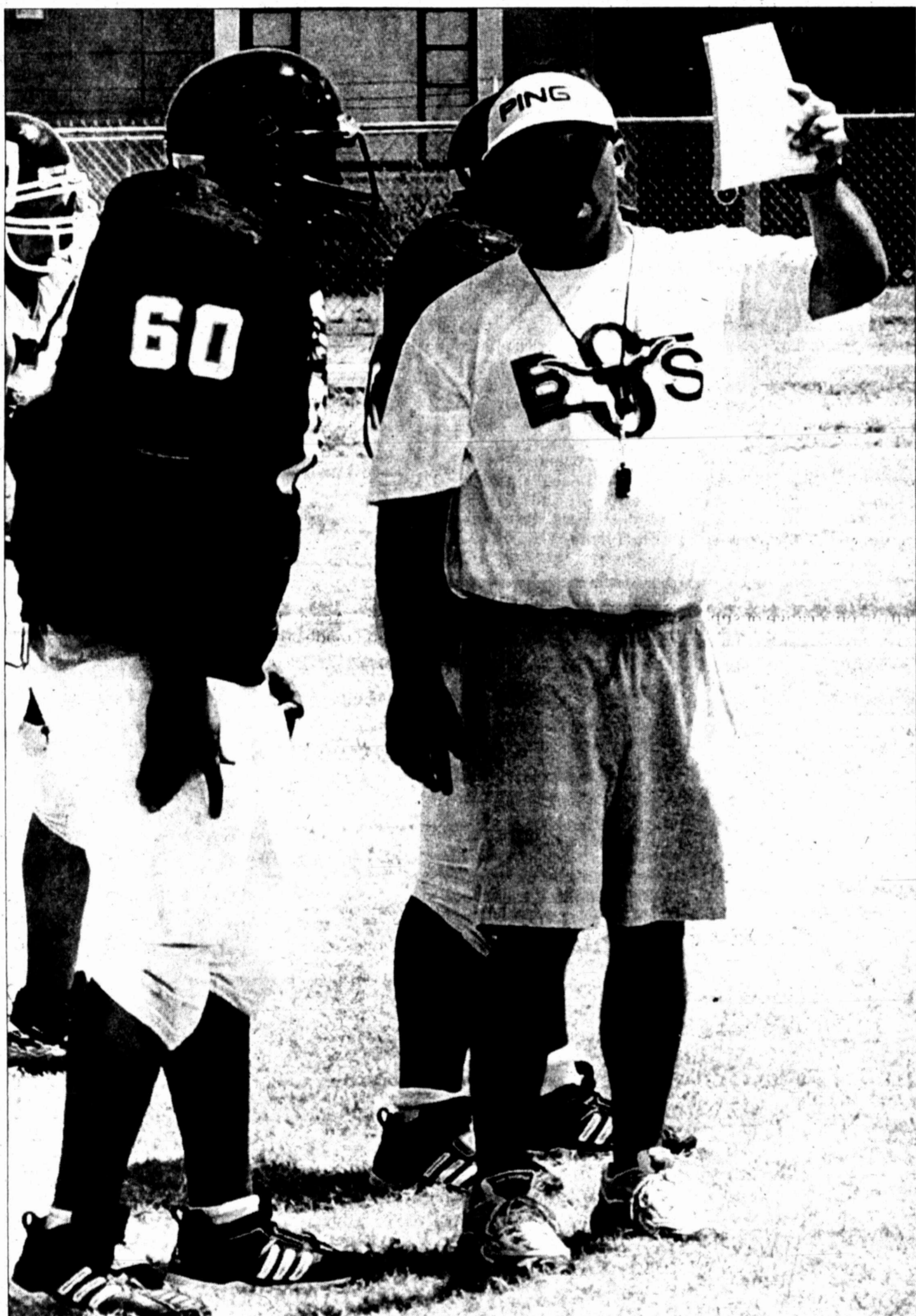
Big Spring, which lost to eventual Class 4A state champion Hereford in the quarterfinals last year, heads into the 2003 season with a bevy of returning talent, including hitters LaKenya Wrightsil, KaRissa Magers and Leina Braxton, setters Lindsey Phillips and Timmi Blackshear, Juniors Alex Watkins and Niebes Ortega should also contribute heavily to a team that could be favored to win its first district crown in more than 25 years.

The Lady Steers are being coached this season by former Division I college coach Revis Ward-Daggett. She coached collegiately at the University of Texas at El Paso for several years before taking a position at a private high school in Oklahoma last year.

The Red Oak Lady Hawks are the TGCA's preseason No. 1. The team turned in a solid effort at the state tournament last fall.

Port Neches Grove, Hereford, New Braunfels and Sherman round out the organization's Top 5. Pflugerville Connally, New Braunfels Canyon, Dumas, Denison and Corpus Christi Calallen also made the Top 10 cut.

LESSONS LEARNED



Big Spring assistant coach Jason Phillips discusses a play with members of the Steers' defensive line Friday afternoon during preseason drills. The Steers will make their first appearance against a live opponent this Saturday afternoon when they host Socorro, N.M. The scrimmage will begin at 4 p.m.

Emmitt, Parcels set to make debuts with their new teams

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—After 13 seasons and an NFL record 17,162 yards rushing for Dallas, Emmitt Smith makes his Arizona Cardinals debut against, of all teams, the Cowboys.

Across the field, Bill Parcels coaches Game 1 in his effort to restore "America's team" to glory.

Clearly, Saturday night's matchup in the

desert heat of Sun Devil Stadium is no ordinary preseason opener.

Although Parcels says "I'm not going to Arizona with Emmitt on my mind," some Cowboys might find it hard to forget that Smith told Sports Illustrated that he "felt like a diamond surrounded by trash" in his final season in Dallas.

Smith apologized for the remarks and bristled

when it was brought up again late this week. "I've apologized. What more can I do?" he said. "You want me to apologize again? You



Dallas Cowboys vs. Arizona Cardinals 9 p.m. tonight

want me to do it in Spanish or French or something? You want my shorts or something?"

As if the game didn't have enough hype, New York Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey added more. In an interview with New York magazine, Shockey reportedly calling Parcels a "homo." The coach has not responded.

Parcels likened his

recent existence to living in a cave as he works to remodel and recharge the team and get ready for this first game.

"Worrisome is the right word for this present situation because I've got a lot of moving parts here now that I'm a little unfamiliar with," Parcels said. "I don't really have any experience to rely on in this particular situation,"

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Howard County cowboys to participate in team roping, break-away competition

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Area cowboys and cowgirls will get the chance to show their skills later this month when they

converge on the HC Rodeo Bowl for a Team Roping/Break-Away competition on Aug. 21.

All entrants must be a resident of Howard County. Persons entering

the events must register prior to Aug. 19.

The team roping will be conducted in a 4-for-40 format. The break-away event will be under a 2-for-40.

The break-away competition will begin at 6 p.m. on Aug. 21. The team roping will follow immediately after the conclusion of the break-away.

The high-point winner

that competed in both events will receive a new saddle.

For more information about the team roping/break-away event, call 267-8041 or 270-3805.

IN BRIEF

Junior High gear to be issued Monday

Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade players will be issued football equipment Monday morning at 9 at the school.

Incoming seventh graders participating in football will be issued gear at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

The BSJHS athletes will begin practice on Aug. 18.

BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

Big Spring High School football season tickets are now on sale at the Athletic Training Center.

Current season ticket holders can renew their tickets from Aug. 4-15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Aug. 18.

Tickets to individual games can be purchased the day of the contest at the ATC from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Young Guns tourney slated for Stanton

The Young Guns Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 16-17 in Stanton.

Teams should register by Aug. 15. Entry fee into the event is \$115 per team. Class D and E teams only.

First and second-place teams will receive t-shirts. The third-place team will net a trophy.

For more information contact Ernesto Gonzalez at 756-3654.

Coahoma boosters to meet Monday

The Coahoma Booster Club will hold a meeting on Monday in the elementary cafeteria for all interested individuals.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Lady Steers Booster Club to meet Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday in the ATC. All parents of girls participating in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are urged to attend.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Brownfield Jamboree slated for Aug. 23

The annual Brownfield cross country Jamboree will be held Aug. 23 at Coleman Park.

The event is open to all junior high and high school athletes.

For more information call (806) 637-4523.

Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the upcoming 2003 season. Persons interested should call Delvin Guinn at (432) 267-9729.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event	Time	Station
Astros vs. Montreal	5:40 p.m.	1490
Aug. 9		
Texans vs. Broncos	7:15 p.m.	1490
Aug. 9		
Cowboys vs. Cardinals	8:30 p.m.	1490
Aug. 10		
Astros vs. Montreal	12:40 p.m.	1490
Aug. 11		
Rangers vs. D'Arco	6:30 p.m.	1490

Big Spring Weekend

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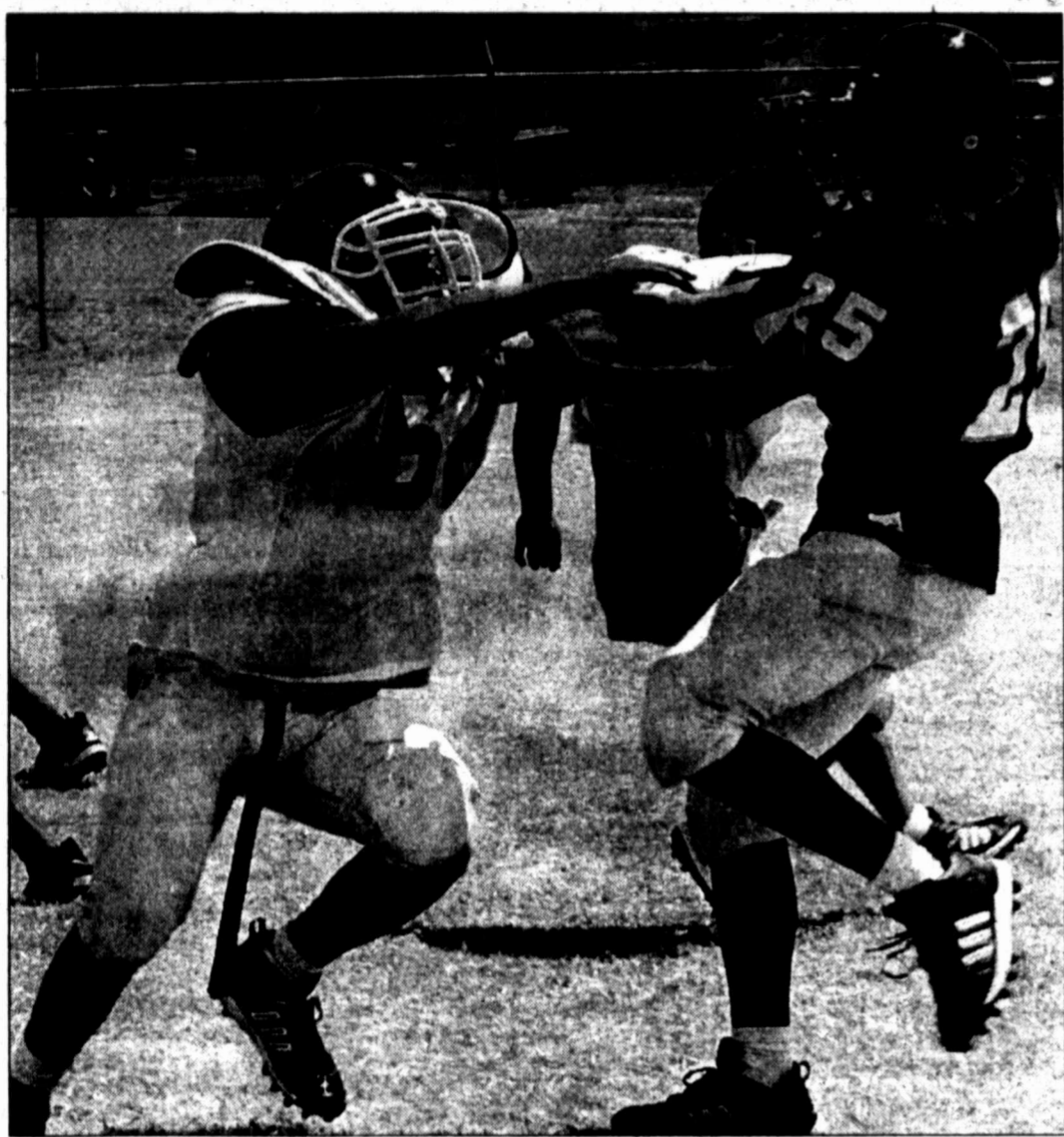
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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
The Big Spring offensive and defensive lines worked on blocking drills during Friday afternoon's preseason workout. Big Spring is scheduled to continue its two-a-day workouts throughout next week before opening its scrimmage schedule against Socorro on Saturday.

Giants' Shockey insults Parcels in interview with NY magazine

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Jeremy Shockey is talented, brash, and he claims, misquoted.

The outspoken New York Giants' tight end reportedly called Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells a "homo" during a magazine interview. Shockey, however, insists someone else made the remark.

"Let's see how much Parcells wins this year," Shockey is quoted as saying in an article that will appear in next week's *New York* magazine. "I'll make him pay when we play them. The homo."

Shockey takes on Parcells for comments he was told the former Giants coach made about him on TV last season.

Shockey didn't want to comment "on something that's just not true," he told the *Daily News* of New York after the Giants lost an exhibition game in Foxboro, Mass., on Thursday night.

"I'm 100 percent sure I didn't say that," he added, contending he thinks the writer got the comment mixed up from something the player's friend might have called Parcells.

Giants spokesman Pat Hanlon said Shockey was not available for comment Friday. The NFL declined comment.

"It's obvious that if Jeremy had it to do over again, he would use a different set of words than he used at the time so the

writer would not have interpreted his comments the way he did," Hanlon told *The Associated Press*. "Jeremy is learning that there is no such thing as a throwaway line or throwaway word."

New York magazine spokeswoman Serena Torrey said the magazine stands by the story and the reporting by writer Chris Smith.

Smith has worked for the magazine for 15 years, writing on a range of sub-

jects. The interview with Shockey, conducted last month, was taped, Torrey said.

Giants coach Jim Fassel said he spoke briefly to Shockey about the comments after Thursday's game, and the tight end insisted he was quoting friends. The coach planned to meet with Shockey and advise the second-year player on handling interviews, he would not be fined, Fassel said.

Woodson says it will be strange to go against his friend.

"I'm so used to seeing Emmitt on our side of the ball and talking to him before the game, him picking my game and I'm picking his brain at the same time," Woodson said.

Beyond the high-profile personalities involved, these are two teams coming off sorry 5-11 seasons. Both made big changes, Parcells coming to Dallas and Arizona losing Jake Plummer and David Boston, among others, then bringing in Smith and quarterback Jeff Blake.

Chad Hutchinson and Quincy Carter are fighting for the Cowboys' quarterback job, and neither will win it in this game.

The plan is for each to start a game, then perhaps a decision will be made.

COWBOYS

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other than my own observations."

Smith will get at least a few shots at running the ball against his former teammates.

"He'll play some," Arizona coach Dave McGinnis said. "He'll play between some and not a lot. I'd like to play our first groups at least a quarter, depending on how the series go."

Smith said he's long ago come to terms with wearing Cardinal red after all those years in silver and blue.

"I'm looking forward to seeing some of my old teammates and coaches and trainers, perhaps even Mr. (Cowboys owner Jerry) Jones," Smith said. "It feels funny. But that's the nature of the game."

Dallas safety Darren

STERLING

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SNU head coach Kevin Ingram happened upon to a tape of the Lady Steers' regular season finale with the Andrews Lady Mustangs.

It didn't take Ingram long to realize Burchett could become a major player on a Crimson Storm squad that came within a whisper of advancing to the national tournament this past fall.

Only 24 hours after watching Burchett and the Lady Steers upend state-ranked Andrews, he made the call the 18-year-old had been hoping to receive.

"Sterling is one of those unique players who has a lot of really good skills, but at the same time has a lot of room to grow," Ingram said. "I look forward to her being here in the fall, and truly believe that God has blessed us with another great player."

"I'm really excited about getting there and starting workouts," said Burchett, who plans to major in nursing. "We're hoping to get to the national tournament in San Diego this year. The team has a lot of excellent returning players."

"I think the team is going to be awesome," she said.

Burchett was just as awesome during her prep career. Before deciding to concentrate solely on volleyball as a senior, she started in three sports at BSHS. As a freshman, the second of four children by Bill and Vanessa Burchett appeared to be a blossoming track and field prodigy. She helped the Lady Steers qualify for the regional track meet in the 1,600-meter relay.

The calling changed, however. As a junior, Burchett made the Big Spring varsity volleyball squad — and everything else took a back seat.

"I love volleyball," she said. "I knew this was for me. After my junior year, I knew this was the sport I liked best and decided I was going to concentrate on it and work hard."

The decision paid big dividends for the life-long Big Spring resident. She was a two-time all-district selection and became a major player in the Lady Steers' first 20-win season in almost a quarter of a century.

"I was really pleased with how far we got last year," said Burchett. "I think we came together during the hard times at the end of the year and played the best we could."

Burchett, the younger sister of former Texas Tech football star Brien Burchett, was a major player on the Big Spring sports scene long before

“
I wasn't sure I was going to get the chance to play at the next level but the Lord opened the door for me. It's a dream come true.
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Sterling Burchett

her high school days. She first emerged as one of the city's best athletes as a member of Russ

McEwen's Big Spring Sidewinder gymnastics team. She qualified for the National Gymnastics Tournament but was unable to participate after suffering a neck injury in training just six weeks before the event.

The injury, as it turned out, prompted Burchett to turn her attention toward other athletic opportunities, including volleyball.

"Hard work really does pay off," said Vanessa Burchett. "She's worked very hard to get where she is. We're proud of her and that she is getting the opportunity to do this. The Lord has truly blessed her."

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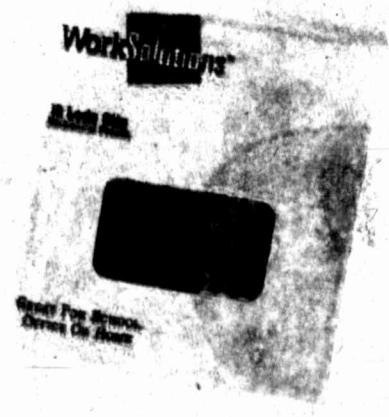
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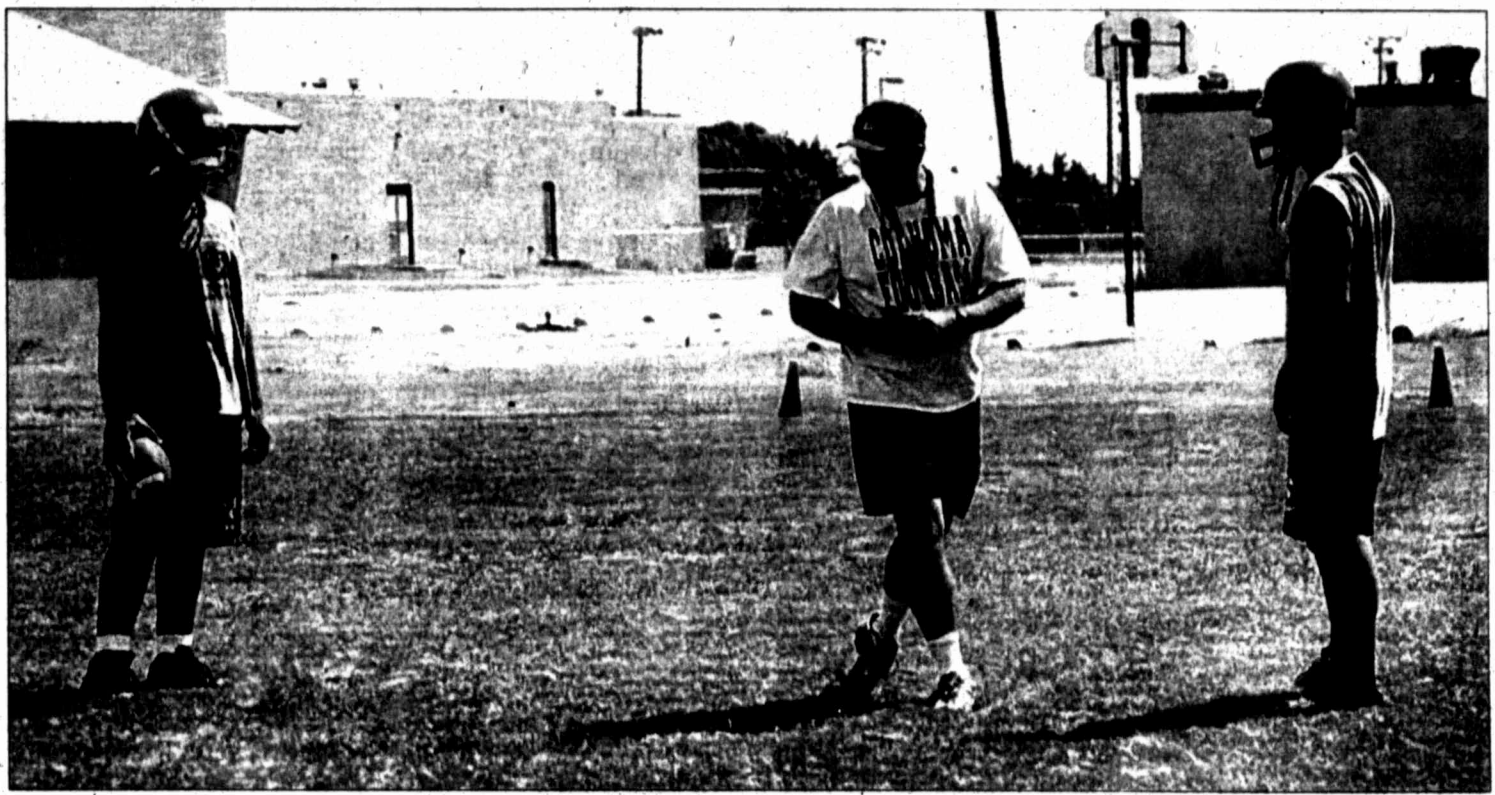
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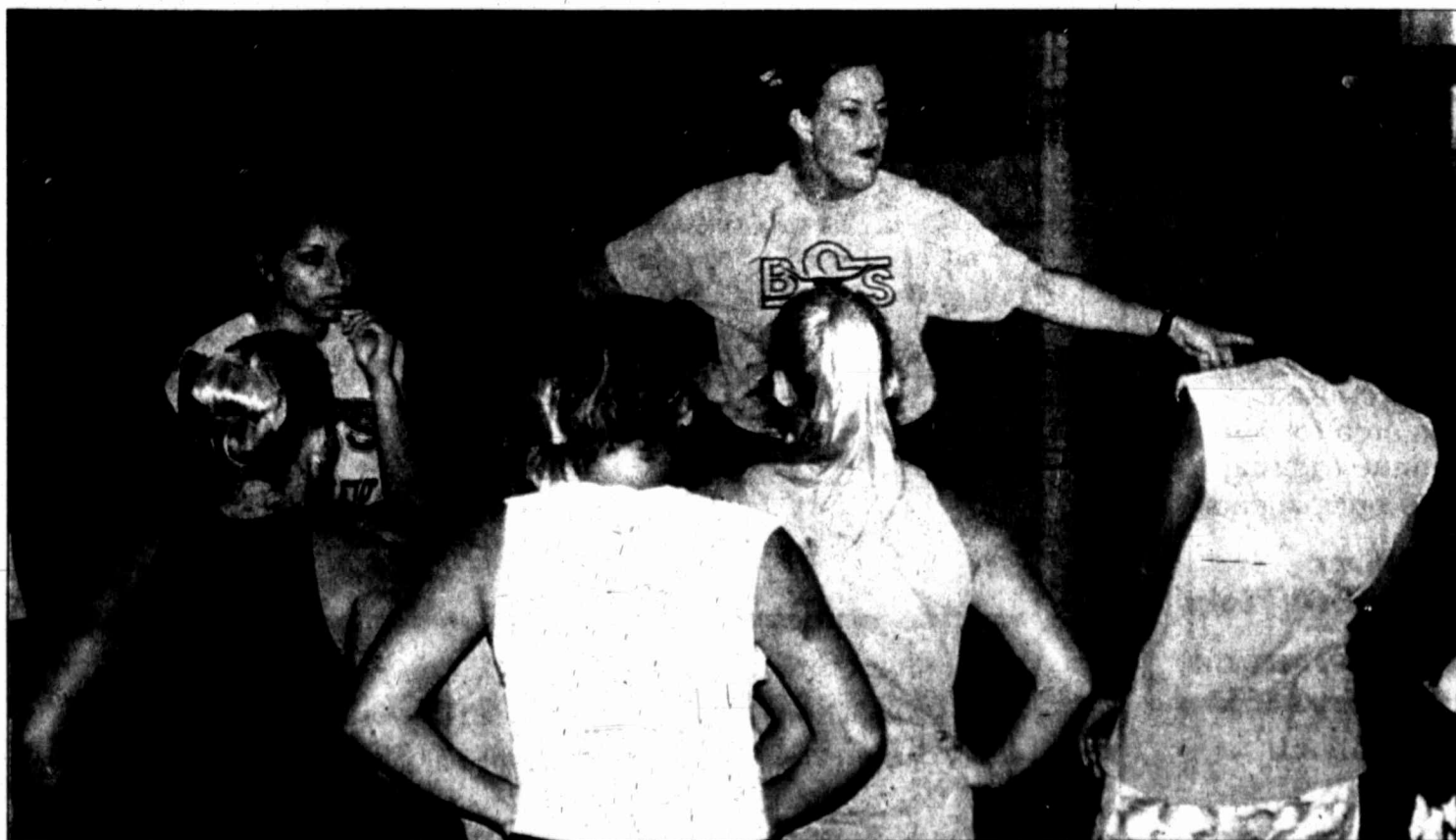


GETTIN' READY

Howard County athletes prepare for the season



Clockwise from top right, Coahoma head coach Robert Wood works with his quarterbacks; J.R. Compton, assistant coach for Big Spring High, visits with receivers and quarterbacks; BSHS assistant coach Chad Fouts and Compton watch receivers run their routes; J.R. Compton and Fouts hone their skills for Big Spring; Revis Ward-Daggett, BSHS head volleyball coach, makes her point during a workout; Lady Steers practice spikes; Tommy Thompson, watches over his first practice as head football coach at Forsan High School.



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WEDDING



Jones-Cavazos

Kimberly Michelle Jones and Orlando Cavazos were united in marriage in Kingsville on July 5, 2003, at 4 p.m. The ceremony was held in the First United Methodist Church of Kingsville with Pastor J. Jason Fry officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jimmy and Gina Jones of Lamesa and the granddaughter of the late Dorthea Hopper Hunt of Big Spring, Charley Hunt of Kermit and Mary Jones of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Pete and Gloria Cavazos of Kingsville.

In the foyer to the chapel was a Batten lace covered table which held a vase with two dozen long stemmed roses, a silver cross, a silver picture frame of the couple and the bride's book.

The altar, which was below a circular stained glass picture of Jesus kneeling in the garden, was adorned with two white candelabras accented with white and red tulle and English ivy. The circular altar was decorated with red votives and wrapped with white tulle and English ivy.

Behind the Lord's table, which held the Bible and two lit candlesticks, was a pedestal topped with another vase of three dozen long stem red roses, greenery and eucalyptus. To the left side of the altar a small table with a Batten lace table cloth held the Unity candle. Large white and silver bows on the pews, as well as the stained glass windows, adorned the rest of the chapel.

Kyle Jones, brother of the bride, was the candle-lighter. Organ music was provided and the traditional wedding march brought the bride to the altar, escorted by her father.

The bride's dress was a sleeveless, white sateen wedding dress with a pleated bodice and an open back with covered buttons. She also wore

long white gloves, a tiara and a veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses adorned with one single pink rose for her maternal grandmother, her maternal grandfather's handkerchief and her paternal grandmother's mother's ring.

Her maid of honor and bride's maids were Cynthia Martinez, Kristina Martin and Clarissa Cavazos, sister of the groom. The attendants wore red sleeveless floor-length gowns with separate crepe shawls. They also carried small bouquets of red roses and baby's breath.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white vest and shirt. His boutonniere was two red roses and baby's breath made by the bride.

The best man and groomsmen were Austin Adami, Allan Adami and Kyle Jones. They each wore a black tuxedo with silver vests and white shirts. Their boutonnières consisted of a single red rose and baby's breath.

Kyle Jones escorted his mother and the groom escorted his mother to their seats.

The wedding reception was held at the Officer's Club on the Kingsville Naval Base.

The entry was adorned with a lighted arch with white tulle and English ivy. A reception line was formed with the guests

blowing bubbles as the couple entered the ballroom. The ballroom consisted of tables covered with silver and red linen tablecloths. Formal place settings, stemware, floating red candles in crystal bowls and red rose candle rings decorated each table. Cameras and candies wrapped in red tulle were also placed on each table. The head table was also adorned with three elongated arrangements of red roses, greenery, and baby's breath. The dance floor was adorned with white tulle and strings of small white lights overhead.

The bride's table held two silver candlesticks with two large white candles and a vase of red roses. The bride's cake was a three-tiered cake adorned with real red roses and greenery. A table with a flowing punch fountain was between the bride's table and the groom's table. The groom's cake was a German chocolate cake decorated with grapes. An English style arch stood behind the three tables.

All the flower arrangements were made by the aunts and cousin of the bride. Johnnie Jones, Jacqlyn Jones, Heather Dowdy and Alice Jones also served at the bride's table. Velma Reyes served at the groom's table.

A dinner of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fresh green beans and rolls was served to all the guests. A disc jockey kept the music going with songs picked out by the groom.

The bride and her father did the traditional first dance. The best man and bride's father made a toast to the couple.

The groomsmen and others decorated the couple's pickup with the traditional wedding pranks.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Lamesa High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M Kingsville.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Calallen High School.

A bridal shower was given in June by Velma Reyes, Carmen Trevino and Cynthia Martinez in Kingsville. A bachelor party was also given in June by Austin and Allan Adami in Freer.

WHO'S WHO

Chandra McBee graduated Aug. 9, 2003, from

Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in family studies. She will be attending Hardin-Simmons University graduate school in the fall to pursue her master's in counseling and human development with an LPC.

Chandra is the daughter of Barry and Kelly McBee.



MCBEE

Madeline Walker of Midland won the title of 2003 Miss West Texas Pre-Teen at the West Texas and New Mexico American Coed Pageant held at the Las Cruces Hilton, July 23-25 in Las Cruces, N.M.

In addition to winning the title, Walker won a scholarship, travel allowance to the national pageant, crown, banner, trophy and a day for two in the Walt Disney World



WALKER

Resort. She will be representing the state of Texas at the National American Coed Pageant in Orlando, Fla. during Thanksgiving week. In addition to competing for the 20th anniversary title of Miss American Pre-Teen, Walker will compete in the optional talent and speech contests.

Walker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walker and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Calhoun of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Tharp of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Garrison Walker and the late Garrison Walker of Big Spring. She is also the great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Williamson of Alpine and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Calhoun of Goodman, Mo.

Walker is a sixth grade honor roll student at Greathouse Elementary School and is in the Gifted Education of Midland program. She enjoys dancing, art, cheerleading and watching her brother, Miles, play sports. She also attends First United Methodist Church.

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Cassie Guinn of Big

Spring has been recognized for academic

achievement as a United States National Honor Roll Award winner.

Guinn, who attends Big Spring Junior High School, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Guinn is the daughter of Delvin and Carla Guinn of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Alton and Judy Guinn of Graham and Alvis and Irene Maynard of Rogers Ark.



GUINN

Thetsu Mon Foote, a Big Spring resident and second-year student in the College of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), spent the summer learning about cancer research, patient care and education. She was one of 23 medical, pharmacy and undergraduate students who participated

See WHO, Page 4B

Kathryn Gilstrap of Samuel McGlothlin exchanged with on June 28 Lakeside Bag in Dallas with McGlothlin, Lakeside Bag and father of presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Steph Gilstrap of the granddaddy Alex Fry of the late Olivia Garden City.

The groom is James a McGlothlin of

Music was a string quartet organ and trumpet solo uncle of the Rodney Other vocalists included Doreen and Arielle Sw

The bride wore an ivory A-line gown with satin organza and waist and chapel length Watters and carried a peach and crepe roses, white stock and white ribbon.

Maid of honor Jennifer G Midland

Bridesmaids Marianne H Garden City, the bride McGlothlin sister of the Arielle S Stephenville. Best man

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WEDDING

Kathryn Suzanne Gilstrap of Dallas and Samuel Andrew McGlothlin of Rowlett exchanged wedding vows on June 28, 2003, at Lakeside Baptist Church in Dallas with Dr. James McGlothlin, pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church and father of the groom, presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Stephen and Kay Gilstrap of Midland and the granddaughter of Alex Fry of Abilene and the late Olive D. Fry of Garden City.

The groom is the son of James and Pat McGlothlin of Rowlett.

Music was provided by a string quartet, piano, organ and trumpet. The trumpet soloist was the uncle of the groom, Dr. Rodney McGlothlin. Other vocalists in duet included Doug Fonville and Arielle Sword.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Stephen Gilstrap, and wore an ivory, strapless, A-line gown made of silk-satin organza with a velvet ribbon at the empire waist and included a chapel length train by Watters and Watters. She carried a bouquet of peach and cream colored roses, white Calla lilies, stock and white Freesia tied with a ivory satin ribbon.

Maid of honor was Jennifer Grimes of Midland

Bridesmaids were Marianne Halfmann of Garden City, cousin of the bride, Anna McGlothlin of Rowlett, sister of the groom and Arielle Sword of Stephenville.

Best man was Greg



Gilstrap-McGlothlin

Guldahl of Rowlett. Groomsmen were Daniel Coleman of Dallas, Luke Horton of Richardson and Jonathan Payne of Dallas.

Ushers were Bryan Cypert, Jarrod Sinquefield, Ryan Bulin, Andy McGlothlin, Todd McGlothlin and Jared Dobbs.

House party hostesses were Mandi Moore and Kristen Horton.

The reception was held in Lakeside Baptist Church's family center. It was decorated to resemble a park-style setting, including white park benches, lampposts, white roman-style columns with draping greenery and white wooden chairs. There was a buffet-style food table with hors d'vores, sandwiches, fruits, cheeses and punch.

The bride's cake was a three-tier, octagonal, traditional white bride's cake adorned with the couple's monogram and topped with fresh flowers and an ivory satin ribbon.

The groom's cake was a three-tier Ghiradelli chocolate cake with alternating layers of chocolate mousse garnished with curls of shaved chocolate and the couple's monogram.

The bride is 1998 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2002 graduate of Howard Payne University, with a bachelor of science degree in education.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of South Garland High School and a 2001 graduate of Howard Payne University, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is presently employed by Sewell Automotive Companies of Dallas.

Following a wedding cruise to the Western Caribbean with stops in Key West, Florida, Georgetown, Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico, the couple have made their home in Dallas.

WEDDING



Johnson-Rainey

Jennifer Ann Johnson of Big Spring and Jordan Walker Rainey of Jacksonville, Fla.

exchanged wedding vows on July 7, 2003 at College Baptist Church with Reverend Ken McMeans officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Carol Schlipf of Big Spring and granddaughter of Nawlin Peel of Beaumont. The groom is the son of Wanda and Perry Gamble and Rex and Anecia Rainey. He is the grandson of Jerry and Buford Hull and Shirleen and Gorman Rainey, and great-grandson of Nannie Lee Walker, all of Big Spring.

The bride was escorted by her daughter, Sidney and wore a powder blue satin, sleeveless, princess style gown with a scoop neck. She carried a bouquet of fresh spring flowers accented with blue and white ribbon.

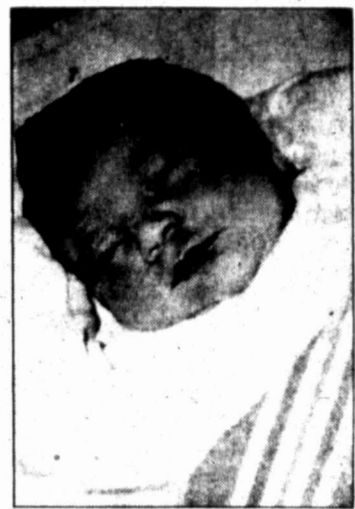
Kailey, daughter of the bride was honorary flower girl. The matron of honor was Kendra Carlile and best man was Cody Carlile.

Instrumentalist was Rhonda Harding. Lisa Curry sang the Wedding Song as the couple met at the altar and The Lord's Prayer as the couple sealed their commitment before God and their families.

Following the ceremony, the couple was honored by family and friends at a reception in the fellowship hall.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and currently employed at Big Spring State Hospital. The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is a petty officer in the United States Navy. They will be making their new home at Anderson AFB in Guam.

STORK CLUB



Brittney Ann Enriquez

Brittney Ann Enriquez, girl, born July 24, 2003, at 7:52 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Jose and Rebecca Enriquez and her grandparents are E. J. and Carol Self of Big Spring and Cayetano and Evangelina Enriquez of Lenorah.

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TUESDAY - Chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, pudding.

WEDNESDAY - Smothered steak, rice, broccoli, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

THURSDAY - Ham & cheese sandwich, potato soup, salad, milk, pie.

FRIDAY - Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Coahoma Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., August 21, 2003 in the Administration Building, Board Room, 600 N. Main, Coahoma, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.50	\$0 *	\$1.50	\$3,740	\$3,083
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations					
Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.6369	\$0 *	\$1.6369	\$3,619	\$3,204
Proposed Rate	\$1.50	\$0 *	\$1.50	\$3,402	\$3,045

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy On Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$35,779	\$36,383
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$13,624	\$14,017
Last Year's rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$204.36	\$211.61
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$7.25

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.6969. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.6969.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,750,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balances (s)	\$ 0

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Saying thank you to a couple of old friends

I ran into my old friend, Cotton Mize, at our local Do-it-Center. Gosh, I hadn't seen Cotton for about two or three



AL SCOTT

years and the first thing that Cotton said was, "Al, I sure enjoy reading that column of yours," another one of those comments that I consider like a Pulitzer.

The old timers of our city will remember Cotton as the "Potato Chip Guy," because for many years, Cotton furnished all of those "Lays packages" for the entire

city. But I remember Cotton for another reason. Way back in the Dark Ages, Cotton was one of the distributors for that freebie, TV magazine, "T.V. Facts." It was sometime later when another good friend, Cleo Carlyle, acquired the small pulp page and I was running all over West Texas picking up and distributing

the little book. But I remember it as so darn much fun. Mrs. Carlyle contributed a bunch of her recipes and so did I — chili, salsa, hot stuff, Mexican pizza, etc. I think I have a registered letter somewhere in my files which will serve as some kind of proof of copyright for my culinary delights. I am so darn glad that

my friends Cleo and Cotton are still around and may pick up and read about my adventures in this column. For a time, Cleo was a principal at one of our local schools. And I would "report" to Cleo about where I had been and where I had delivered. Also, I think that Cleo disapproved of my T-

shirt and jeans so he went downtown and purchased a beautiful blue suit for me to wear when representing our company. I want to go on record with my personal thanks to both Cleo and Cotton for what I consider a most important part of my life. God Bless 'em both.

Refreshing drinks without destroying diets

By Peter Jensen

The Baltimore Sun
Pina Colada. Frozen Daiquiri. Blue Hawaiian. They all sound tempting right about now, don't they? In the heat of summer, nothing refreshes quite like a frozen blended cocktail. Alas, too many calories accompany these delights. A Pina Colada can pack about 500 or so, including nearly 5 grams of saturated fat — that's more than some fast food hamburgers.

- MAUI BREEZE**
1/2 ounce Amaretto
1/2 ounce Cointreau
1/2 ounce brandy
2 ounces orange juice
2 ounces guava juice
juice of half a lemon
1 packet sweetener
2/3 cup crushed ice
cocktail stick with a slice of lime and maraschino cherry for garnish

Combine all the ingredients in a blender until smooth. Pour into a highball glass and serve with cocktail stick. Add a small slipper orchid flower for a more authentic touch. Estimated calories: 231. Adapted from "Cocktails for Wimps" by Salvatore Calabrese (Sterling, 2002). Serves one.

NOT YO' MOMMA'S LEMONADE

- 1 6-ounce can sugar-free frozen lemonade concentrate
1/2 bottle vodka (375 ml)
1 cup spiced rum
1 cup water
1/3 cup limoncello (the Italian liqueur is available in better liquor stores)
lemon slices and mint sprigs to garnish

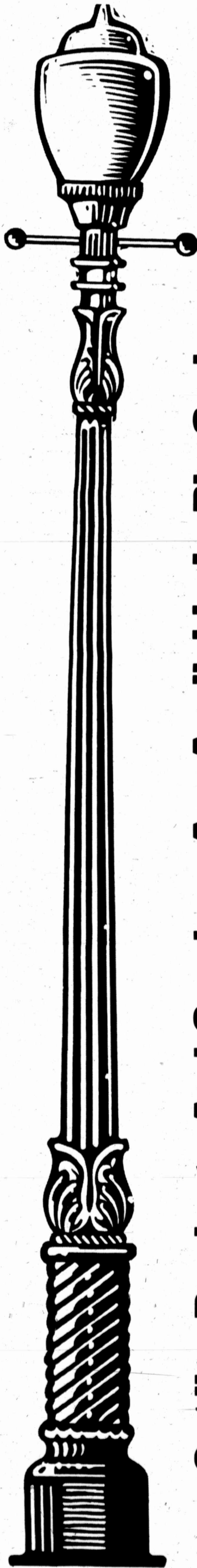
Combine all ingredients except garnish in a pitcher that can hold at least 45 ounces and place in freezer overnight. Pour in blender and run for 10 seconds at high speed when ready to serve. Garnish each glass with lemon slice and mint sprig skewered with a cocktail stick. Estimated calories: 283 per serving. Adapted from "The Ultimate Guide to Pitcher Drinks" by Sharon Tyler Herbst (Villard, 2003). Serves six.

WHO

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in the 10-week Partners in Research Program offered by the Arkansas Cancer Research Center at UAMS.

Foote and the other students attended weekly lectures presented by ACRC faculty and shadowed clinicians to learn firsthand how physicians interact with patients. They also worked in labs alongside scientists to conduct research in ongoing ACRC studies. At the end of the program, the students presented their research findings at a scientific symposium.



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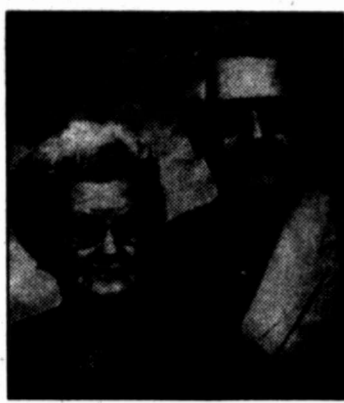
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WHEELIN' AROUND

Bicycle has certainly seen its share of changes



Billy and Ruth Bates

Billy and Ruth Bates have reached the 50th year of their marriage and will celebrate on Aug. 17.

Billy and Ruth met in Barstow, Calif., while they were stationed at the Marine Corp Supply Depot.

They were married Aug. 17, 1953, in San Bernadino, Calif. Billy left for Japan one week later.

Ruth chose to leave the Navy. She was released in November 1953 and left for Japan in January of 1954.

They spent one year in Japan while Billy was finishing his tour of duty.

They met several couples while there. They were a very close knit group and they have many happy memories of Japan.

Billy was released from the Navy in November of 1954. They returned to Texas and made their home in Coahoma.

Billy was employed by Cosden in 1963. He retired in 1986. He continued to farm for several years.

Billy and Ruth have one daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Mark Quinters, and one granddaughter, Nora.

They are happy to be a part of the Coahoma Methodist Church family.

WEDDING

Land-Best

Angie Dawn Land and Russell Alan Best were united in marriage on May 24, 2003, at the home of the bride in Midlothian.

The bride is the daughter of David and Brenda Land.

The groom is the son of Tommy and Phyllis Best of Jacksboro and the grandson of Loma Jean Wynn and the late Phil Wynn of Coahoma and Carol and Martina Best of Noodle.

Matron of honor was

Dixie Land Pauler, sister of the bride.

Best man was Clinton Best, brother of the groom.

The bride wore a white gown with orchid roses.

A dinner reception followed for the relatives attending.

The groom will be coaching at Western Hills in Fort Worth and the bride will be working with her family, with "Players in Progress" in Midlothian.



The 1882 Columbia Expert's pedals were attached to its huge front wheel, which was made of solid rubber with long spokes. Although this made for a ride smoother than on earlier cycles, the bike was really dangerous.

first bike, invented around 1817 by Baron Karl von Drais of Germany, looked like something Fred Flintstone might have used. It didn't have pedals, so a rider had to push his feet against the ground to move it along. Needless to say, it

was not very useful. Several years later a Scottish blacksmith named Kirkpatrick Macmillan added pedals, thus creating the first true bicycle. It was not very successful, however, because it was heavy and very hard to move. A rider had to pump the pedals, sort of like a paddle boat.

Around 1860, two Frenchmen, Pierre Michaux and his son Ernest, made some improvements and created a bicycle called the velocipede ("fast foot"). Although it became popular, people called it the "bone-shaker" because its wood and metal wheels and frame made for an extremely uncomfortable ride over cobblestones.

Around 1870, a very strange-looking bike appeared. It had a huge front wheel that stood as high as five feet. One rotation of the giant wheel took the bicycle a much greater distance. The pedals were attached directly to the front wheel, which was made of solid rubber with long spokes. Although this made for a smoother ride, the bike was really dangerous. The rider sat up so high that if he hit a rock or had to stop suddenly, he would be dumped forward, right on his head. And nobody thought about wearing helmets back then!

An English bike maker named J.K. Starley produced the first safety bike around 1885. It looked a lot like today's bike: Its wheels were both the same size. This made it much safer.

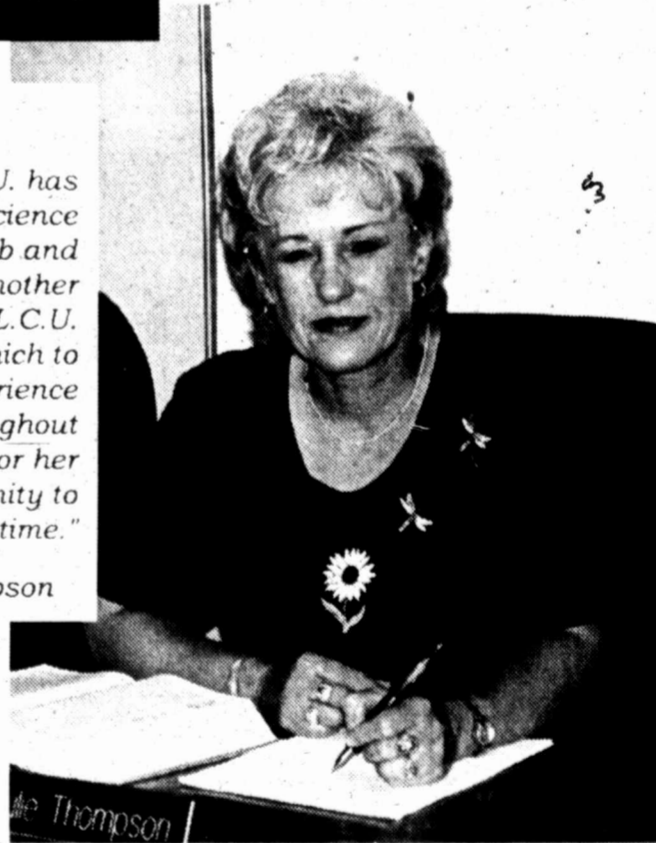
In the last decade of the 19th century, there were many more improvements made to the bicycle, including the chain-and-sprocket system, gear shifting, better brakes and air-filled rubber tires. Bicycling was never more popular than it was during this period. Production of bicycles in America rose from roughly 200,000 in 1889 to 1 million in 1899.

The invention of the automobile made many adults lose interest. But for kids the bike remains the best form of transportation.

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For the love of music

Jay Shewmake's Good Music store is a wonderland of variety

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Good Music, downtown Big Spring's newest mercantile at 223 S. Main, is not just a place where you can find band instruments and guitar strings.

While the store does carry those, proprietor Jay Shewmake has collected an astounding variety of Really Cool Stuff, from old Victrolas and cabinet stereos to photos of the great movie cowboys; from a 4,000-piece classic Hot Wheels collection to more than 3,000 LP albums. And much, much, more.

"I've had a music museum before, but I just couldn't generate enough traffic where I was located in Tarzan, so I moved to Big Spring," Shewmake said. "I'm selling musical instruments, band instruments and also antiques. I brought my museum with me."

Shewmake, 77, a retired minister, has had a love of music since high school.

"I had a very influential band teacher," he said. "Mr. Greenhall at Mesquite High School. Mr. Greenhall taught us not only how to play our instruments, but a love of music. That's where I acquired that."

Nowdays, Shewmake leaves his high school clarinet in its case, but tinkles the ivories on piano and keyboard, and strums a guitar now and then.

With Good Music in town, aspiring Steer, Bulldog or Buffalo band members no longer have to leave the county to purchase instruments.

"I want kids to realize I'm putting in band instruments and accessories," he said. "So they don't have to go to Midland to get their reeds, their drum heads, their drum sticks, that kind of thing. I have all kinds of guitar accessories: Strings, straps, the whole nine yards. Amplifiers. A lot of my sales are order sales. I order it out of Fort Worth and I can get it overnight."

While music is the focus of the business, Shewmake also offers a lot of collectible items.

"Some of these things I've had 30 years," he said. "I have antique sheet music. Some of my song books go back to 1937. They're considered collectibles. I set up tributes to different artists. This week it's Frank Sinatra and I've got him



Jay Shewmake, 77, proprietor of Good Music in Big Spring, tickles the ivories on an electronic piano at his store, 223 S. Main St. The store offers band instruments, guitars and accessories as well as a startling array of movie memorabilia, antiques, records and other collectibles.

set up over here."

The Sinatra tribute consists of several albums featuring "Old Blue Eyes," pictures, and other memorabilia.

"I sell these tributes collectively, all together," he added. Wandering deeper into the store he comes across a similar tribute set up in honor of country-swing legend Bob Wills.

"I have all the posters from Turkey, Texas, on Bob Wills," he said before turning to another display. "I have 4,000 Hot Wheels and they're all to the age where you'd consider them collectibles."

Above the blister-packed toy cars are a row of black-and-white photos.

"These are old movie pictures of all the old movie cowboys that I used to go see when I was a boy," he said. "Here's

Matt Dillon, Chester and Doc and Kitty; here's John Wayne and Dean Martin and Ricky Nelson; Lash LaRue, Gabby Hayes, Bill Elliott, Buck Jones, Tom Nix, Audie Murphy. People come in and like seeing them. They buy them, but I think they enjoy seeing them more than anything."

Eight-track tapes and record albums fill an entire section of the store.

"I reckon I have more eight-track tapes than anybody in this part of the country," he said. "And they still sell. I have eight-track players. If they don't have a way to play them, I can sell them something to play them. I have over 3,000 collectible albums. They go through those and get what they want."

On one wall, Shewmake has a

collection near and dear to the heart of every Texan: Bowie knives.

"That's the Western Cutlery collection," he said. "There's 19 of them and that's a full collection. They quit making those. I believe, in 1983. What's so unusual about this collection is that I have a scabbard for every one of them. I wouldn't buy it without the scabbard. That's about 15 years of collecting, right there."

Good Music is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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

West Nile Virus: remember 4 D's

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) today reported that TDH Laboratory tests confirm two people have died from West Nile virus encephalitis. The two deaths are the first associated with the mosquito-borne illness this year in Texas.

An 85-year-old woman from Ellis County died July 27 and a 68-year-old man from Montgomery County died July 20.

So far, TDH has recorded 13 human cases of West Nile virus in nine Texas counties in 2003. The virus also has been detected in birds, mosquitoes and horses.

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, Texas Commissioner of Health, expressed his sympathy for the families of those who died from the illness.

He reminded people that they can take action to protect themselves, their families and their communities from West Nile virus.

"Remember the 4 D's," Sanchez said.

"Reducing exposure to mosquitoes is one of the most important things," he said. "Drain standing water in your yard and neighborhood, apply insect repellent that contains DEET, stay indoors from dusk to dawn when those mosquitoes likely to carry the infection are most active and dress in pants and long sleeves when you are outside, especially in mosquito-infested areas."

In 2002, West Nile virus was reported in 213 Texas counties. A total of 202 serious West Nile cases, including 13 deaths, were reported in humans.

Mosquitoes get West Nile virus by biting infected birds. People and animals get the illness from the bite of an infected mosquito, not from other people, animals or birds.

Currently no vaccine is available to combat West Nile virus in people, and no specific treatment is given for the infection other than supportive therapies for fever or pain. Cities, counties, mosquito control districts or local health departments will implement pesticide application if they consider such action appropriate for their communities.

Tommy Yeater is the Texas Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture for Howard County.



TOMMY YEATER

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- Bustamante, Aaron, W. County Road No
- Carey, Barbara, 1 Place Apt. 101, Big
- Carlquist, Brandy, Drive, Apt. D1, Midland
- Carrillo, Faustina, 611 Ashland, Friona
- Cervantes, Oscar, 4219 Hamilton, Big
- Cisneros, Ruben, 1018 Nolan St., Big
- Cole, Okytra, 110 Spring
- Crockett, Sheila, Bell St., Big Spring
- Dolley, Leroy Elmer, Runnels, Big Spring
- Franks, Clarence, Cecilia St., Big Spring
- Galaviz, David, 70 Big Spring
- Gonzales, Herlinda, Drive, Big Spring
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- Hansen, Timothy, Park Ave., Big Spring
- Henry, Tammy Michelle, Settles, Big Spring
- Hilario, Marisai Ad, 3403 W. Story, Midland
- Hinojosa, Bobby, Stanton
- Holley, Bobby Lee, Road, Big Spring
- Johnlouis, Andrew, Apt. 52, Big Spring
- Jones, Tanya, 110 Big Spring

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tempted to get own credit cards encourage you use your credit at least the first year until they can handle responsibility. do finally apply own credit cards age them to show for low fees and Caution them to take-in-by "te" — low rates after a few months novice card users understand the nuances of payment — interest until it is paid the consequences of late inclusion fee and potential credit report. your student may for a credit card get the free T-offered.

Students should stand that from they make their chase with credit card bureaus will their credit history form of a credit This history reviewed by employers, companies, managers and businesses, suppliers, dealers. Main positive credit an important responsibility.

Most students high school want to prove capable of managing own lives, independent their parents. a part of growth to accomplish they must prove responsible.

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Kentucky raised op's market beyond Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, West Virginia, Georgia. It has as a customer and the grocery chain sells the 150 stores in the "They seem ahead of where they'd be," Tidwell, cooperative aquaculture Kentucky University. "gotten to be mature industry."

Is your teen a wise money manager?

It's August and many families are busy packing their recent high school graduates off to college. Have you checked everything off your list...clothes, sheets, towels, and... a credit card? More importantly, is your college freshman ready to handle the responsibilities that come with a credit card?

Many parents actually prefer their student have a credit card to pay for essentials such as books, school supplies and gasoline and have already allowed their

It's a good idea that parents and teens sit down to predetermine the amount that he or she is allowed to charge each month and be sure your student understands the importance of keeping some of their credit limit in reserve for an unexpected emergency.

teenagers to be a "user" on their credit card or have allowed their teen to have his or her own credit card with a low limit in order to acquaint them with the ins and outs of money management.

Parents also feel more secure knowing their student will have the ability to take care of an emergency situation with a credit card.

It's a good idea that parents and teens

sit down to predetermine the amount that he or she is allowed to charge each month and be sure your student understands the importance of keeping some of their credit limit in reserve for an unexpected emergency. By adding a teen to the parent's credit card, parents can monitor usage and prevent surprises since your teen cannot run up months of debt without your knowledge. Although your student will be very

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Catfish seen as alternative to declining crops

TRI CITY, Ky. (AP) — John Murdock nets his heaviest profits from man-made ponds on his farm, not from the fertile soil.

The rectangular ponds, surrounded by corn and soybean fields, are teeming with catfish destined for grocery stores and restaurants. Last year, Murdock cleared about \$660 per-acre on three ponds spanning 15 acres — a 10 percent return on

his investment.

"If we could do that on all of our crops, we would be happy," said Murdock, a retired University of Wisconsin soil and water management professor who also farms 2,600 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat.

Once a novelty in Kentucky, catfish farming has gained a foothold as a source of added income for farmers trying

to stay afloat amid tobacco's decline and low prices for row crops.

Murdock was a founding member of the Purchase Area Aquaculture Cooperative. Formed in 1999, the co-op now has 53 members producing about 2 million pounds of catfish on 436 acres in far western Kentucky.

The co-op, small compared with vast catfish

operations in the Deep South, harbors big ambitions.

It wants to reel in more farmers to triple production by 2005. Plans include adding a large storage freezer to its processing plant at this tiny crossroads town in western Kentucky, near Tennessee and Missouri. Farmers may eventually add paddlefish and striped bass to their

stocks.

Murdock got out of tobacco years ago and dabbled in orchards to diversify his farm. A freeze wiped out his peach production, souring him on raising fruit.

"We've been experimenting with a lot of different things and we came to the conclusion that this was the thing that had the greatest potential for us,"

Murdock said during a break from building a new pond.

Proponents say the region has built-in advantages — clay-like soil that compacts to hold water, an underground aquifer that supplies ample water to fill ponds and a ready supply of grain for fish feed.

Touting its catfish as

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Cynthia Diane Grimes vs. Terry Lynn Grimes, divorce
Verlene Kelley vs. Albert Eugene Kelley, divorce
Diana Sue Adkins vs. Robert Lawrence Adkins, divorce
Tracy Sears vs. Archie Davis, family protective order
Rennie Farmer vs. John Farmer, family protective order
Jimmy McDonald vs. Linda Fowler McDonald, divorce
Forsan Cowboy Construction Inc. vs. Kenneth Garvin, accounts, notes and contracts
Providian National Bank vs. Charles F. Brown, accounts, notes and contracts

Marriage Licenses:

Clois Weldon Shultz, 43, and **Brenda Flores**, 45, both of Big Spring
Paul Bradley Row, 27, of Lubbock and **Elizabeth Anne Froman**, 23, of Big Spring
A.J. Primiano Jr., 34, and **Patricia Ann Sarinana**, 40, both of Big Spring
Albert Martinez Jr., 24, and **Traci Rene Castillo**, 25, both of Big Spring
Brandon James Jones, 19, and **Stacey Dawn Speer**, 18, both of Big Spring

Warranty Deed:

Grantor: David Lee Thayer and **Iris B. Thayer**
Grantee: Lina Sue Bagwell as trustee of the Bagwell Family Trust
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 1, Edgemere Subdivision, Sec. 4, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: July 28, 2003

Grantor: Carmen Fleming
Grantee: Mike Parker and **Brenda Parker**

Property: Lot 19, Blk. 4, Douglas Addition No. 1
Date filed: July 28, 2003

Grantor: Jason Edward Van Robays and Tricia Rene Nunes
Grantee: Joseph Alton Murley
Property: Grantors' interest in Lot 2, Blk. 9, Stanford Park Addition
Date filed: July 28, 2003

Grantor: Westex Auto Parts Inc.
Grantee: Danny Morgan
Property: W/2 of Lot 1, Blk. 2, Porter Addition
Date filed: July 29, 2003

Grantor: Lois Hall Burcham Meek
Grantee: Ramona Carter and Bart Jones
Property: Lot 12, Blk. 1, Hillcrest Terrace
Date filed: July 31, 2003

Grantor: JW and DR Family Living Trust
Grantee: Roy Taylor
Property: W/2 of Lot 3 less the N/96 feet, Blk. 26, Saunders Addition in Coahoma
Date filed: Aug. 1, 2003

Grantor: Dora Morales Saldivar
Grantee: Monica Michelle Hernandez
Property: A tract in SE/4 of Sec. 42, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Aug. 1, 2003

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien

Grantor: Gary Donelson
Grantee: Billie Russworm
Property: Lot 4, Blk. 3, Kentwood Addition (Unit 1)
Date filed: July 28, 2003

Grantor: Hattie J. Daughettee
Grantee: Charles Adams Jr. and Gay Adams
Property: 60 acres in Sec. 4, Blk.

32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: July 28, 2003

Grantor: First Bank of West Texas
Grantee: Tim Blackshear Co. Inc.
Property: A tract in the S/2 of NW/4 of Sec. 30, Blk 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: July 28, 2003

Grantor: Cecil Ozment and Clara Ozment
Grantee: Mark Yarbrough and Tiffany Yarbrough
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Blk. 18, College Park Estates
Date filed: July 28, 2003

Grantor: H.E. Tubb
Grantee: Neil Henderson
Property: 5 acres in NE/4 of Sec. 105, Blk. 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
Date filed: July 30, 2003

Grantor: Kevin L. Ritz and Juanita Ritz
Grantee: Robert Galan and Shannon Galan
Property: Lot 26, Blk. 4, replat of Wasson Place Addition
Date filed: July 31, 2003

Grantor: William Richard Hooper Jr. and Patricia Lois Hooper
Grantee: Michael T. Courtney
Property: Lot 5, except the E/12 feet of the N/87 feet, Lot 6, and the E/30 feet of Lot 7, Blk. 18, Edwards Heights Addition

Date filed: July 31, 2003

Grantor: Larry E. Simmons and Carol Simmons
Grantee: Valerie Rios
Property: Lot 18, Blk. 5, Kentwood Addition (Unit 1)
Date filed: Aug. 1, 2003

Grantor: Sue Garrett Partee trustee of the Dorothy Dublin Garrett Family Trust
Grantee: Lee Harris and Laurie Harris
Property: Lots 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12, Blk. 16, Edwards Heights Addition
Date filed: Aug. 1, 2003

Grantor: Laverne Gary
Grantee: Albert Rameriz and Connie Rameriz
Property: Lot 1, less E/12 feet, Blk. 12, North Parkhill Addition
Date filed: Aug. 1, 2003

Grantor: James Lynn Butts
Grantee: Lisa Currie
Property: Lot 3, Blk. 29, College Park Estates
Date filed: Aug. 1, 2003

Grantor: Roy Taylor
Grantee: Will Miller and Melissa Miller
Property: 1 acre in NE/4 of Sec. 19, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Aug. 1, 2003

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tempted to get his or her own credit card, try to encourage your student to use your credit card for at least the first year of college until they prove they can handle financial responsibility. When they do finally apply for their own credit card, encourage them to shop around for low fees and low rates. Caution them to not be taken-in-by "teaser rates" — low rates that jump after a few months. The novice card user needs to understand the consequences of paying the balance — interest accrues until it is paid off — and the consequences of paying late includes a hefty fee and potentially a bad credit report. Encourage your student not to apply for a credit card just to get the free T-shirt being offered.

Students should understand that from the time they make their first purchase with their own credit card, credit bureaus will maintain their credit history in the form of a credit report. This history will be reviewed by future employers, insurance companies, apartment managers and consumer businesses, such as auto dealers. Maintaining a positive credit history is an important responsibility.

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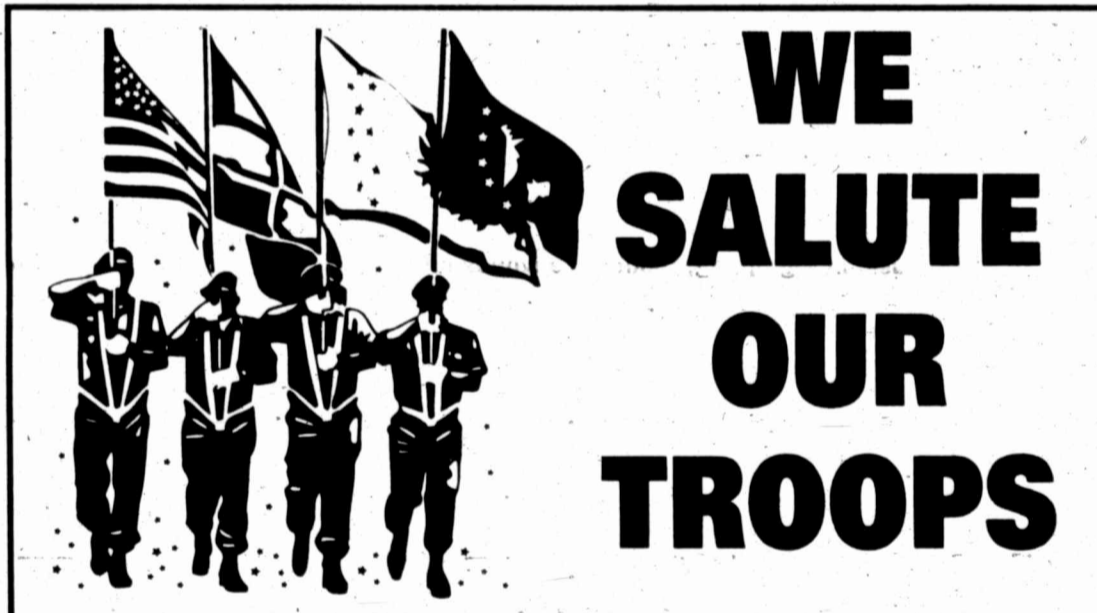
Kentucky raised, the cop's market reaches beyond Kentucky to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, West Virginia and Georgia. It landed Kroger as a customer last fall, and the grocery store chain sells the catfish in 150 stores in five states. "They seem to be way ahead of where I thought they'd be," said Jim Tidwell, coordinator of aquaculture programs at Kentucky State University. "Catfish has gotten to be a fairly mature industry."

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BY JOYCE JILLSON
It's a split-toned day. The Capricorn moon starts the action in a calculated and removed stance. This is a perfect lunar placement for handling things that are better done without your emotions getting in the way — like paying the bills or investing in risky ventures. Later in the day, the social vibes take over, and it's time to connect with others.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've got the initiative, the energy and whatever else it takes to get to where you want to be.

Joyce Jillson

Tomorrow's Horoscope
Commitment to one love ultimately helps you be a more creative, resourceful person — the romance is just a perk!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's nothing to be afraid of. Making a decision will be a grounding experience that connects you to a grand flow of love. Art and commerce rely on each other — you can effectively meld the two.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Think big — small things affect small minds. You are attracted to someone very enthusiastic. Match his or her energy, and you make a terrific impression. Romance is restored in mature relationships. Music fills the evening hours.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). The world is a better

place because you make an effort to bridge the generation or culture gap. There's a creative way to turn a recent setback to your advantage. Think it over this evening.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Older family members want attention and will get it in a negative way if you don't give it in a positive way from the start. Love relationships need more autonomy. Write, speak up, and let your feelings be known.
TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (August 11). You are a trailblazer, and laying track for others will bring your best rewards in life this year. Ignore the critics. Regarding your love life, be more self-assured and assertive this month, and you get the one you've been dreaming about. A lucky connection in September helps you find the training you need at an excellent price. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 32, 19, 4 and 10.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A well-chosen circle of close friends makes everything feel right. Thoughtful individuals have an easier time finding romantic partners who are the same. Being a fan is lucky for both you and the one you admire.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Finding solutions is not only what you do; it's who you are. You'll feel compelled to uncover a secret, no matter whom you have to bother. Don't worry — if you're supposed to know it, you will.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A clean attack on goals puts new fire into your routine. Loved ones get testy, but you find a way to calm them down. Tonight, you needn't put up a false front with friends. They like you just the way you are.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you love what you do, it doesn't feel like you are working at all. That's why today is well spent exploring your passions or finding one you didn't know you had. Virgo and Libra are lucky friends to talk with.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll accomplish something that brings

worth to you as well as to others. Many mutually advantageous relationships begin tonight. Get to know someone you admire, even if you think you have little to offer this person.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The world is a better place because you are in it. Romance is flourishing. Enjoy it without criticism or expectation. The afternoon features tactical problem solving. Younger people help.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Focus on being productive and accepting what isn't yet perfect. A celebration among friends is fun, romantic and nostalgic. Count on others to lead. Ask for help, recommendations and favors, and you'll get more than you need.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The moon shifts from Capricorn to Aquarius, and we turn a corner with our emotions during the transit. This is an excellent day to go through paperwork and assess where we are financially and in regards to personal goals. Emotions won't get in the way of the truth, and some powerful decisions can be made this afternoon. Then, something magical happens as the moon slips into Aquarius. With the knowledge of where you are firmly in place, the idea of where you could be opens up to new possibilities. Where you were limited before, now there is a multitude of ideas about how to break through those limits. The Aquarius moon is excellent for throwing out expectations and forming new possibilities. Not knowing what to expect gives us the energy of wide-eyed children! By dreaming big, we are more likely to create big accomplishments in our lives. Later in the week, love planet Venus and mysterious Pluto throw a romantic quandary into the mix that is a thrill to sort out. Then, Leo influences boil over for the weekend when the Aries moon turns the passion up. The overflowing of emotions motivates important movement in our personal lives.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals
The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Monday, August 18, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 410 E. 3rd Street, Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:
Mike Shulls, LT 5 BK 2 of Lockhart Addition, Located at 2100 Grace St. is requesting a side yard variance.
Kandi Burris, LT 7 BK 7 of Highland South Addition, Located at 2907 Stonehaven Dr. is requesting a side yard variance.
Randy Murley, LT 7-8 BK 6 of Washington Pl. Addition, Located at 205 Washington Blvd. is requesting a side yard variance.
Joe Stocks, LT 7-8 BK 15 of North Parkhill Addition, Located at 807 W. 14th St. is requesting a side yard variance.
Kenny Davis
Chief Building Official
#3957 August 10 & 17, 2003

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Pre-Kindergarten Notice
Big Spring ISD offers free Pre-Kindergarten classes for students at least four years of age by September 1, 2003. If the following criteria are met:
• Child is unable to speak or comprehend the English language and/or.
• Child comes from an economically/educationally disadvantaged family according to standards set by the State Board of Education. (Qualify for food stamps or the Free or Reduced Lunch Program) and/or.
• Child is homeless.
If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call 264-3600. A minimum of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.
Big Spring ISD ofrece libertad de clases de Pre-Kindergarten para estudiantes por lo menos cuatro años de edad por el 1 de septiembre de 2003 si los criterios siguientes se reúnen:
• Niño es incapaz de hablar o comprender el idioma inglés y/o.
• Niño viene de una familia económicamente/educativamente desventajada según el conjunto de estándares por el Consejo de Educación del Estado. (Califique para sellos de alimento o el Programa Libre o Reducido de Almuerzo) y/o.
• Niño es sin hogar.
Si usted sabe que un niño quien usted se siente reúne estas salvaciones, por favor llamen al 264-3600. Un mínimo de 15 estudiantes calificados se requieren antes la clase se ofreciera.
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Annie's Mailbox:

Dear Annie: My older sister and her husband recently bought the restaurant where she, my younger sister and I have worked for 20 years. According to my brother-in-law, quite a bit of money has been stolen from the restaurant since they bought it. I am talking thousands of dollars in less than two years' time.
Although there is no proof, my brother-in-law suspects my younger sister, "Inez," is the thief. Inez has been in the vicinity every time money has disappeared — both from the restaurant and from his home. Inez is addicted to prescription pills and drinks whiskey all day. She misses a lot of work. She also has two young children, so we don't want to make things worse. What should we do? — A Stressed Sister
Dear Stressed: Since you have no proof, you can make no accusations. Your sister and her husband can, however, gather all the employees together and inform them that money is missing and they intend to look into it.
Meanwhile, if Inez is addicted, alcoholic and missing work, her employer has good reason to insist that she get professional help. There are self-help organizations listed in the phone book, such as Alcoholics Anonymous (alcoholics-anonymous.org) and Narcotics Anonymous (na.org), and Inez can get low-cost therapy through United Way or The Alliance for Children and Families (alliance1.org).
Dear Annie: I am a 40-year-old married woman. I have a 13-year-old daughter with a chronic illness who attends school only half a day.
Everything I do is for my daughter. I have not seen any of my friends in years. We have drifted apart, and I feel isolated. I love my child, but the older I get, the lonelier I become. How do you make friends when you are this old? — Lonely Lady



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Lonely: You are hardly old, dear. Your life has changed, and you need to adapt. Does your daughter have friends? Get to know their mothers. Is there a support group for people with your daughter's illness? You can find understanding friends there. Do you get online? You can contact people with similar interests.
Look into a part-time job. Invite your next-door neighbor for coffee. Join a park district art class or a community choir one night a week. Call up those old friends and reconnect. There are many ways to get back into the world, but you must make the effort. Good luck.
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