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PARENTS NIGHT SET

All parents of Marcy Elementary third and fourth graders are encouraged to attend a parent involvement night tonight.

The hour-long event which begins at 5 p.m. in the school's cafeteria, 2101 Wasson Dr., will focus on providing information to parents about the Texas Assessments of Knowledge and Skills test.

The TEA requires third graders to pass the TAKS test before being promoted to the next grade.

Students have three changes to take the test. If a student fails all three times, parents have an opportunity appeal to a committee before the child is officially retained.

Those participating will be given two tickets to a free meal following the meeting.

VFW ESSAY CONTESTS

Area students have a chance to voice their views on citizenship in the annual Veteran's of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen" essay contests.

The 'Voice of Democracy' is a national audio essay competition. This year's theme, "My Commitment to America's Future."

Patriot's Pen is for seventh and eighth graders who write an essay of 300 words minimum and 400 maximum typed. This year's theme is 'My Dream for America.'

Both contests are open to U.S. citizens who are in public, private, parochial or home school in Howard and Glasscock Counties.

The deadline to turn in the essays is Nov. 1. Application forms can be picked up at school offices or by contacting Welch at 263-1658.

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Maynard to keynote United Way kick off luncheon

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Former New York Jets wide receiver and 1987 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee Don Maynard will speak at the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County rally Tuesday.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry, and about 300 are expected to attend.

A star athlete at Colorado City

High School, Maynard went on to a successful 15 years as a professional player in the American Football League and later the National Football League including 13 seasons with the New York Jets from 1960 to 1973.

Maynard is best known as one of "Hollywood" Joe Namath's favorite receivers on the Jets' 1969 Super Bowl championship team.

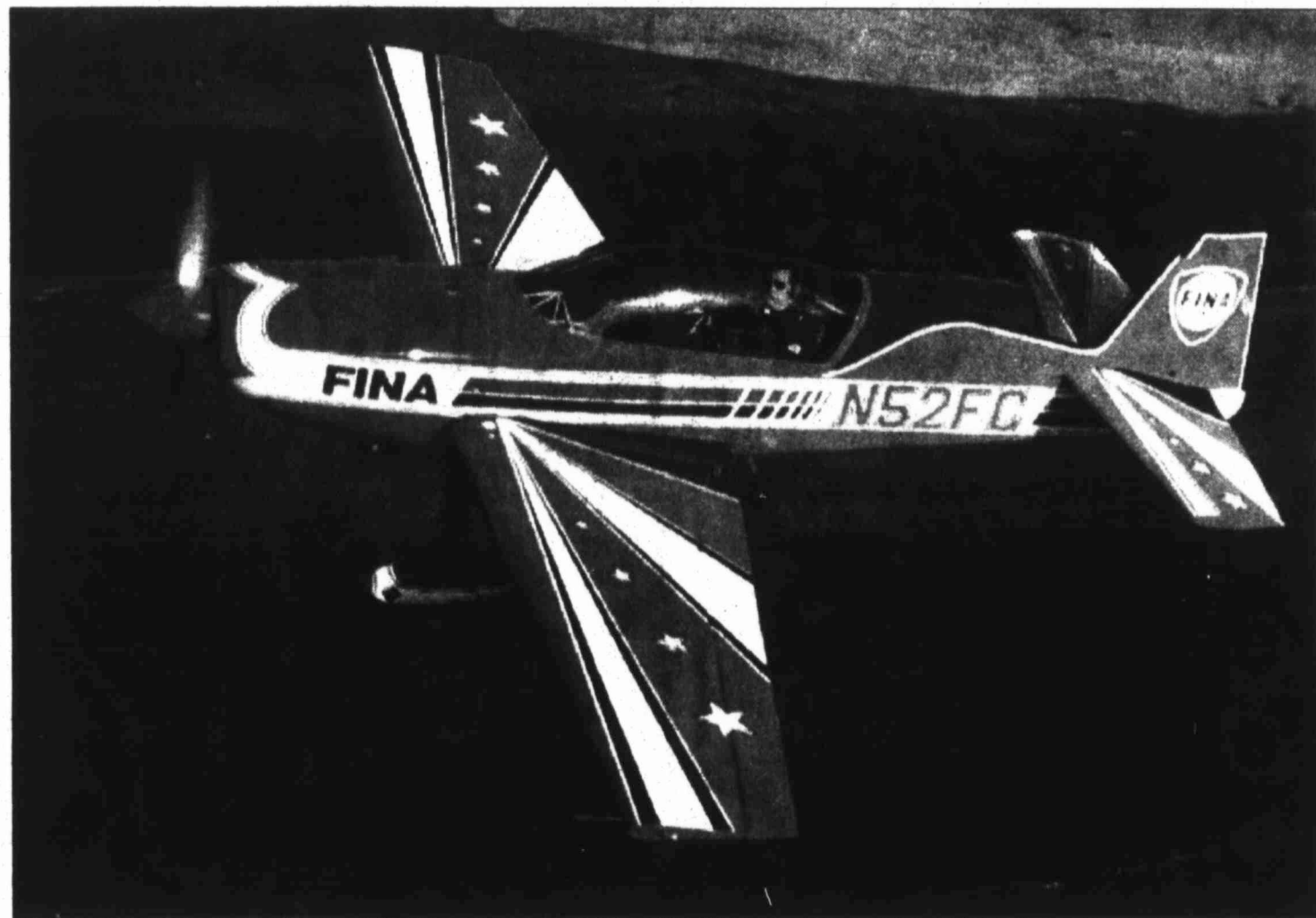
Maynard also played under the likes of legendary coach Vince Lombardi.

During the luncheon, Maynard will provide an inspirational speech to motivate United Way volunteers for the annual campaign which is already under way to reach its goal of \$265,000.

Funds from the annual United Way of Big Spring and Howard County drive support 14 area agencies: the American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter; Boy's Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council, Boy's Scout of America;

Council on Aging; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; the Howard County Humane Society; Pet Therapy; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Salvation Army; Victim Services; Westside Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; West Texas Girl Scout Council; and the YMCA of Big Spring.

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Stunt-pilot Jan Collmer, along with his Fina Extra 300L, will perform during the Commemorative Air Force Airshow set to get under way Saturday in Midland-Odessa.

Stunt flying performances real thrill for Jan Collmer

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Flying isn't Jan Collmer's career, it's his life.

The former Navy aviator landed at the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) hangar at Midland International Airport Friday morning, taking part in a press conference promoting next weekend's Alon USA and Fina-sponsored Airshow 2003.

Collmer, along with his Fina Extra 300L, is one of several dozen pilots scheduled to perform during the upcoming show.

Collmer said the Airshow represents an opportunity to not only fly, but to entertain a special group of people he admires.

"I love this air show. I stay in practice, and I'm ready to fly any time you say go. Takes me about three or four minutes to be in the air," Collmer laughed. "My wife says I would do a show for a one-eyed cow and an old dog, and that's about right."

"The neat thing about this show is that it's the show where World War II veterans show up in big numbers, and their numbers are declining these days at a pretty terrible rate. You can come out here



Stunt-pilot Jan Collmer addresses Commemorative Air Force volunteers and employees during a press conference for the upcoming Fina Airshow 2003. Collmer is one of many pilots that will be taking to the air for the annual event.

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Chamber announces plans for 'Spooktacular' event

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is hoping to spook retail businesses into participating in a Halloween shoppers special.

The chamber's business development committee is planning a "Night of Spooktacular Shopping" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Halloween, Oct. 31.

"It's a great time for merchants to let their imaginations run wild," said Debbye ValVerde, the chamber's executive director.

"It's a great time for merchants to let their imaginations run wild. Show us what you got!"

Debbye ValVerde
Chamber Executive Director

"Show us what you got!"

There is no cost to participate. However, businesses that do will be included in a drawing for use of a spotlight for one hour or a one-hour radio remote on Halloween night. The deadline to register for eligibility in the

drawing is Sept. 30.

"The media will be going out and selling packages, but it will be up to the various businesses if they want to advertise," said ValVerde. "The chamber will advertise the actual event, but will not be advertising for each

individual business.

"It's a great time, though, to really get your business involved because it is a fun time. We're suggesting merchants hand out candy or other treats to children that evening. They may want to give away coupons for use during the holidays. It's completely up to them," ValVerde added.

Merchants that want to participate in a "Night of Spooktacular Shopping" are encouraged to call the chamber at 263-7631, or stop by 215 W. Third to fill out a brief registration form.

VAMC

McEwen offers a cooperative plan to bolster veterans' care

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

EL PASO — A public-private coalition between the Big Spring VA Medical Center and area physicians to provide specialty care to veterans could be a model for VA hospitals nationwide, according to Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen.

McEwen proposed the concept during his testimony Thursday in front of a five-member Capital Assessment



Realigned Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission panel at Fort Bliss.

According to McEwen, recruiting and retaining qualified doctors is not just a rural area issue for VA hospitals. Large hospitals are also dealing with the problem.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been successful in recruiting 11 doctors in the past 10 years to Big Spring in specialties ranging from family practice to vascular surgery, McEwen said.

McEwen noted several private physicians in the area were willing to become associated with the Big Spring VA Hospital to provide services.

The mayor outlined a public-private coalition between the Big Spring VA hospital and area physicians to provide specialty care without having to send veterans on long trips out of town.

"For a real life example, today a cardiologist is interested in locating to Big Spring and a working relationship with the VA hospital would enhance this ability to attract this doctor," McEwen said. "Additionally, cardiology could be offered by VA Big Spring with no addi-

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Obituaries

Nettie Arnold Creighton



Nettie Arnold Creighton, 93, of Big Spring, died Sept. 21, 2003 at her daughter's residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23 at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, chaplain of Baptist Memorials Center in San Angelo and Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Big Spring.

Mrs. Creighton was born Jan. 15, 1910, in Big Spring and married Charlie

Creighton Dec. 6, 1928 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death June 22, 1984. She also was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Nora Louisa Arnold; one son, Charles Arnold Creighton; one sister, Agnes Evans and one brother, Claude Arnold.

She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and graduated from Big

Spring High School in 1928. She attended Brantley-Draughn's Business School in Fort Worth. She and her husband had owned and operated Creighton Tire for approximately 50 years. They raised registered Hereford cattle and were active in the Texas Hereford Association.

She was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church and taught

Sunday school for many years. She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Mrs. Creighton's survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Luan and Louis Stallings of Big Spring; two grandsons Kyle Stallings and wife, Jamie of Midland and Todd Stallings and wife, Connie of Dallas; two granddaughters, Dian Griffin and husband, Lane of Borden County and Layne Froman and husband, Ken of Gail; 17 great grandchildren, Tom Griffin, Dan Griffin, Ben Griffin, K. C. Stallings, Tyler Stallings, Jacob Froman, Michael Froman, John Stallings, Elizabeth Row and husband Brad, Michelle Froman, Katherine Froman, Laura Griffin, Kristin Stallings, Claire Stallings, Anna Stallings, Jill Stallings and Kate Stallings; one great grandchild, Hailey Row; two nephews, Arnold Parmley and David Arnold and two nieces, Mary Arnold and Melanie Arnold.

Her great grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Malcolm Patterson, R. H. Weaver, Leland Wallace, Harry Middleton, Rich Anderson, Raymond Phillips, Cuin Grigsby, T. L. Griffin, and Sam Froman.

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

Paid Obituary

Florine "Flo" Allen Price



Florine "Flo" Allen Price, 90, of Sterling City died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003. She was born in Throckmorton County Aug. 14, 1913. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hill Allen, pioneer ranchers in Throckmorton County.

Mrs. Price attended high school in Goree, Texas and received her bachelor of arts degree from Texas State College for Women in Denton. At the age of 19 she began teaching primary grades in a one-room school house at Brushy School in Haskell County. She taught math in Sterling City in September, 1936. Mrs. Price held this position for eight years.

She married Foster Sims Price Jan. 29, 1944. "Flo" was a member of the Sterling City Church of Christ where she enjoyed teaching Bible classes. She was active in school and civic activities in Sterling City and was dedicated to her family and friends.

Her husband, Foster Sims Price, her parents, a brother, Rex Allen of Throckmorton and a sister, Jo Moore preceded her in death.

Mrs. Price is survived by three brothers, Mark Allen and wife Vivian of Clarendon, Taylor Allen and wife Margie of Goree, Rhoades Allen and wife Jean of Denton, and a sister, Lois Liles, of Throckmorton. Mrs. Price also is survived by five children, Allen L. Price and wife Tanis of San Angelo, Frank S. Price and wife Ginger of Sterling City, Elaine King and husband Courtney of San Angelo, Shirley Johnson and husband Daniel C. of Big Spring, and Lois Cave and husband James R. of Snyder. Mrs. Price has 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Brenda Conner, Cindy Longorio, Sara Martinez, Marcella Nunez, Tammy Ponce and Rupert Fuentes for the loving care they gave "Flo".

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Sterling City Church of Christ. Funeral service will be Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Foster Cemetery in Sterling City. Arrangements are by Ross Funeral Home.

Paid Obituary

Sheriff's report

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

• **MICHAEL SHANE NIXON**, 39, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, violation of a promise to appear and failure to display drivers license.

• **JASON LEE DIAZ**, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of criminal trespass in a habitation and assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

• **JONATHAN MICHAEL PAUL**, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

• **TRACY ALLEN LAMBDIN**, 31, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

• **ROBERT ANTHONY SALDANA**, 33, was arrested Friday on a charge of aggravated assault.

• **TRACY LEE MARTIN**, 34, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, under two ounces, and possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

Marvin "Mac" McCutchan



Marvin "Mac" McCutchan, 73, of Coahoma, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a long illness. Funeral

He was born July 14, 1930, in Fisher County, Texas. He married Glenda Stonecipher. She preceded him in death. He later married Ella Patricia "Pat" Patterson. She also preceded him in death. He was a resident of Coahoma since 1965 and a member of The Coahoma United Methodist Church. He retired from Fina after 25 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force.

He is survived by two sons, Mike McCutchan of Odessa and James McCutchan of Val Dosta, Ga.; two daughters: Melody Cooper of Wichita Falls, and Holly "Patty" Best of Coahoma; two brothers: Richard McCutchan of Lubbock and Calvin McCutchan of Colorado City; two sisters, Geraldine Fuqua of Big Spring and Nell Cunningham of Sweetwater; 11 grandchildren; one great granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Robert Turner, officiating. Interment will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Violet B. Reed

Violet B. Reed, 97, of Wooster, Ohio, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory

Police blotter

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

• **DONNA KATHERINE ZAMORA**, 24, of Lamesa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft, previous conviction.

• **MICHELLE LEE EDMUNDSON**, 25, of 1425 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Saturday on city traffic warrants.

• **ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ**, 44, address unknown, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

• **DONNY JUAREZ**, 20, of 1607 Stadium, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child in the vehicle and open container.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported: - in the 1200 block of Dixie.

- in the 2600 block of Ent. Items valued at \$200 reported stolen.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2500 block of Barksdale.

• **DEADLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGING A FIREARM** was reported: - in the 1400 block of Nolan.

- in the 1200 block of NW Eighth Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported: - in the 2500 block of Langley.

- in the 700 block of 11th Place.

- in the 2500 block of Dow. \$175 in damages were reported.

- in the 1400 block of Nolan. \$800 in damages were reported.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 200 block of NE Third Street.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported: - in the 400 block of E. 17th Street.

- in the 500 block of Westover Road.

- in the 300 block of Tulane.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan

• **INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main.

• **STEALING OR RECEIVING STOLEN CHECKS** was reported in the 900 block of S. Birdwell.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 60s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY
Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scep 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.

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

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

"A Fine Night of Italian Cuisine," sponsored by Odyssey Healthcare, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church. Odyssey Healthcare caregivers past and present are invited to the dinner.

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

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

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

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

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

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

West Texas Republican Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road. Special guest speaker will be Tony Massaro, President of the San Angelo chapter of Pachyderms.

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

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

FRIDAY
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-7-16-18-33. Bonus Ball: 34.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$5 million.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$6 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 17-23-24-28-31. Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 4-3-3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 9-4-3

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West Texas congressional district fly in GOP ointment

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — What started as a frenzy between Democrats and Republicans could be determined by roughnecks and cotton farmers.

West Texans in Midland and Lubbock are at the center of a Republican legislative stalemate over congressional redistricting.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick of Midland said he's not negotiating over the design of West Texas' congressional districts. Republican Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, chair of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee that is tackling redistricting, says he won't vote on a map his constituents don't like.

"He's got to decide whether he wants to have redistricting. Are we going to have redistricting (or) are we going to have Midland?" Duncan said of Craddick. "Is this about Texas or is this about Midland?"

Craddick spokesman Bob Richter replied that once the Senate approves a redistricting map, a conference committee will work out differences and "try to pass a map that a majority of people can live with."

The full Senate is expected to take up redistricting early this week.

Craddick, who favors a map adopted Wednesday by the House, wants his home of Midland to anchor a district that could support a congressional representative separate from Lubbock.

With an autonomous

Midland district, Lubbock and Abilene would likely have to meld together into one district, forcing either Lubbock's rookie U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, a Republican, or the popular congressional veteran Rep. Charles Stenholm, an Abilene Democrat, out of office.

Duncan says his constituents strongly oppose a Midland district, but he's searching for a solution.

Craddick, Duncan, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas and Republican state Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, who authored the map under consideration in the Senate, met earlier this month to look for a compromise.

Craddick said he's upset because Duncan reneged on a deal the two struck in May, amid a tight runoff election between Neugebauer and a congressional candidate from Midland.

At the time, redistricting was gaining steam in the Legislature and both Craddick and Duncan were concerned that, whichever candidate won the expensive West Texas runoff, a new redistricting map could possibly eliminate the seat.

The agreement, Craddick said, would have given both Midland and Lubbock "pancake districts," stretching from east to west, so that either candidate would have the opportunity to maintain his seat after a redistricting map had been adopted.

"You're running an expensive runoff but if you win, you may not

have a seat. That's not fair to the person who won or to the district," Craddick said.

Duncan said that although he discussed the map with Craddick, no agreement was reached.

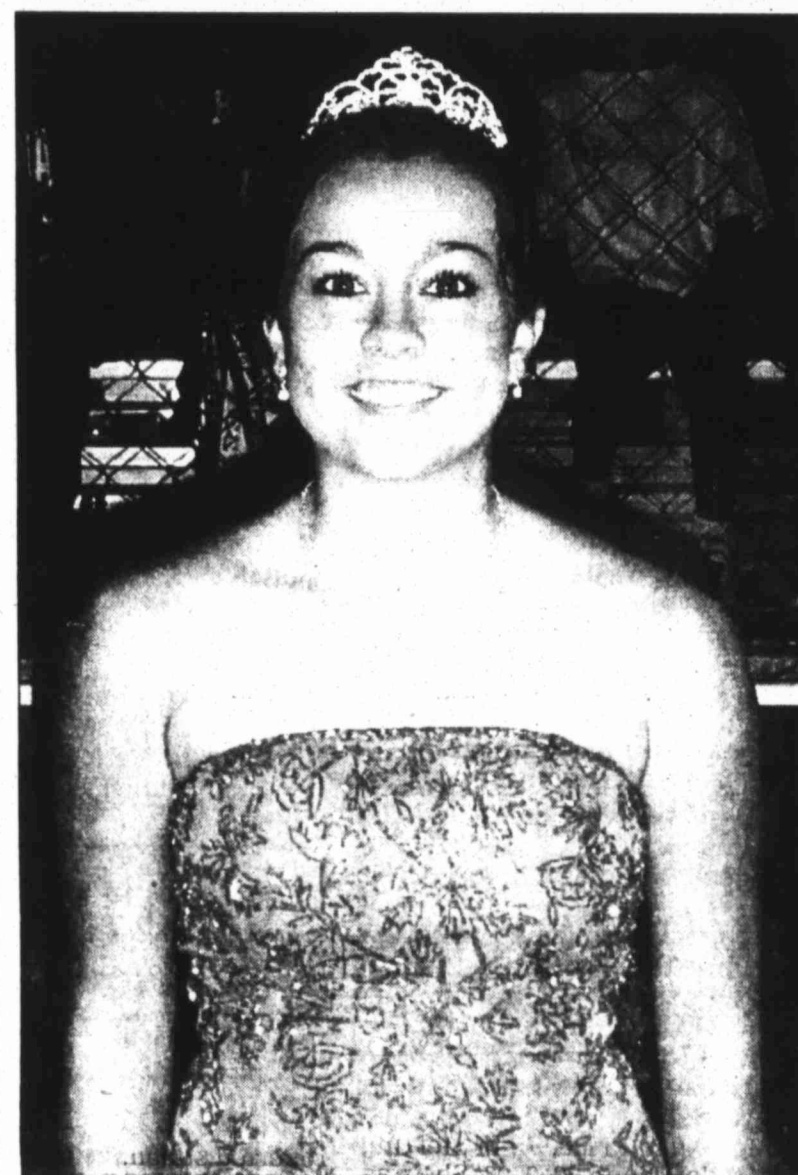
"I told him personally that I didn't have an objection to it, but we both agreed that we would forward it to (Neugebauer and the candidate from Midland for input). My feedback was that it was not as favorable to the constituents I represent as I initially thought," Duncan said.

After that, 51 Texas House Democrats fled to Ardmore, Okla., and redistricting died during the regular legislative session. The Legislature has since attempted redistricting during three special sessions, including one in which Senate Democrats fled to New Mexico to block a quorum.

With the Democrats back and the clock running in a third special session called by Gov. Rick Perry, Republican quarreling could be the obstacle to passing redistricting.

"They fight among themselves. They're debating among themselves. They do not even have the votes for a redistricting plan," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Laredo Democrat. "Governor Perry should not have called a special session without the votes in place for a redistricting plan."

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst maintains that several ideas were being floated around on how to solve the West Texas issue.



Natasha Mitchell (bottom photo) was crowned the 2003 Coahoma High School homecoming queen Friday night, while Kelby Kemper was selected as football hero. Kelby Kemper and Haley Butts was selected as football sweetheart during homecoming festivities Friday night.

Courtesy photos/Kay Pittman

FLYING

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and walk among this crowd and you're walking among guys that flew the big bombers and fighters and took the hits. These are wonderful people that made it possible to have this air show. So, for me, it's a wonderful privilege to be able to fly for them."

Collmer said his part in the show will involve plenty of heart-stopping stunts. "What I do in a show is called a low-level solo acrobatics routine. I work from ground level — from take-off to touch-down — and the airplane is always doing something," said Collmer. "I loop it, roll it, spin it, snap it, tumble it end-over-end, back it up, put out a lot of smoke and noise with most of it com-

ing within 10 to 20 feet of the ground."

With a background in naval aviation, Collmer said it didn't take him long to realize what he wanted to do and how to do it. "It really didn't take very long," he said. "Military training was exceptionally good and we were doing acrobatics on the first flight and from then on."

"When you're flying a fighter plane, your job is to get behind the other guy. Now we've got fancy missiles that can be fired from 50 miles out, but in the old days you had to rely on guns, like the 20 mm cannon or sidewinder missiles. In both cases, you had to be behind the guy and in the right position to even get a shot at them. That meant if he saw you, you had to be maneuvering...

and that meant flying the plane as a second sense."

The idea to begin flying acrobatic routines came to him at, of all places, an air show.

"After I quit flying in the reserves, I didn't touch an airplane of any kind for 11 years and then I went to an air show," Collmer explained. "I said, 'Wait a minute, I can do that.' So I went out and bought an airplane and three years later I was doing air shows. I've been doing them for 25 years now."

Collmer's red, white and blue Extra 300L was constructed in Germany, and according to the stunt pilot, is as maneuverable as many modern jets being utilized by the U.S. military.

"The Extra is designed and built by a gentleman by the name of Walter

Extra and is a German built airplane," Collmer noted. "He built about 160 of them and this one is No. 19 of that group. It was delivered to me in February of 1996. It's stressed to plus 10 Gs and minus 10 Gs, and it's roll rate is equivalent to all of the modern jets. It's an absolutely wonderful airplane and it's comfortable to be in."

"I've flown this plane all over the country. I've had it as far west as San Diego, Calif., as far north-east as Boston and south to Daytona Beach, Fla. So I've covered everything except the Northwest."

With 25 years of participating in air shows, Collmer said he's never had a close call while performing, but did have one "exciting experience" in what could be described as the worst of situations.

"I was flying a Cessna 210," he recalls. "I was bringing my daughter and 13-month-old grandson from Kansas to Dallas, and the engine literally blew up and came apart over Oklahoma... punched holes in the windshield and put oil all over everything. We were a glider at that point, with the nearest airport 12 miles away."

"I had the two most important people in my life in the backseat of that plane, and I knew my job was to get that airplane on the ground safely. I had two choices — Interstate 35, which is a double runway, or try to make it to the airport where we landed."

Collmer said he hopes his performances during the annual Airshow will inspire children to look at avionics not as a far-

fetched dream, but one of many possible realities.

"I remember seeing one of the first jets ever made back in 1945," said Collmer with a gleam in his eye. "I went home and drew pictures of it, made models of it... anything I could do with what I had seen. I knew right then I wanted to be a pilot and I hope some child watching the show will feel the same way."

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Joe Kirkland, 74, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park. Marvin "Mac" McCutchan, 73, died Saturday. Funeral services will be Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

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tional outlay or equipment since Scenic Mountain Medical Center contains a state-of-the-art cath lab that could be used to serve the veteran population.

"Research shows that early intervention with coronary episodes can enhance the survival ability."

McEwen added this model will benefit the VA hospital, SMMC and the veterans served by these

specialists.

"These are just a few ways the medical professionals in Big Spring are ready, willing and able to step in and fill any void that exists or may arise in the local VA's ability to provide quality health care," McEwen said.

The hearing, one of many scheduled throughout the nation, was held to hear testimony about the CARES national draft plan to realign Department of Veteran's Affairs medical services.

Among the recommendations in the proposed plan is a feasibility study

to research the possibility of building a nursing home facility and moving veteran health care services to the Midland/Odessa area. If those two items are enacted, it would mean the closure of the Big Spring facility.

McEwen complimented the board on the CARES process, saying the recommendation forced the

community to take a critical look at health care services and find ways to enhance those services.

"Big Spring has had a relationship with veterans for more than 50 years," McEwen said. "Our only desire is to do what is best for the veteran population of West Texas. Through a public-private coalition, we can bring the best care to our

veterans. We owe them no less."

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OUR VIEWS

We do wonder:
What were
they thinking?

Every once in a while, the Texas Legislature surprises us with a little bit of what can only be called insanity. And no, the current third special session and battle over congressional redistricting isn't the focus here.

Instead, one has to wonder what our lawmakers were thinking when they enacted a new law governing how the license plates on our cars are displayed.

The new law, which took effect on Sept. 1, could almost be considered the state sneaking a fast one past us.

According to the law, if a license plate bracket or device obstructs the visibility of the license plate, touching any of the letters or numbers or altering the design of the plate, it will be considered probable cause for a traffic stop.

The new law, which began as Senate Bill 439, covers more.

It states motorists may not add emblems, reflective materials, lights, or anything that changes the color of the license plate. And, the name of the issuing state must be visible.

Howard County Justice of the Peace Kathryn Weisman says motorists could face an \$85 fine for their "decorative" license plates.

To our way of thinking, that's probably not enough of a fine for those who intentionally try to cover up their license plates in an attempt to evade or cover up another transgression from law enforcement personnel.

But a license plate frame that simply touches the letters on a plate seems to be somewhat of a stretch.

Literally enforced, the new law makes a great many, if not almost all of the license plate frames auto dealerships put on vehicles they've sold cause for a traffic stop and fine.

Like most motorists who are now taking a long look at their license plates, we feel compelled to scratch our heads and wonder...

Just what were they thinking in Austin that day?

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May our service for you, Lord, be humble and sincere. May our lives reflect your love.

Amen

It's not about the punch cards

The infamous Ninth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled Monday that the very "punch card" ballots that were good enough to elect Gray Davis governor in November aren't good enough to be used in an election that might recall him.

The three judge panel's rationale: An Oct. 7 recall would violate the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution because six counties representing 44 percent of the voters would use punch card ballots, which are deemed less reliable than other ballots. The ruling noted that "the affected counties contain a significantly higher percentage of minorities than the other counties" and cited a study that found that minority voters had more problems voting using punch cards than white, non-Hispanic voters.

The panel ruled that the recall election should be postponed until March 2, 2004, when all counties should have replaced their punch card systems. The judges also noted that former California Secretary of State Bill Jones, a Republican, "officially" deemed punch cards to be "unacceptable."

Wrong, bristled Jones on Monday. Jones noted that after Florida 2000, he pushed for California to modernize its balloting systems by 2006. The ACLU and other organizations sued the state to dump punch card ballots more

quickly. A federal judge in Los Angeles picked March 2004 as the deadline — and the parties agreed.

"If I had thought these systems were so egregious, I would not have suggested keeping punch cards until 2006, said Jones. He asked: If the ACLU believed that punch card ballots disenfranchised voters, "why didn't they appeal that decision" for the 2002 elections?

The answer: As far as I'm concerned, the issue wasn't replacing the punch cards. It was that the ACLU wanted to muck up the recall election, and the Ninth Circuit wanted to help.

As UCLA law professor Daniel Lowenstein noted, "There are many elections scheduled for November 2003, including a recall election in the city of Lynwood" (which lies in one of the six counties, Los Angeles) "and I'm not aware of anyone who's objected to the use of punch card ballots in those systems."

A former aide to Jerry Brown when he was secretary of state, Lowenstein described the Monday ruling as "one of the worst instances of judicial interference with elections that I've ever seen, and I've been active in this field for about 30 years."

Elections attorney Chip Nielsen warned that the replacement ballot systems could be worse than punch cards — because voters and registrars aren't familiar with them. Lowenstein agreed that the new ballot systems could be as problematic as punch cards.

This is another Ninth Circuit horror story. Consider how in 1996, federal judge Thelton Henderson — a former ACLU board member — unilaterally overruled Proposition

209, which ended racial preferences in state hiring, contracting and admissions. Proposition 209, which was approved by voters, was based on 1964 federal civil rights law. A Ninth Circuit panel overturned the ruling on appeal. It should act likewise — and quickly — with this can of worms and spare California from the U.S. Supreme Court stepping in. As Nielsen noted, this decision spells "pure chaos."

While the ruling noted the need for "orderly" elections, it in itself is a recipe for disorder.

Should counties throw out the absentee ballots of those who have already voted — or should they let every vote count? No one knows.

On the very first paragraph of the 66 page ruling, the Ninth Circuit judges misquoted Bill Jones, who never said the punch card system was "unacceptable." (He said it was outdated.) They took a decades old voting mechanism that helped elect the presidents who appointed them and decided that it was so unreliable as to justify their decision to postpone a scheduled election in which some citizens already had voted.

If punch ballots are so "unacceptable," they should recuse themselves, having won their place on the bench through such a discredited system. But if it's good enough for them, it's good enough for the recall.

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Name recognition no problem

The Democratic presidential candidates can't catch a break. They have been campaigning approximately forever, they have met in debates and forums more than 20 times, and most people still can't name a single one of them.

Out in California, on the other hand, where citizens eventually will vote on whether to recall their governor, name recognition is no problem.

Everybody knows that Arnold Schwarzenegger is running for governor, and because of his bodybuilding and acting career, he enjoys a huge advantage over the other 134 candidates on the ballot.

I recently flew to Fresno, Calif., to hear Schwarzenegger speak to schoolchildren, and as I walked through the airport, I noticed a Terminator 2 pinball machine — yes, they still play pinball in Fresno — that featured a large color picture of Schwarzenegger.

There was no pinball machine featuring Schwarzenegger's leading opponents: Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante or Republican State Sen. Tom McClintock. True, Schwarzenegger was depicted on the game as being half-human and half-machine, but publicity, as they say, is publicity.

The chaotic California race was thrown even deeper into pandemonium on Monday, when the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the vote should not take place on Oct. 7, as scheduled, because major population centers in California still use punch-card ballots, the kind they used in Florida that led to all those hanging chads.

The ruling was by a three-member panel, and the panel stayed its own order for seven days to allow an appeal to the full 11-member Ninth Circuit Court or directly to the U.S. Supreme Court, the same court that decided the Florida controversy.

The election could be delayed until the regular March 3, 2004, California presidential primary, when new voting machines will be

in place. This would almost certainly help California's governor, Gray Davis, a Democrat, since the Democratic presidential race might be a lot hotter then and presumably will draw Democrats to the polls, while President Bush is currently running unopposed, and so Republicans might not come out.

It also removes one of Schwarzenegger's advantages: The recall was supposed to be a quick race that was not going to get bogged down in issues or a lot of debates. Schwarzenegger has accepted only one debate invitation — one in which the candidates will get the questions in advance.

But if the recall election is delayed until March, can Schwarzenegger really refuse to meet his opponents face-to-face time and time again? Can he really avoid making and defending detailed policy statements on the major issues?

His campaign already has run into unexpected problems. Polls show him trailing the far less colorful, but equally determined, Bustamante. Then, McClintock, who is liked by conservatives, refused to drop out in favor of Schwarzenegger. The latter is especially important. Schwarzenegger wanted McClintock out before 2 million absentee ballots were placed in the mail, but that happened last week and McClintock is not only still in, but insisting he will never bow to the Terminator.

The Schwarzenegger camp is being brave about it, but they fear the arithmetic: If there is one prominent Democrat, Bustamante, running against two prominent Republicans, Schwarzenegger and McClintock, the Republican vote could be split and the Democrat could win.

"We can win with the current field, but there is no question the math gets simpler if the field continues to consolidate around Arnold," Rob Stutzman, Schwarzenegger's spokesman, says. "We're confident that at the end of the day, Sen. McClintock will do the right thing and not imperil a Republican victory."

But a bigger peril to a Republican victory may be the woman's vote in a state where women make up 52

percent of likely voters. According to a recent Field Poll, Schwarzenegger leads Bustamante narrowly among men, but trails him by a whopping 13 points among women. Why? One reason may be the violence in some Schwarzenegger movies, but another may be some of Schwarzenegger's recent comments, such as an interview in Entertainment Weekly dated July 11, in which he talks about his movie "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" and says, "How many times do you get away with this — to take a woman, grab her upside down and bury her face in a toilet bowl?"

One time too many from a political standpoint.

The California election is confusing because it is really two elections. Question One asks voters whether they want to recall Davis as governor. A simple majority will determine his fate. Question Two asks voters to select among 135 names for his replacement. All that is needed to win here is a plurality. In other words, Davis could get 49.99 percent of the vote on Question One and lose his job to a person who gets 30 percent of the vote on Question Two.

Unfair? Especially since Davis was re-elected only last November and no charges of any kind have been brought, let alone proved, against him? His campaign sure thinks so.

"Recalls were designed for malfeasance or criminality, not for bad economies and budgets shortfalls," says Davis spokesman Peter Ragone.

On Monday, Davis was asked about the appeals court decision that could delay the election. "This recall has been like a roller coaster," he said. "It has more surprises than you can possibly imagine."

And I get a funny feeling that, California being California, more could be on the way.

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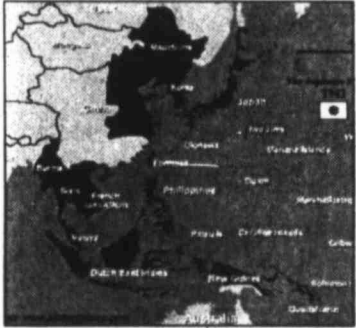
Part II

By Marsha Allen
Herald Lifestyle Editor

With the fall of the Philippines, more than 70,000 became Japanese prisoners of war (POW). They were comprised of 50,000 Filipino and 20,000 American soldiers, sailors, and airmen, not to mention the civilian internees.

At the end of World War II, nearly 37 percent of all POWs lost their lives as a result of harsh, and often sadistic, treatment from their Japanese captors.

Officially the United States Government presented each surviving POW the monetary sum of \$1 a day for each day



The Japanese military controlled these areas at the outset of WWII.

of their individual captivity, amounting to approximately \$1,000 above each individual's normal pay, and not much more.

Men such as Lynn Preslar, a POW from the battle of Corregidor, had to fight to get assistance for a multitude of health maladies resulting from their months, and sometimes years, of captivity.

Preslar came home with such health problems as malnutrition, bronchitis, pneumonia, vitamin deficiency, chronic dysentery, pellagra, helminthiasis, neuritis, neurosis, pyorrhea (teeth loss), tropical ulcers, hearing loss, malaria fevers, dengue fevers which are sudden onset of fever producing severe headache, myalgias and arthralgias, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia and hemorrhagic manifestations. These types of fever, spread by day-biting mosquitoes, produce shock and hemorrhage, leading to death.

Other health problems suffered by Preslar were extreme dehydration, body lice, body fleas, and Beriberi, a vitamin deficiency disease, caused by inadequate bodily stores of thiamine, (Vitamin B1). It can damage the heart and nervous system. There was no medicine, no medical instruments, no anesthesia for surgery, no water for bathing 90 percent of the time and no clothes furnished 99 percent of the time.

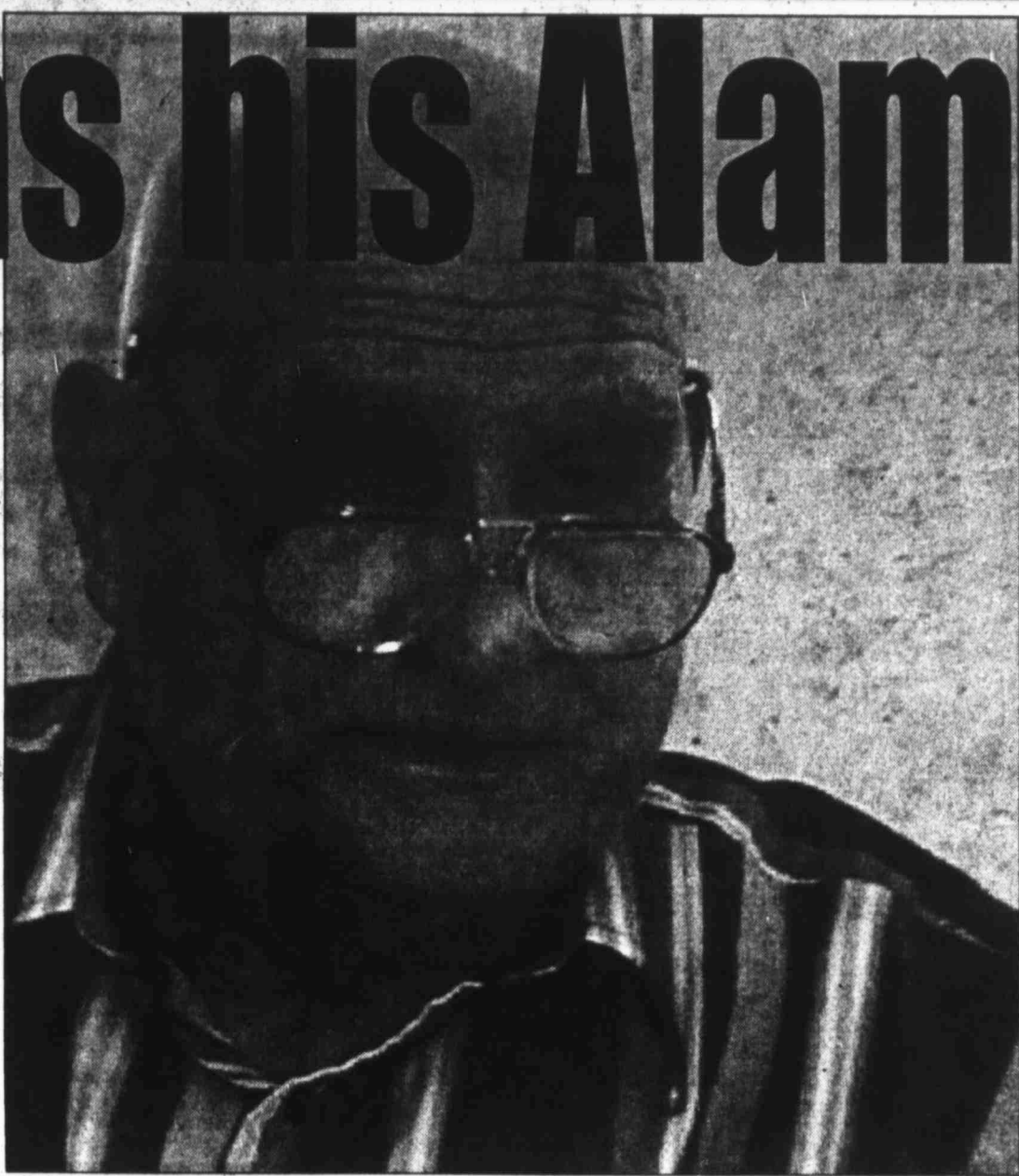
There was no soap, no toilet articles such as razors or mirrors. "You could take things you found and sharpen them on a section of leather from your shoes and manage to shave," Preslar said. "It was rough, but it

could be done." Also there was no mail for three years, so for 40 months there was no news of what turns the war was taking. And there was an average of two beatings a month, which, for Preslar equaled to 80 beatings in 40 months.

Preslar continues to suffer from a shell fragment embedded in his right leg muscle.

Preslar is a live-in patient at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring. He still suffers from bronchitis and wears a bag as a result of major surgery. "Sometimes it would malfunction at home, and I would have to come back up here," he said. "So, rather than take a chance on possibly dying at home when it malfunctioned, I'll just stay here, where when something goes wrong with it the matter can be handled quickly and effectively." He said he is grateful to have the veteran center so close to home, and feels the facility is of great benefit to those in the area who have served their country as service personnel.

Preslar has compiled a journal chronicling his time of captivity. He has given permission to The Herald to use his text as he has written it. In "it he states that from Dec. 7, 1941 until the surren-



L.B. "Lynn" Preslar

der of Corregidor May 7, 1942, only 62 percent of military personnel survived. "During the following 40 months I was a prisoner of war of the Japanese Military Forces," Preslar writes.

"As soon as we faced our first Japs after our surrender, we were each searched and asked if we were a machine gunner. If you answered yes, your hands were tied behind your back and bayoneted to death. Soon word spread somehow to you were a machine gunner."

The Japanese commander of the landing forces spoke to the

prisoners saying, "if I had my way, you would all be executed today. I am a military officer and I must obey orders from my superior, the Emperor of Japan, who has decreed that your lives are to be spared as long as you obey all orders. Japan did not sign the Geneva Accords concerning prisoners of war, therefore you are not considered prisoners of war, but merely battlefield captives. You have no rights at all."

He continues in the documentation to state that watches and rings were confiscated, and if any captive possessed Japanese inva-

sion money he was executed. The money symbolized that the owner had taken it from a Japanese soldier killed in a battle.

During his first 10 days of capture there was no food distributed. Captives formed groups of eight and shared what little they had. For the approximate 12,000 men on Corregidor there was only one water well equipped with one rope and one eight-inch diameter bucket. Two members of his group always stood in line because the line was closed at sunset and reopened at sunup. Not forming the line in an orderly manner incurred beatings, resulting in broken bones. His group finally procured one gallon of water on the second day and cooked some rice and beans. It was the last takes of beans they had.

For three and one-half years Preslar and other prisoners suffered "starvation, slave labor, beatings and other forms of torture followed."

They were fed only small parcels of rice. When clothes wore out, they were not replaced.

Preslar stated that he was one of the prisoners put to work to build an airfield on Palawan Island from September 1942 to September 1944.

The field literally was carved from dense jungle. If a prisoner did not work fast enough he was beaten or tortured. Beatings and torture went on 24 hours a day.

Cement ships had to be unloaded. Preslar was sent to the hold of

these ships to work unloading sacks of dry cement. Through the basket-woven style containers the dry cement leaked, creating an ash, which permeated the air. The dust became so thick it was almost impossible to breathe, he documents. The unloading detail was small so it took a week to 10 days to finish. This is where Preslar developed severe bronchitis, which evolved to acute asthma in 1980. He was awarded a 100 percent service connected disability determination from the Veterans Administration in 1984.

While working on the airfield Italy surrendered in 1943. Those prisoners of Italian surnames were severely beaten because the Japanese were angry Italy had surrendered.

Squads of 10 men were organized. Should any member of the squad escape the remaining members were killed by firing squad if the escapees were not found in five days. If the escapees were found within five days they were beheaded while the other members of the squad observed.

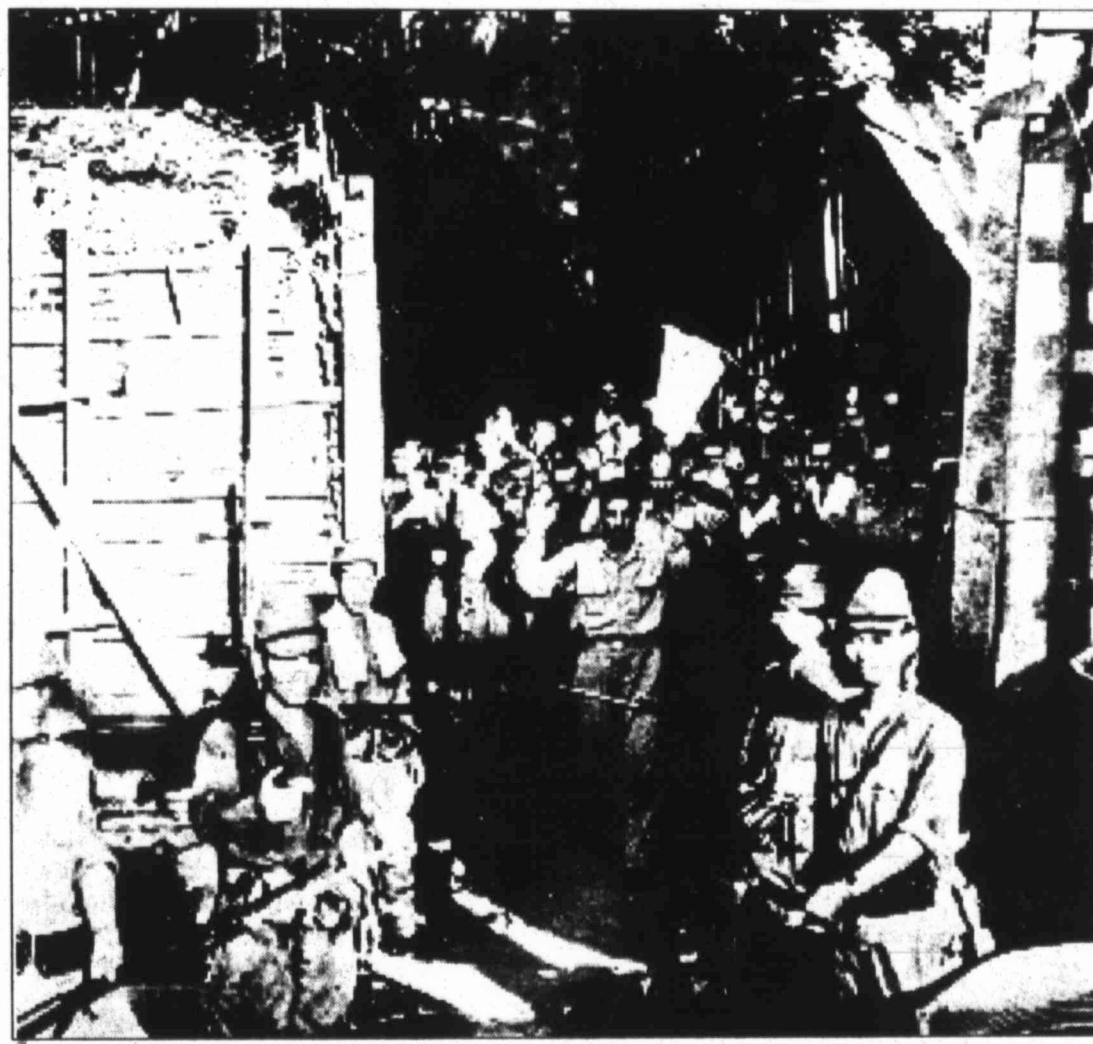
Some prisoners were blind. Because prisoners had to bow or salute their guards, these blind prisoners often did not see the guards and were beaten. Other prisoners made signs for the blind prisoners to wear indicating in Japanese they could not see. It helped sometimes, but the beatings continued, Preslar states.

On Dec. 14, 1944 only 150 remained of the original 300 building the airfield. These 150 became trapped in a small "air raid," writes Preslar. In retribution they were burned alive by the Japanese using aviation fuel, because McArthur was nearing the Palawan island. Some were bayoneted as they tried to escape while still on fire while others were machine-gunned.

Eleven escaped into the jungle until American forces arrived two and one-half months later.

As horrible as these experiences were, they added to the horrible conditions such as the trip from the Philippine Islands to Japan aboard what came to be known as "hell ships."

Read about these horrifying trips in the final Part III Tuesday.



Americans leaving their bunkers of Malinta cave, after a surrender of Corregidor.

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Fight over music copyrights, pirating reaching new heights

In a day and age when information travels the world at the speed of a modem, the fight over music copyrights and pirating is reaching new levels as many file traders find themselves facing criminal charges.



THOMAS JENKINS

In what is being deemed a major victory for the music and motion picture industries, a district judge in Washington recently ordered Verizon Communications Inc. to name a Verizon internet subscriber who downloaded more than 600 copyrighted songs in one day from the Internet.

The case was being viewed as an important test of the contentious Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), which exempts Internet Service Providers (ISPs) from liability in copyright infringement cases if the ISP turns over the name of the subscriber. Verizon appealed the subpoena, saying DMCA rules apply only when an Internet provider "hosts" the infringing works on its own computers. In this case, it argued, the downloaded files did not reside on any system it controls. It was on the user's own hardware and thus, outside the reach of a subpoena.

Judge John D. Bates rejected Verizon's interpretation as a "strained reading" of the act. He wrote that "Congress never intended such technological hair-splitting. The law was intended to create a process for quickly identifying copyright infringement and curtailing it."

"Under Verizon's reading of the act, a significant amount of potential copyright infringement would be shielded from the subpoena authority of the DMCA," Bates wrote. "That would, in effect, give Internet copyright infringers shelter from the long arm of the DMCA subpoena power and allow infringement to flourish."

The recording industry hailed the decision as a significant victory in its ongoing crackdown on illicit peer-to-peer networks, which allow users to download files directly and anonymously from another user's computer hard drive.

Verizon said it would appeal the ruling, which, if left unchallenged, would force Internet providers to surrender their subscribers' names, addresses and phone numbers without any subpoena — without any kind of judicial review to determine whether the infringement claim is valid.

"We believe that the court's decision is bad news for consumers and has very troubling implications for service providers and for the Internet more generally," said Sarah Deutsch, Verizon's vice president and associate general counsel.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco technology rights advocacy group that filed a brief in support of Verizon, said the court's ruling raises troubling constitutional

issues. It affords fewer protections to consumers accused of copyright infringement than it does for someone charged with spreading malicious lies about someone online.

"The constitutional protection of Internet users is being compromised on the say-so of record labels, without any court review whatsoever," said Fred von Lohmann, a copyright attorney for the EFF. "There's no need for them to go into court and have to make a showing that their case is legitimate. And that's entirely at odds with the way we treat other forms of unlawful speech."

So where does that leave millions of Americans that download music through file-sharing tools everyday? That question may be much harder to answer than anyone expects.

Information leaks within the judicial system claim only a small percentage of alleged "music pirates" are being targeted by federal investigators. According to these unverified reports, the government is basing their decision to pursue charges only if those "caught" sharing files are sharing more than 1,000 copyrighted files.

Reports also allege the government is only tracking users that remain connected to the file-sharing courier for long spans of time, most likely dedicated lines such as cable or DSL. Unfortunately, federal officials are tightlipped on the subject, citing the investigation as ongoing and that they are unable to comment.

While the federal system is enjoying success on several different levels in its fight against piracy, they may be lined up to take a fat lip in one such case, as an anonymous California computer user went to court last week to challenge the recording industry's file-trading subpoenas, charging that they are unconstitutional and violate her right to privacy.

The legal motion, filed in a Washington, D.C., federal court by a "Jane Doe" Internet service subscriber, is the first from an individual whose personal information has been subpoenaed by the RIAA in recent months.

The motion was filed by a pair of Sacramento, Calif., attorneys who said the RIAA had gone too far in its effort to protect its online copyrights. "This is more invasive than someone having secret access to the library books you check out or the videos you rent," Glenn Peterson, one of the attorneys, said in a statement. "The recent efforts of the music industry to root out piracy have addressed a uniquely contemporary problem with Draconian methods — good old-fashioned intimidation combined with access to personal information that would make George Orwell blush."

The Jane Doe motion comes as the first individual legal response to the RIAA's effort to sue large numbers of file swappers. It follows similar legal challenges from several ISPs and colleges, including Pacific Bell Internet Services, an SBC Communications subsidiary. A Massachusetts feder-

al court has already ruled that some of the group's subpoenas, submitted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Boston College, had not followed the correct legal process and were therefore invalid. That court left open the possibility that the RIAA could simply refile those subpoenas properly, however.

According to documents filed with the court, Jane Doe used the Kazaa file-swapping software as a music player largely to listen to songs she had ripped from her own CDs and to music that came pre-loaded on her family computer. She also "participated" in the Kazaa file-swapping community but tried to prevent other people from accessing files on her computer, the documents state.

The RIAA has used court orders to try to identify more than 1,000 computer users it alleges have been offering copyrighted songs on file-trading networks. It plans to use the information gained to file copyright lawsuits against the individuals.

On July 9, the RIAA sent her ISP, Verizon Communications, a subpoena seeking her name, address, phone number and e-mail address. Verizon contacted the anonymous subscriber on July 15, telling her that the group was targeting her. After consulting with attorneys, she asked Verizon to delay providing her information because she would fight the request.

The action-filed Thursday is still a preliminary step before settling down to fight on constitutional or other grounds. Because the RIAA document was seeking information from Verizon, not directly from her, she must first petition the court for the right to challenge the subpoena herself.

In their briefs, her attorneys argued that the RIAA's unconventional subpoena process has violated her rights to due process, privacy and anonymous association, along with her contract with Verizon.

For its part, the RIAA said that Jane Doe's motion to intervene matters little, because a federal court has already upheld the validity of the subpoena process. "The courts have already ruled that you're not anonymous when you're publicly distributing music online," said Matt Oppenheim, senior vice president at the RIAA. "Her lawyers are trying to obtain a free pass to download or upload music online illegally. Their arguments have already been addressed by federal court and been rejected."

The EFF is also working with some individuals who say their screen names have been the subject of RIAA subpoenas, but it has not yet filed any challenges with the court. "The most important issue is that if you are innocent, if the RIAA has screwed up, it is critical that individuals have the ability to challenge the subpoenas before their identities are compromised," said Lohmann.

Staff writer Thomas Jenkins can be contacted by calling 263-7331, ext. 232, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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The Big Spring Basketball Club will hold a meeting tomorrow in the Big Spring School ATC. Parents of men, JV and boys basketball are urged to attend.

Quarterback meet tonight

The Big Spring School Quarterback Club will hold a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring High School ATC. Everyone is invited to attend.

YMCA swim spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA team has open spots for interested swimmers. To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, swimmers must be at least 12 years of age and have a minimum of two years of swimming experience. The pool will have a pool with professional breathing apparatus. Swimmers are responsible for their own annual USSF membership, all entry fees, transportation, meals at meetings. For more information, call Dolline at 264-8252 or 264-8253.

Baseball book meet Sept. 22

The Big Spring Baseball Book Club will meet on September 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Public Library. For more information, call 263-8527.

BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Big Spring School cheerleaders will be holding a cheer camp for ages 5-13 on September 22. Participants will receive the opportunity to perform at the volleyball game on September 23.

TCU coach faces charges in a

FORT WORTH — A TCU assistant coach faces charges of falsifying the scene of an accident. Willie MacGarza, 33, was arrested Saturday on suspicion of failing to render aid to an injured person. Garza was arrested on Saturday on suspicion of failing to render aid to an injured person. Bail was set at \$10,000. The failure to render aid charge is a misdemeanor on the driver's part if the driver is not intoxicated.

Stars send minor league

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Stars announced the roster for the 2003-04 season. Sunday, Sept. 22, several players to be assigned to minor league teams. Sent to the right wing, U.S. left wing Brent Johnson, defenseman Jancovski and David Bararu. Bateman.

ON THE

Sports Broadcast
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IN BRIEF

Steers Basketball Boosters to meet

The Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club will hold a meeting tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring High School ATC.

Parents of all freshmen, JV and varsity boys basketball players are urged to attend.

Quarterback Club to meet tonight at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting tonight beginning at 7 in the Big Spring High School ATC.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

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Baseball boosters to meet Sept. 25 at ATC

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Booster Club will meet Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC.

For more information call 263-8527.

BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27.

Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

TCU coach faces charges in accident

FORT WORTH (AP) — A TCU assistant football coach faces charges of fleeing the scene of an accident in Forest Hill, according to a police report.

Willie Mack Garza, 33, was arrested in Fort Worth early Saturday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated and failing to render aid to an injured person.

Garza was released Saturday on a personal recognizance bond. Bail was set at \$2,500 on the failure to render aid charge, and \$1,000 on the driving while intoxicated charge.

Stars send five to minor league team

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Stars trimmed the roster to 39 players Sunday, sending five players to the club's minors.

Sent to Utah were right wing Justin Cox, left wing Brett Draney, defenseman Dan Jancevski and centers David Bararuk and Jeff Bateman.

ON THE AIR

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Rangers at Oakland, 8:30 p.m.	1490
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Rangers vs Oakland 8:30 p.m.	1490

Hawks open fall season with a bang

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

PORTALES, N.M. — Ryan O'Donnell didn't begin the Howard College fall rodeo season quite the way he had hoped Saturday. He isn't complaining, though.

O'Donnell and teammate Zack Hall turned in two solid runs at the Eastern New Mexico State University rodeo and cruised to a second-place finish in the overall average of the team roping competition.

O'Donnell and Hall, a freshman, highlighted a strong showing by the Hawks in their 2003 fall circuit opener. Howard College had six riders turn in top 10 efforts.

"We had some outstanding per-

formances this weekend from our team," said Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick. "It's good start for us to the fall season."

O'Donnell and Hall got their act going early. In the first round of the roping competition, the two posted a time of 6.9 seconds. They finished second in the short-go Saturday with a time of 6.2, giving them an overall mark of 13.2 in two runs.

By netting second, O'Donnell and Hall highlighted a 2-3-4 finish by the Hawks in the event. Ty Glover and Kyle Logsdon placed third in the final average with a time of 13.6. Trent Cornelius and Cole Bigby captured fourth.

Hall also performed in the calf

roping competition. A broken barrier cost him a spot at the top spot.

Sophomore Danny McDowell continued to shine for the Hawks in the bull riding competition. The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's No. 2-rated rider in the Southwest a year ago, McDowell opened his fall campaign by garnering a fifth place finish.

His first ride of the season proved to be a costly one. The HC standout scored a 68 on Friday and went into the final round in ninth.

McDowell moved up four places in the average in the finals with a score of 74. His final ride gave him a two-ride total of 142.

The Hawks also collected solid efforts from bull riders Patrick Freeman and Wayne Douse. They turned in scores of 73 and 76, respectively.

Sierra Stoney highlighted the Lady Hawks' efforts. She just missed a top 10 performance in the barrels. Her mark of 18.26 seconds in the event was good enough to position her 11th in the final standings.

The Hawks will hit the halfway point of their fall schedule his weekend when they travel to Alpine to compete in the Sul Ross State University rodeo.

"Things this time of the year don't always go the way you would like," said Kernick. "It's just to get some points and get the season going."



A Forsan Buffaloes defender hauls down Steers' running back Dayvion Young from the back during their CLFL matchup Saturday. The Buffaloes claimed a 12-0 victory.

Anderson, Buffs roll past Steers

Monte Anderson rushed for more than 60 yards and scored two touchdowns and led the Forsan Buffaloes to a 12-0 win over the Big Spring Steers in Crossroads Little Football League play.

With the victory, the Buffaloes improved to 2-0 for the year. The Steers, despite a strong outing from Ace Nieto and Isaac Garcia, are now 0-3.

Anderson gave the Buffaloes a quick 6-0 lead early in the first quarter. The speedy back scored on a long run off a reverse on the third play of the game.

The Steers defense took over from there. Big Spring held Forsan scoreless for the two and a half quarters.

Anderson salted away the Buffs' win with a 26-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

The Buffs also enjoyed solid performances from Colton Self, Ryan Robles, Todd Coker and Aaron Valle.

Buffaloes 12, Steers 0

Ty Johnson scored on runs of 50 and 14 yards Saturday afternoon and led the Forsan Buffaloes to a 12-0 win over the Big Spring Steers in CLFL Division II play.

Forsan is now 1-2 overall. The Steers fell to 0-3.

Former Aggie leads KC by Texans, 42-14

HOUSTON (AP) — Dante Hall fed off a trip to Mom's kitchen.

Hall had a 73-yard punt return for a score in his return to Texas and Priest Holmes had 156 total yards and two touchdowns to lead Kansas City to a 42-14 victory over Houston on Sunday.

The Texans (1-2) trailed 14-7 late in the third quarter when Houston rookie Tony Hollings, getting his first playing time at running back this season, fumbled at the Houston 32.

Moments later, Trent Green hit a wide-open Eddie Keanison for a 15-yard score.

The Texans went three-and-out on their next series, and Hall made them pay.

Hall then returned a punt 73 yards for a 28-7 lead.

With the win, the Chiefs their first 3-0 start in seven years



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
The Grady Wildcats improved to 2-1 overall Friday with a 53-6 romp over Buena Vista.

Palmeiro unsure if he'll return to Texas next year

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro settled into the batter's box for his first at-bat while the Texas fans gave him an extended standing ovation.

The slugger heard the cheers, but didn't acknowledge them. He just stepped in and swung at the first pitch. He hit an infield popout.

Palmeiro can become a free agent after this season. He doesn't know if the 11-6 loss to the Anaheim Angels on Sunday night was his last home game with the Rangers.

Palmeiro, who on May 11 at home became the 19th player with 500 career homers, finished 0-for-4. He also had a short flyout in the fifth in the middle of a three-pitch sequence when the

Rangers homered twice.

After Alex Rodriguez hit his major league-leading 47th homer and Mark Teixeira hit his rookie-best 25th, the Rangers led 5-2 against Ramon Ortiz (16-12). But Anaheim scored seven in the next half inning.

By avoiding a three-game sweep, the defending World Series champion Angels (73-83) have a three-game lead — instead of just one — over last-place Texas with six games left. The two teams end the season next weekend in Anaheim.

Palmeiro wants to finish his career with the Rangers, and owner Tom Hicks wants him to stay, but he won't be able to return for the \$9 million he made this season.

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6:30	News (CC) Wheel-Fortune	News Wheel-Fortune	El Manantial	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Centocenta	News Seinfeld (CC)	Joseph Good John Hages	News-Leher	American Hotrod		Law & Order (CC)	Live Movie: M2	Sister, Sister Lizze McGuire	NFL Films Reporters	Monday Night Countdown (CC)	JAG (CC)	Movie: In the Shadows	
7:30	Primetime Monday	Primetime Monday	Velo de Nova	Performing As... (CC)	Yes, Dear Still Standing	Amor Descarado	Fear Factor (CC)	Update/Israel Sam Peak	Antiques Roadshow	Monster House	Movie: The Long, Hot Summer	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Better Blues	Movie: Johnny Tsunami	PWBA Bowling	Wild Rules (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Movie: News	
8:30	NFL Football: Oakland	NFL Football: Oakland	Nina... Amada Mia	Paradise Hotel (CC)	Raymond Two-Half Men	Ladron de Corazones		Light of the Southwest	Cantors: A Faith in Song (CC)	Monster Garage (CC)		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)		U.S. Open Billiards	New American Sportsman	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Movie: Soul Survivors		
9:30	Raiders at Denver	Raiders at Denver	Cristina	70s Show Dharma-Greg	CSI: Miami (CC)	Lazos de Familia	Las Vegas (CC)	15 Movie: The Hand That Heals	First 7 Years (CC)	American Chopper	25 Movie: Sabrina (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Comview	Sister, Sister Boy World	WPBA Bull Riding	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Movie: (CC)		
10:30	Broncos (CC)	Broncos (CC)	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Rock the Cradle (CC)	Hour of Healing	Monster House		Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Nightly News Hey Monie	Kim Possible Proud Family	Interruption	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Movie: (CC)		
11:30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	En las Mejores Familias	Backer (CC) Spin City	(CC) Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo- Maria Celeste	Late Night (CC)	Movie: A Perfect Murder (CC) (DVS)	Rev. J. Hansen Tommye	Sign Off	Monster Garage (CC)	45 Movie: The Long, Hot Summer	X-Files (CC)	Midnight Love	Horn X Games	Peacekeepers (CC)	15 Movie: The Arrogant		
12:30	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Camila	Blind Date Street Smarts			Frasier (CC)	Update/Israel N. McBride		American Chopper		X-Files (CC)	Comview	Boy World Recess (CC)	Highlights Playmakers	Outside-Lines SportsCenter	Living Single	45 Movie:	

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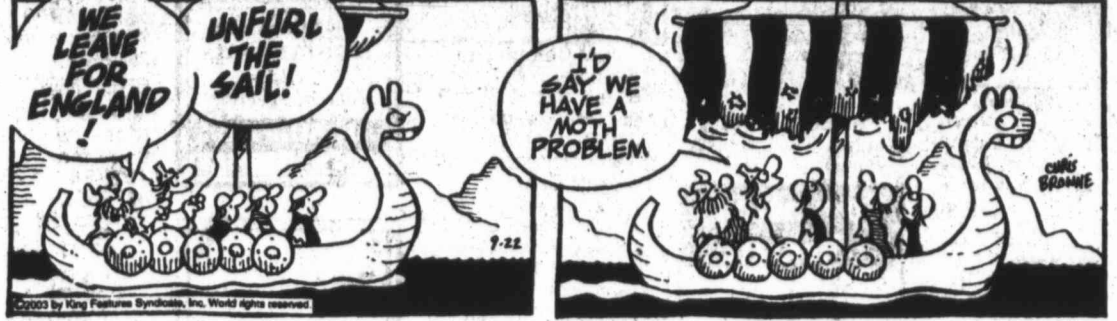
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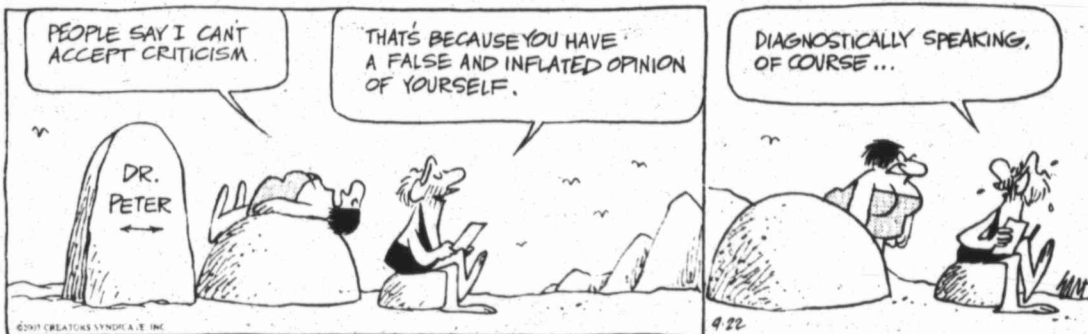
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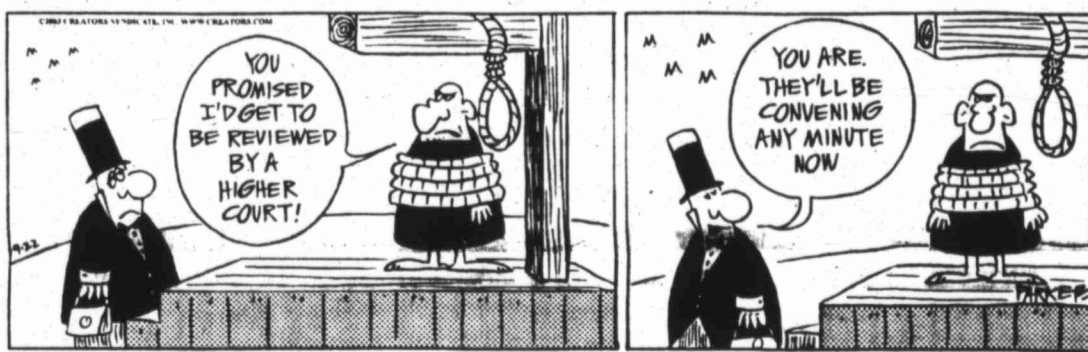
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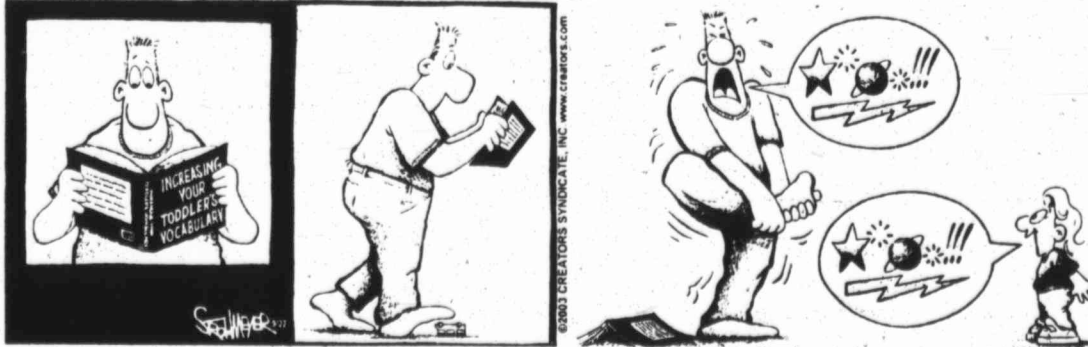
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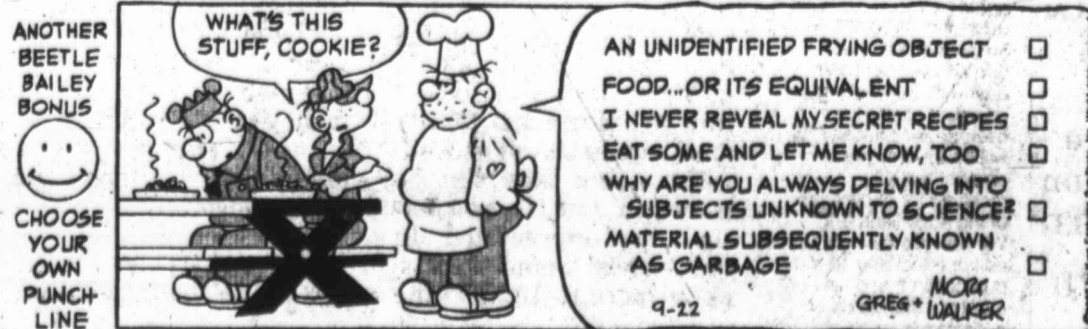
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, September 22, the 265th day of 2003. There are 100 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

- On September 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.
- On this date:
 - In 1656, in Patuxent, Md., an all-female jury heard the case of a woman accused of murdering her child. The jury voted for acquittal.
 - In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster General.
 - In 1792, the French Republic was proclaimed.
 - In 1862, President Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.
 - In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his

heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

- In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.
- In 1950, Omar N. Bradley was promoted to the rank of five-star general, joining an elite group that included Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall and Henry H. "Hap" Arnold.
- In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed.
- In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war.
- In 1989, songwriter Irving Berlin died in New York City at age 101.
- Ten years ago: President Clinton previewed his health care reform package in an address to a nationally broadcast session of Congress. Forty-seven people were killed when an Amtrak passenger train derailed and crashed into Bayou Canot near Mobile, Ala. The space shuttle

Discovery and its five astronauts landed at Kennedy Space Center, ending a 10-day mission.

Today's Birthdays:

- Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda is 76.
- Actor Eugene Roche is 75.
- Musician King Sunny Ade is 57.
- Capt. Mark Phillips is 55.
- Rock singer David Coverdale (Deep Purple, Whitesnake) is 52.
- Actor Paul Le Mat is 51.
- Actress Shari Belafonte is 49.
- Singer Debby Boone is 47.
- Country singer June Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 47.
- Singer Nick Cave is 46.
- Rock singer Johnette Napolitano is 46.
- Singer-musician Joan Jett is 43.
- Actress Catherine Oxenberg is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword COLORS ON THE MAP by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Mount Everest country
 - 6 Talks a lot
 - 10 Swallow suddenly
 - 14 Caribbean island
 - 15 Spiny houseplant
 - 16 Cleveland's lake
 - 17 Citrus fruits
 - 20 Fashion monogram
 - 21 Pros and
 - 22 Sermon speaker
 - 23 Enlivens, with "up"
 - 24 Sampras of tennis
 - 25 In a careful manner
 - 28 Transgressions
 - 29 Edison's initials
 - 32 Home made of ice
 - 33 Schoolbook
 - 34 Corn throwaways
 - 35 W.C. Handy song
 - 38 Agile
 - 39 Make simpler
 - 40 Major artery
 - 41 So far
 - 42 Back talk
 - 43 Like meadows
 - 44 Alphabetize
 - 45 Argyle, for instance
 - 46 World Series season
 - 49 Cleveland's state
 - 50 Jump on one leg
- DOWN
- 1 Maritime force
 - 2 Historical periods
 - 3 Give a tug
 - 4 Presidential nickname
 - 5 Round Table knight
 - 6 Acquires
 - 7 "That's too bad!"
 - 8 Ghost's word
 - 9 Boas and cobras
 - 10 Aladdin's friend
 - 11 Lobby for
 - 12 Pinocchio's no-nos
 - 13 Annoying one
 - 18 Make a backup
 - 19 and sciences
 - 23 Garden flower
 - 24 Sprite
 - 25 Mama's boy
 - 26 With wide-open mouth
 - 27 Coquette
 - 28 Horton Hears a Who! author
 - 29 Travel agent's offerings
 - 30 Assists in crime
 - 31 Opinion piece
 - 33 "Here's to you!" is one
 - 34 and dagger
 - 36 School activity
 - 37 Supermarket scannings
 - 42 A few
 - 43 Enter
 - 44 It's south of Egypt
 - 45 Well-dressed
 - 46 Chair parts
 - 47 "Yipes!"
 - 48 Author Morrison
 - 49 Cheers for a matador
 - 50 Greek goddess
 - 51 Aroma
 - 52 Furtive whisper
 - 54 Mediterranean, e.g.
 - 55 Same-old-same-old

