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Cover Story: Long before the stock car engines roar and the rubber hits the pavement, Joe Garone and his team of officials are up making sure every NASCAR race is run by the rule book. To ensure the safety and fairness of the race, they keep their eyes on the cars, drivers, track and weather conditions until the checked flag is waved.

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Bonanza found in skies over the Crossroads area

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Bonanza Fly-In "took off" at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Friday without a hitch, as pilots from all over the country brought their Beechcraft Bonanzas to the area for some fun and sight seeing.

Dr. Darryl Powell, coordinator for the fly-in and a member of the Southwest Bonanza Society, said the group managed to touchdown at the airport with

only one cancellation.

"Only one person had to cancel out," said Powell. "He's a corporate pilot and his company said they needed him this weekend, so he won't be able to make it. I think he's the only one that's had to cancel though, so we'll have a group of about 19 pilots involved in the event."

Powell said the pilots come from all professions and walks of life to meet at the fly-in, which

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins Gene Key of Granbury prepares his Beechcraft Bonanza for take off at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport Friday.

Doggone big problem

Animal control making strides, but needs help

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring Animal Control has come a long way during the past several years in keeping stray animals off the streets, but there's still a long way to go.

Animal Control warden Johnny Anchondo said the results of the department's work can easily be seen when you drive along city streets, but it's a bittersweet victory.

"As far as the strays go, we've managed to minimize that situation a great deal," said Anchondo. "If we pick up a stray and they don't have a collar, rabies tag or city tag, it really makes you feel like someone is neglecting this particular pet. We put them in the shelter and try to knock on doors to possibly find the owner. Sometimes we have good luck and sometimes we don't."

"You used to spot stray dogs throughout the city. We've worked harder at it over the past few years and managed to minimize the number of dogs on the streets. You may still find one



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins Big Spring Animal Control Warden Johnny Anchondo takes some time with one of the animal shelter's canine residents. Anchondo encourages area residents to check with the shelter before going to a pet shop for a pet.

here or there, but it's not nearly some of the animals that are as bad as it was before."

Anchondo said the condition of See SHELTER, Page 5A

BE MINE

State hospital gets under way with annual fund-raiser

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the HERALD

Valentine candies, flowers, stuffed animals and entertaining serenades are available from the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council.

Money raised during the Valentine's Day delivery sales directly funds extras for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

"The money is strictly for the patients," Community Relations Director Billie Christie said. "Nothing is spent on administrative costs."

The Valentine's Day fund-raiser is the second largest tool used to generate money for the patient fund, on the heels of the Denim and Diamonds spring gala.

An army of volunteers have been working for months creating novelty items for people who want to bestow a tasteful but inexpensive gift to a friend, loved one or co-worker, co-chair-



CHRISTIE

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Marie Ethridge, the widow of Robert "Rob" Ethridge, holds a picture of Rob, who was a long-time principal of Coahoma Junior High School.

Ethridge remembered fondly by family, co-workers, students

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Generations of young minds passed under the care of Robert W. "Rob" Ethridge while on their journey from childhood to young adult.

For 24 years, Ethridge served as role model, disciplinarian and mentor to scores of Coahoma Junior High seventh and eighth graders in his function as principal, leaving a lasting mark — not only on his students, but on his beloved faculty and community.

On Sunday, the community will leave a permanent token to their friend

The public is invited to a ceremony at 2 p.m.

Sunday in which the Coahoma Junior High School will be renamed in honor of Robert W. 'Rob' Ethridge.



as the school building he was charged to run for so long will be officially renamed the Robert W. "Rob" Ethridge Junior High School.

The ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria, 400 Ramsey Avenue.

What would this man described as fair, honest, sincere and down-to-earth by friends and family think of this honor?

"Why me? Why are they doing this for that gray-headed, old man? That's exactly what he'd say," said Marie Ethridge, his wife of 44 years.

As a very humble man, Rob wouldn't understand why the community would be making such a

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Enrollment drops slightly at Howard College campus

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The number of students enrolling at Howard College campuses this spring dropped slightly from a year ago, marking the second straight dip in enrollment.

Administrative consultant

Linda Conway presented the unofficial report to college trustees this week, which projected a 37-student decline compared to the 2003 spring semester, a 1.33 percent change.

According to the report, 1,256

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U.S. Rep. Neugebauer slates congressional coffee Monday

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring area residents will have an opportunity to bend the ear of their U.S. congressman Monday when the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce hosts a congressional coffee with Rep. Randy Neugebauer.

"It is important to me that I get out in the district and see what's going on," said Neugebauer, R-Lubbock. "Every day I am striving to represent West Texas in a better way. The residents of Howard County are important to

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Obituaries

Ruth Miriam Budke

Ruth Miriam Budke, 80, of Sun City, formerly of Harker Heights and Big Spring, died on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Wayne Frost, pastor, and Chaplain Carroll Kohl officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on June 18, 1923, in Evansville, Ind., and married LeRoy Budke on Sept. 20, 1947, in Evansville, Ind. He preceded her in death on Feb. 25, 1982.

Mrs. Budke was an administrative secretary for the Big Spring ISD, retiring in January 1990 after 30 years of service.

She was a lifetime Lutheran. She taught Sunday School for 20 years at St. Paul Lutheran Church, was a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League for many years and a member of the Altar Guild at St. Paul Lutheran and Grace Lutheran in Killeen. Mrs. Budke was a member of the Texas Education Secretaries Association and the Big Spring Symphony Guild.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, David and Dolline Budke of Big Spring; her daughter, Ann Budke of Sun City; and her grandson, Daniel Budke of Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, William and Ruth Bosse and three brothers, William, Willard and Edwin Bosse.

The family suggests memorials to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Juan Rocha



Juan Rocha, 16, of Big Spring died on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, in a Lubbock hospital. Prayer services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday and a Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m., also Sunday, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was a sophomore at Big Spring High School and played football for the Steers.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, an altar server, a member of the youth group at the church and was active in all church activities.

Survivors include his mother, Inez Rocha; two sisters, Monica Rocha and Severa Rocha; one brother, Demetrio Rocha; his "special" mom, Teresa Rocha; and his "special" dad, Domingo Rocha, all of Big Spring; and a number of uncles, aunts and cousins.

All members of the Steers football teams are considered honorary pallbearers.

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

Clara Garcia

Clara Garcia, 70, of Big Spring, died Friday afternoon, January 30, 2004, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charles Wylie

Charles Wylie, 66, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 31, at his home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Lottery

The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 17-30-27-2. Bonus ball 33.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 17-28-29-30-31

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-2

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The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday night: 17-28-30-40-51 Mega Ball = 44

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. West winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Cooler. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph until late afternoon becoming light.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the lower 40s.

Wednesday...Cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s.

Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Happy "11th" Birthday
Timothy Davila

We Love You!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Marisol & Alicia

Ben H. Wiggington

Ben H. Wiggington Jr., 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Clayton F. "Dude" Cluck

Clayton F. "Dude" Cluck, 67, of Big Spring, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Vera R. Sandlin

Vera R. Sandlin, 99, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

• **BETTY BOYD**, 39, of 1319 Hardin was arrested Friday on warrants.

• **ROBERT GARZA**, 23, of 538 Westover was arrested today on three warrants.

• **JOE CANALES**, 23, of 2911 W. Highway 80 was arrested Friday on city warrants for traffic.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird and the 1300 block of Mount Vernon.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place, in the 1100 block of Lamesa, in the 1700 block of FM 700, in the 200 block of FM 700, in the 900 block of Willia, in the 500 block of Northeast Ninth Street where \$195 of items were reported stolen including tools and lawn equipment and in the 500 block of west 17th Street were \$3,600 worth of jewelry, precious metals were reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

Sheriff's report

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

• **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** was reported north on FM 846 and in the area of Oasis Road and FM 700.

• **WANTED PERSON** was reported in the 800 block of west Marcy Drive. The report states an arrest was made.

• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in the 1900 block of Hilltop Road.

• **FIRE** was reported in the 1100 block of Jeffrey. The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department reported the fire was a control burn.

Support groups

SUNDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

THURSDAY

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

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no long meet weekly.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People age 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in Howard College Cactus Room.

VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

The Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, Canterbury, meets at 7 p.m. at 1600 Lancaster.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, meets at 2 p.m. in the conference room of Howard County Library, 500 South Main.

Gospel singing is held at Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

The Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

FRIDAY

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

SATURDAY

Dance begins at 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third. Everyone is welcome.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hanger 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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marks the first time the group has met in Big Spring.

"In terms of profession there's really a gamut of people involved with these aircraft," he said. "The bonanza is famous for being a doctor's airplane because they can be hard to afford. Today we have contractors, business people representing all kinds of fields, including a pilot from Georgia that runs a canvas sewing company."

"There are a lot of people that are just retired as well. We've got airline captains and other people who have settled down and said they want to tool around in their aircraft for awhile."

A 30-plus year veteran of the sky himself, Powell said the day offered great weather for the pilots, several of whom also performed fly-overs in various formations for the crowd gathered at the airport, a group of people he holds in extremely high regards.

"This is a wonderful start for the weekend," said Powell. "The skies have been clear and the wind's not blowing, and

everyone involved has been really fantastic. To me, pilots are really the last vestige of polite comradery, and airports like this one are the last vestige of super service. If you fly in here and you need to go downtown for an hour or so, they'll give you a car to use for free. When you have an event like this, they provide refreshments to accommodate you."

"Pilots are a group of people that just love talking to each other. There's the whole gamut of what we call hangar flying. You know, 'there I was in the clouds upside down at 100 feet' sort of conversations. They are really a fun group of men and women. We have one female pilot with us today, Shirley Roberts, who has been flying since 1970, about as long as I have."

One of the many area residents that came out to learn more about what is considered the "Cadillac of the sky," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, said the fly-in is something special for the city and its people.

"I'm trying not to show it, but there's no doubt that I have no knowledge at all about these aircraft," McEwen said with a grin. "It's so much fun

because I've always found it to be very enjoyable to talk to people who are passionate about what they do. These guys love their Bonanzas, and obviously they've traveled from hundreds, if not thousands, of miles to come to Big Spring, which is great for our community. We get to see something that we don't normally see and learn about something we don't know about."

Undoubtedly many in attendance sheltered dreams of one day soaring among the clouds, but when asked if he wanted to someday take to the air in a bonanza, McEwen made it clear his feet work best with the ground beneath them.

"Absolutely not," he laughed. "When the hang gliders were here, for some reason I got it in my mind that I thought I should go up. So I went up with one of the hang gliders and I was totally uncomfortable the entire time I was up there. My wife did it and thought it was the greatest thing ever. But I don't think you could get me back up there."

Powell said it was inspiring to see so many people come out to get a look at the aircraft and the pilots that brought

them to the Crossroads area.

"It's inspiring," said Powell. "It's fun to answer their questions and try to explain to them about an airplane, why you fly it like you do. How high you can fly in it, how fast you can go. They're usually very surprised. I think a lot of people think you get in the airplane, fly around the airport and then land again. Most of these types of aircraft are for transportation, going from point A to point B, and it's just a very easy way to do that."

While in Big Spring, the pilots will tour several local sites, including the Hangar 25 Air Museum, Vietnam Memorial, Scenic Mountain State Park and the "Big Spring" at Comanche Trail Park.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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Lucy De Leon died Thursday. Funeral Mass was at 2:30 PM Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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man Judy Jarmes said.

"We can still use some help putting together gift baskets and flower arrangements," Jarmes said.

Valentine workdays are scheduled for each Tuesday and Friday. "Anyone is welcome to join in helping the volunteers," she said. "We especially need help on the 13th to make deliveries in the community."

"Being a delivery person is just the most fun," said co-chairman Shirley Bodin. "Everyone is glad to see you, and you feel as if you've done something nice."

Many people enjoy delivering Valentine's treats so much that they take a vacation day from work on delivery day, Christie said.

"Without the help year after year of delivery folks such as Ike and Ouida Watznauer, this job would be impossible. They know the location of every street in town."

Deliveries will be made Friday, Jarmes said. Valentine's Day falls on a Saturday.

The Friday deliveries are easier on people volunteering for the singing telegrams, Valentine's Chairman Jobeth Corwin said. Volunteers are needed to serenade people in their homes, restaurants and places of employment.

"It's really rewarding to sing at the nursing homes and to shut-ins," Singer Flynn Long said.

Each person who receives a singing telegram is serenaded with a song and given a heart-shaped box of candies. Song selections range from serious to romantic to humorous. A limited number of slots are available for the singing telegrams, Christie said.

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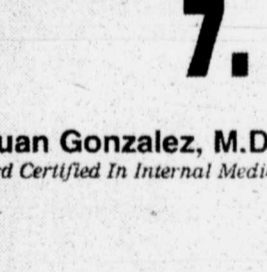
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OUR VIEWS

Let's remember
that voting is
real patriotism

It seems that ever since Sept. 11, 2001, people want to remember the so-called "good things" that came from the terrorists' attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon — first and foremost among most lists being a renewed patriotism displayed by Americans.

Some have noted that patriotism literally blossomed after the attacks. As a people, we bought and displayed symbols of freedom. We flew flags from our houses, our cars and our businesses. We bought and proudly wore T-shirts with sayings like "Red, White and Blue: These Colors Don't Run!"

In fact, some would say our national pride in America, our belief in freedom and our patriotic spirit has been restored to historic heights.

But somehow we doubt that.

All one really needs to know about how truly patriotic Americans, and West Texans in particular, have become is simply look at the number of people who vote.

Take for instance the Texas Senate District 31 special election in which 2,029 Howard Countians went to the polls. That's 2,029 of the 17,830 registered voters in the county, or a little less than 11.4 percent of those eligible to vote.

Even if one figures participation using Deputy Voter Registrar Sandra Bloom's assertion that a better number of actual voters in the county is 14,390, that means about 14.1 percent of us voted.

And while local officials maintain such a voter turnout is normal, it's anything but patriotic.

You see, exercising one's right to go to the polls, participating in the determination as to who those that will govern us are, is probably the most patriotic thing most of us will ever do.

And there's no question in our collective mind that voting is a far greater show of patriotism than waving a flag or wearing the red, white and blue.

Early voting in the Senate District 31 runoff between Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, and Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, begins on Feb. 9 with election day being Feb. 17. If you are registered to vote, we encourage you to go to the polls and be heard.

And if you aren't registered, get registered.

The cutoff date to register in order to vote in the March primaries is approaching.

And if you're one of those who aren't sure about the status of their registration, find out. You can get more information by simply calling the Howard County tax Assessor-Collector's Office.

It is, after all, the truly patriotic thing to do.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, make our mission in life your mission in life.

Amen

Finding where you came from

The tattered cardboard box wasn't much to look at, but inside were the remains of lives gone and worlds long past. The box belonged to my uncle Milton McKenna, who died more than a year ago. In it were family pictures and letters, some going back more than 100 years, as well as scrapbooks and newspaper articles that summed up the lives of the Clements and McKenna families.

There was the tiny picture of George Clements, Milt's grandfather and my great grandfather, a handsome young man with pale eyes and a handlebar mustache, his miniature portrait encased in a silver pin stuck on a little, striped-silk pillow. George Clements came to the Wyoming territory as a young cattle driver in the mid-1880s, where he married my great grandmother, Lucy Etta Kelly of Kahoka, Mo., in 1889.

One yellowed newspaper clipping describes George's run-in with three bulls: "One of the animals started to run in George's direction, closely followed by one of the others and coming in contact with the pony threw both it and its rider to ground with terrible force, the pony falling on top. The infuriated bulls fell upon the pony and the tremendous weight of the three animals almost

crushed the life out of the man beneath. When aid reached him, he was found to be unconscious, and remained so for 17 days."

Yet, to hear George tell of it, the life of a cowboy was mostly boredom. In a letter to his wife, post-marked June 19, 1899, George writes of his work on the Crow reservation on the Wyoming-Montana border. "The outfit has kept a man here all summer to keep the cattle drove back from the Indian farms and to keep the Indians from killing beef, but something went wrong with him, and they sent me here to take his place. There is not much work about it but a good deal of sneaking around trying to catch them killing beef."

A final clipping, "Old-Time Cowboy Thrown from Horse with Fatal Effects," describes his deadly accident while roping a yearling steer: "The animal ran in front of the horse and tripped him and pulled him down on the rider. The horn of the saddle was buried into Mr. Clements' side, and the steer kept pulling on the horse, which made several lunges before getting up and away from the rider." He was 42 years old when he died in 1904.

As I sifted through the bits and pieces of other people's lives, I realized how little remains of who we were or what we did in life once we are gone. The only things left from my great uncle Thomas J. McKenna, a Catholic priest, are his prayer book, the hand-embroidered cloths he used to administer the Church's "last rites" to the

dying, and a few photographs. His obituary tells little of his life, just that he was "the beloved pastor" of St. Brigid's school of Grand Junction, Iowa.

Thomas' younger sister, whom I know only by the name she took as a Dominican nun, Sister Catherine di Ricci, left behind a few pictures and a letter written by one of the nuns upon her death, at age 32, in the great influenza pandemic of 1918. "When the influenza broke out in the school, she gave herself unflinchingly to the care of the sick girls as well as to the encouragement of those whom the Sisters tried to save from the deadly epidemic. She overtaxed her strength and became a victim of the disease itself," the anonymous nun writes of her colleague. "Meantime a panic of quarantine had been instituted and the Sister's body could not be brought to our chapel for Mass. The coffin could not even be opened and the grief-stricken parents could only be present at the burial at the early dawn of morning."

These small scraps of paper, lovingly passed down from one generation to the next, are all that remain of full and rich lives that can now only be imagined. I'm thankful that my Uncle Milt saved what others might have discarded. So, the next time some "old-timer" passes on in your family, spend time going through those old cardboard boxes buried in the closet. You may just find where you came from.

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Bush: It's not trust; it's money

My fellow Americans, the state of the union's finances is enough to make an Enron accountant gag. When George W. Bush took office, he was handed a going concern.

Projected annual surpluses from 2002 to 2011 were \$5.6 trillion. In its most recent projection, the Congressional Budget Office says it expects \$1.4 trillion in total deficits from 2004 to 2013. Bush's new future spending proposals — including everything from the goofy manned-flight-to-Mars to the promotion of marriage — already total an additional \$2 trillion.

When Bush took office, the national debt was \$5.7 trillion and his first budget proposed to reduce it by \$2 trillion over the next decade. Today, the debt is \$7 trillion. Last year, Bush predicted a deficit of \$262 billion. According to the CBO, the deficit is currently \$480 billion. Bush plans to cut biomedical research, health care, job training and veterans funding, and that still leaves a projected deficit of \$450 billion.

It is unclear to me why anyone would believe anything the president says about our fiscal situation. Keep in mind, this is a man who took three Texas oil companies into bankruptcy.

I anticipate a painful skewing of the statistics on jobs, but there's not much even the finest spinners can do with the basic problem. Under Bill Clinton, the economy gained an average of 236,000 jobs every month. Under George W. Bush, the economy has lost an average of 66,000 jobs a month. Nor is the news getting better. Last month, the economy, supposedly in full recovery, added 1,000 jobs. The economy needs to generate 150,000 jobs a month just to absorb new workers.

Not only are the 2 million jobs we have already lost not coming back, but the trend will continue. The lead story in Monday's Wall Street Journal is about IBM's plan to shift 3,000 high-paying jobs overseas, known as "off-shoring." We are not just hemorrhaging manufacturing jobs. As the Journal reports, "This 'off-shoring' process has raised fears that even high-skill jobs that were supposed to represent the U.S.'s future are being lost to countries that have already taken over low-skill factory work." In other words, your nice, middle-class butt is on the line here.

There are, of course, some jobs that cannot be exported — farms cannot be moved to another country, nor can restaurants. So the president proposes a giant new bracero program to import foreign workers legally to fill those jobs. As Jamie Galbraith wrote in Salon, the online magazine: "There is no reason to believe the Bush administration's hand-wringing over its pathetic record on employment. The president's backers want a stagnant job market — it keeps the help from getting uppity."

In another sign of how deeply Bush cares about workers, the plan to end overtime pay for millions of workers is back. You may recall this little charmer from last year, the Bush proposal to "update" the Fair Labor Standards Act. Both the House and the Senate nixed the idea by passing an amendment proposed by Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, but in the magic way of the Republican-run Congress, the amendment was later dropped from a spending bill after heavy pressure from the White House.

Now, in another move typical of the administration, they plan to bypass Congress altogether and issue the new regulations as an "administrative rules change," to go into effect in March. The administration claims the new regulations will extend overtime pay to an additional 1.3 million

low-income workers. That would certainly be a good thing, except for the fact that it would exempt another 8 million workers from getting overtime by reclassifying them as management or professionals. Another great deal for the corporations — they get to cut overtime for a lot of higher-paid workers and only have to add a few lower-paid workers. Do you really have any doubts about whom this administration is being run for?

We will of course have to listen to the president tell us how wonderful his Medicare drug coverage bill is. I thought there could be no more masterly dissection of that fraud than the one in the current issue of Harper's magazine, in which Lewis Lapham takes the repulsive thing apart. His incisive essay is a model of legislative analysis that should be studied by all political writers. But he actually missed one item found by The Wall Street Journal.

Bush said late last year, "If there's a Medicare reform bill signed by me, corporations have no intention to dump retirees (from existing drug coverage). ... What we're talking about is trust." The bill includes a special tax subsidy to encourage employers to retain prescription drug coverage for their retirees. But, oops, the Journal reports the White House quietly added "a little-noticed provision" to the bill that allows companies to severely reduce or almost completely terminate their retirees' drug coverage without losing out on the new subsidy. And guess what? The major backers of that "little-noticed provision" are all major donors to Bush and the Republican Party. It's not about trust, it's about money.

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fuss, Marie added. "He had a little saying when he came here," Marie said. "All my life I was Joe Ethridge's brother, (a well known Southern Methodist University football star in the early 1950s who eventually played for the Green Bay Packers). Then I came to Coahoma, and I was Marie Petty's husband and now I'm Robin's dad."

Robert Ethridge was born in Abbot on March 22, 1930, the son of an oil field worker. He attended SMU through the help of a football scholarship, following in the footsteps of his big brother Joe, who was co-captain with All-American Doak Walker.

Rob graduated with a BBA degree in business marketing in 1955. While staying on a relative's farm in Forsan, Rob was 21 years old when he met Marie Petty. She was just 17 at the time. The two dated but then didn't see each other until years later when Marie was a graduate of Texas Tech

University and Rob had served some time in the military.

They married on March 9, 1957, when she was 23 and he was 27.

"He was totally different from anyone I had ever gone with," Marie said.

Rob Ethridge taught for a year in Dallas and then served as a recreational officer and athletics director for the Texas Department of Corrections.

"He would always surprise the young teachers when they were applying for jobs at the junior high," recalled Loma Jean Wynn, a retired Coahoma junior high teacher. "He'd say 'well when I was down in the pens, in the prisons.' He said their eyes would get wide."

Rob and Marie moved to Coahoma in the early 1960s where the two settled down for a long career in education with the Coahoma Independent School District.

"He loved education," Marie said. "He loved the association with the kids. He preferred junior high kids. He liked that age and could relate very well to them, whether he was

coaching or teaching." As a principal, he stayed interested in the activities and lives of his students and staff, Wynn said. He was well-known as a principal who backed his teachers 100 percent.

"He was just fair with everybody," Wynn said.

"The things most important to him were to keep high standards and high expectations of all involved."

"He was always available for the teachers, students and parents. He expected both his students and faculty to perform their best. "Some of his famous words were 'don't be last,'" Wynn recalled. "He

was always competitive and he wanted his team and students to be the same, academically and on the field."

Some of the lessons Rob tried to instill in his students are being passed on today by his former pupils.

"He was one of the fairest men I ever knew," said Stanley Phillips, a Big Spring fifth-grade teacher. "He taught us manners in the way we should say 'yes sir' and 'no sir.' He taught us respect or reinforced what we were getting at home."

On first impression of this imposing principal, former student Elizabeth Flores said she was scared to death of him.

"Then I found out he was kind and gentle, but he did show his good and bad sides," Flores said.

Although Ethridge was known for following the rules at school whether he agreed with them or not, he also created an atmosphere of enjoyment for the teachers.

"He was very considerate of his teachers," Wynn said. "He called meetings in the morning when possible because he

taught school and he knew that teachers hated to stay after school like kids did. On one birthday, the faculty surprised him with a belly dancer. He's face turned beat red."

Students and teachers alike learned very quickly to be prompt when dealing with Mr. Ethridge.

"One afternoon I was suppose to go to Stanton to keep score at a basketball game and he (Rob) said I'm going right after school," Wynn recalled. "Well I hadn't been to the bathroom all day so I went to the bathroom. I went out to catch the bus and they were driving off."

Rob retired in 1998 and soon after learned he had cancer. Marie said he handled the news the way he handled life, by accepting it and continuing on. Rob continued to be active until the last few days of his death in March 2001.

Following retirement, Rob continued to be involved with education when he was appointed to serve as a Howard College trustee in September 1994, a position he held until his death.

"Rob Ethridge's philosophy of education was totally centered around students," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "When a decision was to be made, he always thought about what was in the best interest of the students. The things most important to him were to keep high standards and high expectations of all involved."

Although he no longer patrols the halls of the junior high school building, Rob Ethridge will continue to be a part of building the character of Coahoma youth.

"He thought education was extremely important because he felt very fortunate to have an one," Marie said. "His dad worked for Sun Oil company, and he would have followed along those lines, if he was not presented an opportunity at an education. He felt like everybody was entitled to one and they could succeed if they wanted to."

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picked up is hard to imagine, and without tags or other identification, the animals have far less chance of being returned home.

"On average, the animals we pick up are neglected and malnourished," said Anchondo. "When we pick one up that has a collar and tags, they are usually in much better shape because the owners have been more responsible and cared for the pet."

"We're usually able to get in touch with the pet owners when the animal has tags, so they can come out here and pick them up."

While some animals are lucky enough to be rescued by their owners or adopted, those that are euthanized make the job difficult for Anchondo.

"That's one of the hardest parts of being involved with animal control," he said. "We see animals that have been neglected and malnourished, even tick infested. We take them to a local veterinarian and they give us a basic medical

opinion on the animal. We really appreciate their help.

"We do our best to get them any medicine they need to help get them healthy again, so we can try to adopt them out," he added.

Anchondo said he and his colleagues do their best to find the animals' owners, and when they do, it makes the job worthwhile.

"It makes us feel about 1,000 times better to see an animal adopted out," said Anchondo. "It really makes my day, especially

in a situation where we have a dog that has to be put down in a specific time frame, and we knock on doors and find the owners. It makes the owners happy and it certainly makes us happy.

"It's great when it happens that way. Unfortunately it doesn't always end that way."

According to Big Spring Police Department Animal Control statistics, 921 dogs and 1,109 cats were euthanized in 2003, while less than 100 animals were adopted. Animal control officers

also picked up more than 1,000 dead animals off the streets last year.

Adoption is an easy process according to Anchondo.

"The adoption fee is \$25, and there's a \$4 fee for the city license tag," he said. "If the animal is old

enough to be spayed or neutered and hasn't been already, the new owners have 30 days to have that done."

"The breed of the animal doesn't matter when it comes to the adoption fee. Whether it's a Pomeranian or a Lab,

there's no distinction in the cost."

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Four dead in explosion

EL PASO (AP) — Three children and their father have died in a house explosion that injured a fourth child and two other adults in this far West Texas city.

The blast late Friday triggered a fire and caved in the roof of the house, where one woman was rescued.

Victims have not yet been identified. The dead were listed as children aged 4, 6 and 12, along with their father, said fire officials.

They said an 8-year-old boy was to be sent to Lubbock for specialized burn treatment. A 35-year-old woman and a 55-year-old woman were admitted to Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso with first-, second- and third-degree burns.

Investigators early Saturday were trying to determine a cause of the 9:55 p.m. MST explosion.

They were checking whether any gas may have been leaking at the Lower Valley home.

"You could see the flames coming out of the roof through all the openings, all of the openings of the house. The windows, the doors," Maria De Santiago, a neighbor, said.

De Santiago, 40, said a woman who was pulled out of the burning home attempted to get back inside the structure as neighbors who rushed outdoors after the blast tried to hold her back.

"She was yelling, 'Los nios, los nios' (the children)," said De Santiago, who lives across the street.

She said a man rushed into the house and came out burned.

Neighbors said the family had lived in the home for less than a year.

"Ay, Jesus," whispered one neighbor who bowed

her head upon hearing about the children.

Several nearby houses were ordered evacuated by firefighters. But by early Saturday, residents were allowed to return to their homes. Utility employees cut off natural gas to the property, said fire personnel.

One of the victims went into respiratory arrest en route to Thomason Hospital. Paramedics said they were trying to remove particles from the victim's airway so they could aid the patient's breathing. Two other victims had burns ranging from first to third degree, according to emergency medical personnel.

COLLEGE

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students enrolled on the Big Spring campus this spring, down 47 students from 1,303 in 2003.

The San Angelo campus saw a gain of 37, up to 1,222 from 1,185 in 2003, while campuses located in Lamesa, the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and the Federal Correctional Institute saw enrollment fall.

Lamesa had 121 enrolled, down 21 from 142 in 2003. SWCID and the FCI dropped by three students with 126 enrolled at SWCID, down from 129, and 30 at the FCI, a dip from 33 in 2003.

Howard College campuses also saw a slight drop in students in the

fall semester after three straight years of dramatic growth beginning in 2001 when the district saw gains of 200 to 300 students a year.

"Although we always like to see enrollment continue to increase, I think this shows we are leveling out after the last few years of growth," Conway told trustees.

More than 40 percent of the students on the Big Spring campus declared general studies as their major from 37 different proclaimed areas of studies. Nursing came second with 11.8 percent; business/accounting was third with 7.1 percent fol-

lowed by education, 4.9 percent.

In contrast, 34.5 percent of students on the San Angelo campus declared criminal justice as their major area of study from 25 different declared majors. Business followed by 12.6 percent with nursing coming a close third at 11.3 percent.

Rounding out the top declared majors were 4.6 percent for computer science and 4.6 percent for child development/family studies.

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me and I want to know what's on their minds."

The congressman and his staff will be at the chamber offices, 215 W. Third, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The social caps off a day of scheduled activities for the congressman, who also plans to tour the Big

Spring Federal Correctional Institution and McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and speak with officials of ALON USA and the Crossroad Housing Development Corp.

Neugebauer, who won the seat this year in a special election to replace Larry Combest, has filed to seek another term to represent the 19th District.

END OF GAME

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Space center workers remember shuttle disaster victims

HOUSTON (AP) — Johnson Space Center workers on Friday bowed their heads in silence and wiped away tears during a tribute to the seven astronauts who died during the space shuttle Columbia's final mission last year.

They also vowed to honor their fallen colleagues by renewing their commitment to space exploration.

"This is exactly what this crew would have wanted us to do," center director Jefferson

Davis Howell Jr. told about 1,000 workers who gathered under cloudy skies. "Wouldn't they be upset with us if we quit? Wouldn't it be an insult to them if we gave up?"

A chunk of foam the size of a suitcase tore a hole in Columbia's left wing 82 seconds after liftoff.

The gap let in the searing gases of re-entry two weeks later as the orbiter returned home. The spaceship broke apart over Texas on Feb. 1,

killing all aboard.

Workers at the center, where Mission Control is located, should use the crew's example of "incredible courage, teamwork, total integrity, professional excellence, commitment to their purpose," Howell said.

"Crew of Columbia, you will never be forgotten," he said. "Crew of Columbia, we honor you with our actions and our success."

As workers bowed their heads during a moment of silence,

recording of bells and the astronaut's names were played: "Rick Husband ... William McCool ... Kalpana Chawla ... David Brown ... Michael Anderson ... Laurel Clark ... Ilan Ramon."

A year later, pieces of the doomed craft continue to show up in East Texas, where most of the debris fell from the sky, NASA officials in Florida told reporters who viewed the spacecraft's final resting place Friday.

The debris is stored in a 7,000-square-foot room with scuffed linoleum floors and fluorescent lighting.

On Sunday, the anniversary of the Columbia disaster, a ceremony at Florida's Cape Canaveral will honor all astronauts whose lives have been lost in the line of duty. On Monday, NASA chief Sean O'Keefe will dedicate a Columbia memorial at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Columbia crew known for its closeness

HOUSTON (AP) — The joke around the astronaut office at the Johnson Space Center used to be that the space shuttle Columbia crew was never going to fly.

A series of delays kept the mission from getting started until more than two years after its original flight date.

"This crew actually had the opportunity to spend a lot of time together," astronaut Scott Horowitz said. "They were probably one of the closest-knit crews I have ever encountered. They were really upbeat every time you talked to them. They were a pretty happy group of folks."

The resulting bond has helped many of the crew families deal with the tragedy that cut short the lives and careers of their loved ones.

"They had worked hard. They had trained hard," said Audrey McCool, mother of astronaut William McCool. "For them all, it was the adventure of a lifetime."

Here is a look at the crew that flew on Columbia's final mission, the families they left behind and how they have coped:

ories that I am reliving, especially this month, of all the lasts of what we did," she said. "The last time Rick was at home. The last time he hugged our kids. The last time we were together as a family. The last time we prayed together."

Pilot William McCool, 41, was a Navy commander who grew up in Lubbock. As a teenager 25 years ago, he won a race in Brownfield, in which one of his competitors was George W. Bush.

Two weeks into his first space trip, McCool was bursting with amazement during the Columbia mission, calling his experience "beyond imagination" in a Jan. 30 interview with National Public Radio.

McCool was survived by his wife, Lanni, and three sons, then 14, 19 and 22.

"He would be so modest he wouldn't think that he deserved any legacy, but I suppose if he did, being able to encourage children to learn would be a real legacy for him," Audrey McCool said of her son.

Payload specialist Michael Anderson, 43, grew up on military bases. He was flying for the Air Force when NASA chose him in 1994 as one of only a handful of black astronauts. He traveled to Russia's Mir space station in 1998.

The lieutenant colonel, who called Spokane, Wash. home, was in

charge of Columbia's dozens of science experiments.

Anderson was married and had two daughters, who are now 10 and 12. He enjoyed chess, tennis and photography.

"He was just a kind man and I miss that. I miss talking to him. I miss all of those things that a wife would miss about her husband," Sandy Anderson said of her husband. "Right now we have just been trying to keep our family together and heal and mend."

Mission specialist David Brown, 46, was a Navy captain, pilot and doctor, who grew up in Arlington County, Va. He joined the Navy after a medical internship, then went on to fly the A-6E Intruder and F-18.

He became an astronaut in 1996. Columbia's mission was his first spaceflight.

When asked in an interview about the risk of flying in space, Brown, who was single, said he had made a decision when he joined the Navy as a pilot that everyday risk would be a part of his job.

"The decision to go fly in space," he said, "is just an extension of that."

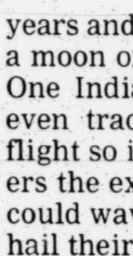
His father, Doug Brown, said, "Dave would want to be remembered for pursuing his dream to go to Mars."

"In knowing that a Mars mission would most likely come after the end of his career he was in constant search of the next great challenge."

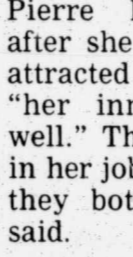
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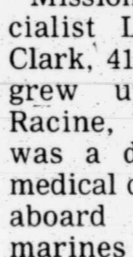
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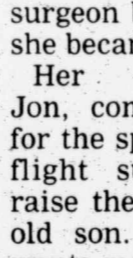
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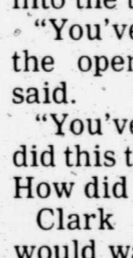
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States from India in 1980s with the plan of designing aircraft.

As an astronaut, she was a heroine in India, which has launched satellites for years and is preparing for a moon orbit this decade. One Indian news agency even tracked Columbia's flight so it could tell readers the exact minute they could wave to the skies to hail their countrywoman.

Her husband, pilot Jean-Pierre Harrison, said after she died that what attracted him to her was "her inner fire to do well." The risk she took in her job was something they both accepted, he said.

Mission specialist Laurel Clark, 41, who grew up in Racine, Wis., was a diving medical officer aboard submarines and then a flight surgeon before she became an astronaut.

Her doctor-husband, Jon, continues to work for the space agency as a flight surgeon and to raise the couple's 9-year-old son. Clark says he wants more transparency into the tragedy.

"You've got to be out in the open about it," he said.

"You've got to say, 'How did this thing come apart? How did the crew die?'"

Clark said his wife would want to be remem-

bered as a source of inspiration and also for change at NASA.

boy who died at Auschwitz.

Married, he left a daughter and three sons, ages 5-15.

His wife, Rona, has declined most interview requests, but she was among astronauts' families who last year visited a number of schools and science centers worldwide.

"It's tough to go out and talk to people because we know they (astronauts) were supposed to be here and not us," she said, "but we need to keep their legacy alive and feel it is our mission to do this."

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Houston topless clubs, vice squad gear for big weekend

By MARK BABINECK

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Chamber of commerce types might not be thrilled about it, but Houston is known as the de facto capital of upscale strip joints.

With more than 100 such establishments, from small dives to more than a dozen fancy "gentlemen's clubs," choices abound and businesses expect full houses Super Bowl weekend.

"With the conventions and everything that come to Houston — especially anything that is majority male — this definitely is one of the things people come to see," said Andy Stuebaker, director of operations for Rick's Cabaret International Inc.

New Orleans and Atlanta, both past Super Bowl hosts, have similar reputations for plentiful strip bars, but Stuebaker said "Houston is still No. 1" when it comes to upscale cabarets — despite new rules in the 1990s prohibiting "lap dances" and other close contact.

He said the city got its reputation because pioneers, like himself, began opening large, elegant clubs during the affluent '80s that catered to businessmen and featured young, attractive women.

Rick's Cabaret became the first publicly traded chain of strip clubs when it hit the Nasdaq in 1995. Six of its seven clubs are in Texas, with three in Houston. The flagship club near Galleria Mall has launched several Playboy centerfold careers, including that of Anna Nicole Smith.

One man has rented the club, along with several others in Houston, for four nights during Super Bowl week. Stuebaker wouldn't say who rented the club or

how much it cost, but he said the company expects a nice profit boost. Last year, Rick's reported more than \$15 million in revenue.

Prospective dancers are also traveling to the city for their piece of Super Bowl gold.

"There are strippers coming in from all over the

"There are strippers coming in from all over the world basically."

world basically," said Phillip Dickey, who manages Baby Dolls, another upscale club. "Japan, Canada, Mexico, Chile, France — we've seen passports from everywhere. I guess they're just following the whole thing."

That creates competition for entertainers like Jenna, who has danced at Rick's for eight years.

"Instead of working 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. like I usually do, for the week they're here I might be here till midnight," said Jenna, who asked that her last name not be used.

She didn't know how much she might clear, but the influx indicates there's plenty to be made.

Dickey's club, which just completed a \$2 million expansion of its intimate upstairs "champagne rooms," can handle 1,000 dancers a day plying their trade for a few hours.

Dancers first must get licensed by the Houston Police Department's vice squad, which fingerprints them and makes sure they don't have any sexually oriented con-

victions on their record.

"We usually average about 15 permits a day. Wednesday, we did about 90, so it's a pretty good increase," said Capt. Dave Cutler, head of the vice department.

Cutler's division is gearing up for heavy overtime to make sure the 120,000 Super Bowl fans stay safe and within the bounds of state law and city ordinances, which call for dancers to stay three feet from customers.

"We'll have a greater undercover presence at the clubs and at the events that coincide with the Super Bowl," Cutler said.

Stuebaker said reputable clubs follow the laws and try to ensure their dancers — who are independent contractors and not employees — do the same. Besides, there's plenty of legal room for the women to make money while the out-of-towners are entertained, he said.

Super Bowl fans started arriving in heavier numbers on Thursday, with Friday and Saturday being the busiest days. Cab driver Frank Ndu said he's already getting fares from men wanting to cruise the clubs.

"They're asking for jazz clubs and gentlemen's clubs," said Ndu, whose taxi totes an ad placard for a cabaret.

NEWS BRIEFS

Perry mum on school

finance proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry said Friday there is "substantial work" to be done to change the state's school-finance plan but would not discuss a proposal his top aide has been floating that would raise \$4 billion in education funding and lower local property taxes.

The plan includes revenue from video lottery gambling and a \$1 cigarette tax increase. It's been looming in the background this week as Perry has proposed a package of education incentives that tie state funding to student achievement.

"There's still some substantial

work to be done on the core side of that and that's finances," said Perry, a Republican referring to the overall public education funding system.

Perry has said he will call a special legislative session to address the state's school finance system if and when lawmakers can agree on a way to replace it.

The plan also includes a split-role tax, which would mean different property tax rates for residential and business property owners. The split-role tax would give homeowners relief while implementing a statewide business property tax.

Medicare law, costs

are under attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — The much larger projected cost of the new Medicare law is giving an

even more prominent place to an issue both parties already planned to highlight this election year.

Democrats said the dramatically increased estimate — from \$395 billion to \$534 billion over 10 years — adds to a mountain of evidence that the law needs to be changed, even before much of it has gone into effect. Principal among their proposals is repealing the law's provision that bars the government from negotiating drug prices with manufacturers when seniors begin receiving Medicare prescription drug benefits in 2006.

"We must address the out-of-control cost of prescription drugs. If Republicans continue to defend the drug companies and the insurance industry, the cost of the bill will only increase," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Friday.

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Still on the radar

Jans, Hawks find success after breakup

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Breaking up was a hard thing to do — especially for Chris Jans and the Howard College Hawks.

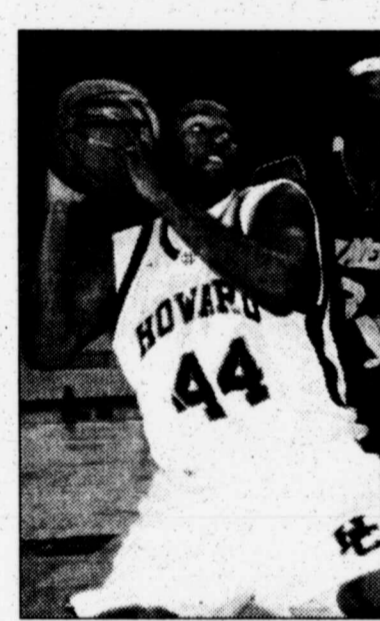
Walking out of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the last time was like divorcing a part of himself — a proud part that he had spent the better portion of two years building, nurturing and babying. There were friends, colleagues and players being left behind as he turned his car onto Birdwell Lane and ultimately onto Interstate 20 heading east.

Like any divorce, there were hard feelings, things to be divided and words that shouldn't have been said. Like any split, there also remained a deep-rooted love of the program he helped turn into a national basketball power.

"I'll certainly try to keep up with them as much as I can," said Jans after announcing his decision to take a huge pay increase to take over one of the nation's top junior college programs in June. "I have a lot of great memories here. This is a place that holds a special place in my heart."

And for good reason. Under Jans, the Howard College men's basketball program became one of the premier operations in the United States, posting an incredible 49-14 record in two seasons.

Last year, Howard College exploded onto the national scene. The Hawks reeled off a record-setting 21 straight wins and climbed to No. 2 in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll. En route to posting a 29-4 record, Howard College advanced to the Region 5 Basketball Tournament finals against longtime rival South Plains.

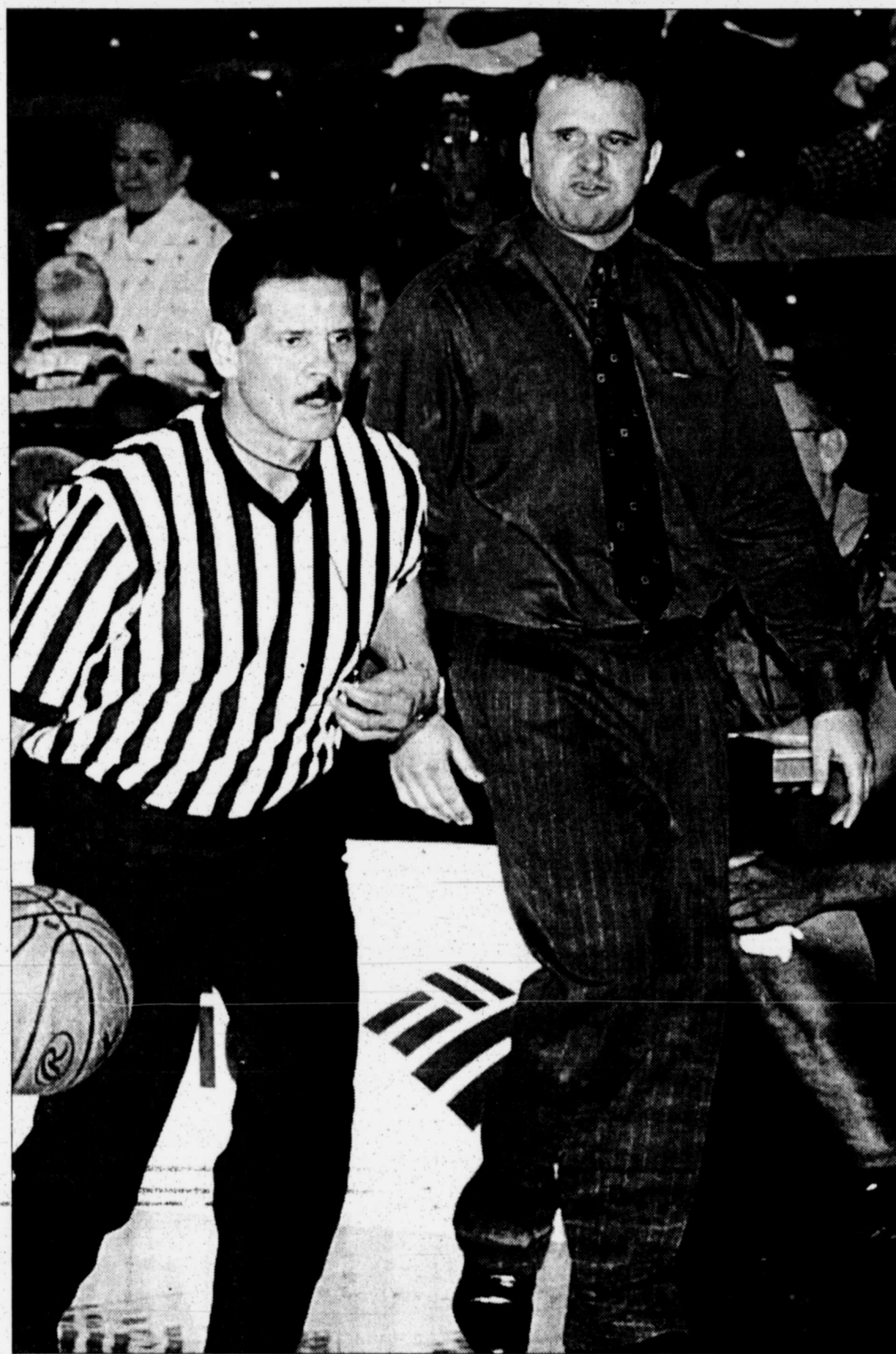


HERALD Photo/Bruce Schooler
Former Hawk Vas'shun Newborne has scored 10.3 points a game at Chipola.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, Jans work on the baseline didn't go unnoticed. During the off-season, a coaching friend helped Chipola College get in touch with the former Division I coach and start the wheels moving on what would become one of the biggest off-season moves in the U.S.

"I was not in the mode of job searching," Jans said. "It's just something that kind of happened."

The decision to leave didn't come without some upheaval, however. After announcing he was leaving, Jans indicated he would welcome several of the Hawks' freshmen should they wish to follow him to Chipola, a school that has made nine trips to the JUCO national tournament.



HERALD Photo/Bruce Schooler
Chris Jans works the officials during a Western Junior College Athletic Conference game last season. Jans, who guided Howard College to a 49-14 record over the last two years, accepted the head coaching job at Chipola College in Florida during the summer.

It was an announcement that was not popular with Howard College officials, who had hopes to keep its young team intact for another season. Four returning starters, they felt, would go a long way in helping the team make another run at the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title this fall.

Those hopes didn't materialize. After Jans announced his decision to accept the Chipola job, three of the Hawks' top three players followed. Leaving for Florida were Je'kel Foster, the team's top scorer a year ago, and the team's top two rebounders in Vas'shun Newborne and Leon Woodstock.

"At the time, we were kind of irritated about it because we felt he should have urged those players to stay," said HC athletic director Jim Lewis. "They were recruited with Howard College money and had taken classes here. They were a part of us."

Lewis said Howard College took the high

road in the disagreement — saying though they hated to see the three go, they released them from their deals.

"Life is too short to be irritated," said Lewis. "We hated to see them go because they represented Howard College very well on and off the court, but we realize this is about the kids and their dreams."

"Had we not signed their releases, it might have affected them being recruited by other colleges down the road. We didn't want that. We want the best for them. Just because they're gone, doesn't mean they aren't still a part of us."

"Really, regardless of how anyone felt, there wasn't any reason to penalize them," he added.

In the end, Foster — an all-WJCAC selection — Newborne and Woodstock transferred to Chipola and "opened opportunities" for other players here.

"When they left, it opened some spots on

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Halftime should have something for everyone

By RICHIE WHITT

Knight Ridder Newspapers
HOUSTON (KRT) — Lip sync. Lipstick. Laugh out loud.

Super Bowl Sunday's halftime has something for everyone.

Mainstream fans will probably go with lip sync, in the form of the Super Bowl's over-choreographed halftime show featuring musical stars Janet Jackson, Kid Rock, P. Diddy and Nelly.

Little League officials to meet

Big Spring Little League officials will hold a community meeting on Feb. 8 to elect officers and coaches for the 2004 season.

The meeting is sched-

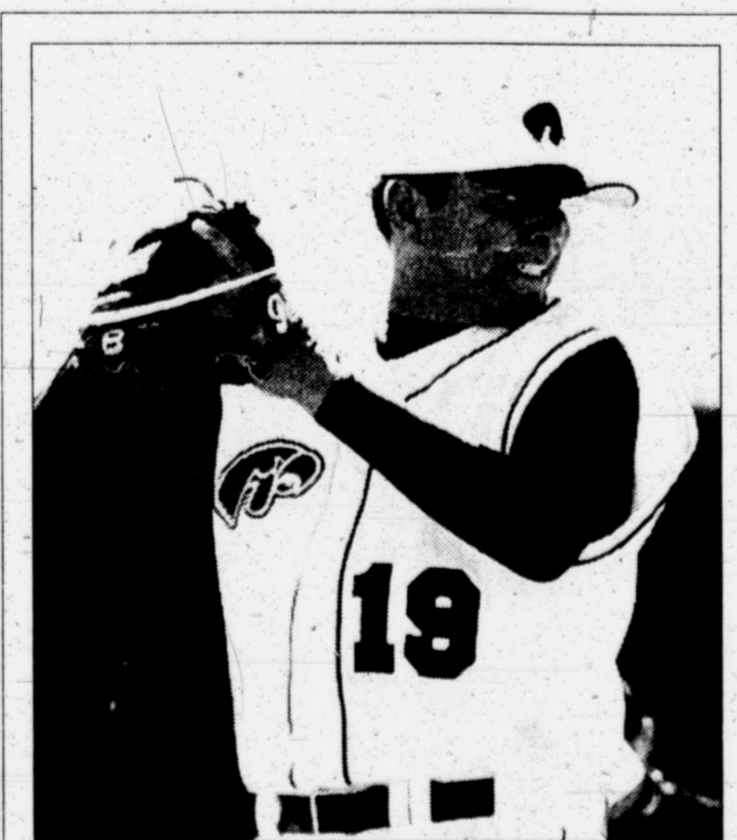
uled to begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Howard County Library building. Persons interested in running for office or serving as coaches should attend the meeting.



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Howard College sophomore Mario Perea prepares to deliver a pitch to the plate Friday in the Hawks' season-opener against NMMI. Results will appear in Monday's edition.

Woods among 20 Texans invited to All Americas IX

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Brandon Woods didn't need an invitation to the oldest international six-man all-star game to know he was one of the best six-man football players in the country. All-state and six-man all-American honors over the past two years already proved that.

Of course, being one of a handful of high school standouts selected to represent Texas this summer in the All Americas Bowl

hurt the Sands High School standouts' feelings any.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said. "It's something I've wanted to do for a while. It will be fun to play against the best players from every where else, especially since it's so close to home."

A two-time six-man all-American pick will join 20 six-man football stars from throughout the Lone Star State this July in the ninth annual all-star clash. The Texas



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Loboes run by Steers

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The "third-quarter drought" found the Big Spring Steers again Friday night and enabled the Levelland Loboes to sneak away with a 65-45 come-from-behind victory over the short-handed Steers in District 4-4A action.

Levelland erased a 5-point halftime deficit by reeling off a 14-0 run in the third quarter that sparked a deceiving 38-21 second-half push. Overall, the Loboes enjoyed an 18-8 run in the third.

"We played about as well as we could have in the first half," said Big Spring coach Jim Kinnear. "We got some good looks at the basket and our shots went in. Then, like it's been all year, it was a tale of two halves."

"We came out flat in the third and they forced us into some turnovers," he added.

Big Spring, playing without senior guard Michael Ornales-Doport and forward Wesley Smith, fell to 4-21 overall and to 0-5 in loop play. Levelland improved to 8-17 and 2-3.

Senior Erin Partee dominated the action early. The BSBS senior scored six points and blocked two shots in the first eight minutes and helped Big Spring pull to within 15-11.

Jordan Cobb rallied the Steers back in the second. He scored nine straight points midway through the frame and keyed a 9-7 run that tied the game at 20-20 with 4:07 to play.

Cobb, Brandon Gross and Partee all pumped in shots in the final four minutes to send the Steers into the half with a 27-22 advantage.

Ornales and Smith missed the game due to college visits.

Lady Steers slip to Loboettes

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Levelland Loboettes kept their playoff hopes alive Friday night by pouncing out a 65-11 win over the Big Spring Lady Steers.

With the win, Levelland improved to 5-2 in District 4-4A action and remained one game behind Frenship. Big Spring fell to 1-6 in loop play and to 6-16 for the year.

The Loboettes struck quick and often in the first half. Behind Kayla Gerstenberger, Levelland posted a 29-5 run in the first 16 minutes of play and never looked back.

Big Spring, paced by Leina Braxton, Raegan Ritchey and Carmen Lewis, will host Frenship Tuesday.

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our roster and gave some people who hadn't played a lot last fall a chance to step up and show their abilities," said Lewis, who came out of retirement to replace Jans on the baseline. "One door closed and another opened for us ... and it hasn't been bad."

Two players who have made the most of the chances have been sophomore Steve Goff and Jon Sykes. A sparsely-used guard last fall, Goff has blossomed into one of the WJCAC's top players this season. Through Thursday, he leads the team in scoring with almost 17 points a night and is the conference's top three-point shooting threat.

Sykes, a 6-foot-10 forward who walked on a year ago, has filled the void created by Woodstock and Newborne inside. The Roswell (N.M.) High School graduate leads Howard in rebounding and blocked shots.

The departure of Newborne and Woodstock led directly to the arrival of one of the Hawks' top newcomers, freshman forward Steve Story.

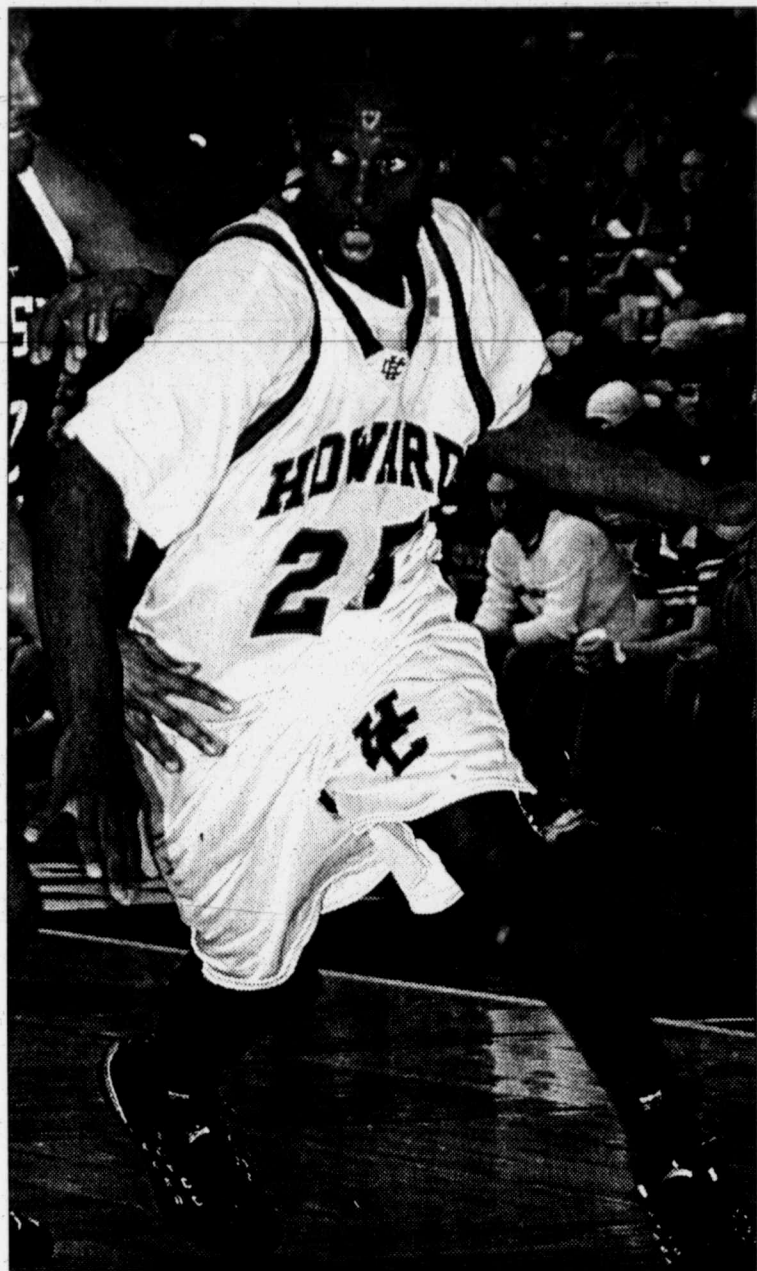
Almost immediately after the loss of his three starters, Lewis hit the recruiting trail in an attempt to reload the HC roster. In San Antonio, he found Story, a 6-foot-7 forward who has blossomed into a force inside.

Story has averaged nearly 10 points and six rebounds a game in WJCAC play this fall.

The exodus hasn't dampened the Hawks' winning ways either. Howard College heads into Monday's matchup with rival Midland among the leaders in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. A loss to South Plains Thursday left the Hawks in third with a 4-2 conference mark.

"If you have a good program, you have to overcome the losses," he said. "Kids at the junior college level are here for such a short time that you have to be able to plug in different pieces so often. That's why those teams with really strong systems can keep winning. The system isn't built around a coach or a player. It's the program as a whole that matters."

The Hawks have contin-



Former Howard College Hawks standout Je'kel Foster is averaging 16.5 points per game this season for the Chipola Indians. Foster was an all-WJCAC pick as a freshman.

ued to do what "matters" most this fall. Through their first 18 games, Howard has reeled off 13 wins.

"It's going to work for

NJCAA Top 20
The following is a look at the latest NJCAA Division I basketball poll.

No.	College	Rec.	Pts
1.	San Jacinto College	17-11	26
2.	NW Mississippi CC	17-1	40
3.	Georgia Perimeter	19-1	89
4.	Redlands CC	20-1	85
5.	Vincennes University	17-2	80
6.	Cotby CC	19-2	72
7.	Allegheny College	15-1	64
8.	SE Illinois	19-2	50
9.	Hutchinson CC	19-2	44
10.	Collin County CC	20-1	40
11.	Otero Junior College	18-0	35
12.	Chipola College	19-3	30
13.	Yavapai College	17-2	24
14.	South Georgia Tech	21-1	23
15.	Southeastern CC	18-4	20
16.	Highland CC	18-1	18
17.	Jackson State CC	17-2	15
18.	McLennan CC	19-2	12
19.	Lon Morris	15-3	10
20.	Moberly Area CC	18-3	8

us," Lewis said. "We're having success because we have the right kind of people here. We have a group that believes in the program and is committed to winning."

Jans, like the Hawks, has hit the ground running at Chipola. The Indians, with Foster, Woodstock and Newborne leading the way, have posted a 21-3 record this season and are currently ranked No. 12 in the NJCAA Division I poll.

Chipol suffered its first loss in Panhandle Conference action last Monday when

Tallahassee Community College claimed a 50-48 overtime win. The loss dropped Chipola to second in the Florida conference standings with eight games remaining.

Foster, a Mississippi high school standout, has picked up right where he left off with the Hawks this fall. Through the Indians' first 23 games, the 6-foot-2 guard is shooting a team-best 38 percent from the floor and is Chipola's secondleading scorer, averaging 16.5 points a game.

Foster is tied for second on the team with 122 rebounds, while holding the top spot in assists (133) and steals (55).

Woodstock and Newborne have also shined at Chipola. Woodstock enters this week's action averaging almost 10 points and five rebounds a contest. Newborne, a high school teammate of Foster's, has scored at a 10.3 points per game clip while pulling down seven rebounds. Newborne leads the Indians in rebounds with 166.

All in all, Lewis feels Chipola's raid on the Hawks has worked out well for both programs.

"There's no bitterness on our part," said Lewis, who has missed the Hawks' last five games while under medical care. "I'm glad it worked out for them and for us. We're just happy for them and to know this is where they started their careers."

Morgan, claimed a tough 39-12 win in the semifinals. Carrisalez, Boehringer and Simer all finished the game with two points.

Lady Steers take fourth at San Angelo eight grade tournament

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers turned in a solid effort this past weekend at the San Angelo Junior High School A Tournament, placing fourth overall.

Big Spring, which posted a 1-2 record at the tournament, opened the eighth-grade event with a bang. The Lady Steers picked up eight points from Clarissa Carrisalez and six more from Hali Torres and raced to a 25-20 victory over San Angelo Edison.

Amber Simer and Samantha Boehringer also turned in stellar outings, scoring four points apiece, while Emily Slape chipped in three. Meredith Morgan led the BSJHS rebounding effort, collecting eight boards. Torres and Randy Phillipe grabbed seven and five, respectively.

San Angelo Lincoln spoiled Big Spring's title run in the second round. Lincoln, despite a team-high six points from

Brown repeats as Odessa motocross champion, climbs to fifth in Honda series

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

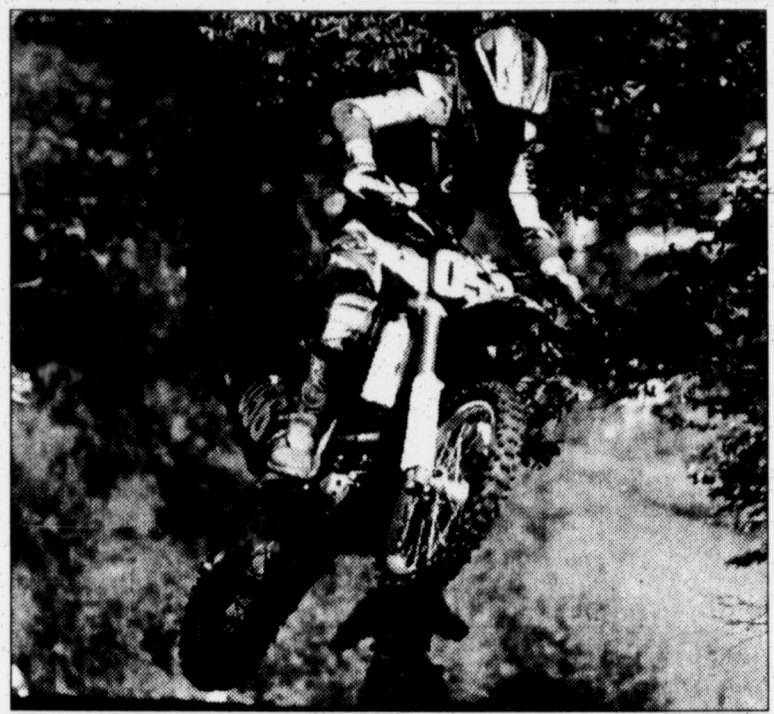
Corbin Brown added another piece of hardware to his growing trophy case last weekend when he nailed down his second straight win at the annual O'Reilly West Texas Motocross and Extreme Freestyle Championship at the Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

Brown, who won the event last season, dominated the 125cc Novice field en route to winning his classification for the second time in the event's three-year history.

"It's exciting to see him do so well," said Brown's mother, Angela. "He's enjoying it and that's what matters."

He's also winning. The win did more than give the 15-year-old another trophy. It propelled him to No. 5 in the Honda of Houston FMF Winter Series standings.

The Honda Series is a five-race event that crowns a champion later this year. More than 32 motocross riders from throughout the state —



Forsan freshman Corbin Brown won the O'Reilly West Texas Motocross championships for the second year in a row last weekend.

including Shawn Hackley, a pro rider featured on the Disney Channel — compete in.

"To run fifth the first rattle out of the box is a pretty good deal," said his father, Ricky. "We're trying to get ready for the Lorretta Lynn National Championships in Tennessee."

Brown had plenty of

momentum heading into the West Texas Motocross event. Prior to defending his 2003 crown, he posted wins on the Pro Circuit Series.

The Forsan High School freshman, who has 37 career wins to his credit, will compete this weekend at the Village Club Motocross Championship in Fort Worth.

Late free throw lifts Forsan JH past Coahoma

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Jace Sandridge sank a game-winning free throw with less than a minute to play last Monday and led the Forsan Junior High School seventh grade Buffaloes to a nail-biting 32-31 victory over rival Coahoma.

With the score tied at 31-31, Sandridge stepped to the line and handed the Buffaloes a clutch win over their cross-county

district rival.

Jeremy Freitag turned in a spectacular performance for the Buffs. The FJHS standout scored a game-high 17 points and came away with eight steals, several down the stretch that enabled Forsan to hold off a late

Coahoma rally.

Jeremy Robbins, in his third game back from a broken arm injury, also turned in a solid effort. He scored 10 points.

Forsan will return to play Monday when they travel to Seagraves to face the Eagles.

Lady Steers boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training

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Forshee sets two personal records at Colorado City meet

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Justin Forshee proved one this last weekend; He can certainly shoulder the load when the Forsan Buffaloes need him to.

Forshee turned in career bets in two events last Saturday and helped the Buffaloes join cross-county rival Coahoma in turning in a solid performance at the Colorado City Powerlifting Meet. Forsan, as a team, posted a top 10 finish at the event. Coahoma, behind the lead of Sam Sevey, finished second in both the boys' and girls' divisions.

"It was a great meet for the powerlifting teams," said Buffaloes' coach Tommy Thompson. "We had a fantastic job by all the athletes that competed."

Justin Forshee dominated the 132-pound weight class, winning two of the three events and racking up a personal-best in total weight with a total of 690. In the squat category, Forshee recorded a

career-high mark of 245 pounds. He also set a personal mark in the deadlift with a weight of 295.

Codee Barraza also turned in a solid effort for the Buffs. He placed second in the 242-pound division with a total of 1,040 pounds. He had a personal-best in the deadlift and squat with efforts of 430 and 380 pounds, respectively in the squat.

Anthony Acosta, Shelby Lefever and Mitchell Hooper all placed third in their classifications. Acosta took a bronze in the 220-pound weight class with a total of 875

pounds, including a personal-best of 190 in the bench press and 350 in the deadlift.

Shelby Lefever, who set a career record in the deadlift with a mark of 270, was third in the 132-pound class with a total of 640 pounds. Hooper was third in the 148-pound ranks with a total of 800.

Michael Gomez placed fourth in the 132-pound division with a total of 545, while teammates Tyler Phillips and Mitchell Murry placed fifth and eighth in the 181-pound and 148-pound divisions.

In the Women's division, Crystal McNew recorded a total of 365, including a career-best of 150 pounds in the squat and the deadlift.

Carlee Barraza had a total of 285.

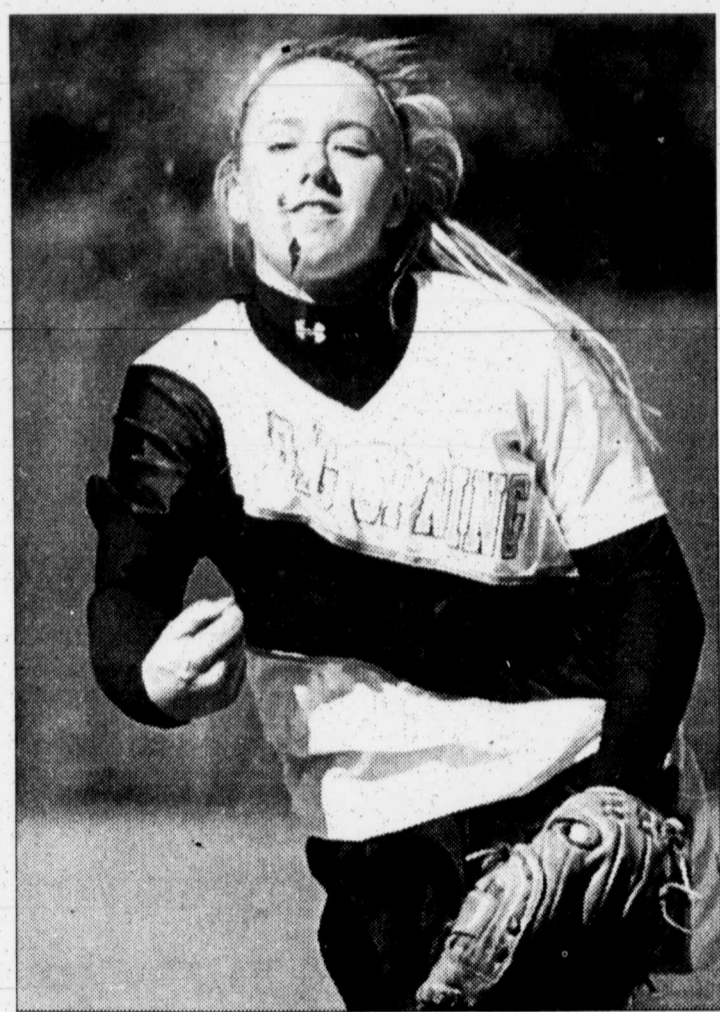
The Coahoma Bulldogettes finished behind Colorado City in the final girls' standings. The CHS boys finished one point, at 41-40, behind Class 3A Snyder in the boys' final tally.



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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Alex Watkins and the Big Spring Lady Steers will square off against the BSHS faculty in a "Meet the Lady Steers" rag ball game on Feb. 7.

Lady Steers will face faculty in 'meet' game

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers will get the chance to prove they are better than their mentors next week when they unofficially open their 2004 season with a "Meet the Lady Steers" rag ball bout against the Big Spring High School faculty.

Big Spring, which advanced to the regional tournament last season, is scheduled to face the faculty beginning at 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the Lady Steers Softball Complex.

In addition to the "Meet the Lady Steers" game, BSSH softball boosters will be holding

a hamburger feed at noon as a fund-raiser. Persons purchasing a \$5 meal ticket will automatically be entered into a "Big Spring Steers" quilt giveaway. Tickets for the event can be purchased from any BSHS player or from Kay Cook at the high school ATC.

The Big Spring junior varsity team will also be on hand for the student-faculty game.

The Lady Steers, under the direction of new head coach Lea Daggett, are scheduled to begin practicing for the upcoming season Monday. Their first scrimmage will come Feb. 12 against Lubbock Coronado.

Junior high cagers split with Lady Mustangs

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Jordan Chesworth, Desiree Yanez and Maddy Hopkins each scored four points and helped spur the Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade girls to a thrilling 18-17 win over the Andrews Lady Mustangs Monday evening.

Big Spring also picked up strong efforts from several other players, including

Lauren Sage, Danielle Jeter and Amanda Caskey 2.

Hopkins led all defensive players with a game-

high nine rebounds. Lydia Teichroeb collected seven while Jeter pulled down six.

The BSJHS eighth grade "B" team also emerged with a victory, downing Andrews by a 23-20 margin. Leading the Lady Steers' efforts was Meredith Morgan, who registered a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Clarissa Carrisalez and Amber Simer both finished with four points offensively, while Hali Torres and Randy Phillippe threw in three and two, respectively.

Torres led all rebound-

ers with 15 boards.

The Big Spring seventh grade "A" team suffered a 43-12 setback despite four points apiece from Shelby Stewart and M'lynn Swinney.

The BSJHS seventh grade "B" team lost 17-11.

Mirella Torres led the Lady Steers offense with six points. Crystal Torres added a three-point shot.

The Big Spring Lady Steers will conclude their 2003-2004 basketball campaign Monday when they host the Merkel Badgers at the BSJHS gymnasium. Games will get under way at 5 p.m.

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squad will square off against a team of all-stars from several other U.S. states, Canada, Australia and Norway on July 3 in Garden City. Last season, Texas claimed a 64-14 win over the Nationals in front of a large crowd at Big Spring's Memorial Stadium.

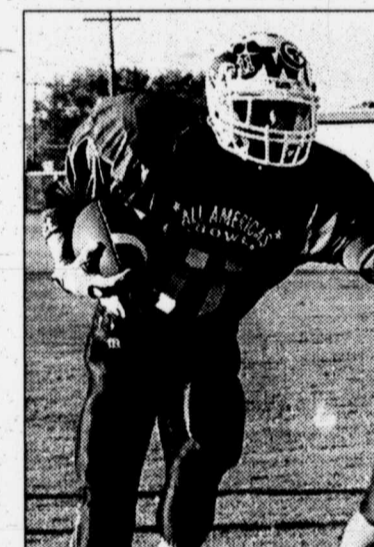
Woods, despite playing on a rebuilding Sands' team, turned in a solid senior campaign. He led Sands in rushing, receiving and tackles. As the Mustangs' featured back, he rushed for 1,101 yards and 13 touchdowns and hauled in 18 passes for 241 yards and three scores for a team that finished 3-7.

Defensively, Woods was among the nation's top players, racking up 117 tackles from his middle linebacker position. Over the past two seasons, Woods registered 232 tackles.

Woods will have plenty of firepower joining him on the Texas roster, including the state's top six-man passer in Sanderson's Ty Means and rusher in Richland Spring's Jared Hicks. Also slated to play is Lometa High School defensive end John Williams, a 6-foot-5, 240-pound standout that is drawing recruiting interest from several Division I colleges.

Woods isn't the only area player receiving a bid to play in the game. Grady's Trent May and Borden County's Shane Tarleton are both on the list of invitees, as is Ira's Jake Barnes.

Strawn, the Texas six-man state champion, received two spots on the



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler
Sands standout Nate Looney helped lead Texas to a 64-14 win last year.

team. Running back Clifton Baker and end Jeremy Parsons were both selected, as was pre-season all-state end Robert Kostih of Gordon.

Whitharral, a perennial six-man power had four players receive invitations, including Region I offensive MVP Bobby Martin.

Strawn's Dwaine Lee and Valley's Bret Tyler will coach the Texas team this year.

The Nationals will have more than a few stars as well, including Nebraska running back Wyatt Simpson and New Mexico schoolboy standout Westin Rhoads. Simpson rushed for more than 5,000 yards over the past two seasons.

Rhoads, a pre-season all-American, collected his second state championship ring in as many years this past fall when he guided the Valley Christian Lions, a first-year program in Roswell, N.M., to the Texas Christian Athletic League state crown. In 2002, the strong-armed passer led Gateway Christian to the New Mexico six-man state crown.

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Stewardship was her mission

JoAnne Hyer, retired executive director of Canterbury

By Marsha Allen
HERALD Lifestyle Editor

She worked for many years to help senior citizens and the disabled to have comfortable places to live.

JoAnne Hyer, 65, recently retired from her executive director position at St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc., known to many as Canterbury. She has served at the position since 1989.

She served on the Board of Directors from 1980 to 1989. "So, I've been involved with this a long time," Mrs. Hyer said.

As an outreach program of her church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Hyer worked early in the organization of the program as a volunteer.

"We had some visionaries in the church who saw a need for long term housing for the elderly and disabled," she continued.

These visionaries organized a feasibility study to ascertain how the project could be developed.

Criteria was developed

Canterbury

Canterbury is an apartment complex providing housing for the elderly and disabled.

The complex offers rental subsidy or assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Canterbury is a not-for-profit project conceived and sponsored by the St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Big Spring. It is a place offering safe, clean housing for the elderly and disabled.

Each apartment includes carpeting, drapes, electric range, refrigerator, garbage disposal, individually controlled heating and air conditioning unit, smoke detectors, and emergency call switches. All utilities are furnished except for telephone and cable.

The facility is located at 1700 Lancaster in Big Spring.

Eligibility Requirements

Admittance for individuals or families is determined regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex or physical handicap.

A single person 62 years of age or a physically handicapped person under the age of 62 years of age; but over 18 years of age is eligible for housing at the facility.

The head of household or spouse being 62 years of age, or under 62 years of age and handicapped will have eligibility.

Far right, Canterbury housing facility located at 1700 Lancaster in Big Spring.

Right, Former Canterbury Board of Directors included left to right, Orville Shapland, Mrs. Hyer, Father Bob Bonnington and Jean Lancaster.

Courtesy photos

with residents paying rent according to their income, she explained. "Anybody's rent would be subsidized by HUD, for age 62 and older, and age 18 and over who are permanently disabled," she added.

At first she saw the project as overwhelming, but soon discovered that the people residing at Canterbury "are very active, very independent and they have health problems like anyone else, as financial problems like anyone else, but each day they do so much. They are productive. It sort of inspires you."

Early participation in the job came from the former charter chairman, Orville Shapland. "He was very much involved in it," she said. "He was a very active board member, and he was probably, the one who made it the most interesting for me."

She attended social events and the many bazaars organized at the facility, which also includes health fairs and Bingo games.

She said the facility is the place one would want to be when one no longer can care for yards, and not have so much to be tended. "For one thing they've lost something or they wouldn't be there, for instance, they've lost a spouse, or a home or income."

Canterbury South's first structure was built in 1979. "We had such a long waiting list for people to get in that we built Canterbury North," she said. This facility was built in 1985.

"Since that time except for getting apartments ready, we've been 100 percent occupied," she said.

Many people get married while living there. "Sometimes they marry and move into a new apartment and sometimes they marry and keep their own apartments," she said. "We've had divorces, too, and then



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"My father's and mother's family came from Mitchell County," she said. "They were pioneers."

Her great-great grandfather was William Penn Ruddick, who came to the area from Pennsylvania. "They were Quakers."

The Ruddicks settled south of Colorado City. They had five girls. One of them was Hyer's grandmother, Nell Greene.

"A traveling artist salesman coming through the country was broke, and so he offered to give my grandfather's girls art lessons so he could make money to go on and travel through the country."

The pictures from that episode are the pictures hanging on her bedroom wall.

"When I feel sort of down nothing is going right, I sit at them and think about all that background and it's so wonderful," she said.

Mrs. Hyer replacement as Canterbury's executive director is Shannon Neighbors.

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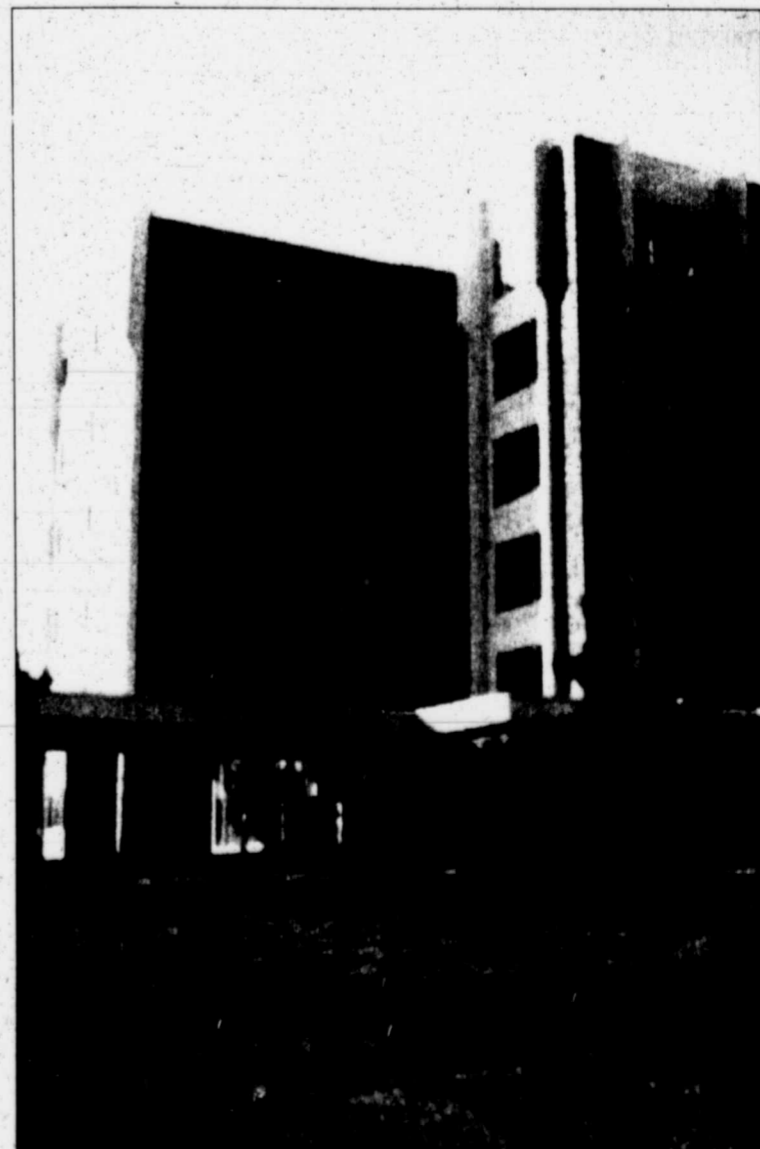
Courtesy photo Mrs. Hyer shortly after she began her long service at Canterbury.

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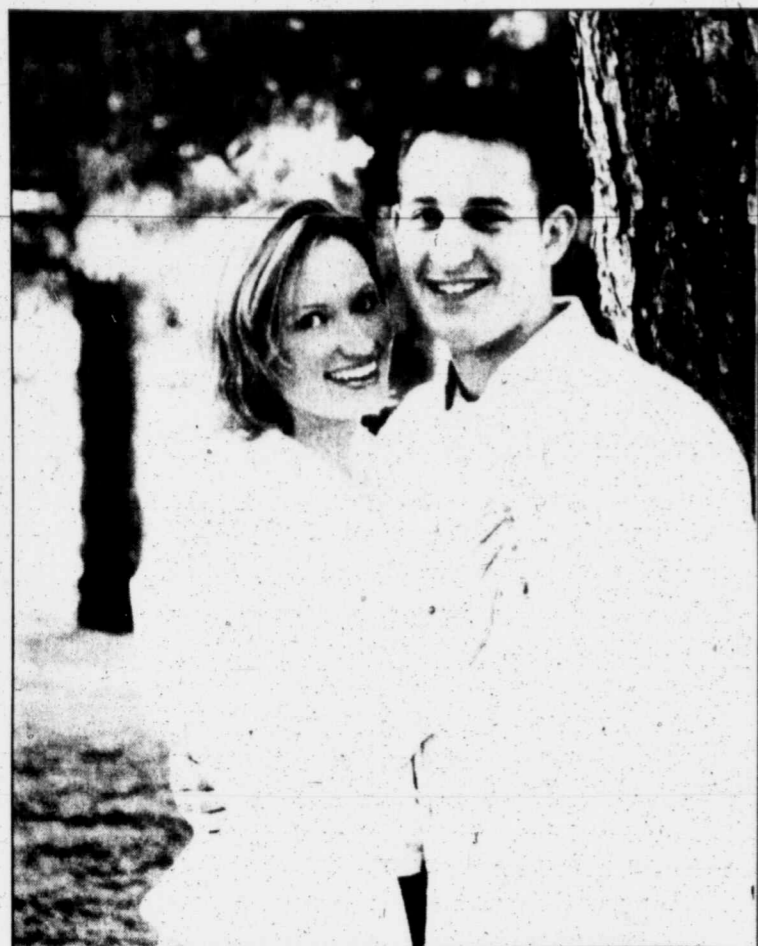
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A photograph from 1993 shows Canterbury residents relaxing over a game of dominoes.



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Engagements



Jennie Pierce and James Martin

Pierce and Martin

Jennie Rebecca Pierce and James Richard Martin of Dallas will be married at 2 p.m. May 1 in Plano.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ms. Rebecca Pierce of Mansfield and Wayne Pierce of Addison. She is the granddaughter of Marguerite Reed of Arlington. A 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School, Miss Pierce earned her bachelor of science degree in biology in 1999 from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, La.

The prospective groom is the son of Ms. Debbie Martin, James L. and Diana Martin, and the grandson of Betty Gould of McKinney; Lawrence Martin of Dallas and Shirley Dixon of Plano. He is a graduate of McKinney High School.



Sunny Fraser and Craig Knocke

Fraser and Knocke

Sunny Fraser of Dallas and Craig Knocke of Dallas will be married June 25, 2004, in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Sen. Troy and Mrs. Linda Fraser of Horseshoe Bay, and the granddaughter of Jo Fraser Webb, C.W. Webb, the late Harold Fraser of Abilene, Paul Sartwell, the late Mary Cochran Sartwell of Kerrville and the late Ennis Cochran of Midland. She is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School and earned a bachelor's of business administration degree, with a concentration in finance, from the University of Texas at Austin. She is the co-owner of MarketQuiz in partnership with her brother.

The prospective groom is the son of Richard and Jeanie Knocke of Big Spring, and grandson of Emma Jean Johnson Hall and Harold Hall, the late Jim Johnson of Big Spring, R.J. Knocke of Kerrville and the late Doris Knocke of Big Spring. He is a 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School and earned a bachelor's of business administration, with a concentration in finance, from Texas A&M University. He serves as a vice president at Brown Brothers Harriman and Co. in Dallas.

Canines covered 9/11

Among the long list of heroes of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks are the dogs and their handlers who worked rescue and recovery efforts at Ground Zero and the Pentagon.

But with new awareness of the important role these highly trained canine, human teams play has come the recognition that there simply aren't enough of them ready to respond when disaster strikes.

To address this problem, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) — which has an agreement to work closely with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide disaster services and information to help people with pets, horses and livestock — has developed the HSUS Disaster Dog program. This program provides direct financial support to FEMA Urban Search and Rescue canine handlers to help cover the costs of training and travel.

The HSUS Disaster Dog program supports Disaster Dog teams by sponsoring individuals, canine handlers, and their search dogs and promoting mentorship programs to assist

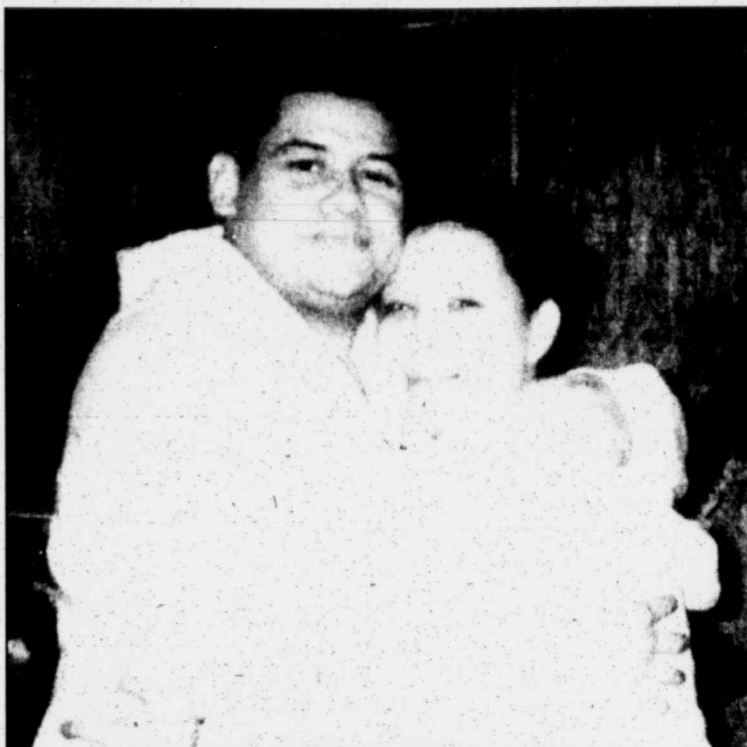
training of less-experienced handlers.

Also by increasing public awareness of the skills and functions of Disaster Dogs and their handlers.

Specifically, the program provides up to \$2,500 per year to handler/dog teams to defray the costs of their extensive FEMA-certified training, which qualifies them for task forces. The program also provides support to designated volunteer evaluators who travel across the country certifying FEMA teams, thereby helping to increase their numbers.

Closer to home, HSUS urges people to prepare a disaster plan that includes their animals and offers such tips as, if forced to evacuate, take animals. There may be no opportunity to return for them. Prepare a disaster kit with essentials for your animals. Make arrangements with a friend or neighbor to care for or evacuate animals in case you can't get home to do so. Don't wait for a disaster to act. Plan now to know how to get all family members, including animals, to safety.

To learn more about the Disaster Dog program, visit the Web site at www.hsus.org/disaster.



Jessica Ann Rios and Brodie Lee Dunn

Rios and Dunn

Jessica Ann Rios and Brodie Lee Dunn will be married at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the La Vadera Club in Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Amador Rios Sr. of Big Spring and Elena Cantu of Big Spring and granddaughter of Angelita and Enrique Cantu of Stanton, Augustina Rios of Big Spring and the late Alejandro Rios. She is a 1996 graduate of Stanton High School.

The prospective groom is the son of Albert and Cynthia Gonzales of Midland and Dwight and Rose Dunn Turner of Austin. He is the grandson of Dora Dunn and Leon Sparkman of Big Spring, Sarah Caffey of Big Spring and the late Albert Gonzales Sr. He is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed with Western Container.

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Sara Ann Keith and Bradly Vance Neel

Keith and Neel

Sara Ann Keith and Bradly Vance Neel of San Antonio will be married at 4 p.m. Feb. 20 at the Chapel on the Riverwalk in San Antonio.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Joe Keith of El Paso and Mrs. Ann McLaugherty of San Antonio. She earned her degree as interpreter for the deaf and has a Texas certification, working as an interpreter in San Antonio.

The prospective groom is the son of Ben and Bonnie Sue Neel of Big Spring. He earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and sport fitness from Southwest Texas State University. He is employed with Kellogg Brown and Root under the auspices of the Department of Defense in Baghdad, Iraq.



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Jordan Tyeler Richards

Jordan Tyeler Richards was born to Angela Richards of Big Spring at 7:38 p.m., Jan. 18, 2004, weighing six pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. His grandmother is Susan Miller of Big Spring.

Kaitlyn Danae Johnson

Kaitlyn Danae Johnson was born to Kaci Stokes and Ronnie Johnson of Big Spring at 10:34 a.m. Jan. 21, 2004, weighing six pounds, four ounces and measuring 18 inches long. Grandparents include Melody Stokes and Kay Hickman of Big Spring.

Joseph Anthony and Mya Nicole Molina-Rodriguez: Twins

Twins Joseph Anthony and Mya Nicole Molina-Rodriguez were born to Rosendo Rodriguez and Melonie Molina of Big Spring on Jan. 19, 2004. Joseph was born at 5:52 a.m. weighing four pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and measuring 18 inches long. Mya was born at 5:53 a.m. weighing four pounds, seven ounces and measuring 17 1/2 inches long. Their grandparents include Joey and Sarah Robles and Junior and Francis Rodriguez of Big Spring.

Driver ed for hearing impaired to be held

Big Spring will make history this week by being the first site in Texas to offer AARP's (American Association of Retired People) driver safety class for hearing impaired residents.

Blake Cameron Autry

Blake Cameron Autry was born to Scott and DeAnna Autry of Big Spring at 8:07 a.m. Jan. 22, 2004, weighing six pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents include Michael and Wendy Shankles of Big Spring; Jon and Karyn Rossiter of Capitan, N.M., and Frank; Helen Craiz of Andrews and Shawna Adcock of Spur.

Celestina Briana Mier Quintana

Celestina Briana Mier Quintana was born to Cecilia and Valentin Quintana of Big Spring at 9:14 p.m. Jan. 22, 2004, weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents include Cecilia and Efrain Mier of Big Spring; Lupe Quintana and the late Valentine Lopez Quintana of Big Spring.

Cheyenne Brane Eisenbach

Cheyenne Brane Eisenbach was born to Sheila Eisenbach at 4:51 a.m. Jan. 25, 2004, weighing five pounds, 1/2 ounce and measuring 18 inches long. Jodean Bullinger is the baby's godmother.

Birth announcements are from Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

For the first time ever in Texas, AARP is offering its Driver Safety Program for hearing impaired.

Visit the Web site, www.aarp.org, for more information.



Texas A&M mascot, Reville.

Texas A&M to consider a tuition increase

COLLEGE STATION—Texas A&M University is proposing a 21 percent tuition increase for the fall 2004 semester.

The proposal, announced by A&M President Robert Gates, would increase tuition from the spring semester by \$19.50 per credit hour, or about \$300 for students carrying a 14-hour semester workload.

It would constitute a 33 percent increase over what they paid in fall 2003.

"This is a significant

increase," Gates acknowledged during a presentation, about the proposal. "State support has declined from almost half to a third of our expenditures while tuition and fees have increased from a fifth to a fourth. It's unlikely this trend will change: Students will share an increasing portion of this burden of the cost of their education."

Texas A&M University System board of regents will consider the increase at its upcoming March 25-26 meeting.

Some goofy data

Seasonings received an interesting e-mail from a friend some time ago. Information in the e-mail contained some unusual facts which will be shared here. The source for the e-mail information is not known.

Butterflies taste with their feet. A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why. In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined. On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens every year. On average people fear spiders more than they do death.

Ninety percent of New York City cabbies are recently arrived immigrants. Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump. Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs. Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

The Main Library at Indiana University sinks more than an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building. A snail can sleep for



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three years. No word in the English language rhymes with "month."

Average life span of a major league baseball: seven pitches. Our eyes are the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The electric chair was invented by a dentist. All polar bears are left handed. In ancient Egypt, priests plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. Typewriter is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. "Go." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

If Barbie were life-size, her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches tall.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue. The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza

American music fest to be held

An American Music Series will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Gillespie County Historical Society, 312 West San Antonio Street in Fredericksburg. Music includes bluegrass, gospel, jazz, fol and Zydeco. For ticket information call the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Fredericksburg, 1-888-997-3600.

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MONDAY—Steak, potatoes, broccoli and cheese, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY—Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce and tomatoes, beans, milk, buns, cobbler.

WEDNESDAY—Spaghetti and meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, fruited

gelatin.

THURSDAY—Chicken strips, noodles, green beans, salad, milk, rolls, cake.

FRIDAY—Beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk, cornbread, fruit.

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Oatmeal, sausage, juice, milk.
TUESDAY—Poptarts,

sausage, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk.

THURSDAY—Waffles, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY—French toast, sausage, syrup, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY—Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, oranges,

milk.

TUESDAY—Chicken patty, gravy, corn, fruit, bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Chicken fried steak, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk.

THURSDAY—Frito pie, baked beans, baby carrots/dressing, cookies, milk.

FRIDAY—Baked cheese sandwiches (corndogs), fries, apples, milk.

Forsan ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
TUESDAY—Biscuit, sausage, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Sweet rice, juice, milk.
THURSDAY—Bagel French toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY—Muffins, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY—Ravioli, garlic toast, green beans, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY—Chicken salad sandwich, chips, pickle spears, apple slices, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Corndog, chips, baked beans, mixed fruit, coconut cake, milk.

THURSDAY—Enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY—Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, pears, rolls, milk.

Big Spring ISD
MONDAY—Rib sandwich, potato rounds, Ranch style beans, raisins.

TUESDAY—Pig in blanket, glazed carrots, new potatoes, rosy applesauce.

WEDNESDAY—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, pears, rolls.

THURSDAY—Roast turkey, steamed rice, broccoli with cheese, sliced peaches, roll.

FRIDAY—Cheeseburger, salad, French fries, celery sticks, orange wedges.

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Biscuits and sausage.
TUESDAY—Muffins
WEDNESDAY—

Pancake on a stick

THURSDAY—Poptarts
FRIDAY—Oatmeal and toast

LUNCH
MONDAY—Hamburgers, lettuce and tomatoe, fries, pickles, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY—Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Taco, salad, pinto beans, cheese and cornbread, cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY—Hamburger steak, brown gravy, hot rolls, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY—Lasagna, batter bread, green beans, fruit and milk.

Westbrook ISD
BREAKFAST
MONDAY—Eggs, sausage links, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.

TUESDAY—Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY—Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.

THURSDAY—Blueberry muffins, fruit juice, milk.
FRIDAY—Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY—Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, okra, mixed fruit, hot rolls, milk.

TUESDAY—Nachos with meat and cheese, beans, vegetable salad, cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Tacos, salad fixing, fried okra, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY—Hamburgers, French fries, vegetable fixings, cake, milk.

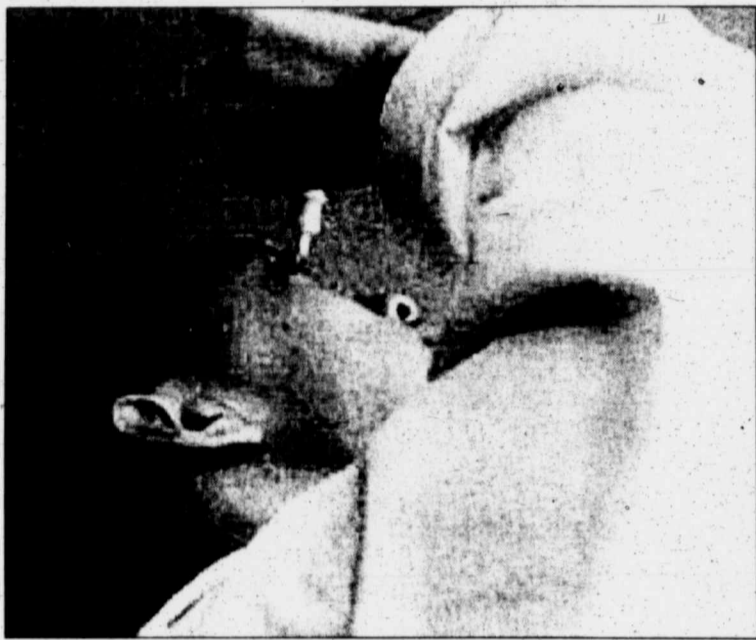
FRIDAY—Stew, cornbread, sandwiches, cookies, milk.

Prolonged computer use hard on eyes

A national survey reveals nearly two-thirds (61 percent) of Americans are concerned about vision problems caused by prolonged computer use.

The new survey, for the American Optometric Association (AOA), also found that the public believes this eye condition, called Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS), is a major vision problem, and 64 percent believe it will worsen in the future.

"The AOA and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration" (OSHA) have recognized Computer Vision Syndrome as a legitimate occupational problem associated with prolonged computer use in the workplace — one that is far more common than Carpal Tunnel Syndrome complaints," says James E. Sheedy, O.D., Ph.D., associate professor of optometry at Ohio State University. Approximately one in five people will suffer from Carpal



Considering that nearly 175 million Americans use computers, vision problems are a concern.

Tunnel Syndrome, whereas seven of 10 will experience the symptoms of CVS.

The survey, conducted by Opinion Research Corporation, and in partnership with the CVS Information Center and the newly launched website www.cvseyeinfo.com, was designed to examine current consumer opin-

ion on vision, computers and the workplace.

The results show that most people believe that CVS symptoms — which range from eye dryness, burning and irritation to blurred vision and eye strain — resulting from spending three or more hours a day working on a computer, can have a far reaching impact.

Since today nine of 10 children ages 12 to 19 use computers, parents are highly concerned about possible vision-related problems.

Nearly two-thirds (62 percent) of those queried believe that CVS could negatively affect the eyes of youngsters and young adults.

More than two-thirds, 67 percent, of respondents also thought that routine activities like driving home from work could be affected by Computer Vision Syndrome.

According to Dr. Sheedy, these concerns are not unfounded.

"Not surprisingly, parents do worry about the many consecutive hours that children spend staring at the computer screen, not blinking, and therefore, provoking eye irritation.

"Considering that nearly 175 million Americans (66 percent) use computers, the number of people who experience CVS symptoms is staggering," states Dr. Sheedy.

"Fortunately, there are simple solutions available to consumers, from adjusting your computer screen, to computer glasses, to new over-the-counter lubricating eye drops that specifically treat this malady."

A baby's cry is a signal they know something that you need to know

Consistently, parents rank managing their baby's crying as one of their greatest stresses.

Here are some common reasons babies cry and what you can do about them:

I'm hungry. Check first to see if she's hungry. Signs that babies want to eat include fussing, making noises and rooting around for the breast. Some babies will continue to cry even after you start feeding them but will stop when their stomachs are full.

Change my diaper. Some babies will let you know right away when they need to be changed; others don't mind when their diapers are soiled. Either way, this one is easy to remedy.

I'm too cold or hot. Newborns like to be bundled up and kept warm, usually requiring one more layer than you need to be comfortable.

Some babies will cry when they are undressed for a diaper change. But be careful not to overdress your baby.

I want to be held. Babies need a lot of cuddling. They like to see their parents' faces, hear their voices, listen to their hearts and can even detect their unique smell (especially Mom's milk). After being fed, burped and changed, many babies simply want to be held and need the attention.

I can't take it anymore. Babies can easily become overstimulated and have

Crying is their way of saying, "I've had enough."

a "melt-down." Babies can have trouble filtering out all the stimulation they receive — the lights, the noise, being passed from hand to hand.

Crying is their way of saying, "I've had enough."

"When this happens, take the baby somewhere calm and quiet, let her vent for a while and see if you can get her to sleep."

I don't feel good. If you've just fed the baby and checked that she's comfortable, but she's still crying, check her temperature to make sure

she isn't ill. The cry of a sick baby tends to be different from other cries.

None of the above. Sometimes babies develop periods of fussiness — that can range from a few minutes to full-blown colic — where they are not easily soothed.

Try wrapping her up and holding her close, playing music, carrying her around, rubbing her tummy, or letting her suck on something. Crying can be very stressful. Be sure to take care of yourself.

More tips for new parents may be found at www.babycenter.com.

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By DAVID OVALLE

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MIAMI — Monica Rodriguez struggles to speak English, but she proudly leafs through a folder stuffed with crossword puzzles on U.S. history, maps of the original 13 colonies and a packet devoted to George Washington.

Like other students who gathered at Hialeah Senior High recently for citizenship classes, Rodriguez rattles off the morsels of American trivia needed to pass the civics portion of the U.S. citizenship test.

And like others, Rodriguez, a native of Colombia, is relieved that they will soon have the chance to take the test. They know the federal government is creating a new and, perhaps, more difficult exam.

"The test now is hard enough," said Rodriguez, 48, who expects to take the test this year. "Imagine if they add more."

Immigration officials hope to unveil a new citizenship exam in about two years that relies more on the understanding of democratic principles than rote memorization of facts. President Bush mentioned the redesign recently while announcing his sweeping

immigration reform proposal.

The intent is not to make the civics portion harder, but "more meaningful," said Eduardo Aguirre, director of the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"With the memorization process, typically what happens to folks is a few weeks later, you forget," Aguirre said in a recent telephone interview. "I want them to know more than just the three colors of the flag. I want them to know, 'What does the flag mean?'"

To become a citizen, an immigrant must prove they can speak and understand basic English and pass a civics test designed to measure knowledge of U.S. history and the nation's form of government.

A key goal in revamping the citizenship exam is to standardize the test. Now, test examiners have leeway in which questions they ask. That means two immigrants tested on the same day could face questions of varying degrees of difficulty.

To pass the civics portion, immigrants must pass six of 10 oral questions drawn from a list of 100 provided in a study guide.

A pilot civics test will be administered to immigrants in

several cities starting in October. If they pass, immigrants would only have to pass the English portion of the exam. If they fail, they will have the chance to take the current civics exam.

Immigration officials in Washington, D.C., recently began meeting with community-based organizations and educators to help mold a new exam.

Some immigration activists praised the effort to make the citizenship test more meaningful. At the same time, however, they warned that teaching democratic principles — concepts often ignored by natural-born citizens — to immigrants who come from disparate backgrounds could prove daunting.

"Most of our students are blue-collar, with a similar level of education and 98 percent Hispanic," said Elizabeth Fitzgerald, who coordinates the citizenship classes held at Hialeah Senior High. "We really have our work cut out for us. As always, the burden falls on schools."

And, some activists pointed out, the reasons why immigrants seek citizenship are many and varied.

Sociologists classify some groups, often Hispanics, as

"reluctant immigrants" — people driven here by shoddy conditions in their native lands. Often, they retain strong cultural ties to their country of origin.

"People become citizens not because of patriotism but because it meets certain needs," said Richard Krieger, an immigration activist from Boynton Beach, Fla.

For instance: In 1997, many legal residents rushed to take their citizenship tests to avoid losing federal benefits under the law that reformed the welfare system.

One student at the Hialeah citizenship class, Jorge Yuniz, wants to earn citizenship so that it would be easier to bring his children from Ecuador. "I'm 50 years old. I'm not going anywhere. I can't play anymore," he said in Spanish. "They are better off here."

The current format of the civics test dates to the mid-1980s, when the government instituted an amnesty program that legalized millions of undocumented immigrants. Since then, the test has been derided as a smattering of random facts, some easy, others difficult.

For example, the 100-question list includes such relatively

easy ones as: "What is the Fourth of July?" and "Who was the first president of the United States?"

But it also includes more challenging questions: "How many times may a senator be reelected?" and "Which president was the first commander-in-chief of the U.S. military?"

Details of how the civics test might be changed are still being hammered out. But Gerri Ratliff, who is spearheading the redesign project for Citizenship and Immigration Services, said officials are looking at switching the test to a multiple-choice format.

Ratliff said that immigration officials have been working with the Department of Education to form new study guides and that grants could potentially be used to fund citizenship classes.

Talk of change has caused anxiety for volunteers like Coral Park Senior High student Nabely Castillo, 16, who every Saturday tutors adults on the citizenship test at the West Dade Regional Library.

The 16-year-old junior and members of the school's social studies honor society use study guides printed from the Internet and gleaned from history books.



Reception tips for brides on a budget

The reception is traditionally one of the most expensive aspects of a wedding. However, by combining personal creativity and ingenuity — the foundation of lifestyleist Sandra Lee's Semi-Homemade(R) philosophy — with inexpensive, ready-made items available at discount retailers, brides-to-be and cash-strapped parents can host a beautiful wedding reception without blowing through the entire bridal budget.

"Creating a beautiful wedding environment on a budget is simple," says Sandra Lee, entertaining expert and author. "By putting a personal touch on everything from table centerpieces to wedding favors, brides and grooms can save while creating memories for years to come."

While June is still the most popular month for weddings, according to a recent study by Hallmark.com, September and October are quickly gaining in popularity. Sandra Lee offers some great last-minute planning tips this fall for brides and grooms-to-be:

- If renting a reception tent, create a romantic environment by purchasing sheering fabric and 2-inch ribbon from a local discount retailer to drape around the canopy. Create billows of fabric and hang from the ceiling, wrap around poles, and swag in the entryway.

- Whether throwing an indoor or outdoor reception, flowers help set the tone but can quickly add up. A typical flower budget is 15 percent of the overall cost of a wedding. Consider using some of the beautiful and realistic-looking silk flowers available today intermingled with arrangements of fresh flowers to keep the romance high and the costs low. The bride and groom can use the silk flowers in the home for



years to come.

- Every bride wants to do something unique at her wedding. Create a dramatic, sweet-smelling entrance for guests by lining a walkway to the reception venue or reception tent with fresh rose petals. Also consider renting a bubble machine, available at retailers such as Wal-Mart, for some added ambiance and fun.

- Renting both table settings and white linen tablecloths can get expensive. Instead, consider purchasing clear glass plates from a discount retailer. Stack the salad plate on top of the dinner plate and place a large leaf between the two for a very pretty place setting. Buying plates is often less expensive than renting and the bride and groom can keep them for the years (and dinner parties) ahead.

- Remember to keep centerpieces either low enough or high enough so

guests can see each other from across the table. A simple cake pedestal adorned with sugared fruits and a candle makes a beautiful and an inexpensive centerpiece. Add to the sugary sparkle by placing candles in votive candle holders to illuminate the centerpieces from underneath. Remember to place approximately half an inch of water in each

candle holder or glass for easy removal of melted wax.

- For more formal wedding receptions, assigning guests to tables is considered proper etiquette but that doesn't mean it has to be stuffy. Purchase large sugar cookies and pipe romantic words like "joy," "hope," "love," and "forever" on each cookie. Place one cookie in each centerpiece to replace traditional numbered tables; and have your place cards direct your guests to these romantically identified tables.

- Wedding favors that double as place cards can be made by purchasing sugar cookies from a local bakery that are iced in white. Pipe each guest's names on the cookies in colored icing a day or two before the wedding. Place in cellophane bags, tied with a ribbon, and set at each guest's place setting so guests know where to sit.

- Handmade keepsakes given out during the wedding reception are an easy and thoughtful way to thank the wedding party. Create beautiful, unique cards for the bridesmaids by purchasing simple white note cards, decorated with the wedding's theme colors embellished with different fabrics or small trinkets purchased from a craft department. Write a cherished memo-

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Apple introduced the Macintosh during the third quarter of the Super Bowl on Jan. 22, 1984. The original Macintosh had 128 kilobytes of RAM, although this first model was simply called "Macintosh" until the 512K model came out in September 1984. The Macintosh retailed for \$2,495 and was a great success compared to its GUI predecessor, the Lisa priced at \$9,995.

THE MAC Looking back after 20 years

By JON FORTT

Knight Ridder Newspapers.
It changed computing as we knew it.

Twenty years ago, Apple Computer heaved a sledgehammer into the face of the establishment with its revolutionary Macintosh.

It gave birth to our culture of pointing and clicking, desktop icons, and dragging files to the trash. Later the Mac would bring CD drives, candy-colored cases and wireless networking.

But when it first said hello in 1984, it was as if all of Silicon Valley's technical brilliance

and all of its verve had been captured in one plucky beige box.

"It opened the door to people using computers," said Chuck Colby, a local engineer who has created custom computer systems since the early days. "When the Mac came out, here all of a sudden you've got this really powerful machine that you could do everything with — word processing, drawings, things that people had no way of doing before at that price."

Two decades after Apple's famous Super Bowl ad announced the new computer, the Mac's innovative influence has reached far beyond Silicon Valley. More important, it has continually dared its rivals to make computers not just faster, but also better — easier for real people to use.

Although Macs now have only about 3 percent of the worldwide computer market, today's Microsoft-based computers look more like Macs than they resemble the old IBM PCs — and the Mac is still the only computer the world knows on a first-name basis.

Bringing the legend to life was magnetic Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, who heralded the arrival of a \$2,500 computer "for the rest of us." Behind the

28-year-old millionaire was a phalanx of tousle-haired geniuses, college dropouts and artists, blurry-eyed from the all-nighters it took to finish the Macintosh.

They were the forerunners of the next generation's dot-comers and wireless wizards, though these pioneers sought a revolution instead of stock options.

"The mantra at the time was, we were trying to make a computer that even our mothers could use," said Bud Tribble, manager of the original Mac software team, who at age 31

ranked as an elder in the group. "I think the idea that a relatively small group of people with a vision can change a whole industry really grabbed people's imagination."

The seeds of the Mac were planted in 1979, when Jef Raskin, an early Apple employee, decided to name his dream — a new type of user-friendly computer — after a fruit he liked to buy as a boy in Manhattan. "I figured if I was going to name an Apple, it might as well be my favorite," he recalled.

So Raskin christened the project Macintosh, after the McIntosh apple. Though Apple had asked him to build a \$500 game machine, he morphed that mandate into a \$1,000 computer.

Well, sort of a computer. Raskin envisioned a machine people would love, a machine people would find friendly more than just necessary. Raskin's vision — in broad strokes, at least — carried through into the final product.

But it was Jobs who made the Mac real. Jobs, who recognized the Macintosh project as an opportunity to fulfill his own computing vision, took control of the team from Raskin, and

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Pipeline Group slates annual contractor awareness program at county fair barns

HERALD Staff Report

Safe excavations, including working with utility companies, will be stressed when The Pipeline Group holds its annual contractor awareness program at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Howard County Fair Barns.

The program is sponsored by a group of pipeline companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by KD's Bar-B-Q for all individuals involved in excavation-related activities in Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Mitchell, Scurry and Sterling counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems and the importance of working with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

What: Contractor awareness program.

Where: Howard County Fair Barns, FM 700.

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Contact: Call 800 982-8752 or www.pipelinegroup.com

Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed.

Sponsors will provide promotional materials, including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other items.

According to The Pipeline Group, many people are killed or injured and millions of dollars incurred due to someone digging into a pipeline.

Thousands of communications, some life-threatening, may be disrupted when expensive fiber-optic cables are damaged or severed. These types of excavation can be financially devastating to the responsible

party.

The safety program is an attempt to help those who conduct excavation work to avoid such situations.

Sponsors for the program include All American Pipeline LP, Alon USA LP, Atmos Energy, Chevron Pipe Line Co, DIG TESS, Duke Energy Field Services LP, Duke Energy Field Services-Chaparral & Quanah Pipelines, El Paso Field Services, El Paso Natural Gas Co, Enbridge Pipelines (Texas Intrastate) LLC, Enterprise Products Operating LP-Operators of Seminole Pipeline Co & Williams Gas Energy, Kaston Pipeline Co LP, Kinder Morgan CO2 Co LP, Link Energy Pipeline Limited Partnership, Northern Natural Gas Co, Sago Jameson LP, Shell Pipeline Co LP, Sunoco Pipeline LP, Teppco Crude Oil LP, Western Gas Resources Inc.

For more information, call 800 982-8752 or visit the Web site at www.pipelinegroup.com



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A ribbon cutting was held Tuesday to celebrate the opening of the Enterprise Rent-a-Car business located at 606 South Gregg Street. Enterprise will hold its grand opening Monday, and an open house will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 11. Left to right are Linda Schafer, Big Spring Ambassador; Adrian Rodriguez, local corporate sales manager; Debbye Valverde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director; JoAnne Hyer, Big Spring Ambassador; Chris Moore, Big Spring Ambassador; Jeff Klein, city rental manager; Jeremy George, Enterprise branch manager; Clarence Hartfield Jr., Big Spring Ambassador; Angela Parks, chamber business development manager, and Raul Marquez of KBYG and Big Spring Ambassador.

Cutting-edge technology solves an old West crime: cattle rustling

By JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer
FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Cattle rustling has been around ever since there have been cows and unscrupulous cowboys, but cutting-edge DNA technology promises to change some of the old patterns.

DNA testing helped convict John Baker, a Tulare County rancher accused of altering brands and documents to keep cows that he claimed had wandered into his property from neighbors' lots.

"Having DNA evidence was conclusive," said William Yoshimoto, an attorney with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office and project director for the Agricultural Crime Technology Information and Operations Network. "We could try to show how the brands had been altered, but you really can't alter a cow's DNA."

Baker's crime was old-fashioned, but what investigators did to prove it was unprecedented in California.

They took DNA samples from Baker's bull, a cow belonging to neighboring rancher John Rodgers, and from a calf born to the cow.

Analysis of the samples by a lab in the University of California, Davis gave conclu-

sive evidence that Baker's bull had sired the calf, and that the cow had been on Baker's ranch for over a year.

Baker was sentenced in Tulare County Superior Court on Jan. 8th by Judge Joseph Kalashian on 11 counts of grand theft of cattle, one count of forgery, and one count of altering a brand. He got 60 months of formal probation, a year in county jail and an order to pay a restitution of \$22,000 to five cattle ranchers.

Baker's case came to light in 2001, when a state brand inspector who examines proprietary marks burnt into a cow's flank found a funny-looking brand. It read "dH," but the letters seemed to have been altered — the H looked like it had been an h, with an added leg. So inspector Joey Evans asked Baker, who had put the cow up for sale, for proof of ownership.

Baker submitted an invoice for that cow, but when the sales yard matched it to the original 1996 invoice, they realized the document faxed by Baker had been forged.

Days later, the Beresford Corporation, whose ranch shares a fence with Baker's Shiloh Ranch, discovered one of their cows in his fields. The animal originally carried the Beresford "dh" brand — but

someone had stamped Shiloh Ranch's "S/R" on top.

Cattle theft has been rampant, Yoshimoto said, especially since high-protein diets have sent the price of beef soaring in the last year. Cattle thieves now use tractor-trailers to haul their goods; it was time investigators moved on to new technology as well.

DNA testing has been used in other states before — Washington rancher Matthew Goodwin pleaded guilty in Spokane County Superior Court to livestock theft and forgery in a similar case — but this was the first time it was used in California courts.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Lower farm income and extreme drought in sheep-producing areas have taken a toll on the nation's sheep flocks, prompting the U.S. Department of Agriculture to offer \$18.8 million in incentives to encourage producers to keep their ewe lambs for breeding stock.

The program, announced this week by Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman, comes as the nation's sheep numbers dwindle. The most recent July inventory numbers peg the nation's lamb crop at 4.13 million, down 5 percent from the previous year.



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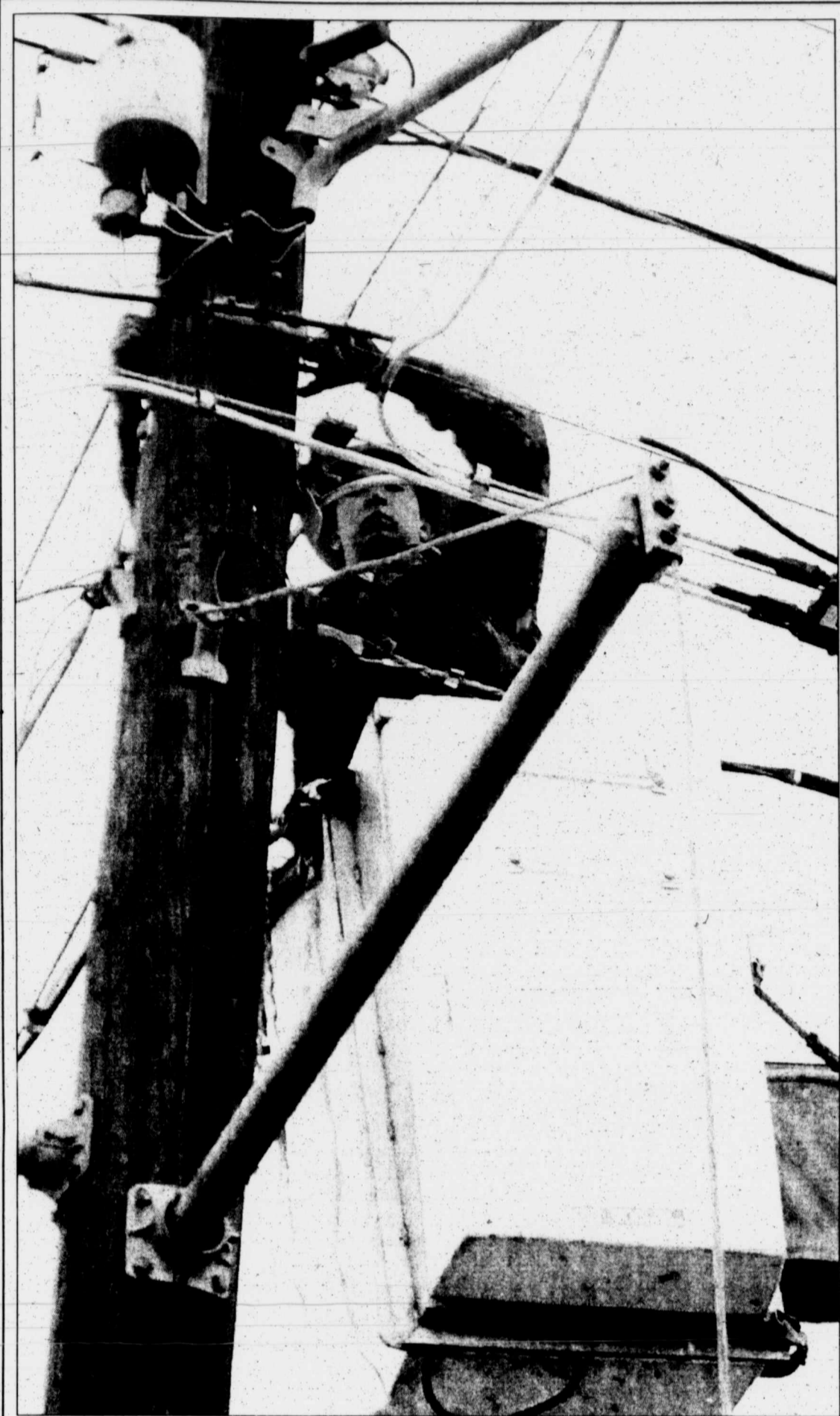
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Jarred Marwitz of D&D Construction removes some of the old cabling from a telephone pole in the 700 block of Scurry Street Wednesday. The old cabling, which was replaced by Cox's new digital cable, will be melted down for its copper and resold.

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Earnest Castaneda, 17, and Maureen Elizabeth Carrillo, 15, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings:
Ami Byrd vs. Darren Byrd, divorce.
Albert Dwane Overby vs. Rebecca Lynn Overby, divorce.
Tina Saucedo vs. Fernando Saucedo, divorce.
Debbie Wyrick vs. Craig Wyrick, divorce.
Patricia Lee Aaron vs. Robert Lester Aaron Sr., family protective order.
Virginia Gutierrez Webb vs. Darrin Lee Webb, family protective order.
The State of Texas vs. Michael Johnson, forfeit.
Rebecca L. Smith vs. Billy D. Owens and North American Power Systems Inc., injury or damages/other.
Marvin Wise vs. Big Spring Hospital Corp., injury or damages/other.
Samantha Castillo vs. Raymond Diaz, family non-support.

Warranty Deed:
Grantor: Paul Shaffer
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Property: A tract in the NW/4 of Section 3, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date filed: Jan. 20, 2004

Grantor: Gaylon Knowlton
Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 10, Block 10, Hall Addition
Date filed: Jan. 21, 2004

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Property: Lot 18, Block 5, Stanford Park Addition
Date filed: Jan. 21, 2004

Grantor: Robert Greene
Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Property: Lots 4 and 5, Block 1, Morningside Addition
Date filed: Jan. 21, 2004

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Property: Lot 4, Block 8, Stanford Park Addition
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Property: Lot 6, Block 12, Monticello Addition
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Property: Lot 14, Block 22, College Park Estates
Date filed: Jan. 21, 2004

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Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 8, Block 1, College Heights Addition
Date filed: Jan. 21, 2004

Grantor: Timary Rosenbaum
Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Property: The east 9 feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, Block 4, Central Park Addition
Date filed: Jan. 21, 2004

Grantor: Shannon Devore
Grantee: Charles D. Rosenbaum
Property: Lot 14, Block 3, Stanford Park Addition
Date filed: Jan. 21, 2004

Grantor: Deborah J. Ridgeway
Grantee: Laura Averette
Property: Lot 1, Block 17, Monticello Addition
Date filed: Jan. 22, 2004

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien:
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Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 7, Fairview Heights
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Grantor: Deborah J. Ridgeway and Fred Wayne Fielder
Grantee: Laura Averette
Property: Lot 3 and the south half of Lot 2, Block A, Monticello Addition
Date filed: Jan. 22, 2004

Grantor: A.L. Fulcher and Neil Fulcher
Grantee: Melinda Norman
Property: A 0.342 acre tract out of Lot C, Tract 8, Kennecott Heights part of Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date filed: Jan. 22, 2004

Grantor: Betty Williams, Gwen Dukes, Karen Christie and Linda Rhoton
Grantee: Carl W. Ford and Tomilee Ford
Property: The west half of Lot 2, Block 2, Reynolds Addition
Date filed: Jan. 23, 2004

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remade it in his own image. Jobs insisted that there should be a mouse, enough memory to run business programs, and other touches — which, naturally, would cost more.

"Steve is really the father of the Mac," said Bruce Horn, who was in charge of developing the Finder navigation tool and other important parts of the software. "Steve was there every day all day and late at night, and he would cajole us and tell us we were great, tell us we were losers, do whatever it took to motivate us to create the best possible product. He also protected us from the bureaucracy that was Apple."

Jobs, who declined to be interviewed, was also the one to show off the computer, and build alliances that would be critical to the Mac's future. Adobe Systems co-founder Chuck Geschke was a tough man to impress back in the early 1980s, because he had seen much of the technology at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center. But as he got to know the Mac, it wowed him.

He showed one to his wife, a librarian and artist, and she started using it. "It really dawned on me that for the first time, computers were

going to be accessible for people who were right-brain-oriented instead of left-brained like us."

Apple sold 70,000 Macs in the first three months but sales slowed after 1984, in part because the machine lacked the power and memory to run many complex programs. And Jobs clashed with John Sculley, the executive he had hired as CEO from PepsiCo.

Sculley and the rest of the board forced Jobs out. "Steve still has never forgiven me for what happened back in 1985, and I suspect never will," Sculley said in an interview.

That left Sculley with a Macintosh emergency. Desktop publishing — the combination of Macs with Adobe laser-printing technology and software like Aldus PageMaker — saved the Mac, said Jay Vleeschouwer, a Merrill Lynch analyst who has watched technology markets for nearly 25 years.

"What triggered the growth of the Mac was the profusion of this software, and the number of users who could take advantage of it," Vleeschouwer said. "It put Adobe on the map, and it put Apple on the map."

Sculley and his team meanwhile pushed forward, outfitting the Mac with digital cameras, flat-panel LCD technology

and CD-ROM drives, years before those ideas caught on. The lovable computer was getting a makeover with color screens and multimedia, and was becoming a hit in schools, where teachers had shunned tough-to-use PCs.

"This guy was much more visionary than any of us could have thought at the time," said Tim Bajarin, president of the Creative Strategies consulting firm, speaking of Sculley. "In the end, because he was such a great visionary, he tried to put things into Apple much earlier than the market was ready for it."

The prime example was the Newton, a handheld computer that proved Sculley's undoing. Apple's board grew uncomfortable with Sculley's focus on the Newton, and in June 1992, after 10 years at the helm of Apple, Sculley resigned. But already there were forces in motion that would force the Mac into also-ran status for the rest of the decade.

On the strategy side, Sculley said, it is difficult to sort out how Apple might have prevailed over Microsoft and Intel. But in the late 1980s, when Apple was deciding what processor to use, he certainly could have paid more attention to Intel.

Though Intel's computer chip technology didn't

look the strongest at the time, in the ensuing years Intel's ability to improve would make up for any technical disadvantage.

During the 1990s, Intel would relentlessly improve the speed of its chips. Computers built from off-the-shelf parts including Intel's ever-faster chips and Microsoft's widely licensed Windows operating system grew cheaper and more powerful each year. And it happened at a pace the Mac and its customized parts couldn't match.

"In hindsight if we had ported the Mac over to the Intel processor, Apple might have had a chance to succeed in the 1990s," Sculley said. Then, Apple could have gone through the years-long process of creating a version of the operating system that it could license to computer makers with Intel-based machines. "If we made a mistake and didn't license it, I'll take the blame, because I was the guy in charge at the time," Sculley said.

In late 1995 and early 1996, Apple was adrift. The Mac desperately needed reinventing. Apple had failed to deliver a revamped Mac operating system and shut down a pioneering online service called eWorld.

The company's buzz wouldn't return until the two Steves — Jobs and Wozniak — stood on a

stage with then-CEO Gil Amelio, introduced as corporate advisers.

It was a taste of the future.

The maverick Jobs, the closest thing to a personification of the Mac, gradually took control of the company.

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The years since have seen a flat-panel iMac, software for moviemaking that echoes the desktop publishing revolution, and a surge in Apple's reputation as its iTunes Music Store and iPod music player remake the world's relationship with recorded song.

"Steve has always been willing to take risks," said Adobe co-founder

John Warnock. "If you look at a product like the iPod, it's clearly innovative, took risks — a great product."

And so, even as the Mac turns 20, Apple is swinging another hammer at the establishment. It's not IBM anymore, or even Windows and Intel, though the company can't resist taking the occasional potshot. Now Apple is set against the established way of doing things, whether using computers, making movies, or listening to music. It's the reason why the lovable Mac — now with a neck and a flatter face — still has fans.

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The Aquarian sun and Gemini moon combination promises lively chatter, which could get even more lively as four planets form the shape of a cross today. It's just a lot of fun to argue, although it does no good, since the likelihood that a compromise can occur would require that someone back down — which is not going to happen!



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Travel brings luck and new romance. Instead of catching up with friends, spend some time getting back in touch with yourself. First impressions are off the mark; uncover someone's motivation before you judge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're stunning on the social scene. Ask the tough questions; in your heart, you already know the answers. Sweethearts give you something exciting to look forward to. Plan celebrations instead of accepting a lull in activity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are blessed with abundant energy for concentrated, step-by-step efforts. Though you'll be feeling shy, just remind yourself that your opinion is highly valued. Tonight, vent your frustration in a creative way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Joint finances, estates or insurance gets attention, justly so. You

Tomorrow's Horoscope

can make a windfall by sorting this out now when it matters most. Experiment with the camera or camcorder — you've got quite an eye for beauty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Exercise relieves tension and stress. Cook for fun; your new recipe is a masterpiece. Don't skimp on preparation, as success requires an all-out effort. Romance is found through investigating a rare interest or collection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Brilliance strikes like a lightning bolt, and you've got perfect clarity. But not everyone can handle such a white-hot version of the truth. Be careful: Impulsive actions could hurt someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your creativity hits a new high. Singles find a companion (possibly an Aquarius), and this could blossom into perfect love. Resolve financial problems, or they escalate. Teens need leeway to make their own choices.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Competitive instincts are running high, and you're determined to make accomplishments. Big added responsibility could give you a tremendous reputation, if handled well. Be steered by your knowledge tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hold back opinions. Although they are right for you, they are not right for others. Love is met through checking out the competition. Allow yourself time alone — solo efforts lead to money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Solve repair and property problems. Big profits from small but consistent efforts. If your idea is rejected, that only means it needs a more work. It's a pleasure to give yourself over to hashing out your creative inspiration.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Admit a mistake. Everyone is open to your explanation. Timesaving tip: Be sure you're dealing with professionals. Get a Pisces friend on your team. New romances are sparked effortlessly tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is more to the story than a certain party is telling you. Pry deeper! You've come far all by yourself and deserve the acknowledgment you get. Love is best with a Capricorn — for business, choose a Cancer.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: If you had to chart this week, what would be most quantifiable would be the emotional volume. Things start off on an elevated intensity level due to a dogmatic configuration in the sky on Sunday that has many at cross purposes. Then, the feel lightens up and becomes more whimsical. The sun in Aquarius gives a nod to Neptune, and what comes of it can be a beautiful state of mind. Somewhere between the conscious and the unconscious is the limitless, childlike state where anything is possible. On Friday, the full moon in Leo is like a cosmic super-sizer — things are blown out of proportion for sure!

Family and friends who are very close are featured, and there could be a drama that rivals anything you could watch on prime-time television. On the positive side, creativity thrives under the Leo moon. What you learn about people and yourself can be turned into an innovative solution for the project you've got going. Saturday, the Virgo moon contributes more organizational skills to the picture. If it's not fitting nicely into your life, you're not likely to take it on during the Virgo moon.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Elvis will always be the king of rock 'n' roll, and his princess daughter, Lisa Marie Presley, shows the world the benefits of her legacy this year with a second CD. This bright Aquarius will show her sign's marketing savvy with some publicity moves that even Madonna will be impressed by. Not pandering to trashy public-relations trends, Presley will create a buzz that reflects her royal pedigree.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I live in a nice townhouse apartment complex and share a wall with my next-door neighbors, a seemingly nice married couple in their mid-30s. A couple of times each month, the two of them get into a terrible fight, yelling and screaming and banging doors. I have seen no evidence of physical abuse.

I recently learned that the woman is pregnant. This seems like a terrible environment in which to bring a newborn baby. Is there anything I can say that will let them know these outbursts need to stop before the baby arrives?

I am not a nosy neighbor. I can hear the fighting over the television set. How can I help? — Concerned in



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

California
Dear Concerned: Yelling and banging doors do not necessarily indicate a more serious problem. Nonetheless, it's a lousy way to settle a disagreement, and they won't be happy when their child learns to imitate their behavior.

Get to know the couple. Invite at least one of them over for coffee and a chat. Later, let them know you can hear the fighting. That might be sufficient for them to tone it down, and if not, they may yell less when their fights wake up the baby. Either way, they are more likely to listen to someone they consider a friend.

Dear Annie: I am a 15-year-old girl, and I have a problem with my soccer coach, "Mr. Smith." He is young, maybe 27, and quiet. Mr. Smith talks to a few of the other students but not me. The only time he speaks to me is if I've done something wrong. I get the distinct impression that he dislikes me, and I'm questioning whether or not I should quit the team.

I love soccer and would like to be a valued player, but I don't know what to do. — Neglected Girl in Florida

Dear Neglected: We're picking up a slight vibe that you want this young male teacher's personal attention for something other than soccer. Please examine your motives, and if you have a crush on this coach, keep it in check.

Otherwise, talk to Mr. Smith, tell him you'd like to become better at soccer, and ask what you should do to improve your level of play. Sometimes confronting a coach and asking for help is enough to make him change his tactics.

Dear Annie: I have been seeing "Kenny" for four years, since his divorce, yet he continues to attend family functions with the ex-in-laws. He even spent Christmas with them. Also, he talks to his ex-wife almost daily. When I question such closeness, Kenny tells me his ex is a friend as well as an ex-wife. He has no intention

of telling her to stop calling or coming over.

Kenny's children are grown, and I do not understand his need to communicate with the woman so often. She even has a new boyfriend now, but still calls constantly. I love Kenny with all my heart, and he loves me. There is more good than bad in this relationship, but I feel we are not going anywhere. What should I do? — Anonymous in Ohio

Dear Ohio: It sounds as if Kenny and his ex-wife are still tied together rather tightly. Keep in mind that a friendly relationship between ex-spouses is good, especially if they have children together (grown or not).

It is OK that she keeps in contact. However, since her frequent calls make you uncomfortable, Kenny would be wise to cool it a bit. If he refuses, it means he considers the ex-wife's feelings more important than yours. This is not a healthy sign for your future together.

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