



WEDNESDAY

November 19, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 39°-41° TOMORROW 74°-76°

BRIEFLY

Democratic Party

The Howard County Democratic Party will meet, at 7 p.m. Thursday in the county courtroom.

All Democrats and any other interested persons are invited.

Business After Hours

Business After Hours will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Coldwell Banker Ellen Phillips Real Estate, 406 E. Marcy Drive.

The program, designed to acquaint local business owners, is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Salute to military

The salute to the military shown during the 2003 Pops in the Park celebration is available for those who would like a copy.

Available in DVD and video, copies of the salute can be purchased for \$20 by contacting Lane Bond at 263-4033, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 215 W. Third or the Big Spring Symphony office at 808 Scurry. Proceeds go to the symphony.

COMING SUNDAY



Helen Barnes founded Meals on Wheels in Lehigh County, Penn., three decades ago. Now, at age 88, she still drives two routes a week.

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Quilts aplenty: Annual show returns in Stanton

Special to the Herald

STANTON — As the days grow chilly, the thought of snuggling up in a quilt seems comforting, but quilts take on a whole new dimension when hung as a work of art.

"Make plans to come downtown Stanton on Thursday for the Shop Stanton Late Quilt Show," said Kathryn Burch, Martin County family and consumer science specialist. "The show will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Quilts will be hung in the Jones and Taylor buildings and various shops up and down Main Street."

The chamber is planning a chili lunch that

What: Shop Stanton Late Quilt Show.

Where: Downtown Stanton.

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Other Activities: Chili lunch, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$5.



BURCH

will be served from 11 a.m. through 2 p.m. The cost for chili, salad and a dessert will be \$5. Proceeds will go toward supporting the chamber.

"Elaine Woodley of Odessa will be our featured quilter this year. She has been quilting since 1994," said Burch. "She will have a progression of her quilts since the first one she made."

Many quilters never finish their first quilt, but Woodley used hers as a learning tool.

"I did not know you should not mix fabrics. There are cottons, polyester blends and who knows what in it," Woodley said. "I decided to use blue thread — regular thread, I did not know about quilting thread. I kept this quilt as a reminder of what I have learned."

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Cranberry salad is judges' choice in annual contest

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

After delicious mouthfuls and full bellies Tuesday, Big Spring Herald Holiday Cookbook Contest judges declared that a Festive Cranberry Salad stood above the rest.

For almost two hours, the judges carefully toiled and tasted their way to a decision for each category while contestants and spectators closely followed with plates in hand.

And they tasted and tasted and tasted and ...

"I'll have to walk around the neighborhood when I get home today," cracked Loma Jean Wynn, cookbook finalist in the contest, which was sponsored by Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

Wynn couldn't recall how many dishes she took time to taste.

The Fourth Annual Big Spring Herald Holiday Cookbook, featuring all recipes entered in the contest, will be in Sunday's edition.

"How many dishes are there?" she quipped.

"We don't want to hurt anyone's feelings," added Wynn's friend, Maxine Hinsel.

The difficult task of selecting winners was left up to the judges, Vivian Jones, a local homemaker; Sherry Wigington of Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Suzanne Haney, another homemaker and last year's overall contest winner; Bonnie Franklin

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Bonnie Franklin of Franklin and Son tastes a dish Tuesday while judging in the Fourth Annual Big Spring Herald Holiday Cookbook Contest. The final judging was held at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, which sponsored the contest.

Standout students honored by Big Spring Optimist Club

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Optimist Club honored eight outstanding area high school seniors last week as part of its celebration of Youth Appreciation Week.

The students were selected by each school based on academics, extra-curricular activities and community service.

Representing Big Spring High School were Crystal Wingert and Ryan Beall.

Wingert has been very active while in high school. She has been a member of the Key Club, the high school choir and the National Honor Society, as well as volunteering as a coach for the YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team and the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life.

Her list of accolades includes being named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, All-American Scholar Award, National Society of High School Academic Scholars and the Governor's Award For Academic Excellence.

Beall also leads a busy life. He is a member of the National Honor Society; the Key Club, where he serves as Web page editor and parliamentarian; student council; the Spanish Club; and the high school band.

He is active in the high school multi-media pro-

Big Spring High School



WINGERT



BEALL

Coahoma High School



KELLAR



CORNETT

Forsan High School



EGGLESTON



HELMSTETLER

Sands High School



REED



BARRAZA

gram, the varsity swim team and his outside school activities include participating in the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association and teaching karate.

Some of his honors are attending the prestigious Hugh O'Brian Youth seminar and the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy and earning the Rotary Youth Leadership Achievement and the Governor's Award For Academic Excellence.

Also honored at the event were Coahoma's Kristin Kay Kellar and Garret Cornett.

Kellar has participated

in several community service activities including Relay for Life, canned food drives and the Lions Club free eye glass program.

She has been a member of the student council, high school band, the National Honor Society and the Business Professionals of America (BPA) where she served as chapter president and state parliamentarian.

As a member of the BPA, Kellar earned first-place awards in area, state and national competitions.

She has received the Howard County 4-H Gold Star, was named the

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SPIRIT DAY

Howard College cheerleaders teaming up with United Way

Special to the Herald

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, fast approaching the end of its annual drive, will hold a special fund-raising effort Thursday and Friday.

"As our final push to reach our goal of \$265,000, the Howard College Hawk cheerleaders will be picking up donations on Thursday and Friday. We have named this the Spirit Day for United Way," said Cynthia Scott, United Way executive director.



United Way

Businesses or individuals can call the United Way office at 267-5201 either today, Thursday or Friday requesting that the cheerleaders pick up their donations.

For a \$50 donation, the yell leaders will visit any business and pick up the donation and will per-

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Patient suicide under investigation at BSSH

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Administrators and personnel from the Big Spring Police Department are looking into a patient death by suicide that occurred Monday night at Big Spring State Hospital.

"This is a very sad day for many people," hospital CEO Ed Moughon said. "The family mourns the loss of one of their own, and we mourn the loss of one of our patients."

"In this specific case,

the staff members caring for the patient are deeply upset and did an outstanding job implementing emergency procedures when the patient was discovered.

"Suicide is a risk for many of our patients and a great deal of our energy is allocated to making every effort to help each patient get beyond such action," said Moughon. "We will conduct an extensive investigation to determine if we can do our job better and how to

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Obituaries

Pat McNew



Pat McNew, 65, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Captain Russ and Linda Keeney officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. McNew was born Jan. 17, 1938, in Big Spring and married William J. McNew May 14, 1955, in Hobbs, N.M. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 2003.

The daughter of Jess and Anize Rushing, Mrs. McNew was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and attended schools here. She was a homemaker and had worked as a private sitter in homes and nursing homes. She was a member of the Salvation Army and had worked as a volunteer for many years.

Her survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, W. J. McNew and Julie Redding of Big Spring; three daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and Jim Tubbs of Midland, Beverly and Buddy Smithie and Debra Myrick and Bobby Terrill all of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Travis and Jackie Rushing of Big Spring; six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gene and Ann Thompson of Fort Worth, John and Sue Finch of Clearwater, Fla. and Norman and Billie McNew of Baton Rouge, La.

She was also preceded in death by one granddaughter, Stephanie Ann Merfield.

The family will be together at 1615 Lark. Funeral service arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Francisca Cortez

Francisca Cortez, 87, of Andrews, formerly of Lamesa, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at the Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Rosary will be read at 7 p.m. Thursday at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lamesa. Father Rudolf Crasta will officiate. Interment will be held in Lamesa Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Mrs. Cortez was born Oct. 10, 1916, in Gonzales. She was a homemaker and mother. She loved to sew and garden and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jose Cortez who died in 1982.

Mrs. Cortez is survived by three sons, Pablo Cortez of Midland; Antonio Cortez and Rudy Cortez of Lamesa; one daughter, Maria Estrada of Andrews; one brother, Julian Arispe of Waco; two sisters, Inacia Rodriguez of Big Spring and Teodora Rodriguez of Big Spring; grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Funeral service arrangements are by McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

Roman G. O'Balle

Roman G. O'Balle, 54, of Lamesa died Nov. 18, 2003, at the Medical Arts Hospital. Funeral services for Mr. O'Balle are scheduled at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. Father Rudy Crasta will officiate the service. Interment will follow services in Dawson County Cemetery. A Rosary will be said at Branon Funeral Home at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20.

Mr. O'Balle was born Jan. 23, 1949, in Sinton. He married Connie Zarate July 26, 1969, in Big Spring.

He worked as a truck driver for Trio Fuels and was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. O'Balle is survived by his wife Connie of Lamesa; two sons, Roman O'Balle Jr. of Lamesa and Ernest O'Balle of Grand Prairie; two daughters, Delia O. Carrasco of Lamesa, Lou Ann O. Alvarado of Lamesa; two parents, Martin and Catarina O'Balle of Lamesa; one brother, Martin O'Balle Jr. of Lamesa; six sisters, Elisa Olivera of Lamesa, Esmeralda Gonzalez of Uvalde, Rosa Baltazar of Big Spring, Francis Cerna of Big Spring, Martha Luna of Lamesa, Maria Ysabel Ogeda of Lamesa and eight grandchildren.

Funeral service arrangements are by Branon Funeral Home Inc. in Lamesa.

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows around 40. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph..Thursday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Friday...Mostly clear. Highs in the mid 70s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-19-21-27-31. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$22,032.

Winning tickets sold in: Sulphur Springs and Bacliff. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-20-26-31. Bonus Ball: 10. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$200,000.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$250,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-1

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Lions Club queen and was first runner-up in the Howard County Fair Queen contest where she was named Miss Congeniality.

Cornett has been a member of the student council, the Drama Club, band, one-act play, the Spanish Club, the Guitar Club and has served as a class officer. He is also participates in University Interscholastic League academic contests.

His accolades include being named outstanding student in history, biology, world history and world geography, and he has attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar.

Forsan's Lacy Eggleston and Josh Helmstetler were recognized as outstanding youth also.

Eggleston is a member of the National Honor Society and is involved with cheerleading and band.

She has been active in the high school athletic program and was a regional qualifier in tennis and cross country and a state qualifier in tennis.

Her community service activities include serving as a volunteer at the VA Medical Center.

Helmstetler is very active in athletics at the high school, participating in basketball, football, tennis, track, golf and cross country. He has been a regional cross county qualifier, and as a high school band member, qualified for the state solo and ensemble contest.

He is also a member of the National Honor Society and participates in UIL academic contests.

Outstanding Sands High School students T'Auna Reed and Steven Barraza rounded out the list of honorees.

Reed is a very active senior who has participated in varsity basketball, Future Farmer's of America livestock shows, the National Honor Society, the high school rodeo team and the annual staff.

She has been named class favorite and to Who's Who and was crowned Roundup Queen her junior year.

Barraza is an all-around successful athlete who participates in cross-country, basketball and track. He has been a state qualifier in both track and cross country and participated on regional and district championship teams. He was named academic all-state for basketball his junior year.

Barraza has also participated in National Honor Society, UIL academic contest, FFA and was awarded the Governor's Excellence Award and Who's Who.

PATIENT

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make improvements to our hospital."

The 19-year-old patient was found shortly after 9 p.m. in his restroom. He was seen entering the restroom and was discovered a few minutes later.

The patient used a wet towel fastened around a handicap assistance bar in the restroom.

Big Spring State Hospital's facilities are designed to make it difficult for patients to harm themselves, Moughon said. Patients evaluated to be imminently suicidal are restricted to an intensive care area.

The patient in question had not shown signs of suicide, Moughon said. The investigation is evaluating issues which could have changed his condition suddenly.

Physicians, nurses and highly trained unit medical personnel immediately began extreme life-saving resuscitation efforts. The patient was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Big Spring State Hospital is performing a root cause analysis and will share findings with the patient's family.

A preliminary investigation by the safety officer indicates that all patient safety measures were in place, Moughon said.

CHEER

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form a cheer.

"For a \$100 donation, they will do a cheer for your business at your business and then will go to a named competitor and do your cheer there," said Scott. "All of this is in good-natured fun, of course."

Anyone wishing to make a donation or pledge of less than \$50 can call the United Way office and a volunteer will go and pick up the check or you can be billed.

The first 20 that call in to give a donation or pledge to the United Way office will receive two game passes to any Hawk home game.

"This is a good way for departments to compete among themselves or businesses to have fun with their competitors," said Scott. "We are very close to our goal but we still need more to meet it. Please promote this among your places of work."

All announcements to the Sunday Life! section are free of charge. Call the Herald office for more details, 263-7331

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Police blotter

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

- **TRACIA DIAZ CASTILLO**, 28, of 1003 NW Second Street, was arrested Tuesday on six local traffic warrants, charges of evading arrest and a Howard County warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **PATRICIA PRIMIANO**, 41, of 4219 Calvin, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **MARILYN INTLEKONFER**, 49, of Las Vegas, was arrested Tuesday and held for the Howard County Sheriffs Office.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 4200 block of Calvin.
- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 100 block of Cottonwood.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of Nolan.

Sheriff's report

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

- **SANDRA LEE HENRY**, 37, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of parent contributing to non-attendance.
- **JASON STEVENS**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JUAN DELOSSANTOS**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **STEVE ALAN HANNABASS**, 45, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **DALTON WADE LEWIS**, 49, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DAVID PAUL HERROD**, 49, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated and open container.
- **JESUS ROBERTO CORRAL MACIEL**, 20, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- **GARY NEAL MATHEWS**, 45, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.
- **ROCKY ROBLES YANEZ**, 21, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of contempt of court and disobeying a court order.
- **JUAN MANUEL GARCIA**, 38, was transferred to the county jail on Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest.
- **JOSE ALFREDO DIAZ CEBALLOS**, 21, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- **MELVETT GENE FORD**, 47, was transferred to the county jail on Monday by the BSPD on a charge of terroristic threat of a family/household.
- **ADELAIDO MARTINEZ**, 52, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charges of bailman off bond, failure to appear and displaying registration issued to another vehicle.
- **MARCHELLE GOMEZ AGUILAR**, 28, was arrested by the HCSO on charges of contempt of court and disobeying a court order.
- **DONALD MARVIN CREAGER JR.**, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of violation of a protective order and bias/prejudice.
- **ABE AUSTIN III**, 20, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.
- **MISTY NICHOLE BOSLEY**, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services.
- **SALOMON RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 20, was arrested by the HCSO on Tuesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **THOMAS L. EASON**, 27, was arrested by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **KAMALUDDIN NADIR CROSS**, 22, was transferred to the county jail on Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **MATTHEW CANTU**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault.
- **LUIS ADRIAN LOPEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **BONNIE JANE KLAASSEN**, 44, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.
- **ROBERT CARLOS GONZALES**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a parole violation.
- **MARILYN KAY INTLEKOFER**, 49, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

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QUILTS

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Woodley mainly does traditional quilts, hand-pieced and hand-quilted. She likes to make them queen size. Fourteen of her quilts will be displayed along with some works in progress. She is making a replica of a Jane Stickel quilt that is on display in a Vermont museum. Woodley refers to it as her "Pearly Gates Quilt" because she said she may still be working on it when Gabriel calls her

home. She has completed 20 blocks and they will be on display at the show.

Other quilts that will be on display include carpenter's wheel, pot of tulips, flowering star, Jacob's fans and flowers, Flutter Flies, Spools, Flowers in my Garden, Tulips and Butterflies, Wildflowers in Farm Meadows, Symbols of Freedom, Grandmothers Flower Garden and Baby Nines.

Woodley believes each quilt tells a story. Here is the story of her Wildflowers in the Farm Meadows quilt:

"On Thanksgiving weekend

1997, I visited my mother in Stephenville. I was fairly new to quilting and applique' and decided to take along a beginning block of yellow flowers on this quilt, having attached just one flower. With diminished eyesight she peered closely at the block, just inches from her face. I found her doing this often during the visit. She told me the flower reminded her of spring wildflowers, growing in meadows, when she lived on the farm. She went on to say some would smell sweet and some would smell bitter. She encouraged me in this 'beyond

my capabilities' endeavor and told me I would learn a lot in the making," said Woodley.

"Mama passed away 12 days later. This has been a difficult quilt for me to make. I often put it aside when memories would overcome me," Woodley said. "However, she always taught me 'something worth beginning is worth finishing.' I could not name this quilt anything else when the last stitch was done."

Stanton merchants will be staying open until 7 p.m., so shoppers have more time to browse. Participating merchants include Antiques on

Main, Valerie's, Stanton Drug, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Kathleen's, Bahama Mama's, Aztec Workshop, Elegant Gift Baskets, Thrift Shop, Lindy's Mom's, The Hitchin Post and J.J.'s Antiques. For those who visit all the shops and get their cards validated, a drawing for \$50 will be held. Shopping cards can be picked up at the quilt show.

For more information, contact the Martin County Extension office at 756-3316. This event is sponsored by Martin County Extension Community Development Committee.

CONTEST

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of Franklin and Son; Gale Pitman, owner of Gale's Sweet Shoppe; Calistro Carrillo, local manager of Atmos Energy; and Susanne Reed, Big Spring Herald general manager.

"In case you need another opinion, this table has plenty of them," finalist Robbin Harris said with a laugh to a nearby judge.

Hinsely said she enjoyed many of the dishes.

"There are plenty of good cooks in Howard County," Hinsely said.

She should know.

Hinsely's Festive Cranberry Salad was named best overall recipe and she received the grand prize, a oak curio cabinet from Allan's Furniture and two hours of non-medical, in-home service from Comfort Keepers.

"I just can't believe I won," Hinsely said. "I got this out of a magazine four or five years back and made it for my family. They loved it and I just stayed with it."

In the Heart Healthy recipe category sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Lou Knight earned a \$100 cash prize for her Fat Free Fluffy Pumpkin Pie.

Second place in that category went to Verna Enfield's Heart Healthy Cranberry and third place went to Betty Fowler's Healthy and Good Meatloaf. Enfield won a 24-inch crystal hurricane candle holder from Dunlaps and Fowler received a ladies' headpiece vase from Dahmer's Emporia.

Melissa Halfmann was named the Herald's Choice Winner for her Turtle Cheesecake and she received a \$100 value barbecue bucket, compliments of Vision Markers.

Second place in the Herald's Choice category went to Martha Myers' Delightful Lemon Cake and third place went to Ann Cross' Pear-licious Cake. Myers received a Pizza Hut buffet coupon for four and Cross earned three Christmas poinsettias from Ponderosa Nursery.

Cross will also receive a 10-day planner from C Bar G Western Wear, as the individual who submitted the first recipe.

"Congratulations to all the winners," Reed said. "We appreciated everyone's entries in the contest. The dishes were delicious. I want to thank our judges. I also want to thank Gale's Sweet Shoppe for sponsoring this year's cookbook contest."

Results of the 2003 Fourth Annual Holiday Cookbook Contest are as follows.

Grand Prize

Maxine Hinsley, Cranberry Salad, oak curio cabinet from Allan's Furniture and two hours, non-surgical visit from Comfort Keepers.

Herald's Choice

1. Melissa Halfmann, Turtle Cheesecake, barbecue bucket from Vision Makers; 2. Martha Myers, Delightful Lemon Cake, four buffets and drinks from Pizza Inn; 3. Ann Cross, Pear-licious Cake, three poinsettias from Ponderosa Nursery.

Heart Healthy

1. Lou Knight, Fat Free Fluffy Pumpkin Pie, \$100 cash from Scenic Mountain Medical Center; 2. Verna Enfield, Heart Healthy Cranberry Chicken, candle and 24-inch crystal candle holder from Dunlap's; 3. Betty Fowler, Healthy and Good Meatloaf, ladies' headpiece vase from Dahmer's Emporia.

Miscellaneous

1. Ruth Jamison, Crispix Pecan Sweet Mingers; Christmas table centerpiece from Dakota's Flowers; 2. Loma Jean Wynn, Spam Spread, complete make-over from Uptown Salon & Spa.

Desserts

1. Ronda Halfmann, Chocolate Praline Torte, pampering session, makeover and basket of products from Mary Kay Cosmetics and passes from the Ritz Theater; 2. Robin Harris, Crock Pot Peach Dessert, shampoo, haircut, style, pedicure and manicure from The Brazos; 3. Martha Beene, Flo's Easy Crock Pot Candy, Yankee candle from Suggs Hallmark.

Breads

1. Theda Perez, Morning Glory Muffins, Thanksgiving table centerpiece from A Timeless Design; 2. Robin Harris, Broccoli Cornbread, showroom car wash from Jiffy Car Wash.

Appetizers

1. Polly Lancaster, Roasted Corn Avacodo Dip, princess earrings from Chaney's Jewelers and dinner for two at Gregg's Grill; 2. Verna K. Robertson, Hot Broccoli Dip, one-month family membership to the Big Spring YMCA; 3. Theresa Hodnett, Fruit Dip, stone cross from Faye's Flowers.

Entrees

1. Verna Robertson, Chicken and Dressing,

fall throw from Halfmann's Creations; 2. Patty Tucker, Awesome Aussie Chicken Dish, dinner for two from Mel's Fish & Seafood; 3. Alex Sechelski, Alex's Italian Oven Fried Chicken, dinner for two from La Posada Restaurant

Vegetables

1. Joyce Harris, Marinated Vegetable Salad, serving tray from Gaze Crystal Kitchen; 2. Kim Crowley, Marinated Bean Salad, dinner for two from K.C. Steakhouse; 3. Betty Fowler, Fresh Asparagus Salad, gift certificate from Koshmoore Kasuals.

Casseroles

1. Martha Myers, Enchilada Casserole,

Pizza Inn buffett; 2. Kim Crowley, Fresh Squash Casserole, gift certificate from K.C.'s Steakhouse; 3. Ola Lee McMullen, Rice Casserole; \$25 gift certificate from K.C.'s Steakhouse.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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OUR VIEWS

On Thursday, we'll see you 'After Hours'

Business After Hours is a chamber-sponsored program that brings together local merchants several times a year. We think it is a worthwhile activity that allows the business community to meet, get to know each other and share ideas.

The general public is invited as well, and for them, it's an opportunity to get to know more about a local business.

Thursday's Business After Hours will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Coldwell Banker Ellen Phillips Real Estate at 406 E. Marcy Drive. It's an informal, come-and-go event. There are no programs; it is simply a time to get acquainted. Refreshments will be served.

We encourage you to drop by Coldwell Banker this Thursday evening. Put on by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, it's a good opportunity get to know other merchants and learn more about the businesses themselves.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

What does it mean to be a veteran?

The answer lies in the traits of sincerity and steadfastness, and to the fixity of purpose, that the founding fathers phrased as "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Veterans know the meaning of sacrifice, of devotion to duty and of commitment to a cause greater than self.

Veterans know that the price of freedom, of liberty and choice must sometimes be paid with the lives of those we hold dear.

Veterans know that the peace and the precious future of our children and grandchildren can only be won by courage and persistence.

We take time each year to honor the men and women whose lastingness and loyalty, whose character and determination, have shielded America from danger, injury and destruction for generations.

On Veterans Day we make a pledge to bind ourselves to those who serve and have served. We renew the obligation we have to our soldiers, our sailors, our airmen and Marines.

As it was in the times of our fathers and grandfathers, we owe them everything.

DR. ALLAN BREWER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I just want to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of our friends and fans that came to the Stampede on Nov. 15 for our 57 years of music cel-

bration and tribute to Hoyle and Ben Nix.

The crowd was great, it was wall to wall people — young, middle aged, older people — and I appreciate everyone of you that came.

My band, The Texas Cowboys, did a great job as always, and the old pioneer West Texas Cowboys just played their hearts out. We stayed late — it was 1:30 before we quit — and I really just wanted to keep going. We had people from Big Spring, Odessa, Midland, Stanton, Garden City, Amarillo, Pampa, Lubbock, Colorado City, Loraine, Sweetwater, Abilene, Snyder, Vincent, Coahoma, Belton, Waco, Brady, Houston and Tatum, N.M.

I want to thank the Herald for the stories and pictures and KBST for the radio spots and newsclips, and all the merchants all over Big Spring and the surrounding area for letting me put posters in their windows for advertising. It just couldn't have been any better.

Thanks so much for reliving the memories and the music from days gone by and honoring two men and a band that has forever left a mark in West Texas.

To quote my father, the late Hoyle Nix, he closed every dance with these words, and I sincerely mean this, too, "Thanks a million friends for coming out to see us.....until next time, it's home sweet home...."

JODY NIX
BIG SPRING

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, send us protection from Your heaven above. Amen

Seniors keep the US economy running

It's the older generation that spends money. People sixty, seventy and eighty are healthy, active, have good minds and shell out money for vacations, concerts, plays and movies. In any upscale restaurant most of the diners have white hair. In short, they're building memories.



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In this generation, many are still working way past retirement age. They have organized their jobs and lives so they can still work and have time to do the things they want to do. This is the generation that has saved money for most of their working lives. They aren't necessarily thinking about themselves, either. They are thinking about their children and grandchildren.

Many of this group think the best thing they can do is be with their families. So they take cruises and rent vacation homes so everybody can be together for a week or so every year.

Sixty used to be the age when people slowed down. Not any

more. Sixty seems to be what forty used to be years ago. Grandparents don't look like the grandparents they had. Their grandparents looked and acted old at fifty. They seemed to come from an ancient culture. Today's grandparents might be jet pilots or CEO's with no thoughts of slowing down. They ski, bicycle, dogsled, scuba dive, jump out of planes and ride rapids.

Seven out of ten workers between the ages of 50 and 70 say they never expect to quit working. Deborah Russell, who writes about economic security and work for the American Association of Retired People says, "A lot of us feel that work is part of what defines us. We want to stay connected and we plan to live a long time, so why quit working? It's not just about needing a paycheck."

We've heard about Grandma Moses or Colonel Sanders who didn't start building their empires until they were over sixty. There are more and more people doing just that. I interviewed a woman the other day who writes and sings parodies at cabarets in Dallas. She looks 50. She is 79. Her office and studio are in her house. The walls are filled with

her art work. She talked about her kids and her boyfriend. It's the older folks who are living life to its fullest.

Lauren Hutton, who has been called the world's most enduringly beautiful model, has just turned sixty and recently started a new makeup line for older women. Tim Conway is in his 70's. Bob Barker is 80. I interviewed a man who had just graduated from college. He is 82.

Dating is a big thing for people over sixty who suddenly find themselves single. They place personal ads in magazines they read and meet dates in coffee shops and develop relationships. One man said dating has never been so interesting, mainly because there are so many players.

Higher divorce rates, longer life spans and a greater tendency never to marry mean there are more single Americans than at any time in the nation's history. The US Census bureau says of the 97 million Americans who are 45 and older, almost 40 percent...36.2 million...are on the loose. It costs money to date.

Robert Browning said it: "Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be."

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LIBERAL EYE FOR THE SOUTHERN WHITE GUY

Cheney; Definitely on the Republican 2004 ticket

In response to reports circulating in high-level business circles that he may be dumped from the ticket, administration insiders say Dick Cheney definitely will be retained as vice president in 2004.



ROBERT NOVAK

Critics of President Bush's military intervention in Iraq contend that the vice president led him on an ill-advised course. However, Cheney still has the confidence of the president and is a favorite of Republican activists around the country.

Apart from Bush relying heavily on Cheney, administration sources say there is another strong reason for not dumping the vice president next year. Cheney, who will be age 63 in 2004, is not a prospect for president in 2008. Any replacement would be considered the anointed heir to Bush, and the president does not want to pick his successor now.

Rep. Richard Gephardt skipped last Tuesday's Democratic presidential debate in Boston's Faneuil Hall not because of campaign commitments in Iowa but as a conscious decision to avoid what his strategists viewed as a no-win situation.

Gephardt's absence marked the first time this year a leading Democratic contender for the presidential nomination missed a debate. His high command determined that Boston was hostile territory and that CNN anchorman Anderson Cooper was a hostile debate moderator.

In Gephardt's absence, the debate provided what his strategists feel is a tactical opening in his neck-and-neck battle for survival with former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean in the Iowa caucuses. Dean was put on the defensive after he said Democrats need to reach white Southerners who display Confederate flag decals.

Fourteen conservative House Republicans are threatening to vote against the Medicare prescription drug bill, risking its defeat, unless it includes three provisions that probably would make the bill unacceptable in the Senate.

The GOP rebels want universal medical savings accounts, reforms to provide more private competition and cost containment to hold the bill's price tag below \$400 billion. Leading the charge are the conservative Club for Growth and Rep. Pat Toomey, who is challenging Sen. Arlen Specter for Republican renomination in Pennsylvania.

The Club for Growth's Steve Moore contends that the House Republican leadership cannot find enough Democrats to vote for the bill to counter 14 GOP defections. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, a member of the Senate-House conference negotiating the final version of the bill, argues that the rebels are undermining his efforts to end up with a more conservative bill.

George W. Bush is sticking with Los Angeles investment banker Gerald Parsky as his principal political agent in California rather than putting his fate there in the hands of Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger's team.

According to California sources, Parsky asked the president whether he wanted to turn 2004 campaign planning over to Schwarzenegger and his campaign consultants, Mike Murphy and Don Sipple. Bush replied he wanted Parsky to continue his preparation for the 2004 campaign that has been underway for three years.

A footnote: Former California Secretary of State Bill Jones will run for the Republican nomination to oppose Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer next year if Rep. David Dreier does not become a candidate. GOP insiders expect Dreier will choose to stay in the House, making Jones the favorite for the nomination.

Former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, considered for the 2000 vice presidential nomination but now the life insurance industry's lobbyist, has come out against repeal of the estate tax.

Ending the "death tax" has been a longtime Republican objective. Keating has told an insurance trade publication (the National Underwriter) that he is a "populist" who wants to retain the estate tax because "we don't have a class system in this country." He added that keeping the estate tax "encourages responsible social behavior."

As president of the American Council of Life Insurers, Keating enjoys the estate tax's incentive for purchase of life insurance as a means of avoiding taxation.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. © 2003 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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Navajo Codetalkers featured at library

Book of photography takes reader on important, intriguing historical journey

Maybe it is an occupational hazard for librarians to go to bookstores while on vacation. Now, do lawyers visit courtrooms or other lawyer offices? Do nurses visit hospitals? Whatever the reason, while on vacation last week, I made my way (akin to a homing pigeon) to Barnes and Nobles (Tucson, Ariz.) and the bookstore at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum located in Las Cruces, N.M.



LIBRARY NOTES
HOLLIS MCKNIGHT

While there, I found some excellent books to add to our collection. I hope you find them as interesting as I did. With the conflict in Iraq and remembering our veterans on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, perhaps these will remind us of our past conflicts.

"Warriors: Navajo Code Talkers" (950.5403 KAWK) is a compilation of photographs taken by Kenji Kawano, a Japanese photographer. As is written in the introduction, "one of the most significant needs in a combat situation is communications security."

American forces in the South Pacific had that in the Navajo Code Talkers. Navajo was a "hidden" language, at that time, which made it perfect for use as a "code" language. The language had no written form or symbols. It was spoken only in the Southwest and even within the language itself, and there were even variations within the clans. Stories are shared only with a few, and one gentleman gently noted "These stories I don't care to relate."

Lined by the sun and life itself, the nobility of the men's faces as photographed is indescribable. The stark elegance of the prose is all the more telling when coupled with each photo. This is a great book. Look for it in the Young Adult section.

On Jan. 23, 2002, Danny Pearl, the South Asia bureau chief of the Wall Street Journal stationed in Pakistan, left his Karachi home to go to some meetings. It was the last time his wife, fellow journalist Mariane, saw him alive. Abducted by people who identified themselves as Pakistani militants (others claimed they were Muslim terrorists linked to al-Qaeda) and who accused the reporter of working secretly for the CIA, Pearl was held prisoner and eventually murdered.

This memoir, written by Mariane Pearl is the story of her husband's life. The title is "A Mighty Heart: The Brave

ment to commitment as represented by the whole quest for the American MIA that is now entering its third generation. Another great book. This is about a different type of war: settling the West. John Harris Behan, as author Bob Alexander so capably demonstrates, was a true frontiersman of the early Arizona Territory. While he has long been portrayed as a villain in the Tombstone conflicts and the nemesis of Wyatt Earp this is not quite true.

In "John H. Behan: Sacrificed Sheriff" (BBEJ) author Bob Alexander tells the story of a 40-year lawman and public servant who was skilled with gun and horse, yet who consistently fought crime and arrested bad guys without killing anyone. Behan also was a Civil War volunteer, twice a

territorial legislator and Yuma Prison superintendent. At an age when some Western "heroes" were mouthing memoirs to journalists, Behan served in the Spanish American War and the Boxer Rebellion. This is the Western lawman that everyone has heard of but no one knows. If you enjoy reading about the Old West, then I think you will enjoy this book.

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The library will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26 and reopen on Monday, Dec. 1.

Life and Death of My Husband Danny Pearl" (BPEAD). Look for it on the New Book Table. "Where They Lay: Searching for America's Lost Soldiers" (959.7043 SWIE) is a solid and informative study by a seasoned military journalist Earl Swift. It offers the first full-scale account of the work of the Central Identification Laboratory. Dedicated to the location, recovery and identification of the remains of missing American soldiers, the lab has worked mainly with Vietnam MIAs.

Swift focuses on the search for an army helicopter crew that went down in Laos in 1971. He interweaves accounts of a generation's worth of site sifting involving everything from the most basic shovel work to satellite relaying of computer data with the whole history of the remains-recovery project.

Neither anti-military nor pro-war, the book exhibits thorough research, intelligent assimilation of personal experience (including some of the shoveling) and what might be called a commit-

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Birth

Kaden Leigh Michael Paul

Jonathon Paul and Angeala Jamison of Big Spring welcomed their son Kaden Leigh Michael Paul, who was born Nov. 4, 2003 at 5:06 p.m. Kaden weighed five pounds, nine ounces and measured 19 inches long.

His grandparents include Ruth and Jerry Jamison and Allen and Andrea Winn of Big Spring, and Michael and Cheryl Paul of Abilene.

Students enroll in Austin College

Students from the Big Spring area have enrolled in Austin College in Sherman to complete studies by 2007.

Austin Barton of Coahoma High School is the son of Don and Debra Barton.

Mindy Partee of Big Spring High School is the daughter of Stan and Sue Partee.

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Be careful with Thanksgiving take-outs

Thanksgiving take-outs and delivered meals have a national popularity.

Safe handling of these types of food will prevent possible food poisoning, warns information from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Department information suggests discarding all perishable foods, such as meat, poultry, eggs and casseroles left at room temperature longer than two hours, or one hour in temperatures above 90 degree F.

This includes leftovers taken home from a restaurant or family gathering. Some exceptions to this rule are foods such as cookies, crackers, bread and whole fruits.

Whole roasts, hams and turkeys should be sliced or cut into smaller pieces or portions prior to storing them in the refrigerator or freezer. Turkey legs, wings and thighs may be left whole.

Refrigerate or freeze leftovers in shallow containers. Wrap or cover the food.

Reheat foods containing meat or poultry to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees F. Always use a food thermometer to verify the internal temperature of the food.



Careful handling of Thanksgiving meats will ensure safe eating long after the main meal is over.

Reheat sauces, soups, and gravies to a boil. If reheating in the oven, set oven temperature no lower than 325 degrees F.

Reheating in slow cookers and chafing dishes is not recommended because foods may stay in the "danger zone",

between 40 and 140 degrees F, too long.

The best rule of thumb for take-outs and delivered meals is: keep hot foods hot and cold food cold. And when in doubt, throw it out.

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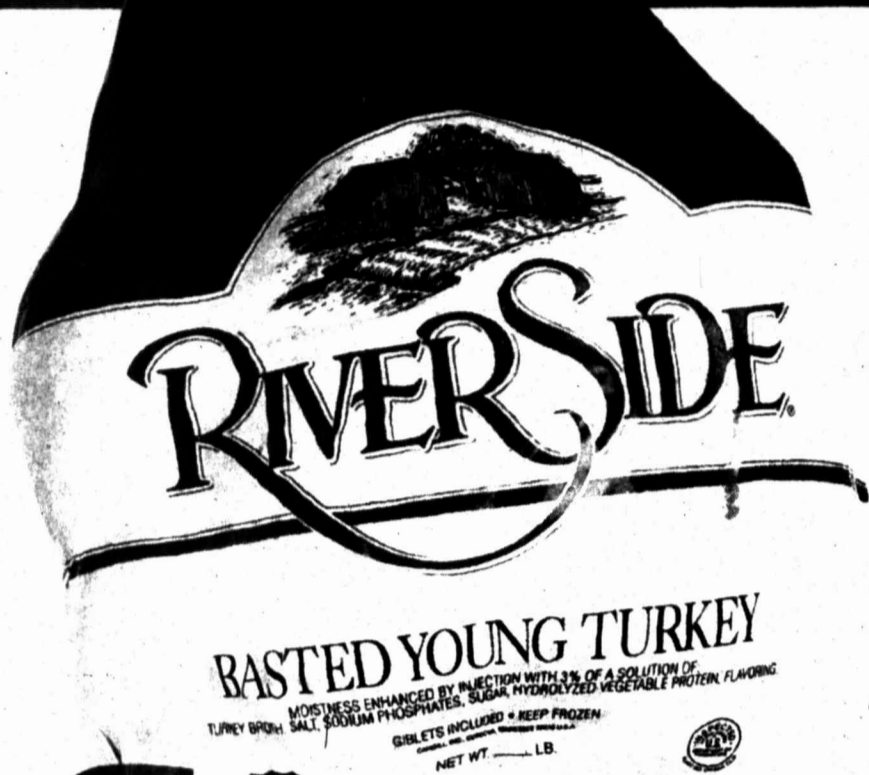
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IN BRIEF

HSU netters to hold camp in Big Spring

Hardin-Simmons University tennis coaches and players will be in Big Spring to conduct a clinic on Nov. 22. Stroke production, live ball drills, competition drill as well as singles and doubles strategies will be stressed.

T-shirts and other prizes will be given away.

Area athletes in grades 5-8 will be instructed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Athletes in Grades 9 and above will attend from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact BSHS tennis coach Sarah Corse at 263-2275.

BSYBA sets meeting for board, adults

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association will be holding an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 24 at the YMCA.

BSYBA board members and any adults interested in taking a leadership role as an age group coordinator for the league are urged to attend.

New classes now forming at YMCA

Registration for classes in gymnastics, swimming, martial arts and women's weights is now being held at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Gymnastics classes include Kidnastics for preschoolers, ages 5 and younger, and regular gymnastics and tumbling classes for boys and girls 6 and older.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

Persons interested in officiating local games this fall should contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 (home) or 517-0300 (cell).

Crossroads league to hold board elections

The Crossroads Little Football League will hold elections to fill three positions on its board of directors at the championship games on Nov. 22.

Ballots will be available at two sites at Memorial Stadium during the CLFL championship game.

YMCA swim team spots available

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

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

BSJHS hoops team to begin play Nov. 24

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh and eighth grade basketball teams will tip off their 2003-04 season on Monday when they host the Snyder Tigers in the BSJHS gym.

The seventh grade team will lead off the action at 5 p.m. The eighth graders will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Steers land 3 on 4-4A first-team all-district squad

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

This past football season was not an easy one for the Big Spring Steers. Injuries — mostly off the field — forced Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler to flip his lineup more times than a pancake chef at the waffle house.

Even with a lineup that changed almost daily and an offense that struggled to move the ball at times, the Steers managed to stay respectable. Big Spring gutted out a tough start and remained a figure in the

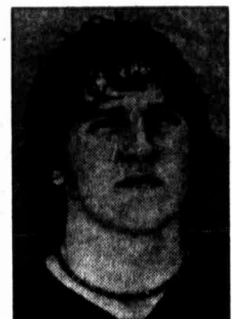
playoff race until the final week of play.

The Steers finished the regular season with a 3-7-2-3 and fourth in district play.

Big Spring's efforts didn't go unnoticed by opposing coaches. The Steers landed 17 spots on the 4-4A all-district squad, including three



PARTLOW



PHILLIPS



SHOCKLEY

on a first-team unit that was dominated by the Andrews Mustangs.

Leading the Steers' first-team

picks were three of the team's top seniors in offensive tackle David Partlow, linebacker Jared Phillips and wide receiver Michael Shockley.

Partlow, a 5-foot-9, 240-pounder, anchored the Steers' offensive line this fall. Despite playing on a line that was decimated by injuries all season, Partlow helped Big Spring roll up nearly 2,000 yards in total offense.

Phillips, the team's middle linebacker, turned in a stellar effort this fall in leading a resurgent

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Dana Davis and the Howard College Lady Hawks will open play in the WJCAC Preseason Tournament Thursday against Midland College.

Lady Hawks prepare for WJCAC preview

By TOMMY WELLS
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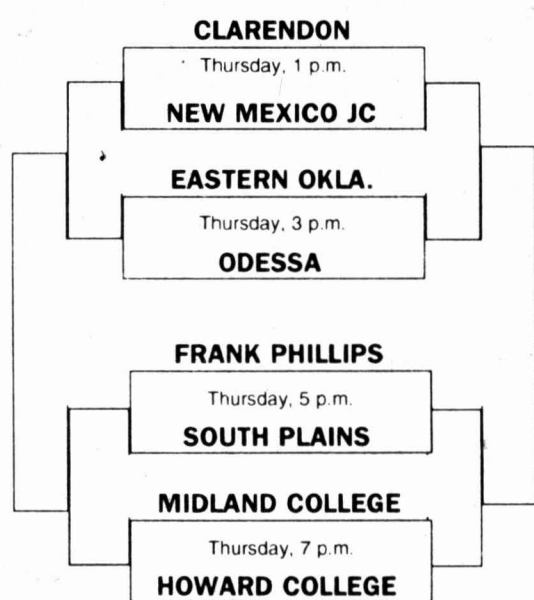
There won't be any shortage of basketball action in Big Spring this weekend as some of the top junior college women's teams roll into town to compete in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Preseason Tournament at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

In all, eight teams from throughout Texas and Oklahoma will participate in the three-day event, which tips off at 1 p.m. Among the premier squads slated to compete are the New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds and Midland College Lady Chaparrals.

NMJC enters the tournament as the pre-season favorite to win the WJCAC crown. Midland College, the defending conference champion, is looking to make another run at the junior college national championship tournament. Midland College enters the tournament ranked No. 9 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association poll.

Midland College and NMJC will both be involved in tough first-round showdowns. The Lady Chaps will square off with a rejuvenated Howard College Lady Hawks program beginning at 7 p.m.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Women's Pre-Season Tournament



The Lady Hawks, under first-year head coach Lorin Miller, has opened the year with a 6-2 mark and currently owns the 12th-ranked offense in the nation, averaging 76.3 points a game.

NMJC opens the tournament against a high-scoring Clarendon College squad.

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Badgers deal Steers 52-46 loss in opener

The Merkel Badgers scored 16 points in the second quarter Tuesday night and eked out a tough 52-46 win over the Big Spring Steers in the 2003 basketball opener for both schools.

Big Spring, in its second year under head coach Jim Kinnear, held its own for much of the first quarter, matching Merkel point-for-point in the first eight minutes.

The Badgers, after surviving a 9-9 deadlock in the first, hit stride in the second quarter. Merkel reeled off a 16-11 run and took a 25-20 lead into the half.

The Badgers, a 3A playoff team last season, stretched their lead to 36-28 in the third.

Jordan Cobb and C.J. Lowery led all Big Spring scorers with 16 and 14 points, respectively.



The Crossroads Little Football League will continue its march toward nailing a 2003 champion this Saturday. Tanner Ruiz and the Coahoma Bulldogets will play for the Division II title.

Bulldogettes nip Westbrook in season opener

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogettes opened their 2003 season on a high note Tuesday night by downing the Westbrook Lady Wildcats at home.

Coahoma, behind Sterling Gee, used a decisive first-half run to walk away with a commanding 63-37 victory over a Westbrook team that is expected to make a push for a Class 1A playoff berth.

Bonds wins sixth NL MVP, third in a row

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Bonds won his record sixth National League MVP award Tuesday, becoming the first player to get the honor in three consecutive years.

The San Francisco outfielder, the only player to win an MVP award more than three times, received 28 of 32 first-place votes and 426 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Bonds had a difficult season in which his father, Bobby, died in August. Still, Bonds hit .341 with 45 homers and 90 RBIs, leading the major leagues in slugging percentage (.749), on-base percentage (.529) and walks.

"This award is more special to me than any award I've ever received because it's dedicated to my father," Bonds said during a conference call. "He has been my hitting coach my entire life, ever since I was a little kid. I miss him dearly. It's a really emotional time for me right now."

St. Louis outfielder Albert Pujols was second with three first-place votes and 303 points. Atlanta outfielder Gary Sheffield got the other first-place vote and was third with 247 points.

At 39 years, 3 1/2 months, Bonds is the second-oldest MVP, trailing Pittsburgh's Willie Stargell, who was a few months older when he tied for the award in 1979.

Among the four major North American professional sports, only the NHL's Wayne Gretzky has more MVP awards, with nine. The NBA's Kareem Abdul-Jabbar also won six MVPs.

"To be able to say you've won this award six times, there's no words for it," Bonds said.

Pujols hit a major league-high .359 with 43 homers and 124 RBIs and led the major leagues with 137 runs. He became just the 10th player to finish second in consecutive MVP votes, the first since the Dodgers' Mike Piazza in 1996 and 1997.

San Francisco players have won the award four straight times, with Jeff Kent finishing first in the 2000 vote. The Yankees accomplished that feat twice with Yogi Berra (1954-55) and Mickey Mantle (1956-57), and Roger Maris (1960-61), Mantle (1962) and Elston Howard (1963).

Astros meet with free agent Pettitte

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Pettitte met Tuesday with Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane and general manager Gerry Hunsicker, and the Boston Red Sox also may be interested in pursuing the free-agent lefty.

Pettitte, coming off a \$35 million, four-year contract with the New York Yankees, was accompanied to the meeting in Houston by his agents, Alan and Randy Hendricks.

"We've got a very talented young pitching staff that is lacking a veteran presence to act as a role model," Hunsicker said in a telephone interview. "I really believe that is singularly the most important thing we can do for the club to get up to the next level. I think he would provide the leadership that we're looking for."

Parker, Ginobili carry Spurs past Warriors

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Once Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili started hitting 3-pointers, there was little Golden State could do to stop them. Tim Duncan had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Parker and Ginobili each added 19 points to lift the San Antonio Spurs over the Warriors 94-81 Tuesday night.

ers as the Spurs took control with a 20-6 run midway through the fourth quarter. He and Ginobili combined for six of San Antonio's 10 3-pointers in all. Erick Dampier led the Warriors with 17 points and 11 rebounds for his fourth straight double-double and ninth of the season in 10 games. Clifford Robinson added 14 points, and Nick Van Exel 12.

was 3-of-3 from outside the arc and Ginobili was 3-of-4. Still, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was hesitant to say his team had found the outside touch. Before Tuesday, the Spurs were hitting just 30 percent of their 3-pointers. "It's just one game," Popovich said. "We'll have to wait and see. We're not heating things up yet."

able to penetrate into the lane with their speed, forcing the Warriors to collapse on the play and allowing the ball to be kicked back outside to the open man. And it wasn't only 3-pointers that were falling for the Spurs, who came in shooting just 38 percent from the field. San Antonio shot 50 percent from the floor, its highest mark this season. Golden State, which dropped its third consecutive game, missed six straight field goals during the big run, going scoreless for more than four minutes.

TCU could have hard time making up BCS tumble

FORT WORTH (AP) — After being criticized so much for all of the close wins, TCU finally had a decisive victory — then dropped two spots in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The BCS tumble is big for the Horned Frogs (10-0), who slipped to eighth and out of top-six range for guaranteed spot in one of the top four bowls after a 43-10 win over Cincinnati.

"I didn't know how we went to sixth with the way we won the Louisville game, then we have a lopsided win," coach Gary Patterson said Tuesday. "Obviously, that doesn't have anything to do with it."

USC won 45-0 Saturday over Arizona, a two-win team TCU beat in overtime on the road, and then dropped from second to third in the new BCS rankings.

TOURNEY

Continued from Page 1B Clarendon owns the No. 2-ranked offense this fall, netting 87 points a night thus far. New Mexico and Clarendon are slated to tip off the hoops action beginning at 1 p.m. In other first-round matchups, Eastern Oklahoma will face off

against Odessa College starting at 3 p.m., while Frank Phillips and South Plains meet at 5 p.m. The winner of the Howard College-Midland College game will face either South Plains or Frank Phillips in the second round Friday evening. The tournament is scheduled to continue through Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

Table containing NFL Standings, NBA Standings, and College Basketball results. Includes sub-sections for American Conference, East Division, West Division, National Conference, Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Central Division, Western Conference, and Pacific Division.

Advertisement for American Profile magazine. Features the headline 'In Sunday's Big Spring Herald' and an image of the magazine cover titled 'Becky's Pumpkin Pie'. Text describes it as 'One reader's version of a holiday favorite' and mentions 'Reader Becky Clark came up short on one of the ingredients called for in her pumpkin pie recipe.'

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Large advertisement for Bob Brock Ford Lincoln Mercury Nissan. Features the headline 'Over 80 Prowled Units To Choose From' and 'Special Interest Rates Available'. Lists various vehicles for sale with prices, including Ford Ranger, Ford Explorer, Chevrolet Tahoe, and Lincoln L.S. Includes sections for Small Pickups, 1/2 Ton Pickups, 3/4 Tons & 1 Ton Pickups, SUV's, Motorcycles, and VANS.

Bottom section of the advertisement featuring portraits of staff members: Bondel Brock, Randy Gee, Jason Brock, Frank Brooks, Manuel Munoz, George Sells, Jimmy Stewart, Tharon Tubb, Dale Worthan, and Sandy Wright. Includes the address '500 W. 11th' and phone number '267-7121'.

PICKS

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BSHS defense. A two-time all-district selection, Phillips racked up 118 tackles this season. He was second on the team in quarterback sacks and had an interception.

Shockley, the smallest of the Steers' receivers, was a major weapon this season. He caught 21 passes this year for 208 yards and a team-high three touchdowns. He also carried the ball three times, gaining 10 yards.

Andrews, the 4-4A champion this fall with a perfect 10-0 record, dominated the first-team. The Mustangs landed 13 players on the first-team offensive and defensive squads.

Leading the way for Andrews were quarter-

back Matt Gardner, who was named the 4-4A Offensive MVP after throwing for more than 2,000 yards, and line-backer David Kessler, who nabbed the Defensive MVP awards. Andrews' Richard Gudgel and Pablo Gutierrez were the offensive and defensive Newcomers of the Year, while coach Blaine Springston was selected the 2003 Coach of the Year.

Joining Shockley as first-team receivers were Andrews' Eddie Carrasco, Frenship Chris Richburg and San Angelo Lake View's Alex Gaither.

Lake View's Robert Payne and Andrews' Isaac McQueen were the district's top choices at running back.

Big Spring nailed down three spots on the second-team offensive unit as

seniors Kaniel Miramontes, Jeff De Los Santos and Jordan Cobb were selected.

Miramontes and De Los Santos both earned praise for their efforts on the offensive line.

Miramontes was a three year starter for Big Spring. De Los Santos started both of the past two years.

Cobb was selected for the the second team as both a receiver and kicker. As a wideout this fall, he caught a team-high 27 passes for 291 yards.

Senior Erin Partee, who stepped into a starting role late in the year and helped the Big Spring defense dominate opposing teams down the stretch, joined David Lopez and Wes Smith as second-team defensive picks.

Partee, who began the

year as a tight end, finished the season with 44 tackles. Lopez, who was moved from defensive end to tackle late in the year, chalked up 71 stops. He is a two-year all-loop pick.

Smith starred as a defensive back, racking up 69 tackles, recovering two fumbles and intercepting three passes.

The Steers had eight players named to the 4-4A honorable mention team, including quarterback Jerry Doport, linemen J.R. Rodriguez, Domingo Calderon and Jason Murphree, tight end Brock Pittman, running back Taviance Clemons and Smith as a receiver.

The Steers' most versatile player, senior Michael Ornales-Doport, was an honorable mention pick at three spots, including receiver, running back and punter.

2003 All-District 4-4A Selections

Table with columns for Superlatives, First Team, and Defense. Lists names and schools for various positions like RB, WR, TE, QB, DL, LB, DB, and Kicker.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON
The moon shifts from Virgo to Libra. During the first part of the day, you'll be clearing up some minor differences (of the you-say-"toma-ty") variety. The rest of the day, it's all about personal relationships. Who can you work with to not only get the job done but get it done four times faster than either of you would on your own.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). At work, it might feel like the water in the well is running dry. Remember that the "well" is only a reservoir, not the source. Luck revolves around interaction with a Virgo or Libra. Tonight's message comes in loud and clear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your heart is overflowing with intense feelings. Desire cannot be just pressed down — it emerges when you least expect it. Two major projects need to be completed by the same deadline. A Gemini will help you achieve results soon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). State those affirmations in the mirror at the top of your day. What? You haven't written down your No. 1 postulate for yourself? Do it now! If it's not written, your chance of making it happen is significantly decreased.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Successful time management allows you to take on the world. Work during optimal times for the specific task at hand. For instance, jobs that require a lot of thought are accomplished faster when you approach them fresh tomorrow. Get the proper rest so you can wake up tomorrow ready to conquer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). History repeating is the theme, but it doesn't

have to be. Pat yourself on the back for the emotional muscle tone you've obviously developed over the last year. You're not going to make the same mistakes twice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The very person who needs to be in tune with you is acting like a stubborn jerk. Consider that it might be you (even though it's clearly not). This allows you to handle what you DO have control over — your reaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Morning stars let you glimpse your dreams and goals with new clarity. Less ego involvement makes it easier to see what you really want. Consider hiring an assistant or expert to help you get it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take the time to get things right on the first go — all botched projects will have to be redone. New technology is the answer to some problems, but only if you know how to use it correctly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ego matters come up. Jump in, helping with all you've got. Otherwise, you risk being the target of negative talk and rumors. Tonight, singles could hook up with an absolute dreamboat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Others want what you're offering. All you have to do is figure out what they need and emphasize the correct points. You're welcome wherever you go today, so you may as well go where you'll see new faces.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Wealth doesn't have to take a big effort. Business shapes up in the morning when the world responds to your more relaxed vibe. In-person meetings are time wasters; it's better to teleconference or e-mail.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm in a bad situation with an undesirable roommate and a nice place I can't afford to keep alone. A friend I trust has offered to let me stay in an empty trailer on his place for a few weeks until I can figure out what to do about a place to live. What do you recommend I do? I was born Aug. 28, 1963."

You have a Virgo sun and a Sagittarian moon. You're about to experience a renewal of confidence and purpose. Accept the offer of your friend to use the trailer for a few weeks, and you'll be surprised what good luck comes. You'll be more confident than ever after you've proven to yourself that you are in control of your own future happiness.

"I'm a Capricorn. An astrologer told me that my sign rules the knees. Does this mean I have good knees or weak ones?"

Assigned body parts are neither the weakness nor the strength, merely

a significant part of their particular sign. For instance, Capricorns revere protocol, culture, etiquette and society's most structured segments. The knees symbolize Capricorn's grasp on power issues; Capricorns know when to bend and when to stand firm.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Meg Ryan showcases Scorpio's characteristic intensity in Jane Campion's film "In the Cut." The film is erotic and thrilling. Gone is the "cute" Meg Ryan of the '90s. Up until this career shift, Ryan's more passionate side was mostly evidenced by her steamy love life. I predict that Ryan will have a bumpy start in her career as serious actress, but as she matures, her star will shine even brighter.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My new husband, "Phil," is the most incredible man I have ever met, and my children adore him. Unfortunately, on our wedding night, he informed me that he doesn't enjoy sharing his bed with anyone. He stays up half the night playing computer games or watching TV, then sleeps all morning. On the nights he comes to bed, he watches TV, keeping me awake.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Phil doesn't work regularly and has received three paychecks so far this year. I am concerned that he has no desire to support our family.

I don't want my children to think this is acceptable behavior. Phil is my best friend, but I simply cannot live like this. What can I do? — Heartbroken in Utah

Dear Utah: You have multiple problems here. Phil either cannot or will not help support the family. Staying up all night and sleeping all day indicates he's looking to escape from his obligations. He doesn't want to share your bed. Finally, he keeps you up at night, which means you are sleep-deprived and unhappy.

No matter how incredible Phil is, it sounds as if he is having difficulty accepting the responsibilities of being a husband and father. Invest in some earplugs or headphones so you can get some sleep, and then make an appointment to see a marriage counselor. If Phil won't go with you, go without him.

Dear Annie: While reading your columns on emotionally abusive parents, I wondered exactly what constitutes emotional abuse. I have a 3-year-old daughter whom I have not seen in almost a year. I have spent thousands in legal bills and child support, but I finally reached my limit in dealing with the child's mother.

The incessant court dates, the telephone calls to the police when I wouldn't agree to her mother's demands, the sudden interruptions of my visitation time, the verbal abuse that was inflicted upon my new wife, the name-calling (my daughter was taught to call me "Bad Daddy") and the constant interference when I tried to phone, were simply too much. I feel I had little choice but to back away.

Annie, please remind your readers that not all fathers are "deadbeats." Sometimes they are given little recourse when the mothers are childish, intrusive and hurtful. I miss my daughter and want her to know I love her. Please tell her she is a special girl and I am sorry I can't be there with her. — Fed Up with Mama-Drama

Dear Fed Up: It would mean so much more if YOU told her. Yes, the child's mother is immature and vindictive. Yes, it would take tremendous effort for you to remain in her life. So we're asking you to sacrifice your comfort, time and money, and put up with the pain, frustration and anger in order to let your daughter know you love her. Otherwise, she will assume you didn't care enough to stick by her when the going got tough. We know this is a tall order and you have every right to throw in the towel, but for your daughter's sake, please keep in touch with her. She won't be 3 years old forever.

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8 :PM	Bachelor (CC)	Bachelor (CC)	Nina... Amada Mia	The O.C. (CC)	King Becker (CC)	Movie: Picardia	West Wing (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	Light of the Southwest	Mystery Special	Unsolved History	Redemption (CC) (DVS)	Hey Monie How I'm Living	Comicview	(CC)	Central Florida (CC)	NBA Basketball	Movie: The Foreigner	(CC)
9 :PM	News (CC)	News Nightline	Don Francisco Presenta	70s Show Raymond	Victoria's Secret Fashion	Law & Order (CC)	Movie: The Cable Guy	Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Unsolved History (CC)	(CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Nightly News How I'm Living	Kim Possible Proud Family	Basketball: Preseason NIT - Teams TBA	Grizzlies SportsCenter	Law & Order: Special Victims	(CC)	
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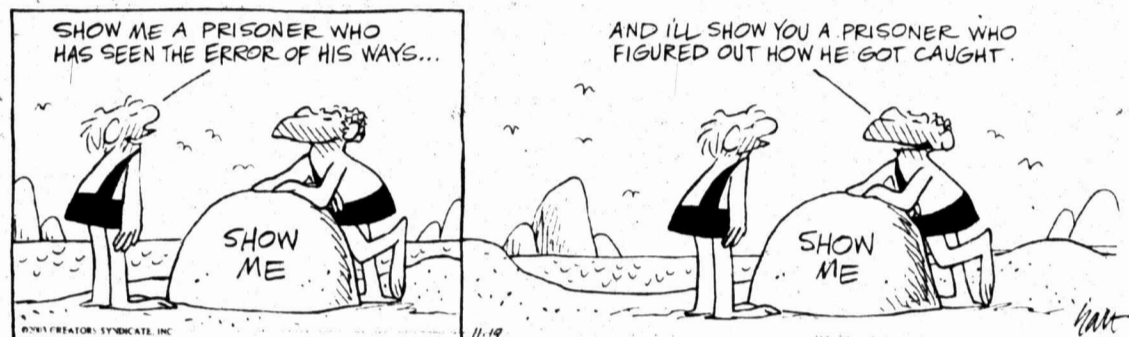
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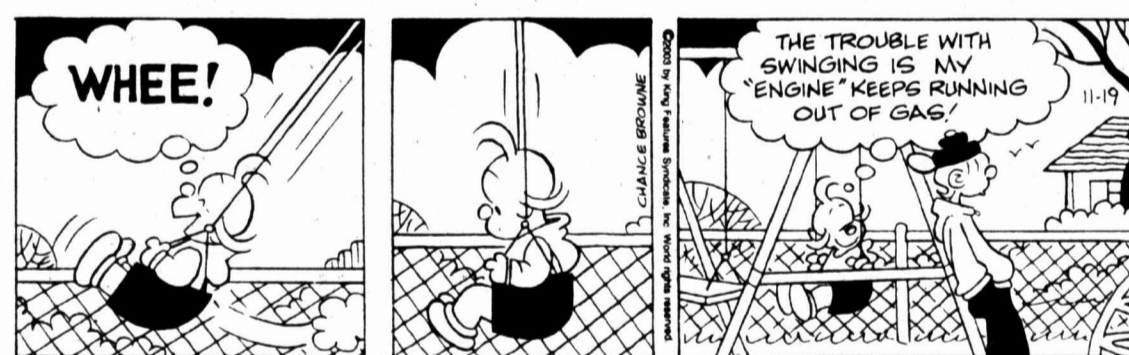
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 19, the 323rd day of 2003. There are 42 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 19, 1863, President Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

On this date: In 1794, the United States and Britain signed Jay's Treaty, which resolved some issues left over from the Revolutionary War.

In 1831, the 20th president of the United States, James Garfield, was born in Orange, Ohio.

In 1919, the Senate rejected the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 55 in favor, 39

against, short of the two-thirds majority needed for ratification.

In 1942, during World War II, Russian forces launched their winter offensive against the Germans along the Don front.

In 1949, Monaco held a coronation for its new ruler, Prince Rainier III, six months after he succeeded his grandfather, Prince Louis II.

In 1969, Apollo 12 astronauts Charles Conrad and Alan Bean made man's second landing on the moon.

In 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

In 1985, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

In 1988, shipping heiress Christina Onassis died in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at age 37.

In 1997, Iowa seamstress Bobbi McCaughey gave birth to four boys and three girls - only the second set of septuplets known to have

been born alive. Ten years ago: The U.S. Senate approved a sweeping \$22.3 billion anti-crime measure. President Clinton met in Seattle with Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Alan Young is 84. Former U.N. Ambassador Jeane J. Kirkpatrick is 77. Talk show host Larry King is 70. Talk show host Dick Cavett is 67. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner is 65. Singer Pete Moore is 64. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is 64. TV journalist Garrick Utley is 64. Actor Dan Haggerty is 62. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson is 62.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BAD HAIR DAY by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Uses a letter opener
 - 6 Rental residences: Abbr.
 - 10 Goes quickly
 - 14 Capital of Vietnam
 - 15 "Of ___ I Sing"
 - 16 Notion
 - 17 Love, to Pavarotti
 - 18 Former Italian money
 - 19 Cotton harvesting machines
 - 20 Today media critic
 - 22 Sector
 - 23 Cash dispensers, for short
 - 24 Flutist Galway
 - 25 National Zoo attractions
 - 28 "I don't know" gesture
 - 31 Creme-filled cookie
 - 32 Beer mug
 - 33 Letters after els
 - 36 "Eat It" parodist
 - 40 Actor Mineo
 - 41 Grownup
 - 42 Olin of Havana
 - 43 Homeland Security head
 - 44 Second man on the moon
 - 46 Fun and ___
 - 49 Air pollution
 - 50 Be in charge of
 - 51 Steve Rossi's comedy partner
 - 57 Sale condition
 - 58 General Bradley
- DOWN**
- 59 Sherlock Holmes creator
 - 60 Something prohibited
 - 61 ___ colada
 - 62 Director Lubitsch
 - 63 Summit
 - 64 Feeling tense
 - 65 Units of force
 - 9 Couch or chair
 - 10 Move erratically
 - 11 Language quirk
 - 12 Tubular pasta
 - 13 Return-postage enclosures: Abbr.
 - 21 ___ Pinafore
 - 24 Garbage
 - 25 Rambo rescues
 - 26 Neck of the woods
 - 27 Playwright Simon
 - 28 Fashion
 - 29 Use the microwave
 - 30 ___ Tin Tin
 - 32 Phony coin
 - 33 At any time
 - 34 Short skirt
 - 35 Read bar codes
 - 37 Banquet platform
 - 38 Find a sum
 - 39 American flag
 - 43 Boston baseballers
 - 44 '70s First Daughter
 - 45 Filled a van
 - 46 African nation
 - 47 Fable source
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 - 49 Go off the track
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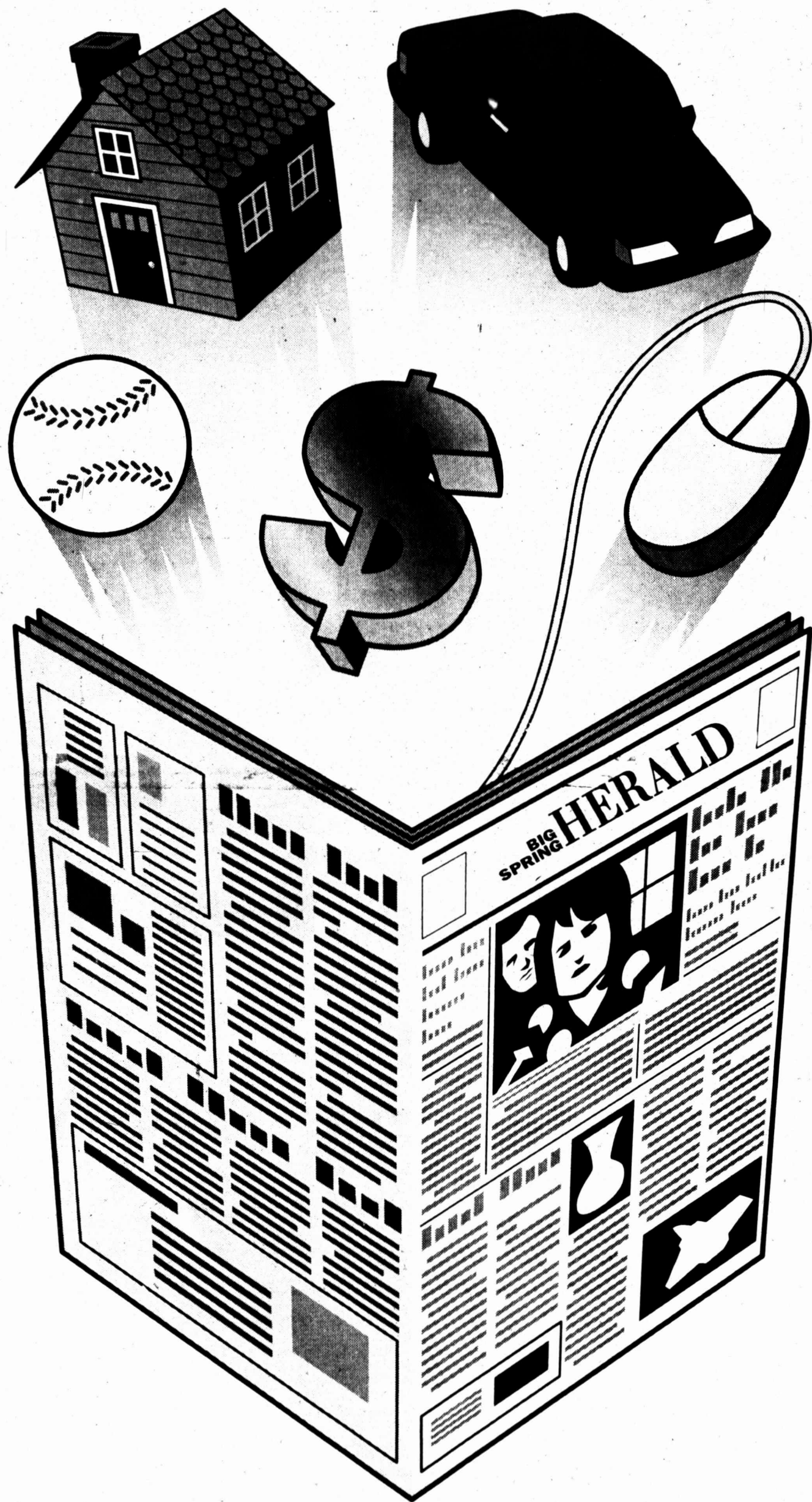
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