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Cpt. Jacky Howard reunion set today

Friends and family of U.S. Army Cpt. Jacky Shay Howard will be holding a welcome home party for the Ranger at 6 p.m. today, on the east side of the Howard County Courthouse. Howard has been in Iraq serving as the commander of the Delta Battery, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment for the past year.

Entries accepted for 'Razzmatazz'

Entries are being accepted for the Relay Rascal Razzmatazz, a children's pageant hosted by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul."

Money raised during the April 17 pageant will go towards the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raising drive.

The age groups are 0-12 months, 13-23 months, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years of age. Entry forms are due Friday, with an entry fee of \$10 per child. Forms are available from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third Street.

For more information, call (432) 268-7399 or (432) 268-7833.

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Moving the Wall

Norris Shears delivers it in honor of his fellow veterans

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

More than 20 years ago, Norris Shears was a lot like most people, quietly making their way through life.

Then came the Wall.

One of the founders of the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, which is currently on display at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, Shears spends his days traveling with the portable, half-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Much like anyone else trodding through life before being struck with a great cause or responsibility, Shears was a screen printer before the idea for the Moving

"It's about time they recognized the Vietnam veterans. This Wall pulls a lot of vets together."

Wall came to him in the form of another Vietnam veteran, who had an idea for a "weekend project."

"I owned a commercial silk screening shop in San Jose (Calif.) when John Devitt first came to me," Shears

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Norris Shears, one of the founding creators of the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall, touches up some scratches that occurred Friday evening when a portion of the wall was blown over by high winds. Shears has been part of the Moving Wall organization for more than 20 years, most of which he has spent on the road taking the portable memorial all over the country.

AND... THEY'RE OFF!



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Rory Worthan of Cub Scout troop 179 prepares to release a set of pinewood racers during qualifying heats at the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby Saturday. Around 60 area scouts participated in the event at the Big Spring Mall.

Don't talk trash

Instead, help pick it up on Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Keep Big Spring Beautiful and an array of local churches and organizations will join more than 1,300 groups across the Lone Star State on Saturday, as the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off begins statewide.

Local organizer and Keep Big Spring Beautiful chairperson Pat Simmons said the day-long clean up has drawn quite a bit of interest among local volunteer groups, although she's still waiting for confirmation from several.

"There will be different groups and organizations that will be picking up trash in areas they have selected," said Simmons.

"Those groups can pick up their trash bags at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday. We're really needing the groups that have told us they will help to check in with us so we can get a head-count on how many people we're going to feed."

Simmons said the Trash-Off will cul-

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Moore Development members expect good news Wednesday

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

As the Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors prepares to meet Wednesday, it appears they will be met with some good news.

Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp said he plans to present updates on two local businesses, Solitaire Homes and Freecom Inc., that have either made arrangements to either pay their notes with the economic development firm in full, or already have.

"I haven't had a chance to talk

5:15 p.m. Wednesday at 215 W. Third

to Pete Hogstad (president of Solitaire Homes Inc.), but it appears they aren't going to reopen the plant by the end of the quarter," said Sharp. "My understanding of it at this point is they want to go ahead and pay off their note on the building, which is a little over \$120,000.

"Once they pay off the note, they will be finished with the

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A&M Club urging students to apply for scholarships now

HERALD staff report

The deadline to turn in 2004 scholarship applications to the Howard County Texas A&M University Club is fast approaching.

All incoming freshman and students currently enrolled at Texas A&M are encouraged to apply by the April 23 deadline.

"I know that the deadline is early compared to previous years," said Jeanne Niklasch, club spokesperson, "but it is our intention to give out any scholarships that true freshmen



NIKLASCH

receive at the high school awards ceremonies which are held in May."

Scholarship applications are judged on three criteria: financial need, academic performance and extra curricular activities.

"All students who are planning on attending TAMU are urged to apply," Niklasch said. "Even if you do not need the scholarship,

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Obituaries

Grady Lee Kellar

Grady Lee Kellar, 89, of Odessa died Sunday morning, March 28, 2004, at his son's home in Coahoma, after a long illness.

Graveside services will be Wednesday April 1, 2004, at 3 p.m. with Elwin Collom of Coahoma officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Grady was born June 19, 1914, to Rolin and Pearl Kellar in Cross Plains. Grady worked in the oil, gas and sulfur business.

He and his family lived in McCamey for many years before moving to Kentucky and West Virginia where he worked in the oil and gas business, then back to Odessa. He also lived in Pecos 14 years while working for Pennzoil Sulfur before retiring in 1984 and moving back to Odessa.

Grady was preceded in death in 1990 by his wife, Lena Kellar of 50 years; his parents, Rolin and Pearl Kellar; three sisters, Troy Hoague, Clois Campbell and Billie Kellar; three brothers, Grover Kellar, Herman Kellar and Curtis Kellar; and one grandson, Ronald Burke Gerbert.

Survivors include one son, Carvin K. Kellar of Coahoma; one daughter, Gradene Gerbert and son-in-law Bob Gerbert of Pecos. He is also survived by one brother, Doil Kellar and sister-in-law Loy of Aransas Pass; five grandchildren; and five great grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces also survive as well as many friends.

Faye Marie Hodnett Gillihan



Faye Marie Hodnett Gillihan, 82, of Granbury formerly of Big Spring, died on Sunday, March 28, 2004, in Granbury. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 1, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of First Baptist Church of Kermit, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 7, 1921, in Howard County and married Doyle Mitchell Gillihan on Aug. 22, 1942, in Vealmoor. He preceded her in death on March 30, 1988.

Mrs. Gillihan was a lifelong resident of Big Spring before moving to Granbury in 2003. When she was young, she did bookkeeping for the family business. She was a homemaker and her family was her life.

She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church and a member of the Mighty Oaks. Years ago she had been a member of the Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Ross Smith of Granbury; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Nelda Gillihan of Midland; three grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and two sisters, Ana Maye Hyden of Big Spring and Juanita Smith of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Leonard, Harold and Y.B. Hodnett and one sister, Wanda Pearl Self.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday 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

Support groups

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 longer meet weekly.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **BOBBY PEREZ**, 18, of 1600 Settles, was arrested Monday on charges of minor in consumption and a TYC parole warrant.
- **JONETTA FASTORIA TATE**, 40, of 3202 Cornell, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **CATHERINE MAYBERRY**, 33, of 1200 Lloyd, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **LIONSO LEE JIMNEZ III**, 25, address unknown, was arrested Monday on a city warrant for theft.
- **SALENA MARIE TAYLOR**, 24, of 1403 Wood, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **LOREN RAYMOND WILSON**, 44, of Forsan, was arrested Monday on a local traffic warrant.
- **KEITH ANDREW HILARIO**, 19, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Tuesday on local traffic warrants.
- **FABIAN RIOS**, 29, of 1507 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANDRES JUAREZ**, 44, of 803 Lamar, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
 - in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER-ENHANCED** was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DOYLE DEE EDMONSON JR.**, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended and bond forfeiture for theft by check-more than \$20, less than \$500.
- **JOHN LOUIS DAY**, 18, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.
- **SALENA MARIE TAYLOR**, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
- **ANDREW SEBASTION ISON**, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check, possession of a controlled substance and theft

Take note

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

A FUND HAS BEEN established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. 267-1628.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center at the Industrial Park.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone.

THURSDAY

- Candle Light Vigil for CASA of West Texas and Rape Crisis/Victim Services is set for 6:30 p.m. in the Heart of the City Park.
- Coahoma's Kindergarten Rodeo begins at 9 a.m.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.
- Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main at 500 S. Main St.
- "Life After Loss," a grief support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one, meets from 6-8 p.m. for the next six weeks at Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg St. Registration is required. For more information contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

FRIDAY

- Big Spring State Hospital's Denim and Diamonds Gala is set at the Country Club beginning at 7 p.m.
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-17-21-36-37. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$21,577. Winning tickets sold in: Cibolo and Laredo. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-6

Weather

Tonight...Clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Light winds. Wednesday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Light winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon. Wednesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Friday...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Friday night...Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Saturday...Mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Saturday night...Cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Sunday and Sunday night...Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s. Lows in the mid 40s. Monday...Cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s.

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WALL

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explained. "He and another vet, Gerry Haver, came to me with an idea for a weekend project. After a lot of cussing and discussing, not to mention some drinking, I finally convinced them it was going to be longer than just a weekend project.

"We didn't have the right artwork. All we had were a case of negatives that John had gotten from the Memorial in Washington, D.C. In the end, it took us about two years to get the first wall built, which was set up in Tyler."

Shears, who served aboard an aircraft carrier for three years during the Vietnam War, said his memories of the war aren't what keeps him on the road year after year with the project. Rather, it's what the wall does for other veterans that makes his labor of love a path worth traveling.

"I didn't really see any action in Vietnam," said Shears. "I was on an aircraft carrier for three years and was stationed in the desert (China Lake, Calif.) my last year of service. I never really experienced a lot of the hardship that a lot of vets did because I was already stateside. I really enjoy getting around the communities and helping these vets out. That really makes it worth it for me."

The work that has gone into constructing the Walls — there are currently two on tour — was a process of trial and error, according to Shears.

"The first one we did was constructed out of black Plexiglas," he explained. "We had a couple of friends that worked in the plastics industry, and whenever you buy a sheet of Plexiglas you have to pay for the entire sheet no matter how big the piece you need is. So these guys would beg the buyers for the rest of the pieces so we could build the wall. We begged, borrowed and stole to build the first wall.

"It toured for several years, and we created the next two walls out of Formica. Unfortunately, I couldn't

screen it with the ink I needed to use because of the Formica. And the ink just started falling off because the surface wasn't prepared properly. It was just too smooth and didn't have anything to bite into."

Still struggling with finding the right medium for their wall, Shears said they finally hit pay dirt.

"That's when we came up with the idea to use sheet metal. This has been the ruler, right here," he said, pointing to the wall. "If something happens to the panels, we get them sanded, repainted and silk

The Moving Wall is on display at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, 2800 Swords Ave., 24 hours a day through noon Friday.

screened. We don't have to put out all of the cost for the materials and labor involved in constructing a new panel."

The wall doesn't come without a great deal of care and maintenance, however. Shears, along with many of the Vietnam Memorial Committee members, got a first hand taste of that during the early morning hours prior to opening ceremonies Saturday, when stiff winds uprooted a portion of the display.

"You can ask anyone who was out here. It was a nightmare," said Shears. "A portion of the wall wasn't properly anchored. I'm still trying to get everything fixed."

Norris said volunteers staffing the display can help direct those who come to find a specific name to the correct panel on the wall.

"They're doing this on a volunteer basis," said Shears. "It's mainly the same people that did it when the Moving Wall was here in 1987. They have the registers in a tent on the site, and they can look up a name and tell you what panel and

what line the name is on.

"I think it's great to see the change in perception and opinion that's happened over the years. It's about time they recognized the Vietnam veterans. This Wall pulls a lot of vets together."

While the Moving Wall will once again be a memory in the Big Spring area after this week, the trip is far from over for Shears, who will continue to zig-zag across America well into the summer.

"We're off to Johnson City after this," he said. "The we have a dates in Arkansas, Louisiana and Kansas after that. We've also got dates set in Idaho and Missouri. I've seen everything except three New England states. I've been in every state in the United States, except those."

"You get to see the big and little of the states and it makes you appreciate where you're from when all you see is corn fields and soy bean fields going across country."

Shears makes no excuses for his somewhat "rough" attitude, or the love he has for the Wall and the thousands of veterans that will see it each year. Instead, the gray-haired Californian hopes to simply break even.

"People are really amazed when they see what comes out of those crates over there," said Shears, pointing to several black crates stacked on a flatbed trailer nearby. When asked how it made him feel to see so many people walk away from the Moving Wall with an array of emotions, ranging from amazement to sorrow moving across their faces, Shears' answer is a glimpse inside the world of every Vietnam veteran.

"For all of the wrongs that I've done in my life," he said with a grin, "I hope this is the one thing that sets them all straight."

The Moving Wall will be on display 24 hours a day until Friday at noon, with closing ceremonies slated for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

MOORE

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Moore Board. I think they want to be able to open on their own timeline."

Although the move comes as something of a surprise after months of reassurance from the manufactured home corporation that they would meet the quarterly deadline which would have had the plant open and manufacturing by the end of this month, Sharps said Hogstad seems pleased.

"Pete said he's very happy with the relations he's had with the Moore Board," said Sharp.

Also on the meeting's agenda will be an update on Freecom Inc., which recently pulled themselves out of default with the economic development agency.

"They had a \$30,000 note with the Moore Board, and they were in default," said Sharp. "However, they came in and paid the entire \$30,000 balance, and have gotten current with the lease."

Sharp said there was

some confusion about the future of Freecom several weeks ago, and although he and the Moore Board were faced with the "what-if" situation that could arise if the company filed for bankruptcy, he's happy with the outcome.

"I think this is good. I think it shows that Freecom is here to stay," said Sharp. "We have to look at all of the possibilities when we're in a situation like that, and we believed bankruptcy was a possibility. That was our view of the situation. Freecom never told us they were considering it."

Moore Board will also hear updates on February's financial and investment reports, as well as consider a corporate resolution for TexPool amending authorized representatives. The meeting will get under way at 5:15 p.m. at the Moore Development office, located at 215 W. Third Street.

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TRASH

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minate at Heart of the City Park, located downtown, where volunteers will drop off their bags of trash and enjoy refreshments.

"H-E-B is supplying all of the hot dogs for the lunch... and I'm planning on making some chili," she said. "I'm also trying to get some people to make brownies and cookies."

"The volunteers will be able to bring their trash to the park. We're going to have two 30-yard trash containers for everyone to throw their trash in. We're asking the volunteers to keep any aluminum cans they pick up separate from the rest of the trash. By collecting the cans and cashing them in, this is one way Keep Big Spring Beautiful can raise funds."

Simmons said she's excited about the event and is eager to see the

impact it has on the community and the way many outsiders view it.

"I'm really excited about it," said Simmons. "We have so many different groups calling in and signing up to help. The only problem we're having right now is getting confirmations from many of the groups that have been signed up for a while. I recently e-mailed all of them and I'm hoping to hear from them soon."

"It really makes a great

impact on the community. I get more input from visitors and citizens in the different areas and it's great. There are a lot of people in Big Spring that want to help and make a difference in the community, and that really helps a lot."

For more information on the Trash-Off, contact Simmons at 263-4607.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

A&M

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we would like for you to apply because this lets us know who is at College Station and helps us to include everyone in any A&M upcoming activities in Howard County.

"Besides, you never

know when a former student may show up and buy you a lunch," Niklasch said with a wink.

The club is currently making plans for a barbecue social to bring together current and soon-to-be A&M students.

"We hope that when freshman get down to A&M they will already

know someone," she said. For questions about the college or more information about the scholarships, call Niklasch at

268-3105, Tom Dawson at 264-7022 or visit A&M Composites, 1409 E. Highway 350, to pick up an application.

Motorist rescued after 36 hours on freeway

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) — A motorist injured after a crash lay paralyzed in the middle of the Gulf Freeway with a broken neck for 36 hours before he was rescued.

Ed Theisen's plight was blocked from the view of passing cars by some traffic barricades.

The 46-year-old chemical engineer from Friendswood, a Houston suburb, survived a night alone on the concrete, unable to move or summon help.

"Someone riding in the back of a pickup truck spotted him and called police," Debora Rodeffer-Theisen, his wife, said Monday after her husband emerged from surgery. "The officer poked him with a nightstick thinking he was a dead body, but he was there and he was very

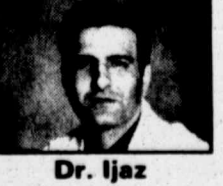




much alive. It was a miracle."

Worried that he had been carjacked, Theisen's wife drove past the area twice as her husband prayed for small things such as the ability to grab a bag to wrap around his arm.

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OUR VIEWS

Gala promises
to be full of fun
for a worthy cause

Cultural diversity. Not cowboys and Indians, but... how about cowboys and Hawaiians? Picture boots and a grass skirt. Don Ho with a Stetson. It could happen.

In fact, it will happen Friday night, as the Big Spring State Hospital holds its annual Denim and Diamonds Gala. It begins at 7 p.m. at the country club.

For those unfamiliar with the Gala, it's a fun-spirited event to raise money for the benefit of hospital patients and their families.

Embellishing the Hawaiian flair this year will be a buffet featuring pork and a variety of fresh fruit. Hula dancers from The Dance Gallery will provide entertainment. Of course, the cowboy theme will also be prominent with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys performing dance music until midnight.

Adding to the excitement will be some other activities, including "Dippin' for Diamonds," where gala participants can try their luck at winning a diamond from Blum's Jewelers.

Tax-deductible donations for attending this year's celebration will be accepted in amounts of: Benefactor, \$1,000-plus; Patron, \$500 to \$1,000; Sponsor, \$200 to \$500; Friend, \$100 to \$200; and Donor, \$50 to \$100.

As mentioned, the money raised will go toward a very worthy cause. In the past, the funds have been used to pay for an outdoor youth recreation area, courtyard renovations, an updated walking track and much more.

To make reservations for the Denim and Diamonds Gala, call the hospital's community Relations office at 268-7535 or chairman Carol Scott at 432 264-9604.

We hope you'll be able to attend the gala. It promises to be a fun-filled evening that will greatly benefit the state hospital.

Besides, we figure it will be worth it just to see Jody Nix and the boys play "Tiny Bubbles."

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Paying a visit to the Wall and unforgotten heroes

There are way too many names on the Wall. Thousands upon thousands. It's numbing.

Let's do this right off the top. No misconceptions. I was never in Vietnam. I was never in the service. The time was right; I graduated high school in 1969. The war, the "conflict," as the government referred to it, didn't end for another four or five years. But I'd had polio when I was just a toddler. Hell, I couldn't even make the Little League team.

My contact with war was through nightly reports on television, stories told to me by my dad, a radio operator in the Air Force during World War II, and letters from my brother, who dropped out of school, joined the Marines, and served three tours.

My brother didn't send a lot of letters. The ones to me were pretty graphic, though. He told of pinning the ace of spades on the bodies of dead Vietnamese, a propaganda campaign, leaflets dropped from the sky to intimidate, of nightly recon missions. Of having to run uphill when a buddy hit a trip wire on a path to hell. He was wounded more than once.

After the first few letters, the rest didn't say a lot. The first ones upset Mom, so Dad wrote and asked him not to talk about the war, but about himself. He's never had a lot to say about himself.

I'm a pretty emotional guy. I do

well when things don't change much. I knew that despite never having been a soldier in defense of this country, I'd find it difficult to go to the Moving Wall.

But I had to go. It was something I knew deep inside that I needed to do.

I can't speak for everyone. But I can speak for me.

The Wall sent me on an emotional roller coaster, down into despair and then anger, with the realization that so many died. Oh, I knew the toll was overwhelming, just like everyone else. I wasn't naive. But the Wall brings with it a reality I never found in a movie, a book or on television.

Panel after panel of names. But they aren't just names, they are people. Fathers, who read to their children before bedtime; husbands, who brought home flowers and kisses; sons, who played football and baseball for the high school team and made their parents proud; uncles, who were wise and kind and a bit mischievous; friends who laughed and shared the joys and tribulations of growing up; and buddies, buddies who were there one minute, then were being sent home in a flag-covered casket the next.

Flowers and small flags at the base of the Wall tell the story. Here's someone who was loved. Here's someone who meant something to someone. Here's someone somebody desperately wants to hold again, and never will.

In the background, I hear the flapping of the flags, and I realize a Gold Star Mother is reading names of Texans who died in Vietnam. Her voice breaks from time to time. I feel pretty small,

knowing what she has gone through; what she must be going through every day.

But in the tragedy of it all, there's peace, and, after awhile, even joy. Because if you stay long enough at the Wall, if the crushing anguish doesn't drive you away, that roller coaster of emotion makes its way upward. Your spirits rise. You realize something you knew all along. The names represent not just death, but life. Not just suffering, but compassion. Bravery. All of these men and women gave their lives for a purpose.

No matter how you feel or felt about the war in Vietnam, these individuals, most of them so very young, were sent into battle in the name of this country. In their hearts, they were fighting for this nation; they were fighting for freedom. They damn sure didn't ask to die, but they didn't ask why, either.

They fought for their daughters and sons, their wives and mothers and fathers. They fought for their little brothers and sisters. And they fought for the guy next to them.

They fought for me, and they fought for you. That's something of which to be very proud.

That's the reason I had to go to the Wall. I had to pay my respects. I had to say thank you. I can't have you back, but I have my memories of you, and I hold them high.

Truly, you are my heroes.

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White House stubbing toe on Clark

According to the White House game plan, this was supposed to be the week that we were asking, "Can Richard Clarke hang on?"

Instead, I know more people who are asking, "Can Condoleezza Rice hang on?"

It is not that the White House counter-attack on Clarke has been an utter failure or that it did not raise some questions about him.

But rarely has the White House tried to kick somebody so savagely and ended up stubbing its own toe so hard.

Clarke, a former top counter-terrorism adviser to George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, has made serious charges against the Bush administration in a new book. He says that Bush did not take terrorism seriously enough before Sept. 11, 2001, and that by launching a war in Iraq, Bush managed to strengthen rather than weaken Al Qaeda.

One of the most dramatic scenes in the book, which Clarke talked about on television, involves a meeting on Sept. 12, 2001, where Bush drags Clarke into a small room and tries to shift the focus of U.S. retaliation to Iraq, even though Clarke has made clear to him that Al Qaeda, and not Iraq, had just flown airplanes into our buildings.

The White House was caught by surprise by Clarke's book, even though the book had been over at the White House for months. Clarke followed the rules by shipping his book to the National Security Council last November so it could make sure he had not revealed any national secrets.

But did the National Security Council, a White House agency, alert anybody else at the White House? Apparently not.

So the White House was caught flat-footed and kicked back hard: Clarke was an embittered publicity-seeker trying to make a quick

buck, we were told. And the meeting he said took place Sept. 12, 2001? There was no record of it at the White House.

That particular denial lasted almost a week. Today, the White House admits the meeting took place.

I was sick at home all last week, and so I got to lie on a couch and watch every minute of the Sept. 11 commission hearings on TV, in which Clarke and others testified in public and under oath.

Clarke's simple apology at the beginning of his testimony was both wrenching and seemingly sincere.

"Your government failed you," Clarke said to the families of those who were killed on Sept. 11.

"Those entrusted with protecting you failed you, and I failed you. We tried hard, but that doesn't matter, because we failed. And for that failure, I would ask — once all the facts are out — for your understanding and your forgiveness."

It was a simple statement, and when I heard it, I thought, "Somebody ought to have apologized before now."

But just to show how much the White House attack machine did not get it, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist not only blasted Clarke for his apology, but mischaracterized what Clarke had said.

"In his appearance before the 9-11 commission," Frist said on the floor of the U.S. Senate, "Mr. Clarke's theatrical apology on behalf of the nation was not his right, his privilege or his responsibility. In my view, it was not an act of humility, but an act of supreme arrogance and manipulation. Mr. Clarke can and will answer for his own conduct, but that is all."

But that is all Clarke was saying. He never apologized "on behalf of the nation." That was Frist creating a straw man in order to knock it down.

The administration ran into other problems in its efforts to stomp on Clarke: According to an article in The Washington Post, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice's rebuttals to

Clarke "contradicted other administration officials and her own previous statements."

Oh, no! This is not what the White House wanted! Richard Clarke was supposed to be the guy who contradicted himself, not Condoleezza Rice!

And right in the middle of things, President Bush went to one of those awful press dinners that are considered very big deals in this town and did what he is supposed to do — try to be funny. He showed a slide show in which he poked fun at himself for trying to find weapons of mass destruction in the Oval Office.

Some people were offended by this. Personally, I thought no offense was meant and Bush's joke was within the bounds of good taste.

So when his secretary of defense, Donald Rumsfeld, was asked at a press conference whether the joke was appropriate, did he make the same defense I just made? No! He refused to defend the president at all.

"I am just not in a position to be judgmental about that," Rumsfeld said.

As the week ended, Clarke was selling tons of books and Rice was trying to explain why she could go on every TV show in the world to attack Clarke, but would not do what Clarke had done: Raise her right hand and swear under oath that what she was saying was the truth.

Think it couldn't get worse? On "Sixty Minutes" Sunday, Ed Bradley asked Rice: "Will the families of those people who were killed hear an apology from you? Do you think that would be appropriate?"

Rice refused. She did say she was "deeply sorry" for the "loss" that people endured, but concluded: "The best thing that we can do for the memory of the victims, the best thing that we can do for the future of this country, is to focus on those who did this to us."

But part of what Clarke is shining a light on and part of what the Sept. 11 commission is investigating is not just who did this to us, but who let them do it.

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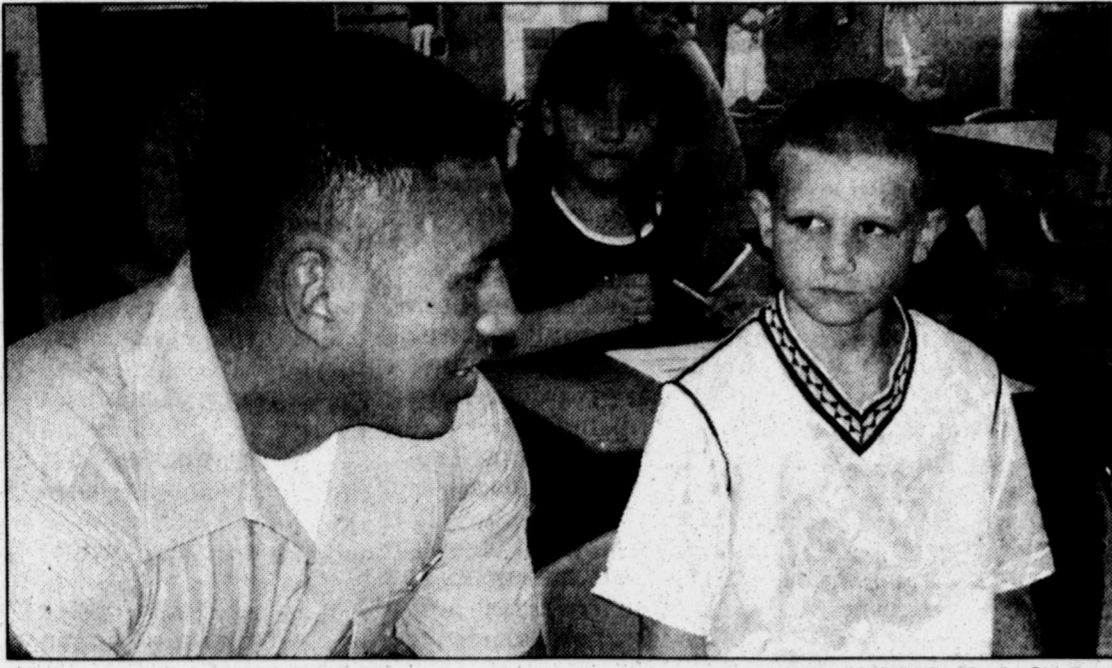
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A gift from home



Marine Lance Corp. Mark Anthony Ortega answers questions from Jonathan Blaine, a third grader at Marcy Elementary. Ortega received one of the 2003 Christmas bags the students and teachers prepared for United States troops. Below, Barbara Tarpley, Marey Brown and Sharon McGrievy talk with Ortega and some of Brown's other students.

Soldier returns to say thank you

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

A Christmas gift created by Marcy Elementary students traveled across oceans and continents and reached a

Howard County marine, Lance Corp. Mark Anthony Ortega.

"I received the package when I was aboard ship, off Djibouti, Africa. There was candy in the package, and a slip that said it was from Marcy Elementary," Ortega said.

Surprised that he had received a package from his home town, Ortega visited the elementary school and met with the teachers and students

who had prepared the package.

"On ship we only received letters in the mail, but once a month or so we'd get packages. I was so glad to get this bit of home," he said.

The project featured the work of students in Marey Brown's, Barbara Tarpley's and Sharon McGrievy's third-grade classes.

Students prepared the bags at Christmastime. "We are so honored that he came to tell us thank you," said Tarpley, who has a son serving in the military.

Ortega said he is currently working for the Marines as a recruiter's assistant.

"This is a really good life for me. I love what I do," he said.

Ortega's military education has included rifleman and assault maneuvers training, along with much more he said.

"We learn, and do so much," he said.

He was living on board the USS Pelelia, awaiting additional training when he received the package from the students.

The students were excited to see Ortega.

The teachers agreed it added to their experience when they were able to meet one of the soldiers who received one of their packages.

"That he took the time to come to see us was so nice for the students. This makes their project more special," said Tarpley.

Gardening

Plant acidanthera after last frost

Acidanthera is a summer flower so fragrant, exotic-looking and lovely that it defies logic. No rare pearl of great price, this summer bloomer is affordable, readily available and practically idiot-proof to grow.

Officially, the flower is now called Gladiolus callianthus or Gladiolus callianthus murielae. Most often is simply acidanthera. They're also antique, having first been introduced to gardeners in 1896.

Acidanthera boasts broad star-shaped flowers with glistening white petals surrounding a dark purple-burgundy throat. Each fragrant flower sits atop a slim, two-foot tall stem flanked by a flurry of supple sword-shaped leaves. The flowers nod on arching stems, scenting soft breezes in mid-to-late summer with a primrose-like fragrance.



Just 10 little bulbs will fill a 12-inch pot nicely. They are also excellent planted in clusters in a mixed garden border and are shown to best advantage positioned near a house, deck or balcony.

As a tender bulb, acidanthera is frost-sensitive. Plant outdoors after the threat of frost is past.

If you've grown them in pots, at summer's end, stop watering, bring the pots indoors for the winter and put them out again next spring after danger of night frosts has passed.

No matter what you call them, on a balmy August evening as you sit in the garden enjoying the remains of the day, you won't be sorry to have planted a few dozen of these delightfully fragrant flowers.

Odessa museum sets fifth annual flower market

The Ellen Noel Art Museum lower market is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The flower market is a one-day public opportunity to view and purchase some of the most beautiful flowers, plants, herbs, native plants and garden accessories in the Permian Basin. This year, flower market coincides with the spring replanting of the Sensory and Sculpture Garden. Created as a tactile experience for individuals with physical and visual challenges, the garden is unique in West Texas. The Permian Basin Master Gardeners, who plant and maintain the Sensory and Sculpture Garden, will present free talks and discussions on plant care and gardening through the day.

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BURR, THE COCKLEBUR

In an open meadow by a patch of beautiful flowers lay a lonely seed named Burr. He wasn't a very pretty seed and he had a hard time making friends.

None of the flowers wanted Burr around because he could never grow up to be as pretty as they were.

Then the wind started blowing one day and blew Burr to a garden of roses. "Oh no," the pretty roses said, "We don't want you here because you are not pretty enough!" The roses should have been ashamed of themselves for hurting Burr's feelings!

"I wish the wind would blow me to a friendlier place," thought Burr. And it did!

The day that the wind started was a hot summer day. All of the animals and birds were looking for some shade to get under so they could get cooler. The

wind blew Burr to a great hillside and as he rolled by a lovely flower, he asked, "May I stop by you?" "No," the flower said, "I don't think you could ever be pretty enough to grow beside me." So poor Burr let himself roll down the hill farther.

As Burr rolled down the hill, he saw a cute little tree. "May I stop by you?" he asked the cute little pine tree. "No," said the tree, "I don't think you would ever be pretty enough to grow beside me!"

Then Burr rolled close to a rock. "May I stop by you," he asked? "No," said the rock, "I don't think you could ever be pretty enough to live beside me!"

Burr began to think that he would never find a place to grow. "Maybe I am just too ugly to have a friend," he thought,

"No one wants me!" He was a sad little cocklebur seed!

As Burr rolled on down the hill, he heard a sound that he had heard many times before. It was the sound of someone crying! He looked around and finally found who was crying. It was another little seed that looked so lonely! "What's wrong," asked Burr? "I am sad because I am a seed that cannot live in the hot sun. I have to have shade to live under," said the little seed.

Now Burr knew that someday he himself would be big and tall and would make a big shade just as his mother and father did!

"You can grow under my shade if you would like to, for I will be a big bush soon," Burr told the little seed.

And as some gentle rain fell and the sun shone down on the two, they started to grow. And they grew and grew!

The little lonely flower seed turned into a beautiful flower that all the other flowers were jealous of. They wished that they looked like that!

And the little seed was proud of his big friend, Burr. And Burr was proud of himself for helping such a lovely, friendly, warm, loving, plant grow! Burr and the beautiful flower say, "Good Night!"



Trying to block the spam highway

How did I get spammed and how can I minimize it? It's a question I've heard hundreds of times since I began writing this column. If you are an active internet user, there is a 95 percent probability that you get tons of spam mail in your inbox every day, on everything from how to lose weight or cheap printer cartridges, or even those unpleasant e-mails on vitality pills.



THOMAS JENKINS

Since coming to work for the *Big Spring Herald*, I've received upwards of 10 to 14 spam mails from phony lotteries and people in Nigeria and every other foreign city under the sun wanting me to launder several million dollars for them. All they need is my bank account number to send the money... yeah, right! Latest reports indicate that more than 50 percent of the mail sent over the internet is spam or unsolicited mail, and if you are a regular user of the internet and e-mail, there is a 95 percent probability that every day you'll receive tons of spam mail in your inbox.

You can bet your life that you never visited these sites or submitted your e-mail address to them, so how did they get your e-mail address? The better question is most likely... who sold it to them?

Spamming and the selling of e-mail address databases is a multi-million dollar business. Spammers use special e-mail sniffer programs, often called bots, to go crawling through the internet and extract e-mail addresses from Web pages. Needless to say, if you've put your e-mail address on your home page or have been actively taking part in various discussion groups, then you are at a very high risk of your e-mail address getting picked up by a bot, and in the process, getting spammed.

The real problem comes from what happens after your address is picked up. Once your e-mail address is picked up by even one of those numerous bots that are crawl-

ing the Internet, your e-mail will be sold and resold to hundreds of spammers who will simply add you to their automated spam lists and their mailing software will do the job of mailing you junk on a daily or even hourly basis.

So what about that handy "unsubscribe" link at the bottom of the spam e-mail?

If you're like me, stopping the stream of junk mail flowing into your inbox is pretty important, so you take the time to fill out the mailing company's removal request. After doing this a few dozen times, I noticed something interesting. Instead of curbing the number of unsolicited e-mails I was receiving, it actually began to rise!

Oh, lessons learned. After researching the matter with some of the foremost authorities on spam mail, I found out replying to the unsubscribe link on the email I had accomplished something that never crossed my mind. I let the spammers know that the email address was working and there was a human being on the other end of the wire actually opening them. Big mistake. That information just kicked the value of my e-mail address, which is being bought and sold in the meantime, up several notches.

Another risk of getting spammed is when you have to register at a site to use their features. While many sites keep your e-mail and other details confidential, a few of them would sell your e-mails at the drop of a virtual hat.

So what can we do to minimize spam?

First of all, be careful submitting your e-mail address while registering with the numerous sites on the net. Make sure you read their privacy statements. Many sites would boldly mention on the front "We don't sell your contact information to others," but in their privacy statement in fine prints they would men-

There are many anti-spam softwares available on the internet, and with a little bit of research, it shouldn't be too hard to match one with your needs.

tion that your e-mail address may be shared with partner sites. Schwing!

Also make sure that the site you are registering with is trustworthy. Think logically. If a site is doing something which is unethical, such as offering illegal mp3 downloads, why makes you think they are going to be honest and ethical about not selling your e-mail? Moreover, everybody needs to generate revenue to sustain themselves on the net, so if someone is offering you free music then they are probably regenerating revenues by selling your e-mail.

Of course, it's not very practical to try to read through each site's privacy statement before registering, nor do you know which site is honest and which will sell your e-mail, so the best thing is to use your "unofficial" or unimportant e-mail to

register at these sites. Free accounts at Yahoo! and MSN are perfect for these types of chores, because if they suddenly become jammed with spam mail, in most cases you can just walk away from the account and never look back.

Also, if you're participating in news or discussion groups, make sure the site doesn't disclose your e-mail address along with your posting. Nowadays, most major discussion forums and e-groups hide the participant's e-mail, but make sure.

If you have to mention your e-mail address in your posting, then make sure you obscure it. For example, instead of writing it as myname@mydomain.com, try writing it as myname-At-mydomain-com. This will confuse the e-mail sniffer programs, because many of these programs, while sniffing through the pages, actually search for the "@" symbol and the ".com" or ".net", to identify e-mail addresses. So if it doesn't find the @ sign, it will consider it as normal text and move on.

Another common way of obscuring your e-mail is something like myDELETEname@mydomain.com, or myname@mydomainNOSPAM.com. Regular visitors reading your post will understand that they need to remove the words DELETE and NOSPAM to obtain your correct e-mail, but the sniffers will record the e-mail as it is, sending spam mail to an invalid e-mail address.

Never ever give out your e-mail in public chat rooms. While you

might be giving it to your friend, there is always a possibility that someone else in the chat room either wants to make some money or just play a practical joke on you. Also, rumors are floating around there are now bots recording many of the more popular chat rooms, sniffing out e-mail addresses much like they do when scouring the Internet.

As with all great technological advancements, there is no fool-proof method to avoid spam. There are many anti-spam softwares available on the internet, and with a little bit of research, it shouldn't be too hard to match one with your needs.

Some key things to look for when choosing a program are the number of preset filters for preventing spam; the ability to create custom filters based on e-mail, subject, words, domain, etc.; the option to report spammers and send abuse e-mails to their internet providers; and a "friends" list, to ensure your friends emails are never blocked.

In the end, there's still hope... Microsoft, Yahoo! and other major service providers are taking spam very seriously these days, offering free spam protection services and easy spam reporting to help locate and punish evil-doers. However, until the day comes when spammers and banished from the virtual world, protect yourself and your e-mail address.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Alistair Cooke dies at age 95

LONDON (AP) — Alistair Cooke, the broadcaster who epitomized highbrow television as host of "Masterpiece Theatre" and whose "Letter from America" was a radio fixture in Britain for 58 years, has died, the British Broadcasting Corp. said Tuesday. He was 95.

Cooke died at his home in New York at midnight, a spokeswoman at the BBC's press office said. No cause of death was given, but Cooke had retired earlier this month because of heart disease.

Cooke's family informed BBC reporter Nick Clarke of the death, the BBC spokeswoman said. Clarke has written a biography of Cooke.

"Letter from America," which was carried on the BBC World Service and on Radio 4 in Britain, started in 1946.

Born Alfred Cooke in Salford, England in 1908, he earned an honors degree in English from Cambridge University. In 1932 he came to the United States to study at Yale University, and he journeyed across the country by car.

Returning to England and, having changed his name to Alistair, Cooke joined the BBC in 1934 as a film critic. Cooke published 12 books, including "Alistair Cooke's America" (1973) which sold more than 800,000 copies.

He was host of the "Omnibus" television program in the United States from 1952 to 1961, and presented "Masterpiece Theatre" on the PBS network.

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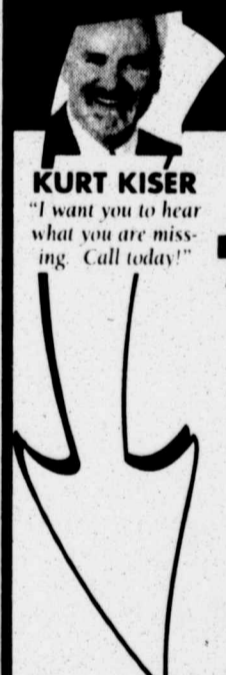
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IN BRIEF

West Texas Shock second at Temple

The West Texas Shock took second place in the Temple "Great Balls of Fire" Softball Tournament, outscoring opponents from San Marcos, Mesquite, San Antonio, Temple and Austin by a 52-22 clip.

The Shock advanced to the championship final before suffering a loss to last year's state runner-up from Austin.

Coahoma's Krista Kerby was one of the Shock's leaders, collecting 12 hits and scoring nine runs during the tournament. She also had eight RBIs, swiped nine bases and posted a .667 on base percentage during the seven-game run.

The highlight for Kerby was going 4-for-5 at the plate and providing the game-winning RBI in the second tie-breaker inning against the Central Texas Dynamite, last year's 14-and-under state champions.

That hit, a line drive to right-center field came with the bases loaded and two out.

ASA umpires clinic set for Thursday

An ASA Softball Umpire clinic will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Parties interested in umpiring should contact Francisco Ramirez at (432) 466-3670.

Umpires needed for Little League season

Umpires are needed for the Little League baseball season. Anyone interested in working with youth should call Jason Hester, president of the big Spring Little League Umpires Association, at 264-7777, or Don Booth, vice president, at 263-6597.

Teen League slates registration

The Big Spring Teenage Baseball League is holding registration at All District Screen Printing, 1005 E. 11th Place, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The league is open to all area youth ages 13-16, with sign-up continuing through April 16. The signing fee is \$65 and includes a team cap and shirt. For more information, contact Stan Parker at 264-2570.

Texas Peloteros Bash coming in April

Texas Peloteros' April Fool's Bash softball tournament will be held April 3-4 in Big Spring. Entry fee is \$125. First through third team trophies and T-shirts and a fourth place team trophy will be awarded.

For information, contact Manuel and Edna Gonzales at 263-8219 or 432-816-6159 or Pete Carrillo at 432 816-1179.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event	Time	Station
Steers at Friendship	6 p.m.	1490
Wednesday		
Lady Hawks vs. Odessa	3 p.m.	1490
Thursday		
Maverick vs. Sacramento	6:30 p.m.	1490
Friday		
Hawks at Western Texas	3 p.m.	1490
Steers at Estacado	7 p.m.	1490

Spurs continue Cavs' run of Texas woe

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — First San Antonio, then Dallas.

The Cleveland Cavaliers' path toward the postseason has taken them on a tough trip through Texas.

LeBron James was held to only six points in the decisive first half — one game after scoring a career-high 41 — and the Spurs beat Cleveland 101-93 Monday night.

"The games mean so much more now — you are really fighting for a playoff spot every night," said Cavs coach Paul

Silas, whose team visits the Mavericks on Tuesday night. "Nobody is going to feel sorry for you at this time of the year."

The loss dropped Cleveland 1 1/2 games behind Boston, which defeated New Jersey on Monday, for the eighth and final playoff slot in the Eastern Conference.

San Antonio, already assured of the postseason, remains 1 1/2 games behind Minnesota in the Midwest Division race. The Spurs host Western Conference leader Sacramento on Wednesday night.

"They're the best team in the league and that speaks for itself," said San Antonio coach Gregg

Popovich, whose team has lost twice to the Kings this season. "We're going to have to play good defense or we'll get embarrassed."

Good defense against James — who finished the night with 18 points — was a key to Monday's win.

Bruce Bowen, the guy the Spurs sic on their opponent's top perimeter scorer, limited Cleveland's rookie sensation to 3-for-9 shooting before halftime.

By the time James kicked it into gear in the third quarter, San Antonio's lead was well into double digits. He then sat out the entire fourth.

Back in February, when Bowen got his first look at James, the 19-year-old scored 32 points in an 89-87 Cleveland win.

"The last time, my play wasn't really aggressive," said Bowen, who gives up a couple of inches and about 40 pounds in the matchup. "He's talented. I'm just doing what I do. I create havoc."

Bowen shadowed James all over the floor, bumping and poking and prodding him whenever the ball came his way.

Asked afterward if he struggled, James said: "Eighteen points in three quarters — I don't know if I'd really call that struggling."

INJURIES AND THE FINAL FOUR

By KEITH PARSONS

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Saddled with a bum ankle, B.J. Elder limped during warmups, limped through 12 scoreless minutes, then limped back on the court to celebrate Georgia Tech's first trip to the Final Four in 14 years.

In Phoenix, Connecticut All-America center Emeka Okafor had only two points in the regional final because of an elbow stinger.

And Duke held off upstart Xavier in Atlanta with point guard Chris Duhon clearly hobbled by sore ribs.

Still, all three teams survived over the weekend and moved on, hoping the wear and tear of a long season will not keep them from winning a national championship.

Only Oklahoma State, the fourth team to advance, is completely healthy, but the others have nearly a week of rest before the Final Four.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski knows he needs Duhon at his best.

"We can't win at this level without him right now," Krzyzewski said Monday. "I thought he's getting a little more confidence. You can tell that he's missed his practice time."

Okafor is the same situation. Earlier this season, he was plagued by a stress fracture in his back, an injury that forced him to miss the first two games of the Big East tournament.

Now, he has another ailment. Alabama's Jermareo Davidson fouled Okafor hard during the first half of the final of the Phoenix regional. Because the Huskies were in firm control, Okafor sat out the final 16 1/2 minutes.

He skipped a light practice Monday to have an MRI on his neck and right shoulder, and the results were normal, according to UConn spokesman Kyle Muncy. Okafor is expected to resume practicing Tuesday and should be ready for Saturday's semifinal against Duke.

The same goes for Elder. He started Sunday against Kansas but missed his only two shots.

"I wasn't near 100 percent," he said. "I had to go out there and give it a go for the team. I wasn't able to make the plays that I usually make. I just tried to be there for the guys."

Duhon was the only one of the three injured stars who played his normal allotment of minutes in the regionals. He wore a protective

wrap under his jersey, about the only consideration to his sore ribs.

He was injured when he fell into a stanchion holding a TV camera during the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

"It's tough to play with that wrap," he said. "It kind of limits your movement a little bit. Chasing guys going over screens, you're constantly getting hit each possession on the defensive end. It's a tough job, but I'll do it any time."

His scoring was down in victories over Illinois and Xavier — he averaged only five points, nearly five below his average — but his defense was as sharp as ever. He held the Illini's top scorer, Deron Williams, to seven points on 3-of-13 shooting, then alternated on Lionel Chalmers and Romain Sato of Xavier.

Neither had an easy time: Chalmers finished 6-of-16, and Sato made two of 10 shots.

"He's been a lockdown guy all season, and he's made every guy he's ever guarded work for his points," said Duke's leading scorer, J.J. Redick. "It just shows how courageous he is and how important it is to him for us to win."

"He's putting everything on the line for us, and we've got to do the same for him."

Oklahoma State hasn't had a starter miss any time all season with injuries, and only reserve Terrence Crawford (sore knee) has been affected at all.

That's a good thing, too. The Cowboys aren't very deep on the bench — four of their five starters average about 30 minutes — and they hardly could afford to lose someone.

Of the four teams in San Antonio, Georgia Tech is by far the deepest.

The Yellow Jackets got solid production from their reserves in three close games in the tournament, and that continued in the overtime victory over the Jayhawks on Sunday.

Clarence Moore had 14 points, six rebounds and five steals. Will Bynum scored eight points, including a go-ahead 3 late in the extra period, and Isma'il Muhammad finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

"We never stopped believing, even when B.J. went out of the game," Muhammad said. "We knew we were a good team and we could pull this out with or without B.J. That was the most important part of our belief."

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AT A GLANCE

EAST RUTHERFORD REGIONAL Semifinals

Thursday, March 25
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.

Oklahoma State 63, Pittsburgh 51
Saint Joseph's 84, Wake Forest 80

Championship
Saturday, March 27
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.

Oklahoma State 64, St. Joseph's 62

ATLANTA REGIONAL Semifinals

Friday, March 26
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta

Xavier 79, Texas 71
Duke 72, Illinois 62

Championship
Sunday, March 28
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta

Duke 66, Xavier 63

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL Semifinals

Friday, March 26
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis

Kansas 100, UAB 74
Georgia Tech 72, Nevada 67

Championship
Sunday, March 28
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis

Georgia Tech 79, Kansas 71, OT

PHOENIX REGIONAL Semifinals

Thursday, March 25
At America West Arena
Phoenix

Connecticut 73, Vanderbilt 53
Alabama 80, Syracuse 71

Championship
Saturday, March 27
At America West Arena
Phoenix

Connecticut 87, Alabama 71

THE FINAL FOUR

At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Semifinals

Saturday, April 3
Oklahoma State (31-3) vs. Georgia Tech (27-9), 5:07 p.m.

Duke (31-5) vs. Connecticut (31-6), 7:47 p.m.

Championship
Monday, April 5
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

Padres thump Rangers

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP)

Left-hander David Wells gave up three runs on six hits in six innings and the San Diego Padres pounded the Texas Rangers for 13 hits in an 8-3 win Monday night.

Brian Giles went 2-for-3 with a walk and had a two-run home run to lead the attack by the Padres. Sean Burroughs and Gene Kingsale had three hits apiece for San Diego.

Jeff Cirillo, who came into the game hitting .136 in 16 spring games, was an unlikely offensive catalyst for San Diego. He singled, scored two runs and drove in a run on an error by Rangers starter Colby Lewis (0-1).

But the 40-year-old Wells (1-0) stole the show. The former New York Yankee said he felt so good in his second appearance of the spring that he pitched an extra inning.

"My pitch count was low (76 total) so they asked me if I wanted to go one more and I said 'Sure,'" Wells said. "I knock on wood every day and count my blessings that I'm getting another chance to pitch. I just want to go out there healthy, have a solid season and a winning season."

Wells praised the Rangers (12-15), especially former teammate Alfonso Soriano who had a double deep to center in the sixth and Hank Blalock, who hit his sixth home run of the spring.

"Texas has always had great hitters," Wells said. "I've watched Alfonso for a long time now and it's just incredible what he can do. I'll admit it, I don't throw as hard as I used to, but I can still bring it. Hank Blalock stood back and smacked everything I threw at him. They both have great futures."

Eighth-grade Steers win meet, seventh thins finish fourth

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's eighth-grade Steers piled up 142 points en route to taking the team championship at the Big Spring Optimist Junior High Track Meet at Blankenship Field on Friday.

The Steers began their point production in the field events where Brandon Ontiveros took first place in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 9 inches and was sixth in the high jump. Teammate Justin Wilson finished second in the long jump, but rebounded to win the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 6 inches. Terrance Clemons added fourth place in the long jump and improved on that by finishing third in the triple jump.

Dylan Phernetton and Brandy Hubbard finished third and sixth, respectively in the pole vault.

In the weight events, Jordan Kinnear won the discus with a toss of 130 feet and added third place in the shot put, while Adrian Carrillo was second in the discus.

Wilson and Ontiveros led the way in the running events, as well. Ontiveros won the 100 meters and Wilson finished second in the 400 meters. They also combined with Dimas Valles and Brandy Hubbard to win the 400-meter relay. The trio of Ontiveros, Wilson and Valles then combined with Clemons to finish third in the 1,600-meter relay.

The eighth-grade Steers got another win in the 2,400 meters when Zack Dawson posted a time of 8:45.0, while Mark Salazar's sixth-place finish in the 1,600 meters and Jessie Sanchez's sixth place in the 800 meters rounded out the team's point production.

In seventh-grade competition, the BSJHS squad finish fourth in the team standing s with 67 points.

Distance runner Shane Allen led the way for the seventh-grade Steers, winning the 2,400 meters with a time of 8:39.0 and adding a second-place clocking in the 1,600 meters. Jordan Valle finished second to Allen in the 2,400 meters and was fourth in the 1,600, while Cade Parker was

fifth in the 2,400 and sixth in the 1,600.

Quentin Ausbie provided the only other event win for the younger Steers, claiming the shot put title with a heave of 35 feet, 3 inches. Teammate Kadrian George was third. The team's other field events points came from Georgio Taylor and Tyrone Clemons finishing fourth and sixth, respectively, in the high jump.

Taylor would add a sixth-place point in the 100 meters and combine with Nathan Deporto, Sydney Parker and Darius McCalister to finish third in the 400-meter relay.

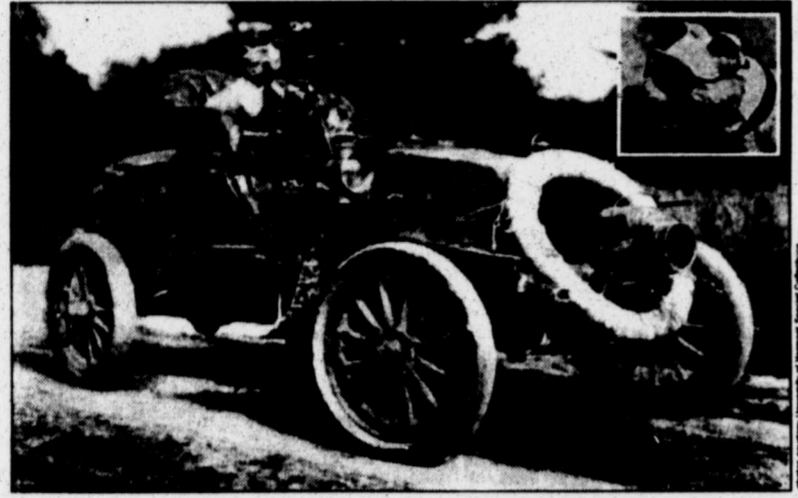
The seventh thins' final points came in the 1,600-meter relay where the Steers were fourth.

The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

Have Goggles, Will Travel

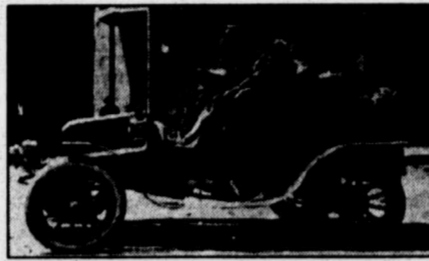
Bud the Cross-Country Dog



No, Bud did not drive the 1903 horseless carriage across country. He had some help.



This is the route of the record-setting trip from San Francisco to New York in the summer of 1903. The trip started on May 23 and ended on July 26. It took 63 days. Of that time, 19 days were lost waiting for supplies and auto parts.



Crocker at the wheel with Jackson at his side as they travel in California.

A little more than 100 years ago, in 1903, Bud, a bulldog, and his two traveling companions did much to convince people that automobiles were here to stay.

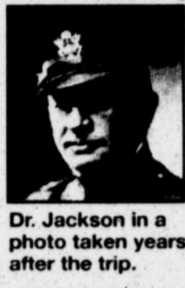
Bud and his buddies' trip across the country proved that long-distance travel by car was possible.

At that time, most people were:

- walking
- riding bikes or horses
- traveling by horse and buggy or on trains or boats.

The new "horseless carriage" had been around for five years, but most people had not even seen one. Many thought that they were just toys for the rich. Cars would never last, they said.

The challenge



Dr. Jackson in a photo taken years after the trip.

Bud's story starts in San Francisco.

One night, Dr. H. Nelson Jackson, a wealthy doctor from Vermont, was at dinner at a men's club.

One man at the club claimed that a cross-country automobile trip was impossible. Other drivers had tried, but none had succeeded.

Dr. Jackson bet the man that he could do it in three months.

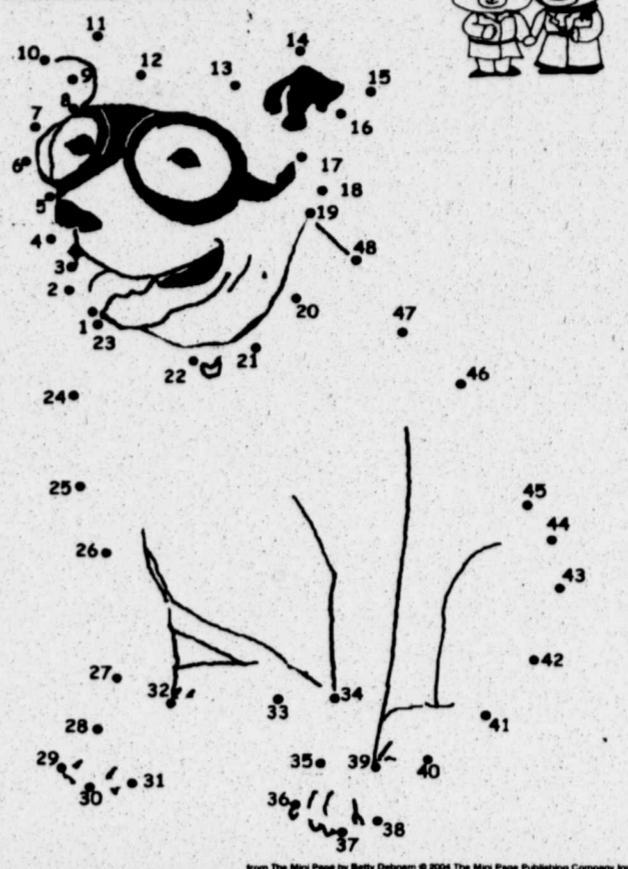
Dr. Jackson bought a car, hired someone to drive with him, and started the trip four days later.

The companions

Dr. H. Nelson Jackson, age 31, had given up his medical practice for health reasons. His wife, Bertha, was from a wealthy family. He took this trip for fun and adventure. The people who made the car that he drove offered to sponsor the trip, but he refused the help.

Dr. Jackson hired Sewall Crocker, age 22, to go along. Crocker was a driver, mechanic and bike racer.

Go dot to dot and color this famous traveler.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Bud's Dog Biscuits

Bud didn't have these to eat. Your dog might like them.

You'll need:

- 1 1/2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 1/2 cups white flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups chicken or beef broth
- 1/4 cup instant milk, nonfat

What to do:

1. In a large bowl, mix first four ingredients.
2. Next add the broth and mix well, using your hands to make stiff dough.
3. Place dough on a floured surface and flatten to 1/4 inch thick.
4. With the rim of a small glass, press into dough to make biscuits.
5. Place biscuits on an ungreased cookie sheet. Rub tops with milk.
6. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 45 minutes. Leave biscuits in oven overnight to get hard. Makes about 2 dozen dog biscuits.

*Note: You will need an adult to help you with this recipe.



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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Luol Deng

Height: 6-8 Birthdate: 4-16-85
Weight: 220 Home: London, England

Luol Deng's last name is pronounced "Dang," and he hit the college basketball scene with a bang. The Duke University freshman is one of the best and most versatile players in the country. He scores, rebounds, defends and can play all five positions.

But unlike many American players, he took a long, different path to college. Luol was born in Sudan, where his father was a government diplomat. However, Luol and his family escaped to Egypt when a civil war broke out. They later moved to England. Then Luol came to the United States to attend Blair Academy in New Jersey.

Luol, who has eight brothers and sisters, is very mature for a college freshman, due in part to his worldly background. He speaks three languages and is a good student. And one day he will be headed for a pro basketball career in the NBA.

Meet Shailene Woodley



Shailene Woodley got her chance to become an actress at just 5 years old. Her mother took her to try out at a children's talent show, where she was interviewed and had her picture taken. A talent agency called her four days later, and her acting career began.

She has appeared in the television shows "Crossing Jordan" and "The District," and has had roles in the movies "Without a Trace" and "Not Another Teen Movie." She recently appeared in the TV movie "A Place Called Home."

When not on the set, Shailene enjoys being with her friends and doing fun things like parasailing and free-fall jumping. She likes singing solos in her school chorus.

Shailene lives in Southern California with her mom, dad and 9-year-old brother, Tanner.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Isaac: What pretty fruit hosts a game show?
Irene: Banana White!

Grace: If you pay for fruit by the pound, how do you pay for dirt?
Hannibal: By the mound!

Claire: You better watch out for worms in that apple.
Boyd: Let the worms look out for themselves!

BUD'S TRIP TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Bud's trip are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: JOURNEY, BULLDOG, DRIVER, IOWA, CROCKER, WINTON, JACKSON, MECHANIC, CARS, MAP, TRIP, WEEK, ILLINOIS, NEWSPAPERS, CALIFORNIA, OREGON, VERMONT, NEW YORK, IDAHO, OHIO, INDIANA, WYOMING, NEBRASKA, GOGGLES.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are going cross-country on a road trip. See if you can find:

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- word MINI
- letter D
- bird
- book
- tooth
- fish
- muffin
- net
- letter C
- number 3
- mushroom
- letter L

Bud Comes Along



Bud in his goggles in an ad for the Winton Motor Carriage, the kind of car driven in the trip.

About Bud

Bud did not join the trip until Jackson and Crocker traveled through Idaho.

Some stories say that he was a stray that followed the car for miles. Another story is that Jackson bought Bud for \$15.

When Bud's eyes became irritated by the dust, Jackson fitted him with a pair of goggles.

One reporter wrote that Bud was so ugly that he was almost handsome.



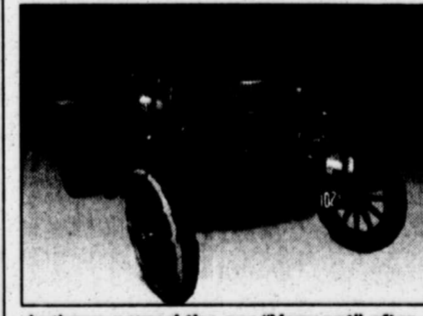
Bud rode sitting on the floorboard up front. At first he bumped his head against the dashboard. But he became a good rider and braced himself for humps.



Bud on the front with Dr. Jackson seated on the floorboard and Crocker on the seat. People often crowded around to see a "real live automobile" and Bud.

What we do know about Bud and about the trip is from newspaper stories and also from letters that Jackson wrote to his wife. He asked her to save them so he would have a record.

But Dr. Jackson did not write too much about Bud. We don't know where he slept or what he ate. But we do know that Bud, along with the car and drivers, attracted much attention to the first cross-country drive. Bud helped to make the trip famous.

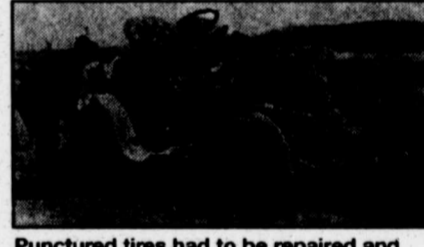


Jackson named the car "Vermont" after his home state.

The automobile

Dr. Jackson bought a red Winton touring car made by the Winton Motor Carriage Co.

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A push was often needed.

The Mini Page thanks Roger White of the Transportation Collections at the National Museum of American History, Behring Center, Smithsonian Institution, for his help.

To find out about this coast-to-coast trip and the dog that went along, The Mini Page visited the National Museum of American History's exhibit, "America on the Move."

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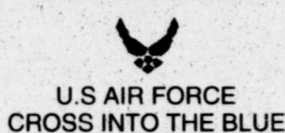
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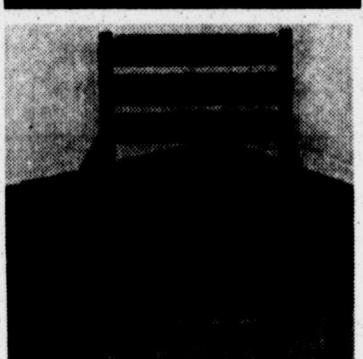
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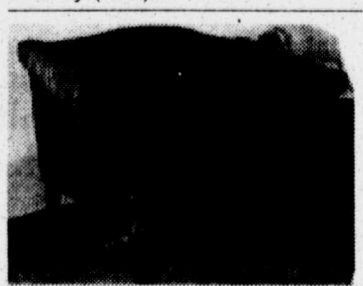
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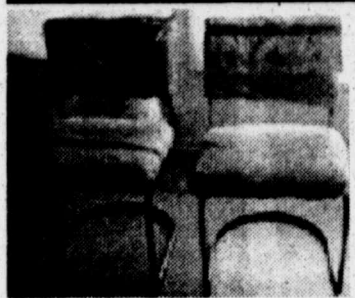


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Notice is hereby that Cap Rock Energy Corporation ("Cap Rock") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective March 30, 2004, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending September 30, 2003, the increase requested over adjusted test year revenues is \$10,202,700 or 14.45%. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Cap Rock. On October 24, 2003, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed a petition to inquire into the reasonableness of the rates being charged by Cap Rock. That proceeding has been designated as Docket No. 28813. Although Staff contends that some of Cap Rock's rates are to high, the inquiry could reveal that rates for some customer classes or some service areas need to be increased. Therefore, the Staff inquiry could result in increased or decreased rates for some customers. Affected persons may intervene in this proceeding, as detailed below, to address the rates being charged by Cap Rock.

In response to the Staff inquiry, on February 24, 2004, Cap Rock filed a rate filing package and a request to increase its rates in Docket No. 28813. Additionally, Cap Rock stated that it intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service. Cap Rock intends to charge uniform system-wide rates to customers in each of Cap Rock's divisions. As a result, the McCulloch Division will no longer have separate tariffs after September 1, 2004.

The specific rates that Cap Rock proposes to charge, the proposed tariff revisions, and a copy of the rate filing package may be reviewed during normal business hours at Cap Rock's offices at (1) 500 West Wall Street, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701 (Cap Rock's Headquarters); (2) 1400 W. Business Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas 79782 (the Stanton Division); (3) 1825 South Highway 208, Colorado City, Texas 79512 (the Lone Wolf Division); (4) Highway 69 South, Celeste, Texas 75423 (the Hunt-Collin Division); and (5) 326 E. U.S. Highway 190, Brady, Texas 76825 (the McCulloch Division). Additionally, copies may be viewed at the Commission's offices in Austin, Texas.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The Leo moon has a

funny way of playing with our perceptions. Since we're willing to believe the outrageous and be skeptical



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of the norm, if we just hope for something dramatic to happen, it probably will. This transit can forward your love interests if you're fully expressing yourself. And who doesn't want a little more passion in life?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ask yourself what you would be doing if it weren't for being caught up in so many complications. The answer could inspire you to make your life easier. There are about a hundred ways to do this — choose one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To put your head down and work, work is counterproductive. What, after all, are you working for? Delights are what color your world in vivid hues. Take time for both work and play.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Big ideas take hold. Being open-minded and not too worried about the future is a prerequisite for thinking in an entirely different way. Change is exciting. New living arrangements will save you money in the long run.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being vulnerable is underrated — you'll get more from being human than from being strong. When you let down your guard, a romantic interest feels protective and generous. Love is exotic, unusual and mind-opening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Relationships that confuse you now will be very clear later. It's a day to take it all in — don't worry about where you're going to put it. Tonight, you could notice how much a certain person admires you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is much to like about you. Practice being kinder toward yourself. Good or bad, your parents left you a legacy. This is a perfect day to ponder what exactly it is and use this as a tool for self-discovery.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The puzzling world continues to engage you. What you need to know isn't easily figured out, but getting in and really unraveling the problem is half the fun. Look for partners who are equally curious about the world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The desire to connect with others is strong — the skills needed to do so may not be so readily available, though, as it's an unpredictable day. Irritating people come into your realm — this is your chance to be compassionate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This is a fantastic day for getting back to your roots, acknowledging how far you've come, and evaluating the road ahead. The morning energizes your mind with totally far-out solutions to the same old problems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll get that rush of energy that says "go for it" no matter what the cost. It's easy to jump off the diving board — just be sure to look down first and take note of what you're getting yourself into.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Release your hold over a loved one. When people around you feel free, they add

sparkle, surprise and excitement to your life. If you are looking for employment, don't let anyone intimidate you; apply for the job you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The one who has been such a pain in the neck to you lately now shows a different side. Perhaps all your patience has paid off. Or maybe your mature approach has inspired this person to rise to your level.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Cancer who just fell in love with a Cancer. Can we have a good relationship?"

Yes! The key to loving a Cancer is tapping into the very nature of true love — that it is unconditional. Cancer people like to test their relationships and sometimes go to great lengths to make sure that the other person still loves them. This could include punishing the other person for the slightest infraction of trust. By punishing their loved one, they are asking, "Will you still love me if I'm not nice to you?" "Will you still love me if I'm surly and sour?" This can get tedious, but anyone who is in love with a Cancer should remember that once the test is passed, the reward is a tidal wave of loyal affection.

Since you are a Cancer, too, I caution you to choose your battles. You both can't be mad at the same time, or this is going to be very complicated. Always try and be the bigger person, easy-going, quick to forgive. Otherwise, this love affair will be more trouble than pleasure. Two Cancers have luck getting married in the beginning of July.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: You recently printed a letter from "Equal Rights in Michigan." She said a woman who has an affair with a married man is called a "mistress," but what do you call a man who has an affair with a married woman?

The English language is full of terms that are suitable. What immediately pops to mind are words like stupid, idiot, moron and fool, although lowlife and jerk also would be appropriate. — Faithful in Camarillo, Calif. (and Everywhere Else)

Dear Camarillo: We heard from quite a number of readers with their own suggestions. Unfortunately, many of them were not fit to print in a family newspaper. Here are the ones we could use. Take your pick, folks:

From Niskayuna, N.Y.: If the woman is called a mistress, I propose that a man be referred to as a mattress.

Glenville, N.Y.: How about moron, from the ancient Greek, meaning, "Dude, how stupid are you?"

On the Internet: I suggest "dinkerboy."

Burlington, Mass.: A male version of a mistress? I have one — jack-ass.

New York: If he also is married, he is called an adulterer. If he is single, he is called a fornicator. These terms also apply to a woman.

Midwest: May I suggest "in danger"?

East Coast: I personally like "S.S.P." This stands for Scum-Sucking Pig.

Pennsylvania: Why should we be thinking of snazzy names for such reprehensible characters? Rat and heel work nicely already.

North Carolina: Anyone having an affair with a married person is called a "homewrecker."

Chicago: My term is based on the concept of being cuckolded, and it will reflect badly on or



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

even humiliate the man. I'd call him a "cuckoldoodle."

Louisville, Ky.: What do you call a man who has an affair with a married woman? Well, if you knew my wife, it would be "broke."

Flushing, Mich.: I think he should be called a "bimbeau."

Shreveport, La.: I prefer vitiator, which means one who makes a thing faulty, contaminates, invalidates, spoils, etc.

Houston: How about "misteress"?

Nashville, Tenn.: I first thought of the word gigolo. So I looked it up in the dictionary and there it was — right between "giggle" and "Gila monster." Seems right.

Carthage, Mo.: My suggestion is "messter."

Hurricane, W.Va.: What do we call a man who has an affair with a married woman? If she's my wife, you can call him "badly beaten."

Dear Annie: I work in a convenience store and am having a problem with our manager. He thinks it's a good idea to publicly post information on all of the employees regarding shortages in cash drawers, how many times we have been late, how many customers have left without purchasing anything, and so on.

Shouldn't this information be between only the management and the employee involved? Is

there anything we can do? — Ocala, Fla.

Dear Ocala: The manager is fostering poor morale and creating an unpleasant work atmosphere by using such humiliating tactics. You and your co-workers can try approaching him and explaining why embarrassing the employees is bad for business. However, if that doesn't help, take your case to the owner.

Dear Annie: My sister, "Lynn," is getting married soon. She asked me to be in her wedding, and I agreed. I have ordered my dress and arranged for a baby sitter.

Now, Lynn tells me that she and her fiance are trying to save money and they aren't inviting a lot of people — including my husband. She says she doesn't like him anyway. I told her if my husband is not welcome, I will not be attending.

I love my sister, but this is selfish. Am I right not to participate? — Hurt in Kentucky

Dear Hurt: Lynn was totally out of line not to invite your husband, and we don't blame you for wanting out. However, you say you love her, so try taking the high road. Ask your husband if he would object to your being in the wedding party. After the ceremony, you should wish Lynn well and then go directly home.

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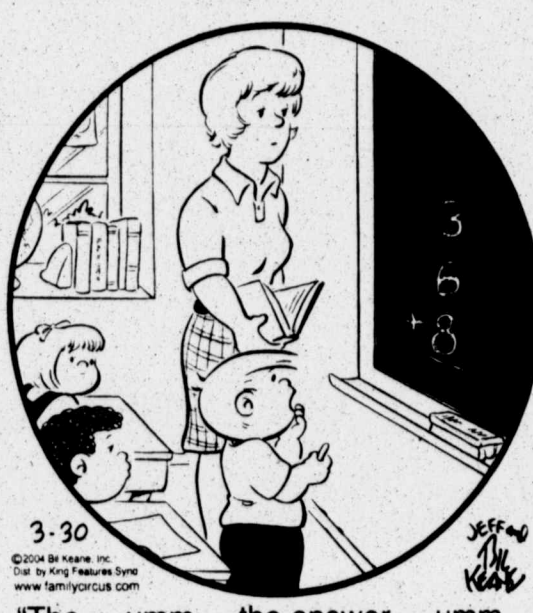
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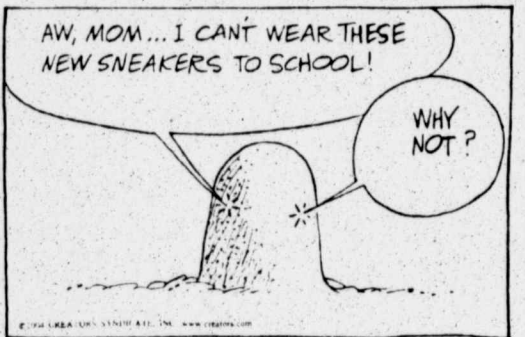


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 30, the 90th day of 2004. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C. hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the ter-

ritory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution, giving black men the right to vote, was declared in effect.

In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall.

In 1979, Airey Neave, a leading member of the British parliament, was killed by a bomb planted by the Irish National Liberation Army.

In 1986, actor James Cagney died at his farm in Stanfordville, N.Y., at age 86.

In 2002, the Queen Mother Elizabeth of England died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Frankie Laine is 91. Actor Richard Dysart is 75. Actor

John Astin is 74. Game show host Peter Marshall is 74. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 67. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 63. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 59. Actor Robbie Coltrane is 54. Actor Paul Reiser is 47. Rap artist MC Hammer is 41. Singer Tracy Chapman is 40. Actor Ian Ziering is 40. Singer Celine Dion is 36. Actor Mark Consuelos is 34.

Thought for Today: "All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are moveable, and those that move." - Arab proverb.

Answer to previous puzzle

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YOU DO THE MATH by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman

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17 Prepare to play, in golf	7 Possess	30 Makes a sketch	53 Mubarak's country
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